



**KANHA
JUNE 2011**

Team: Amit Awasthi – *Conservation Officer*
Sampatlal Dhurve – *Field assistant*

Highlights

- ⇒ *Two shramdhaan programmes to clean wells used to draw drinking water*
- ⇒ *Workshops on organic farming and modern agricultural techniques in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *One nature trail*
- ⇒ *Pre-plantation activities started in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *2 unemployed youths assisted in getting jobs locally*

Conservation

S.no	Date	Place	Activity	Participants
1	June 4	Batwar	Shramdhaan to clean well	11
2	June 11	Chapri	--do--	16
3	June 7	Kutwahi	Workshop on organic farming	13
4	June 9	Manegaon	--do--	11
5	June 10	Patpara	--do--	12
6	June 16	Sautiya	--do--	14
7	June 13	Kutwahi	Nature trail	14

With the approach of the farming season, our team has focussed on helping farmers understand the benefits of organic farming and latest farming techniques. As part of this programme, our team organised workshops in 4 villages in June. A local official from Ajeewika, a MP government agency for rural livelihood, provided his expertise to villagers in the workshops. Amit Awasthi, our Conservation Officer, also addressed the villagers at the workshops. The four workshops were held at Kutwahi (June 7), Manegaon (June 9), Patpara (June 10) and Sautiya (June 16).



Amit Awasthi speaks to villagers about organic farming at workshop at Sautiya, Kanha



Workshop on organic farming at Sautiya, Kanha

On June 4, Amit Awasthi and field assistant Sampathlal Dhurve led a team of 8 unemployed youths and 3 women in a programme to clean a well used to draw drinking water at Batwar. The well had become clogged with litter and debris.

A similar programme was organised on June 11 at Chapri (Kursitola) in which 16 villagers joined hands with Amit and Sampath.



Well being cleaned at Chapri, Kanha



Well being cleaned at Batwar, Kanha

On June 13, our team led 14 students of Government Primary School, Kutwahi on a nature trail through the jungle adjoining the village. On the trail, Amit and Sampath talked to the children about nature and wildlife and the need for conservation.



Nature trail at Kutwahi, Kanha

Our team has also worked on pre-plantation work so that saplings can be planted during the monsoon. We organised awareness programmes in 4 villages to explain to villagers the benefits of having increased green cover. 40 pits have been dug in borders of fields and we will arrange to supply the villagers with saplings from Ajeewika.



Pits being dug ahead of plantation programme at Patpara



Digging pits for plantation at Chapri

We also assisted a farmer, Mohan Uikey, in getting treatment for his ox which was mauled by a tiger on June 20. We informed an official of Ajeewika who looks after animal welfare and he came to Chapri to tend to the injured animal. The required medicines were not available at the village and Amit procured them from Mocha.



Livestock attacked by tiger at Chapri



Treatment being administered to injured cattle

Employment Cell

Two youths were placed in local jobs.

S. no	Village	Name	Monthly Salary (in rupees)	Educational Qualification	Date	Age	Job
1	Batwar	Mukesh Dhurve	2,000/- + meals	8 th standard	June 6	22	Waiter at Wild Chalet Resort, Mocha
2	Patpara	Chamar Singh	1,600/- + meals	--do--	June 17	23	Waiter at Kanha Resort, Mocha



Chamar Singh, of Patpara



Mukesh Dhurve, of Batwar