Retreat in a Rice Village

by KRC
Children of mountain village,
Ranari
Rice Saplings being transplanted by women, the field has ankle-deep water
Hari Bhai’s house & the paddy fields
Dhaan ki ‘Baali’
Dhaan, golden brown paddy is ready for harvesting
Dhaan kattai - paddy harvesting
Paddy cut and kept in bundles right from start, makes it easy for making kunko, a special way of storing harvested paddy in the field until threshing time.
KUNKO - spiral placing of bundles of rice grass, paddy towards centre, to protect it from rain.
Work in process
Dhaan Maandua - separating paddy from the rice blades, rubbing first with feet and then beating out rest with a stick.
Paraal spread on the ground for drying, for fodder
Winnowing – Dhaan Sukhaana
Paraal – Removed of paddy, hay is spread out for drying
Paraal hung on trees to be used for winter fodder