



**PENCH M.P.  
AUGUST 2011**

**Team:** Anoop Awasthi – *Conservation Officer*  
Niranjan Hinge – *Field assistant*  
Bandu Uikey – *Field assistant*

**Highlights**

- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan for constructing soak pit at Jamuntola*
- ⇒ *1 plantation programme, around 20 seeds planted*
- ⇒ *1 nature trail at Awarghani*
- ⇒ *12 classroom lectures on nature and wildlife conservation, attended by 556 students*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps – treated 122 patients*

**Conservation work**

S.no	Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
1	August 9	Jamuntola	Plantation programme	10
2	August 10	Jamuntola	Construction of soak pit	12
3	August 29	Awarghani	Nature trail	8

Our team organised a shramdhaan on August 10 to dig a soak pit at the Government Primary School, Jamuntola. Anoop Awasthi and Niranjan Hinge led a team of 10 students and one teacher in the programme. The soak pit will take spillover water from the hand pump and will help recharge the water table.

With the onset of the monsoon season, we have focused on plantation programmes. On August 9, our field assistant Niranjan organised a programme at Jamuntola to plant seeds which had been collected earlier in the year by the school children. 12 students of the village's Government Middle School joined Bandu in planting the seeds in the school campus. The seeds included *mango, sitaphal, kaner and neem*.

On August 29, Anoop and Niranjan led 8 children from Awarghani on a nature trail in the jungle adjoining the village. On the trail, our team identified various birds and plants and spoke to the children on the need for conservation. The children were then led to the

Forest Department's Nature Interpretation Centre at Turia, which is one of the entry gates to Priyadarshini Pench Tiger Reserve.

### ***Education***

During the month, our team visited 12 schools to deliver lectures on nature and wildlife conservation. They also spoke to the children about the threat from water-borne diseases and snake bites which are common during this season. They suggested precautions on how to tackle these problems.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of participants
1	Aug 3	Government Middle School (GMS)	Tuyeapani	100
2	Aug 10	Government Primary School (GPS)	Jamuntola	21
3	Aug 19	GPS	Potiya	45
4	Aug 19	GPS	Durgapur	23
5	Aug 19	GPS	Ambadi	40
6	Aug 24	GPS	Satosha	66
7	Aug 24	GPS	Khamrith	10
8	Aug 25	GPS	Khamba	31
9	Aug 26	GMS	Doodhgaon	107
10	Aug 27	GPS	Telia	33
11	Aug 28	GPS	Aamajhari	47
12	Aug 30	GPS	Awarghani	33
	<b>Total</b>			<b>556</b>

### ***Mobile Health Unit (MHU)***

We assisted Nature Conservation Society, Amravati in holding 6 medical camps in August.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	Aug 26	Durgapur	15
2		Potiya	46
3	Aug 27	Aamajhari	2
4		Telia	25
5	Aug 28	Awarghani	7
6		Turia	27
	<b>Total</b>		<b>122</b>