

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE  
NOVEMBER - 2018**

**Team:**

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**Highlights**

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on patrols on 5 occasions*
- ⇒ *4 community assistance shramdhaans – programs to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *2 programs to waterholes*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes at Bhajepar, Sodlagondi, Asalpani and Mangezari*
- ⇒ *Organised environment education programs in 5 schools in which 936 students were present*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 244 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Organized Meeting with SHG members at Balapur*
- ⇒ *4 unemployed youths got jobs with our help*
- ⇒ *4 youths shortlisted and sent for hospitality training program funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation*
- ⇒ *Celebrated Dr. Salim Ali Day at Bolunda School*

**Conservation**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
02/11/2018	Comp. No. 112	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
06/11/2018	Mangezari to Asalpani	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
07/11/2018	Mangezari to Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
08/11/2018	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
01/11/2018	Bhajepar	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	7
03/11/2018	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	6
06/11/2018	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
14/11/2018	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
02/11/2018	Comp. No. 112	Programme to clean waterhole	4
27/11/2018	Comp No. 109	Programme to clean waterhole	4
01/11/2018	Bhajepar	Anti- plastic programme	4
03/11/2018	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5

06/11/2018	Asalpani	Anti- plastic programme	4
14/11/2018	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	5

Our team organized 4 community assistance programs on November 1, 3, 6 and 14 to clear areas around hand pumps at Bhajepar, Sodlagondi, Asalpani, and Mangezari. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in the 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 wild growth of weeds, 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 Bhajepar*

*(Right) Volunteers clean area around water hole in Comp. No. 112*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment No. 112, and on the roads linking Mangezari to Asalpani, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Kodebarra and Mangezari to Govindtola. 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. 112.*

*(Right) Night patrol on Mangezari-Kodebarra road*

During the month, our team organized 4 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on November, 1, 3, 6 and 14, at Bhajepar, Sodlagondi, Asalpani and Mangezari 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 Mangezari*

On November 25, we organised a programme to celebrate Salim Ali Day at Adilok High School, Bolunda. The programme was attended by 140 students. Mukund Dhurve spoke to them about the Bird Man of India, Salim Ali, and gave them information about birds and the need to protect birds.

On November 11, we organized a kabbadi tournament at Jindatola in which villagers of Jindatola, Mangezari, Govindtola and Kodebarra participated. 8 teams took part in the competition. Such programmes are used by us to mobilize youths and villagers. We display posters at the events and motivate the participants to take up conservation activities.



*(Left) Bird watching at Bolunda School*

*(Right) Kabbadi tournament at Jindatola.*

## **Education**

There were 5 education programmes in November.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	01/11/2018	G.E.S. Girls' High School Kuradi	Information given on Celebration of eco-friendly Diwali.	130 Students & 2 Teachers
2	01/11/2018	Adilok High School Bolunda.	--do--	112 Students, 3 Teachers
3	03/11/2018	Harikrushna High School Kodelohara	--do--	212 Students & 4 teachers
4	23/11/2018	G.E.S.Girls' High School Kuradi	Celebration of Satpuda Foundation Day	230 Students & 3 Teachers

05	24/11/2018	Adilok High School Bolunda	Celebration of Salim Ali Day	140 Students & 2 Teachers
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*Environment education programme at G.E.S Girls' High School, Kurhadi (left) and at Adilok High School, Bolunda (right)*

### **Employment Cell activities**

4 unemployed youths from Balapur got jobs in November thanks to us.

In September, our team had short-listed four youths from Balapur for a hospitality training program run by Pratham Arora Center for Education (PACE) in Sillari, funded by the Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation.

After successful completion of training all four youths got jobs at Khapoli Hotel in Pune.

<b>S. no</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Ed. Qual.</b>	<b>Job</b>	<b>Salary (monthly, in rupees)</b>
1	Balapur	Alkabai Premlal Ambedare	23	12 <sup>th</sup>	Helper at Khapoli Hotel	8000 to 8500
2	Balapur	Dileshwari Purnala Gautam	22	10 <sup>th</sup>	Helper	8000 to 8500
3	Balapur	Sapna Yogeshwar Bisen	23	10 <sup>th</sup>	Helper	8000 to 8500
4	Balapur	Jyoti Anandrao Dhurve	23	11 <sup>th</sup>	Helper	8000 to 8500



*Youths from Balapur who got jobs at a hotel in Pune*

### **Employment Cell Training activities**

In November, we identified and sent 2 youths from Mangezari and Jindatola for hospitality training programme run by Pratham Arora Centre for Education at Sillari, Pench Tiger Reserve and funded by Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation.

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village name</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Trade</i>
1.	Monabai Pyarelal Uikey	Mangezari	12 <sup>th</sup>	20	PACE
2.	Akash Bhaulal Salam	Jindatola	12 <sup>th</sup>	21	PACE

### **MHS (Mobile Health Service)**

There were 6 health camps in November.

<b>Sr. no</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village</b>	<b>Patients</b>
1	20/11/2018	Sodlagondi	22
2	20/11/2018	Thadezari	84
3	21/11/2018	Pitezari	38
4	21/11/2018	Umarzari	35
5	22/11/2018	Chorkhamara	29
6	22/11/2018	Bhajepar	36
		<b>Total</b>	<b>244</b>



*Dr. Zanzal examines patients at Pitezari (left) and at Chorkhamara (right)*