

# TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

FEBRUARY 2018

## Team:

*Conservation Officer: Mr. Ajay Poddar*

*Field Assistant: Mr. Kishor Dudhbarai*

## Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *2 anti-plastic drives and programmes to prevent man- animal conflict - 63 villagers participated.*
- ⇒ *2 check dams built through shramdhaan - 15 youths participated*
- ⇒ *1 foot patrol in Tadoba buffer with 8 youths of Khutwanda*
- ⇒ *3 women's SHG meetings were organized - 36 members attended*
- ⇒ *6 VEDC meetings were organized - 45 members attended*
- ⇒ *2 environmental education programmes including presentations, nature trails in Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools - 54 students attended*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages – 318 patients treated*

## Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
08/02/2018	Katwal	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	28
18/02/2018	Khutwanda	--do--	35
21/02/2018	Mudholi	Check dam constructed through shramdhaan	7
23/02/2018	Katwal	--do--	8
13/02/2018	Khutwanda	Foot patrol	8

		<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>
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On February 8<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> we organized cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers and students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools of Katwal, Khutwanda, Kondegaon and Dewada villages. Programmes were organized to clean the area in and around the villages and around the hand pumps and wells as they choke the drainage and to prevent man-animal conflict as shrubs and wild growth provide shelter to snakes and scorpions and attract scavengers.



*(Left) Katwal - Students participate in cleanliness drive*



*(Right) Kondegaon-Villagers clean area around well*

On 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, we constructed check dams in Mudholi and Katwal villages through shramdhaan. 15 youths from Katwal and Mudholi participated in the programmes.



*Katwal- Village youths construct check dam through shramdhaan*

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, we organized a foot patrol in forest area around Khutwanda village involving 8 local youths from the village to monitor predator movement and threats like snare traps, electric fencing etc. The youths were taught to identify scrape marks on trees, scats (predator and prey), plants, birds and insects.



*Khutwanda - Village youths patrol in Moharli buffer with Forest Department staff and SF team*

### ***Environment Education***

On February 6<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, we organized classroom lectures and presentations for students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools of Adegaoon and Kondegaon. Presentations and talks were organized about forest fires -- causes, damages and prevention. After the classroom sessions, nature-oriented games and nature trails were also organized for the students.



*(Left) Our field assistant Kishor Dudhbarai explains about forest fires to students*

*(Right) Students play nature game along with their teachers*

### ***Education Programmes:***

<b>Sr. no</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village/School</b>	<b>Programme</b>	<b>Participants</b>
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1	06/02/2018	ZP school, Adegaon	Class room lecture about forest fires, preventions	22
2	12/02/2018	ZP school, Kondegaon	Nature games and trekking	32

### ***Employment Cell***

We organized 3 self-help group (SHG) meetings and 6 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests. 81 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 introduced the villagers to district-level vocational training and employment schemes like four wheeler driver training, hospitality courses under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojna (DDUGKY) etc.

We also spoke to youths interested in four-wheeler drivers training and introduced them to residential training programme at Ashok Leyland training centers in Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh and Raipur and JCB operator training with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) in Chhindwara.

Details of the programmes are given below:

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Program introduced</b>
<b>1</b>	03/02/2018	Adegaon,	VEDC	5	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
<b>2</b>	02/02/2018	Mudholi	SHG (Valmiki Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	Review work of SHG since its formation
<b>3</b>	04/02/2018	Dewada	SHG (Ramai Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	--DO--

4	10/02/2018	Mudholi, Khutwanda	VEDC	9	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
5	11/02/2018	Kondegaon, Sitarampeth	VEDC	8	Grazing issues and fodder plantation
6	14/02/2018	Bhamdeli, Junona	VEDC	11	--DO--
7	15/02/2018	Dewada	VEDC	6	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion, review work of VEDC since its formation
8	19/02/2018	Katwal	SHG (Jai Matadi Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	Review work of SHG since its formation
9	22/02/2018	Kondegaon	VEDC	6	Grazing issues and fodder plantation
			<b>Total</b>	<b>81</b>	



*(Left)Mudholi - Members of SHG Valmiki Mahila Bachat Gat during an awareness session*



*(Right) Katwal- VEDC members and farmers attend a community meeting to discuss fodder plantation*

### **Mobile Health Unit:**

**Team:** Dr. Dhammanand R. Sardar, Coordinator: Mr. Ashok Athawale. MHU driver: Mr. Gajanan Shanware

6 camps were organized by us in February in which a total of 318 patients got free treatment and medicines.

S. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Moharli	46
2	February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bhamdeli	68
3	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Sitarampeth	55
4	February 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kondegaon	40
5	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Katwal	71
6	February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Khutwanda	38
		<b>Total</b>	<b>318</b>



*At Sitarampeth – Dr. Sardar treats a patient during MHU camp*