

News of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve 2006-07

The most astonishing news of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve was flowering of the bamboo, which happened this year after 20 years. The bamboo flowers look like a ball and are attached to the long tinny branches. They gradually collapse outwards spreading the plant. After the bamboo tree has given the flowers, it does mean, it dies away and would give place to next generation to grow.

The elephant camp at Ama Nalla has now been permanently closed.. A new camp has been setup near northern perimeter of the park closer to Tala range. It is planned to keep most of the elephants here.

The tiger sightings this year had been better in comparison to past experience. The tiger was frequently visible by jeep or elephant. Besides, the tiger, the leopard, sambar deer, wild dog and other wild animals were also visible in the parks for several occasions.

I am very sad to say that Chorbehra (Sidhbaba) Cubs killing the lady collecting firewood. Just happened near the Tala gate that when Sidhbaba Tigress left her cubs on the hill by the side of Jurmani water hole when she went to kill for the Family. These four women's from the Bega tribe went quietly (illegally) in the Bandhavgarh reserve to Collect the fire wood. These women's went into the Reserve when Visitors came out of the park after morning safari, While these women's were collecting dead wood these two cubs born in December 2005 so about 15 months old, just mock charged first and now women's started running so cubs caught one & immediately ruptured the wind pipe hence She died. After killing one lady cubs immediately chased the other three women's but it was only about 100 meters from the reserve fences so luckily these three women are rescued. These Three survived women's immediately spread the news of their one companion caught by 2 Cubs with the result four big elephants were on red alert charge& emergency declared but it takes time for elephants to walk down the place. When elephants arrived with Mahout (elephant driver). They found that cubs were playing with the cloths of the dead women.

Consequently upon killing of this woman, sighting of chorbera and here cubs was closed for a few weeks so that the two young tigers are in less contact with the human. However, this news has become old and the two young tigers are occupying the areas around Charanganga River, and are frequently seen by visiting tourists.



Jhurjhuria's two cubs (male and female) have also grown young and have started operating in the park independently. They are occupying the park area near Rajbehra dam therefore this area has become focal points for all vesting tourists Both the dominants male dominants B-2 and BONKA are also giving frequent sighting in the park. BONKA (meaning "broken tooth" one of his front teeth is chipped) the other dominating male tiger in the southern and western areas of



the park had left at the back his pug marks symptomatic of that he was quietly responsible of his region. Bonka is increasingly encroaching onto B2's territory, posing a threat to any cubs that are not his.

Chakradhara and her adult cubs are also found in Gopalpur waterhole the area where is mother was occupied. The three tigers are remain together (2 male and one female) and are mostly operating near Gopalpura water hole area which is a favorite haunt point.

It is presumed that Chakradhara is pregnant and must have got mated with B-2. However, if it is pregnant, the park will have new litters of young cubs.

Sighting of Banbai and her cubs is also frequent. The family is operating in hilly terrain the southeast part of the parks therefore tourist avoid going in this hilly area. However, frequent sightings are available near the water stream or water points. The elephant ride for sighting tiger here is advisable.

Durga and here 10 months cubs are occupying western part of the parks which has dense bamboo forests to hide. As the area is quite fare from the main gate the tourists rarely go there.

On the concluding phase we can say that tala range of Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve is full of tigers which are generally seen either via Jeep or on elephant ride.

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