

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE**  
**APRIL 2016**

**Team:**

Bandu Kumare – *Field assistant*

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One community assistance programme – area around hand pump at Chargaon cleared of growth and spillover water drained away*
- ⇒ *One water hole built at Udiya Tola (Adegaon) to take spillover water from hand pump*
- ⇒ *Two programmes to clean water holes at Sitarampeth and Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Anti-plastic programmes in 2 villages – Bhamdeli and Khutwanda*
- ⇒ *3 programmes to place water containers for birds at Khutwanda, Junona and Mudholi*
- ⇒ *Follow-up to plantation done earlier at Adegaon, Dewada and Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Two nature trails for students at Sitarampeth and Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages – 594 patients treated*
- ⇒ *2 visits to check on status of relocated villagers of Jamni and Navegaon*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
April 22	Udiya Tola(Adegaon)	Water hole built near hand pump	18
April 19	Chorgaon	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
April 8	Sitarampeth	Water hole cleaned	3
April 13	Kondegaon	--do--	6
April 6	Khutwanda	Water containers for birds	10
April 14	Junona	--do--	5
April 18	Mudholi	--do--	13
April 6	Bhamdeli	Anti-plastic programme	12
April 26	Khutwanda	--do--	20
April 5	Adegaon	Follow-up to plantation done earlier	14
April 14	Dewada	--do--	11
April 26	Kondegaon	--do--	17
April 13	Sitarampeth	Nature trail	19
April 13	Kondegaon	--do--	22

On April 22, Bandu organized a programme at Udiya Tola to clear the area around a hand pump. 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. A water hole was dug to take this spillover water. This will provide drinking water to domestic animals.

8 youths and 10 students from the village joined Bandu in the programme.



*Udiya Tola – Team digs canal to take spill over water from hand pump to water hole*



*Water hole built at Udiya Tola in programme organised by us*

In April 19, Bandu organized a programme at Chorgaon to clear the area around a hand pump. 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. 4 youths from the village joined Bandu in the programme.

On April 8, Bandu organized a programme to clear a water hole at Sitarampeth. The water hole was clogged with organic waste and was overflowing. Bandu and 3 youths of the village cleaned the water hole; a similar programme was organized on April 13 at Kondegaon to clean another water hole. 6 youths from the village joined Bandu in this programme.



*Kondegaon – Volunteers clean water hole in programme organised by us*

With the summer advancing, temperatures are on the rise and birds are struggling for water. Bandu organized programmes to put up containers with water for birds in 3 villages – Khutwanda, Junona and Mudholi.



*Mudholi - Water pot for birds*



*Khutwanda - Water pot for birds*

On April 6, Bandu organized an anti-plastic programme at Bhamdeli in which 12 students of the village's Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS) 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 children first cleared the main road of the village of plastic litter and waste and later cleared the school premises as well.

A similar anti-plastic programme was organized at Khutwanda on April 26.



*Khutwanda – Anti plastic programme*

On April 5, Bandu organized a programme at Adegaon 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. Similar programmes were organized on April 14 at Dewada in which 11 students participated and on April 26 at Kondegaon in which 17 students participated.



*Adegaon – Volunteers ensure saplings get water and protection*

### ***Environment Education***

There were no classroom programmes in April as students were busy with their annual examinations.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
	<b>Total</b>			

On April 13, Bandu organized a walk in the forest for the students of Sitarampeth ZPPS. On the nature walk, in the forest adjoining the village, Bandu taught the students how to spot and identify birds. He also spoke to the children about the importance of nature and wildlife and the need for conservation. 19 students joined Bandu on the nature trail. A

similar programme was organised on April 13 at Kondegaon for 22 students of the village's primary school.



*Kondegaon – Nature trail*

***Employment Cell***

On 9 April, our Employment Cell Officer Mr. Ajay Poddar visited Moharli to follow up on the status of youths trained by us in driving four-wheelers. We had arranged a programme in December to train 30 youths in driving four-wheelers. Out of these, 12 are now driving vehicles – some as tourist jeep drivers, others in local transport and one is employed as a tractor driver.



*Moharli – Ajay reviews progress made by candidates*

***Education Van***

There were no film shows in April as students were busy with their annual exams.

S.no	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1				
2				
	<b>Total</b>			

**MHU**

6 medical camps were organized by us in April.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	April 23	Moharli	92
2	April 23	Bhamdeli	105
3	April 24	Sitarampeth	97
4	April 24	Kondegaon	115
5	April 25	Katwal	120
6	April 25	Khutwanda	65
	<b>Total</b>		<b>594</b>



*Dr. Shailesh Pawade examines patient at our free medical camp at Sitarampeth*