

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE
MAY 2016**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Two community assistance shramdhaans –programmes to clean area around hand pump at Adegaon and Katwal*
- ⇒ *Two programmes to clean water holes at Moharli and Moharli*
- ⇒ *Two programmes to place water pots for birds at Moharli and Dewada*
- ⇒ *Follow-up to plantation done earlier at Khutwanda, Bhamdeli and Sitarampeth*
- ⇒ *Two nature trails for students at Khutwanda and Moharli*
- ⇒ *Two programmes to collect seeds for plantation programme at Mudholi and Kondegaon*
- ⇒ *Workshop on livelihood options in two village – at Katwal and Mudholi*
- ⇒ *2 visits to check on status of relocated villagers of Jamni and Navegaon*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
May 08	Adegaon	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
May 13	Katwal	--do--	4
May 05	Moharli	Water hole cleaned	3
May 16	Mudholi	--do--	5
May 09	Moharli	Water pots for birds	6
May 24	Dewada	--do--	8
May 06	Khutwanda	Follow-up to plantation done earlier	13
May 17	Bhamdeli	--do--	9
May 22	Sitarampeth	--do--	15
May 19	Mudholi	Programme to collect seeds for plantation programme in monsoon	12
May 19	Kondegaon	--do--	16
May 13	Khutwanda	Nature trail	17
May 19	Moharli	--do--	20

On May 8, Bandu organized a programme at Adegaon 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. A similar programme was organized on May 13 at Katwal to clean the area around a hand pump. 4 youths from the village joined Bandu in this programme.



Adegaon – Volunteers clear area around hand pump



On May 5, Bandu organized a programme to clear a water hole at Moharli. 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 May 16 at Mudholi in which 5 youths from the village joined Bandu.



Moharli - Water hole before our programme to clean it (left) and after (right)

As the rains have not yet started and the temperatures are still high, birds continue to struggle for water. Bandu organized programmes to put up pots with water for birds in 2 villages – Moharli and Dewada.



Dewada– Villager fills pot with water for birds

On May 6, Bandu organized a programme at Khutwanda 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. 13 students from the village school joined Bandu in the programme. Similar programmes were organized on May 17 at Bhamdeli and May 22 at Sitarampeth in which in which 9 students and 15 students participated.



Sitarampeth – Volunteers ensure saplings get water and protection

Bandu has been organizing programmes to collect seeds for planting once the monsoon sets in. In the process, children are taught about the value of trees and the need to preserve the green cover and increase it. During June, seeds were collected by children in Mudholi and Kondegaon. Seeds collected included *karanj*, *sitaphal*, mango, *neem* and *kaner*.



Kondegaon - Seeds collected for plantation programme

On May 13, Bandu organized a nature trail in the jungle near Khutwanda in which 17 students participated. Bandu used the trail to teach the students about local species of plants and wildlife. The trail was also an opportunity to patrol the jungle and check for signs of illicit activities. Similar programmes were organized on May 22 at Moharli in which 20 students participated.



Moharli - Village students on nature trail

Environment Education

There were no classroom programmes in May as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.

Employment Cell

On May 18, Bandu organised programmes at Katwal and Mudholi at which officials from Bank of India's Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (R-Seti) spoke to unemployed youths about various livelihood-related training programmes offered by the institute at Chandrapur. Mr. Viresh Trivedi, Director of the institute, spoke to the youths about programmes such as tailoring, repairing of mobile phones, courses in working in beauty parlours, electrical fitting, etc..

R-Seti has been working with Satpuda Foundation to reach out to unemployed youths in our area of operations. So far, we have sent more than 30 youths for various training programmes at R-Seti. The fees have been borne by R-Seti.



Katwal - Viresh Trivedi, Director of R-Seti, speaks to unemployed youths about livelihood training programmes offered by his institute

Education Van

There were no film shows in May as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.