



**PENCH MAHARASHTRA
SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

Highlights

- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans – one to clean area next to hand pump at Zinzeriya, one programme to build makeshift bridge on road from Ghatpendari to Narhar*
- ⇒ *Field assistant Bandu Uikey joined Forest Department staff on anti-poaching patrols twice*
- ⇒ *1 plantation programme –20 saplings planted*
- ⇒ *13 classroom visits to deliver lectures on nature and wildlife conservation – attended by 628 students*
- ⇒ *9 film shows on wildlife attended by 473 people*
- ⇒ *6 medical camps – 235 patients treated*

Conservation work

S.No.	Date	Village	Activity	Participants
1	Sept 2	Sillari	Plantation programme (20 saplings)	20
2	Sept 9	Narhar	Making makeshift bridge on road from Ghatpendari to Narhar	19
3	Sept 4	Ghatpendari	Bandu joined in anti-poaching patrol	4
4	Sept 25	Ghatpendari	--do--	4
5	Sept 23	Zinzeriya	Cleaning of surroundings next to hand pump	30

Our teams have been focusing on plantation programmes across the landscape during the monsoon.

On September 2, field assistant Dilip Lanjewar led 20 students of Zilla Parishad primary School, Sillari in a programme to plant saplings. A total of 20 saplings were planted. The saplings included *neem*, *sitaphal*, and *karanj* species.



Plantation programme at Sillari

On September 9, field assistant Bandu Uikey led 16 youths of Ghatpendari village and three forest Department staff in a programme to build a makeshift bridge on the road between Ghatpendari and Narhar. Due to heavy rains, the old bridge was washed away. The team made a makeshift bridge using stones and mud available locally.

On Sept 4 and September 25, field assistant Bandu Uikey joined staff of the Forest Department on anti-poaching patrols in the forest near Ghatpendari.

On September 23, Anoop Awasthi and Dilip Lanjewar led a team of 30 students of Zilla Parishad Middle School, Zinzeriya in a programme to clean the area surrounding a hand pump which had become overgrown with weeds and was littered with debris. This was preventing spillover water from draining away.



Cleaning of area next to hand pump at Zinzeriya, Pench (Mah)

Education

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

S.no	Date	School	Village	Number of students
1	Sept 3	Zilla Parishad Middle School (ZPMS)	Ghoti	108
2	Sept 13	ZP High School	Kolitmara	93
3	Sept 16	ZP Primary School (ZPPS)	Narhar	13
4	Sept 20	ZPMS	Sawara	103
5	Sept 21	ZPPS	Ghatpendari	11

4		Wagholi	42
5	Sept 12	Tuiyapaar	45
6		Ghoti	56
	Total		235