

SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
JUNE 2019

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Highlights

- ⇒ *3 water bodies cleaned through shramdhaan programs*
- ⇒ *9 awareness programmes and preparation of pits for sapling plantation*
- ⇒ *Revived nursery and prepared saplings at Matkuli*
- ⇒ *Plantation drive organized at Pisuwa - 100 saplings planted*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Environment Day at Matkuli*
- ⇒ *Organized environment awareness programme at Matkuli*

Conservation

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	June 2	Mehandikheda	Check dam repaired	14
2.	June 4	Jhirpa	Cleaning of water body	10
3.	June 5	Khanchari	Cleaning of water body	12
	Total			

During June, we organized 3 programmes related to water conservation.

On June 2, we organized a programme to clean a water body in the jungle around 2.5 km from Mehandikheda village. The water body was covered with leaves and organic litter and animals were finding it difficult to drink. Our team, consisting of field assistant Hamid Khan and 13 children from Mehandikheda village, cleared the litter and made the water body accessible to the animals again. Spotted deer are regularly spotted around this water body while there are occasional sightings of sloth bears, wild pigs, wild dogs and leopards. Two similar programmes were organized at Jhirpa and Khanchari on June 4 and 5.



Water body being cleaned by our volunteers at Mehandikheda

During the month, our team organized 9 awareness programmes in Jhirpa, Khanchari, Karer, Matkuli, Pisuwa, Duddi, Bandhan, Almod, Aaritodiya, Mohgaon, Tekapar, Chandanpipariya, Bindakheda and Chirrai 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 saplings of *neem*, *jamun*, *kosam*, *pipal*, *bargad* and *mahua* with the support of the Social Forestry wing and prepared pits for plantation.



Pits dug for sapling plantation at Matkuli



Prepared plants in nursery at Matkuli

In June, we organized the planting of 100 *kosam* and *teak* saplings in Pisuwa village, with the support of the local school management.



Sapling plantation at Pisuwa

World Environment Day

On June 5, we organized a function to celebrate the World Environment Day at Matkuli. This programme was attended by Mr. Kamal Pal (Sarpanch, Matkuli), Omprakash Sahu, Vimlesh Vyalsa, (Forest Guard) and EDC members of Matkuli, Mehandikheda, Chirrai, Tekapar and Khari.

Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve awareness programme

On June 13, we organized a function at Matkuli to promote awareness about the Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve. This programme was attended by Mr. Kamal Pal (Sarpanch- Matkuli), Mr. H.L. Sharma, Mr. Beniprasad Dhurve (Deputy Ranger), Principal and staff of Government Higher Secondary School, Matkuli.



Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve awareness programme at Matkuli