

**PENCH TIGER RESERVE, MAHARASHTRA
NOVEMBER 2017**

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Dilip Lanjewar, Balkrishna Bagmare – *Field assistants*

Highlights

- ⇒ *Community patrols at Wagholi & Khapa*
- ⇒ *Waterhole de-silting and cleaning at Tuyepar*
- ⇒ *Cleanliness drive at Chargaon where village drainage system was cleaned*
- ⇒ *Two nature trails with 28 participants*
- ⇒ *Twelve education programmes in schools - 334 students participated*
- ⇒ *Two youth from Usripur joined hospitality training course with our help*
- ⇒ *Two youths from Ghatpendari placed in jobs locally*
- ⇒ *Meetings with communities regarding Fulzari village relocation, Driver training program, Lantana training, SHG poultry farming, Mushroom cultivation - 66 participants*
- ⇒ *Six medical camps in East Pench - 168 patients treated*

Conservation Work

Sr. no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Nov 3	Ghoti	Nature Trail	12
2.	Nov 12	Wagholi	VEDC Patrolling	5
3.	Nov 12	Chargaon	Cleanliness Drive	5
4.	Nov 13	Sawara	Nature Trail	16
5.	Nov 16	Fulzari	Village Relocation Meeting	20
6.	Nov 16	Chargaon	Lantana Furniture Training Meeting with Women SHG members	8
7.	Nov 17	Tuyepar hut	Waterhole De-silting & Cleaning	7
8.	Nov 20	Khapa	VEDC Patrolling	4
Total Participants				77

Two patrols were organised by our field assistant Dilip Lanjewar on November 12 and November 20 in Wagholi and Khapa respectively with village eco-development committee (VEDC) members in the forest adjoining the villages. The purpose of these patrols was to check illegal diversion of electricity for fencing and to check other illegal activities.



Forest Department posters warning villagers against electrocution of wildlife



Dilip with VEDC members of Khapa village on patrol

On November 17, Dilip organised a team of villagers in a programme to de-silt and clean a waterhole near Tuyepar hut forest camp. He explained to the villagers the necessity of cleaning waterholes and how this can prevent potential man-animal conflict.



Waterhole de-silting & cleaning at Tuyepar

Elsewhere, our field assistant Balkrishna Bagmare motivated and organised villagers of Chargaon to clean the village drainage system to prevent spread of diseases and to control mosquitoes. This program was conducted on November 12.



Chargaon - Villagers participate in cleanliness drive organised by our field assistant Balkrishna Bagmare

On November 16, Dilip attended a meeting with villages of Fulzari to discuss relocation of some villagers who have not yet shifted. The villagers demanded that the survey, which determines economic benefits to relocated villagers, be done once again. Retired Range Forest Officer (RFO) Mr. Londhe was also present in the meeting.

Two nature trails were organized by Dilip on November 3 and November 13 to expose village children to local flora and fauna.



Ghoti – Dilip briefs students on nature trail in jungle adjoining village

On November 16, our Conservation officer Bandu and Bagmare explained to women self-help group (SHG) members about benefits of various livelihood training programmes and encouraged them to participate.

Environment Education

Sr. No.	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1.	Nov 7	ZP School	Ghoti	90

2.	Nov 8	ZP School	Ambazari	11
3.	Nov 9	ZP School	Narhar	17
4.	Nov 10	ZP School	Siladevi	15
5.	Nov 11	ZP School	Khudsapar	11
6.	Nov 20	ZP School	Khapa	17
7.	Nov 22	ZP School	Wagholi	21
8.	Nov 24	ZP School	Kirangisarra	13
9.	Nov 25	ZP School	Sawara	76
10.	Nov 28	ZP School	Kadbikheda	36
11.	Nov 29	ZP School	Pipariya	15
12.	Nov 29	ZP School	Sillari	12
Total Participants				334

Dilip and Balkrishna organized classroom lectures and nature games for students about various issues like forest and wildlife conservation, climate change, pollution.



Environment education programme at Ghoti (left) and Siladevi (right)

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. Basic computer skills are taught to the students to make them feel comfortable with the technology and improve their IT skills. Ms. Sita, a resident of Sawara village works on an honorarium basis for Satpuda Foundation and teaches the children. Four such classes were held in the month of November 2017.



Sawara IT Education Program with Ms. Sita

Employment Cell

Sr. no.	Place	Name	Qual.	Age	Employment/ Training	Salary
1.	Usripar	Akash Bharat Kumre	12	22	Hospitality Training	-
2.	Usripar	Nitesh Gopichand Kumre	10	21	Hospitality Training	-
3.	Ghatpendari	Arun Rama Bhalavi	12	25	Patrolling Duty at Forest Department	Rs. 8300
4.	Ghatpendari	Vijay Gopal Uikey	12	26	Patrolling Duty at Forest Department	Rs. 8300
5.	Go Flamingo Resort	Saila Dance Group	-	-	One-time Tribal Dance Performance on November 11	Rs. 5000

Livelihood Meetings

Sr. No.	Date	Village / Place	Training	Participants
1.	Nov 9	Khudsapar	Driver Training Program	17
2.	Nov 19	Narhar	Driver Training Program	8
3.	Nov 21	Kadbikheda	Poultry Farming (SHG)	13
Total Participants				38

Livelihood meetings were held on November 9 by Dilip at Khudsapar and on November 19 by Bandu and Balkrishna at Narhar. RFO, Mr. Sathawne was also present for the Khudsapar meeting.

On November 21, women SHG members of Kadbikheda were encouraged to take up poultry farming. Our team informed them about various sources of funding available from government agencies.

Two youths from Usripar village were admitted to the PACE hospitality training centre at Sillari with Satpuda Foundation's help. They will undergo 2 months' training which will qualify them to apply for jobs at hotels and resorts. Details of the youths are given in the table above.

We assisted 2 youths from Ghatpendari in applying for jobs as patrollers with the Forest Department. The jobs are for 3 months, with a monthly salary of 8,300 rupees. Details of the youths are given in the table above.

On 11 November, the Saila Dance Group, which was formed with our help and is mentored by us, was invited by Go Flamingo Resort to give a tribal dance performance. The group earned 5,000 rupees.



(Left) Meeting at Khudsapar on driver's training program with Dilip & RFO, Mr. Sathawane

(Right) At Kadbikheda Dilip and women's SHG members discuss poultry farming as a livelihood option

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

There were 6 medical camps in November in which 168 patients were treated.

Sr. no.	Date	Village	No. of Patients
1.	Nov 25	Khapa	23
2.		Kirangisarra	36
3.	Nov 26	Khudsapar	32
4.		Wagholi	18
5.	Nov 27	Usripar	42
6.		Sawara	17
Total Patients Treated			168



Dr. Zanjil treats patient at Usripar