

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
APRIL - 2019**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 7 occasions*
- ⇒ *3 shramdhaan programs to clean water holes*
- ⇒ *6 shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programs*
- ⇒ *Installed 26 water pots for birds*
- ⇒ *Organized demonstration workshop for farmers*
- ⇒ *2 youths got job as daily wage forest laborers with our assistance*
- ⇒ *Assisted folk dance troupe to perform and earn Rs 6,000 at MTDC Resort Bodalkasa*
- ⇒ *Assisted 2 youths in going for hospitality training program at PACE Academy, Sillari*
- ⇒ *Organized 5 environment education programs - 706 students present*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Earth Day - total of 108 students and teachers participated*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
02/04/2019	Comp. No. 109.	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
05/04/2019	Path from Mangezari to Asalpani	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
09/04/2019	Comp. No. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
10/04/2019	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
18/04/2019	Comp. No. 121	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
20/04/2019	Comp. No. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
24/04/2019	Comp. No. 96	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
03/04/2019	Asalpani	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
05/04/2019	Kodebarra	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
08/04/2019	Bagadband	Program to clean area around hand pump	4

16/04/2019	Pitezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
17/04/2019	Sodlagondi	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
19/04/2019	Bhajepar	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
09/04/2019	Comp. No. 109	Program to clean waterhole	4
10/04/2019	Comp. No. 110	Program to clean waterhole	5
20/04/2019	Comp. No. 111	Program to clean waterhole	6
03/04/2019	Asalpani	Anti-plastic program	4
05/04/2019	Kodebarra	Anti-plastic program	5
08/04/2019	Bagadban	Anti-plastic program	4
16/04/2019	Pitezari	Anti-plastic program	4
17/04/2019	Sodlagondi	Anti-plastic program	5
19/04/2019	Bhajepar	Anti-plastic program	4

On April 9, 10 and 20 we cleaned up artificial water holes in Compartments no. 109, 110 and 111 respectively. Our volunteers from Kodebarra and Magezari participated in the shramdhaan programs. Our team along with Forest Department staff cleaned the leaf litter and scum from the water holes.

Wildlife in these areas will now have access to clean water during the dry summer season. If these water holes were not cleaned, then the wild animals may wander close to human habitation in search of water giving rise to potential conflict.



Volunteers help clean water hole at Comp. No. 109

Our team organized 6 community assistance programs on April 3, 5, 8, 16, 17, and 19 to clear areas around hand pumps at Asalpani, Kodebarra, Bagadban, Pitezari, Sodlagondi and Bhajepar. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programs which were led by Mukund and Jivraj. Details of the programs 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 Sodlagondi

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment. No. 109, on the road from Mangezari to Asalpani, Compartment No.110, Compartment No. 111, Compartment No.121, Compartment No. 111, and Compartment No. 96. 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.



Day patrol in Comp. No. 110 (left); Night patrol on road from Mangezari to Asalpani (right)

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programs to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programs were organized on April, 3, 5, 8, 16, 17 and 19 at Asalpani, Kodebarra, Bagadban, Pitezari, Sodlagondi, and Bhajepar villages respectively. Mukund and Jivraj organized the programs 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 program at Kodebarra

On April 23, Satpuda Foundation organized a meeting of farmers with District Agriculture Officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary. He gave information about Government schemes and latest farming technologies. 29 farmers from Mangezari, Jindatola, Govindtola and Kodebarra attended the meeting.



Farmers meeting with Agriculture Officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary

Satpuda Foundation had helped 12 villagers from Bodalkasa village to form a folk dance troupe last month. On 15th April, we helped the troupe to perform 'Dandaar' folk dance at Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation Resort, Bodalkasa during a workshop for doctors from Maharashtra. The troupe earned Rs 6,000/- for the performance. This troupe will help villagers earn additional income and also preserve and showcase the rich local folk culture.



Folk Dance 'Dandaar' play at Bodalkasa Resort

On 22 April, we celebrated World Earth Day at Z.P.P.S. school, Bolunda. During the celebration 103 students and 3 teachers were present. On this occasion students were made aware about issues like climate change, deforestation, water scarcity and other nature conservation issues. Students were also made aware about the actions they can take to help preserve nature and earth.



World Earth Day Celebration at Bolunda School

During April, we installed 26 water pots for birds at Mangezari, Kodebarra, Jindatola, Bagadband, Asalpani and Balapur. During summer season, birds and small animals will make use of these water pots. Eco-development committee members and our volunteers from these villages helped install these water pots and contribute to conservation of avifauna.



Water pot installed at Jindatola

Education

There were 5 education programs in April 2019.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	04/04/2019	Ashram School Koylari	Seed Collection	72 Students & 2 Teachers
2	05/04/2019	Hari Krishna High School Kodelohara	Seed Collection	190 Students, 3 Teachers.
3	08/04/2019	Bhivram High School Wadegaon	Seed Collection	180 Students & 2 teachers.
4	09/04/2019	G.E.S.High School Kurhadi	Seed Collection	170 Students & 2 teachers.
5	10/04/2019	Adilok High School Bolunda	Seed Collection	93 Students & 2 teachers
			Total	706



Environment Education program at G.E.S.Girl's High School, Kuradi

Employment Cell activities

1 unemployed youth from Sodlagondi and 1 youth from Thadezari got jobs with our assistance.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Ed. Qual.	Job	Salary (monthly, in rupees)
1	Sodlagondi	Rakesh Shobibal Kalam	24	12 th	Temporary forest laborer	6,000/-
2	Thadezari	Santosh Neharu Kodvati	24	10 th	--do--	6,000/-

Training activities

In April we identified and sent 2 youngsters to attend hospitality training program organized by Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE) and funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation at Sillari.

S. no	Name	Village name	Qua.	Age	Trade
1	Mahesh Jivanlal Varkhade	Kodelohara	12 th	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
2	Sanjay Jivanlal Chowdahry	Balapur	12 th	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.