

**TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE**  
**JUNE 2016**

**Team:**

Prameek Kannan – Conservation Officer

Bandu Kumare – Field Assistant

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *5km anti-plastic drive from Moharli to Nawargaon chowki, with over 100 people from Forest Department and Tourist guides on World Environment Day*
- ⇒ *Presented Satpuda Foundation's TATR programmes at IndusInd Bank's Tadoba Green Champions meet*
- ⇒ *Started Solar-power water tank and electrification project in relocated Bhagwanpur village with Selco*
- ⇒ *Put out a forest fire near Khutwanda village*

**Conservation:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Number of Participants</b>
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Khutwanda	Water pot for birds	11 youths from Khutwanda
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Moharli	5km Anti-plastic drive from Moharli gate to Nawargaon chowki	Over 100 people of Moharli village, Forest Dept. staff, tourist guides
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bhagwanpur	Commencing construction of solar tank and solar electricity for School, with Selco	Selco team, labor
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Hotel Jharna Jungle Lodge, Navegaon gate	Tadoba Green Champions Event by IndusInd Bank, talk by Kishor Rithe, presentation by Prameek Kannan	Over 20 IndusInd staff, SF team, Kishor Rithe, + members of other organizations
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Near Khutwanda village	Fighting Forest Fire	2, Bandu and Prameek

On World Environment Day, June 5, our Conservation Officer Prameek Kannan and field assistant Bandu Kumare conducted educational awareness programme for youths of Kutwanda village and also setup a bowl with water for birds.

Prameek and Bandu, together with staff of the Forest Department, did an anti-plastic drive. The Satpuda Foundation team and Forest Department staff collected garbage

along a 5 km stretch from Moharli village to Nawargaon Chowki. The litter was handed over to the Forest Department for proper disposal.



*Setting up water-bowl for birds at Kutwanda village on World Environment Day*



*SF's TATR Team and Forest Department staff collecting garbage on anti-plastic drive on World Environment Day*

*End of Anti-plastic drive in TATR buffer by SF team and Forest Department Staff on World Environment Day*



On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Prameek and Bandu met with a team from Selco, a Bangalore-based company that is collaborating with Satpuda Foundation on a solar-electrification project. The construction of two solar-powered 10,000-liter water tanks for the Bhagwanpur School as well as solar electrification of the school began today. Prameek and Bandu followed up this work on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> June.



*Construction of platform for water-tanks*



*Installing solar panels*

On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Prameek and Bandu went to Hotel Jharna Jungle Lodge at Navegaon gate, for the Tadoba Green Champions event organized by IndusInd Bank. Satpuda Foundation's founder and President Kishor Rithe gave a talk and presentation on Human-Wildlife Conflict at the event. Following this, our Conservation Officer Prameek Kannan gave a presentation on Satpuda Foundation's work at TATR. This was a great opportunity for networking, as, in addition to IndusInd Bank's staff, members of other organizations from Mumbai, involved in wildlife and environmental conservation were also present, and Prameek and Bandu got a chance to meet and interact with them.



*SF Founder and President Kishor Rithe giving a talk on Human-Wildlife Conflict to IndusInd Bank staff*

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, Prameek and Bandu saw a forest fire in a bamboo grove by the side of the road near Khutwanda. The two then proceeded to put out the fire. It was unknown whether the fire was accidental or intentional.



*Prameek (right) and Bandu (left), put out a forest fire near Khutwanda*

### ***Environment Education***

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

### ***Employment Cell***

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, Prameek and Bandu spoke with unemployed youths of Khutwanda village on the importance of drivers training and the employment opportunities for drivers around Tadoba and further afield.



*Prameek and Bandu speaking with youths of Khutwanda village about employment and driver's training*

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Employment Officer Ajay Poddar visited TATR, and spoke with unemployed youths of Mudholi, Khutwanda and Katwal.

*Employment Officer Ajay Poddar speaking with unemployed youths of Khutwanda village about SF's livelihood programmes*



### ***Education Van***

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