

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
FEBRUARY - 2019**

Team:

Mukund Dhurve - Asst. Conservation Officer
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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on patrols on 5 occasions*
- ⇒ *4 community assistance shramdhaans – programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *3 programs to clean waterholes*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Organised 4 environment education programs in which 506 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 film shows – attended by 580 people*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 135 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Organized meeting with SHGs members at Balapur*
- ⇒ *5 youth shortlisted and sent for hospitality training program at PACE Sillari funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Wetland Day at Ashram School, Mendha*
- ⇒ *Celebrated Global Recycling Day at Adilok High School, Bolunda*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
05/02/2019	Comp. No. 114.	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
07/02/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra.	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
10/02/2019	Comp. No. 113	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
12/02/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
23/02/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra.	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
08/02/2019	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
09/02/2019	Bodalkasa	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
13/02/2019	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
26/02/2019	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
04/02/2019	Comp. No. 110	Programme to clean waterhole	4

10/02/2019	Comp. No. 114	Programme to clean waterhole	5
24/02/2019	Comp. No. 111	Programme to clean waterhole	4
08/02/2019	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5
09/02/2019	Bodalkasa	Anti- plastic programme	4
13/02/2019	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5
26/02/2019	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	6

Our team organized 4 community assistance programs on February 8, 9, 13 and 26 to clear areas around hand pumps at Sodlagondi, Bodalkasa, Sodlagondi and Mangezari. 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 Bodalkasa



(Right) Volunteers clean area waterhole in jungle

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 113 and 114 and on the paths 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 Conservation Officer Mukund Dhurve.



(Left) Day patrol in Comp. No. 111



(Right) Night patrol on Mangezari to Kodebarra road

During the month, our team organized 4 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on February 8, 9, 13 and 26 at Sodlagondi, Bodalkasa, Sodlagondi and Mangezari 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 Sodlagondi

Environment Education

There were 4 programmes in February.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	02/02/2019	Ashram School, Mendha	Information given on migratory birds & their habitat (celebration of Wetland Day)	50 Students & 2 Teachers
2	18/02/2019	Adilok High School, Bolunda	Celebration of Global Recycling Day	73 Students, 3 Teachers.
3	25/02/2019	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Information given on migratory birds	210 Students & 2 teachers.
4	26/02/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Information given on migratory birds	173 Students & 2 teachers.
			Total	506



*(Left) Celebration of Global Recycling Day at Adilok High School, Bolunda
(Right) Film Show at G.E.S. Girl's High School, Kuradi*

On February 2, we celebrated World Wetland Day with students of Ashram School, Mendha. We took a team of 52 students and 3 teachers to Mendha Lake and spoke to them about wetlands, importance of wetlands and the need to conserve wetlands. During the programme, we helped the participants spot and identify local and migratory birds like egret, maina, dove, drongo, grayleg goose, common coot, etc.



Visit to wetland near Ashram School, Mendha

On February 18, we celebrated Global Recycling Day with a programme at Adilok High School, Bolunda in which 73 students and 3 teachers were present. Our team spoke to the gathering about the need for conservation and the need to reduce wasteful consumption, reuse and recycle materials.

Education Van

During the month, we organised 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Movie	No. of Participants
1	14/02/2019	Z.P.P.S. Bagadband	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	38 Students & 1 Teachers
2	14/02/2019	Adilok High School Bolunda.	Corbett Tiger Reserve	162 Students, 2 Teachers.
3	15/02/2019	Z.P.P.S. Asalpani.	Corbett Tiger Reserve	35 Students & 1 teacher.
4	15/02/2019	Z.P.P.S. Bolunda.	Corbett Tiger Reserve	116 Students & 2 teachers.
5	16/02/2019	G. E. S. Girl's High School Kuradi.	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	210 Students & 2 teacher.
6	16/02/2019	Z.P.P.S., Mangezari	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	57 Students & 1 teacher.
			Total	580

Employment Cell Training activities

During the month, 5 youths from Kodelohara were identified and selected for a training programme in skills related to the hospitality industry. The programme is conducted by Pratham Arora Centre for Education (PACE) at Sillari and is funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation. The details of the youths are given below.

Sr. No.	Name	Village name	Qua.	Age	Trade
1	Mangesh Surichand Dhurve	Kodelohara	12 th	21	Hospitality Training Program, PACE, Sillari.
2	Nitesh Balkrushna Yewatkar	Kodelohara	12 th	20	Hospitality Training Program, PACE, Sillari.
3	Abhas Sukhdev Meshram	Kodelohara	11 th	19	Hospitality Training Program, PACE, Sillari.
4	Ajay Jaidev Meshram	Kodelohara	12 th	20	Hospitality Training Program, PACE, Sillari.
5	Vinod Dasaram Meshram	Kodelohara	12 th	21	Hospitality Training Program, PACE, Sillari.

Mobile health Service (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in February.

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	19/02/2019	Mangezari	22
2	19/02/2019	Kodebarra	27
3	20/02/2019	Asalpani	28
4	20/02/2019	Bagadband	17
5	21/02/2019	Bodalkasa	32
6	21/02/2019	Balapur	09
		Total	135



Dr. Khode examines patient at Asalpani