

SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
JUNE 2016

Highlights

- ⇒ *7 water conservation shramdhaans during the month – 6 water bodies cleaned, 1 soak pit dug*
- ⇒ *18 awareness programmes on plantation*
- ⇒ *4 awareness programmes on rain water harvesting*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Environment Day at Almod*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 13 schools as part of our environment education program – attended by 619 students*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 5 villages – 78 patients treated*
- ⇒ *5 unemployed youths sent to Chhindwara to be trained as drivers*
- ⇒ *Assisted 22 villagers, trained by us earlier in making lantana products, in preparing loan applications to start their own units*
- ⇒ *Visit to check on status of 7 villages which have already been relocated*

Conservation

S. N.	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	June 10	Pisuwa	Digging a soak pit	12
2.	June 13	Mehandikheda	2 water bodies cleaned	15
3.	June 14	Maili	2 water bodies cleaned	17
4.	June 24	Pisuwa	1 water body cleaned	12
	Total			46

During June, we organized 7 programmes related to water conservation.

On June 10, we organized a program to dig a soak pit at the Government Primary School (GPS), Pisuwa. 12 children joined hands with Hameed in digging the pit, which will take spillover water from a hand pump on the school premises. The pit will help to recharge the water table around the hand pump.

On June 13, we organized a programme to clean two water bodies in the jungle around 2 km from Mehandikheda village. The water bodies, which are located around 500 meters from each other, were covered with leaves and organic litter and animals were finding it difficult to drink. Our team, consisting of field assistant Hameed Khan and 15 children from Mehandikheda village, 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 and leopards.

On June 14, we organized a programme to clean two water bodies in the jungle around 3 km from Maili village. The water bodies, which are located around 300 meters from each other, were covered with leaves and organic litter and animals were finding it difficult to drink. Our team, consisting of field assistant Hameed Khan and 17 children from Maili village, cleared the litter and made the water bodies accessible to the animals again.

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Water body being cleaned by our volunteers at Mehandikheda (left) and Maili (right)

On June 24, we organised a similar programme to clean two more water bodies in the jungle around 4 km from Pisuwa.

During the month, our team organized 18 awareness programmes in villages to promote awareness about forests and the need to maintain and increase green cover. At these programmes, our team explained to villagers how the forests could be maintained and green cover could be added through plantation drives. Villagers were motivated to collect seeds of native species which could be used in plantation drives during the monsoon. We arranged sapling of bamboo, *Behda* and *Karanj* with the support of Social Forestry Wing and prepared pits for plantation of saplings next month.



Jhiriya – Site selected for plantation (left) and stocking of saplings (right)

During the month, our team, with the support of local government officials, organized 4 programmes in villages to promote awareness about rain water harvesting. The details are given in the table below

S. N.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	June 3	Karer	Rain water harvesting awareness programme	15

2	June 4	Matkuli	Rain water harvesting awareness programme	11
3	June 23	Khari	Rain water harvesting awareness programme	12
4	June 23	Tekapar	Rain water harvesting awareness programme	14

World Environment Day

On June 5, we organized a function to celebrate the World Environment Day at Almod. This programme was attended by Shri Manohar Lal Wadiwa (Deputy Ranger, Almod) Shri Ramlakhan Sirothiya (Forest Guard) and villagers of Almod.



Almod World Environment Day programme at Almod

Education

During the month, our team organized 13 lectures for students to educate them about nature and wildlife conservation.

S.N.	Date	School	No. Of Student
1	June 18	Government Primary School (GPS), Mohgaon	26
2	June 19	Government Boys Ashram Middle School, Matkuli	65
3	June 19	Government Middle School (GMS), Matkuli	110
4	June 20	GPS, Mehandikheda	30
5	June 22	GPS, Chandanpipariya	31
6	June 22	GPS, Maili	36
7	June 23	GMS, Pisuwa	66
8	June 23	GPS, Pisuwa	51
9	June 25	GPS, Tekapar	39
10	June 25	GMS, Tekapar	56
11	June 26	GPS, Chirrai	32
12	June 27	GPS, Chillod	11
13	June 29	GPS, Khari	10
		Total	563



Mehandikheda - Environment education programme

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

Satpuda Foundation organizes medical camps at which villagers get free treatment and medicines. These camps, whose schedule is set in conjunction with the managements of the respective Tiger Reserves, are run by the Mobile Health Service (MHS) of Satpuda Foundation.

There were health camps in 5 villages in June.

S.N.	Date	Village	Patients
1	June 18	Maili	9
2	June 18	Matkuli	22
3	June 19	Pisuwa	18
4	June 19	Chillod	12
5	June 20	Tekapar	17
Total			78



Villagers get free treatment at Matkuli (left) and Pisuwa (right)

Employment Cell

Ashfaq has been maintaining contact with officials at Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Chhindwara, to tap opportunities to assist villagers in our area of operations. The supervisor of the training facility informed Ashfaq of a programme to train youths in driving four-wheelers and asked him to select candidate from our area of operations for

the programme. Our team identified 5 people from the relocated village of Mongra and sent them for the programme. The cost is being borne by the Forest Department. The training programme runs from June 7 to July 9, 2016.

Details of the trainees are as follows:

S.	Village	Name	Qual.	Age
1	Mongra	Deepak Meharban Singh Uikey	10 th standard	22
2	Mongra	Deepak Tulsiram Bhalavi	8 th standard	25
3	Mongra	Dhanraj Shivprasad	8 th standard	24
4	Mongra	Dhanraj Tulsiram Bhalavi	10 th standard	26
5	Mongra	Ramgopal Kamal Singh	9 th standard	25

Earlier during the year, we had organised programmes to train villagers in making products from lantana. To help them set up their own units, our team helped prepare loan application for 22 of the villagers from Baridevi who had successfully completed the training. Applications were made for loans under the *Mukhyamantri Aarthik Kalyan Yojana*. The applications were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat, Sohagpur.