

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
FEBRUARY- 2018**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 5 patrols*
- ⇒ *7 community assistance programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *4 waterholes cleaned in Comp. no. 109, 110, 111 and 56*
- ⇒ *Organised 5 classroom programmes on nature and wildlife conservation in which 1025 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in which 926 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 210 patients got free treatment*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
05/02/2018	Kodelohara	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	4
10/02/2018	Comp. no. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
22/02/2018	Bagadband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
25/02/2018	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
28/02/2018	Bagadband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
03/02/2018	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
04/02/2018	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
06/02/2018	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
11/02/2018	Govindtola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
24/02/2018	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
26/02/2018	Balapur	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4

27/02/2018	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
03/02/2018	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5
04/02/2018	Pitezari	Anti- plastic programme	6
06/02/2018	Thadezari	Anti- plastic programme	5
11/02/2018	Govindtola	Anti- plastic programme	4
24/02/2018	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	6
26/02/2018	Balapur	Anti- plastic programme	4
04/02/2018	Pitezari	VEDC meeting	8
06/02/2018	Thadezari	VEDC meeting	7
25/02/2018	Chorkhamara	VEDC meeting	6
26/02/2018	Balapur	VEDC meeting	9

Our team organized 7 community assistance programs in February to clear areas around hand pumps in different villages. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programmes which were led by Mukund and Jivraj. Details of the programmes are given in the table above.

Water had spilled over while people drew from the hand pumps and had stagnated, leading to proliferation of mosquitoes and insects. Our teams cleared the area, removing scum and organic growth and dug canals to drain away the water.



Volunteers clean area around hand pump at Asalpani

Our team joined Forest Department staff in day and night patrols in Compartment no. 111 an on the roads linking Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Bagadband, Mangezari to Jindatola. Besides our staff, volunteers from a youth club at Mangezari also joined in the patrols. The youth club was set up with our assistance and is mentored by our Conservation Officer Mukund Dhurve.



Night patrol on road from Mangezari to Kodebarra



Day patrol in Comp. no. 56

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on February 3, 4, 6, 11, 24 and 26 at Sodlagondi, Pitezari, Thadezari, Govindtola, Mangezari and Balapur villages respectively. Mukund and Jivraj organised the programmes which were attended by villagers and village eco-development committee (VEDC) members. The plastic litter has been kept in our Mangezari office and will be sent to Tiroda for recycling.



Anti plastic programme at Pongezara

The Government of Maharashtra has issued the buffer zone notification for the Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve. Following this, doubts have sprung up in the minds of villagers as to how they will be affected by the notification. Due to the doubts, some villagers are opposing the notification. To clear these doubts and misgivings, we organised a total of 4 awareness programmes during February in 4 villages – Pitezari, Thadezari, Chorkhamara and Balapur.

Education

There were 5 education programmes in February which were attended by 1,025 students.

S. no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants
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1	08/02/2018	Harikrishna high school, Kodelohara	Natural colour making demonstration	220
2	09/02/2018	Ashram high school, Koilari	Natural colour making demonstration	110
3	24/02/2018	GES high school, Kuradi	Natural colour making demonstration	250
4	24/02/2018	Adilok high school, Bolunda	Natural colour making demonstration	235
5	24/02/2018	Bhimrao high school, Wadegaon	Natural colour making demonstration	210
			Total	1025

Education van

There were 6 film shows in the following schools:

S. no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	15/02/2018	GES high school	Sukdi	Land of tiger Truth about tiger	265
2	15/02/2018	ZPPS	Pindkepar	Land of tiger Truth about tiger	104
3	16/02/2018	Adilok high school	Bolunda	Land of tiger Truth about tiger	240
4	16/02/2018	ZPPS	Bolunda	Land of tiger Truth about tiger	210
5	17/02/2018	ZPPS	Kodelohara	Land of tiger Truth about tiger	72
6	17/02/2018	ZPPS	Bagadband	Land of tiger	35
				Total	926

Employment Cell activities

One villager got a job with our assistance.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Educational Qualification	Job	Salary(monthly, in rupees)
1	Bagadband	Ravishankar Tupte	24	B.A	Store keeper with Mona Tyres, Gondia	7,000/-

MOBILE HEALTH SERVICE (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in February 2018.

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	17/02/2018	Sodlagondi	29
2	17/02/2018	Thadezari	31
3	18/02/2018	Pitezari	45
4	18/02/2018	Umarzari	29
5	19/02/2018	Chorkhamara	39
6	19/02/2018	Bhajepar	37
		Total	210



Dr. Zanjali examines patient at Pitezari

Holi is a major Hindu festival and is normally celebrated by people splashing water and colours on each other. Normally, a lot of water is wasted and chemicals in the colours contaminate the soil and water bodies. Further, bonfires are lit and branches and trees are cut for firewood. In our programmes, we explained the harm that is caused to the environment by such activities and encouraged people to celebrate the festival in a more eco-friendly manner. Instead of using firewood, villagers are advised to burn rubbish and waste materials or cow dung. They are also taught how to make colours from flowers, leaves and other organic materials.