

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH  
AUGUST 2016**

**Team:** Mandar Pingle – *Conservation Officer*  
Niranjan Hinge, Kamlesh Pawar – *Field Assistants*

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Celebrated festival of Nag Panchami in Tuyepani – 70 villagers participated in the celebration*
- ⇒ *Two compost pits prepared through shramdhaan at Khamba and Doodhgaon*
- ⇒ *Organized anti plastic drive programme and rally with conservation message in Ambadi*
- ⇒ *Organised an anti-plastic programme in Kundai*
- ⇒ *Organized rally with conservation message on Independence Day at Tuyepani*
- ⇒ *7 nature trails for school children of Turia, Satosha, Ambadi, Doodhgaon, Mohgaon, Kundai and Tuyepani villages – attended by 76 students*
- ⇒ *100 saplings planted during plantation programs at Aamajhari, Turia, Tuyepani – 16 villagers volunteered*
- ⇒ *21 environment education lectures – attended by 493 students*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps at which 140 patients were treated*

**Conservation work**

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Aug 24	Khamba	Compost pit construction	09
2.	Aug 29	Ambadi	Anti Plastic campaign	12
3.	Aug 05	Doodhgaon	Compost pit construction	10
4.	Aug 17	Aamajhari	Tree plantation	05
5.	Aug 28	Turia	Tree plantation	05
6.	Aug 09	Tuyepani	Tree plantation	09
7.	Aug 01	Turia	Nature trail	09
8.	Aug 07	Satosha	Nature trail	11
9.	Aug 20	Ambadi	Nature trail	09
10.	Aug 19	Doodhgaon	Nature trail	10
11.	Aug 26	Mohgaon	Nature trail	15
12.	Aug 27	Kundai	Nature trail	12
13.	Aug 29	Tuyepani	Nature trail	10
14.	Aug 29	Ambadi	Conservation Awareness Rally	20
15.	Aug 19	Turia	Biogas repair	03
16.	Aug 11	Kundai	Anti Plastic Campaign	50

On August 7, our field assistant Kamlesh Pawar celebrated the festival of Nag Panchami along with 70 villagers of Tuyepani. In India, snakes are considered by many people to be divine and Nag Panchami is celebrated as a mark of respect to the reptile deities.

However, people who pray to the snakes will not hesitate to kill one in case of any confrontation. In villages of the buffer area of Pench Tiger Reserve, one often comes across many snakes during the monsoon season.

Villagers kill these snakes out of fear and ignorance. Kamlesh organised a programme to celebrate the festival and to promote awareness about the importance of protecting snakes. Kamlesh explained to the villagers that snakes are a crucial part of the ecosystem and we need to protect them.

He told people about the various venomous species and non-venomous species of snakes found in this region. Further, Kamlesh informed people about snake-bite management. He explained the correct ways to provide first-aid to a snake-bite patient.

The villagers were happy with the programme and have agreed to try and avoid killing snakes in the future.

Niranjan organised similar programmes in Khamrith and Potiya villages on August 8 and August 9 respectively.



*Kamlesh addresses villagers during Nag Panchami celebration in Tuyepani village*

On August 24, Niranjan led 9 villagers of Aamajhari village in a programme to prepare a compost pit. The villagers volunteered after Niranjan explained to them that they will be able to make use of the organic compost produced in their farms free of cost. Niranjan also explained to the villagers the proper procedure to prepare eco-friendly organic compost using degradable house and farm waste.





*Aamajhari – Villagers prepare compost pit*

In August, a total of 7 nature trails was organised by Kamlesh and Niranjana for the children of Turia, Satosha, Ambadi, Doodhgaon, Mohgaon, Kundai and Tuyepani villages. On the trails, our staff spoke to the children about the various plants and common medicinal uses of those plants. They also spotted and identified local birds and explained their role in nature.



*Kamlesh with children on a nature trail near Kundai (right) and Mohgaon (left)*

Kamlesh Pagar and Niranjana Hinge organised plantation drive programs in villages of buffer area of Priyadarshini Panch Tiger Reserve during August. More than 100 saplings of local tree species like amla, tamarind, mahua, neem etc were planted with the help of villagers, students and teachers in Tuyepani, Turia and Aamajhari villages. The trees were planted on school, anganwadi and Gram Panchayat campuses. Saplings were also planted along the roads and in farms.



*Children plant saplings of local tree species near a farm in Aamajhari village*

***Environmental Education Programme***

There 16 environment education programmes in classrooms during July.

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
1.	Aug 03	Govt. Primary School	Awarghani	19
2.	Aug 05	Govt. Primary School	Aamajhari	31
3.	Aug 29	Govt. Primary School	Ambadi	19
4.	Aug 10	Govt. Primary School	Turia	23
5.	Aug 23	Govt. Primary School	Khamba	19
6.	Aug 02	Govt. Primary School	Satosha	29
7.	Aug 01	Govt Middle school	Tuyepani	35
8.	Aug 26	Govt Primary school	Mohgaon	12
9.	Aug 02	Govt Middle School	Chirrewani	30
10.	Aug 03	Govt Primary School	Sawari	26
11.	Aug 04	Govt High School	Dewri	40
12.	Aug 11	Govt Middle school	Kundai	20
13.	Aug 10	Govt Primary School	Bisanpur	12
14.	Aug 12	Govt High School	Khamarpani	35
15.	Aug 16	Govt Middle School	Pulpuldoh	23
16.	Aug 24	Govt Middle school	Doodhgaon	27
17.	Aug 13	Govt Primary School	Marjatpur	18
18.	Aug 25	Govt Primary School	Kanhargaon	14
19.	Aug 04	Govt Primary School	Teliya	24
20.	Aug 06	Govt Primary School	Durgapur	18
21.	Aug 16	Govt Primary School	Potiya	19
<b>Total</b>				<b>493</b>



*Niranjan (right) and Kamlesh (left) talk to school students about various environment and nature conservation issues during classroom programmes*

***Employment Cell***

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Qual</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Trade</b>
1.						



On Aug 11, Employment Cell Officer Ajay Poddar and Conservation Officer Mandar Pingle along with field assistant Niranjan Hinge organised a meeting at Turia with candidates who had asked us to organise a programme to train them in driving 4-wheelers. Ajay informed the candidates about the details of the training programme while Mandar and Niranjan helped identify candidates. A number of women have enrolled for the training program.



*Ajay and Mandar address candidates at meeting in Turia*

#### ***Education Van Programme***

No film shows were organised during the month of August.

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Movie</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.				
			<b>Total</b>	

#### ***Mobile Health Unit (MHU)***

We held 6 medical camps in July, in which 128 patients were treated.

<b>S.no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Patients</b>
1.	July 16	Tuyepani	58
2.		Mohgaon	35
3.	July 17	Chirrewani	15
4.		Sawari	10
5.	July 18	Kundai	17
6.		Bisanpur	05
	<b>Total</b>		<b>140</b>



*Dr Zanjali treats patients at Mohgaon (left) and Goni (right)*