



Satpuda Foundation

Activity report of our Pench Tiger Reserve (M.P.) centre for 2012-13 (April-March)

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Supported by

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Villages where we operate:

Cluster I

Awarghani

Turia

Satosha

Khamma

Khamrith

Ambadi

Potiya

Durgapur

Aamajhari

Jamuntola

Kohoka

Telia

Cluster II

Doodhgaon

Tuyepani

Pulpuldoh

Total population of these 15 villages: approximately 15,500

Our activities in Pench are supported by



Satpuda Foundation's conservation philosophy focuses on communities living in and around protected areas. The Foundation believes that these communities need to be roped in as allies in the conservation movement and that long-term, sustainable conservation is not possible only through the action of outsiders.

As part of this strategy, the Foundation follows a multi-pronged strategy of trust-building activities with communities, assisting them in meeting some of their basic needs, building their capacities and training and equipping them to shift to a lifestyle which is not based entirely on forests and forest produce.

Towards this end, the Foundation

- helps organise medical camps in which villagers get free medical treatment and medicines
- undertakes education programmes focusing on nature and wildlife conservation
- acts as a bridge between the villagers and development agencies in solving local development needs and
- assists villagers in getting gainful, legal employment; organizes training programmes which help equip unemployed villagers with skills which will help them either get jobs or start their own small businesses

Highlights for the year 2012-2013 (April-March)

- *Assisted Forest Department in fighting fires in forest on 2 occasions*
- *Water conservation- two shramdhaans to build stop dams*
- *6 programmes to clean water bodies used by domestic and wild animals*
- *Plantation programme in 5 villages – 150 saplings/seeds planted*
- *8 nature trails for village children*
- *Programmes to put water pots for birds in 2 villages*
- *Community assistance – programmes to clean school campus, area around hand pump or well three times*
- *18 nature trails and one conservation rally to generate interest in wild life and nature and to promote conservation*
- *6 nurseries set up in schools to provide saplings for plantation*
- *97 visits to village schools to give lectures on nature and wildlife conservation, attended by cumulative total of 4,526 students*
- *32 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation, attended by 2,232 villagers*
- *Total of 70 medical camps, at which cumulative total of 2,734 patients got free treatment and medicines*

Conservation activities

Water Conservation

The Foundation organises programmes involving local villagers and school children to build temporary structures known as check dams/stop dams which help to retain water and to recharge water table of the adjoining areas. These structures are typically built on streams, known as nallahs, and are selected with the help of local forest officials and villagers.

In addition, we also help build soak pits next to wells/hand pumps. These soak pits collect the water which is spilt while being drawn from the hand pump or well and help to recharge the water table.

Fire fighting

Each year, our teams assist in preventing fires, fighting fires, which are very common in the dry, deciduous forests of this region. We start with awareness programmes from the spring months onwards and then extend our efforts to physically fighting the fires, which typically occur during the summer months.

Cleaning of waterholes

Our staff organises programmes to clean water bodies used by both domestic and wild animals.

Water for birds

Our team also motivates local villagers to provide water for birds during the hot summer months

Anti-plastic programmes

Our team organises regular anti-plastic programmes in which children and villagers are sensitized on the harmful effect of plastic on the environment. Plastic litter is regularly collected and buried in pits.

Organic farming

To reduce the harmful impact of chemical fertilisers, we organise programmes to promote organic farming and help villagers build compost/vermi-compost pits and tanks.

Details of conservation activities are available in Annexure 1

Detailed monthly reports and narration are available on our Web site

www.satpuda.org



Niranjan assists Forest Department staff in fighting fire in forest near Jamuntola



Aamajhari - Students filling bags with sand to use in building check dam



Aamajhari - Shramdhaan in progress



Aamajhari - Volunteers pose after building check dam



Cleaning of water body at Khamba



Seed planting programme at Telia



Cleaning of water body in progress at Aamajhari



Water pots being prepared for birds at Satosha



Village youth installs water pot for birds near Satosha



Plantation programme at Khamrith



Plantation programme at Aamajhari



Cleaning of water body near Turia



Shramdhaan to clean area next to hand pump at Khamba



Cleaning of area around hand pump at Ambadi



Cleaning of area around hand pump at Ambadi



Cleaning the area around hand pump at Khamrith



Team collects plastic litter, loads it into ambulance for disposal

Education activities

Every month, during the academic year, we visit village schools in our area of operations to give classroom lectures on nature and wildlife, lead the students on nature trails to learn first hand about nature and wildlife and conduct interactive games with themes based on nature and wildlife.

The programme also includes the showing of films on wildlife and nature.

Details of classroom visits and film shows are in Annexure 2



Conservation and hygiene rally on World hand wash day at Telia



Environment education at Satosha



Nature game at Telia



Environment education programme at Jamuntola and Khamrith



Nature trail programme for the children of Durgapur village



Children of Telia on nature trail with Niranjana Hinge



Wildlife film show at Durgapur



Wildlife film show at Khamrith



Wildlife film show at Telia



Wildlife film show at Aamajhari

Medical camps

Satpuda Foundation organises medical camps at which villagers get free treatment and medicines. These camps, whose schedule is set in conjunction with the managements of the respective Tiger Reserves, are run by the Mobile health Unit (MHU) of Nature Conservation Society, Amravati a partner-NGO.

Details of medical camps are available in Annexure 4



Khamrith - Forest guard being treated at our medical camp



Turia - Doctor examines patient at medical camp



Khamrith - Villagers await treatment at our free medical camp



Medical camp at Patra



Medical camps at Kokiwada and Durgapur



Medical camp at Ambadi



Medical camp at Turia

Annexure 1
Conservation/community activities

April

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	Apr 1	Vijaypani	Fire fighting	2
2	Apr 9	Khamba	Water hole cleaning	6
3	Apr 10	Satosha	Nature Trail	5
5	Apr 25	Turia	Water hole cleaning	4
6	Apr 27	Turia	Hanging water pots for birds	2
4	Apr 28	Satosha	Hanging water pots for birds	5
7	Apr 29	Turia	Nature Trail	5

May

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	May 23	Khamrith	Assist technician in repairing of Hand pump	9
2.	May 24	Satosha	Nature trail	5
3.	May 25	Satosha	Water pots for birds	6
4.	May 25	Telia	Fighting fire in forest	1
5.	May 27	Aamajhari	Nature trail	6
6.	May 28	Aamajhari	Cleaning of water body for domestic cattle	6

June

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	June 20	Turia	Nature trail	6
2.	June 22	Aamajhari	Nature trail	7
3.	June 23	Aamajhari	Cleaning of water body used by domestic cattle and wild life	7
4.	June 25	Turia	Cleaning of water body used domestic cattle and wild life	5

July

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
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1.	July 27	Turia	Nature trail	6
2.	July 25	Telia	School campus cleaning at Telia	60
3.	July 19	Khamba	40 seeds planted in school campus	20
4.	July 20	Ambadi	30 seeds planted in school campus	15
5.	July 06	Telia	30 seeds planted in school campus	15

August

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Aug 17	Turia	10 saplings planted in school campus	2
2.	Aug 24	Telia	20 seeds planted in school campus	10
3.	Aug 26	Turia	Nature trail	5
4.	Aug 27	Jamuntola	20 seeds planted in school campus	5
5.	Aug 29	Aamajhari	Construct soak pit	12

September

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Sep 3	Durgapur	20 seeds planted in school campus	10
2.	Sep 8	Aamajhari	30 seeds planted in school campus	15
3.	Sep 13	Khamrith	20 seeds planted in school campus	10
4.	Sep 21	Khamrith	School campus and surrounding of hand pump cleaning	15
5.	Sep 23	Satosha	Nature trail	30

October

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Oct 8	Turia	Nature trail	9
2.	Oct 15	Telia	Conservation rally	55
3.	Oct 15	Turia	Anti plastic campaign	13
4.	Oct 20	Jamuntola	Nursery setup at Jamuntola	21
5.	Oct 12	Satosha	School campus cleaning	8

November

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Nov 1	Turia	Nature trail	10
2.	Nov 16	Telia	Dug compost pit	12
3.	Nov 20	Durgapur	Nature trail	12
4.	Nov 30	Awarghani	Nursery set up in Government Primary school	15

December

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Dec 20	Aamajhari	Construct stop dam	193
2.	Dec 22	Jamuntola	Nature trail	18
3.	Dec 31	Turia	Nature trail	8
4.	Dec 23	Aamajhari	Nursery set up in school	12

January

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Jan 30	Khamba	Cleaning of area next to hand pump at Khamba	10
2.	Jan 12	Aamajhari	Nature trail	8
3.	Jan 25	Telia	Nature trail	14

February

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Feb 6	Ambadi	Clean area next to village hand pump	20
2.	Feb 3	Turia	Nature Trail	8
3.	Feb 28	Telia	Nature Trail	15

March

S.No	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1.	Mar 18	Satosha	Nature trail	7
2.	Mar 24	Jamuntola	Nature trail	16
3.	Mar 26	Khamba	Eco-friendly Holi programme	16
4.	Mar 26	Satosha	Eco-friendly Holi programme	6
5.	Mar 27	Jamuntola	Assisted in fighting fire in forest	4
6.	Mar 30	Jamuntola	Provided information about fire in forest	1
7.	Mar 31	Khamba	Cleaning of water body	6

Annexure 2

Education activities

There were no programmes in April, May and June due to annual exams and summer holidays.

July

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	July 07	Government Primary School (GPS)	Aamajhari	40
2	July 12	Government Middle School (GMS)	Potiya	110
3	July 12	GPS	Durgapur	20
4	July 19	GPS	Khamba	30
5	July 20	GPS	Ambadi	33
6	July 20	GPS	Khamrith	18
7	July 21	GPS	Turia	44
8	July 21	GPS	Awarghani	36
9	July 24	GMS	Telia	66
10	July 28	GPS	Jamuntola	15
11	July 29	GPS	Satosha	22
12	July 28	GMS	Tuyepani	103
13	July 30	GMS	Doodhgaon	97
		Total		634

August

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Aug 23	Government Primary School (GPS)	Satosha	54
2	Aug 23	Government Middle School (GMS)	Khamrith	22
3	Aug 24	GMS	Telia	29
4	Aug 24	GPS	Awarghani	39
5	Aug 7	GMS	Tuyepani	102
6	Aug 9	GMS	Doodhgaon	107
7	Aug 25	GPS	Khamba	26
8	Aug 27	GPS	Jamuntola	16
9	Aug 27	GPS	Turia	15

10	Aug 29	GPS	Aamajhari	40
11	Aug 30	GPS	Ambadi	34
12	Aug 31	GPS	Durgapur	28
13	Aug 31	GPS	Potiya	65
Total				577

September

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Sep 3	Government Primary School (GPS)	Durgapur	30
2	Sep 24	Government Middle School(GMS)	Tuyepani	109
3	Sep 25	GMS	Doodhgaon	72
4	Sep 3	GMS	Potiya	110
5	Sep 8	GMS	Aamajhari	34
6	Sep 11	GMS	Telia	20
7	Sep 11	GPS	Jamuntola	15
8	Sep 13	GMS	Khamrith	15
9	Sep 20	GPS	Awarghani	34
10	Sep 24	GPS	Satosha	22
11	Sep 24	GMS	Turia	108
12	Sep 25	GPS	Ambadi	25
13	Sep 26	GPS	Khamba	26
Total				620

October

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Oct 9	Government Middle School(GMS)	Telia	35
2	Oct 10		Tuyepani	102
3	Oct 11	GMS	Doodhgaon	91
4	Oct 10	GMS	Khamrith	37
5	Oct 12	Government Primary School (GPS)	Satosha	49
6	Oct 19	GPS	Khamba	23
7	Oct 20	GPS	Jamuntola	21
8	Oct 26	GMS	Aamajhari	40
Total				398

November

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Nov 8	Government Middle School(GMS)	Doodhgaon	97
2	Nov 10	GMS	Tuyepani	97
3	Nov 2	Government Primary School (GPS)	Durgapur	12
4	Nov 3	GPS	Awarghani	30
5	Nov 19	GMS	Aamajhari	60
6	Nov 23	GMS	Potiya	62
7	Nov 24	GPS	Jamuntola	15
8	Nov 24	GMS	Telia	56
9	Nov 26	GPS	Khamba	14
10	Nov 26	GPS	Satosha	51
11	Nov 27	GPS	Turia	51
Total				545

December

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Dec 7	Government Middle School(GMS)	Doodhgaon	92
2	Dec 4	GMS	Tuyepani	110
3	Dec 28	Government Primary School (GPS)	Durgapur	26
4	Dec 17	GPS	Awarghani	35
5	Dec 11	GMS	Aamajhari	36
6	Dec 22	GPS	Jamuntola	18
7	Dec 15	GMS	Khamrith	37
8	Dec 15	GPS	Ambadi	40
9	Dec 28	GPS	Satosha	54
Total				448

January

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Jan 8	Government Middle School(GMS)	Doodhgaon	62
2	Jan 4	GMS	Tuyepani	109
3	Jan 23	Government Primary School (GPS)	Durgapur	24

4	Jan 18	GPS	Awarghani	36
5	Jan 23	GMS	Aamajhari	70
6	Jan 22	GPS	Jamuntola	21
7	Jan 28	GMS	Khamrith	50
8	Jan 15	GPS	Ambadi	30
9	Jan 5	GPS	Satosha	59
10	Jan 31	GMS	Telia	14
11	Jan 30	GMS	Turia	35
12	Jan 29	GPS	Khamba	31
13	Jan 17	GMS	Potiya	64
Total				605

February

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Feb 16	Government Middle School(GMS)	Doodhgaon	47
2	Feb 14	GMS	Thuyepani	94
3	Feb 16	Government Primary School (GPS)	Durgapur	25
4	Feb 9	GPS	Awarghani	35
5	Feb 15	GMS	Aamajhari	51
6	Feb 16	GMS	Potiya	65
7	Feb 19	GPS	Jamuntola	21
8	Feb 5	GMS	Telia	65
9	Feb 4	GPS	Khamba	33
10	Feb 22	GPS	Satosha	56
11	Feb 26	GPS	Turia	30
12	Feb 1	GPS	Ambadi	36
13	Feb 18	GMS	Khamrith	28
Total				586

March

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1.	Mar 1	Government Middle School(GMS)	Tuyepani	119
2.	Mar 11	GMS	Doodhgaon	72
3.	Mar 11	Government Primary School (GPS)	Awarghani	30
4.	Mar 14	GMS	Potiya	48
5.	Mar 16	GMS	Khamrith	47
6.	Mar 18	GPS	Turia	30

7.	Mar 21	GPS	Khamba	19
8.	Mar 21	GPS	Satosha	54
9.	Mar 23	GPS	Durgapur	29
10.	Mar 23	GMS	Aamajhari	40
11.	Mar 25	GPS	Jamuntola	20
12.	Mar 28	GMS	Telia	35
13.	Mar 28	GPS	Ambadi	18
Total				561

Film shows

July

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	July 9	GMS Turia	Truth about Tiger	127
2	July 10	GMS Aamajhari	TATR	144
3	July 10	GMS Telia	TATR	102
4	July 11	GMS Potiya	Truth about Tiger	110
5	July 11	GPS Durgapur	Kanha Laxmi	22
Total				505

November

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Nov 19	GMS Aamajhari	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	138
2	Nov 20	GMS Potiya	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	78
3	Nov 21	GMS Telia	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	91
Total				307

December

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Dec 12	GMS, Khamrith	Corbett Tiger Reserve	44
2	Dec 12	GPS, Ambadi	Corbett Tiger Reserve	31
3	Dec 12	GPS, Satosha	Corbett Tiger Reserve	38
4	Dec 13	GPS, Awarghani	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	36
5		GMS, Telia	Nagarjuna Tiger Reserve	98
6		GPS, Jamuntola	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	18
7	Dec 14	GPS, Durgapur	Corbett Tiger Reserve	27
8		GMS, Potiya	Corbett Tiger Reserve	101
9		GMS, Aamajhari	Corbett Tiger Reserve	76
Total				469

January

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Jan 10	Khamba	Corbett Tiger Reserve	20
2	Jan 10	Khamrith	Nagarjun Tiger Reserve	10
3	Jan 10	Ambadi	Corbett Tiger Reserve	15

4	Jan 11	Government High School, Turia	--do--	75
5	Jan 11	Durgapur	--do--	35
6	Jan 12	Telia	--do--	38
Total				193

February

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Feb 7	GPS Ambadi	Nagarjun Tiger Reserve	43
2		GPS Khamba	--do--	37
3		GMS Khamrith	Corbett Tiger Reserve	78
4	Feb 8	GMS Aamajhari	Nagarjun Tiger Reserve	173
5		GPS Durgapur	--do--	25
6		GMS Potiya	--do--	104
7	Feb 9	GMS Telia	Corbett Tiger Reserve	110
8		GPS Turia	--do--	153
9		GPS Awarghani	--do--	35
		Total		758

Annexure 3

Medical camps

April

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Apr 21	Khamba	46
2		Ambadi	23
3	Apr 22	Satosha	17
4		Aamajhari	52
5	Apr 23	Awarghani	13
6		Telia	37
		Total	188

May

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	May 19	Karmajhari	10
2		Tekadi	40
3	May 20	Pathra	20
4		Koki Wada	115
5	May 21	Kumbhpani	35
6		Naharjir	3
		Total	223

June

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	June 16	Aamajhari	30
2		Khamba	30
3	June 17	Ambadi	17
4		Telia	45
5	June 18	Turia	70
6		Awarghani	7
	Total		199

July

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	July 14	Karmajhari	25
2		Tekadi	48
3	July 15	Murer	13
4		Turia	75
5	July 16	Telia	49
6		Durgapur	12
	Total		222

August

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Aug 19	Durgapur	36
2		Turia	90
3	Aug 20	Aamajhari	130
4		Telia	29
5	Aug 21	Awarghani	8
6		Satosha	17
	Total		310

September

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Sep 15	Murer	67
2		Tekadi	30
3	Sep 16	Naharjir	56
4		Jamtara	96
5	Sep 17	Kumbhpani	17
6		Karmajhari	Cancelled due to flood
	Total		266

October

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Oct 13	Satosha	27
2		Telia	50
3	Oct 14	Aamajhari	66
4		Durgapur	30

5	Oct 15	Jamuntola	15
6		Awarghani	20
	Total		208

November

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Nov 17	Doodhgaon	41
2		Tuyepani	125
	Total		166

December

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Dec 1	Murer	14
2		Jamtara	56
3	Dec 2	Pathra	25
4		Naharjir	25
5	Dec 3	Kumbhpani	27
6	Dec 29	Khamrith	30
7		Ambadi	27
8	Dec 30	Telia	25
9		Aamajhari	35
10	Dec 31	Awarghani	8
11		Turia	65
	Total		337

January

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Jan 26	Murer	51
2		Karmajhari	0
3	Jan 27	Kumbhpani	38
4		Jamtara	53
5	Jan 28	Pathra	26
6		Naharjir	70
	Total		238

February

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Feb 23	Aamajhari	70
2		Turia	80
3	Feb 24	Khamrith	20
4		Ambadi	15
5	Feb 25	Telia	37
6		Jamuntola	4
	Total		226

March

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Mar 30	Ambadi	7
2		Khamrith	79
3	Mar 31	Potiya	37
4		Durgapur	28
	Total		151