

**SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
FEBRUARY 2018**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *11 water conservation shramdhaans during the month – built 3 check dams and 8 water bodies cleaned*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 14 schools as part of our environment education program – attended by 936 students*
- ⇒ *10 nature trail programmes - attended by 516 students*
- ⇒ *5 patrols done jointly with Forest Department staff*
- ⇒ *13 awareness meetings for Livestock Management*
- ⇒ *Follow up to skill development training programme organised earlier*
- ⇒ *5 unemployed youths placed in jobs at Bhopal/Hoshangabad at starting salary of Rs 5300/- per month*
- ⇒ *Assisted in LPG distribution in relocated villages*
- ⇒ *Visit to review status of 10 villages which have already been relocated*

Conservation

S. N.	Date	Village	Activity	No. of par.
1	February 10	Pisuwa	Water body cleaned	18
2	February 10	Pisuwa	Water body cleaned	12
3	February 11	Matkuli	Water body cleaned	14
4	February 11	Matkuli	Water body cleaned	16
5	February 11	Matkuli	Water body cleaned	17
6	February 22	Jhirpa	Built check dam	13
7	February 23	Mehandikheda	Built check dam	19
8	February 23	Mehandikheda	Built check dam	17
9	February 27	Mehandikheda	Water body cleaned	23
10	February 27	Pisuwa	Water body cleaned	27
11	February 27	Maili	Water body cleaned	24
			Total	200

During February, we organized 11 programmes related to water conservation. On February 10, we organized a programme to 2 clean water bodies in the jungle around 1 km from Pisuwa village. As the water bodies were covered with leaves and organic litter, animals were finding it difficult to drink water from them. Our team, consisting of field assistant Hameed Khan and 17 children from Government Middle School; Pisuwa cleared the litter and made the water bodies accessible to the animals again. Spotted deer are regularly spotted around these water bodies while there are occasional sightings of sloth bears, wild dogs, gaur and leopards.



Water bodies being cleaned at Mehandikheda (left) and Matkuli (right)

Five more such programmes were organised at Pisuwa, Matkuli, Mehandikheda and Maili on February 11 and 27.

On February 22, we organized a programme to build a check dam on a stream around 2 km from Jhirpa village. A team comprising of 12 villagers from Jhirpa, Hameed and Shivnarayan Devda, Forest Guard, built the dam. The resultant water body will benefit domestic livestock in the day time and wildlife at nights. Spotted deer, monkeys and leopards are spotted in the area.



Check dam at Jhirpa

Two similar programmes were organised at Mehandikheda on February 23.

Education

During the month, our team organized 14 lectures to educate students about nature and wildlife conservation.

S.N.	Date	School	No. of Student
1	Feb. 1	Government Primary School, (GPS), Pisuwa	52
2	Feb. 2	Government Middle School, (GMS), Pisuwa	50
3	Feb. 2	GPS, Khari	13

4	Feb. 3	GPS, Mehandikheda	23
5	Feb. 5	GPS, Tekapar	37
6	Feb. 5	GMS, Tekapar	60
7	Feb. 8	GPS, Mohgaon	52
8	Feb. 8	GPS, Chillod	17
9	Feb. 9	Government Ashram Primary School, Matkuli	123
10	Feb. 9	Government Ashram Middle School, Matkuli	213
11	Feb. 10	GPS, Maili	27
12	Feb. 10	GPS, Chandanpipariya	27
13	Feb. 12	Saraswati Shishu Vidhya Mandir, Matkuli	203
14	Feb. 12	GPS, Bindakheda	39
		Total	936



Environment education programme at S.S.M. Matkuli (Left) and GMS, Pisuwa (Right)

Nature Trail Programme

During February, our team conducted a total of 10 nature trail programme on nature and wildlife conservation.

S.N.	Date	School	No. of Student
1	Feb. 1	Government Middle School, Pisuwa	50
2	Feb. 13	GPS, Tekapar	52
3	Feb. 13	Government Primary School Tekapar	35
4	Feb. 15	GPS, Khanchari	46
5	Feb. 15	GPS Karer	45
6	Feb. 16	Saraswati Shishu Vidhya Mandir, Matkuli	59
7	Feb. 17	Government Ashram Primary School, Matkuli	63
8	Feb. 17	Government Ashram Middle School, Matkuli	61
9	Feb. 19	GPS, Pisuwa	49
10	Feb. 20	GMS, Jhirpa	56
		Total	516



Nature trail programme at GPS Pisuwa (Left) and GMS Pisuwa (Right)

Forest patrolling

During the month we participated in forest patrolling work with Forest Department at Duddi, Bandhan, Chandanpipariya, Jhirpa and Aaritodiya on February 16, 14 and 20. The patrolling was done by Mr. Shivnarayan Devda (Forest Guard), Mukesh (Chowkidar) and Eco Development Committee members.

Awareness program on Livestock Management

During the month, we organized 13 awareness meeting on livestock management (cattle shed, stall feeding, fodder plantation, cattle castration etc.) jointly with Forest Department and Animal Husbandry Department. Participants included Dr. Jain (VAS), Mr. Sharif Khan (Deputy Ranger), local Forest Guards and villagers.

S.N.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Feb. 17	Matkuli	79
2	Feb. 18	Pisuwa	83
3	Feb. 18	Bindakheda	45
4	Feb. 18	Maili	21
5	Feb. 21	Khanchari	26
6	Feb. 21	Karer	22
7	Feb. 21	Jhirpa	58
8	Feb. 23	Chandanpipariya	49
9	Feb. 23	Mohgaon	19
10	Feb. 23	Khari	17
11	Feb. 24	Tekapar	52
12	Feb. 24	Chillod	26
13	Feb. 24	Chirrai	36
		Total	533



Awareness meeting on livestock management at Tekapar (Left) and Matkuli (right)

Employment Cell- Training Programme

We helped 23 youths from Matkuli, Chirrai and Tekapar villages get trained in operating computers in January. This programme was organized by Samadhan Samaj Seva Sangathan Pipariya under Deendayal Upadhayay Rural Skill Yojna. The training programme was held between January 10 and February 9. Five youths got jobs in February thanks to our assistance.

Details of the placements are as follows:

S.	Village	Name	Salary	Qual.	Age	Job
1	Maili	Jeevan Gurjar	5300/- + accommodation	8 th standard	22	Toll collector with Chetak Enterprises,
2	Pisuwa	Rajesh Dhurve	--do--	8 th standard	29	--do--
3	Jhirpa	Rajendra	--do--	8 th standard	24	--do--
4	Jhirpa	Vinod Kumar	--do--	8 th standard	26	--do--
5	Jhirpa	Mahesh Singh	--do--	9 th standard	28	--do--

LPG Gas distribution

We helped identify villagers eligible for cooking gas connections through extensive socio-economic surveys. In February, Indane Gas Agency distributed cooking gas connections to villagers in Matkuli and Pisuwa.