

**KANHA
MAY 2016**

Team: Amit Awasthi – *Conservation Officer*
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Highlights

- ⇒ *3 existing waterholes cleaned*
- ⇒ *3 compost pits prepared in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *Painting of conservation slogans on walls in 2 villages*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *2 nature trail programmes*
- ⇒ *Installed water pots for birds in 9 villages*
- ⇒ *2 unemployed youths get jobs through our Employment Cell*
- ⇒ *5 awareness programmes on soil testing*
- ⇒ *76 sample collected on Soil for lab testing in 9 villages*

Conservation work

| Date | Village | Activity | No. Of participants |
|-------------|---------------------|---|----------------------------|
| May 6 | Manegaon | Awareness programme on soil testing | 13 |
| May 7 | Batwar | -----do----- | 15 |
| May 8 | Chapri | -----do----- | 11 |
| May 10 | Dhamangaon | -----do----- | 9 |
| May 10 | Samaiya | -----do----- | 11 |
| May 9 | Batwar | Existing waterhole cleaned at Kunda jhodi Jhiriya | 8 |
| May 16 | Chapri | Existing waterhole cleaned at Khurri Jhiriya | 12 |
| May 19 | Sautiya | Existing waterhole cleaned at Pite Jhiriya | 7 |
| May 10 | Manegaon | Dug compost pit at Govind Maravi's residence | 1 |
| May 17 | Dhamangaon | Dug compost pit at Chaitram Baiga's residence | 1 |
| May 18 | Patpara | Dug compost pit at Sanokhi Bai's residence | 1 |
| May 11 | Chapri | Sample collected on Soil for lab testing | |
| May 12 | Dhamangaon, Samaiya | -----do----- | |
| May 13 | Kutwahi, Sautiya | -----do----- | |

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| May 14 | Manegaon, Patpara | -----do----- | |
| May 15 | Batwar, Bhagpur | -----do----- | |
| May 22 | Manegaon | Painting of conservation slogans on walls in prominent places in village | |
| May 24 | Kutwahi | -----do----- | |
| May 17 | Patpara | Anti-plastic programme | 13 |
| May 21 | Manegaon | -----do----- | 9 |
| May 20 | Kutwahi | Nature trail programme | 10 |
| May 25 | Batwar | -----do----- | 12 |

During the month, our team organised programmes to clean 3 existing waterholes inside the jungle, which had become clogged with organic litter. All of these were located inside the jungle in the buffer zone.



Chapri - Team cleans waterhole at Khurri Jhiriya in jungle

During the month, Amit also organised 5 awareness programmes on soil testing. This will help villagers to adopt the right approach to sustainable farming and optimise the use of water and soil. In these programmes, villagers were motivated to adopt soil testing and 76 samples were collected and sent for lab testing by the Agriculture Department.

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 May, we helped 3 villagers dig compost pits – Govind Maravi of Manegaon on May 10, Chaitram Baiga of Dhamangaon on May 17, and Sanokhi Bai of Patpara on May 18.



Patpara- Compost pit built with our assistance at Sanokhi Bai's house



Chapri – Soil samples collected for testing

During the month, we arranged for conservation slogans to be painted on walls of houses in prominent places in 2 villages to promote awareness about conservation.



Patpara - Conservation slogan painted in wall

On May17, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Patpara. 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 Manegaon on May21.



Patpara- Anti-plastic programme

With the summer heat at its peak, our team has been motivating villagers to put up containers with water so that birds and small animals can quench their thirst. Around 150 containers were put up in 9 villages in May.



Manegaon - Village children fill water pot for birds

Education

There were no classroom programmes as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.

Amit and Sampath led children of Kutwahi and Batwar on nature trails on May 20 and May 25 respectively. On the trails, they helped children identify various species of plants and animals and explained the importance of preserving our environment.



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

Education van programme

There were no film shows in May as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.

Employment Cell

We helped 2 youths get jobs during the month of May

| S. No. | Date | Village | Name | Monthly Salary in rupees | Education | Age | Job |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--|
| 1. | May 8 | Chapri | Radheshayam Maravi | 3,000/- + meals | 9 th standard | 19 | Waiter at Kanha Kishkindha Resort, Mocha |
| 2 | May 22 | Manegaon | Balla Maravi | 4,000/- | 5 th standard | 28 | Waiter at Celebration Resort, Mocha |



Radheshayam Maravi of Chapri who got a job with our help at Kanha Kishkindha Resort, Mocha,