

**SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
SEPTEMBER 2017**

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Highlights

- ⇒ 9 water conservation shramdhaans during the month –check dams built
- ⇒ 1,250 saplings planted
- ⇒ Classroom visits to 12 schools as part of our environment education program – attended by 887 students
- ⇒ Assisted 35 youths in preparing and submitting loan proposals for livelihood Medical camps in 6 villages - 230 patients treated
- ⇒ Visit to check on status of 7 villages which have already been relocated

Conservation

| S. | Date | Village | Activity | No. of par. |
|----|---------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. | Sep. 4 | Pisuwa | Built check dam | 19 |
| 2. | Sep. 10 | Maili | Built check dam | 30 |
| 3. | Sep. 10 | Bindakheda | Built check dam | 14 |
| 4. | Sep. 10 | Mehandikheda | Built check dam | 20 |
| 5. | Sep. 10 | Pisuwa | Built check dam | 16 |
| 6. | Sep. 12 | Tekapar | Built check dam | 12 |
| 7. | Sep. 18 | Almod | Built check dam | 11 |
| 8. | Sep. 19 | Barud | Built check dam | 15 |
| 9. | Sep. 20 | Mehandikheda | Built check dam | 14 |
| | | | Total | 151 |

On September 4, we organized a programme to build a check dam in the forest around 2.5 km from Pisuwa village. A team comprising of 18 villagers and Hamid built the dam. The resultant water body will benefit wildlife at nights. Tigers, spotted deer, monkeys, leopards and other wild animal are spotted in the area.



Mehandikheda - Check dam built by our volunteers

Eight similar programmes were organised in September. Details are given in the table above.



Mali - Check dam built in programme organised by us

To take advantage of the monsoon, our teams have been working to motivate villagers to plant saplings. In September, our team organized the planting of saplings in Almod, Barud, Dundi, Chandanpipariya and Matkuli villages. A total of 1,250 saplings of *amla*, *kosam*, *maidachal*, *lemon*, *jamun* and *amrud* were planted with the support of Eco Development Committees, school administration and Forest Department staff.



Sapling plantation at Matkuli

Education

During the month, our team organized 12 lectures to educate students about nature and wildlife conservation.

| S.N. | Date | School | NO. Of Student |
|------|--------|--|----------------|
| 1 | Sep. 1 | Government Primary School (GPS), Matkuli | 129 |
| 2 | Sep. 1 | Government Middle School (GMS), Matkuli | 215 |
| 3 | Sep. 1 | Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Matkuli | 210 |
| 4 | Sep. 5 | GPS, Chandanpipariya | 27 |
| 5 | Sep. 6 | GPS, Khari | 13 |
| 6 | Sep. 6 | GPS, Pisuwa | 47 |
| 7 | Sep. 7 | GPS, Mohgaon | 65 |
| 8 | Sep. 7 | GPS, Mehandikheda | 25 |

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| 9 | Sep. 8 | GMS, Tekapar | 62 |
| 10 | Sep. 8 | GPS. Tekapar | 39 |
| 11 | Sep. 8 | GPS, Chirrai | 37 |
| 12 | Sep. 9 | GPS, Chillod | 18 |
| | | Total | 887 |



Environment education programme at GMS, Tekapar (left) and GMS, Pisuwa (right)

Employment Cell

During this month, we assisted 35 unemployed youths in preparing and submitting loan applications for livelihood programmes covered under the *Mukhayamantri Aarthik Kalyan Yojna*. On September 20, Satpuda Foundation submitted these proposals to CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Hoshangabad, on behalf of the youths.

Shri A.K. Mishra, Joint Director (CF), STR has asked Satpuda Foundation to focus on youths from relocated villages in our livelihood activities. Satpuda Tiger Reserve management will approach the concerned government agencies to implement livelihood training programmes under the National Rural Livelihood Mission.



Meeting for preparing loan applications at Chandanpipariya (left) and Pisuwa (right)

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 September.

| S.N. | Date | Village | Patients |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | September 16 | Almod | 42 |
| 2 | September 16 | Aaritodiya | 36 |
| 3 | September 17 | Bandhan | 39 |
| 4 | September 17 | Dundi | 40 |
| 5 | September 18 | Karer | 55 |
| 6 | September 18 | Chandanpipariya | 18 |
| Total | | | 230 |



Villagers get free treatment at Karer (left) and Chandanpipariya (right)