



**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH
MAY 2018**

Team: Amit Awasthi – *Conservation Officer*
Niranjan Hinge – *Field Assistants*

Highlights

- ⇒ *Organized 2 shramdhaan programmes to clean water tanks*
- ⇒ *Repaired 2 faulty biogas units*
- ⇒ *Organised shramdhaan to prepare 3 compost tanks*
- ⇒ *3 awareness programme on compost tanks and Azolla livestock fodder supplement cultivation*
- ⇒ *Installed water pots for birds in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *4 nature trails for school children – attended by 46 students*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps - 205 patients treated*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 unemployed youths get jobs*
- ⇒ *List of 40 candidates finalised for training as drivers*

Conservation work

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	May 16	Telia	Water tank cleaning	7
2.	May 24	Jamuntola	-----do-----	9
3.	May 11	Turiya	Biogas unit repaired	3
4.	May 23	Aamajhiri	Biogas unit repaired	3
5.	May 20	Potiya	Compost pit dug at Kausalya Barkade's residence	1
6.	May 20	Jamuntola	Compost pit dug at Saytri Bai Tekam's residence	1
7.	May 22	Jamuntola	Compost pit dug at Gulab Gadeker's residence	1
8.	May 21	Telia	Awareness programme on compost tank and Azolla cultivation	11
9.	May 22	Jamuntola	-----do-----	8
10.	May 23	Turiya	-----do-----	26
11.	May 9	Durgapur	Nature trail; installed water pot for birds	15
12.	May 10	Jamuntola	-----do-----	11
13.	May 21	Aamajhiri	-----do-----	10
14.	May 25	Potiya	-----do-----	10

On May 16, Niranjan Hinge and 9 villagers from Telia cleaned a water tank near a hand-pump in a shramdhaan programme. During the summer season, water scarcity for cattle makes cattle

wander near the forest area in search of water. There is a high risk of the cattle being killed by carnivores like tigers or leopards leading to conflict between humans and wildlife. Also diseases can be transmitted from the domestic livestock to wildlife herbivores. To reduce such incidents, Nirranjan encouraged the villagers to clean a water tank near a hand pump inside the village. Now the cattle do not have to venture close to the forest area.

A similar programme was organised on May 24 to clean a water tank near a hand pump at Jamuntola



Villagers cleaning a water tank for cattle in Telia village

On May 11 and May 23 Nirranjan Hinge repaired faulty biogas units in Turiya and Aamajhiri villages. Biogas helps reduce the dependency of villagers on fuel wood from forest areas and also reduces smoke emissions.



Nirranjan repairs a 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 vermi-compost tanks and compost pits. During May, we helped 3 villagers dig compost pits – Kaushalya Barkade of Potiya on May 20, Saytri Bai Tekam of Jamuntola on May 22 and Gulab Gadeker of Jamuntola on May 24.



Villagers prepare compost pit in Telia

We also held 3 programmes during May on promote awareness about organic compost Azolla fodder supplement for livestock. Details are given in the above table.



Amit Awasthi conducts awareness programme on organic at Turiya

On May 9, Niranjana and 15 kids of Durgapur village installed artificial water pots in their village for birds to drink from during the summer season. Niranjana encouraged the kids to regularly fill up the water pots with water so that the birds can drink water during dry summer season. Immediately after the pots were installed, the kids were able to spot various birds like bulbuls, sunbirds, shrikes, sparrows, magpie robins etc at the water pots. Similar programmes were organised at Jamuntola on May 10, Aamajhiri on May 21 and Potiya on May 25.



Team installs water pot for birds at Aamajhiri village

In May, we organised 4 nature trails for the children of Durgapur, Jamuntola, Aamajhiri and Potiya villages. On the trails, our staff spoke to the children about the various plants and common medicinal uses of those plants. They were also taught how to spot and identify birds. The importance of birds in nature was also explained to the children. A total of 37 children participated in the programme.



Children of Potiya village on nature trail

Environment Education Programme

There were no classroom programmes or film shows during May as schools were shut for the annual summer vacation.

Employment Cell

During May, we helped 2 unemployed youths get jobs.

S.no.	Date	Village	Name	Qual.	Age	Salary	Type of work
1.	May 19	Satosha	Santosh Durwey	6 th pass	24	5,000/- per month including lodging and food	Waiter at Mahua Van Resort Turiya
2.	May 25	Satosha	Rajendra Uikey	5 th pass	23	5,000/- per month including lodging and food	Housekeeping work at Mahua Van Resort Turiya



Santosh Dhurwey who got a job at Mahua Van Resort with our help

Training Programme

A list of 40 candidates was sent to Ashok Leyland Driver Training Institute Chhindwara under Member of Parliament Kamal Nath's sponsored training program. Another twelve candidates were taken to a Confederation of Indian Industries Skill Training Institute Workshop to get information about the skill-development programmes available.

<i>Sr. no.</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>age</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>Kundai</i>	<i>Nitesh Saiyam</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Shayamdas Bhalavi</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Hariram Parteti</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Doma Uikey</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Kailas Kumre</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Vinod Farkare</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Bisenpur</i>	<i>Narendra Khapre</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Nilesh Parvat</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Ghorad</i>	<i>Durgesh Bihare</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Rajkumar Kumre</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>10th</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Sawalpani</i>	<i>Vikash Bhalavi</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>8th</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>---do---</i>	<i>Manish Marshkole</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>12th</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Khamarpani</i>	<i>Dasrath Pathe</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>10th</i>



Chhindwara - Youths attend CII annual workshop

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

We held 6 medical camps in April, in which 205 patients were treated.

<i>S.no.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Patients</i>
<i>1.</i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>Chirrewani</i>	<i>56</i>
<i>2.</i>		<i>Mohgaon</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>3.</i>	<i>May 6</i>	<i>Marjatpur</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>4.</i>		<i>Deori</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>5.</i>	<i>May 7</i>	<i>Kundai</i>	<i>68</i>

6.		Bisenpur	21
	Total		205



Dr Zanjali examines a child at out free medical camp in Chirrewani village