

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE  
MAY 2016**

**Team:**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 6 patrols*
- ⇒ *6 community assistance shramdhaans – programmes to clean area next to hand pumps at Bodalkasa, Umarzari, Mangezari, Pitezari, Sodlagondi, Balapur*
- ⇒ *6 programmes to clean water holes in Compartments no.109, 110, 114, 113, 128, 59*
- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic programmes at Umarzari, Koylari, Kodelohara, Balapur, Chorkamara*
- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fire in forest in buffer area of Kodebarra*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 102 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Bio-diversity Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Mangezari*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
1/5/2016	Comp No.109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
10/5/2016	Mangezari	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	4
12/5/2016	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
20/5/2016	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	5
21/5/2016	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
28/5/2016	Bagadhband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in Day & Night patrol	6
2/5/2016	Bodalkasa	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
4/5/2016	Umarzari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
11/5/2016	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
14/5/2016	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
17/5/2016	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6

19/5/2016	Balapur	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
1/5/2016	Compartment no:109	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
5/5/2016	Compartment no:110	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
10/5/2016	Compartment no:114	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
12/5/2016	Compartment no:113	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
18/5/2016	Compartment no:128	Programme to clean area around waterhole	5
20/5/2016	Compartment no:59	Programme to clean area around waterhole	5
4/5/2016	Umarzari	Anti plastic programme	5
15/5/2016	Koylari	Anti plastic programme	5
18/5/2016	Kodelohara	Anti plastic programme	10
20/5/2016	Balapur	Anti plastic programme	9
23/5/2016	Chorkamara	Anti plastic programme	10
15/5/2016	Buffer area of Kodebarra	Assisted in fighting fire	12
5/5/2016	Thadezari	VEDC meeting	9
15/5/2016	Koylari	VEDC meeting	10
16/5/2016	Kodelohara	VEDC meeting	12
18/5/2016	Lendezari	VEDC meeting	8

Our team organized 6 community assistance programmes on May 2, 4,11,14,17 and 19 to clear areas around hand pumps at Bodalkasa, Umarzari, Mangezari, Pitezari, Sodlagondi, and Balapur 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 clean area around hand pump at Bodalkasa and dig soak pit*



*Cleaning water hole in Comp. no. 113*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment no. 109 and the roads from Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola, Mangezari to Bagadband on May 1, 10,12,20,21 and 28. Patrolling was intensified after a leopard was spotted on May 1 as officials wanted to monitor its movement and ensure that it was safe from the poachers.

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.



*Night patrol on road from Mangezari to Kodebarra*

During the month, our team assisted in fighting a fire in the forest in buffer area of Kodebarra on 15 May.



*Fighting fire near Kodebarra*

During the month our team organized 5 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organised on May 4,15,18,20 and 23 at Umarzari, Koylari, Kodelohara, Balapur, Chorkamara 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 4 awareness programmes during May in 4 villages –Thadezari, Koylari, Kodelohara and Lendezari.

On the occasion of World Bio-Diversity day, we organised a programme for school children and eco-development committee (EDC) members from Mangezari. The importance of our bio-diversity and the need to conserve it was explained to the gathering. A nature trail was organised for the children to help them appreciate the local bio-diversity.



*Nature trail on World Bio-Diversity Day for children of Mangezari*

### **Education**

There were no education programmes during May as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.

### **Education van**

There were no film shows during the month May as schools were shut for the annual summer holiday.

### **MHU**

There were 6 health camps in May at which 102 patients received free treatment.

<b>S.no</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Patients</b>
1	7/5/2016	Mangezari	15
2	7/5/2016	Kodebarra	20
3.	8/5/2016	Asalpani	30
4	8/5/2016	Bagadhband	10
5	9/5/2016	Bodalkasa	15
6	9/5/2016	Alezari	12
		<b>Total-</b>	<b>102</b>



*Dr. Burade examines a patient at Asalpani*