

**SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
MARCH 2019**

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Highlights

- ⇒ *10 water conservation shramdhaans during the month – 6 water bodies cleaned, 3 soak pits dug, 1 old soak pit cleaned*
- ⇒ *10 awareness programmes on forest fires*
- ⇒ *7 forest patrols jointly with Forest Department*
- ⇒ *2 programmes to provide birds with water containers*
- ⇒ *23 nature trails arranged for school students – 930 students participated*
- ⇒ *9 films shows on wildlife and nature conservation- 576 school students present*
- ⇒ *Organized sewing and embroidery training at Jhirpa*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages –157patients treated*
- ⇒ *Celebration of World Wildlife Day at Matkuli and Jhirpa*
- ⇒ *Celebration of World Sparrow Day at Matkuli*
- ⇒ *Celebration of International Forestry Day at Tekapar*
- ⇒ *Celebration of World Water Day at Bindakheda*
- ⇒ *Organized Volleyball Tiger cup 2019 at Matkuli*

Conservation

S.N.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	Mar. 16	Matkuli	Soak pit dug	13
2	Mar. 16	Maili	Soak pit dug	14
3	Mar. 18	Mehandikheda	Soak pit cleaned	10
4	Mar. 19	Pisuwa	Water body cleaned	16
5	Mar. 19	Pisuwa	Water body cleaned	16
6	Mar. 22	Bindakheda	Soak pit dug	14
7	Mar. 26	Almod	Water body cleaned	09
8	Mar. 28	Jhirpa	Water body cleaned	11
9	Mar. 29	Karer	Water body cleaned	15
10	Mar. 30	Aaditoriya	Water body cleaned	17
	Total			136

During March, we organized 10 programmes related to water conservation.

On March 16, we organized a program to dig a soak pit at the Government Primary School (GPS), Matkuli. 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.

Three similar programmes were organized at Maili, Mehandikheda and Bindakheda on March 16, 18 and 22.



Soak pit dug at Matkuli (left) and Bindakheda (right)

On March 19, we organized a programme to clean a water body in the jungle around 2 km from Pisuwa village. The water body was clogged 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 Government Middle School, Pisuwa 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 dogs, leopards and other wildlife.

Five similar programmes were organized at Pisuwa, Almod, Jhirpa, Karer and Aaditoriya on March 19, 26, 28, 29 and 30.



Water body being cleaning at Almod (left) and Pisuwa (right)

During the month, our team organized 10 awareness programmes on forest fires. Fires are a recurring hazard during summers – both deliberate and accidental. Sometimes, villagers start fires as they believe that tendu leaves sprout better after such fires. In our awareness programmes, we explained the dangers that such fires cause to the forest and to wildlife and how they could harm villages if they blazed out of control. In 4 of the meetings, local staff of the Forest Department joined us in addressing the villagers.

S. N.	Date	Village	Activity	par
1	Mar. 3	Aaditoriya	Awareness programme on forest fires	14
2	Mar. 4	Karer	Awareness programme on forest fires	18
3	Mar. 16	Almod	Awareness programme on forest fires	15
4	Mar. 17	Khanchari	Awareness programme on forest fires	14
5	Mar. 21	Tekapar	Awareness programme on forest fires	16
6	Mar. 24	Jhirpa	Awareness programme on forest fires	13
7	Mar. 24	Muar	Awareness programme on forest fires	11
8	Mar. 25	Almod	Awareness programme on forest fires	13
9	Mar. 27	Duddi	Awareness programme on forest fires	15
10	Mar. 27	Bandhan	Awareness programme on forest fires	14
	Total			143

Forest patrolling

During the month we participated in forest patrolling work with the Forest Department at Tekapar, Karer, Khanchari, Almod, Jhirpa, Duddi and Bandhan on March 4, 17, 25, 26 and 27. Other participants included Mr. Shivnarayan Devda, P.R. Moodotiya (Forest Guard), Forest Chowkidar and Eco-Development Committee members.

S.N.	Date	Village	Participants
1	March 4	Tekapar	5
2	March 4	Karer	4
3	March 17	Khanchari	5
4	March 25	Almod	4
5	March 26	Jhirpa	6
6	March 27	Duddi	3
7	March 27	Bandhan	4
	Total		31



Forest patrolling work with Forest Guard at Duddi (left) and night patrolling at Jhirpa (right)

With the onset of summer, water has become scarce and birds are struggling to get water to drink. Satpuda Foundation encourages villagers across the landscape to provide water for birds by placing old bottles, pots and cans in suitable locations for birds. During March, we conducted 2 programmes in Matkuli and Jhirpa in which we promoted awareness about the importance of birds in the eco-system and the need to ensure their survival by helping them with water.



Putting up pots with drinking water for birds at Matkuli (left) and Jhirpa (right)

Environment education

During March, our team conducted a total of 23 programmes on nature and wildlife conservation.

S.N.	Date	School	No. of Student
1	Mar. 1	Government Primary School, (GPS), Pisuwa	34
2	Mar. 1	Government Middle School, (GMS), Pisuwa	29
3	Mar. 1	GPS, Jhirpa	62
4	Mar. 1	GMS, Jhirpa	52
5	Mar. 2	GPS, Tekapar	37
6	Mar. 2	GMS, Tekapar	40
7	Mar. 2	GPS, Sitadongri	52
8	Mar. 2	GMS, Sitadongri	42
9	Mar. 5	GPS, Aaditoriya	15
10	Mar. 5	GPS, Khanchari	22
11	Mar. 5	Government Ashram Primary School, Matkuli	92
12	Mar. 5	Government Ashram Middle School, Matkuli	49
13	Mar. 6	GPS, Karer	19
14	Mar. 6	GPS, Nawalgaon- Chopna	51
15	Mar. 6	Saraswati Shishu Vidhya Mandir, Matkuli	94
16	Mar. 6	GPS, Mehandikheda	20
17	Mar. 7	GPS, Bindakheda	39
18	Mar. 7	GPS, Chandanpipariya	19
19	Mar. 11	GPS, Almod	35
20	Mar. 11	GMS, Almod	18
21	Mar. 11	GPS, Chillod	21

22	Mar. 15	GPS, Chirrai	30
23	Mar. 15	GPS, Mohgaon	58
		Total	930



Nature trail programme at Pisuwa (left) and classroom session followed by nature trail at Chandanpipariya (right)

Education Van

During March, our team conducted a total of 9 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation.

S. N.	Date	Schools/ Villages	Movies	Par
1	Mar. 7	Govt. Primary School, Chirrai	Corbett Tiger Reserve	38
2	Mar. 7	Govt. Primary School, Tekapar	Corbett Tiger Reserve	41
3	Mar. 7	Govt. Middle School, Tekapar	Corbett Tiger Reserve	39
4	Mar. 8	Govt. Primary Boys Ashram, Matkuli	Water conservation	96
5	Mar. 8	Govt. Middle Boys Ashram, Matkuli	Water conservation	87
6	Mar. 8	Govt. Primary School, Mohgaon	Indian Bear	25
7	Mar. 9	Govt. Primary School, Pisuwa	Indian Bear	35
8	Mar. 9	Govt. Primary School, Bindakheda	Indian Bear	35
9	Mar. 9	Saraswati Shishu Vidhya Mandir, Matkuli	Corbett Tiger Reserve	180
				576



Environment education - Wildlife film show at Saraswati Shishu Vidhya Mandir (left) and GMS Matkuli (right)

Capacity building programme of Eco club students

On March 18, we support a district level capacity building programme for eco-club students under National Green Crop programme at Madhai for students from East Pachmarhi and Denwa buffer zones. The programme was focussed on wild life, nature and environment development. Participants included Mr. Mahendra Mishra (Scientist), Mr. Dilip Chakrawarti (Programme Officer), school teachers and 40 school children from villages in our area of operations. The entire cost of the programme was borne by Environment Planning & Coordination Organization, Bhopal.



Madhai - Capacity building programme for eco-club students

Employment Cell- Sewing and embroidery training programme

30 women from Jhirpa, Khanchari, Karer and Aaditoriya villages of Denwa buffer cluster got trained in sewing and embroidery thanks to our assistance. This programme was organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chhindwara and ran from December 15, 2018 to March 14, 2019. The final examination for this programme was held in March. 10 of the trainees visited the Apparel Training Design Centre, Chhindwara to learn new techniques and designs. Details of the trainees are as follows:

S.N.	Village	Name	Qualification	Age	Job
1	Jhirpa	Kamini Uikey	12th	19	Sewing & Embroidery

2	Jhirpa	Rajkumari Uikey	12th	23	Sewing & Embroidery
3	Jhirpa	Kiran Uikey	12th	26	Sewing & Embroidery
4	Jhirpa	Yogita Uikey	8th	32	Sewing & Embroidery
5	Jhirpa	Neeta Keer	10th	29	Sewing & Embroidery
6	Aaditoriya	Aarti Kumre	10th	19	Sewing & Embroidery
7	Jhirpa	Jyoti Kahar	5th	32	Sewing & Embroidery
8	Jhirpa	Pooja Khan	12th	21	Sewing & Embroidery
9	Jhirpa	Manisha Ray	10th	25	Sewing & Embroidery
10	Jhirpa	Aarti Sarathe	8th	31	Sewing & Embroidery
11	Karer	Revti Prache	8th	19	Sewing & Embroidery
12	Karer	Vimla Wadiwa	12th	19	Sewing & Embroidery
13	Karer	Malti Uikey	9th	20	Sewing & Embroidery
14	Jhirpa	Nutan Uikey	12th	27	Sewing & Embroidery
15	Aaditoriya	Harshika Kumre	8th	24	Sewing & Embroidery
16	Jhirpa	Mohini Ray	10th	34	Sewing & Embroidery
17	Karer	Nisha Uikey	9th	18	Sewing & Embroidery
18	Jhirpa	Santoshi Chouhan	7th	30	Sewing & Embroidery
19	Jhirpa	Hemlata Kahar	7th	27	Sewing & Embroidery
20	Karer	Jyoti Uikey	7th	23	Sewing & Embroidery
21	Karer	Pooja Ray	10th	20	Sewing & Embroidery
22	Karer	Laychi Kawreti	12th	19	Sewing & Embroidery
23	Khanchari	Sunita Kahar	8th	32	Sewing & Embroidery
24	Tekapar	Anjali Kakodiya	8th	18	Sewing & Embroidery
25	Khanchari	Parveen Khan	5th	34	Sewing & Embroidery
26	Jhirpa	Manju Devda	5th	31	Sewing & Embroidery
27	Jhirpa	Rukhamani	5th	29	Sewing & Embroidery
28	Karer	Vinita Uikey	12th	21	Sewing & Embroidery
29	Karer	Saroj Uikey	3 rd	27	Sewing & Embroidery
30	Khanchari	Sandhya Thakur	10th	27	Sewing & Embroidery



Final examination in sewing and embroidery programme at Jhirpa

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 management of the Tiger Reserve, are run by the Mobile Health Service (MHS) of Satpuda Foundation. There were health camps in 6 villages in March.

S.N.	Date	Village	Patients
1	March 12	Almod	12
2	March 12	Aaditoriya	13
3	March 13	Pisuwa	19
4	March 13	Chandanpipariya	21
5	March 14	Mohgaon	60
6	March 14	Tekapar	32
Total			157



Dr. Manohar Khode examines villagers at Pisuwa (left) and Mohgaon (right)

***Celebrations of important days in eco-calendar
World Wildlife Day***

On March 3, we organized a function to celebrate the World Wildlife Day at Matkuli and Jhirpa. This programme was attended by Mr. H.L. Sharma, Sharif Khan (Deputy Ranger), Shri Dwivedi, Principal, Govt. Higher Secondary School, Jhirpa, Shri Kamal Kishor Pal (Sarpanch- Matkuli), President and members of Eco Development Committee.



Matkuli- Celebration on World wildlife Day

World Sparrow Day

On March 20, we organized a function to celebrate the World Sparrow Day at Matkuli. This programme was attended by Shri Kamal Kishore Pal (sarpanch of Matkuli), Biodiversity Management Committee members and villagers of Matkuli and staff of the Forest Department.

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Matkuli- Celebration on World Sparrow Day

International Forest Day

On March 21, we organized a function at Tekapar to celebrate the International Forest Day by arranging a drawing contest at Government Primary and Middle School, Tekapar.



Tekapar- Celebration on International Forest day- Drawing contest

World water day

On March 22, we organized a function to celebrate World Water Day at Bindakheda and organized a workshop on water conservation in Sanjay Gandhi State Youth and Leadership Institute, Pachmarhi. This programme was attended by Sarpanches of

Matkuli, Pisuwa, Tekpar and Singanama, members of Gram Panchayat and Bio-Diversity Management Committee.



Celebration on World water day at Bindakheda (left) and water conservation workshop at Pachmarhi (right)

Volleyball Tiger Cup 2019

On March 8-10, we organized a volleyball tournament at Matkuli. We organised this programme as a means to gather local youths, promote awareness about conservation issues among them and draw volunteers for conservation.

80 youths from 8 villages participated in the competition, while about 5,000 villagers were spectators. Eight teams have already volunteered to join as members of Satpuda Foundation and have promised to assist in our conservation activities.

This programme was attended by Mr. Satish Andhman (Officer in charge of Police Station, Pipariya), Shri Rajiv Jaiswal (President, Nagar Palika Parishad, Pipariya), H.L. Sharma (Deputy Ranger- Matkuli), Sohan Lala Jaiswal (Ex. Sarpanch), Sanjay Dubey, Kamal Kishore Pal (Sarpanch- Matkuli), Forest Department staff and prominent villagers.



Volleyball Tiger Cup 2019 at Matkuli



Volleyball Tiger cup 2019 prize distribution programme at Matkuli