

## Project Update: January 2016

### Awareness programme

Awareness programmes were conducted focusing school students and conflict-affected communities in buffer zone. The school programmes were organised in five schools of buffer zone with the awareness classes, and speech and essay competition programmes on conservation theme mainly conducted. Similarly, three local workshops and seven group meetings were conducted. Members of women groups and marginalised communities, herders, fishermen and forest watchers were the main participants. The programme involved experience sharing, and awareness on tiger behaviour, existing legislative provisions and participation in conservation.

### Data analysis, write-up and conference

The data on human-tiger conflict were analysed using software namely, R 3.2.3, Distance 6.0, ArcGIS 10 and Statistix 10. The articles are under preparation and will soon be submitted to journals, and thesis write-up has also begun. One conference paper entitled "Human-Tiger Conflict: mitigation measures adopted in Chitwan National Park, Nepal" was presented in 36<sup>th</sup> Wildlife Seminar organized in Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand on 17th-18th December, 2015.



**Left:** A student delivering speech during speech competition programme organised in Chandeswori Secondary School in buffer zone. **Right:** An interaction program in Chitwan National Park