

**KANHA**  
**December 2018**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan programme on water conservation – check dam built at Bawanjhodi nallah, Chapri*
- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – cleaning of area around hand pumps at Kutwahi and Samaiya*
- ⇒ *One person trained in preparing vermi-compost*
- ⇒ *8 compost pits prepared in 5 villages*
- ⇒ *6 awareness programmes on organic farming*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 12 schools - attended by 413 students*
- ⇒ *8 nature and wildlife film shows -- attended by 423 students*
- ⇒ *4 unemployed youths placed in jobs at local resorts*

**Conservation work**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
Dec 9	Chapri	Check dam constructed on Bawanjhodi nallah,	14
Dec 16	Kutwahi	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	7
Dec 23	Samaiya	-----do-----	6
Dec 18	Batwar	Ramprakash Pusham trained in preparing vermin-compost	6
Dec 2	Manegaon	Prepared compost pit at Sunder Maravi's residence	1
Dec 6	Manegaon	Prepared compost pit at Pacho Bai Uikey's residence	1
Dec 8	Kutwahi	Prepared compost pit at Mahadev Uikey's residence	1
Dec 10	Patpara	Prepared compost pit at Garjan Maravi's residence	1
Dec 11	Kutwahi	Prepared compost pit at Summat Maravi's residence	1
Dec 17	Patpara	Prepared compost pit at Kastura Bai Dhurwey's residence	1
Dec 23	Samaiya	Prepared compost pit at Narsingh Uladi's residence	
Dec 24	Bhagpur	Prepared compost pit at Sangita Bai Dhurwey's residence	1

Dec 5	Batwar	Awareness programme on vermin-compost, compost-pit and Gas connections	14
Dec 7	Dhamangaon	-----do-----	9
Dec 11	Bhagpur	-----do-----	16
Dec 12	Patpara	-----do-----	11
Dec 16	Samaiya	-----do-----	9
Dec 22	Sautiya	-----do-----	12
Dec 4	Chapri	Anti-plastic programme	12
Dec 30	Patpara	-----do-----	13

On December 9, a check dam was constructed at Bawanjhodi nallah, around 1/2 km from Chapri village, inside the jungle. Tiger and sambhar are spotted regularly in the area and our team found fresh pug marks of a leopard at the site while building the check dam. The team of 32 included self-help group (SHG) members, youths and other villagers.



*Site before check dam was built*



*Check dam built by our team*

On December 16, Amit and Sampath led a team of 7 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a well at Kutwahi. Due to heavy rains, wild growth had proliferated around the well and access to the well was affected. Our team, which comprised 7 villagers, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area. A similar programme was organised at Samaiya on December 23.



*Samaiya - Site around well before (left) and after (right) our programme*

Our team encourages organic farming as part of our strategy to reduce the impact of chemical fertilisers on fields adjoining prime wildlife areas. Part of our work includes assistance to villagers in setting up vermi-compost tanks and compost pits. During December, we helped 8 villagers dig compost pits – Sunder Maravi of Manegaon on December 2, Pacho Bai Uikey of Manegaon on December 6, Mahadev Uikey of Kutwahi on December 8, Garjan Maravi of Patpara on December 10, Summat Maravi of Kutwahi on December 11, and Kastura Bai Dhurwey of Patpara on December 17. Narsingh Uladi of Samaiya on December 23 and Sangita Bai Dhurwey of Bhagpur on December 24.



*Bhagpur - Compost pit dug with our assistance at Sangita Dhurwey's house*

On December 18, our team provided training on preparing vermi-compost to Ramprakash Pusham of Batwar village.



*Batwar - Vermi-compost prepared with our assistance at Ramprakash Pusham's house*

We held 6 programmes during December on promote awareness about conservation activities in villages. Details are given in the above table.



*Patpara - Sampathlal conducts awareness programme in village*

On December 4, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Chapri. Amit and Sampath spoke to the villagers about the harmful impact of plastic/polythene on the environment and motivated them to remove such litter from the village. The team of villagers and students went around the village, collecting plastic and polythene litter/waste, which were then buried in a pit on the outskirts of the village. A similar anti-plastic programme was organised at Patpara on December 30.



*Sautiya - Village children with plastic litter collected in our anti-plastic programme*

**Education**

During the month our team organized environment education programmes in 12 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Dec 3	Government Primary School (GPS)	Sautiya	24
2	Dec 4	GPS	Chapri	26
3	Dec 6	GPS	Manegaon	37

4	Dec 8	Government Middle School (GMS)	Batwar	29
5	Dec 10	GPS	Kutwahi	32
6	Dec 17	GMS	Mocha	102
7	Dec 18	GPS	Batwar	26
8	Dec 19	Education guarantee scheme school (EGS)	Chapri	18
9	Dec 20	GMS	Patpara	36
10	Dec 21	EGS	Samaiya	27
11	Dec 24	EGS	Bhagpur	18
12	Dec 27	GMS	Dhamangaon	38
			<b>Total</b>	<b>413</b>



*Manegaon - Students listen to Sampath's lecture on conservation*

### ***Education van programme***

There were 8 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in December.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Film name</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	Dec 13	Patpara	Snakes of India, Corbett Tiger Reserve (Sanctuary Films)	37
2		Chapri	---do---	42
		Sautiya	---do---	58
3	Dec 14	Dhamangaon	---do---	44
4		Samaiya	---do---	33
5		Batwar	---do---	52
6	Dec 15	Manegaon	---do---	41
7		Mocha	---do---	116
			<b>Total</b>	<b>423</b>



*Batwar - Students watch film on nature and wildlife conservation*

### **Livelihood programmes**

As part of our programme to reduce pressure on forests, we have been encouraging villagers to take up alternative livelihood options. In November this year, we had organised training on oyster mushroom cultivation for members of a women's SHG of Chapri village. The trainees were provided with mushroom spawn during the training programme. In December, the group successfully cultivated and sold 6 kg mushroom to local resorts at Rs 150/- to Rs 180/- per kg. It now plans to sustain and expand its activities.



*Chapri - Mushroom cultivation set up with our help at Raima Bai's house*

### **Employment Cell**

We helped 4 youths get jobs during the month of December

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monthly Salary in rupees</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Job</b>
1.	Dec 5	Sautiya	Rajendra Markam	4500/- + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	27	Worker at Vanya Resort, Khatiya
2	Dec 8	Kutwahi	Tejunal Uikey	3500/- + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	20	Waiter at Mahua Resort Mocha

3	Dec 18	Batwar	Dadu Lal Maravi	4500/- + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	19	Waiter at Kanha Resort Mocha
4	Dec 27	Chapri	Dawan Uikey	4500/- + meals	9 <sup>th</sup> standard	25	Waiter at Kingfisher Resort Mocha



*Dawan Singh Uikey (of Chapri) who got a job as waiter with our help at Kingfisher Resort Mocha*