

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
OCTOBER- 2017**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 9 patrols*
- ⇒ *9 community assistance programmes to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *9 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Cleaning of waterholes in Comp. no. 114, Comp. no. 56*
- ⇒ *Built 1 check dam at Comp. no. 56*
- ⇒ *Celebrated Wild life Week*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
10/10/2017	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	4
11/10/2017	Comp. no. 108	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
12/10/2017	Comp. no. 57	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
14/10/2017	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
16/10/2017	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
17/10/2017	Bagadband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
18/10/2017	Comp. no. 56	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
19/10/2017	Balapur	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	9
20/10/2017	Bolunda	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	
09/10/2017	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
13/10/2017	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
14/10/2017	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7

15/10/2017	Chorkhamara	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
18/10/2017	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
21/10/2017	Umarzari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	8
24/10/2017	Govindtola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
29/10/2017	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	8
30/10/2017	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
22/10/2017	Comp. no 114	Programme to clean waterhole	7
27/10/2017	Comp. no. 56	Programme to clean waterhole	8
09/10/2017	Jindatola	Anti- plastic programme	4
13/10/2017	Thadezari	Anti- plastic programme	6
14/10/2017	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	5
15/10/2017	Chorkhamara	Anti- plastic programme	4
18/10/2017	Pitezari	Anti- plastic programme	6
21/10/2017	Umarzari	Anti- plastic programme	5
24/10/2017	Govindtola	Anti- plastic programme	6
25/10/2017	Thadezari	Anti- plastic programme	5
29/10/2017	Asalpani	Anti- plastic programme	7
13/10/2017	Thadezari	VEDC meeting	8
14/10/2017	Sodlagondi	VEDC meeting	9

Our team organized 9 community assistance programs in October 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 on the roads linking Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola, Mangezari to Bagadband, Mangezari to Balapur and Mangezari to Bolunda and in Compartment no. 108, Compartment no. 56 and Compartment no. 57.

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

During the month, our team organized 9 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on October 9, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 24, 25 and 29 at Jindatola, Thadezari, Sodlagondi, Chorkhamara, Pitezari, Umarzari, Govindtola, Thadezari and Asalpani 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 October in Thadezari and Sodlagondi.

On October 23, we build a check dam in Compartment no. 56 in which forest guard, volunteers and our staff participated.

We also celebrated Wildlife Week from 1st to 7th October.

Wildlife Week celebration programme

Sr. no	Date	Village	Events	No. of participants	Guests
1	01/10/2017	Mangezari	Awareness rally, Cleanliness drive	VEDC member, villagers, SHG group Total- 145	ACF Shri Pawar, RFO Shri wade, Guard Shri Mehar
2	02/10/2017	Umarzari	Weed removal programme	Forest Department staff and volunteers Total- 94	RFO Degode and Forest guards
	02/10/2017	Kodebarra	Cleanliness drive	Villagers, SHG groups Total- 110	Forest Guard Shri Kapse
3	03/10/2017	Kuradi	Drawing competition , Essay competition, Rangoli competition,	GES girls high school, teachers and students Total- 210	Forest guard, teachers

			Cleanliness drive		
	03/10/2017	Jindatola	Cleanliness drive	Villagers, SHG groups Total- 63	Forest Guard Shri Mehar and Van sewak
4	04/10/2017	Bolunda	Rally, Rangoli competition, Anti-plastic program and cleanliness drive	1) Adilok high school 2) ZPPS, Total- 240	Forest guard, Van karmachari, teachers,
5	05/10/2017	Mendha (sukali)	Nature trail, Bird watching, Rangoli competition, Anti-plastic program and cleanliness drive	Ashram School students Total- 93	Forest guard, Van karmachari, teachers,
6	06/10/2017	Kodelohara	Drawing competition, Essay writing competition, Cleanliness drive	Harikrishna high school, Total- 192	Forest guard, teachers,
7	07/10/2017	Wadegaon	Nature game, Drawing competition, Essay writing competition,	Bhimrao high school Total- 220	Forest guard, teachers, Sarpanch,
				Total	1367

Education

There were 4 education programmes in October 2017 which were attended by 955 students.

S.no	Date	Village	Events Wildlife week	No. of Participant s
1	03/10/2017	GES girls high school, Kuradi	Drawing, Essay , Rangoli competition	210
2	04/10/2017	ZPPS and Adilok high school, Bolunda	Rally, Drawing, Essay competition	240
3	05/01/2017	Ashram school, Mendha	Drawing, Essay completion and Bird watching	93
4	06/10/2017	Harikrishna high school, Kodelohara	Drawing and essay competition	192
5	07/10/2017	Bhimrao high school, Wadegaon	Drawing and essay completion and Nature game	220
			Total	955

Employment Cell activities

Two women started making bangles from lac. They were earlier trained through a programme organised by us in making bangles from lac.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Educational Qualification	Job	Salary (monthly, in rupees)
1	Jindatola	Priya Anil Meshram	25	10 th pass	Lac bangle making	3000 to 3500/-
2	Jindatola	Rasika Jitendra Thakre	29	10 th pass	Lac bangle making	3000 to 3500/-