



**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE  
MAY 2018**

**Team:**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *7 community assistance shramdhaans to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *3 waterholes cleaned*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 183 patients got free treatment.*
- ⇒ *Organised meeting of 3 village eco-development committees*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Migratory Bird Day with 26 students from 3 villages*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Bio-diversity Day in programme with Forest Department*
- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fire in forest once*
- ⇒ *Organised programmes to build 19 compost pits in 4 villages*
- ⇒ *22 water containers for birds installed in different places*

**Conservation**

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Village</b> | <b>Activity</b>   | <b>No. of participants</b> |
|-------------|----------------|---|----------------------------|
| 02/05/2018  | Comp. no. 95   | Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol | 4                          |
| 04/05/2018  | Comp. no .112  | Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol | 6                          |
| 07/05/2018  | Mangezari      | Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol | 5                          |
| 10/05/2018  | Comp. no. 109  | Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol | 8                          |
| 08/05/2018  | Comp. no. 109  | Assisted in fighting fire   | 7                          |
| 03/05/2018  | Jindatola      | Programme to clean area around hand pump                                  | 7                          |
| 11/05/2018  | Kodebarra      | Programme to clean area around hand pump                                  | 6                          |
| 12/05/2018  | Balapur        | Programme to clean area around hand pump                                  | 7                          |

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| 13/05/2018 | Bagadband     | Programme to clean area around hand pump | 5  |
| 17/05/2018 | Kodebarra     | Programme to clean area around hand pump | 4  |
| 23/05/2018 | Asalpani      | Programme to clean area around hand pump | 6  |
| 27/05/2018 | Pitezari      | Programme to clean area around hand pump | 7  |
| 02/05/2018 | Comp. no. 95  | Cleaning area around waterhole           | 8  |
| 04/05/2018 | Comp. no. 112 | Cleaning area around waterhole           | 7  |
| 10/05/2018 | Comp. no. 109 | Cleaning area around waterhole           | 5  |
| 03/05/2018 | Jindatola     | Anti- plastic programme                  | 6  |
| 11/05/2018 | Kodebarra     | Anti- plastic programme                  | 5  |
| 12/05/2018 | Balapur       | Anti- plastic programme                  | 4  |
| 13/05/2018 | Bagadband     | Anti- plastic programme                  | 6  |
| 23/05/2018 | Asalpani      | Anti- plastic programme                  | 8  |
| 27/05/2018 | Pitezari      | Anti- plastic programme                  | 7  |
| 03/05/2018 | Sodlagondi    | VEDC meeting                             | 6  |
| 24/05/2018 | Chorkhamara   | VEDC meeting                             | 5  |
| 27/05/2018 | Pitezari      | VEDC meeting                             | 10 |

Our team organized 7 community assistance programs on May 3, 11, 12, 13, 17, 23 and 27 to clear areas around hand pumps at Jindatola, Kodebarra, Balapur, Bagadband, Kodebarra, Asalpani and Pitezari.

Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all the 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 Jindatola*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartments No. 95, 109 and 112 and on the road linking 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 Jindatola*



*Day patrol in Comp. no. 95*

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on May 3, 11, 12, 13, 23 and 27 at Jindatola, Kodebarra, Balapur, Bagadband, Asalpani and Pitezari villages respectively. Mukund and Jivraj organised the programmes in which villagers and village eco-development committee (VEDC) members participated. The plastic litter has been kept in our Mangezari office and will be sent to Tiroda for recycling.



*Anti plastic programme at Kodebarra*

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 3 awareness programmes during May in 3 villages – Sodlagondi, Chorkhamara and Pitezari.

On May 15, we organised a programme to celebrate World Migratory Bird's Day at Jindatola Lake. 26 students from Kodebarra, Mangezari and Jindatola villages were present. During the programme, our team spoke to the students about migratory birds, their importance to the eco-system and the need to protect the birds from poachers.

On May 22, we organised a programme to celebrate World Bio-diversity Day. The programme was attended by several officials from the Forest Department including

the Conservator of Forests, Divisional Forest Officer and Assistant Conservator of Forests. The presidents of several VEDCs were also present. Our team spoke to the gathering about the bio-diversity of Gondia district and the need for conserving the same.

During the month, our team assisted in fighting a fire in the forest in Compartment no. 109.

We organised programmes to build 19 compost pits at Mangezari, Jindatola, Kodebarra and Asalpani.

During the month, we also arranged for the installation of 22 water pots/containers in different places for birds to drink from.

### Education

There were no education programmes during May as schools were shut for the annual summer vacation.

### Employment Cell activities

We assisted 8 people in getting employment in May.

| S. no | Village   | Name             | Age | Educational Qualification | Job           | Salary(monthly, in rupees) |
|-------|-----------|------------------|-----|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| 1     | Jindatola | Jitendra Uikey   | 40  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Van majoor    | 6200/-                     |
| 2     | Jindatola | Rupchand Meshram | 37  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Van majoor    | 6200/-                     |
| 3     | Mangezari | Premlal Tekam    | 30  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Fire watcher  | 6200/-                     |
| 4     | Balapur   | Sohan Pandhre    | 27  | 12 <sup>th</sup>          | Fire watcher  | 6200/-                     |
| 5     | Balapur   | Munna Kashiwar   | 29  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Van majoor    | 6200/-                     |
| 6     | Mangezari | Anusaya Kumre    | 35  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Candle making | 4500/-                     |
| 7     | Mangezari | Dwarka Chakate   | 32  | 8 <sup>th</sup>           | Candle making | 4500/-                     |
| 8     | Jindatola | Usha Salame      | 30  | 10 <sup>th</sup>          | Candle making | 4500/-                     |

We submitted a list to the Forest Department of candidates from villages in our area of operations. These youths want to be trained in driving four-wheelers. The Forest Department will arrange for them to be trained at Ashok Leyland Driving School, Chhindwara.

| Sr. No. | Name                       | Village name | Qualification    | Age |
|---------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----|
| 1.      | Akash Bhaulal Salam        | Jindatola    | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 21  |
| 2.      | Moreshwar Chunnilal Katlam | Jindatola    | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 22  |

|     |                                   |           |                  |    |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|----|
| 3.  | Omprakash Hariram Tekam           | Jindatola | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| 4.  | Suresh Tikaram Salam              | Jindatola | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 21 |
| 5.  | Ritesh Rupchand Meshram           | Jindatola | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 23 |
| 6.  | Dinesh Hivraj Warkhade            | Jindatola | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 7.  | Yashwant Duwarsing Madavi         | Kodebarra | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| 8.  | Mahendra Ghanshyam<br>Rahangadale | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| 9.  | Buhendra Ganiram Pandhre          | Kodebarra | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 10. | Manoj Jaysing Madavi              | Kodebarra | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |
| 11. | Rupesh Mulchand Warkhade          | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 12. | Shekhar Sundralal Bisen           | Kodebarra | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 21 |
| 13. | Sandeep Brijlal Gedam             | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 14. | Vinod Devchand Tekam              | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 15. | Jitesh Sampat Ahake               | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |
| 16. | Virush Devchand Warkhade          | Kodebarra | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 26 |
| 17. | Vishal Dixit Gauttam              | Balapur   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| 18. | Chandrakumar Dhyansing<br>Gauttam | Balapur   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 23 |
| 19. | Sachin Premlal Ambedare           | Balapur   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 20. | Laxmikant Bhumeswar Thakre        | Balapur   | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |
| 21. | Mangesh Ruchichand Dhurve         | Balapur   | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 22. | Amol Hemraj Salam                 | Mangezari | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 22 |
| 23. | Suresh Yograj Wadhve              | Mangezari | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 23 |
| 24. | Suresh Haridas Chakate            | Mangezari | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |
| 25. | Roshan Puralal Nagpure            | Mangezari | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 24 |
| 26. | Pankaj Hemraj Salam               | Mangezari | 12 <sup>th</sup> | 25 |

### Mobile Health Service (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in May.

| Sr.no | Date       | Village   | Patients |
|-------|------------|-----------|----------|
| 1     | 19/05/2018 | Mangezari | 35       |

|   |            |           |     |
|---|------------|-----------|-----|
| 2 | 19/05/2018 | Kodebarra | 28  |
| 3 | 20/05/2018 | Asalpani  | 30  |
| 4 | 20/05/2018 | Bagadband | 36  |
| 5 | 21/05/2018 | Bodalkasa | 21  |
| 6 | 2105/2018  | Balapur   | 38  |
|   |            | Total     | 183 |



*Dr. Zanjil examines patient at Bodalkasa*