

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE
JANUARY 2016**

Team:

Bandu Kumare – *Field assistant*

Highlights

- ⇒ *One water conservation programme to build check dam at Adegaon*
- ⇒ *One community meeting -- Gaon ki man ki bat at Junona*
- ⇒ *Two community assistance shramdhaans – one programme to clean area around well at Sitarampeth and one programme at Mudholi to clean area around hand pump*
- ⇒ *Follow-up to plantation done earlier at Dewada, Kondegaon and Sitarampeth*
- ⇒ *One nature trail for students of Moharli*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 10 schools as part of environment education programme – attended by 331 students*
- ⇒ *Film shows on wildlife conservation in 10 village schools – attended by 414 students*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages – 556 patients treated*
- ⇒ *One visit to check on status of relocated villagers of Jamni and Navegaon*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
January 9	Adegaon	Programme to build check dam	28
January 5	Sitarampeth	Programme to clean area around well	2
January 20	Mudholi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	2
January 4	Dewada	Follow-up to plantation done earlier	14
January 8	Kondegaon	--do--	18
January 21	Sitarampeth	--do--	10
January 30	Moharli	Nature trail	23
January 31	Junona	Gaon ki man ki bat	22

On January 9, our field assistant Bandu Kumare organised a programme to build a check dam around 1 km from Adegaon. The dam was built on a stream lying between the fields and the jungle. 22 students, 2 teachers from the village's Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS) and 3 women from the village joined Bandu in the programme. The resulting water body will benefit livestock in the day and wild animals at night. Wild boar, spotted deer and sambhar are regularly sighted in the area.



Adegaon – Site before our programme (left) and check dam being built (right)



Adegaon - Check dam built by our volunteers

On January 5, Bandu organized a programme at Junona to clear the area around a well. Water had spilled over while people drew from the well. Over a period of time, this had created a small marshy area, leading to proliferation of mosquitoes and insects. Our team cleared the area, removing scum and organic growth and dug a canal to drain away the water. 2 youths from the village joined Bandu in the programme. A similar programme was organised on January 20 at Mudholi to clean the area around a hand pump.



Mudholi - Cleaning of area around hand pump

On January 4, Bandu organised a programme at Dewada 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. 14 students from the village school joined Bandu in the programme. A similar programme was organized on January 8 at Kondegaon in which 18 students participated and at Sitarampeth on January 21 in which 10 students took part.



Kondegaon – Students ensure that saplings, planted earlier, have adequate water and protection from grazing livestock

On January 31, Bandu organised a “Gaon ki man ki baat” programme at Junona – a community meeting to discuss local issues. 22 villagers from Moharli, Junona and Dewada participated in the meeting. Issues discussed at the meeting included village cleanliness, public hygiene and conservation of nature and wildlife.



Junona- Gaon ki man ki bat meeting

Environment Education

During January, 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	January 2	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Sitarampeth	21
2	January 4	Z.P. Upper Primary School	Adegaon	20
3	January 5	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Kutwanda	26
4	January 7	--do--	Chorgaon	37
5	January 8	Z.P. Upper Primary School	Dewada	22
6	January 8	--do--	Kondegaon	29
7	January 20	--do--	Mudholi	51
8	January 20	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Bhamdeli	19
9	January 22	--do--	Katwal	66
10	January 30	--do--	Moharli	40
	Total			331

On January 30, Bandu led a team of 23 students of the Zilla Parishad Primary School from Moharli on a bird-watching trail around Moharli lake. As it is the season when migratory birds are seen in the area, Bandu and the team also patrolled the area around the lake to make sure that poachers had not set traps for the migratory birds.



Moharli - Bird watching trail and environment education programme

Education Van

There were 10 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in January.

S.no	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	January 27	Kondegaon	Dost Magar Machh	30
2	January 27	Khutwanda	--do--	26
3	January 27	Katwal	--do--	78
4	January 28	Moharli	--do--	60
5	January 28	Dewada	Mali	25
6	January 28	Adegaon	--do--	24
7	January 28	Chorgaon	--do--	82
8	January 29	Sitarampeth	Melghat Tiger Reserve	21
9	January 29	Bhamdeli	--do--	15
10	January 29	Mudholi	--do--	53
	Total			414



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

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6 medical camps were organised by us in January.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	January 23	Moharli	67
2	January 23	Bhamdeli	105

3	January 24	Sitarampeth	73
4	January 24	Kondegaon	104
5	January 25	Katwal	110
6	January 25	Khutwanda	97
	Total		556



Kutwanda- Dr Shailesh Pawade attends to patients at our free medical camp