

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH
FEBUARY 2018**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans for community assistance – areas next to hand pumps cleaned at Khamba and Bisenpur*
- ⇒ *One rally with conservation message organised*
- ⇒ *3 biogas units repaired by Niranjan Hinge*
- ⇒ *1 compost pit prepared at Thuyepani*
- ⇒ *6 awareness programme on organic farming, livelihood training and conservation*
- ⇒ *4 nature trails – attended by 45 students*
- ⇒ *Painting of conservation slogans on walls in 7 villages*
- ⇒ *18 classroom education lectures organised - 437 students attended*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps organised in February– 150 patients treated*
- ⇒ *5 unemployed youths get jobs through our Employment Cell*
- ⇒ *Candidates identified for livelihood training*

S. no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Feb 25	Satosha	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	08
2.	Feb 25	Bisenpur	-----do-----	06
3.	Feb 13	Deori	Awareness rally	53
4.	Feb 18	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired in Deshraj Hinge's residence	03
5.	Feb 20	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired in Kanhaiyalal Hinge's residence	03
6.	Feb 20	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired in Lila Bai Hinge's residence	03
7.	Feb 28	Thuyepani	Compost pit dug at Aman Dhurvey's residence	02
8.	Feb 16	Potiya	Awareness programme on organic farming, livelihood training and conservation	16
9.	Feb 17	Khamrith	-----do-----	12
10.	Feb 20	Sawri	-----do-----	29
11.	Feb 21	Deori	-----do-----	47
12.	Feb 23	Kohoka	-----do-----	20
13.	Feb 27	Durgapur	-----do-----	19
14.	Feb 5	Doodhgaon	Nature Trail Programme	14
15.	Feb 22	Mohgaon	-----do-----	10
16.	Feb 23	Marjatpur	-----do-----	13

17.	Feb 18	Aamajhiri	-----do-----	08
18.	Feb 3	Thuyepani	Painting of conservation slogans on walls in prominent places	03
19.	Feb 4	Mohgaon	-----do-----	02
20.	Feb 22	Bisenpur	-----do-----	04
21.	Feb 23	Marjatpur	-----do-----	03
22.	Feb 24	Deori	-----do-----	02
23.	Feb 6	Potiya	-----do-----	03
24.	Feb 22	Durgapur	-----do-----	02

On February 25, Amit and Niranjn led a team of 7 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a hand pump at Satosha. Wild growth had proliferated around the hand pump and access to the hand pump was affected. Our team removed the wild growth and cleaned the area.

A similar programme was organised on February 20 to clear the area next to a hand pump at Bisenpur



Bisenpur - Area next to hand pump before (left) and after our programme (right)

On February 13, Kamlesh organised a rally in Deori village to spread awareness about the harmful effects of plastic on the environment. During the rally, 53 students of Government Middle School raised slogans on ill effects of plastic waste. During the rally, the students collected plastic waste along the main road in the village. Plastic waste like wrappers, polythene carry bags, plastic bottles etc... were collected. The students also requested the local shop owners to stop using polythene bags. A ban on plastic carry bags has been imposed in Madhya Pradesh by the state authorities and the rally helped spread awareness on this issue amongst the villagers.

On February 18, Niranjn repaired a defunct biogas unit in a house in Aamajhiri village. The stove unit had waste material accumulated in the gas outlet which had blocked the gas flow. Niranjn also checked the biogas digester tank for faults. 3 villagers assisted him.

On February 20, Niranjn performed similar repair in another house in Aamajhiri.



Niranjan repairing biogas stove in Aamajhiri village

Our team encourages organic farming as part of our strategy to reduce the impact of chemical fertilisers on fields adjoining prime wildlife areas. Part of our work includes assistance to villagers in setting up compost pits. We helped set up one compost pit at Aman Dhurwey's residence in Thuyepani on February 28.

During the month, Amit organised 6 awareness programmes on organic farming and alternative livelihood options which reduce villagers' dependence on forests. The programmes were also used to promote awareness about conservation. Details of the programmes are given in the table above.



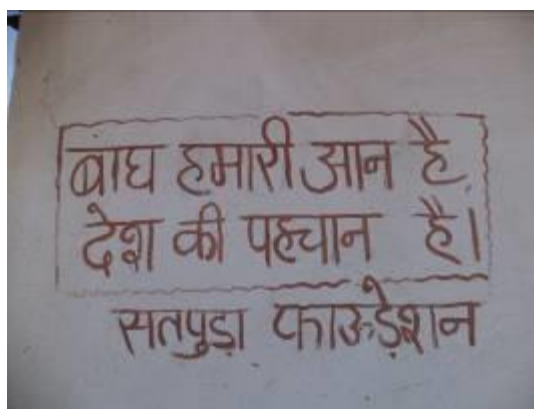
Deori (right) and Durgapur (left) - Amit Awasthi conducts awareness programme on organic farming, alternative livelihood options and conservation

In February, a total of 4 nature trails were organised by Kamlesh and Niranjan for the children of Doodhgaon, Marjatpur, Mohgaon and Aamajhiri villages. On the trails, our staff spoke to the children about the various local plants and common medicinal uses of those plants. They also spotted and identified local birds during the trails and explained their role in nature.



Kamlesh with students on a nature trail near Marjatpur village

During the month, we arranged for conservation slogans to be painted on walls of houses in prominent places in 7 villages to promote awareness about conservation.



Mohgaon - Conservation slogan painted in wall

Education

There were 18 environment education programmes in classrooms during February.

S. no.	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1.	Feb 2	Govt Middle school	Kundai	23
2.	Feb 4	Govt Primary School	Mohgaon	18
3.	Feb 5	Govt Middle school	Doodhgaon	28
4.	Feb 6	Govt Middle school	Chirrewani	26
5.	Feb 7	Govt Middle School	Pulpuldoh	30
6.	Feb 9	Govt Middle School	Telia	36
7.	Feb 10	Govt. Primary School	Sawri	24
8.	Feb 13	Govt Middle School	Deori	36
9.	Feb 22	Govt Primary School	Bisenpur	14
10.	Feb 23	Govt Primary School	Marjatpur	19
11.	Feb 28	Govt Middle School	Thuyepani	26
12.	Feb 12	Govt Middle School	Aamajhiri	29
13.	Feb 12	Govt Primary School	Durgapur	16
14.	Feb 13	Govt Primary School	Satosha	37
15.	Feb 16	Govt Middle School	Kohoka	21

16.	Feb 21	Govt Middle School	Khamrith	19
17.	Feb 21	Govt Primary School	Ambadi	12
18.	Feb 23	Govt Primary School	Potiya	23
			Total	437



Kohoka - Niranjan teaching students about migratory birds

Education van programme

There were no film shows in February.

Employment Cell

We helped 5 youths get jobs during the month of February.

S. No.	Date	Village	Name	Monthly Salary in rupees	Education	Age	Job
1.	Feb 27	Thuyepani	Jitendra Parteti	8,000/-	8 th	20	JCB Driver at Amravati
2	Feb 27	Thuyepani	Chandrashekher Choudhry	8,000/-	7 th	30	JCB Driver at Amravati
3	Feb 27	Thuyepani	Santosh Bhalavi	8,000/-	7 th	28	JCB Driver at Amravati
4	Feb 27	Thuyepani	Aakash Uikey	8,000/-	8 th	23	JCB Driver at Amravati
5	Feb 26	Turiya	Shubham Kharate	5000/- plus meals	10th	19	Housekeeper at Kohoka Camp Kohoka



Lalit Batti (of Kutwahi) who got a job as guard with our help at Koushalaya Resort, Mocha

Training Programme

The following candidates have been identified for training in alternative livelihoods

Lantana Training

<i>SR</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Age</i>
<i>1</i>	Mohgaon	Rajkumar Bhalerao	5th	32
<i>2</i>	Mohgaon	Kamaldev Badiwa	6th	30
<i>3</i>	Mohgaon	Pehlad Barkade	5th	30
<i>4</i>	Thuyepani	Sunil Pathe	8th	31
<i>5</i>	Thuyepani	Chandrashekher Choudhry	7th	30
<i>6</i>	Thuyepani	Rampal Viswakarma	4th	33
<i>7</i>	Thuyepani	Shivpal Viswakarma	4th	32

Sewing

<i>SR</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Age</i>
<i>1</i>	Thuyepani	Kiran Badiwa	12th	18
<i>2</i>	Thuyepani	Rina Badiwa	10th	18
<i>3</i>	Thuyepani	Karishma Dhurwey	9th	25
<i>4</i>	Deori	Vandana Wasnik	12th	26
<i>5</i>	Deori	Heera Wasnik	B.A. Final	23
<i>6</i>	Deori	Rekha Wasnik	B.A. Final	24

Rajmistri

<i>SR</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Age</i>
<i>1</i>	Thuyepani	Shiv Kumre	12th	34
<i>2</i>	Thuyepani	Santlal Bhalavi	8th	36
<i>3</i>	Thuyepani	Bharat Uikey	7th	31
<i>4</i>	Pulpuldoh	Ramgopal	5th	34

JCB Drivers Training

SR	Village	Name	Education	Age
1	Thuyepani	Bhawani Invati	10th	19
2	Thuyepani	Durgesh Kokode	10th	21
3	Thuyepani	Ajabrao Parteti	9th	22
4	Thuyepani	Sanju Dhurwey	12th	23

Computer, DTP work

SR	Village	Name	Education	Age
1	Deori	Ajay Bhoriya	12th	18
2	Deori	Neha Godewar	12th	18
3	Deori	Sukhwati Bariwar	12th	21
4	Deori	Yashoda Bhoriya	12th	20

4 Wheeler Drivers Training

SR	Village	Name	Education	Age
1	Mohgaon	Jitendra Farkare	10th	24
2	Mohgaon	Shiv Kumre	10th	18
3	Deori	Aakash Baghmare	12th	22
4	Chirrewani	Ramkumar Soni	10th	20
5	Kundai	Vinod Farkare	10th	25
6	Potiya	Praveen Uikey	8th	19
7	Potiya	Dinesh Barkade	8th	22
8	Potiya	Deepak Thakre	5th	26
9	Potiya	Rajesh Bhalavi	5th	21
10	Potiya	Mahesh Bomcher	5th	28
11	Satosha	Satish Invati	10th	23

Mushroom farming

SR	Village	Name	Education	Age
1	Mohgaon	Chandrashekher Paradker	10th	32
2	Mohgaon	Heera Sherke	8th	40
3	Mohgaon	Printosh Sherke	10th	30
4	Thuyepani	Sirpat Khapre	10th	40
5	Thuyepani	Sonu Kolehker	10th	31
6	Thuyepani	Kanhaiyalal Choudhry	M.A.	40
7	Thuyepani	Candan Khapre	8th	30
8	Thuyepani	Jaganath Uikey	10th	34
9	Thuyepani	Sampat Khapre	B.A.	43

10	Thuyepani	Rampat Choudhry	10th	36
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Mobile Health Service programme

Six camps were organised in February.

S. No.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Feb 3	Kohoka	28
2		Telia	52
3	Feb 4	Awargani	00
4		Jamuntola	45
5	Feb 5	Turiya	25
6		Khamrith	00
		Total	150



Dr Zanjil examines patients during free health check-up camp in Turiya villages