

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
MARCH- 2016**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 8 patrols*
- ⇒ *4 community assistance shramdhaans – programmes to clean area next to hand pumps at Pongezara, Asalpani, Mangezari, Jindatola*
- ⇒ *5 community assistance shramdhaan- programmes to clean water holes at Kalagota, compartment no.107,109, 110, 111*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes at Pongezara, Mangezari, Bolunda, Kodebarra*
- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fires in forest in Compartment no. 95, 108*
- ⇒ *Organised 7 education programmes at Koylari, Kodelohara, Wadegaon, Bhajepar, Kuradi, Bolunda, Berdipar on “How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi” in which 1636 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 7 film shows in which 1475 students and village were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 117 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Forest Day on 21st March at ZPPS Bolunda*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Water Day on 22nd March at comp. no. 109*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
10/3/2016	Mangezari	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
18/3/2016	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	5
19/3/2016	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
20/3/2016	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	5
22/3/2016	Bagadhband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
23/2/2016	Comp no. 108	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
24/3/2016	Comp no. 115	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6

25/3/2016	Comp no. 114	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
8/3/2016	Pongezara	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
9/3/2016	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
11/3/2016	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
28/3/2016	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
8/3/2016	Kalagota	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
9/3/2016	Compartment no:107	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
22/3/2016	Compartment no:109	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
26/3/2016	Compartment no:110	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
27/3/2016	Compartment no:111	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
12/3/2016	Compartment no:95	Assisted in fighting fire	6
24/3/2016	Compartment no:108	--do--	12
8/3/2016	Pongezara	Anti plastic programme	5
11/3/2016	Mangezari	Anti plastic programme	5
17/3/2016	Bolunda	Anti plastic programme	5
29/3/2016	Kodebarra	Anti plastic programme	5
13/3/2016	Boatola	VEDC Meeting	10
20/3/2016	Thadezari	VEDC Meeting	9
25/3/2016	Pitezari	VEDC Meeting	10
26/3/2016	Umarzari	VEDC Meeting	26
29/3/2016	Wadegaon	VEDC Meeting	08
4/3/2016	Jindatola	LPG distribution	157

Our team organized 6 community assistance programmes on March 8, 9, 11 and 28 to clear areas around hand pumps at Pongezara, Asalpani, Mangezari and Jindatola respectively. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programmes which were led by Mukund and Salimkumar.

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 cleaning the area around hand pump at Pongezara



Volunteers cleaning waterhole in Comp. no: 111

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 Bagadhbhand, Mangezari to Kodebarra and Mangezari to Jindatola on March 10, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 25. Patrolling was intensified after a leopard was spotted on March 18 as officials wanted to monitor its movement and ensure that it was safe from the poachers. One cattle was killed, reportedly by the leopard, near 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 Mukund Dhurve.



Day patrolling in Comp. no: 115



Night patrolling in Comp. no. 108

During the month, our team assisted in fighting fires in the forest on 2 occasions in Compartment no. 95 and 108 on March 12 and March 24 respectively.

On the second occasion, March 24, we were able to apprehend the person who started the fire. The Forest Department guard, who was on the patrol along with our team, arrested the person, a villager from Mangezari.



Fighting fire in jungle in Comp. no. 108

During the month our team organized 4 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organised on March 8, 11, 17 and 29 at Pongezara, Mangezari, Bolunda and Kodebarra 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 Mangezari

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 5 awareness programmes during March in 5 villages – Boatola, Thadezari, Pitezari, Umarzari, and Wadegaon.

Education

There were 7 environment education programmes during the month of March. Holi is a major Hindu festival and is normally celebrated by people splashing water and colours on each other. Normally, a lot of water is wasted and chemicals in the colours contaminate the soil and water bodies. Further, bonfires are lit and branches and trees are cut for firewood. In our programmes, we explained the harm that is caused to the environment by such activities and encouraged people to celebrate the festival in a more eco-friendly manner. Instead of using firewood, villagers are advised to burn rubbish and waste materials or cow dung. They are also taught how to make colours from flowers, leaves and other organic materials.

S.no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants
1.	9/3/16	Ashram School, Koylari	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	109
2	10/3/16	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara.	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	270
3	11/3/16	Bhimrao high School, Wadegaon	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	210
4	12/3/2016	Z.P.P.S, Bhajepar	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	240
5	17/3/2016	G E S girls' high School, Kuradi.	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	310
6	18/3/2106	Adilok high school, Bolunda	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	340
7	18/3/2016	ZPPS, Bolunda	How to make natural colours and celebrate eco-friendly Holi.	157
			Total	1636



Classroom programme at Kuradi school

Education van

There were 8 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in March.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	14/3/16	G E S Girls high school	Kuradi	Land of tiger	230
2	14/3/16	Adilok high school	Bolunda	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	320
3	14/3/16		Jindatola	Bandipur Tiger	210

			village	Reserve	
4	15/3/16	ZP PS	Bolunda	Land of tiger	150
5	15/3/16	ZP PS	Mangezari	Truth about tiger	67
6	15/3/16		Mangezari village	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	260
7	16/3/2016	ZP PS	Berdipar	Land of tiger	128
8	16/3/2106	ZP PS	Pindkepar	Land of tiger	110
				Total	1475



Film show at Bolunda school

Employment Cell activities

We helped one unemployed youth from Mangezari to get a job at Nagpur.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Educational Qualification	Job	Salary(monthly, in rupees)	
1	Mangezari	Anil Shamrao Tekam	24	12 th pass	Mason	6,000/-	L&T Construction Company, Nagpur

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There were 6 health camps in March at which 117 patients received free treatment.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	5/3/2016	Mangezari	26
2	5/3/2016	Kodebarra	18
3.	6/3/2016	Asalpani	17
4	6/3/2016	Bagadhband	12
5	7/3/2016	Bodalkasa	14
6	7/3/2016	Alezari	30
		Total	117



Dr. Bhasme examining a patient at Asalpani