

TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

JANUARY 2019

Team:

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Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *3 anti-plastic and public hygiene programmes to prevent man-animal conflict - 98 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *1 check dam built through shramdhaan - 12 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *1 foot patrol in buffer zone - 7 local youths participated*
- ⇒ *11 environment education programmes - 383 students attended*
- ⇒ *2 nature club activities - kitchen garden setup - 26 students participated*
- ⇒ *6 women's SHG meetings were organized - 135 members attended*
- ⇒ *9 VEDC meetings were organized - 244 members attended*
- ⇒ *50 eligible youths finalized for four-wheeler driving training program*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
10/01/2019	Mudholi	Anti-plastic drive	41
16/01/2019	Dewada	Anti-plastic drive	27
18/01/2019	Katwal	Anti-plastic drive	30
19/01/2019	Kondegaon	Check dam construction	12
29/01/2019	Khutwanda	Foot patrol	7
		Total	117

On January 10th, 16th and 18th, we organized cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers of Dewada, Katwal, and Mudholi. Programmes were organized in order to sanitize the area around villages as litter and food leftovers sometimes leads wildlife to venture into the village and causes man-animal conflict. We collected over 7 kilograms of plastic litter through public participation (Shramdhaan). A total of 98 villagers including members of women's self-help groups (SHGs) volunteered for these activities.

On January 29th, we organized a forest foot patrol jointly with Forest Department involving local youths of Khutwanda village. 7 youths participated in the patrol.



(Left) Sitarampeth- Villagers and students participate in cleanliness drive

(Right) Katwal- Local youths participate in foot patrol in buffer zone

On January 19th, we constructed a check dam near Kondegaon village through Shramdhaan. 19 villagers volunteered for the construction work.



Khutwanda- Local youths construct a check dam

Education Programme

During January, we organised 12 environment education programmes in Zilla Parishad schools of Khutwanda, Katwal, Sitarampeth, Bhamdeli, Dewada, Adegaoon and Junona.

We organized these programmes with students and teachers in order to make them aware of the importance of biodiversity and conservation. We taught them about nature and wildlife's value through interactive sessions and various nature games. A total of 383 students participated in the programmes.

On January 9th and 14th, nature club 'Leopard' and 'Drongo' of ZP schools, Kondegaon and Bhamdeli, set up kitchen gardens on their respective campuses. 26 students of the club participated in the activity.



Junona and Katwal- Students learn about wildlife conservation through interactive games during our environmental education program.



(Left)Kondegaon- Nature club activity- students set up a kitchen garden

(Right) Adegaon- Students taking care of the plants they had earlier planted in their kitchen garden



Kondegaon- Students observe birds during a nature trail

(Right) Mudholi- Ajay explains about carbon footprint

Sr. no	Date	Village/School	Programme	Participants
1	02/01/2019	ZP school, Sitarampeth	Environment education session	22
2	05/01/2019	ZP school, Bhamdeli	Session on bird identification	31
3	16/01/2019	ZP school, Mudholi	Nature games	74
4	17/01/2019	ZP school, Bhamdeli	Lecture on environmental issues	18
5	18/01/2019	ZP school, Mudholi	Bird watching and nature trail	42
6	20/01/2019	ZP school, Katwal	Session on man-animal conflict and preventions	55
7	21/01/2019	ZP School, Dewada	--do--	24
8	22/01/2019	ZP School, UdiyaTola	--do--	22
9	23/01/2019	ZP school, Khutwanda	Nature games (mammals and birds identification)	34

10	27/01/2019	ZP school, Mudholi	Nature trail	46
11	29/01/2019	ZP school, Junona	Classroom lecture	15
12	09/01/2019	ZP school, Kondegaon	Nature Club activity- Kitchen garden	12
13	14/01/2019	Bhamdeli	--do--	14
			Total	409

Employment Cell

We organized 9 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings and 6 women self-help group (SHG) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests that leads to man-animal conflict and degradation of forests. A total of 379 villagers attended these meetings and shared their thoughts. We have also submitted a list of 50 eligible youths of Moharli buffer to the Forest Department along with a proposal to organise a four-wheeler driving training program.

In the SHG meetings, we discussed about forming a group of interested members who are willing to undergo training in embroidery and in making paper bags. The training will be provided by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chandrapur. A total of 135 members attended these meetings.

In VEDC meetings, we discussed and explained short- and long-term benefits of fodder plantation. We also discussed about man-animal confrontation in Moharli buffer area and how to reduce this by adopting cattle sheds and stall feeding for their cattle. A total of 244 villagers attended these meetings.



(Left)Mudholi- Members of women’s SHG being briefed about embroidery and sewing training provided by Nehru Yuva Kendra, Chandrapur



(Right) Katwal- Kishor speak to the villagers about man-animal conflict and solar fencing.



Dewada- Kishor speaks to the local youths during our livelihood survey

Details of the programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	02/01/2019	Junona	VEDC	20	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion
2	03/01/2019	Sitarampeth	SHG (Adivasi Mahila Bachat gat)	15	Sewing and embroidery course introduction
3	04/01/2019	Bhamdeli	VEDC	26	Discussion on livestock management

4	06/01/2019	Khutwanda	VEDC	31	Utilizing 'Jan Dhan' fund for conservation activities
5	07/01/2019	Mudholi	VEDC	28	--do--
6	16/01/2019	Mudholi	SHG (Savitri Mahila Bachat Gat)	25	Meeting with selected candidates of embroidery course
7	19/01/2019	Junona	SHG (Irai Mahila Bachat Gat)	20	Small scale business discussion
8	20/01/2019	Bhamdeli	SHG (Indira Mahila Bachat Gat)	30	--do--
9	21/01/2019	Adegaon	SHG (Valmiki Mahila Bachat Gat)	20	--do--
10	26/01/2019	Khutwanda	SHG (Savitri Mahila Bachat Gat)	25	Sewing and embroidery training
11	27/01/2019	Mudholi	VEDC	40	Meeting with four-wheeler driving training candidates
12	28/01/2019	Adegaon. UdiyaTola	VEDC	20	Livestock management and meeting with bamboo artisans
13	29/01/2019	Katwal	VEDC	30	Meeting on livestock management
14	25/01/2019	Khutwanda	VEDC	14	--do--
15	26/01/2019	Moharli	Village youths	35	Livelihood awareness session
			Total	379	

List of the candidates (four-wheeler driving training)

Sr. No.	Name	Age	Qualification	Village	Training
1	Aakash Madhavi	21yr	10 th pass	Khutwanda	Four-wheeler driving training for youths of Moharli buffer

2	Dheeraj Madhavi	20yr	12 th pass	--do--	--do--
3	Sanjay Madhavi	40 yr	B.A.	--do--	--do-
4	Ajinkya Poinkar	21yr	10 th pass	Katwal	--do-
5	Sanket Bhaisare	20yr	12 th pass	--do--	--do-
6	Ganesh Poinkar	23yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
7	Shubham Bhaisare	20yr	12 th pass	--do--	--do--
8	Praveen Ambade	27yr	10 th pass	--do-	--do-
9	Amol Yete	22yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
10	Vitthal Neware	27yr	8 th pass	--do-	--do-
11	Sharad Choudhray	38yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
12	Gajanan Jambule	30yr	10 th pass	Mudholi	--do--
13	Prakash Gharat	38yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
14	Prateek Jambule	21yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
15	Vilas Dadmal	26yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
16	Suraj Gedam	22yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
17	Yogeshwar Pendam	24yr	12 th pass	--do-	--do-
18	Shankar Dadmal	26yr	10 th pass	Kondegaon	--do-
19	Anup Choudhary	27yr	10 th pass	--do--	--do-
20	Vinod Gharat	40yr	10 th pass	Bhamdeli	--do-
21	Anand Nagdevte	26yr	8 th pass	Dewada	--do--
22	Gariba Patil	39 yr	10 th pass	--do--	--do--
23	Vishal Tiwade	22yr	10 th pass	Adegaon	--do--
24	Rajkumar Gedam	38	10 th pass	Kondegaon	(documents yet to be received)
25	Biju Maghre	23yr	10 th pass	Bhamdeli	
26	Vikas Gharat	31yr	10 th pass	--do--	

27	Ishwar Ghormare	28yr	10 th pass		
28	Mayur Asutkar	20yr	10 th pass	--do--	
29	Vaibhav Shedam	20 yr	12 th pass	Khutwanda	
30	Govind Dhok	32yr	12 th pass	Sitarampeth	
31	Pramod Dhanorkar	39yr	10 th pass	Adegaon	
32	Nikhil Kumre	21yr	10 th pass	--do--	
33	Monoj Jawade	25yr	12 th pass	--do--	
34	Suraj Maraskole	25yr	12 th pass	--do--	
35	Diwakar Kumre	27yr	10 th pass	--do--	
36	Amit Jharkar	19yr	12 th pass	--do--	
37	Roshan Sorde	18yr	10 th pass	Dewada	
38	Rajendra Korwate	28yr	-----	Dewada	
39	Nitesh Yedme	21yr	10 th pass	Dewada	
40	Dilip Todase	26yr	10 th pass	Agarzari	
41	Ashwini Atram	30yr	12 th pass	--do--	
42	Nandkishor Mankar	25yr	12 th pass	Katwal	
43	Ranveer Dudhgawdi	51yr	12 th pass	Padmapur	
44	Shubham Vaidya	20yr	12 TH pass	Mudholi	

45	Pramod Pendam	25yr	12 th pass	Mudholi	
46	Anil Yedme	24yr	12 th pass	Mudholi	
47	Rajendra Korwate	28yr	8 th pass	Dewada	
48	Nitesh Yerme	20yr	10 th pass	Dewada	
49	Vishal Shidam	21yr	10 th pass	Khutwanda	
50	Narendra Choudhary	38	10 th pass	Mudholi	