

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH**  
**December 2016**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan programme to dig compost pit in Turiya village*
- ⇒ *One shramdhaan to prepare soak pit in Dewari village*
- ⇒ *Two conservation awareness rallies organized in Satosha and Kundai -- 39 and 54 students respectively participated*
- ⇒ *8 nature trails arranged -- 82 children participated*
- ⇒ *17 classroom education programmes arranged -- 410 students attended the sessions*
- ⇒ *National Pollution Control Day observed in Chirrewani school*
- ⇒ *Lecture arranged on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day for school students in Doodhgaon*
- ⇒ *3 performances arranged for Saila Tribal Dance group in December*
- ⇒ *One biogas unit repaired in Aamajhiri village*

**Conservation work**

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Dec 22	Kundai	Anti-plastic drive	54
2.	Dec 22	Satosha	Awareness rally	35
3.	Dec 21	Aamajhiri	Biogas repair	03
4.	Dec 31	Turiya	Compost pit dug	05
5.	Dec 14	Doodhgaon	National Energy Conservation Day lecture arranged	30
6.	Dec 02	Chirrewani	National Pollution Control Day programme organized	40
7.	Dec 09	Satosha	Nature trail	11
8.	Dec 19	Khamba	Nature trail	16
9.	Dec 19	Chirrewani	Nature trail	08
10.	Dec 21	Thuyepani	Nature trail	10
11.	Dec 22	Mohgaon	Nature trail	07
12.	Dec 26	Doodhgaon	Nature trail	12
13.	Dec 27	Pulpuldoh	Nature trail	08
14.	Dec 31	Aamajhiri	Nature trail	10
15.	Dec 20	Dewari	Soak-pit construction	08

**Conservation**

On December 31, Niranjan Hinge organized a shramdhaan program to dig a compost pit in Turiya village. Five villagers volunteered for the shramdhaan program. After the harvest, the leftover biodegradable waste from the farms was used to prepare compost, which will be later used in the farms as fertilizer. This will reduce the use of chemical

fertilizers and help improve the soil quality. Niranjan also explained to the villagers that this compost will be used as an organic fertilizer which is safer to use than chemical fertilizers.



*Villagers digging a compost pit through shramdhaan (left); completed compost pit (right)*

On December 20, Kamlesh Pawar led 8 kids of Dewari village in a programme to construct a soak pit near a hand pump in the village. Kamlesh explained to the kids that the spilt over water from the hand-pump needs to seep in to the ground efficiently in order to improve the water table level. He further explained that if the water does not seep through, it will stagnate and can result in source of water borne diseases in future. The kids understood the importance of water conservation and keeping their surroundings clean through the activity.

On December 22, Kamlesh Pawar led 54 students of Government School, Kundai in an anti-plastic campaign and conservation rally programme, where they collected plastic/polythene litter such as wrappers, bags and other similar items. In the rally, with the message of bio-diversity conservation, participants went across all the main roads within the village, chanting slogans like ‘*Apna farz nibhayenge, Tiger ko bachayenge*’, ‘*Apna gaon swach rakhenge, plastic ko mitayenge*’.

On December 22, Niranjan organized a nature awareness rally along with 39 students of Government School of Satosha village. The rally was organized to create awareness amongst the villagers about the degradation of nature resources and pollution of environment. The students raised slogans during the rally and caught the attention of all the villagers. The students pledged to make efforts to protect the environment and wildlife in any which way possible.



*Students raise slogans during nature awareness rally in Satosha village*

In December, we organised a total of 7 nature trails for the children of Chirrewani, Thuyepani, Mohgaon, Doodhgaon, Pulpuldoh, Satosha and Khamba 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.



*Kamlesh (left) and Niranjan (right) on nature trails with village kids*

Niranjan repaired a biogas unit in Aamajhiri village on December 21. The owner of the unit, Mr. Kanhaiya Hinge had approached us for assistance. Niranjan, along with 2 other villagers, repaired the biogas unit. Use of biogas unit has reduced the dependency of Mr. Kanhaiya Hinge and his family on fuelwood from the forest considerably and is a cheaper and more eco-friendly option than cooking gas.



*Niranjana repairing a biogas unit in Aamajhiri village*

***Environment education***

<b>S.no</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of students</b>
1.	Dec 05	Government Primary school	Ambadi	33
2.	Dec 06	Government Primary school	Awarghani	21
3.	Dec 07	Government Primary school	Khamba	23
4.	Dec 22	Government Primary school	Aamajhiri	36
5.	Dec 23	Government Primary school	Satosha	39
6.	Dec 28	Government Primary school	Durgapur	22
7.	Dec 01	Government Middle school	Thuyepani	30
8.	Dec 03	Government Primary school	Sawari	16
9.	Dec 05	Government Middle school	Dewari	35
10.	Dec 06	Government High school	Khamarpani	40
11.	Dec 07	Government Middle school	Chirrewani	18
12.	Dec 08	Government Middle school	Kundai	20
13.	Dec 09	Government Primary school	Bisenpur	10
14.	Dec 10	Government Primary school	Marjatpur	12
15.	Dec 12	Government Primary school	Doodhgaon	25
16.	Dec 13	Government Primary school	Kanargaon	10
17.	Dec 16	Government Primary school	Pulpuldoh	20
<b>Total</b>				<b>410</b>



*Niranjan teaching students of Durgapur (left); Kamlesh interacting with students of Kundai (right)*

### **Employment Cell**

S.no	Date	Name	Resort name	Village	Amount in rupees
1	Dec 04	Saila dance group	Mrignaynee resort	Turiya	10,000/-
2	Dec 16	Saila dance group	Kipling Court resort	Awarghani	6,000/-
3	Dec 31	Saila dance group	Mrignaynee	Turiya	6,000/-



*Saila Tribal Dance Group performing at Kipling's Court resort in Awarghani*

In December, we helped the Saila Dance Group, based in Sawara, in booking three performances through which they earned 22,000 rupees. The Group was set up by us and is mentored by our team. It performs traditional tribal dances and cultural activities and helps the group members earn additional income.

### **Education Van Programme**

There were 6 film shows in December.

S.no	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1.	Dec 29	Government upper	Queen of trees	87

		primary school, Talia		
2.	Dec 29	Government high school, Turiya	Queen of trees	63
3.	Dec 29	Government upper primary school, Khamba	Land of tigers	31
4.	Dec 30	Mowgli Dyandeep primary school, Turiya	Meena ki kahani, Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve (Sanctuary Films)	43
5.	Dec 30	Government primary school, Potiya	Queen of trees, Land of tigers	66
6.	Dec 30	Gandhi Chowk, Turiya	Spy in the jungle, Hiwre Bazaar	33
<b>Total</b>				<b>323</b>



*Students of Government High School, Turiya watch wildlife documentary (left)*