

**PENCH MADHYA PRADESH  
DECEMBER 2017**

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Niranjan Hinge, Kamlesh Pawar – *Field Assistants*

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan for community assistance – area next to hand pump cleaned at Satosha*
- ⇒ *One rally with conservation message*
- ⇒ *2 biogas units repaired by Niranjan Hinge*
- ⇒ *20 classroom education lectures organised for 556 students*
- ⇒ *5 nature trails – attended by 54 students*
- ⇒ *6 film shows with conservation message – 420 attended programmes*
- ⇒ *Collected details of candidates for various skill development programmes*
- ⇒ *1 unemployed youth got job through our Employment Cell*
- ⇒ *Arranged for villager's dance group to perform at resorts*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps organised– 221 patients treated*

<b>S. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1.	Dec 17	Satosha	Shramdhaan programme to clear area next to hand pump	7
2.	Dec 23	Kundai	Awareness rally	30
3.	Dec 5	Turiya	Biogas unit repaired at Tilak Deshmukh's residence	
4.	Dec 16	Turiya	Biogas unit repaired at Kundlik Rao Hinge's residence	3

On December 17, Amit and Niranjan led a team of 7 people in a programme to clear wild growth around a hand pump at Satosha. Due to the proliferation of wild growth, access to the hand pump was affected. Our team, which comprised 7 youths from the village, removed the growth and cleaned the area.

On December 23, Kamlesh organised an anti-plastic campaign in Kundai village. During the rally, 30 students of Government Middle School participated and raised slogans about the ill effects of plastic on the environment and wildlife. During the rally, along the main road of the village, the students collected litter like wrappers, polythene carry bags, plastic bottles etc. The students also requested the local shop owners to stop using polythene bags. A ban on plastic carry bags in areas adjoining forest areas has been imposed in Madhya Pradesh 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 December 5, Niranjana repaired a defective biogas unit in a household from Turiya village. The stove unit had waste material accumulated in the gas outlet which had blocked the gas flow. Niranjana also checked the biogas digester tank for faults. 3 villagers assisted him.

On December 16, Niranjana performed a similar repair in another house in Turiya.



*Niranjana repairing biogas stove units in Turiya village*

### **Education**

There were 20 environment education programmes in classrooms during December.

<b>S. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
1.	Dec 13	Govt Middle school	Thuyepani	20
2.	Dec 16	Govt Middle School	Kundai	25
3.	Dec 17	Govt Middle school	Doodhgaon	23
4.	Dec 18	Govt High School	Deori	30
5.	Dec 19	Govt High School	Khamarpani	26
6.	Dec 24	Govt Middle school	Pulpuldoh	23
7.	Dec 27	Govt Middle School	Sawri	20
8.	Dec 28	Govt Primary school	Marjatpur	12
9.	Dec 4	Govt. Primary School	Aamajhiri	36
10.	Dec 5	Govt. Primary School	Awarghani	32
11.	Dec 6	Govt. Primary School	Jamuntola	13
12.	Dec 7	Govt Middle School	Turiya	38
13.	Dec 8	Govt Middle School	Potiya	31

14.	Dec 12	Govt Middle School	Telia	41
15.	Dec 13	Govt Primary School	Satosha	55
16.	Dec 14	Govt. Primary School	Durgapur	12
17.	Dec 15	Govt Middle School	Khamrith	39
18.	Dec 16	Govt Primary School	Ambadi	28
19.	Dec 26	Govt Middle School	Kohoka	33
20.	Dec 27	Govt Primary School	Khamba	19
<b>Total</b>				556



*Aamajhiri - Niranjan teaching students about migratory birds*

In December, a total of 5 nature trails were organised by Kamlesh and Niranjan for the children of Pulpuldoh, Doodhgaon, Thuyepani, Satosha and Aamajhiri 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 during the trails and explained their role in nature.



*Kamlesh with students on a nature trail near Doodhgaon village*

### ***Education van programme***

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

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Film name</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	Dec 28	Satosha	Land of Tiger	44
2		Khamrith	Land of Tiger	48
3	Dec 29	Potiya	Land of Tiger	79
4		Aamajhiri	Land of Tiger	131
5	Dec 30	Telia	Land of Tiger	58
6		Turiya	Land of Tiger	60

			<b>Total</b>	<b>420</b>
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*Potiya-Students of Government Middle school during a film show on nature conservation*

### **Medical Health Services programme**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1	Dec 9	Potiya	63
2		Durgapur	47
3	Dec 10	Aamajhiri	42
4		Khamrith	22
5	Dec 11	Khamba	28
6		Ambadi	19
		<b>Total</b>	<b>221</b>



*Dr Zanjali examines patients at our health camp in Potiya (left) and Aamajhiri (right)*

### **Employment Cell**

We helped 1 youth get a job at a local resort during December

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Monthly Salary in rupees</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Job</b>
1.	December 15	Potiya	Aakash Walke	5,000 + meals	10 <sup>th</sup>	18	Worker at Mahua van Resort Turiya



*Aakash Walke (of Potiya) who got a job as guard with our help at Olive Resort, Turiya*

### ***Tribal Dance Group Programme***

During December, our team arranged with 3 resorts to call the *Saila* tribal dance group, which is based in Sawara, Maharashtra, to perform at the resorts. The dance group earned a total of 18,000.00 rupees through the programmes.

The dance group was set up with our help and is mentored by our team.

<b>SR</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Resort name</b>	<b>Income</b>
1	Dec 24	Tiger Home Resort, Turiya	6,000/-
2	Dec 25	Tiger Valley Resort, Turiya	6,000/
3	Dec 31	Olive Resort, Turiya	6,000/
		Total	<b>18,000/-</b>



*Tribal dance performance at Olive resort, Turiya*