

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE**  
**JUNE 2019**

**Team:**

Mukund Dhurve -Asst. Conservation Officer  
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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 5 occasions*
- ⇒ *3 shramdhaan programs to clean water holes*
- ⇒ *6 shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programs*
- ⇒ *Prepared 7 compost pits in 3 villages*
- ⇒ *Organized 1 demonstration workshop for farmers*
- ⇒ *Helped 2 youths join hospitality training program at PACE Academy, Sillari*
- ⇒ *Organized 2 environment education programs - a total of 316 students attended*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Environment Day - a total of 45 students and VEDC members participated*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
02/06/2019	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	8
07/06/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	6
10/06/2019	Comp. No. 111	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	5
17/06/2019	Comp. No. 118	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	8
25/06/2019	Comp. No. 96	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in day and night patrol	7
03/06/2019	Jindatola	Program to clean area around hand pump	6
08/06/2019	Mangezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
11/06/2019	Balapur	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
12/06/2019	Chorkhamara	Program to clean area around hand pump	4

20/06/2019	Bhajepar	Program to clean area around hand pump	5
23/06/2019	Pitezari	Program to clean area around hand pump	4
09/06/2019	Comp. No. 109	Program to clean water hole	5
10/05/2019	Comp. No. 111	Program to clean water hole	4
25/06/2019	Comp. No. 96	Program to clean water hole	5
03/06/2019	Jindatola	Anti-plastic program	6
08/06/2019	Mangezari	Anti-plastic program	4
11/06/2019	Balapur	Anti-plastic program	5
12/06/2019	Chorkhamara	Anti-plastic program	4
20/06/2019	Bhajepar	Anti-plastic program	4
23/06/2019	Pitezari	Anti-plastic program	5

On June 9, 10 and 25, we cleaned artificial water holes in Compartment no. 109, 111 and 96 respectively. Our volunteers from Kodebarra and Mangezari participated in the shramdhaan programs. Our team, along with Forest Department staff, cleaned the leaf litter and scum from the water holes and later filled them with clean water.

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, increasing the chance for human-wildlife conflict.



*Volunteers help clean water hole at Comp. No. 111*

Our team organized 6 community assistance programs on June 3, 8, 11, 12, 20, and 23 to clear areas around hand pumps at Jindatola, Mangezari, Balapur, Chorkhamara, Bhajepar and Pitezari. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all the 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 Mangezari*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 109, 111 118 and 96 and on the path linking 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.



*Day patrol in Comp. No. 96.*

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programs to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programs were organized on June 3, 8, 11, 12, 20 and 23, at Jindatola, Mangezari, Balapur, Chorkhamara, Bhajepar, and Pitezari 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 Jindatola*

On June 15, Satpuda Foundation organized farmers meeting with District Agriculture Officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary. He gave information about Government schemes to support farmers and also on pre-monsoon preparations for farming. 23 farmers from Asalpani, Bagadband and Govindtola attended the meeting.



*Farmers' meeting with Agriculture officer Mr. Sanjay Chowdhary*

On 5 June, we celebrated World Environment Day at Mangezari. 40 students, EDC members and Forest Department staff were present. During the programme, our team spoke to the gathering about our environment and the need for conservation.



*World Environment Day Celebration at Mangezari*

During the month, we helped seven villagers dig compost pits as part of our programme to promote organic farming in areas adjoining forests. This helps reduce the usage of chemical-based fertilizers due to which chemicals leech into the ground and pollute water bodies.



*Preparing compost pit at Mangezari*

## **Education**

There were 2 education programs in June.

S. no.	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	27/06/2019	G.E.S. Girls High School, Kuradi	Seed collection	190
2	28/06/2019	Adilok High School, Bolunda	Seed collection	126
			<b>Total</b>	316

### **Employment Cell Training activities**

In June, we assisted 2 unemployed youngsters attend a hospitality training program organized by Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE) at Sillari, Pench Tiger Reserve. The programme is funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation. Details of the youths are given below:

<b>S. no</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Village name</b>	<b>Qua.</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Program</b>
1	Pannala Gyaniram Tekam	Jindatola	12 <sup>th</sup>	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari
2	Bhaktvan Ashok Chakate	Mangezari	12 <sup>th</sup>	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari