

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
OCTOBER - 2018**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on patrols on 3 occasions*
- ⇒ *5 community assistance shramdhaans to clean area next to hand pumps*
- ⇒ *5 anti-plastic programmes*
- ⇒ *Organised environment education programmes in 7 schools*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 186 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Organised programmes to train SHG members in making paper bags and envelopes*
- ⇒ *4 Unemployed Youths got job through our Employment Cell*
- ⇒ *Organized 1 programme to clean waterhole at Compartment No. 109*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
10/10/2018	Comp. No. 109	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	8
11/10/2018	Mangezari to Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	6
25/10/2018	Comp. No. 112	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept in day and night patrol	5
09/10/2018	Kodebarra	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	8
20/10/2018	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	7
26/10/2018	Asalpani	Programme to clean area around hand pump.	6
27/10/2018	Sodlagondi	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
28/10/2018	Thadezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
29/10/2018	Comp. No. 109	Programme to clean waterhole	4
09/10/2018	Kodebarra	Anti- plastic programme	4
20/10/2018	Pitezari	Anti- plastic programme	4
26/10/2018	Asalpani	Anti- plastic programme	5
27/10/2018	Sodlagondi	Anti- plastic programme	4

28/10/2018	Thadezari	Anti- plastic programme	5
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Our team organized 5 community assistance programs on October 9, 20, 26, 27, and 28 to clear areas around hand pumps at Kodebarra, Pitezari, Asalpani, Sodlagondi, and Thadezari. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all these 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 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 Asalpani
(Right) Volunteers clean waterhole in Compartment No. 109.*

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols in Compartment. No. 109 and 112 and on the path linking Mangezari to Kodebarra. 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 from Mangezari to Kodebarra*

During the month, our team organized 5 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organized on October, 9, 20, 26, 27, and 28 at Kodebarra, Pitezari, Asalpani, Sodlagondi and Thadezari 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

Education

We organised 7 environment education programmes in schools during October.

S. no	Date	Name of School	Events	No. of Participants
1	01/10/2018	Z.P. P.S, Mangezari	Information given on Wild life week celebration.	107 Students & 2 Teachers
2	02/10/2018	Z.P. P.S, Mangezari	Information given on Gandhi Jayanti and organised wild life week celebration with human chain and cleanliness drive.	73 Students, 3 Teachers, 3 Forest Guard and sarpanch.
3	03/10/2018	G.E.S. Girls High School, Kuradi	Wild life week celebration with Drawing, Essay writing, Rangoli and Face painting competitions	250 Students & 4 teachers
4	04/10/2018	Adilok High School, Bolunda.	Wild life week celebration with Bird watching, Drawing and Essay writing competitions	273 Students & 3 Teachers
05	05/10/2018	Ashram School, Mendha	Wild life week celebration with Drawing and Essay writing competitions	93 Students & 2 Teachers
06	06/10/2018	Harikrushna High School, Kodelohara.	Wild life week celebration with Drawing and Essay writing competitions	217 Students & 4 Teachers
07	07/10/2018	Govt. Ashram School, Koilari.	Wild life week celebration with Drawing and Essay writing competitions	124 Students & 4 Teachers



(Left) Classroom lecture on Wildlife Week at G.E.S Girls High School, Kurhadi

(Right) Classroom lecture at Z.P.P.S. Mangezari on Gandhi Jayanti

Education van

We organised 6 film shows on nature and wildlife conservation during October.

S. no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of students
1	15/10/2018	Ashram school	Koilari	Vasundhara	132
2	15/10/2018	Harikrushna high school	Kodelohara	Vasundhara	250
3	16/10/2018	Bhimrao high school	Wadegaon	Vasundhara	250
4	16/10/2018	Z.P. P.S.	Bhajepar	Vasundhara	200
5	17/10/2018	Ashram School,	Mendha	Vasundhara	136
6	17/10/2018	Z.P. P.S.	Pindkepar	Vasundhara	75
				Total	1037



Film show at Z.P.P.S. Bhajepar

Employment Cell activities

4 unemployed youths from Mangezari got jobs through our Employment cell.

S. no	Village	Name	Age	Ed. Qual.	Job	Salary (monthly, in rupees)
1	Mangezari	Keval Uikey	23	12 th standard	Helper at Passud Furniture Trading, MIDC, Nagpur	8000 to 8500
2	Mangezari	Sanjay Kokude	22	10 th	Helper	8000 to 8500
3	Mangezari	Ravi Tekam	23	10 th	Helper	8000 to 8500
4	Mangezari	Anil Tekam	24	11 th	Helper	8000 to 8500

Employment Cell Training activities

On October 14, we organised a programme at Mangezari to train members of self-help groups (SHGs) in making paper bags and envelopes. 18 members of SHGs from Mangezari, Kodebarra, Jindatola and Govindtola villages participated.

We identified 2 youths and sent their names and details to the Forest Department which will arrange for them to be trained in skills related to the hospitality industry at Pratham Arora Centre for Education at Sillari. This programme is funded by the Pench Tiger Conservation Foundation. Two other youths will be sent to Rural Self-Employment Training Institute, Gondia.

<i>Sr. No.</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Village name</i>	<i>Qualification</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Trade</i>
1.	Rajat Soma Tirpude	Chorkhamara	12 th	20	PACE
2.	Premjeet Lalchand Pandhare	Chorkhamara	12 th	21	PACE
3.	Gaurav Kavalram Kirsan	Govindtola	12 th	20	RESTI
4.	Yogesh Vasant Tekam	Balapur	12 th	21	RESTI



(Left) Identifying unemployed youths for training

(Right) Programme in making paper bags and envelopes for SHG members at Mangezari

Mobile health Service (MHS)

There were 6 health camps in October.

Sr. no	Date	Village	Patients
1	22/10/2018	Mangezari	26
2	22/10/2018	Kodebarra	18
3	23/10/2018	Asalpani	13
4	23/10/2018	Bagadband	48
5	24/10/2018	Bodalkasa	39
6	24/10/2018	Balapur	42
		Total	174



Dr. Zanzal examines patient at Kodebarra