

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
MARCH - 2019**

Team:

Mukund Dhurve -Asst. Conservation Officer
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Highlights

- ⇒ *Organised workshop on prevention of forest fires*
- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on foot patrols on 5 occasions-*
- ⇒ *2 shramdhaan programs to clean water holes*
- ⇒ *6 shramdhaan programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *6 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 environment education programs- 1,050 students attended*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 education van programs - 779 students attended*
- ⇒ *Celebrated 4 days of eco-calendar - total of 441 students and teachers participated*
- ⇒ *Assisted 5 youths in going for hospitality training program at PACE Academy, Sillari*
- ⇒ *Organized 6 medical camps – 152 patients treated*

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
01/03/2019	Comp. No. 109.	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
06/03/2019	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
09/03/2019	Comp. No. 114	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
19/03/2019	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
22/03/2019	Comp No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
05/03/2019	Pongezara	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	6
06/03/2019	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
07/03/2019	Kodebarra	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
08/03/2019	Bhajepar	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
28/03/2019	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
29/03/2019	Bodalkasa	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
22/03/2019	Comp. No. 109	Programme to clean water hole	4

27/03/2019	Comp. No. 114	Programme to clean water hole	5
05/03/2019	Pongezara	Anti-plastic programme	4
06/03/2019	Jindatola	Anti-plastic programme	5
07/03/2019	Kodebarra	Anti-plastic programme	6
08/03/2019	Bhajepar	Anti-plastic programme	4
28/03/2019	Asalpani	Anti-plastic programme	5
29/03/2019	Bodalkasa	Anti-plastic programme	4

Our team organized 6 community assistance programs on March 5, 6, 7, 8, 28 and 29 to clear areas around hand pumps at Pongezara, Jindatola, Kodebarra, Bhajepar, Asalpani and Bodalkasa. 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.



*Volunteers clean water hole at Comp. No. 109 (left)
Volunteers clean area around hand-pump at Bhajepar (right)*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Comp. No. 109, Comp. No. 114, 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.



Day patrol in Comp. No. 109 (left); Night patrol on Mangezari-Jindatola road (right)

During the month, our team organized 6 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on March 5, 6, 8, 28 and 29 at Pongezara, Jindatola, Kodebarra, Bhajepar, Asalpani and Bodalkasa, villages respectively. Mukund and Jivraj organized 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 Pongezara.

On March 16, 24 and 29 Satpuda Foundation organized workshops on forest fire prevention at Mangezari, Balapur and Chorkhamara respectively. During the workshops, Forest Guard Mukesh Maher, tourist guides and volunteers were taught ways to prevent and control forest fires. Ten, 8 and 12 village eco-development committee members were present for the respective programmes.



Balapur - Demonstration on forest fire prevention and control

On 3 March, we celebrated World Wildlife Day at G.E.S. High School Kuradi in a programme in which 173 students and 3 teachers participated. During the programme, we gave the participants information about wildlife conservation issues.



Wildlife Day Celebration at Kuradi School.

On 20 March, we celebrated Sparrow Day at Ashram School, Mendha. 107 students and 3 teachers took part in the programme during which we showed how to make artificial nest boxes for sparrows.



*Mendha - Demonstration on making nest boxes on the occasion of Sparrow Day (left)
Nest box kept on a tree on the school premises (right)*

On 22 March, we celebrated International Forest Day by organizing a nature trail for students of Z.P.P.S, Mangezari. 37 students and 2 teachers along with forest guard Mukesh Mehar took part in the nature trail.

We celebrated Water Day at Z.P.P.S. Pindkepar School. A film show on water conservation issues was shown by us. Students were taught ways to save water during an interactive discussion session which followed the film show.



*Nature trial with Mangezari School students on Forest Day (left)
Film show in Pindkepar school to celebrate Water Day (right)*

On 23 March, we celebrated Climate Day at Adilok High School in Bolunda village. Information about climate change and degradation of environment and ecosystems was given to the students. 120 students and 2 teachers were present in this program.

Education

There were 6 education programmes in March.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	03/03/2019	G.E.S. High School, Kuradi	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly colors	230Students & 2 Teachers
2	06/03/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly	117 Students, 3

			colors	Teachers.
3	07/03/2019	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly colors	210 Students & 2 teachers.
4	08/03/2019	G.E.S. High School, Kuradi	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly colors	200 Students & 2 teachers.
5	09/03/2019	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly colors	200 Students & 2 teachers
6	12/03/2019	Z.P.P.S. Mangezari	Demonstration on how to make eco- friendly colors	73 Students &1 teacher
			Total	1050



Demo on making eco-friendly colours at Kuradi school (left) and Mangezari school (right)

Education Van

We organised 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation in March.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Movie	No. of Participants
1	14/03/2019	Ashram School, Koilari	Truth about Tiger	173 Students & 1 teacher
2	14/03/2019	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara	Save Water	230 Students, 2 teachers.
3	14/03/2019	Bhimrao High School, Wadegaon	Indian Forest	107 Students &1 teacher.
4	15/03/2019	Ashram School, Mendha	Corbett Tiger Reserve	112 Students &2teachers.
5	15/03/2019	Z.P.P.S School, Pindkepar	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	112 Students &2 teachers.
6	16/03/2019	Z.P.P.S, Kodebarra	Bandipur Tiger Reserve	37 Students & 1 teacher.
			Total	779



Film Show at Bhimrao High School Wadegaon.

Employment Cell Training activities

In March we identified and sent 5 youngsters to attend a hospitality training programme run by Pratham Arora Centre for Education (PACE) at Sillari. The programme is funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation.

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village name</i>	<i>Qua.</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Trade</i>
1.	Dhrmendra Jaypal Surpam	Balapur	12 th	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
2.	Sunil Homchand Meshram	Sodlagondi	12 th	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
3.	Yoesh Vayankat Irpate	Thadezari	11 th	19	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
4.	Shailesh Premlal Taram	Pitezari	12 th	20	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.
5.	Akashy Yogesh Taram	Pitezari	12 th	21	Hospitality training program, PACE Academy, Sillari.

MHS

We organized 6 health camps in March (details in table below):

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
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1	16/03/2019	Sodlagondi	18
2	16/03/2019	Thadezari	29
3	17/03/2019	Pitezari	25
4	17/03/2019	Umarzari	27
5	18/03/2019	Chorkhamara	21
6	18/03/2019	Bhajepar	32
		Total	152



Dr. Khode examines a patient at Pitezari