

**KANHA
JULY 2016**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – area next to well cleaned at Manegaon and area next to hand pump cleaned at Chapri*
- ⇒ *4 awareness programmes on plantation*
- ⇒ *Plantation programme – 500 saplings planted in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *4 compost pits prepared in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *3 paddy seedling beds prepared using improved farming techniques*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Global Tiger Day celebrated at Dhamangaon – conservation rally, contests for students*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 11 schools - attended by 352 students*
- ⇒ *3 unemployed youths get jobs through our Employment Cell*

Conservation work

Date	Village	Activity	No. Of participants
July 2	Manegaon	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	9
July 16	Chapri	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	15
July 6	Manegaon	Awareness programme on plantation	12
July 8	Samaiya	-----do-----	16
July 8	Batwar	-----do-----	10
July 22	Sautiya	-----do-----	7
July 10	Chapri	Plantation programme - 200 saplings planted at Govt. Tribal Hostel	22
July 11	Batwar	Plantation programme- 50 saplings planted at Middle School	16
July 12	Dhamangaon	Plantation programme - 50 saplings planted in village	19
July 19	Chapri	Plantation programme- 100 saplings planted at Santosh Dhurwey's farm	10
July 21	Bhagpur	Plantation programme- 50 saplings planted at Kuwar Singh's farm	8

July 31	Chapri	Plantation programme- 100 saplings planted at Patiram Dhurwey's farm	6
July 6	Samaiya	Constructed compost pit at Balram Maravi's residence	1
July 13	Bhagpur	Constructed compost pit at Top Singh's residence	1
July 14	Samaiya	Constructed compost pit at Samaru Maravi's residence	1
July 17	Dhamangaon	Constructed compost pit at Buddhu Baiga's residence	1
July 1	Kutwahi	Preparation of paddy seedling bed using improved farming techniques at Vipatdas's farm	
July 2	Batwar	Preparation of paddy seedling bed using improved farming techniques at Anil Uikey's farm	
July 13	Kutwahi	Preparation of paddy seedling bed using improved farming techniques at Suddhu Singh's farm	
July 21	Dhamangaon	Anti-plastic programme	13
July 25	Kutwahi	-----do-----	8
July 29	Dhamangaon	Conservation Rally	58

In community assistance work, our team organised one programme on July 2 to clean a well at Manegaon. Organic litter had accumulated in the well, blown in by the wind. 5 women and 4 male villagers joined Sampath and Amit in the programme in which they removed the litter and de-silted the well.

Another programme was organised on July 16 to clear the area next to a hand pump at Chapri.



Manegaon – Well being cleaned by our volunteers



Chapri- Site around hand pump before (left) and after (right) our programme

During the month, the following 3 farmers were taught to plant paddy using improved techniques:

SR	DATE	VILLAGE	NAME OF FARMER
1	July 1	Kutwahi	Vipatdas
2	July 2	Batwar	Anil Uikey
3	July 13	Kutwahi	Suddhu Singh



Kutwahi - Suddhu Singh implements improved farming technique learnt through our programmes

As part of our monsoon activities, our teams across the landscape motivate and organise villagers to collect seeds, prepare saplings and dig pits so that a plantation drive can be launched once the rains set in. Following good rains in July, we helped plant a total of 500 saplings in 4 villages. The species planted included mango, kanji, jamun, sitafal, kanher, bamboo.



Saplings planted by school students at Middle school Batwar (left) and Govt. Tribal Hostel Chapri (right)

During the month, Amit and Sampath Lal organised 4 programmes to promote awareness among villagers on the need to protect and increase tree cover through plantation.

Details of the programmes are given in the table above.



Batwar – Sampath Lal conducts awareness programme on plantation

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 July, we helped 4 villagers dig compost pits – Balram Maravi of Samaiya on July 6, Top Singh Dhurwey of Bhagpur on July 13, Samaru Maravi of Samaiya on July 14, and Buddhu Baiga of Dhamangaon on July 17.



Bhagpur- compost pit built with our assistance at Top Singh's house

On July 21, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Dhamangaon. 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 Kutwahi on July 25.



Dhamangaon - Village children with plastic litter collected during our anti-plastic programme

On July 29, Global Tiger Day, our team organised a function at Government Middle School, Dhamangaon, to promote awareness about tiger conservation. As part of our programme, we organised a rally in which 58 students walked through the village, chanting slogans for tiger, wildlife and nature conservation. Staff of Middle School and Primary School participated along with the students.



Dhamangaon- Global Tiger Day programme at Middle School

Education

During the month our team organized environment education programmes in 11 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	July 4	Government Primary School (GPS)	Sautiya	22

2	July 5	Government Middle School (GMS)	Patpara	42
3	July 7	GMS	Batwar	31
4	July 8	GPS	Manegaon	38
5	July 9	GPS	Kutwahi	29
6	July 13	Education Guarantee Scheme School(EGS)	Bhagpur	14
7	July 14	EGS	Samaiya	18
8	July 15	GPS	Chapri	28
9	July 18	GPS	Batwar	26
10	July 20	GMS	Mocha	88
11	July 28	EGS	Chapri	16
			Total	352



Batwar - Students listen to Sampath's lecture on conservation

Employment Cell

We helped 3 youths get jobs during the month of July

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	July 3	Chapri	Raju Uikey	3,700/- + meals	8 th standard	24	Guard at Kanha Resort Mocha
2	July 9	Batwar	Omprakash Dhurwey	3,700/- + meals	8 th standard	25	Guard at Kanha Resort Mocha
3	July 30	Patpara	Sachin Dhurwey	3,000/-	8 th standard	23	Guard at Tal Resort, Khatiya



Omprakash Dhurwey (of Batwar) who got a job as security guard with our help at Kanha Resort, Mocha