

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

**Field Staff:**

Conservation Officer – Prameek Kannan

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *2 Anti-poaching patrols in buffer forests, with 20 local youths.*
- ⇒ *2 Education programmes were conducted with 145 participants, including wildlife-conservation themed sports and skit competitions.*
- ⇒ *One programme to train 40 village youths in driving four-wheelers was launched on October 28 at Moharli. This is a one-month programme*
- ⇒ *One awareness programme was organized on October 14 at Sitarampeth in which village youths were given information about various skill-development programmes run by Bank of India's Rural Self-Employment Training Institute (R-Seti)*
- ⇒ *Six villages covered by Mobile Health Unit -- treated 417 patients.*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
20/10/16	Sitarampeth	Anti-poaching patrol	9
23/10/16	Sitarampeth	Anti-poaching patrol	11
<b>Total</b>			<b>20</b>

On October 20<sup>th</sup> Conservation Officer Prameek Kannan conducted an anti-poaching patrol in the buffer forests around Sitarampeth village with 9 youths from Sitarampeth village. Another anti-poaching patrol was conducted on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October around the buffer forest of Sitarampeth, this time with 11 youths from the village. An abundance of animal signs were seen on the buffer trails, including pugmarks, scrapes and scat of tigers and leopards, and digging signs of sloth bears, as well as tracks and scat of a variety of ungulates such as sambar, nilgai and gaur.



*Anti-poaching patrol through the buffer forests with youths from Sitarampeth village*

**Education**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
6/10/16	Mudholi	Wildlife-themed Kabbaddi tournament	120
7/10/16	Bhamdeli	Skit	25
<b>Total</b>			<b>145</b>

On October 6<sup>th</sup>, the SF team conducted a Kabbaddi tournament in Mudholi village, where 120 participants from Zilla Parishad and Saraswati Secondary Schools participated in the event. Trophies were presented to the winners of the tournament, after which the teachers of the schools and Prameek spoke about the importance of sports for health and development, just as conservation actions are important for the health and development of both forests and surrounding villages alike. They pledged to join hands for future conservation activities with the SF team and the Forest Department. The teams bore names of the wildlife of the area.



*Wildlife-themed Kabbaddi competition with children of Mudholi village in the Tadoba buffer*

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the students of Bhamdeli Zilla Parishad School performed a skit on the harm that plastic can do to wildlife and the ecosystem, and why we must stop littering.



*A skit by the children of Bhamdeli ZP school in Tadoba buffer on the damaging effects of plastic on wildlife*

**Employment**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
14/10/16	Sitarampeth	Awareness session about training in Rural Self-Employment	25
24/10/16	Moharli	Briefing session for candidates of our driver's training programme	13
28/10/16	Chandrapur	Learner's License test	33
<b>Total</b>			<b>71</b>

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of October, a livelihood training awareness session was conducted in Sitarampeth village, which was attended by 25 villagers, including members of the VEDC and Sarpanch. The session was conducted by SF and Bank of India's Rural Self Employment Training Institute (R-SETI), and was presided over by their State Project Coordinator V.M. Potdar, who had come from Nagpur. This session was conducted to make the villagers aware of the availability of such services of support for self employment within their villages, wherein training would be provided to help enhance their income potential through self-employment by practices such as dairy and organic farming, and various other forms of agriculture and cottage industry. This session looked to ascertain from the villagers what form of livelihood they pursue, and what skills they would like to develop through training from R-SETI in Chandrapur to enhance their income through self-employment.



*Awareness session about Rural Self-Employment and Training Opportunities by Bank of India's RSETI in Sitarampeth village in the Tadoba buffer*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of October we held a briefing session for the candidates of our driver's training programme Moharli, attended by 13 candidates. Our employment officer Ajay Poddar and the driving instructor from Chandrapur's India Driving School were

at the session to brief the candidates about their month long training program. Candidates were handed out study material for their Learner's License test to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>.



*Briefing session at our Moharli office in Tadoba buffer for candidates for our 4-wheeler driver's training programme*

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of October, 33 candidates took their Learner's License test through Chandrapur's India Driving School at the Chandrapur RTO.



*Candidates from Tadoba buffer villages for our 4-wheeler driver's training programme after giving their Learner's License test*

### Medical Health Unit

There were 6 health camps in October.

Date	Village	Number of patients treated
22/10/16	Moharli	47
22/10/16	Bhamdeli	89
23/10/16	Sitarampeth	65
23/10/16	Kondegaon	71
24/10/16	Katwal	83
24/10/16	Khutwanda	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>417</b>



*Dr Gopal Adgokar treating a child in Bhamdeli village*