

**PENCH MAHARASHTRA
SEPTEMBER 2017**

Team: Mandar Pingle – *Conservation Officer*
Bandu Uikey – *Conservation Officer*
Dilip Lanjewar, Balkrishna Bagmare – *Community Officers*

Highlights

- ⇒ *One anti-plastic campaign in Kadbikheda and Siladevi each*
- ⇒ *Three nature trails held for students of Ghoti, Sawara and Khapa*
- ⇒ *Dilip joined Forest Department staff on anti-poaching patrols twice while Bandu assisted during night patrol once*
- ⇒ *Observed World Ozone Day in Sawara and Awaleghat*
- ⇒ *Organized class room lectures in 11 schools - attended by 338 students*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 medical camps – 231 patients treated free of cost*

Conservation work

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Sept 23	Kadbikheda	Anti-plastic programme	44
2.	Sept 16	Sawara	Ozone Day celebration, awareness rally	114
3.	Sept 08	Khapa	VEDC foot patrolling	05
4.	Sept 24	Wagholi	VEDC foot patrolling	06
5.	Sept 10	Zinzeriya	VEDC meeting for unemployed youths	09
6.	Sept 12	Kadbikheda	VEDC meeting for unemployed youths	12
7.	Sept 14	Khudsapar	VEDC meeting for unemployed youths	10
8.	Sept 22	Siladevi	Anti-plastic programme	14
9.	Sept 11	Narhar	VEDC meeting for unemployed youths	07
10.	Sept 10	Chargaon	VEDC meeting for unemployed youths	17
11.	Sept 17	Ghorad beat, Ghatpendhari	Night time foot patrolling	04
12.	Sept 16	Awaleghat	Observed World Ozone Day	35

On September 23, Dilip Lanjewar organized an anti-plastic programme in Zilla Parishad school of Kadbikheda village. During the shramdhaan programme, Dilip explained to the students the hazards of plastic waste for both environment and human health. Dilip explained to the kids that plastic and non-degradable waste was causing irreparable damage to the ecosystem near the lake and adversely affecting the birds and other lifeforms. He also told them that the waste was equally harmful to people. He brought to the notice of the students the large amount of plastic waste along the road leading to the

school as well as on the school premises. Later the students along with the teachers volunteered and cleaned the plastic waste in the school premises and along the road. Balkrishna arranged a similar shramdhaan programme in Siladevi village on September 22. During the shramdhaan, students, teachers and villagers volunteered and cleaned the school premises and the area near the school premises. During the shramdhaan, the kids also raised slogans to spread the message to villagers.



Dilip and students clean plastic waste near the school premises in Kadbikheda (left); Balkrishna, students, teachers and villagers clean plastic waste near school premises in Siladevi (right)

On September 16, Dilip Lanjewar organized an awareness programme in Zilla Parishad school of Sawara village on the occasion of World Ozone Day. Dilip arranged a classroom information session for the students and informed them of the importance of ozone layer, reasons for its depletion, impact of the depletion and ways to slow down the depletion process. He organised interactive games to explain these concepts effectively to the students.

Later, Dilip organised 114 students and teachers of the school in a rally to spread awareness about climate change and ways to cope with it. The students raised slogans motivating people to avoid using products which contribute to depletion of ozone layer. Balkrishna organized a similar event in Zilla Parishad School in Awaleghat near Chargaon village. 35 students were present during the programme.



Students participate in an awareness rally on World Ozone Day in Sawara (left); Balkrishna teaches students about reasons for Ozone layer depletion in Chargaon (right)

Dilip joined VEDC members and Forest Department staff on patrols on September 8 and 24 at Khapa and Wagholi villages respectively. The team patrolled the borders of the villages for illegal activities. He also gave information on various plants and animals encountered during these patrols. Bandu joined Forest Department staff along with 4 villagers on a night foot patrol in Ghorad beat near Ghatpendhari village in West Pench Range. No illegal activity was detected on these patrols. During the patrolling, Bandu gave training on use of GPS to the Forest Department staff.



Ghatpendhari - Bandu along with villagers and Forest Department staff during a night patrol in Ghorad beat

Environmental Education

S.no.	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1.	Sept 07	Zilla Parishad(ZP) school	Narhar	13
2.	Sept 16	ZP school	Awaleghat (Chargaon)	35
3.	Sept 17	ZP school	Chargaon	12
4.	Sept 06	ZP school	Kirangi Sarra	13
5.	Sept 07	ZP school	Pipariya	12
6.	Sept 07	ZP school	Ghoti	72
7.	Sept 08	ZP school	Khapa	19
8.	Sept 11	ZP school	Khudsapar	10
9.	Sept 16	ZP school	Sawara	65
10.	Sept 19	ZP school	Kadbikheda	40
11.	Sept 25	ZP school	Zinzeriya	47
		Total		338



Dilip with students at Sawara (left) and Balkrishna with students at Narhar (right)

Employment Cell

In September, Satpuda Foundation assisted Maharashtra Forest Department in selection of candidates for a four-wheeler driver's training programme. The training is being provided at Ashok Leyland Driver Training Institute, Linga (Chhindwara). Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement Programme (BCRLIP) is bearing the cost of lodging, boarding and training for the candidates while the fee for learning and permanent driving licenses will be borne by the candidates.

Dilip Lanjewar provided information to the youths from Garra, Bandra, Khudsapar, Zinzeriya and Ghoti villages regarding the training and benefits of the training. Similarly, Bandu Uikey and Balkrishna Bagmare sent youths from their area of operations.

This one month-long training programme will equip the youths with the skill to earn a better income and help reduce their dependence on forests, thus, achieving the aim of wildlife conservation.

The list of the candidates sent for the training is as follows:

List of candidates undertaking driver training programme:

<i>Sr. no</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Educational Qualification</i>
1.	Sandeep Hosiyar Chavhan	Garra	22	9 th
2.	Naresh Kapurchand Uikey	Garra	20	10 th
3.	Vishal Mahadeo Kodwate	Garra	21	12 th
4.	Yogesh Mangaldeo Kodwate	Garra	21	12 th
5.	Shivdas Shrichand Kowache	Garra	20	11 th
6.	Rajendra Gopal Takod	Garra	20	12 th
7.	Prashant Dhanraj Kokode	Zinzeriya	22	12 th
8.	Mangesh Dipak Dhurve	Zinzeriya	21	12 th
9.	Shrikant Punaram Masram	Zinzeriya	23	12 th
10.	Avinash Ramnath Sarote	Zinzeriya	20	10 th
11.	Pankesh Dashrath Uikey	Zinzeriya	21	12 th
12.	Nitin Vitthal Gagane	Zinzeriya	22	12 th
13.	Sanjay Sitaram Waghade	Bandra	24	12 th
14.	Swapnil Shankar Uikey	Bandra	22	B.Arts, 1 st year
15.	Arun Mayaram Kodwate	Khudsapar	23	10 th
16.	Swapnil Sudhakar Nagrale	Khudsapar	22	12 th

17	Mukesh Sriram Bhalavi	Khudsapar	20	10 th
18	Ashok Shamrao Idpachi	Khudsapar	21	10 th
19	Indrapal Marotrao Chimurkar	Ghoti	24	12 th
20	Shubham Kabirdas Gajbhiye	Ghoti	21	12 th
21	Akshay Babaji Bagmare	Chargaon	19	10 th
22	Pankaj Sukhlal Shendre	Wanera	23	10 th
23	Janardan Ramaji Warkhade	Wanera	22	8 th
24	Roshan Ganu Inwate	Narhar	23	10 th
25	Sachin Deshraj Madavi	Narhar	19	10 th
26	Rahul Pancham Sonavne	Narhar	20	12 th
27	Damodar Ramkrishna Inwate	Narhar	28	10 th
28	Kishor Dadarao Inwate	Narhar	29	9 th
29	Sandeep Yayaram Dhurve	Surera	24	12 th



Linga - Candidates for four-wheeler driver's training on the first day of training at Ashok Leyland Driver Training Institute

Dilip Lanjewar assisted youths from Ghoti and Kadbikheda in joining a 2 month-long residential course in hospitality and hotel management being conducted at Amaltas Tourist Complex, Sillari. The training is provided by PACE Foundation and funded by BCRLIP and Maharashtra State Forest Department. Candidates will be provided job placement upon successful completion of the training programme.

List of candidates undertaking hospitality course:

<i>Sr. no</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Educational Qualification</i>
1.	Trupti Kabirdas Gajbhiye	Ghoti	21	12 th
2.	Shubhangi Nartam	Kadbikheda	20	10 th
3.	Krishna Uikey	Kadbikheda	20	10 th
4.	Sonu Mangal Kokode	Kadbikheda	21	10 th
5.	Krishna Ramdas Uikey	Kadbikheda	20	10 th
6.	Jitesh Param Wadiwe	Kadbikheda	21	B. Arts, 1 st year



Kadbikheda - Dilip provides information to unemployed youths regarding various training programmes

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 2013. Basic computer skills are taught to the students to make them feel comfortable with 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.

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

During September, 231 patients were treated during 6 free camps.

S.no.	Date	Village	No. of Patients
1	Sept 02	Khudsapar	27
		Khapa	65
2	Sept 03	Usripar	25
		Kadbikheda	35
3	Sept 04	Ghoti	47
		Wagholi	32
Total			231



Dr Zanjil treats patients at a free medical camp in Khudsapar village (left) and (right)