

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE**  
**NOVEMBER 2016 ACTIVITY REPORT**

**Field Staff**

Conservation Officer – Prameek Kannan

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *5 anti-poaching patrols in buffer area, with 56 local youths from the villages of Mudholi and Katwal*
- ⇒ *8 education programmes in 5 villages – Katwal, Kondegaon, Bhamdeli, Khutwanda, Dewada, with 237 students; 2 drawing competitions, 1 classroom lecture and 5 nature documentary sessions*
- ⇒ *Mobile Health Unit treated 453 patients in 6 villages – Adegaon, Dewada, Junona, UdiyaTola, Dewada, Chorgaon.*
- ⇒ *5 self-employment training awareness programmes with Bank of India in 5 villages – Mudholi, Khutwanda, Katwal, Bhamdeli, Kondegaon, with 142 participants.*
- ⇒ *4-wheeler driver's training programme commences, with lessons being given to 40 candidates*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
8/11/16	Anti-poaching patrol (morning)	Mudholi	18
9/11/16	Anti-poaching patrol (morning)	Katwal	15
10/11/16	Anti-poaching patrol (morning)	Mudholi	7
14/11/16	Anti-poaching patrol (morning)	Katwal	19
14/11/16	Anti-poaching patrol (evening)	Katwal	15
<b>Total</b>			<b>56</b>

Between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of November, 5 forest patrols were conducted with 56 local youths, in the jungle adjoining the villages of Katwal and Mudholi. We identified several water holes which livestock and wildlife use, which are useful in assessing potential conflict, as well as wildlife presence. Tracks and scat of wild boar, chital, and Nilgai were seen in these areas; in addition, the locals said that striped hyenas (on occasion) use the areas around Mudholi and Katwal. Pugmarks of jackal and tiger were also seen.

A tigress was spotted twice over this period by a cattle herder in Katwal, reported the youths, both times while he was grazing his cattle. The herder moved his cattle out of the area, and there was no incident.



*Youths patrolling buffer forest near Katwal*

### Education

Date	Activity	Village	Number of Participants
9/11/16	Classroom lecture	Katwal	18
23/11/16	Drawing competition	Katwal	25
24/11/16	Drawing competition	Katwal	20
<b>Total</b>			<b>63</b>



*A drawing competition was conducted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of November in the Katwal Zilla Parishad School.*

### Education Van

Date	Film	Village	Number of Students
28/11/16	Sarus Cranes of Navegaon-Nagzira, BBC Wildlife	Kondegaon	27

	Specials - Tiger		
28/11/16	Sarus Cranes of Navegaon-Nagzira	Bhamdeli	21
29/11/16	Sarus Cranes of Navegaon-Nagzira, Truth About Tigers, Meena Ki Kahani	Katwal	60
29/11/16	The Real Jungle Book Bear	Khutwanda	39
30/11/16	The Truth About Tigers, Sarus Cranes of Navegaon-Nagzira	Dewada	27
<b>Total</b>			<b>174</b>

### MHU

There were six camps in November.

Date	Village	Number of Patients
26/11/16	Adegaon	98
26/11/16	Jununa	30
27/11/16	Bhamdeli	110
27/11/16	UdiyaTola	47
28/11/16	Dewada	54
28/11/16	Chorgaon	114
<b>Total</b>		<b>453</b>



*Dr Amol Dawange examining a patient in Chorgaon*

### Employment Cell

Date	Activity	Village	Number of Participants
8/11/16	Self-employment training awareness	Mudholi	40
11/11/16	Self-employment	Khutwanda	10

	training awareness		
11/11/16	Self-employment training awareness	Katwal	36
18/11/16	Self-employment training awareness	Bhamdeli	30
18/11/16	Self-employment training awareness	Kondegaon	26
21/11/16 – on - going	Driver's training lessons begin	Moharli (batches made on 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	40
<b>Total</b>			<b>182</b>

Awareness programmes on alternative livelihood options were held in the villages of Mudholi, Khutwanda, Katwal, Bhamdeli and Kondegaon between the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. These were held with Bank of India's Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (RSETI). Training sessions for organic farming, cattle, goat and chicken rearing will begin next month for candidates who have signed up for these in the awareness sessions.



*Awareness programme on livelihood options in Bhamdeli*

Our 4-wheeler driver's training programme began on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, 2016, and is currently going on, 40 candidates are being trained.



*4 wheeler driver's training in progress in Mudholi*