



**PENCH MAHARASHTRA
JUNE 2011**

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Bandu Uikey, Dilip Lanjewar – *Field assistants*

Highlights

- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan to clean area next to hand pump and to create a water body at Fulzari*
- ⇒ *1 shramdhaan to clean a waterhole in jungle at Bandra nalla between Ghatpendari and Totladoh in Narhar Round*
- ⇒ *Field assistant Bandu Uikey joined Forest Department staff on anti-poaching patrols twice*
- ⇒ *One programme to celebrate World Environment Day at Ghatpendari*
- ⇒ *One nature trail cum bird-watching trail*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 unemployed youths in getting jobs locally*
- ⇒ *Tribal dance group of Sawara earned Rs 3,500/- in June*
- ⇒ *Retail garments business earned Rs 1,500/- in June*
- ⇒ *Lantana products generated Rs 1,600/- revenue in June*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps – 190 patients treated*

Conservation work

S.No.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	June 5	Ghatpendari	Celebration of World Environment Day	17
2	June 12	Ghatpendari	Bandu joined in anti-poaching patrol	3
3	June 15	Fulzari	Cleaning of area next to hand pump and creating of water body	13
4	June 20	Narhar Round	Cleaning of waterhole	10
5	June 26	Ghatpendari	Bandu joined in anti-poaching patrol	3

6	June 27	Ghoti	Nature trail	12
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Nursery started with our assistance at Ghatpendari, Pench (Mah)

On June 5, field assistant Bandu Uikey organised a programme to celebrate World Environment Day at Ghatpendari. Bandu and Forest Guard Shri Wangar spoke to the villagers about World Environment Day and the need for conservation.

On June 12 and June 26, field assistant Bandu Uikey joined 2 staff of the Forest Department on an anti-poaching patrol in the forest near Ghatpendari.

On June 15, field assistant Dilip Lanjewar organised a programme at Fulzari to clean the area surrounding a hand pump which had become waterlogged. 10 children and 3 adult villagers joined hands with Dilip in the programme. besides cleaning the area, they also dug a channel to take the spillover water to a pit. This is now being used by domestic livestock as a waterhole.



Pit being dug to create water body next to hand pump at Fulzari, Pench (Mah)



Water body created after shramdhaan at Fulzari

On June 20, Bandu also organised a shramdhaan to clean a waterhole in the forest around 3 kms from Ghatpendari at a place known as Bandra nalla. This is inside the core area of

the National Park and is used by wildlife regularly. Two staff of the Forest Department and 6 villagers joined Bandu and Anoop in the activity.



Waterhole cleaning in progress in Narhar Round



Waterhole before clean-up at Narhar



Cleaning of waterhole in jungle in Narhar Round

On June 27, Dilip led 12 children of Zilla Parishad Middle School, Ghoti on a nature trail. On the trail, Dilip spoke to the children about nature and wildlife and the need for conservation.



Nature trail at Ghoti, Pench (Mah)

Employment Cell

We assisted two unemployed youths in getting jobs with the Forest Department. Our team is regularly in touch with the local Forest Department officials to keep track of any vacancies. Shri Kodwate, Round Officer, Sillari, told our team of two vacancies and

asked for suitable local candidates. We identified two youths from Ghoti and sent them to Kodwate, who selected them after an interview.

S. no	Village	Name	Monthly Salary (in rupees)	Educational Qualification	Date	Age	Employer
1	Ghoti	Bandu Bhagadkar	5,800/-	10 th standard fail	June 21	33	Daily wages work with Forest Department
2	Ghoti	Arun Chaple	--do--	B.A. 2nd year	--do--	28	--do--

A tribal dance group that we had helped set up at Sawara earned Rs 3,500/- in June through two dance performances.

Jhagdu Uikey, who started retail trade in garments with our assistance and guidance, earned Rs 1,500/- in June.

Similarly, Shatrughan Warti, who makes products from lantana, earned Rs 1,600/- in June. Our volunteers in Mumbai provide the marketing support to Shatrughan.

Mobile Health Unit (MHU)

There were six camps in June.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	June 11	Khudsapar	25
2		Sawara	33
3	June 12	Khapa	23
4		Zinzeriya	40
5	June 13	Kirangisara	24
6		Ghoti	45
	Total		190



Medical camp at Ghoti



Medical camp at Kirangisara