

**PENCH TIGER RESERVE (MAHARASHTRA)  
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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan programme to clean waste from a stream near Ghatpendhari village*
- ⇒ *One anti-plastic and cleanliness drive with students of Kadbikheda village*
- ⇒ *Bandu Uikey accompanied forest department staff thrice on forest patrols while Dilip led village eco-development committee (VEDC) members twice on patrols*
- ⇒ *16 classroom nature education sessions held for 327 students*
- ⇒ *Dilip Lanjewar took a total of 48 students on 3 nature trails*
- ⇒ *109 patients treated in 6 free health camps*
- ⇒ *Two youths from Ghatpendhari village placed as daily wage laborers with Forest Department*

**Conservation work**

S.No.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	Nov 25	Ghatpendhari	Shramdhaan programme to clean waste from stream	05
2	Nov 22	Kadbikheda	Anti-plastic campaign and clean-up drive	30
3	Nov 12	Sawara	Nature trail	16
	Nov 14	Khapa	Nature trail	13
	Nov 20	Ghoti	Nature trail	19
	Nov 04	Khapa	VEDC patrolling	05
	Nov 06	Wagholi	VEDC patrolling	06
	Nov 06	Surera -West Pench	Forest patrolling with Special Tiger Protection Force	07
	Nov 13	Datizira beat-Ghatpendhari	Forest patrolling	03
	Nov 27	Ghorad beat-Ghatpendhari	Forest patrolling	05
	Nov 02	Ghatkukda	VEDC meeting	10
	Nov 28	Dahegaon	VEDC field visit	14

Field assistant Bandu Uikey joined local staff of the Forest Department in anti-poaching patrols on November 6, 13 and 27. Members of the village eco-development committee (VEDC) of Ghatpendari and Kolutmara took part in the patrols in the jungle near their respective villages. Similarly Dilip Lanjewar led 5 members of Khapa VEDC and 6 members of Wagholi VEDC on anti-poaching patrols on November 4 and 6 respectively.



*VEDC members participate in a foot patrol near Wagholi village (left); Bandu Uikey along with Forest Department staff on an anti-poaching patrol near Ghatpendhari (right)*

On November 22, Dilip Lanjewar led 30 students of Zilla Parishad school of Kadbikheda village in a programme to clean the school premises and collect plastic waste during anti-plastic drive. Dilip explained the harm caused to the environment by the plastic waste and also taught the students the importance of cleanliness for better health. The students then volunteered to clean their school premises and collected plastic waste. They also pledged to keep their school, surroundings and village clean henceforth.



*Kadbikheda - Students volunteer to clean the school premises and collect plastic waste during a cleanliness and anti-plastic drive*

On November 25, Bandu Uikey organized a shramdhaan programme to clean waste accumulated in the Katpuriya stream near Ghatpendari village. Bandu along with VEDC members and other village youths cleaned the waste from the stream that had reduced the flow of water. The stagnant water had collected lot of biodegradable waste like leaves and grass which had started to rot. This had left the water inappropriate for drinking by the wildlife. The farmers who used the water for irrigation downstream were unable to

get water due to the reduced water flow. After the waste was cleaned, the farmers were able to use the water downstream while wild animals like axis deer and sambar deer were seen drinking water upstream.



*Bandu leading villagers during shramdhaan program to clean waste from the water stream near Ghatpendhari village*

On November 20, Dilip Lanjewar took 19 students of Zilla Parishad Middle School of Ghoti village on a nature trail to teach them about nature and wildlife conservation. During the nature trail, Dilip helped students spot and identify various birds like rufous treepie, racquet tailed drongo, scarlet minivet and shikra among others. He also taught the students about various tree and plant species found in the forest nearby and their importance for various life forms. Earlier Dilip had organized similar nature trails for students of Zilla Parishad Middle school of Sawara and Primary school of Khapa on November 12 and 14 respectively.



*Dilip and students on a nature trail*

On November 28, Dilip Lanjewar accompanied Forest Department staff and VEDC members of Ghoti, Khapa, Wagholi and Pipariya to Dahegaon village for an exposure visit. During the visit to Dahegaon, the VEDC members were able to learn about farming medicinal herbs found locally. These medicinal herbs are in great demand for *Ayurvedic* medicines and can help earn a good income. This will benefit the farmers financially and help improve their social and economic status in the near future.



*Dilip Lanjewar along with VEDC members and forest department staff during the exposure visit to medicinal farms in Dahegaon village*

### ***Education***

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1.	Nov 16	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Kirangisarra	13
2.	Nov 17	Zilla Parishad Middle school	Sawara	30
3.	Nov 17	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Usripar	06
4.	Nov 18	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Khapa	15
5.	Nov 18	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Wagholi	22
6.	Nov 21	Zilla Parishad Middle school	Ghoti	80
7.	Nov 21	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Fulzari	08
8.	Nov 22	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Kadbikheda	40
9.	Nov 23	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Sillari	09
10.	Nov 24	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Pipariya	20
11.	Nov 25	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Khudsapar	12
12.	Nov 07	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Narhar	13
13.	Nov 11	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Siladevi	12
14.	Nov 16	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Ghatpendari	14
15.	Nov 16	Zilla Parishad Primary	Salai	08

		school		
16.	Nov 18	Zilla Parishad Primary school	Wanera	25



*Bandu Uikey teaches conservation to students in Ghatpendari (left); Dilip Lanjewar with students of Pipariya (right)*



*Dilip Lanjewar talks about nature and wildlife to students of Khudsapar (left) and Ghoti (right)*

### ***Employment Cell***

During November, two unemployed youths got jobs with our assistance.

S.no	Date	Village	Name	Monthly salary (in rupees)	Qual	Age	Job
1	Nov 1	Ghatpendhari	Roshan Uikey	8200/-	12 <sup>th</sup>	26	Daily wage laborer with Forest Department
2	Nov 1	Ghatpendhari	Raju Admachi	8200/-	10 <sup>th</sup>	30	Daily wage laborer with Forest Department

**Mobile Health Unit (MHU)**

There were 6 camps in November.



*Dr Zanzal examines patients in Ghatpendhari (left) and Dhawlapur (right) during free health camps*

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Nov 19	Ghatpendhari	42
2		Salai	23
3	Nov 20	Ghatkukda	13
4		Narhar	11
5	Nov 21	Dhawlapur	13
6		Sawangi	07
<b>Total</b>			<b>109</b>