



**SATPURA TIGER RESERVE  
JULY 2011**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *One shramdhaan for water conservation – a soak pit dug at Malni*
- ⇒ *Plantation programme in 7 villages – 437 saplings planted*
- ⇒ *Classroom visits to 18 schools to give lecture on nature and wildlife conservation, attended by 332 students*
- ⇒ *Total of 6 unemployed youths placed in jobs*

**Conservation**

During July, we organised one shramdhaan to promote water conservation

- On July 13, field assistant Vikram Parte led a team of 7 students from Government Primary School, Malni in a shramdhaan to dig a soak pit next to a hand pump used to draw drinking water. This will help recharge the water table.

During the month, we also organised the planting of saplings in seven villages. We organised the villagers and explained the benefits of increasing green cover. The saplings were provided by MP Bio-Diversity Board and we led the villagers in the plantation drive. The saplings were of the mango, lemon, *awla* and *neem* species. The saplings were planted in the villagers' home courtyards and on the paths/bunds in their fields.

S.no	Village	Date of programme	Nature of work	Participants
1	Malni	July 13	Digging of soak pit next to hand pump	7
2	Parraspani	July 16	Planting of saplings	75 saplings
3	Raikheda	July 16	--do--	50
4	Anjandana	July 17	--do--	55
5	Sonpur	July 17	--do--	70
6	Suplai	July 25	--do--	50
7	Mana	July 26	--do--	45
8	Khamda	July 30	--do--	50
9	Matkuli (Govt. Middle School)	July 28	--do--	42



*Plantation programme at Govt. Middle School, Matkuli*

### ***Education***

Our team visited schools in all the 18 villages of our area of operations to give lectures on nature and wildlife conservation.

S.no	Date	School	Number of participants
1	July 2	Government Primary /Middle School, Podar	45
2	July 2	GPS, Raikheda	14
3	July 4	GPS, Mana	12
4	July 4	GPS/MS, Anjandana	47
5	July 5	GPS, Malni	12
6	July 5	GPS, Nayakheda	11
7	July 6	GPS, Khamda	9
8	July 6	GPS, Mongra	9
9	July 7	GPS, Mallupura	11
10	July 7	GPS, Birjikhapa	13
11	July 8	GPS, Suplai	15
12	July 8	GPS, Dhargaon	17
13	July 9	GPS, Sakai	14
14	July 9	GPS, Nandkot	13
15	July 11	GPS, Parraspani	25
16	July 12	GPS/MS, Sonpur	35
17	July 13	GPS, Kukra	18
18	July 14	GPS, Nandner	12
		<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>

### ***Employment Cell***

6 youths were provided with jobs thanks to our efforts.

Details of the placement are as follows:

	Date	Village	Name	Age	Qual	Salary	Job
1	July 23	Mana	Sadanand	25	5th standard	Rs 3,300/- per month + meals + accommodation	Toll collector Security guard with Chetak Enterprises, Bhopal

2	July 23	Mana	Shiv Shankar	24	7 <sup>th</sup> std	--do--	--do--
3	July 29	Kukra	Brajesh Walke	25	6 <sup>th</sup> std	--do--	--do--, Hoshangabad
4	--do--	Kukra	Raja Thakur	27	8 <sup>th</sup> std	--do--	--do--
5	--do--	Parraspani	Virendra	28	9 <sup>th</sup> std	--do--	--do--, Sehor
6	--do--	Parraspani	Pradip Kumar	28	9 <sup>th</sup> std		--do--, Sehor

**Training:**

There were no training programmes in July. During the month, we organised awareness programmes in 2 villages on job opportunities as security guards, which were attended by 25 youths.