

TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

NOVEMBER 2017

Team:

Conservation Officer: Mr. Ajay Poddar

Field Assistant: Mr. Kishor Dudhbarai

Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic drives and programmes to remove monsoon shrubs - 135 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *4 women SHG meetings where 38 members from the groups attended*
- ⇒ *5 VEDC meetings were organized - 40 members attended*
- ⇒ *Selected 7 unemployed youths for four-wheeler driver training*
- ⇒ *10 environmental education programmes including film shows, games, bird watching organized - 386 students attended.*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages – 354 patients treated*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
03/11/2017	Katwal	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	40
14/11/2017	Khutwanda	--do--	30
16/11/2017	Sitarampeth	Monsoon shrub removal around bore wells	9
17/11/2017	Kondegaon	Anti-plastic and cleanliness drive	45
29/11/2017	Adegaon	Cleanliness drive	11
		Total	135

On November 3rd, 14th, 16th, 17th and 29th we organized village cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers and students of Zilla Parishad (ZP) schools of Katwal, Khutwanda, Sitarampeth, Kondegaon and Adegaon. Programmes were organized to clean the areas in and around the villages and to clear the monsoon shrub growth around the hand pumps and wells to prevent man-animal conflict as these shrubs provide shelter to snakes and scorpions.



(Left) Kondegaon - Students participate in cleanliness drive (right) Sitarampeth - Villagers clear area around hand pump



Kondegaon - Students and villagers pose with plastic waste collected from streets of the village

Environment Education

On November 18th and 29th, we organized environmental education programmes including class room lectures, nature trail and bird watching. 58 students of ZP school, Khutwanda participated in the activities. They were keen to learn about the biodiversity and its importance. They also enjoyed bird watching while learning about the species.

On November 20th, 21st, 22nd our team visited ZP schools of Kondegaon, Khutwanda, Katwal, Bhamdeli, Sitarampeth, Dewada, Adegaon and Chorgaon with our education van to show various wildlife documentaries, films. A total of 328 students attended the programmes.

Education Van:

S. no.	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	20/11/2017	Kondegaon	Jane Godall: bear's conservation	18
2	20/11/2017	Khutwanda	Environmental education film by BBC and class room lecture	32
3	20/11/2017	Katwal	--do--	69
4	21/11/2017	Bhamdeli	Jane Godall: bear's conservation, Carnivores of Central Indian Highlands	26
5	21/11/2017	Sitarampeth	Environmental education film by BBC and class room lecture	17
6	21/11/2017	Dewada	--do--	22
7	21/11/2017	Adegaon	Movie on forest fire prevention	19
8	22/11/2017	Chorgaon	Jane Godall: bear's conservation, Carnivore's of Central Indian Highlands and interaction with the students	125
9	18/11/2017	Khutwanda	Class room lecture and interaction with the students, nature trail, bird watching	58
			Total	386



(Left) Bhamdeli -Students watch an animated film about the environment (right) Khutwanda - Kishor interacts with students during environment education programme



Khutwanda - Students of ZP school participate in nature games, nature trail and bird watching

Employment Cell

We organized 4 self-help group (SHG) meetings and 5 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests. 78 villagers attended these meetings.

We introduced them to district level vocational training and employment schemes like lantana furniture training, hospitality courses under Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushal Yojna (DDUGKY) etc.

7 youths submitted their documents for training in driving four-wheelers.

Details of the programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	02/11/2017	Adegaon	VEDC	9	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion
2	04/11/2017	Bhamdeli	SHG (Savitri Bai Mahila)	6	--DO--

			Bachat Gat)		
3	05/11/2017	Dewada	SHG (Rama Bai Mahila Bachat Gat)	9	--DO--
4	06/11/2017	Khutwanda	SHG (Laxmi Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	--DO--
5	07/11/2017	Kondegaon	VEDC	7	--DO--
6	12/11/2017	Dewada, Adegaon	SHG (Savitri Mahila Bachat Gat)	12	--DO--
7	19/11/2017	Khutwanda	VEDC	8	--DO--
8	23/11/2017	Mudholi	VEDC	6	--DO--
9	28/11/2017	Katwal	VEDC	9	--DO--
			Total		



Bhamdeli - Meeting with VEDC members to discuss issues of livelihood and self-sustainability

Our team visited buffer villages and selected 8 more eligible youths this month for training in driving four-wheelers. Candidates from previous training programme who have benefitted from the training have motivated others who have approached us for the same. We have compiled a list of 38 eligible candidates for training.

Mobile Health Unit

Team: Dr. Sarangdhar Pawar, Co coordinator: Mr. Ashok Athwale. MHU driver: Mr. Gajanan Shanware

6 camps were organized by us in November in which a total of 354 patients got free treatment and medicines.

S. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	November 25 th	Adegaon	53

2	November 25 th	Junona	32
3	November 26 th	Bhagwanpur	93
4	November 26 th	Chorgaon	72
5	November 27 th	UdiyaTola	36
6	November 27 th	Dewada	68
		Total	354



Bhagwanpur -Dr. Sarangdhar treats patient