

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
DECEMBER - 2018**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on patrols on 4 occasions*
- ⇒ *4 community assistance shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *1 program to clean water hole*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Organised environment education programs in 3 schools in which 520 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 148 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Energy Conservation Day at Kuradi School*
- ⇒ *Organized meeting with members of self-help groups (SHGs) at Kodebarra*
- ⇒ *5 youths shortlisted and sent for hospitality training program funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation*
- ⇒ *Organised 2-day nature camp at Jindatola for students from village schools*
- ⇒ *Organize personality development workshop for guides at Mangezari*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
02/12/2018	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
17/12/2018	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
19/12/2018	Comp. No. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
23/12/2018	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
04/12/2018	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
05/12/2018	Bodalkasa	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
07/12/2018	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
18/12/2018	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
02/12/2018	Comp. No. 109	Programme to clean water hole	4
04/12/2018	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	4
05/12/2018	Bodalkasa	Anti- plastic programme	5

07/12/2018	Thadezari	Anti- plastic programme	4
18/12/2018	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5

Our team organized 4 community assistance programs in December to clear areas around hand pumps at Mangezari, Bodalkasa, Thadezari and Sodlagondi. 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.



*(Left) Volunteers clean area around hand pump at Mangezari
(Right) Volunteers clean water hole at Comp. No. 109.*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 109, Compartment No.111, and on the roads linking Mangezari to Kodebarra and 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 team.



*(Left) Day patrol at Comp. No. 111
(Right) Night patrol on Mangezari-Kodebarra path*

During the month, our team organized 4 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on December 4, 5, 7 and 18 at Mangezari, Bodalkasa, Thadezari and Sodlagondi 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 Bodalkasa

On December 14, we celebrated World Energy Conservation Day at G.E.S. Girl’s High School, Kuradi with lectures on the various sources of energy and uses of natural energy. A total of 190 students and 2 teachers were present.



World Energy Conservation day Celebration

On December 27, we organised a personality development workshop for guides at Mangezari. Shri Kunal Sharma, an expert from Chennai, was the resource person for the programme in which guides were advised on how to interact with tourists. The guides were also taught the importance of speaking to the tourists about local culture, customs and history in addition to speaking about wildlife and nature. Guides from Mangezari Gate and nature trail guides attended the workshop.



Mangezari – Personality development workshop for guides

Education

There were 3 environment education programmes in December.

S.	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of
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no				Participants
1	15/12/2018	Ashram School, Koilari	Information given on migratory birds	120 students, 2 teachers
2	21/12/2018	Harikrushna High School Kodelohara	Information given on migratory birds	210 students, 3 teachers.
3	14/12/2018	G.E.S. Girl's High School, Kuradi	Information given on migratory birds; Celebrated World Energy Conservation Day	190 students, 2 teachers.

Education Van

On December 28 and 29, we organised a 2-day nature camp from 40 students and 7 teachers from 5 schools, whose details are given below. Activities at the camp included nature games, presentations, nature trails and a jungle safari. Such camps are organised by us every year to enable children from local villages to learn about nature and wildlife and to develop an interest in conservation. This camp was supported by the Forest Department.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	28, 29/12/2018	G.E.S. Girl's High School, Kuradi	Nature Camp	10 Students & 2 Teachers
2	28, 29/12/2018	Adilok High School Bolunda	Nature Camp	10 Students, 2 Teachers.
3	28, 29/12/2018	Z.P. High School Kuradi	Nature Camp	10 Students, 1 teacher
4	28, 29/12/2018	Z.P.P.S. Jindatola	Nature Camp	5 Students, 1 teacher
5	28, 29/12/2018	Z.P.P.S. Mangezari	Nature Camp	5 Students, 1 teacher



(Left) Nature Camp at Jindatola

(Right) Conservator of Forests and Field Director Shree Ramanujam felicitates students.



(Left) Nature Trail at Comp. No. 56 (Nature camp)
 (Right) Jungle Safari at Nagzira. (Nature camp)



Employment Cell Training activities

In December, we identified and selected 5 youths to be trained in skills related to the hospitality industry. The youths were sent to Pratham Arora Centre for Education at Sillari, Pench Tiger Reserve. The training programme is funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation.

Details of the youths are given below.

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village name</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Age</i>
1.	Rakhi Duryodhan Tekam	Balapur	12 th	20
2.	Lalita Netalal Tekam	Balapur	12 th	21
3.	Ravina Jaydev Dhurve	Balapur	11 th	20
4.	Sandeep Dilip Madkam	Balapur	12 th	21
5.	Mahesh Sahadev Madavi	Balapur	12 th	22

Mobile Health Service (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in December.

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	11/12/2018	Mangezari	13
2	11/12/2018	Kodebarra	29
3	12/12/2018	Asalpani	24
4	12/12/2018	Bagadband	36
5	13/12/2018	Bodalkasa	14
6	13/12/2018	Balapur	32
		Total	148



Dr. Khode examines patient at Asalpani