

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH
JULY 2016**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *One soak pit dug through shramdhaan at Tuyepani*
- ⇒ *One compost pit dug through shramdhaan at Aamajhari*
- ⇒ *Organized rally with conservation message followed by anti-plastic drive at Tuyepani*
- ⇒ *Organized rally with conservation message followed by anti-plastic drive on Global Tiger Day at Chirrewani*
- ⇒ *Organized rally with conservation message on Global Tiger Day at Satosha*
- ⇒ *6 nature trails for school children of Satosha, Potiya, Durgapur, Tuyepani, Mohgaon and Khamarpani villages – attended by 67 students*
- ⇒ *One bio-gas unit repaired and restarted in Turia*
- ⇒ *440 saplings planted in 8 villages– 131 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *16 environment education lectures – attended by 390 students*
- ⇒ *7 film shows– attended by 257 students*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps at which 128 patients were treated*

Conservation work

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	July 30	Aamajhari	Compost pit	06
2.	July 18	Tuyepani	Soak pit	30
3.	July 19	Aamajhari	Plantation	04
4.	July 18	Kundai	Plantation	15
5.	July 18	Kundai	Plantation	20
6.	July 21	Dewri	Plantation	30
7.	July 22	Chirrewani	Plantation	20
8.	July 25	Mohgaon	Plantation	10
9.	July 26	Bisanpur	Plantation	03
10.	July 28	Tuyepani	Plantation	25
11.	July 01	Satosha	Nature Trail	11
12.	July 03	Potiya	Nature Trail	15
13.	July 04	Durgapur	Nature Trail	10
14.	July 02	Tuyepani	Nature Trail	15
15.	July 04	Mohgaon	Nature Trail	12
16.	July 12	Khamarpani	Nature Trail	14
17.	July 03	Turia	Biogas repair	03
18.	July 28	Aamajhari; Turia	Celebrated World Nature Conservation Day 2016 by organising Nature Trail and Plantation drive	30, 04
19.	July 28	Tuyepani	Celebrated World Nature	25

			Conservation day 2016 by organising Plantation Drive	
20.	July 29	Chirrewani: Dewri	Celebrated Global Tiger Day 2016 by organising awareness rally and classroom lecture	35: 30
21.	July 29	Satosha	Celebrated Global Tiger Day 2016 by organising awareness rally and classroom lecture	52

On July 29, Satpuda Foundation celebrated Global Tiger Day 2016 in various villages in buffer area of Priyadarshini Pench Tiger Reserve. Niranjn Hinge organised an awareness rally with 52 students of Government School in Satosha village.

The students created awareness among the villagers by chanting conservation slogans and explaining to villagers the need to protect tigers and to conserve nature.

Later, Niranjn organised a classroom lecture for the students and provided information on threats to tigers. He also explained to the students that saving tigers means saving nature and thus saving humanity.

Students pledged to save tigers and forests on the occasion and to also spread the message of the day to their friends and family members.

A similar programme was organised by Kamlesh Pawar in the Government Schools of Chirrewani and Dewri villages. 35 students from Chirrewani participated in an awareness rally while 30 students of Dewri village attended a classroom lecture to understand the importance of the day.



Global Tiger Day 2016 celebrations in Chirrewani (left) and Dewri (right)



Global Tiger Day 2016 celebrations in Satosha village

On July 28, World Nature Conservation Day, Niranjn Hinge organised a tree plantation drive in Turia village and a nature trail for the kids from Aamajhari village. Niranjn explained the importance of the day and emphasised the need for youths to come forward actively to help conserve nature by -- planting and protecting trees to improve the tree cover, adopting eco-friendly lifestyle, conserving water, soil and forests.

Elsewhere, Kamlesh organised a tree plantation drive at Tuyepani in which a total of 25 students of Government Primary and Middle School participated. The students planted 50 saplings of local tree species in their school premises and took the responsibility of protecting those trees. The significance of World Nature Conservation Day was explained to the participants.



Plantation programmes to celebrate World Nature Conservation Day 2016 in Tuyepani (left) and Turia (right)

On July 18, Kamlesh led 20 students from Govt Middle School of Tuyepani village in a voluntary programme to prepare a soak pit. The pit will collect the spill over water from the hand pump on the school campus. He explained the purpose of the soak pit and how it helps recharge the water table to the participants.



Tuyepani - Team prepares soak pit

On July 30, Niranjn led 6 villagers of Aamajhari village in a shramdhaan programme to dig a compost pit. The villagers volunteered after Niranjn explained to them that they will be able to make use of the organic compost produced in their farms free of cost. Niranjn also explained to the villagers the proper procedure to prepare eco-friendly organic compost using degradable house and farm waste.



Aamajhari – Villagers preparing compost pit

In July, a total of 6 nature trails were organised by Kamlesh and Niranjana for the children of Satosha, Durgapur, Potiya, Tuyepani, Mohgaon and Khamarpani villages. On the trails, our colleagues spoke to the children about the various local plants and common medicinal uses of those plants. They also spotted and identified local birds along the trails and explained their role in nature.



Niranjana (left) and Kamlesh (right) with kids on nature trail

During July, Kamlesh Pawar and Niranjana Hinge organised plantation drives in a number of villages located in the buffer area of Priyadarshini Pench Tiger Reserve. 420 saplings of local tree species like Amla, tamarind, Mahua, neem etc were planted with the help of villagers, students and teachers in Kundai, Dewri, Chirrewani, Mohgaon, Bisanpur, Tuyepani and Aamajhari villages. The trees were planted in school, anganwadi and Gram Panchayat campuses. Trees were also planted along village roads and in farmlands.



Tree plantation programmes in Dewri (top left), Chirrewani (top right), Kundai (bottom right), Mohgaon (bottom left) villages during the monsoon season

Environmental Education Programme

We conducted 16 environment education programmes in classrooms during July.

S.no.	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1.	July 23	Govt. Primary School	Awarghani	30
2.	July 23	Govt. Primary School	Aamajhari	19
3.	July 17	Govt. Primary School	Ambadi	18
4.	July 20	Govt. Primary School	Turia	26
5.	July 21	Govt. Primary School	Khamba	18
6.	July 21	Govt. Primary School	Satosha	52
7.	July 02	Govt Middle school	Tuyepani	25
8.	July 04	Govt Primary school	Mohgaon	12
9.	July 05	Govt Middle School	Chirrewani	20
10.	July 06	Govt Primary School	Sawari	15
11	July 07	Govt High School	Dewri	35
12	July 08	Govt Middle school	Kundai	25
13	July 09	Govt Primary School	Bisanpur	10
14	July 12	Govt High School	Khamarpani	40
15	July 13	Govt Middle School	Pulpuldoh	25
16	July 14	Govt Middle school	Doodhgaon	20
Total				390



Niranjan (left) and Kamlesh (right) speak about various nature conservation issues

Education Van Programme

We organised 7 film shows during July.

S.no.	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1.	July 25	Govt Primary and Middle School, Teliya	Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	47
2.	July 25	Govt Primary School, Awarghani	Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	35
3.	July 26	Govt Primary School, Ambadi	Sunderbans Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	27
4.	July 26	Govt Primary and Middle School, Khamrith	Kanha Laxmi	57
5.	July 26	Govt Primary school, Khamba	Palamau Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	14
6.	July 27	Govt Primary school, Potiya	Palamau Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	54
7.	July 27	Govt Primary school, Durgapur	Palamau Tiger Reserve, Sanctuary Asia Films	23
			<i>Total</i>	<i>257</i>



Students and teachers learn about wildlife conservation through film shows in Government Schools of Khamrith (left) and Khamba (right) villages

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

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



Dr. Bhasme diagnosing patients at Aamajhari (left) and Awarghani (right)

S.no.	Date	Village	Patients
1.	July 16	Durgapur	12
2.		Potiya	23
3.	July 17	Aamajhari	26
4.		Awarghani	16
5.	July 18	Teliya	16
6.		Turia	35
	Total		128