

**KANHA
JUNE 2019**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Micro-plan PRA work done in 2 villages*
- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance*
- ⇒ *5 awareness programmes on plantation*
- ⇒ *Dug 115 pits for sapling plantation in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *One person trained in preparing vermi-compost*
- ⇒ *3 compost pits prepared in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 5 schools - attended by 125 students*
- ⇒ *1 nature trail programme*
- ⇒ *Seed collection done by villagers*
- ⇒ *1 unemployed youth placed in job in local resort*

Conservation work

Date	Village	Activity	No. Of participants
June 4	Sautiya	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump and dig a soak-pit	6
June 8	Batwar	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	8
June 1	Batwar	Awareness programme on plantation	13
June 17	Sautiya	-----do-----	11
June 18	Manegaon	-----do-----	14
June 20	Patpara	-----do-----	12
June 22	Kutwahi	-----do-----	15
June 17	Batwar	Plantation programme – dug 50 pits for plantation in village	16
June 18	Bhagpur	Plantation programme - dug 25 pits for plantation in village	11
June 19	Chapri	Plantation programme - dug 40 pits for plantation in village	14
June 6	Batwar	Suman Aarmo trained in preparing vermi-compost	5
June 3	Manegaon	Dug compost pit at Bisto Bai Markam residence	1
June 11	Patpara	Dug compost pit at Gulab Maravi 's residence	1

June 14	Batwar	Dug compost pit at Drup Singh's residence	1
June 2	Sautiya	Nature trail and seed collection	12

In June, we assisted the Forest Department in preparing micro-plans for Chapri and Mocha villages. The micro-plans will be the basis for undertaking various sustainable and eco-friendly village development activities. Activities related to wildlife, water and soil conservation have been included in these micro-plans while taking into consideration the socio-economic requirements of the villagers

In community assistance work, our team organised one programme on June 10 to clean a well at Batwar. Organic litter had accumulated in the well, blown in by the wind. 3 women and 5 youths joined Sampath and Amit in the programme in which they removed the litter and de-silted the well.

A similar programme was organised on June 4 to clear the area next to a hand pump at Sautiya.



Batwar - Volunteers clean well and its surroundings

During the month, Amit organised 5 awareness programmes on improved farming techniques so that farmers can improve their yield. During the programmes, the farmers were also taught how to treat seeds before planting. Details of the programmes are given in the table above.



Manegaon - Sampathlal conducts awareness programme on plantation and improved farming techniques

In June, we encouraged villagers from Batwar, Bhagpur and Chapri villages to prepare a total of 115 pits for sapling plantation during the monsoon season. Saplings of local trees will be planted in these pits.



Village youths digging pits in Chapri village

On June 6, our team provided training in preparing vermi-compost to Suman Aarmo of Batwar village. During the training, she was taught technique to prepare, maintain and use vermi-compost.



Batwar – Suman Aarmo trained in preparing vermi-compost

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 June, we helped 6 villagers dig compost pits –Bisto Bai Markam of Manegaon on June 3, Gulab Maravi of Patpara on June 11, Drup Singh's of Batwar on June 14.



Patpara - Compost pit dug with our assistance at Gulab Maravi's house

On 21 June, we organised a meeting to resolve various issues of the villagers. On our invitation, Shri Narayan Singh Patta, MLA of Bichiya (Mandla) attended the meeting of Local Advisory Committee with guides and gypsy drivers. During the meeting, the guides and gypsy drivers requested the committee members to try and increase the number of gypsy vehicles and provide tourism-related livelihood to more village youths. They also requested them to shift a proposed tiger safari from Chapri to Kutwahi. Shri Narayan Singh Patta has agreed to work on these issues.



MLA interacting with gypsy drivers and guides during meeting

Amit and Sampath led children of Sautiya on a nature trail on June 2. On the trail, they helped children identify various species of plants and animals and explained the importance of preserving our environment. Children collected seeds of local trees during the trail.



Sautiya - Sampath speaks to village children about conservation during nature trail

Environment education

There were 5 classroom programmes in schools.

S. no	Date	School	Village	participants
1	June 20	Government Middle School (GMS)	Batwar	28
2	June 22	Government Primary School (GPS)	Kutwahi	28
3	June 24		Patpara	25
4	June 27		Batwar	20
5	June 29		Manegaon	24
			Total	125



Manegaon - Students listen to Sampathlal's lecture on wildlife conservation

Employment Cell

We helped 1 youth get a job during the month of June.

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	June 11	Patpara	Sachin Dhurve	4500/- + Meals	9 th standard	19	Waiter at Kanha Resort, Mocha



*Sachin Dhurve, of Patpara who got a job as worker with our help at Kanha Resort,
Mocha*