



TADOBA-ANDHARI TIGER RESERVE

SEPTEMBER 2018

Team:

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Highlights of the month:

- ⇒ *3 anti-plastic and cleanliness drives to prevent man-animal conflict - 74 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *1 check dam built through shramdhaan- 7 villagers participated*
- ⇒ *9 environment education programmes - 428 students attended*
- ⇒ *Nature club activity -2 workshops to make eco-friendly Ganesh idols - 45 students attended*
- ⇒ *Celebration - World cleanup day 2018 – 65 villagers attended*
- ⇒ *2 women's SHG meetings organized - 27 members attended*
- ⇒ *4 VEDC meetings organized - 68 villagers attended*
- ⇒ *Man-animal conflict survey carried out in buffer zone villages*
- ⇒ *2 eligible youths selected for backhoe loader operator training at CII, Chhindwara*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
04/09/2018	Katwal	Cleanliness drive	9
24/09/2018	Kondegaon	Anti-plastic drive	40
27/09/2018	Sitarampeth	Anti-plastic drive	25
25/09/2018	Katwal	Check dam construction	7

		Total	81
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On September 4th, 24th and 27th, we organized cleanliness and anti-plastic programmes with villagers of Katwal, Sitarampeth and Kondegaon. Programmes were organized to remove plastics litter from the areas in and around the villages and around hand pumps and water tanks as they choke drainage and attract wild animals to the villages.

We also organized awareness sessions on identification of common snakes and bite prevention. A total of 74 villagers participated in the programmes.

On September 25th, we constructed a check dam near Katwal village through shramdhaan. 7 villagers volunteered.



Sitarampeth and Kondegaon – Students of Zilla Parishad school collect plastic litter during a cleanliness drive



Katwal - Villagers volunteer to construct a check dam near the village

Education Programme

On September 3rd and 11th, we organized sessions on identification of common snakes, snake bite prevention and dos and don't's when confronted by snakes. These sessions were organized in Kondegaon and Mudholi and were attended by 85 students.

On September 7th and 14th, the nature clubs 'Ashwal' (sloth bear) and 'Wagh' (tiger) -- formed by our team in Zilla Parishad schools of Mudholi and Katwal respectively -- participated in workshops organized by our team to make eco-friendly Ganesh idols. A total of 45 students attended.

The Ganesh festival is celebrated across India. It lasts 10 days and culminates with the immersion of idols of the deity in water bodies. As many idols are made of artificial materials and chemicals-based colours, the immersion leaves water bodies polluted, affecting both humans and animals. Eco-friendly idols made of clay and natural colours go a long way in reducing this pollution.

On September 17th, 18th and 19th, we organized environmental education programmes in Zilla Parishad schools of Bhamdeli, Sitarampeth, Katwal, Mudholi, Khutwanda, Dewada and Adegaon. A total of 343 students and teachers participated. We organized film shows, documentaries and talks on wildlife conservation.



Bhamdeli, Sitarampeth – Students watch a documentary on eco-friendly Ganesh Visarjan and water conservation



Kondegaon - Kishor speaks on snake bite prevention and snake identification



Mudholi – Members of nature club 'Wagh' make eco-friendly Ganesh idols out of clay

Sr. no	Date	Village/School	Programme	Participants
1	03/09/2018	ZP school, Kondegaon	Class room lecture on snakes and snake bite prevention	25
2	11/09/2018	ZP school, Mudholi	--do--	60
3	17/09/2018	ZP school, Bhamdeli	--do--	26
4	17/09/2018	Sitarampeth	--do--	16
5	17/09/2018	Katwal	Classroom lecture and wildlife documentaries	80
6	18/09/2018	Mudholi	--do--	151
7	18/09/2018	Khutwanda	--do--	28
8	19/09/2018	Dewada	Class room lecture on snakes and snake bite prevention	25
9	19/09/2018	Adegaon	--do--	17
10	07/09/2018	Mudholi	Nature club activity – making of eco-friendly Ganesh idols	25
11	14/09/2018	Katwal	--do--	20

			Total	473
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Employment Cell

We organized 2 self-help group (SHG) meetings and 4 village eco-development committee (VEDC) meetings, focusing on alternative livelihoods which would reduce dependence on the forests that leads to man-animal conflict and degradation of forests. 95 villagers attended these meetings and share their thoughts.

In the VEDC meetings, we discussed and explained short- and long-term benefits of celebrating Ganesh festival in an eco-friendly way. We also discussed man-animal confrontation in Moharli buffer area and how to prevent this by using cattle sheds and stall feeding for domestic cattle, which fall prey to carnivores when they head to the jungle for grazing.

We organized meetings with unemployed youths from Katwal, Mudholi, Kondegaon, Sitarampeth, Bhamdeli, Junona, Dewada and Adegaon at our Moharli office and in Khutwanda to discuss residential and non-residential livelihood training programmes at various institutions across Vidarbha.

Our team selected 2 unemployed youths from Katwal for a residential training course at Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) training centre, Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh.



(Left) Bhamdeli- Community officer Kishor with members of women's self-help group

(Right) Mudholi- Kishor speaks to youths interested in livelihood training courses



Dewada - Conservation officer Ajay speaks to villagers during a man-animal conflict survey

Details of the programmes are given below:

Sr. No.	Date	Village	Group	Attended	Program introduced
1	08/09/2018	Bhamdeli	VEDC	15	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion.
2	09/09/2018	Dewada	SHG (Ramai Mahila Bachat gat)	10	Small scale businesses discussed
3	10/09/2018	Adegaon	VEDC	18	Livelihood awareness/training programmes discussion.
4	13/09/2018	Kondegaon	VEDC	15	Discussion over man-animal conflict in buffer
5	16/09/2018	Dewada	VEDC	20	--do--
6	22/09/2018	Bhamdeli	SHG (Savitri Mahila Bachat Gat)	17	Small scale businesses discussed
			Total	95	

List of the candidates (Residential training courses)

Sr. No.	Name	Age	Qualification	Village	Training/Institution
1	Devendra Jivtode	21yr	12 th pass	Katwal	JCB/Backhoe loader operator training/ CII, Chhindwara, M.P.
2	Ghanshyam Maghre	25yr	10 th pass	--do--	--do--

Celebration

On September 15th, our team organized a cleanliness drive with students of Zilla Parishad School on the occasion of World Cleanup Day. A total of 65 students participated in the programme along with fellow villagers.



Mudholi - Students collect plastic litter to celebrate World Cleanup Day