

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH  
NOVEMBER 2017**

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

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Conducted socio-economic survey in 11 villages*
- ⇒ *Two compost pits prepared*
- ⇒ *Organised 2 rallies with conservation message*
- ⇒ *One biogas unit repaired by Niranjan Hinge*
- ⇒ *17 classroom education lectures organised - 402 students attended*
- ⇒ *7 film shows with conservation message organised – 488 attended*
- ⇒ *Details of candidates for various skill development programmes collected*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps organised – 242 patients treated*

| <b>S.no.</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Village / Place</b> | <b>Activity</b>      | <b>Participants</b> |
|--------------|-------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1.           | Nov 22      | Turiya                 | Compost pit prepared | 06                  |
| 2.           | Nov 26      | Potiya                 | Compost pit prepared | 07                  |
| 3.           | Nov 27      | Satosha                | Awareness rally      | 52                  |
| 4.           | Nov 25      | Thuyepani              | Awareness rally      | 60                  |
| 5.           | Nov 17      | Turiya                 | Biogas               | 03                  |



*Khamrith-Amit Awasthi interacting with villagers during a meeting on various livelihood programmes*

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 compost pits.

During November, we motivated and assisted 2 farmers to prepare compost pits near their farms. On November 22, Niranjan assisted Mr Ramgopal Thakre, a farmer from Turiya village, in preparing a compost pit. 5 other villagers participated in the shramdhaan programme.

A similar such compost pit was prepared near the farm of Mr Ghanshyam Maraskolhe in Potiya village on November 26. 6 other villagers participated in the shramdhaan programme.



*Turiya - Villagers assist Ramgopal Thakre in preparing compost pit (left); compost pit completed (right)*

On November 25, Kamlesh organised an anti-plastic campaign to spread awareness in Thuyepani village. During the rally, 60 students of Government Middle School participated and raised slogans on ill effects of plastic waste. During the rally, the students collected plastic waste along the main road in the village. Plastic waste like wrappers, polythene carry bags, plastic bottles, etc... were collected. The students also requested the local shop owners to stop using polythene bags. A ban on plastic carry bags has been imposed in this area by the state authorities and the rally helped spread awareness on this issue amongst the villagers.



*Thuyepani-Students participate in anti-plastic campaign and awareness rally*

On November 27, Niranjan Hinge organised an awareness rally in Satosha village. 52 students of Government Primary School participated in the rally. During the month of November, many villagers had spotted a tiger near the steam flowing near the village. During the rally, the students raised slogans to spread a message that tiger is not a threat to the villagers. The students urged the villagers to avoid venturing deep into the forest area to avoid any conflict.



*Satosha-Students participate in awareness rally*

### ***Education***

During the month our team organized environment education programmes in 9 schools in the villages in our area of operations.

| S.no | Date   | School                       | Village      | Number of participants |
|------|--------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| 1    | Nov 11 | Govt Middle school           | Telia        | 31                     |
| 2    | Nov 18 | Govt Primary school          | Durgapur     | 12                     |
| 3    | Nov 19 | Govt Primary school          | Aamajhiri    | 33                     |
| 4    | Nov 21 | Govt Primary school          | Awarghani    | 29                     |
| 5    | Nov 27 | Govt Middle school           | Potiya       | 43                     |
| 6    | Nov 27 | Govt Primary school          | Satosha      | 52                     |
| 7    | Nov 28 | Govt Middle school           | Turiya       | 62                     |
| 8    | Nov 28 | Govt Higher Secondary school | Turiya       | 72                     |
| 9    | Nov 29 | Govt Primary school          | Jamuntola    | 14                     |
| 10   | Nov 30 | Govt Middle school           | Khamrith     | 54                     |
|      |        |                              | <b>Total</b> | <b>402</b>             |



*Dewari - Kamlesh teaching students about migratory birds (left); Kohoka - Amit Awasthi interacts with students of Government High school before film show (right)*

***Education van programme***

There were 7 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in November.

| S. No. | Date   | Village   | Film name    | Participants |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|
| 1      | Nov 23 | Khamrith  | Kanha Laxmi  | 42           |
| 2      |        | Satosha   | Kanha Laxmi  | 86           |
| 3      | Nov 24 | Kohoka    | Kanha Laxmi  | 41           |
| 4      |        | Telia     | Kanha Laxmi  | 76           |
| 5      |        | Awarghani | Kanha Laxmi  | 26           |
| 6      | Nov 25 | Aamajhiri | Kanha Laxmi  | 132          |
| 7      |        | Potiya    | Kanha Laxmi  | 85           |
|        |        |           | <b>Total</b> | <b>488</b>   |



*Aamajhiri - Niranjan explains the importance of Pench reservoir for migratory birds (left); Telia - Students of Government Middle school during a film show on nature conservation (right)*

### ***Medical Health Service***

Six camps were organised in November in which 242 patients got free treatment.

| <b>S. No.</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Village</b> | <b>Participants</b> |
|---------------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1             | Nov 04      | Thuyepani      | 39                  |
| 2             |             | Kundai         | 45                  |
| 3             | Nov 05      | Pulpuldoh      | 52                  |
| 4             |             | Kanargaon      | 38                  |
| 5             | Nov 06      | Doodhgaon      | 22                  |
| 6             |             | Sawari         | 46                  |
|               |             | <b>Total</b>   | <b>242</b>          |



*Dr Zanjil examines patients at camp in Pulpuldoh (left) and Kanargaon (right)*