

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH
JANUARY 2016**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Organized shramdhaan programme to build a check dam at Khamba*
- ⇒ *Organized demonstration of smokeless chullah at Ambadi, Khamba and Satosha*
- ⇒ *Organized demo on solar fencing at Turia village*
- ⇒ *Organized shramdhaan programme to dig a soak pit in Mohgaon village.*
- ⇒ *7 nature trails for school children – attended by 80 students*
- ⇒ *Organized anti-plastic drive and conservation rally in Satosha and Tuyepani*
- ⇒ *19 environmental education programmes -- addressed 531 school children*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps at which 183 patients were treated*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 unemployed youths to get jobs locally in Turia cluster*
- ⇒ *Assisted in solving garbage disposal problem at Turia*
- ⇒ *Attended meeting with Environment committee of central government for CAMPA bill 2015*

Conservation work

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	Jan 7	Ambadi	Demo on smokeless chullah	11
2.	Jan 9	Khamba	Demo on smokeless chullah	10
3.	Jan 27	Satosha	Demo on smokeless chullah	12
4.	Jan 31	Turia	Demo on solar fencing technique	40
5.	Jan 23	Turia	Meeting on four wheeler drivers training	16
6.	Jan 18	Turia	Meeting on Garbage disposal problem	19
7.	Jan 13	Turia	Meeting on ladies' guide capacity building	10
8.	Jan 3	Ambadi	Nature trail	15
9.	Jan 6	Aamajhari	Nature trail	16
10.	Jan 11	Durgapur	Nature trail	8
11.	Jan 12	Satosha	Nature trail	9
12.	Jan 16	Khamba	Nature trail	7
13.	Jan 2	Tuyepani	Nature trail	10
14.	Jan 30	Mohgaon	Nature trail	15
15.	Jan 3	Tuyepani	Rally and anti-plastic programme	70
16.	Jan 19	Satosha	Rally with conservation message	42

17.	Jan 24	Khamba	Shramdhaan to build check dam	5
18.	Jan 10	Mohgaon	Soak pit	10

On January 10, Kamlesh led 10 students and villagers from Mohgaon in a programme to dig a soak pit which will take the spill-over water from the hand pump on the school campus. They explained the purpose of the soak pit to the participants.

On January 24, Niranjana led a team of 5 villagers of Khamba in a programme to build a stop dam over a stream flowing along the village boundary about 300 meters from the National Park. The resultant water body is of great use to domestic and wild animals. Deer, wild boars and jackals are regularly spotted in this area.



Team builds check dam near Khamba village



Spot before (left) and after (right) shramdhaan near Khamba village

On January 3, Kamlesh Pawar led 70 students of Tuyepani in an anti-plastic and conservation rally programme, where they collected wrappers, bags and other items made out of plastic which were strewn around the village. This plastic litter is harmful to the fertile land and domestic and wild animals. The rally focussed on the message of bio-diversity conservation. Participants went across all the main roads in the village, chanting slogans like ‘*Apna farz nibhayenge, Tiger ko bachayenge*’ etc. A similar programme was organized by Niranjana in Satosha village on January 19 with the help of 42 students.



Team chanting conservation slogans and collecting plastic litter during rally and anti plastic campaign at Satosha (left) and Tuyepani (right)

In January, we organised a total of 7 nature trails for the children of Ambadi, Aamajhari, Durgapur, Satosha, Khamba, Tuyepani and Mohgaon 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 speaks to students about the importance of trees



Youths identify birds during nature trail

On January 7 Niranjana organized a demonstration at Ambadi of “smokeless chullah” – stoves which use less firewood and emit less smoke. Similar programmes were organized on January 9 at Khamba and on January 27 at Satosha village.



Satosha - Niranjana explains the benefits of smokeless chullah to villagers

On January 31, Anoop, Niranjana and Dilip Lanjewar organized a demonstration on “Improved Solar fencing technique” with help of Nagpur-based firm “Agro Engineering Equipment”. Solar fencing will help reduce crop depredations by wildlife and lessen the potential for human-wildlife conflict.



Anoop and Dilip explain solar fencing technique to villagers at Turia



On January 13, Sainik Divas was organized in Tuyepani village to honour families of soldiers.

On January 11, Surya Namaskar programme was organized in Government Middle school, Tuyepani to create awareness among students about the benefits of Yoga.

Kamlesh used these events to spread conservation message to villagers and students.



Parliamentary committee meeting on CAMPA bill 2015 at Turia

On January 23, a Central government committee consisting of Members of Parliament visited Pench for discussions on CAMPA (The Compensatory Afforestation Fund Bill) Bill 2015 and environment issues. This meeting was organized at Olive Villa resort, Turia. 10 members of the committee discussed various issues with NGOs, district administrators, Forest Department officers, local representatives and media. Anoop Awasthi and president of SF Mr. Kishor Rithe also participated in this meeting and gave their suggestion on CAMPA bill 2015.

On August 27, Anoop had participated in a meeting on ‘Garbage Management in buffer area of Pench’. The meeting was attended by the Chief Executive Officer of Janpad Panchayat, Kurai, Mr. Khushram and Sarpanches of Turia and Kohoka, around 21 managers of local resorts and members of the Gram Panchayat. The meeting decided that each resort would contribute 80 rupees per room per month towards garbage management. This amount would be given to the Gram Panchayat, Turia.

The resorts agreed to segregate their waste into 3 categories – bio-degradable, non-degradable and waste comprising glass and metal.

Turia Gram Panchayat would send a vehicle twice a week to collect the garbage. The degradable waste will be converted into compost while the other two varieties will be kept in tanks and sent to urban centres for recycling in bulk.

There is no formal garbage management at present and waste is strewn out on to roads and in empty plots. This has led to a proliferation of stray dogs while wild life is also attracted to the food waste, leading to potential human-wildlife conflict.

As all the issues mentioned above did not go properly according to the scheme, Mr Anoop Awasthi wrote a letter along with photographs of demolished compost tanks to Dist. Collector and field director of Pench, Madhya Pradesh.

On January 18, Gram Panchayat organized a meeting with PJLF (Pench Jungle Lodges Federation) and SF to solve this problem and decided to stop garbage collection until a proper plan is made for garbage disposal.



Garbage collection site near Turia village



Garbage disposal news in Nai Duniya

Environmental Education Programme

We conducted 19 environment education programmes in schools, which were attended by 531 students.

S.no.	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1.	Jan 2	Govt. Primary School	Ambadi	16
2.	Jan 4	Govt. Primary School	Satosha	51
18	Jan 4	Govt. Middle School	Tuyepani	35
19	Jan 6	Govt. Middle School	Khamarpani	30
13	Jan 11	Govt. Middle School	Kundai	14
16	Jan 19	Govt. Primary School	Marjatpur	28
12	Jan 20	Govt. Primary School	Mohgaon	16
15	Jan 20	Govt. Primary School	Pulpuldoh	38
3.	Jan 21	Govt. Primary School	Aamajhari	31
4.	Jan 21	Govt. Primary School	Durgapur	23
11	Jan 21	Govt. Primary School	Dewri	34
5.	Jan 28	Govt. Middle School	Teliya	32
6.	Jan 28	Govt. Primary School	Jamuntola	14
7.	Jan 29	Govt. Primary School	Awarghani	23
10	Jan 29	Govt. Middle School	Turia	36
17	Jan 29	Govt. Middle School	Chirrewani	35
8.	Jan 30	Govt. Primary School	Khamba	18
9.	Jan 30	Govt. Middle School	Khamrith	27

14	Jan 30	Govt. Primary School	Sawari	30
		Total		531



Niranjan (left) and Kamlesh (right) talk to students about our environment



Students learning through nature game at Durgapur



Kamlesh explains to students at Marjatpur the importance of trees in eco system

Employment Cell

We assisted 2 unemployed youths in getting jobs locally.

Details of the youths are given below:

S.no.	Date	Village	Name	Qual.	Age	Salary	Employer
1.	Jan 2	Aamajhari	Kamlesh Dhanraj Hinge	8 th standard	19	3750/- food and accommodation	Tathasthu Resort, Turia
2.	Jan 17	Turia	Dharmendra Dimagchand Adambe	8 th standard	24	3750/- food and accommodation	Tathasthu Resort, Turia

Satpuda Foundation is planning to conduct a programme to train youths in driving four-wheelers. On January 23, Anoop, Ajay and Niranjan organized a meeting to convey information about this programme to interested youths and to draw a short list of the eligible candidates for training.



Anoop and Ajay explain about drivers' training programme which is due to start next month at Turia

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

We held 6 medical camps in January, in which 183 patients were treated.

S.no.	Date	Village	Patients
1.	Jan 23	Dewri	45
2.		Khamarpani	25
3.	Jan 24	Kanhargaon	23
4.		Doodhgaon	16
5.	Jan 25	Pulpuldoh	61
6.		Marjatpur	13
	Total		183



Dr. Abhishek Pathak examines patients during medical camp