



**PENCH MAHARASHTRA
AUGUST 2011**

Team: Anoop Awasthi – **Conservation Officer**
Bandu Uikey, Dilip Lanjewar – *Field assistants*

Highlights

- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan to clean area next to hand pump at Fulzari*
- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan to clean a water tank at Ghatpendari*
- ⇒ *2 conservation rallies*
- ⇒ *3 plantation programmes – total of 90 saplings planted*
- ⇒ *Field assistant Bandu Uikey joined Forest Department staff on anti-poaching patrols twice*
- ⇒ *13 classroom visits to deliver lectures on nature and wildlife conservation – attended by 589 students*
- ⇒ *10 film shows on wildlife attended by 649 people*
- ⇒ *Sent 3 candidates for training in tailoring and dress-designing at Nagpur*
- ⇒ *Assisted one villager of Ghoti – Manohar Shyamrao Choukandre – in getting around 600 saplings under Government scheme*
- ⇒ *7 medical camps – 242 patients treated*

Conservation work

S.No.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	Aug 1	Ghoti	Plantation programme (50 saplings) and conservation rally	70
2	Aug 7	Ghatpendari	Bandu joined in anti-poaching patrol	3
3	Aug 10	--do--	Plantation programme (20 saplings) and conservation rally	25
4	Aug 15	--do--	Conservation rally and awareness programme	115

5	Aug 17	Usaripar	Tying of rakhis to trees	10
6	Aug 18	Salai	Plantation Programme (20 saplings)	19
7	Aug 20	Ghatpendari	Cleaning of water tank	19
8	Aug 27	Fulzari	Cleaning of surroundings next to hand pump	14
9	Aug 28	Ghatpendari	Bandu joined in anti-poaching patrol	9

With the onset of the monsoon, our teams have been focusing on plantation programmes across the landscape.

In Pench, we led village school children and youths in planting saplings in the villages of Ghoti (August 1), Ghatpendari (Aug 10) and Salai (Aug 18). A total of 90 saplings were planted in these 3 villages. The saplings included *neem*, *kaner*, *jamun*, *sitaphal*, *gul mohar* and *karanj* species.

On August 7 and August 28, field assistant Bandu Uikey joined staff of the Forest Department on anti-poaching patrols in the forest near Ghatpendari.

On August 15, to celebrate Independence Day, our team organised a conservation rally and awareness programme to promote the need for conserving nature and wildlife. Bandu addressed the villagers -- as many as 115 had assembled for the programme -- along with Round Officer Shi Kamble and Forest Guard Shri Rathod, both of whom are based at Ghatpendari.

Rakhi is a festival in which sisters tie bands on the hands of their brothers, who in turn take a vow to protect them. On this occasion, which fell on August 17, our team organised 10 women of Usaripar to tie Rakhi bands to saplings in the village. After tying the bands, the ladies vowed to protect the saplings as well as trees in their area to the best of their ability.

On August 20, Bandu and Anoop led a team of 19 students of Zilla Parishad primary School, Ghatpendari in a shramdhaan programme to clean the school's water tank which had become clogged with debris and litter.

On August 27, Dilip Lanjewar led a team of 14 children and villagers of Fulzari village in a programme to clean the area surrounding a hand pump which had become waterlogged.

Education

During August, our team visited 13 schools to deliver lectures on nature and wildlife conservation.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1	Aug 9	Zilla Parishad Primary School (ZPPS)	Salai	9
2		ZPPS	Khapa	14
3	Aug 10	ZPPS	Fulzari	21
4	Aug 11	ZP Middle School (ZPMS)	Sawara	101
5	Aug 12	ZPMS	Ghoti	105
6	Aug 18	ZPMS	Pipariya	102
7	Aug 20	ZPPS	Sillari	17
8	Aug 23	ZPMS	Kolitmara	42
9	Aug 25	ZPPS	Narhar	16
10	Aug 26	ZPPS	Usaripar	11
11	Aug 26	ZPPS	Kadbikheda	37
12	Aug 27	ZPPS	Zinzeriya	100
13	Aug 27	ZPPS	Ghatpendari	14
Total				589

Employment Cell

We got details and required information about vacancies in the Forest Department and communicated the same to youths of Ghatpendari, Ghoti and Tuiyapaar. We also assisted 7 youths in filling up the application forms for these jobs.

In July, we had identified 10 girls from 4 villages and sent them for an interview with Bank of Maharashtra's Self-Employment Training Institute (M-Seti) at Nagpur for a course in tailoring and dress designing.

Three girls have been selected. The successful candidates will be provided 35 days' training at Nagpur, with all expenses borne by M-Seti. The training programme started on August 16.

The girls are:

S.no	Village	Name	Educational Qual	Age
1	Ghatpendari	Vaishali Uikey	10 th standard	21
2	--do--	Kanchalatha Tekam	12 th standard	22
3	--do--	Usha Uikey	10 th standard	21

Education van programme

There were 10 film shows on wildlife in August.

S.No	Date	Place	Movie	Participants
1	Aug 23	ZPPS, Kadbikheda	Aaple Pariyavaran	37
2		ZPMS, Zinzeriya	Land of Tiger	100
3		Sawara village	Pench	60
4	Aug 24	ZPMS, Ghoti	Aaple Pariyavaran	105
5		ZPMS, Pipariya	Aaple Pariyavaran	100
6		ZPMS, Sawara	Aaple Pariyavaran	100
7		Ghoti village	Pench	90
8	Aug 25	ZPPS, Fulzari	Indravati Tiger Reserve	21
9		ZPPS, Sillari	Indravati Tiger Reserve	17
10	Aug 25	ZPPS, Khapa	Indravati Tiger Reserve	19
	Total			649

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

There were seven camps in August.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	August 9	Usaripar	32
2		Kadbikheda	7
3	Aug 10	Khapa	47
4		Wagholi	35
5	Aug 11	Kirangisara	26
6		Ghoti	70
7		Fulzari	25
	Total		242