

**PENCH TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA  
JUNE 2019**

**Team:** Kaustubh Marpalliwar – *Conservation Officer*  
Dilip Lanjewar, Balkrishna Bagmare – *Community Officers*

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Organised 3 foot patrols with village youths and Forest Department*
- ⇒ *Organised World Environment Day program at Sillari and Chargaon*
- ⇒ *Organised a meeting to inform youth about security guard jobs, 35 youths present*
- ⇒ *Encouraged 33 youths to participate in employment drive at Nagalwadi Forest Range Office*
- ⇒ *Provided list of candidates for Primary Response Team to the Pauni (Unified Control )Range Officer*

**Conservation Action and Awareness**

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Jun 21	Fulzari Beat	Community patrol	6
2.	Jun 8	Makardhokda	--do--	3
3.	Jun 1	Shiladevi	--do--	3
4.	Jun 29	Z.P. School, Chargaon	School cleaning before starting of new academic session	19
5.	Jun 30	Pawani	Candidates for Primary Response Team	3
6.	Jun 12	Ghoti	Meeting with women's SHG on making of cotton bags	17
7.	Jun 5	Chargaon	World Environment Day celebration	11
8.	Jun 5	Sillari	World Environment Day celebration	150
<b>Total participants</b>				<b>212</b>

On June 1, 8 and 21, three community patrolling programs were organized in Shiladevi, Makardhokda and Fulzari beats respectively with forest guards. Such patrolling helps in checking illegal activities around village forests through community participation.



*Shiladevi- Balkrishna on community patrol with local youth (left)  
Fulzari beat- Dilip on community patrol with Forest Guards (right)*

On June 29, Balkrishna organized a programme to clean the Zilla Parishad School premises at Chargaon before the start of the new academic session. Facilities like washrooms, drinking water storage and taps; and electricity outlets were checked and repaired. The aim of this initiative was to ensure that students get a safe and healthy environment at school.



*Z.P. School, Chargaon - Students and Balkrishna cleaning school premises (left)  
Z.P. School, Chargaon - School kids after cleaning school premises (right)*

On June 30, we assisted Range Forest Officer, Pauni (Unified Control) to formulate six 'Primary Response Teams' (PRTs) at Ghoti, Usripur, Kadbikheda, Sawara, Tuyepar and Khapa. Each PRT comprises of 5 youths from the village. These youths will be provided initial equipment and training for carrying out foot patrols, conducting wildlife rescue operations and controlling of mobs in conflict situations. These PRTs will be responsible for assisting Forest Department staff in preventing and managing man-animal conflict situations in their respective villages.

On June 12, Dilip organized a meeting with members of a women's self-help group (SHG) of Ghoti village. During this meeting, Dilip explained that they can take up manufacturing of cotton bags in order to earn alternate livelihood. He also explained that they can get training for sewing and manufacturing of these cotton bags. With ban on use

of plastic bags in Maharashtra state, cloth bags have good demand and, thus, represent a very good opportunity for setting up a micro-enterprise. 17 women along with members of Gram Panchayat were present for the meeting.



*Ghoti - SHG members and other women present in meeting (left)  
Ghoti - Dilip conducting a meeting about the making of cotton bags (right)*

On June 5, we organized a World Environment Day celebration program in Amaltas Tourism Complex, Sillari. It was a joint program with the Forest Department. In the presence of Chief Conservator of Forests, Assistant Conservator of Forests and various Range Forest Officers, various aspects were covered like man-animal Conflict, wildlife road accidents, rainwater harvesting and water management and also career guidance for unemployed youths. Over 150 people from different villages were present.

Balkrishna organised a plantation program at Chargaon on the occasion of World Environment Day along with Forest Guard and villagers.



*Sillari - World Environment Day celebration with Forest Department and villagers (left)  
Chargaon - Plantation program on World Environment Day celebration with Forest Guard and villagers (right)*

## **Employment Cell**

During the month of June, two employment programmes were conducted. On June 21, Checkmate Industrial Services, Pune conducted a recruitment drive with the help of

Satpuda Foundation at Dahoda forest protection hut at which some Forest Department officials including RFO and RO were present. 35 youths attained the program.

On June 24, Balkrishna assisted 33 youths to participate in employment drive at Nagalwadi Range Forest Office. During the employment drive, the youths also attended a workshop on skill development and employability improvement schemes being implemented by Government agencies.



*Dahoda Kuti– Meeting with youths to provide information on security guard jobs (left)  
Nagalwadi Range- Balkrishna brought 33 youths to the Common Employment cell (right)*

***Number of people mobilized and brought to ‘Rozgar Melava’ at Dahoda and Nagalwadi conducted by Checkmate Industrial Services, Pune***

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Dahoda	35
2.	Nagalwadi	33
<b><i>Total Participants</i></b>		<b>68</b>