

**PENCH TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA  
JANUARY 2018**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Participated in All India Tiger Estimation 2018*
- ⇒ *Three community foot patrols*
- ⇒ *One anti-plastic campaign and two awareness rallies*
- ⇒ *Three nature trails for school students*
- ⇒ *Conservation awareness meetings on Republic Day*
- ⇒ *Twelve school education programs*
- ⇒ *Placement follow-up of fourteen candidates sent for hospitality training*
- ⇒ *Job placement of four youths*
- ⇒ *Organic farming training for farmers*
- ⇒ *Six free medical camps*

**Conservation Work**

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Jan 3	Pauni-Pipariya Road	Anti-Plastic Campaign	12
2.	Jan 11	Lohgad	Solar Fencing Demonstration	15
3.	Jan 13	Siroji, Nagalwadi	Awareness Rally & Cleanliness Drive	300
4.	Jan 14	Sawara	Nature Trail	17
5.	Jan 18	Pipariya & Khapa	Campaign Against Survival International	22
6.	Jan 19	Sillari & Khudsapar	Campaign Against Survival International	51
7.	Jan 20	Kirangisarra	Campaign Against Survival International	15
8.	Jan 21	Wagholi	Campaign Against Survival International	10
9.	Jan 21	Wagholi	Community Patrolling	5
10.	Jan 21	Ghorad Beat	All India Tiger Estimation	4
11.	Jan 22	Ghorad Beat	All India Tiger Estimation	4
12.	Jan 22	Ghatkukda Beat	All India Tiger Estimation	4
13.	Jan 24	Ghatkukda Beat	All India Tiger Estimation	5
14.	Jan 25	Dhawlapur Beat	Community Patrolling	5
15.	Jan 25	Sironji	Conservation Awareness Meeting	250
16.	Jan 26	Ghatpendari	Awareness Rally	85
17.	Jan 26	Chargaon	Republic Day Celebration	70

18.	Jan 28	Khapa	Community Patrolling	4
19.	Jan 28	Khapa	Nature Trail	12
20.	Jan 29	Siladevi	Nature Trail	13
<b>Total Participants</b>				<b>903</b>

Bandu and Balkrishna helped the Forest Department staff during the All India Tiger Estimation 2018 from January 21-24 in Ghorad and Ghatkukda Beats respectively. Separate transects were covered for herbivore and carnivore estimation.



*Ghorad Beat- Bandu with Forest Dept. staff during All India Tiger Estimation 2018 (left);*

*Ghatkukda Beat- Balkrishna with Forest Dept. staff during All India Tiger Estimation 2018 (right)*

Community foot patrols were carried out in Wagholi, Khapa & Dhawlapur in January 2018. Foot patrolling ensures protection to the forests in the form of detection of any illegal activities or detection of traces and signs of wild animals.



*Khapa- Community foot patrolling (left);*

*Sillari Gate- Dilip and Bandu with Guides, Drivers and Villagers during campaign against Survival International (right)*

Apart from awareness rallies, meetings, anti-plastic campaign and republic day celebration that were conducted in January 2018, a huge campaign was run against Survival International, a UK based NGO.

Survival International started a media campaign and appealed to the global tourists to boycott Indian Tiger Reserves. In reply, guides, drivers and villagers staged protests and started a signature campaign to flay Survival International's appeal. Local people who belong to tribal communities are reaping benefits from tourism due to tiger reserves and they completely disagree with the statement that tiger reserves are a tool to suppress tribes. Protests were carried out with guides and drivers at Sillari and Khudsapar gates of Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. Similar protests were carried out with village eco-development committee members in Kirangisarra, Wagholi, Khapa and Pipariya from January 18-21, 2018.



*Sironji- Awareness Rally and Cleanliness Drive with Bandu & Balkrishna (left); Pauni-Sillari Road- Anti-plastic campaign with Dilip (right)*

Nature trails were conducted for school students of Sawara, Khapa and Siladevi during which students were informed about local flora and fauna and were educated about issues like man-animal conflict through various nature games.

### **Environmental Education**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of students</b>
1.	Jan 1	ZP School	Ghoti	70
2.	Jan 2	ZP School	Pipariya	20
3.	Jan 2	ZP School	Wagholi	23
4.	Jan 4	ZP School	Narhar	15
5.	Jan 5	ZP School	Ambazari	17
6.	Jan 6	ZP School	Siladevi	12
7.	Jan 9	ZP School	Suwardhara	14
8.	Jan 9	ZP School	Sawara	86
9.	Jan 11	ZP School	Wanera	12
10.	Jan 20	ZP School	Kirangisarra	12
11.	Jan 23	ZP School	Kadbikheda	40
12.	Jan 23	ZP School	Khapa	17
<b>Total Participants</b>				<b>338</b>



*Siladevi- Balkrishna with students during Nature Education Program (left);  
Ghoti- Dilip with students during Nature Education Program (right)*

During the month of January, twelve school education programs were carried out in PENCH with a total of 338 students in attendance.

#### *IT Education Program*

Satpuda Foundation has donated desktops as well as laptops to the Zilla Parishad School in Sawara village and has been conducting IT education program for the students free of cost since the year 2013. Sita, a resident of Sawara village works on an honorarium basis for Satpuda Foundation and teaches the students. Four such classes were held in the month of January 2018.



*Sawara- Sita teaching students basics of computing during our IT education program (left & right)*

#### **Employment Cell**

Dilip had informed, mentored and helped 14 youths from East PENCH villages to join PACE hospitality training at Sillari throughout the year 2017. While keeping track of these 14 youth, Dilip got to know that all the 14 youths have got campus placements at PACE itself and are now earning between 5000-8500 rupees per month.

Sr. No.	Name	Village	Age	Qual.	Placement/ Training	Place	Salary
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1.	Umesh Tarachand Chokandhre	Ghoti	25	BA	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	8500
2.	Amol Shalik Badan	Ghoti	24	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	8000
3.	Deepika Brahmanand Chokhandre	Ghoti	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	7500
4.	Priyanka Nilaram Sahare	Ghoti	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	7500
5.	Jitendra Wadive	Kadbikheda	20	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Upper Deck Resort Lonavala	7000
6.	Subhangi Naitam	Kadbikheda	21	10 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Upper Deck Resort Lonavala	7000
7.	Trupti Kabirdas Gajbhiye	Ghoti	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Attendant at Varve Hospital, Shirdi	9000
8.	Radhika Markam	Pipariya	21	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Attendant at Varve Hospital, Shirdi	9000
9.	Nitin Kumre	Zinzeriya	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	5500
10.	Naresh Maraskole	Zinzeriya	23	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	5500
11.	Akash Bhalavi	Bandra	20	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	5500
12.	Swapnil Uikey	Bandra	22	BA	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Wartek, Pune	5500
13.	Aakash Kumre	Usripar	22	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Shruti Jungle Home, Sillari	5000
14.	Nitin Kumre	Usripar	21	12 <sup>th</sup>	Campus Placement at PACE Sillari	Housekeeping at Shruti Jungle Home, Sillari	5000
15.	Naresh Bindal	Kadbikheda	27	12 <sup>th</sup>	TRACT	Monitoring GP Dongartal	9000

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16.	Pramod Kumre	Nimtola	30	BA	TRACT	Monitoring GP Bandra work	9000
17.	Ruksham Uikey	Ghatpendari	28	12 <sup>th</sup>	Worker at disassembly factory	Krishnadevrai breakers, Surat	9000 & 1 meal
18.	Sunil Uikey	Ghatpendari	30	12 <sup>th</sup>	Worker at disassembly factory	Krishnadevrai breakers, Surat	9000 & 1 meal
19.	Ojha Karnake	Ghatpendari	26	8 <sup>th</sup>	Worker at disassembly factory	Krishnadevrai breakers, Surat	9000 & 1 meal
20.	Shatrugan Warthi	Sawara	40	8 <sup>th</sup>	Lantana Craft Trainer for Satpuda Foundation	Trainer for Lantana Craft Training Program at Lohgad for 8 days	4000 (one time)
21.	Saila Dance Group	Sawara	-	-	Four Tribal Dance Performances	Veer Restaurant, Bandra, Tuli Resort	24000 (4 performances)
22.	Avinash Inwate	Sawara	32	BA	Organic Farming and Entrepreneurship Training	Go Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar	-
23.	Ramnath Uikey	Sawara	38	8 <sup>th</sup>	Organic Farming and Entrepreneurship Training	Go Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar	-
24.	Bharat Warthi	Sawara	38	9 <sup>th</sup>	Organic Farming and Entrepreneurship Training	Go Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar	-
25.	Vithoba Dongre	Ghoti	44	12 <sup>th</sup>	Organic Farming and Entrepreneurship Training	Go Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar	-

#### *Livelihood Meetings*

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Jan 25	Chargaon	Information about Schemes of Govt. Panchayat Samiti Livelihood programs	15

One livelihood meeting was held on January 25 at Chargaon by Balkrishna wherein participants were informed about various opportunities and Government Livelihood training schemes offered through Panchayat Samiti like technician, electrician, diesel

motor technician, etc. The candidates were encouraged to apply for the programmes of their choice.

Four farmers from Usripar & Ghoti were to be trained in organic farming training from January 16-21 at Go Vigyan Kendra, Deolapar, wherein they were taught about basics of organic farming.

We helped Saila Dance Group to get four performances at resorts in January 2018. This group, which performs traditional Gond tribal dances, was set up by us and is mentored by us. The members earn additional income by performing at resorts.

Bandu helped 3 youth from Ghatpendari village to get a job at Krishnadevrai breakers, a disassembly factory at Surat.

Dilip informed two youths about vacancies in TRACT and helped them to prepare for the interviews and resume making as well. They cleared the interviews.

Balkrishna took 9 candidates trained at Ashok Leyland Driver Training Institute in Chhindwara through our initiative, to RTO Nagpur for RTO tests.



*Sillari- Aakash Kumre got to know about hospitality training through Satpuda Foundation. He is now working in Shrusti Jungle Home after completing the course and getting campus placement (left);*

*Nagpur- Balkrishna at RTO office Nagpur with graduates of driver training program from west Pench (right)*

### **Mobile Health Service (MHS)**

There were 6 medical camps held in January 2018 in which 220 patients were treated.

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>No. of Patients</b>
1.	Jan 6	Kadbikheda	28
2.		Khapa	35
3.	Jan 7	Usripar	38
4.		Khudsapar	24
5.	Jan 8	Kirangisarra	42
6.		Wagholi	53



*Kadbikheda - Dr. Zanjali examines a patient (left);  
Usripur - Medicines being distributed as per doctor's prescription (right)*