



**KANHA  
AUGUST 2011**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Total of 5 compost pits dug in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *Two separate day-long environment education programmes conducted, involving 2 schools*
- ⇒ *Around 250 saplings planted in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *Community assistance – cleaning of 13 wells*
- ⇒ *Shramdhaan to clean surroundings next to hand pump*
- ⇒ *Public hygiene/village cleanliness programme at Chapri*
- ⇒ *11 classroom visits in village schools to deliver lectures on nature and wildlife conservation, attended by 421 students*
- ⇒ *2 unemployed youths assisted in getting jobs locally*
- ⇒ *Farming work started at our centre, planting of saplings along fencing completed*

**Conservation**

S.no	Date	Place	Activity	Participants
1	Aug 14	Batwar (Rajaram Uikey's residence)	Preparation of compost pit	2
2	Aug 14	Batwar (Soman Armo)	--do--	2
3	Aug 19	Kutwahi (Harichand Marawi)	--do--	2
4	Aug 20	Dhamangaon (Premchand Yadav)	--do--	2
5	Aug 26	Chapri (Jagrani Bai)	--do--	2
6	Aug 23	Batwar	Shramdhaan to clean surroundings next to hand pump	4
7	Aug 22	Chapri	Village cleanliness programme	8
8	Aug 22	Chapri	Plantation programme	100 saplings planted
9	Aug 11	Batwar	--do--	100 saplings planted

10	Aug 25	Kutwahi	--do--	50 saplings planted
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During August, our team assisted in the preparation of 5 compost pits to promote organic farming. Details are given in the table above.

Water-borne diseases are a major threat during the monsoon season. As part of our community assistance activities, we assist villagers in cleaning their wells during this season to help them get clean drinking water. During August, we assisted villagers in cleaning 13 wells in 3 villages – Chapri, Bhagpur and Dhamangaon. The wells had become clogged with litter and debris. After removing the litter, a cleansing liquid was poured into the wells. The liquid was provided by the government’s Health Department.

On August 22, Amit Awasthi and Sampathlal Dhurve led a team of 8 unemployed youths in a programme to clean the main path/road in Kursitola (Chapri). Grass and weeds were removed from the sides of the road. Snakes used to lie in the overgrown grass and this was leading to them being attacked by frightened villagers.

On August 23, Amit and Sampathlal led a team of 4 unemployed youths from Batwar village in a shramdhaan to clean the surrounding next to a hand pump used to draw drinking water. Spillover water had created a bog next to the hand pump and this had led to the proliferation of mosquitoes and insects. Our team removed debris and litter from the area and cleaned up the soak pit.

### ***Education***

Our team visited 10 schools to talk to students about wildlife and nature conservation.

S.no	Date	School	Participants
1	Aug 5	Government Primary School (GPS), Manegaon	47
2	Aug 8	Government Middle School (GMS), Patpara	51
3	Aug 12	GPS, Sautiya	18
4	Aug 16	Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS) School, Bhagpur	16
5	Aug 18	EGS School, Samaiya	14
6	Aug 18	GMS, Batwar	53
7	Aug 19	GPS, Kutwahi	37
8	Aug 20	GMS, Dhamangaon	49
9	Aug 23	GMS, Batwar	62
10	Aug 27	GPS, Chapri	43
11	Aug 27	EGS School, Chapri	31
	<b>Total</b>		<b>421</b>

During the month, our team also organised two day-long workshops on environment education for village schools.

The workshops included drawing competitions, nature quiz, and conservation rallies. The first workshop was on August 11 at Batwar.

The second was on August 16 at Dhamangaon.

***Employment Cell***

Two youths were placed in local jobs.

S. no	Village	Name	Monthly salary (in rupees)	Educational Qualification	Date	Age	Job
1	Sautiya	Chayn Singh	1,500/-	5 <sup>th</sup> standard	Aug 7	25	Guard at Asoka Resort, Khatiya
2	Kutwahi	Narendra Marawi	1,700/-	8 <sup>th</sup> standard	Aug 28	23	Guard at Kanha Resort, Mocha