

PENCH TIGER RESERVE (MADHYA PRADESH)
November 2016

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Highlights

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan programme to construct a check dam in Kundai village*
- ⇒ *One shramdhaan programme to dig compost pit in Satosha village*
- ⇒ *Two conservation awareness rallies in Ambadi and Kundai*
- ⇒ *One anti-plastic drive in Thuyepani village*
- ⇒ *21 classroom education sessions arranged for 481 students of 21 villages*
- ⇒ *7 nature trails organized for 72 students of villages*
- ⇒ *Niranjan repaired one biogas unit in Turiya village*
- ⇒ *107 patients treated free of charge during 6 medical camps*
- ⇒ *Assisted 1 unemployed youth in getting vocational training and 1 unemployed youth to get placed*
- ⇒ *Organized a four-wheeler driver's training program for 30 youths*

Conservation work

S.no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1	Nov 28	Satosha	Dug compost pit	07
2	Nov 03	Kundai	Check dam construction	06
3	Nov 08	Kundai	Nature awareness rally	60
4	Nov 15	Thuyepani	Anti-plastic drive	72
5	Nov 26	Ambadi	Nature awareness rally	21
3	Nov 23	Chirrewani	Nature trail	10
4	Nov 26	Mohgaon	Nature trail	08
5	Nov 28	Doodhgaon	Nature trail	12
7	Nov 05	Turiya	Nature trail	10
8	Nov 07	Khamrith	Nature trail	11
9	Nov 10	Durgapur	Nature trail	12
10	Nov 25	Satosha	Nature trail	09
9	Nov 19	Turiya	Biogas unit repair	03

Conservation

On November 28, Niranjan Hinge organized a shramdhaan program to dig a compost pit in Satosha village. Seven villagers volunteered for the program. Leftover biodegradable waste from the farms, collected after reaping of crops, was used to prepare compost, which will be later used in the farms as fertilizer. This will reduce the use of chemical fertilizers and help improve the soil quality. Niranjan also explained to the villagers that this compost is an organic fertilizer which is safer to use as compared to chemical fertilizers.



Villagers digging a compost pit through shramdhaan (left); completed compost pit (right)

On November 3, Kamlesh Pawar led 6 villagers of Kundai village in a programme to build a check dam on a stream near the village through shramdhaan. The villagers constructed the check dam using sandbags. The temporary check dam was constructed in order to control the flow of water in the stream and help reduce soil erosion on the banks of the stream. The water can now also be used for irrigation and for cattle to drink.



Villagers constructing check dam on a stream near Kundai village

On November 15, Kamlesh Pawar led 72 students of Thuyepani in an anti-plastic and conservation rally programme, where they collected wrappers, bags and other stuff made out of plastic in sacks to reduce the plastic waste from the area. In the rally, which focused on bio-diversity conservation, the participants went across all the main roads in the village, chanting slogans like ‘*Apna farz nibhayenge, Tiger ko bachayenge*’.



Thuyepani - Students participate in conservation rally and anti-plastic programme

On November 8, Kamlesh organized a nature awareness rally for 60 students of Government Middle School of Kundai village. The rally was organized to create awareness amongst the villagers about the degradation of natural resources and pollution of environment. The students raised slogans during the rally and caught the attention of all the villagers. The students pledged to make efforts to protect the environment and wildlife. A similar rally was organized by Niranjan Hinge in Ambadi village in which 21 students participated.



Students raise slogans during nature awareness rally in Ambadi village

In November, we organised a total of 7 nature trails for the children of Turiya, Khamrith, Durgapur, Satosha, Chirrewani, Mohgaon and Doodhgaon villages. On the trails, our staff spoke to the children about the various plants found locally 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 (left) and Niranjn (right) on nature trails with village kids

Niranjn Hinge repaired a biogas unit in Turiya village on November 19. The owner of the unit Mr. Anandrao Hinge had approached Niranjn for assistance. Niranjn, along with 2 other villagers, repaired the unit. Use of biogas unit has reduced the dependency of Mr. Anandrao Hinge and his family on fuelwood from the forest considerably and is a cheaper and more eco-friendly option than cooking gas.



Niranjn repairing a biogas unit in Turiya village

Environment education



Kamlesh interacts with students of Dewari (left) while Mandar teaches kids of Durgapur about birds (right) during classroom education session

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1.	Nov 02	Government Middle School	Thuyepani	30
2.	Nov 09	Government Primary School	Mohgaon	10
3.	Nov 10	Government Middle School	Chirrewani	09
4.	Nov 11	Government Middle School	Dewari	40
5.	Nov 12	Government Primary School	Sawari	25
6.	Nov 14	Government Middle School	Doodhgaon	22
7.	Nov 16	Government Middle School	Kundai	30
8.	Nov 17	Government Primary School	Bisenpur	10
9.	Nov 18	Government Middle School	Pulpuldoh	28
10.	Nov 19	Government Middle school	Khamarpani	40
11.	Nov 22	Government Primary school	Marjatpur	10
12.	Nov 15	Government Primary school	Aamazhiri	28
13.	Nov 16	Government Middle school	Durgapur	18
14.	Nov 17	Government Primary school	Potiya	27
15.	Nov 18	Government Primary school	Awarghani	33
16.	Nov 19	Government Primary school	Jamuntola	14
17.	Nov 21	Government Primary school	Khamrith	27
18.	Nov 25	Government Primary school	Satosha	39
19.	Nov 26	Government Primary school	Ambadi	21
20.	Nov 29	Government Primary school	Khamba	20
Total				481

Employment Cell

One youth got a job and another was admitted to a training programme with our assistance.

S.no	Date	Name	Age	Qualification	Village	Training
1	Nov 01	Shubham Kharate	18	10 th	Turiya	Housekeeping at Olive resorts, Turiya
2	Nov 26	Subhash Gadge	35	12 th	Thuyepani	CII training in hotel management

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

Our team organized 6 medical camps in November 2016.



Dr Zanzal treating patients of Doodhgaon village during a free medical checkup camp setup by Satpuda Foundation

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Nov 05	Thuyepani	25
2		Kundai	14
3	Nov 06	Pulpuldoh	18
4		Kanargaon	12
5	Nov 07	Doodhgaon	22
6		Sawari	16
		Total	107