

**KANHA
OCTOBER 2018**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Celebrated Wildlife Week in 7 villages*
- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – areas next to well cleaned at Batwar and Patpara*
- ⇒ *6 awareness programmes on LPG connection under Ujjwala scheme*
- ⇒ *Assisted 12 villagers to get LPG connection under Ujjwala scheme*
- ⇒ *3 compost pits prepared in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *One person trained in preparing vermi-compost pit*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 10 schools - attended by 342 students*
- ⇒ *6 nature and wildlife film shows -- attended by 533 students*
- ⇒ *3 unemployed youths get jobs through our Employment Cell*
- ⇒ *Kitchen garden prepared at SHG member's house in Chapri*

Conservation work

Date	Village	Activity	No. Of participants
October 13	Batwar	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	8
October 21	Patpara	-----do-----	10
October 10	Batwar	Awareness programme on LPG connection under Ujjwala scheme	11
October 15	Patpara	-----do-----	9
October 16	Samaiya	-----do-----	13
October 17	Kutwahi	-----do-----	11
October 21	Chapri	-----do-----	14
October 22	Bhagpur	-----do-----	18
October 11	Sautiya	Constructed compost pit at Bharat Markam's residence	
October 17	Dhamangaon	Constructed compost pit at Ramlal Baiga's residence	
October 25	Kutwahi	Constructed compost pit at Ramnath Uikey's residence	
October 22	Chapri	Rambharosh Pusham trained in preparing vermi-compost	

October 24	Chapri	Kitchen garden prepared at Maya Bai Pusham's house	
October 24	Batwar	Anti-plastic programme	10
October 25	Chapri	-----do-----	10

On October 13, Amit and Sampath led a team of 8 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a well at Batwar. Due to heavy rains during the monsoon, wild growth had proliferated around the well and access to the well was affected. Our team, which comprised 6 youths and 2 women from the village, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area.

A similar programme was organised on October 23 to clear the area next to a well at Patpara.



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



Batwar- Volunteers clearing wild growth from area around well

We also held 6 programmes during October to promote awareness about the benefits of cooking gas (LPG) over firewood. The Government provides connections under the "Ujjwala" scheme. During these meetings, the villagers were provided information regarding this scheme and the process for applying for connections. Details of the meetings are given in the table.



Bhagpur– Amit Awasthi conducts awareness programme on LPG connection under Ujjwala scheme

We assisted 12 villagers in filling up and submitting applications for connections under the scheme. They will get the LPG connection soon. Details are given in the following table.

SR	VILLAGE	NAME	Consumer No
1	Batwar	Diya Bai	610277
2	----do---	Sukrata Bai	610306
3	----do---	Sukhrani Panariya	610308
4	----do---	Fagni Bai	611071
5	----do---	Manti Bai	611072
6	----do---	Sumantri Bai	611073
7	----do---	Rato Bai	611075
8	Kutwahi	Devki Bai	611069
9	----do---	Kavita Bai	611070
10	Chapri	Rasho Bai	611026
11	----do---	Nainbati Bai Saiyam	611875
12	----do---	Muniya Bai Saiyam	611876

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 compost pits. During October, we helped 3 villagers dig compost pits – Bharat Markam of Sautiya on October 11, Ramlal Baiga of Dhamangaon on October 14, and Ramnath Uikey of Kutwahi on October 25.



Kutwahi- compost pit built with our assistance at Ramnath Uikey's house

On October 22, our team provided training to Rambharosh Pusham of Chapri village on preparing vermi-compost.



Chapri - Vermi-compost unit set up with our assistance at Rambharosh Pusham's house

On October 24, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Batwar. 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. A 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 Chapri on October 25.



Batwar - Sampath and school children prepare to bury plastic litter collected in our anti-plastic programme

Education

During the month our team organized environment education programmes in 10 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	October 10	Government Middle School (GMS)	Batwar	28
2	October 11	Government	Sautiya	21

		Primary School (GPS)		
3	October 12	GPS	Manegaon	31
4	October 15	GMS	Patpara	36
5	October 16	GMS	Dhamangaon	34
6	October 17	Education Guarantee Scheme School(EGS)	Samaiya	23
7	October 18	GPS	Kutwahi	31
8	October 22	EGS	Bhagpur	13
9	October 26	GMS	Mocha	96
10	October 29	GPS	Chapri	29
			Total	342



Patpara - Students listen to Sampath's lecture on conservation

Education van programme

There were 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in October.

S. No.	Date	Village	Film name	Participants
1	October 2	Mocha	Land of Tigers part-1	245
		Chapri {village show}		52
3	October 3	Dhamangaon	---do---	56
		Kutwahi {village show}	---do---	86
4	October 4	Manegaon	---do---	38
5		Patpara	---do---	56
			Total	533



Dhamangaon - Students watch film on nature and wildlife conservation

Employment Cell

We helped 3 youths get jobs during the month of October.

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	October 7	Chapri	Rohit Uikey	3,500/- + meals	9 th standard	20	Waiter at Kanha Resort Mocha
2	October 26	Patpara	Daniram Maravi	4,500/- + meals	8 th standard	23	Waiter at Mogli Resort, Khatiya
3	October 29	Kutwahi	Tezu Uikey	3,800/- + meals	8 th standard	22	Guard at Kanha Tola Resort, Kutwahi



Rohit Uikey (of Chapri) who got a job as waiter at Kanha Resort, Mocha

Livelihood programmes

A kitchen garden was prepared by Mrs. Maya Bai Pusham in Chapri village under the guidance of Amit and Sampath. She is the president of Mahaveer SHG. She was taught to grow vegetable with less water and without using chemical fertilizers. Our

team also provided vegetable seeds to Maya Bai. This vegetable garden will help to improve her family's income.



Chapri – Kitchen gardens set up by Patiram Dhurwey (left) and Sarita Bai (right)