

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
AUGUST- 2016**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 7 patrols*
- ⇒ *6 community assistance shramdhaans – programmes to clean area next to hand pumps at Umarzari, Thadezari, Sodlagondi, Pitezari, Pongezara, Balapur*
- ⇒ *7 anti-plastic programmes at Chorkamara, Thadezari, Sodlagondi, Mangezari, Pitezari, Pongezara, Balapur*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 education programmes in schools focusing on plantation – 1,213 students attended*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 education van programmes which were attended by 1,168 students*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 178 patients got free treatment*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
5/8/2016	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	4
10/8/2016	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
15/8/2016	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	5
16/8/2016	Bagadhband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
17/8/2016	Comp. no. 109-110	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
20/8/2016	Comp. No. 57	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	5
26/8/2016	Comp. no. 114	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
2/8/2016	Umarzari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
13/8/2106	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
14/8/2016	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6

21/8/2016	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
26/8/2016	Pongezara	Programme to clean area around hand pump	9
29/8/2016	Balapur	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
1/8/2016	Chorkamara	Anti plastic programme	7
13/8/2016	Thadezari	Anti plastic programme	9
14/8/2016	Sodlagondi	Anti plastic programme	7
18/8/2016	Mangezari	Anti plastic programme	9
21/8/2016	Pitezari	Anti plastic programme	10
26/8/2016	Pongezara	Anti plastic programme	12
29/8/2016	Balapur	Anti plastic programme	8
1/8/2016	Chorkamara	VEDC Meeting	
5/8/2016	Kodebarra	VEDC Meeting	
13/8/2016	Thadezari	VEDC Meeting	
21/8/2016	Pitezari	VEDC Meeting	
29/8/2016	Balapur	VEDC Meeting	

Our team organized 6 community assistance programmes in August to clear areas around hand pumps at Umarzari, Thadezari, Sodlagondi, Pitezari, Pongezara and Balapur respectively. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programmes which were led by Mukund and Salimkumar. 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 Umarzari

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols on the roads from Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola, Mangezari to Bagadhband and in Compartment no. 109, 110, 57, 114 on August 5, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20 and 28.

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 Compartment no. 114

During the month, our team organized 7 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on August 1, 13, 14, 18, 21, 26 and 29 at Chorkamara, Thadezari, Sodlagondi, Mangezari, Pitezari, Pongezara and Balapur villages respectively. Mukund, Salimkumar 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 Chorkamara

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 August in 5 villages – Chorkamara, Kodebarra, Thadezari, Pitezari and Balapur.

Education

There were 6 education programmes during August 2016.

S.no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants
1	4/8/2016	Harikrushna Vidyalaya, Kodelohara	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	316
2	18/8/2016	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	250
3	11/8/2016	ZPPS, Berdipar	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	107
4	16/8/2016	GES girls high school, Kuradi	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	220
5	18/8/2016	ZPPS, Mangezari	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	95
6	28/8/2016	Adilok high school, Bolunda	Programme on making eco-friendly Ganesh idols	225
			Total	1213

Education van

There were 6 film shows during the month of August.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	22/8/2016	GES girls high school	Kuradi	Land of tigers	230
2	22/8/2016	Adilok high school	Bolunda	Land of tigers	220
3	23/8/2016	ZPPS	Bolunda	Truth about tigers	208
4	23/8/2016	Bhimrao high school	Wadegaon	Truth about tigers	250
5	24/8/2016	ZPPS	Berdipar	Land of tigers	130
6	24/8/2016	ZPPS	Bhajepar	Sunderbans	230
				Total	1168

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There were 6 health camps in August at which 126 patients received free treatment.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	6/8/2016	Sodlagondi	12
2	6/8/2016	Thadezari	60
3.	7/8/2016	Pitezari	12
4	7/8/2016	Boatola	20
5	8/8/2016	Chorkamara	16
6	8/8/2016	Bhajepar	53
		Total-	173



Dr. Zanjil examines a patient at Sodlagondi