

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH
JANUARY 2018**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *One community assistance program to clean area next to hand pump*
- ⇒ *One rally with conservation message*
- ⇒ *2 biogas units repaired*
- ⇒ *Compost pit prepared in Middle school, Thuyepani*
- ⇒ *7 awareness programme on organic farming, livelihood options and conservation*
- ⇒ *4 nature trails – attended by 45 students*
- ⇒ *13 classroom education lectures organised – attended by 429 students*
- ⇒ *6 film shows with conservation message – attended by 514 students*
- ⇒ *Organized nature camp in Aamajhiri*
- ⇒ *3 tribal dance programmes at resorts*
- ⇒ *Organized meeting with Shrushti women's SHG, Turiya*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps organised – 272 patients treated*

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Jan 7	Khamba	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	07
2.	Jan 26	Thuyepani	Awareness rally	68
3.	Jan 8	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired at Nandlal Hinge's residence	02
4.	Jan 8	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired at Kanhaiyalal Hinge's residence	03
5.	Jan 8	Thuyepani	Compost pit dug at Middle school	02
6.	Jan 22	Mohgaon	Awareness programme on organic farming, livelihood options and conservation activity	32
7.	Jan 22	Thuyepani	-----do-----	30
8.	Jan 23	Kundai	-----do-----	16
9.	Jan 25	Aamajhiri	-----do-----	22
10.	Jan 26	Satosha	-----do-----	20
11.	Jan 27	Durgapur	-----do-----	22
12.	Jan 29	Potiya	-----do-----	32
13.	Jan 21		Survival International protest demonstration at Turiya gate	65
14.	Jan 2	Mohgaon	Nature Trail Programme	08

15.	Jan 5	Kundai	-----do-----	10
16.	Jan 22	Thuyepani	-----do-----	12
17.	Jan 22	Khamba	-----do-----	15
18.	Jan		-----do-----	

On January 6, Amit and Niranjan led a team of 7 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a hand pump at Khamba. Wild growth had proliferated around the hand pump and access to the pump was affected. Our team, which comprised 7 youths from the village, removed the wild growth and cleaned the area.



Khamba - Area near hand pump before our program to clean it (left) and after (right)

On January 26, Kamlesh organised an anti-plastic program in Thuyepani village. During the programme, 68 students of Government Middle School took out a rally and 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 and plastic bottles 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.



Thuyepani-Students participate in anti-plastic campaign and awareness rally

On January 8, Niranjan repaired a defective 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. Niranjan also checked the biogas digester tank for faults. 3 villagers assisted him.

On January 8, Niranjan performed similar repair in another house in Aamajhiri.



Niranjan repairing biogas stove unit 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. During January, we helped prepare one compost pit in Middle School, Thuyepani.



Thuyepani- Compost pit prepared with our assistance at Middle School

During the month, Amit organised 7 awareness programmes on organic farming, livelihood options and conservation. Details of the programmes are given in the table above.



Mohgaon (Right) and Potiya (left) - Amit Awasthi conducts awareness programme

In January, a total of 4 nature trails were organised by Kamlesh and Niranjan for the children of Kundai, Thuyepani, Mohgaon and Khamba 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 Kundai village

Education

There were 13 environment education programmes in classrooms during January.

S. no.	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1.	Jan 1	Govt Middle school	Thuyepani	20
2.	Jan 2	Govt Middle School	Kundai	25
3.	Jan 4	Govt Middle school	Doodhgaon	23
4.	Jan 6	Govt Middle school	Pulpuldoh	35
5.	Jan 7	Govt High School	Deori	25
6.	Jan 1	Govt Middle School	Potiya	36
7.	Jan 2	Govt. Primary School	Aamajhiri	59
8.	Jan 5	Govt Middle School	Telia	37
9.	Jan 6	Govt Primary School	Satosha	54
10.	Jan 8	Govt Middle School	Kohoka	31
11.	Jan 9	Govt Middle School	Khamrith	39
12.	Jan 10	Govt Primary School	Ambadi	29
13.	Jan 12	Govt Primary School	Khamba	16
			Total	429



Pulpuldoh - Kamlesh teaching students about migratory birds

Education van programme

There were 7 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in January .

S. No.	Date	Village	Film name	Participants
1	Jan 8	Thuyepani	Kanha Laxmi	85
2		Kundai	Kanha Laxmi	55
3	Jan 9	Deori	Kanha Laxmi	244
4		Bisenpur	Kanha Laxmi	33
5	Jan 10	Chirrewani	Kanha Laxmi	26
6		Sawri	Kanha Laxmi	71
			Total	514



Deori - Students of Government Middle School watch a film on nature conservation

Nature Camp

We conducted a nature camp for 20 students and 3 teachers from 4 villages. The camp was held on January 30 and 31. During the camp, the children were taught about the bio-diversity of the area and the need to conserve the same. The activities included a drawing contest, park safari, film shows on nature and wildlife, nature games and a nature trail in the adjoining jungle. Forest Department officials Sonal Choudhri and Kamlesh Karolker both attended the camp and spoke to the children.

Sr. no.	School Name	Village	Student Name	Father name	Class
1	Middle School	Kundai	Ravi Vishkarma	Ramlal Vishkarma	8 th
2	Middle School	Kundai	Vikas	Sanju	8 th

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3	Middle School	Kundai	Sarita Paradkar	Kishor Paradkar	8 th
4	Middle School	Kundai	Hasina Bhalavi	Chunaram Bhalavi	8 th
5	Middle School	Kundai	Karishma Invati	Ranglal Invati	8 th
6	Middle School	Thuyepani	Priya Gore	Dayaram Gore	8 th
7	Middle School	Thuyepani	Divyani Khapare	Sampat Khapare	8 th
8	Middle School	Thuyepani	Ishwar Dhare	Kishor Dhare	8 th
9	Middle School	Thuyepani	Piyush Pawar	Kaneyalal Pawar	8 th
10	Middle School	Thuyepani	Akash Farkare	Kailash Farkare	8 th
11	Middle School	Khamrith	Deepak Dhurve	Sukhman Dhurve	8 th
12	Middle School	Khamrith	Pankaj Bhalavi	Shivlal Bhalavi	8 th
13	Middle School	Khamrith	Ku manisha Parte	Faglal Parte	8 th
14	Middle School	Khamrith	Ku Bharati Gonge	Jamidar Gonge	8 th
15	Middle School	Khamrith	Jitendra Marskole	Ratanlal Marskole	8 th
16	Middle School	Kohoka	Vishal Balke	Kishor Balke	8 th
17	Middle School	Kohoka	Swapnil Bhalavi	Hemraj Bhalavi	8 th
18	Middle School	Kohoka	Rakhi Batti	Chiraman Batti	8 th
19	Middle School	Kohoka	Lokesh Bhalavi	Ghanshyam Balavi	8 th
20	Middle School	Kohoka	Vikki Dashmer	Anil Dashmer	8 th
21	Middle School	Kundai	S.K.Khapare	Teacher	
22	Middle School	Thuyepani	K.L.Pawar	Teacher	
23	Middle School	Kohoka	J.P. Bamnote	Teacher	



Dilip Lanjewar organises nature game in nature camp



Forest Dept. officers, students, teachers and SF team pose at end of nature camp

Employment Cell

Tribal Dance Group Programme

We assisted the Saila Tribal Dance Group in getting 3 programs during January. The group earned 18,000 /- rupees from the performances. The group, which is based in Sawara, was set up by us and is mentored by our team.

SR	Date	Resort name	Income
1	Jan 12	Olive Resort, Turiya	6000/-
2	Jan 19	Tiger Valley Resort, Turiya	6000/-
3	Jan 21	Mrugnayani Resort, Turiya	6000/-
		Total	18000/-



Tribal dance performance at Olive Resort, Turiya

Medical Health Service programme

S. No.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Jan 13	Chirrewani	105
2		Kundai	44
3	Jan 14	Deori	40
4		Marjatpur	35
5	Jan 15	Bisenpur	27
6		Mohgaon	21
		Total	272



Dr Zanjali examines patient during free health camp in Kundai