

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
JANUARY - 2019**

Team:

Mukund Dhurve - Asst. Conservation Officer
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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on patrols on 4 occasions*
- ⇒ *4 community assistance shramdhaans to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *2 shramdhaans to clean water holes*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Organised environment education programs in 5 schools in which 915 students were present.*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation – attended by 815 people*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 158 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Organized meeting with self-help group (SHG) members at Jindatola to discuss livelihood and conservation issues*
- ⇒ *2 Youths identified and sent for driving training program at Chhindwara, funded by Nagzira Tiger Conservation Foundation*
- ⇒ *Organized villagers' meeting at Umarzari on organic farming*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
04/01/2019	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
06/01/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
16/01/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
30/01/2019	Comp. No. 113	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
07/01/2019	Kodelohara	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	7
08/01/2019	Kodebarra	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	6
19/01/2019	Chorkhamara	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
20/01/2019	Bhajepar	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
05/01/2019	Comp. No. 111.	Programme to clean water hole	4
15/01/2019	Comp. No. 109	Programme to clean water hole	4
07/01/2019	Kodelohara	Anti- plastic programme	5

08/01/2019	Kodebarra	Anti- plastic programme	4
19/01/2019	Chorkhamara	Anti- plastic programme	5
20/01/2019	Bhajepar	Anti- plastic programme	4

Our team organized 4 community assistance programs on January 7, 8, 19 and 20 to clear areas around hand pumps at Kodelohara, Kodebarra, Chorkhamara, and Bhajepar. 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 Kodelohara

(Right) Volunteers clean water hole at Comp. No. 111

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 109 and Compartment No. 113 and on the paths linking Mangezari to Jindatola and Mangezari to Kodebarra. 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. 113.

(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 January 7, 8, 19 and 20 at Kodelohara, Kodebarra, Chorkhamara and Bhajepar 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 Chorkhamara

On January 19, we organised a meeting of villagers at Umarzari to promote organic farming. We invited Agriculture Officer Mr. Pardhi to speak to the farmers on how to practice organic farming. He also gave details of government schemes to support farmers in their activities. 16 farmers were present.



(Left) Village meeting at Umarzari

Education

There were 5 Education programmes in January.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	03/01/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Information given on migratory birds	112 students, 2 teachers
2	07/01/2019	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara	Information given on migratory birds	100 students, 3 teachers.
3	08/01/2019	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Information given on migratory birds	275 students, 2 teachers.

4	09/01/2019	G.E.S. Girls High School, Kuradi	Information given on migratory birds	215 students, 2 teachers.
5	17/01/2019	Adilok High School, Bolunda	Information given on migratory birds	113 students, 2 teachers.
			Total	815



(Left) Education program at Kuradi School
(Right) Film show at Wadegaon School

Education Van

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

S. no	Date	Name of School	Movie	No. of Participants
1	10/01/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Corbett Tiger Reserve	112 students, 2 teachers
2	10/01/2019	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara	Corbett Tiger Reserve	10 students, 2 teachers
3	11/01/2019	G.E.S. Girl's High School, Kuradi	Corbett Tiger Reserve	209 students, 1 teacher
4	11/01/2019	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Corbett Tiger Reserve	275 students, 1 teacher
5	12/01/2019	Z.P.P.S., Bolunda	Corbett Tiger Reserve	116 students, 1 teacher
6	12/01/2019	Z.P.P.S., Mangezari	Corbett Tiger Reserve	103 students, 1 teacher
			Total	915

Employment Cell Training activities

During the month, we identified 2 youths to attend a driving training programme at Chhindwara. The programme is funded by Nagzira Tiger Conservation Foundation.

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village name</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Age</i>
1.	Mukesh Gopichand Tekam	Balapur	12 th	20
2.	Deepak Patiram Kangali	Balapur	12 th	21

MOBILE HEALTH SERVICE (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in January.

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	22/01/2019	Sodlagondi	16
2	22/01/2019	Thadezari	18
3	23/01/2019	Pitezari	27
4	23/01/2019	Umarzari	41
5	24/01/2019	Chorkhamara	24
6	24/01/2019	Bhajepar	32
		Total	158



Dr. Khode examines patient at Pitezari