

SATPURA TIGER RESERVE
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Highlights

- ⇒ *11 water conservation shramdhaans during the month – built 5 check dams and cleaned 6 water bodies*
- ⇒ *13 awareness programmes on forest fires*
- ⇒ *Organized Nature camp programme at Madhai*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 25 schools as part of our environment education program – attended by 1,185 students*
- ⇒ *4 awareness meetings on stall feeding and fodder management*
- ⇒ *Follow-up on skill development training programme organised by us earlier*
- ⇒ *Continued work on LPG distribution through Ujjwala Yojna*
- ⇒ *Medical camps in 6 villages - 125 patients treated*

Conservation

S. N.	Date	Village	Activity	No. of par.
1	Feb. 19	Mehandikheda	Built check dam	12
2	Feb. 19	Matkuli	Built check dam	14
3	Feb. 25	Mehandikheda	Water body cleaned	11
4	Feb. 25	Mehandikheda	Water body cleaned	16
5	Feb. 25	Maili	Water body cleaned	09
6	Feb. 25	Almod	Water body cleaned	12
7	Feb. 25	Almod	Water body cleaned	14
8	Feb. 26	Aaditoriya	Built check dam	11
9	Feb. 26	Aaditoriya	Water body cleaned	11
10	Feb. 27	Mehandikheda	Built check dam	14
11	Feb. 27	Mehandikheda	Built check dam	13
			Total	137

During February, we organized 11 programmes related to water conservation, details of which are given above.

On February 19, we organized a programme to build a check dam on a stream around 2 km from Mehandikheda village. A team comprising of 11 students and 1 teacher from Government Primary School (GPS), Mehandikheda and Hameed built the dam. The resultant water body will benefit domestic livestock in the day time and wildlife at nights. Spotted deer, monkeys and leopards are regularly spotted in the area.



Check dam work at Mehandikheda (left) and Matkuli (right)

Four similar programmes were organised at Matkuli, Aaditoriya and Mehandikheda on February 19, 26 and 27.

On February 25, we organized a programme to clean water bodies in the jungle around 1 km from Mehandikheda village. The water bodies were covered with leaves and organic litter and animals were finding it difficult to drink. Our team, consisting of field assistant Hameed Khan and 10 children from GPS, Mehandikheda cleared the litter and made the water bodies accessible to the animals again. Spotted deer are regularly spotted around these water bodies while there are occasional sightings of sloth bears, wild dogs, gaur and leopards.

Five similar programmes were organised at Mehandikheda, Maili, Almod and Aaditoriya on February 25 and 27.

Forest Patrolling

During the month, we participated in joint forest patrolling work with Forest Department at Pisuwa, Mehandikheda, Jhirpa, Aaditoriya and Karer. Participants included Mr. Shivnarayan Devda (Forest Guard), Pawan Thakur, Santosh Kumar (forest chowkidars) and Eco Development Committee members.

S.N.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Feb. 6	Pisuwa	4
2	Feb. 8	Mehandikheda	5
3	Feb. 16	Karer	6
4	Feb. 28	Jhirpa	5
5	Feb. 28	Aaditoriya	4
			24

Awareness programme on forest fires

During the month, our team organized 13 programmes in villages to promote awareness about forest fires and the need for everyone to join hands in fighting fires. In 3 of the meetings, local staff of the Forest Department joined us in addressing the villagers.

The details are given in the table below.

S. N.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Feb. 8	Jhirpa	14
2	Feb. 9	Almod	18

3	Feb. 10	Matkuli	15
4	Feb. 10	Pisuwa	11
5	Feb. 15	Aaditoriya	18
6	Feb. 15	Khanchari	10
7	Feb. 16	Karer	16
8	Feb. 17	Duddi	12
9	Feb. 18	Bandhan	14
10	Feb. 20	Chillod	17
11	Feb. 20	Chirrai	21
12	Feb. 21	Bindakheda	12
13	Feb. 21	Chandanpipariya	14
	Total		192



Awareness meeting on forest fires at Duddi (left) and Bandhan (right)

Nature Orientation camp

On February 1-2, we helped conduct a nature camp under “National Green Corps” programme at Madhai for school children from villages in East Pachmarhi and Denwa buffer regions. The camp focused on wild life, nature and environment conservation.

This programme was attended by Mr. Mahendra Mishra (scientist), Mr. Dilip Chakravarti (Programme Officer) and 30 school children from villages in our area of operations.

The entire cost of the programme was borne by Environment Planning & Coordination Organization, Bhopal.



Nature camp at Madhai

Education

During the month, our team organized 25 lectures to educate students about nature and wildlife conservation.

S.N.	Date	School	No. of Student
1	Feb. 1	Government Primary School, (GPS), Jhirpa	58
2	Feb. 1	Government Middle School, (GMS), Jhirpa	99
3	Feb. 2	GPS, Sitadongri	66
4	Feb. 2	GMS, Sitadongri	36
5	Feb. 4	GPS, Aaditoriya	15
6	Feb. 4	GPS, Nawalgaon- Chopna	28
7	Feb. 4	GMS, Maili	25
8	Feb. 4	GPS, Chirrai	38
9	Feb. 5	GPS, Khanchari	23
10	Feb. 5	GPS, Karer	19
11	Feb. 5	GPS, Chillod	19
12	Feb. 5	GPS, Khari	15
13	Feb. 6	GPS, Pisuwa	32
14	Feb. 6	GMS, Pisuwa	38
15	Feb. 7	GPS, Almod	24
16	Feb. 7	GMS, Almod	19
17	Feb. 7	GPS, Tekapar	34
18	Feb. 7	GMS, Tekapar	37
19	Feb. 8	GPS, Bindakheda	11
20	Feb. 8	GPS, Mehandikheda	18
21	Feb. 9	GMS, Matkuli	192
22	Feb. 9	GPS, Matkuli	71
23	Feb. 11	GPS, Mohgaon	47
24	Feb. 11	Saraswati Shishu Mandir, Matkuli	203
25	Feb. 15	GPS, Chandanpipariya	18
	Total		1185



Environment education programme at GHSS Matkuli (left) and GMS, Sitadongri (right)

Awareness program on Stall feeding and fodder Management

During the month, we organized 4 awareness meeting on stall feeding and fodder management issues (cattle sheds, stall feeding and fodder plantation and cattle castration etc.) jointly with Forest and Animal Husbandry departments. These programme were attended by Mr. Sharif Khan (Deputy Ranger), Assistant Veterinary Field Officer, local forest guards and villagers.

S.N.	Date	Village	Participants
1	Feb. 20	Duddi	52
2	Feb. 20	Bandhan	33
3	Feb. 21	Almod	59
4	Feb. 22	Jhirpa	73
		Total	217



Awareness meeting on livestock and fodder management at Matkuli

Employment Cell- Training Programme

We had identified 30 women from Jhirpa, Khanchari, Karer and Aaditoriya villages to get trained in sewing/tailoring. This programme, organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Chhindwara, started on December 15, 2018 and is scheduled to run till March 14, 2019. During February, we made a follow-up visit to check on the progress of the trainees.



Follow up and monitoring of training programme at Jhirpa

LPG Gas distribution

During the month, we continued work on distribution of LPG connections started earlier. We spread awareness of the scheme to ensure more villagers took it up and assisted them in filling up the required forms and in submitting the required documents. Increased use of LPG will reduce demand for fire wood and thus reduce pressure on forests.

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

Satpuda Foundation organizes medical camps at which villagers get free treatment and medicines. These camps, whose schedule is set in conjunction with the management of the Satpuda Tiger Reserve, are run by the Mobile Health Service (MHS) of Satpuda Foundation.

There were health camps in 6 villages in February.

S.N.	Date	Village	Patients
1	February 12	Maili	13
2	February 12	Chillod	24
3	February 13	Karer	31
4	February 13	Khanchari	15
5	February 14	Mehandikheda	10
6	February 14	Matkuli	32
<i>Total</i>			<i>125</i>



Dr. Manohar Khode treats villagers at Matkuli (left) and Khanchari (right)