

**KANHA  
NOVEMBER 2016**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan programme for water conservation – check dam built at Motojhodi Nallah, Chapri*
- ⇒ *Two shramdhaans for community assistance – cleaning of area around well at Manegaon and repair of road leading from Chapri to lake*
- ⇒ *4 compost pits prepared in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic programmes in 2 villages*
- ⇒ *3 awareness programmes on vegetable farming and water conservation*
- ⇒ *Environment education programme conducted in 11 schools - attended by 403 students*
- ⇒ *7 nature and wildlife film shows -- attended by 446 students*
- ⇒ *4 unemployed youths placed in resorts*

**Conservation work**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
Nov 9	Chapri	Check dam constructed on Motojhodi Nallah	8
Nov 13	Manegaon	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to well	8
Nov 20	Chapri	Shramdhaan programme to repaired village lake site road	10
Nov 8	Sautiya	Constructed compost pit at Anita Bai Valkey's residence	1
Nov 10	Samaiya	Constructed compost pit at Chaitram Uddey's residence	1
Nov 16	Dhamangaon	Constructed compost pit at Ramfal Baiga's residence	1
Nov 17	Manegaon	Constructed compost pit at Kasturi Bai Markam's residence	1
Nov 15	Dhamangaon	Anti-plastic programme	11
Nov 21	Samaiya	-----do-----	14
Nov 8	Manegaon	Awareness programme on vegetable farming and vermi-compost	14
Nov 11	Bhagpur	-----do-----	23
Nov 27	Batwar	-----do-----	12

In water conservation work, we organised 1 programme to construct a check dam. On November 9, a check dam was constructed at Motojhodi Nallah, around 0.5 km from Chapri village, inside the jungle. Tigers, leopards and sambhar deer are spotted regularly in the area building the check dam. 8 youths and elder villagers joined hands with Amit and Sampath in the programme.



*Site before check dam is built*



*Volunteers poses after check dam is built*

On November 13, Amit and Sampath led a team of 8 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a well at Manegaon. Due to heavy rains, wild growth had proliferated around the well and access to the well was affected. Our team, which comprised 5 youths and 4 women from the village, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area.

Another community programme was organised on November 20 in which a road leading to a lake was repaired and cleared of wild growth. Because of the growth and damaged condition of the road, villagers were finding it difficult to reach the lake. After our programme, access is now much improved.



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



*Chapri- Village Lake site before (left) and after (right) our programme*

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 November, we helped 4 villagers dig compost pits – Anita Bai Valkey of Sautiya on November 8, Chaitram Uddey of Samaiya on November 10, Ramfal Baiga of Dhamangaon on November 16, and Kasturi Bai of Manegaon on November 17.



*Manegaon - Compost pit built with our assistance at Kasturi Bai's house*

On November 15, our team organised an anti-plastic programme at Dhamangaon. 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. 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 Samaiya on November 21.



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

### **Education**

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

<b>S.no</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
1	Nov 3	Government Primary School (GPS)	Manegaon	39
2	Nov 4	GPS	Batwar	33
3	Nov 7	Government Middle School (GMS)	Dhamangaon	45
4	Nov 11	GPS	Chapri	31
5	Nov 12	Education guarantee scheme school (EGS)	Samaiya	15
6	Nov 15	GMS	Mocha	89
7	Nov 17	(EGS)	Bhagpur	15
8	Nov 18	GMS	Patpara	42
9	Nov 21	GPS	Kutwahi	38
10	Nov 29	GMS	Batwar	30
11	Nov 30	GPS	Sautiya	23
			<b>Total</b>	<b>403</b>



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

### ***Education van programme***

There were 7 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in November.

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Film name</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	November.24	Manegaon	Land of tiger part-1	48
2		Kutwahi	----do----	68
3	November.25	Dhamangaon	---do---	54
4		Bhagpur	---do---	57
5		Sautiya	---do---	47
6	November.26	Patpara	---do---	32
7		Mocha	---do---	140
			<b>Total</b>	<b>446</b>



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

### **Livelihood programmes**

As part of our programme to reduce pressure on forests, we have been encouraging villagers to take up alternative livelihood options. In Kanha, we have been encouraging villagers to take up vegetable farming as there are several resorts around Mocha and there is a steady flow of tourists who require fresh vegetables. Over the past 2 years, we have assisted around 30 villagers in taking up vegetable farming and they are earning around 500-1,000 rupees a week in additional income. The vegetable patches are typically of small size and located in the backyards of the residences. Some villagers have now got enough confidence to expand and are planning to use part of their farm land for this activity.

To encourage more villagers to take up this activity, we conducted 3 awareness programmes in November at Manegaon, Bhagpur and Batwar.



*Chapri – Pati Ram Dhurwey (left) and Sarita Bai (right) tends vegetable patches set up with our help*

### ***Employment Cell***

We helped four youths get jobs during the month of November

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monthly Salary in rupees</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Job</b>
1.	Nov 6	Batwar	Khujal Das	3500/- + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	20	Waiter at Mahua Resort, Mocha
2	Nov 12	Kutwahi	Chotu Uikey	3200/- + meals	9 <sup>th</sup> standard	21	Waiter at Vanya Resort, Khatiya
3	Nov 13	Sautiya	Sukesh Markam	3000/- + meals	5 <sup>th</sup> standard	19	Waiter at Pugmark Resort, Khatiya
4	Nov 22	Chapri	Koushalya Uikey	3500/- + meals	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	21	Worker at Mahua Resort, Mocha



*Khujal Das (of Batwar) who got a job  
as waiter with our help at Mahua Resort Mocha*