



Pench-Bor Corridor Monthly Report August 2019

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Highlights

- ***Gayatri Mahila Bachat Gat of Telgaon gets Rs 50,000/- under Hirkani scheme***
- ***Distributed 836 books on birds to students of 6 villages***

Activity details:

On 13 August, Gayatri Mahila Bachat Gat, a women's self-help group (SHG) from Telgaon was awarded Rs 50,000/- under Hirkani scheme being implemented by Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department of Maharashtra State. The scheme aims to encourage women's SHGs to take up entrepreneurship and improve their earnings. Gayatri Mahila Bachat Gat was one of 10 such SHGs from Kalmeshwar taluka which applied for the award.

The group was started in March 2018 and is mentored by Satpuda Foundation as part of the livelihood initiative under Integrated Tiger Habitat Conservation Program funded by IUCN and Maharashtra Forest Department. Satpuda Foundation had provided training on making paper and scented candles to the members of the group and helped them set up a micro-enterprise. The group is being provided regular support for marketing their products in Nagpur, Pune and Mumbai by us.



Members of Gayatri Mahila Bachat Gat making presentation to Government officers in Nagpur

On 27 and 28 August, Satpuda Foundation distributed 836 copies of 'Olakh Karuya Pakshyanchi' books to students of 6 schools in the Pench-Bor corridor.

The book is a pictorial guide to 100 bird species found in Central Indian Landscape. Information on habitat requirements, breeding and feeding habits is provided in the book. The book also

serves as a guide for bird watching. Dos and don'ts while bird-watching are listed in the book. The book is prepared and published by Satpuda Foundation.

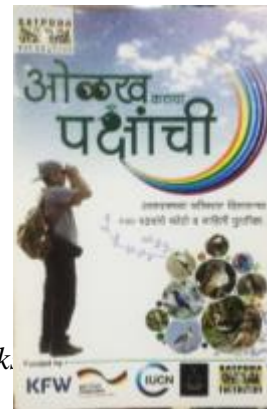
Mandar explained to the students on how to use the book and prepare a list of birds found near their village. He explained that birds are excellent indicators of the health of the ecosystem and that we must strive to protect birds for our survival.

During the program, audio visual presentations on birds was also made providing more information on birds. (Details in table below)

Sr no	Date	School	Village	No. of books distributed
1.	27 Aug	Narendra High School	Telgaon	108
2.	27 Aug	ZP Upper Primary School	Lohgad	75
3.	27 Aug	Narendra High School	Lohgad	80
4.	28 Aug	ZP Primary school	Temburdoh	40
5.	28 Aug	Lokmanya High School	Badegaon	348
6.	28 Aug	Sarvoday High School	Umari	185
			Total	836



Sarpanch for Telgaon Ms Gaydhane distributing bird guide book.



book cover



Students and teachers of Narendra High School Telgaon after book distribution



Students of Lokmanya High School, Badegaon (left) and ZP Primary School, Temburdoh (right) receiving bird guide books



Bird guide book distribution in ZP Upper Primary school (left) and Narendra High School (right) in Lohgad



Mandar talking about birds to students of Sarvoday High School in Umari