

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE
FEBRUARY 2016**

Team:

Bandu Kumare – *Field assistant*

Highlights

- ⇒ *1 Nature Camp for selected children of 7 villages*
- ⇒ *1 water conservation programme to build check dam at Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Anti-plastic programmes in 3 villages – at Sitarampeth, Bhamdeli and Dewada*
- ⇒ *Follow-up to plantation done earlier at Katwal, Adegaon and Chorgaon*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 10 schools as part of environment education programme – attended by 359 students*
- ⇒ *Film shows on wildlife conservation in 5 village schools – attended by 222 students*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages – 581 patients treated*
- ⇒ *2 visits to check on status of relocated villagers of Jamni and Navegaon*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
February 23-24	Adegaon	Nature camp	37
February 17	Kondegaon	Programme to build check dam	22
February 03	Sitarampeth	Anti-plastic programme	17
February 04	Bhamdeli	Anti-plastic and school area clean programme	11
February 10	Dewada	--do--	19
February 04	Katwal	Follow-up to plantation done earlier	21
February 06	Adegaon	--do--	15
February 10	Chorgaon	--do--	26

On February 17, our field assistant Bandu Kumare organised a programme to build a check dam around 1 km from Kondegaon. The dam was built on a stream lying between the fields and the jungle. 19 students from the village's Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS), 1 teacher and 1 youth from the village joined Bandu in the programme. The

resulting water body will benefit livestock in the day and wild animals at night. Wild boars, blue bulls and peacocks are regularly sighted in the area.



Kondegaon – Site before our programme to build check dam (left) and after programme (right)



Kondegaon – Check dam being built in programme organised by us

On February 3, Bandu organized an anti-plastic programme at Sitarampeth in which 17 students participated. Bandu explained the harmful effects of plastic on the environment and the need to keep plastic litter and waste buried so that they aren't blown by the wind into jungle areas. The team cleared the main road of the village of plastic litter and waste. They also cleared the common area of the village.

A similar anti-plastic programme was organized at Bhamdeli on February 4 and at Dewada on February 10



Sitarampeth - Anti-plastic programme



Bhamdeli – Programme to clean school campus

On February 5, Bandu organized a programme at Katwal to follow up on plantation of saplings done last year. This is to ensure that saplings planted during the monsoon are live and have sufficient protection from grazing livestock. 21 students from the village school joined Bandu in the programme. Similar programmes were organized on February 8 at Adegaon in which 15 students participated and February 11 at Chorgaon in which 26 students participated.



Adegaon – School children take care of saplings which they had planted during the last monsoon season

Nature camp

A nature camp was organised at Adegaon for students of seven villages - Moharli, Adegaon, Dewada, Bhamdeli, Sitarampeth, Kondegaon, and Khutwanda.

The camp, which was held on February 23-24, included nature games, bird-watching and nature trails, lectures on conservation and film shows on wildlife. It was attended by a total of 30 students, seven teachers and Ms M Tayade (Round Officer) and Miss R. Jawale (Forest Guard).

Satpuda Foundation organises nature camps in which selected students are motivated and trained to become supporters of wildlife conservation.



Students learn about waterholes (left) and participate in nature trail (right) during nature camp



Students learn about wildlife at Nature Interpretation Centre at Nawargaon Chowki

Environment Education

During February, Bandu made 10 classroom visits to speak to students of village schools on various aspects of nature and wildlife conservation.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1	February 02	Z.P. Upper Primary School	Chorgaon	30
2	February 03	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Kutwanda	25
3	February 04	--do--	Adegaon	20
4	February 08	--do--	Sitarampeth	20
5	February 10	Z.P. Upper Primary School	Mudholi	40
6	February 15	--do--	Katwal	34
7	February 17	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Kondegaon	21
8	February 20	--do--	Dewada	22
9	February 22	--do--	Bhamdeli	11

10	February 26	Z.P. Upper Primary School	Moharli	36
	Total			259



Khutwanda - Environment education school programme

Education Van

There were 5 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in February.

S.no	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	February 24	Katwal	Kanha tiger reserve	76
2	February 24	Kondegaon	--do--	25
3	February 25	Moharli	--do--	82
4	February 25	Bhamdeli	--do--	15
5	February 25	Sitarampeth	--do--	24
	Total			222



Moharli - Students of village primary school watch film on nature and wildlife conservation

MHU

7 medical camps were organized by us in February.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	February 27	Adegaon	94

2	February 27	Junona	87
3	February 28	Bhamdeli	108
4	February 28	Udiya Tola	105
5	February 29	Dewada	97
6	February 29	Chorgaon	90
	Total		581



Chorgaon- Dr Shailesh Pawade examines a patient at our free medical camp