

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
DECEMBER- 2017**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 7 patrols*
- ⇒ *6 community assistance shramdhaans – programs to clean area next to hand pumps at Jindatola, Chorkhamara, Kodebarra, Bagadband, Pitezari and Mangezari*
- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic programmes at Jindatola, Chorkhamara, Bagadband, Pitezari and Mangezari*
- ⇒ *3 waterholes cleaned in Compartments no. 109, 110 and 114*
- ⇒ *Organised 2 classroom programs for 390 students*
- ⇒ *Organised 2-day nature camp at Jindatola for 40 students*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 203 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Organized Kabaddi tournament to promote awareness about conservation*
- ⇒ *Organised visit for 40 farmers from 9 villages to expose them to organic farming and improved agricultural technologies*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
02/12/2017	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	4
03/12/2017	Comp. no. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
09/12/2017	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
10/12/2017	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
11/12/2017	Comp. no. 110	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
13/12/2017	Bagadband	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
17/12/2017	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	7
01/12/2017	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7

03/12/2017	Chorkhamara	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
06/12/2017	Kodebarra	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
12/12/2017	Bagadband	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
18/12/2017	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	4
29/12/2017	Mangezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	7
03/12/2017	Comp. no. 109	Programme to clean area around waterhole	8
04/12/2017	Comp. no 110	Programme to clean area around waterhole	5
30/12/2017	Comp. no 114	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
01/12/2017	Jindatola	Anti- plastic programme	4
03/12/2017	Chorkhamara	Anti- plastic programme	6
12/12/2017	Bagadband	Anti- plastic programme	5
18/12/2017	Pitezari	Anti- plastic programme	4
29/12/2017	Mangezari	Anti- plastic programme	6
04/12/2017	Sodlagondi	VEDC meeting	8
06/12/2017	Thadezari	VEDC meeting	9

Our team organized 6 community assistance programs in December 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 Mangezari

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment no. 109, Compartment no. 110, and on the roads linking Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola and 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 patrol in Comp. no. 114

During the month, our team organized 5 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on December 01, 03, 12, 18 and 29 at Jindatola, Chorkhamara, Bagadband, Pitezari and Mangezari 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 December in 2 villages – Sodlagondi and Thadezari.

On December 15, we organized a kabaddi competition at Govindtola in which 12 teams from 4 villages participated. We use sports events, festivals and days of national importance (such as Republic Day and Independence Day) to promote awareness about conservation. The competition was well attended with villagers from Mangezari, Jindatola, Kodebarra and Govindtola were present, along with staff from the Forest Department, staff and students from Mangezari School. We are organizing the 12 teams as youth green brigades which will take and up conservation and support us in our work.

On December 28, we organised an exposure visit for 40 famers from nine villages in our area of operations. The farmers were taken to a model farm where they were introduced to organic farming and improved agricultural technology. The benefits of stall feeding, fodder and livestock management were also explained to the farmers. It was also explained

The farmers were from Mangezari, Kodebarra, Jindatola, Govindtola, Asalpani, Bagadband, Balapur and Bolunda.

Education

There were 2 education programmes in December which were attended by 390 students.

S.no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants
1	07/12/2017	GES girls high school, Kuradi	Information given about birds	200
2	08/12/2017	Adilok high school, Bolunda	Information given about birds	190
			Total	390

Education van

We organised a 2-day residential nature camp for 40 students from 5 schools.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	21 and 22/12/2017	GES high school	Kuradi	1. Land of tiger 2. Truth about tiger	10
2	21 and 22/12/2017	Adilok high school	Bolunda	3. Land of tiger 4. Truth about tiger	10
3	21 and 22/12/2017	ZPPS	Sukli	5. Land of tiger 6. Truth about tiger	10
4	21 and 22/12/2017	ZPPS	Mangezari	7. Land of tiger 8. Truth about tiger	5
5	21 and	ZPPS	Jindatola	9. Land of tiger	5

	22/12/2017			10. Truth about tiger	
				Total	40

During the camp, which ran on December 21 and 22, the students took part in nature games with a conservation message, went on nature trails and jungle safaris and were given presentations on conservation. The 40 students were accompanied by 5 teachers. 5 volunteers assisted in running the camp. Besides, Divisional Forest Officer (Wildlife) Shri Uttam Sawant, Range Forest Officer Shri Kadam, Forest Guard Shri Patle and guides from Jindatola were present.

MHS

There were 6 health camps in December 2017.

S. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	23/12/2017	Sodlagondi	40
2	23/12/2017	Thadezari	36
3	24/12/2017	Pitezari	18
4	24/12/2017	Umarzari	48
5	25/12/2017	Chorkhamara	33
6	25/12/2017	Bhajepar	28
		Total	203



Dr. Zanjali examines patient at Chorkhamara

Success Story of medical camps



Tekchand Tima Varkhade, aged 57, Kodebarra, had been suffering from stomach pain for a long time. Our doctor diagnosed him, gave him immediate relief and referred him to Gondia Government Hospital for further treatment. He had an ulcer in his small intestine. Following the treatment, he has recovered and has responded to our assistance by joining us as a volunteer in our patrols in the jungle.