

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
NOVEMBER- 2017**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 7 patrols*
- ⇒ *5 community assistance shramdhaans – programs to clean area next to hand pumps in villages*
- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *4 waterholes cleaned in Compartments no. 109, 96, 110 and 56*
- ⇒ *Built 1 check dam in Compartment no. 56*
- ⇒ *Organised safari for students from Gondia school for students with speech and hearing impairment*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
02/11/2017	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	4
04/11/2017	Comp. no. 96	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
09/11/2017	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
12/11/2017	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
21/11/2017	Bagadband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
23/11/2017	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
25/11/2017	Comp. no. 96, 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
05/11/2017	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
07/11/2017	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
11/11/2017	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
22/11/2017	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
23/11/2017	Govindtola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4

01/11/2017	Comp. no 109	Programme to clean waterhole	7
04/11/2017	Comp. no. 96	Programme to clean waterhole	8
08/11/2017	Comp. no 110	Programme to clean waterhole	5
25/11/2017	Comp. no 56	Programme to clean waterhole	7
05/11/2017	Jindatola	Anti- plastic programme	4
07/11/2017	Asalpani	Anti- plastic programme	6
11/11/2017	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	5
22/11/2017	Pitezari	Anti- plastic programme	4
23/11/2017	Govindtola	Anti- plastic programme	6
05/11/2017	Thadezari	VEDC meeting	8
22/11/2017	Pitezari	VEDC meeting	9

Our team organized 5 community assistance programs in November to clear areas around hand pumps in different villages. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programmes which were led by Mukund and Salimkumar. 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 area around hand pump at Govindtola

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment no. 96, Compartment no. 57, Compartment no. 109 and on the roads linking Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola, Mangezari to Bagadband. 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.



Night patrol on road from Mangezari to Kodebarra



Day patrolling in Comp. no. 96

During the month, our team organized 5 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on November 5, 7, 11, 22 and 23 at Jindatola, Asalpani, Mangezari, Pitezari and Govindtola 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 Asalpani

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 2 awareness programmes during November in Thadezari and Pitezari.

On November 24, we organised a programme to build a check dam in Compartment no. 56 in which our staff, forest guard and villagers volunteered.



Check dam built in Compartment no. 56

Education

There were 4 education programmes in November 2017 which were attended by 562 students.

S.no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants
1	06/11/2017	GES Girls' High School, Kuradi	Information given about birds	220
2	07/11/2017	ZPPS, Asalpani	Information given about birds	39
3	12/11/2017	ZPPS, Pindkepar	Information given about birds	93
4	27/11/2017	Harikrishna high school, Kodelohara	Information given about birds	210
			Total	562

Education van

There were 6 education programmes during November which were attended by 726 students.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	13/11/2017	GES high school	Kuradi	PowerPoint presentation about birds	230
2	13/11/2017	Adilok high school	Bolunda	PowerPoint presentation about birds	170
3	14/11/2017	ZPPS	Bolunda	Waghacha khatla	210
4	14/11/2017	ZPPS	Asalpani	Cartoon film on animals	39
5	15/11/2017	ZPPS	Bagadband	Cartoon film on animals	35

6	15/11/2017	ZPPS	Kodebarra	Waghacha khatla	42
				Total	726

Employment Cell activities

During November, we assisted two members of a women's self-help group, based in Jindatola, in starting their own small business units.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Educational Qualification	Job	Salary (monthly, in rupees)
1	Jindatola	Mamta Manohar Meshram	39	10 th fail	Poultry farm	Over 3,000/-
2	Jindatola	Itta Chunilal Katlam	35	10 th fail	Grocery store	Over 3,000/-

MOBILES HEALTH SERVICE

There were 6 health camps in November.

S. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	18/11/2017	Mangezari	27
2	18/11/2017	Kodebarra	48
3	19/11/2017	Asalpani	52
4	19/11/2017	Bagadband	69
5	20/11/2017	Bodalkasa	18
6	20/11/2017	Balapur	68
		Total	277



Dr. Zanjil examining patients at Kodebarra