

SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
NOVEMBER 2018

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Highlights

- ⇒ *8 water conservation shramdhaans during the month – built 6 check dams, dug 2 soak pits*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *1 vermi compost tank prepared*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 23 schools as part of our environment education program – attended by 1,259 students*
- ⇒ *Selection of unemployed women for vocational and livelihood training*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages - 123 patients treated*
- ⇒ *Fish seed distribution*
- ⇒ *Celebration of World Fisheries Day*

Conservation

| S. N. | Date | Village | Activity | No. of par. |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | Nov. 10 | Aaditoriya | Built check dam | 11 |
| 2 | Nov. 10 | Pisuwa | Built check dam | 16 |
| 3 | Nov. 16 | Almod | Dug soak pit | 13 |
| 4 | Nov. 16 | Almod | Dug soak pit | 9 |
| 5 | Nov. 20 | Aaditoriya | Built check dam | 10 |
| 6 | Nov. 20 | Jhirpa | Built check dam | 12 |
| 7 | Nov. 23 | Matkuli | Built check dam | 11 |
| 8 | Nov. 23 | Matkuli | Built check dam | 17 |
| | | | Total | 156 |

During November, we organized 8 programmes related to water conservation. On November 10, we organized a programme to build a check dam on a stream around 3 km from Aaditoriya village. A team comprising of 10 villagers and our field assistant Aabid 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.



Aaditoriya - Check dam being built by our team



Matkuli - Check dam built in programme organised by us

Five similar programmes were organised at Pisuwa, Aaditoriya, Jhirpa and Matkuli on November 10, 20 and 23.

On November 16, we organized a program to dig a soak pit at Saraswati Shishu Mandir School in Matkuli village. A team of 12 students joined hands with Aabid 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.



Digging soak pit at Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Matkuli

A similar programme was organised at Almod on November 16.

| S. N. | Date | Village | Activity | No. of par. |
|-------|--------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|
| 1 | Nov. 1 | Matkuli | Anti- plastic programme | 12 |
| 2 | Nov. 3 | Pisuwa | --do-- | 11 |
| 3 | Nov. 3 | Jhirpa | --do-- | 18 |
| 4 | Nov. 3 | Khanchari | --do-- | 16 |
| 5 | Nov. | Almod | Vermi compost tank | 12 |

On November 1, we organized a programme at Matkuli to promote awareness about public cleanliness and the harmful effects of plastic on the environment and human beings. The programme was followed by a drive to clean the village, the main road and prominent public places. Sarpanch Kamal Kishore Pal, local villagers and students participated in the programme.



Anti-plastic programme at Matkuli and Jhirpa

Three similar programmes were organised at Pisuwa, Jhirpa and Khanchari on November 3.

Education

During the month, our team organized 23 lectures to educate students about nature and wildlife conservation.

| S.N. | Date | School | N0. Of Student |
|------|--------|---|----------------|
| 1 | Nov. 1 | Government Primary School (GPS), Aaditoriya | 11 |
| 2 | Nov. 2 | GPS, Nawalgaon-Chopna | 35 |
| 3 | Nov. 2 | GPS, Sitadongri | 60 |
| 4 | Nov. 2 | Government Middle School (GMS), Sitadongri | 23 |
| 5 | Nov. 2 | GPS, Maili | 19 |
| 6 | Nov. 2 | GPS, Khari | 12 |
| 7 | Nov. 3 | GMS, Pisuwa | 33 |
| 8 | Nov. 3 | GPS, Pisuwa | 33 |
| 9 | Nov. 3 | GPS, Karer | 14 |

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| 10 | Nov. 3 | GPS, Khanchari | 22 |
| 11 | Nov. 10 | GPS, Bindakheda | 39 |
| 12 | Nov. 12 | GPS, Jhirpa | 42 |
| 13 | Nov. 12 | GMS, Jhirpa | 105 |
| 14 | Nov. 16 | GMS, Tekapar | 40 |
| 15 | Nov. 16 | GPS, Tekapar | 28 |
| 16 | Nov. 17 | GPS, Chillod | 09 |
| 17 | Nov. 17 | GPS, Chirrai | 33 |
| 18 | Nov. 19 | Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Matkuli | 175 |
| 19 | Nov. 19 | Government Higher Secondary School, Matkuli | 198 |
| 20 | Nov. 20 | Govt. Ashram Middle School, Matkuli | 178 |
| 21 | Nov. 27 | Govt. Ashram Primary School, Matkuli | 68 |
| 22 | Nov. 30 | GPS, Mohgaon | 57 |
| 23 | Nov. 30 | GPS, Mehandikheda | 25 |
| | | Total | 1259 |



Environment education programme at GHS Matkuli (Left) and GMS Jhirpa (Right)

Employment Cell

During the month we interviewed unemployed villagers and prepared a list of candidates to be trained in poultry farming, driving four-wheelers, making garments, embroidery and mushroom farming. These programmes will be held with the support of Nehru Yuva Kendra, Hoshangabad and Chhindwara. Funding for the training programmes will be from the Nehru Yuva Kendra and National Rural Livelihood Mission.

During the month we organized meetings of self-help groups to explore microfinance activity at Jhirpa, Khanchari, Duddi, Aaditoriya, Mohgaon, Tekapar and Almod on November 18, 19, 22 and 24.

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

| S.N. | Date | Village | Patients |
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| 1 | November 13 | Mohgaon | 34 |
| 2 | November 13 | Khari | 17 |
| 3 | November 14 | Pisuwa | 10 |
| 4 | November 14 | Chandanpipariya | 23 |
| 5 | November 15 | Chirrai | 27 |
| 6 | November 15 | Tekapar | 12 |
| Total | | | 123 |



Dr. Manohar Khode traets villagers at Tekapar (left) and Chirrai (right)



Patients register for treatment at Mohgaon

Fish seed distribution

We had asked the Field Director, Satpura Tiger Reserve to distribute fish seeds in villages in the buffer zone to provide villagers with an alternative livelihood option. In November, fish seeds were distributed and introduced in Aaditoriya and Almod village ponds.

Celebration- World Fisheries Day

On November 21, we organized a function to celebrate the World Fisheries Day at Matkuli. The programme was attended by Assistant Director (Fisheries Department), and H.L. Sharma (Deputy Ranger).