



TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

APRIL 2018

Team:

Conservation Officer: Mr. Ajay Poddar

Field Assistant: Mr. Kishor Dudhbarai

Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *3 anti-plastic programmes - 52 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *5 women's SHG meetings organized - 65 members attended*
- ⇒ *4 Village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings organized - 47 members attended*
- ⇒ *9 environmental education programmes including presentations and nature trails in Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools - 272 students attended*
- ⇒ *Seed collection with students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) school, Khutwanda - 32 students participated*
- ⇒ *5 unemployed youths from Katwal village placed in jobs*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages - 230 patients treated*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
07/04/2018	Khutwanda	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	16
12/04/2018	Katwal	--do--	19
22/04/2018	Adegaon	--do--	17
		Total	52

On April 7, 12 and 22, we organized cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers and students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) school of Katwal, Khutwanda and Adegaon villages. Programmes were organized to clean the main areas in and around the villages and around the hand pumps and wells as they choke the drainage. Wild growth and litter provide shelter to snakes and scorpions and attract scavengers from the jungle.



(Left) Katwal - Students participate in cleanliness drive (Right) Katwal - Students pose with litter collected during the anti-plastic and cleanliness drive



Adegaon- Villagers participate in cleanliness drive

Environment Education

On April 9th, 10th and 11th our team visited Katwal, Khutwanda, Dewada, UdiyaTola, Adegaon, Bhamdeli and Sitarampeth with our education van. During these visits our team interacted with students and organized lectures and presentations on forest fires. Various documentaries and film shows on wildlife conservation were shown to the students. A total of 212 students attended.

On April 20th, we organized a nature trail for the students of Zilla Parishad School, Khutwanda. During the nature trail, students spotted various birds and learnt about biodiversity around their village. A total of 28 students participated.

On April 27th, we organized a walk for students of ZP school, Khutwanda. During the walk, we collected over 1 kilogram of mixed seeds of local trees. These will be used for plantation during the monsoon. A total number of 32 students participated.



(Left) Dewada- Kishor explains about waste management through a documentary



(Right) Katwal- Students watch a documentary on wildlife conservation



Khutwanda- Students during nature trail organized in the morning

Education Programmes:

Sr. no	Date	Village/School	Programme	Participants
1	09/04/2018	ZP school, Katwal	Class room lecture about forest fires, prevention of forest fires	69
2	09/04/2018	Khutwanda	--do--	31
3	10/04/2018	Dewada	--do--	22
4	10/04/2018	UdiyaTola	Tiger Tale, documentary on waste management	19
5	10/04/2018	Adegaon	Class room lecture about	24

			forest fires, prevention of forest fires	
6	11/04/2018	Bhamdeli	--do--	25
7	11/04/2018	Sitarampeth		22
8	20/04/2018	ZP school, Khutwanda	Nature trail and bird watching	28
9	27/04/2018	ZP school, Khutwanda	Walk with students to collect seeds	32
			Total	272

Employment Cell

We organized 5 self-help group (SHG) meetings and 4 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests. 112 villagers attended these meetings.

In VEDC meetings, we discussed and explained short- and long-term benefits of fodder plantation, cattle stall feeding to reduce grazing pressure on forest areas. We also discussed and encouraged farmers to adopt organic farming.

We introduced the villagers to district-level vocational training and employment schemes like four wheeler driver training and hospitality courses under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojna (DDUGKY) etc.



(Left) Katwal - Meeting with VEDC members to discuss vocational training programmes



(Right) Mudholi - Field assistant Kishor discusses livelihood issues with members of women's SHG

Details of the programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	04/04/2018	Bhamdeli	VEDC	12	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
2	05/04/2018	Kondegaon	SHG (Savitri Mahila Bachat Gat)	11	Review work of SHG since its formation
3	08/04/2018	Dewada	VEDC	15	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
4	06/04/2018	Sitarampeth	VEDC	8	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
5	14/04/2018	Mudholi	SHG (Lakshmi Bai Mahila Bachat Gat)	10	Review work of SHG since its formation
6	15/04/2018	Dewada	SHG (Ramai Mahila Bachat Gat)	10	--do--
7	16/04/2017	Katwal	SHG (Jai Matadi Mahila Bachat Gat)	16	--do--
8	17/04.2017	Mudholi	VEDC	20	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
9	22/04/2017	Adegaon	VEDC	10	--do--
				Total	112

Our team helped in placing five unemployed youths from Katwal village in jobs as assistant backhoe loader operator in Buldhana district. These youths were selected in February and sent for training in March at Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) training center in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh.

These youths expressed their satisfaction after being employed in sustainable job and thanked SF team.



(Left) Candidates after completion of the training programme



(Right) Nandkishor, one of the five candidates, receives certificate after completing training

Sr. No.	Name	Age	Qualification	Village	Placement	Salary (in rupees, monthly)
1	Nandkishor Mankar	24	12 th pass	Katwal	Kotli Gotar, Buldhana, JCB	5,000 +meals and accommodation
2	Rahul Dudhbarai	21	12 th pass	--do--	-do-	-do-
3	Vinod Nannaware	20	12 th pass	--do--	-do-	-do-
4	Aakash Dudhbarai	20	10 th pass	--do--	Wadi, Buldhana, JCB	-do-
5	Devanand Gajbhe	23	12 th pass	--do--	-do-	-do-

Mobile Health Unit:

Team: Dr. Shailesh Pawde, MHU driver: Mr. Sachin Ingole

6 camps were organized by us in April in which a total of 230 patients got free treatment and medicines.

Sr. no.	Date	Village	Patients
1	April 28 th	Adegaon	29

2	April 28 th	Junona	23
3	April 29 th	Bhagwanpur	67
4	April 29 th	UdiyaTola	28
5	April 30 th	Dewada	35
6	April 30 th	Chorgaon	48
		Total	230



Dewada - Dr. Shailesh Pawde examines a child patient during medical camp