

**KANHA TIGER RESERVE  
AUGUST 2017**

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**Highlights -**

- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – area next to well cleaned at Samaiya and area next to hand pump cleaned at Bhagpur*
- ⇒ *5 awareness programmes on conservation activity*
- ⇒ *5 compost pits dug*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 9 schools - attended by 337 students*
- ⇒ *7 film shows on nature and wildlife – attended by 306 students*
- ⇒ *2 unemployed youths placed in local jobs*
- ⇒ *Sent 12 youths to a training programme in hospitality and housekeeping*
- ⇒ *Selected 6 women to be trained as guides*

**Conservation work**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>No. of participants</i>
August 13	Samaiya	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	14
August 27	Bhagpur	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	11
August 7	Batwar	Awareness programme on conservation activity	13
August 9	Kutwahi	-----do-----	23
August 10	Samaiya	-----do-----	28
August 11	Chapri	-----do-----	80
August 13	Sautiya	-----do-----	16
August 5	Sautiya	Dug compost pit at Buddhan Markam's residence	1
August 6	Kutwahi	Dug compost pit at Goverdhan Saiyam's residence	1
August 7	Bhagpur	Dug compost pit at Kuwer Singh Uddey's residence	1
August 11	Chapri	Dug compost pit at Dayal Singh's residence	1
August 28	Patpara	Dug compost pit at Durgeshnandni	1

		Uikey's residence	
August 12	Batwar	Anti-plastic programme	10
August 15	Chapri	-----do-----	10

On August 13, Amit and Sampath led a team of 8 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a well at Samaiya. Due to heavy rains, wild growth had proliferated around the well and access to the well was affected. Our team, which comprised 11 youths from the village, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area. A similar programme was organised at Bhagpur on August 27 to clear the area next to a hand pump.



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



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

During August, our team organised 5 awareness programmes on Conservation activity. The aim of the programmes is to promote awareness about the protection of the environment among the villagers, so that they provide support to our conservation programmes.



*Chapri –Awareness programme on conservation*

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 August, we helped 5 villagers dig compost pits – Buddhan Markam of Sautiya on August 5, Goverdhan Saiyam of Kutwahi on August 6, Kuwer Singh Uddey of Batwar on August 7, Dayal Singh of Chapri on August 11 and Durgeshnandni Uikey of Patpara on August 28.



*Chapri - Compost pit dug with our assistance at Dayal Singh's house*

On August 12 our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Batwar. Amit and Sampath spoke to the students of the village school about the harmful impact of plastic/polythene on the environment and motivated them to remove such litter from the village. The 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 programme was organised at Chapri on August 15.



*Batwar - Village children with plastic litter collected during our anti-plastic programme*

### **Education**

During the month, our team organized environment education programmes in 9 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	August 2	Education Guarantee Scheme School(EGS)	Bhagpur	19
2	August 3	Government Middle School (GMS)	Batwar	26
3	August 4	Government Primary School (GPS)	Kutwahi	37
4	August 9	GMS	Patpara	34
5	August 10	GMS	Dhamangaon	48
6	August 11	GPS	Chapri	29
7	August 12	GPS	Batwar	26
8	August 22	GPS	Manegaon	28
9	August 26	GMS	Mocha	90
			<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>



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

***Education van programme***

There were 7 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in August

Sr. no.	Date	Village	Film name	Participants
1	July 16	Kutwahi	Kanha Laxmi	55
2		Chapri	----do----	47
3	July 17	Dhamangaon	----do----	52
4		Bhagpur	----do----	33
5		Samaiya	----do----	49
6	July 18	Manegaon	----do---	31
7		Patpara	----do---	39
			<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>



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

***Employment Cell***

We helped two youth get jobs in August.

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	August 6	Chapri	Sev Kumar Pusham	4,500rs + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	22	Worker at Parag Resort, Mocha
2	August 14	Chapri	Amit Das	3500rs + meals	9 <sup>th</sup>	19	Worker at Voila Resort, Chapri



*Sev Kumar (of Chapri) who got a job as waiter with our help at Parag Resort, Mocha*

### ***Hospitality and Housekeeping Training programme***

The Forest Department has been organising hospitality and housekeeping training programmes for the youths of local villages in an attempt to provide them with employment in the tourism industry. The training is being provided by Jagatguru Swaroopanand Shankaracharya Institute, Raipur.

The Forest Department bears the cost of training the youths.

12 youths selected by us from villages in our area of operations were provided training during August.

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Village Name</b>	<b>Name of participants</b>
1	Batwar	Bhikam Valke
2	----do---	Rakesh Uikey
3	----do---	Samaru Uikey
4	Kutwahi	Sandeep Maravi
5	----do---	Satish Marskole
6	----do---	Mahesh Maravi
7	----do---	Mukesh Sarve
8	----do---	Rukmani Bairagi
9	----do---	Ravi Das Sarve
10	Chapri	Sukhvati Pusham
11	Manegaon	Ramesh Sarote
12	----do----	Gyan Singh Maravi



*Hospitality and Housekeeping Training Programme*

### ***Park Guide Training programme***

A programme to train local youths as guides has been launched at Kanha by Corbett Foundation. We selected 6 girls from villages in our area of operations for this programme.

Sr. no.	Village Name	Name of participants	Education
1	Chapri	Soni Uikey	12 <sup>th</sup> fail
2	---do--	Mamta Saiyam	10th
3	---do--	Durga Thakur	10th
4	Mukki	Meena Dhurwey	10th
5	Mocha	Sayba Khan	12th
6	---do--	Aashna Ali	B.A.final



*Guide Training Programme*