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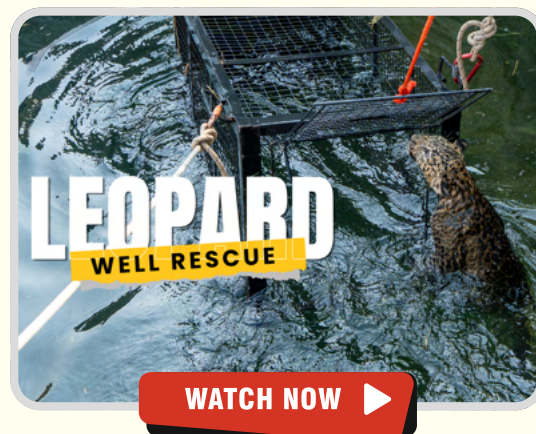
## *A fox does not belong in a supply chain.*

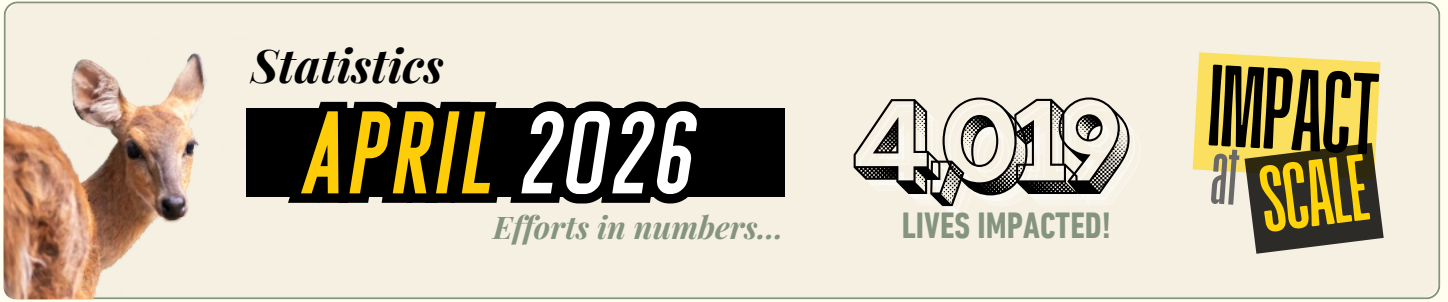
When a vehicle was intercepted near the Maharashtra-Gujarat border, it carried hundreds of parakeets, francolins, and five Indian foxes (*Vulpes bengalensis*), bound not for any ecosystem, but for a market that trades in living animals as commodities. The pet trade is particularly insidious in its targeting of the unremarkable: species too small, too common, or too unfamiliar to attract public outrage, yet removed from the wild in numbers that quietly hollow out populations. Recovered by Nandurbar Forest Department, the foxes, admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, rehabilitated, and released as per the directions of the Maharashtra Forest Department. For a wild animal, a cage is the entire story, unless the response infrastructure exists to rewrite the ending.



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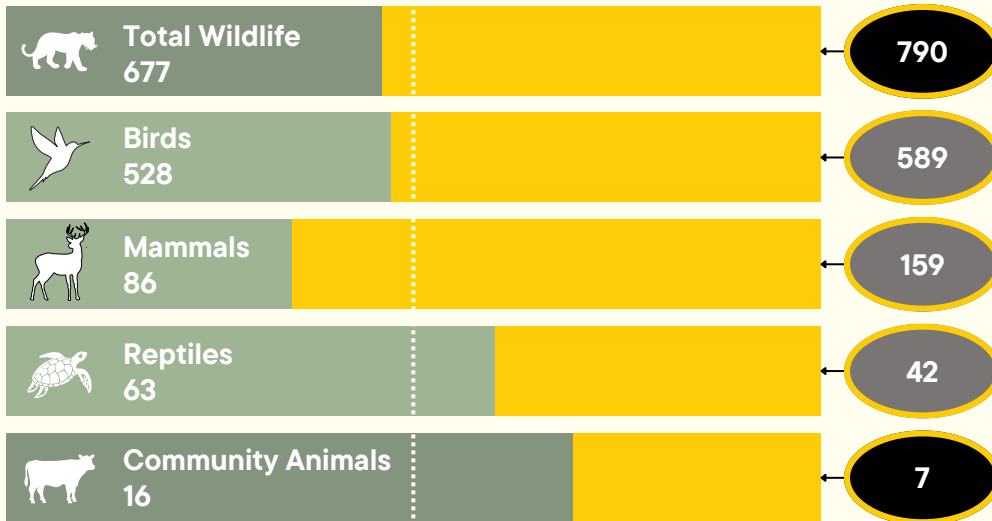
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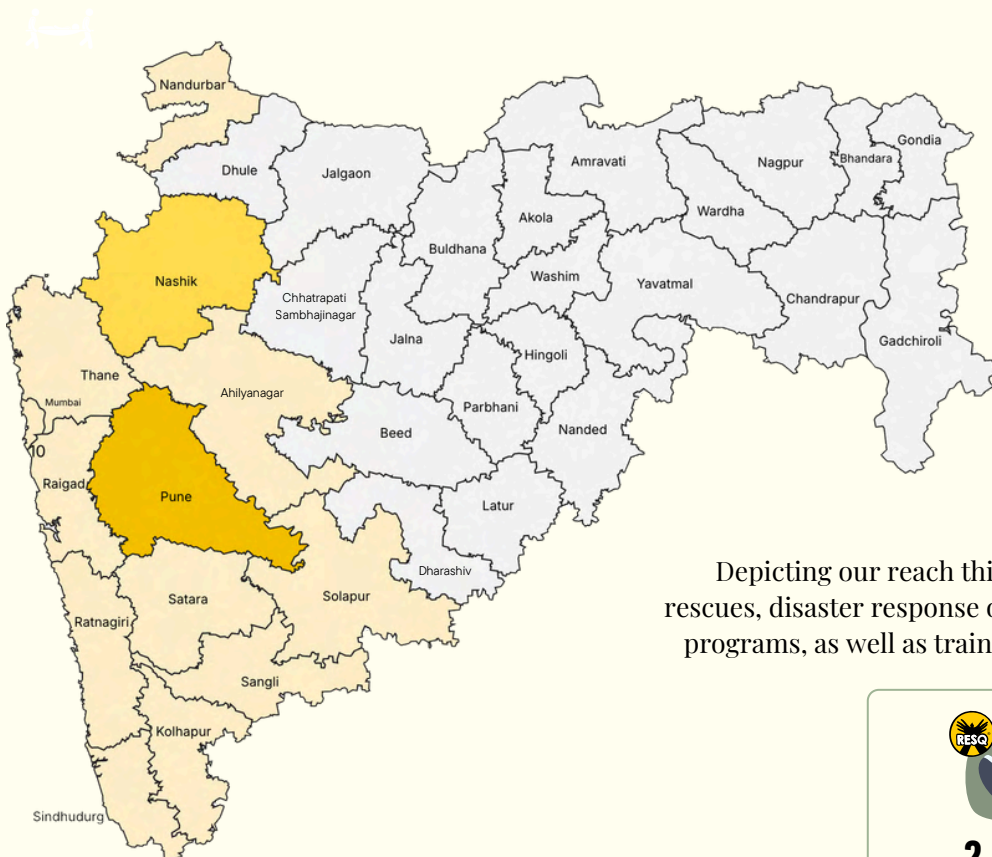
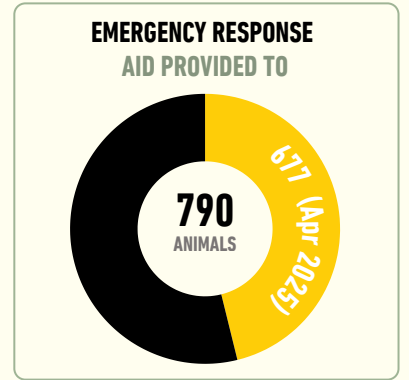
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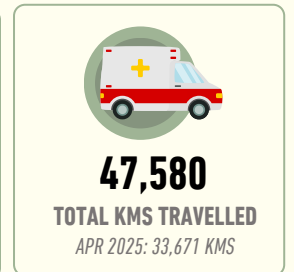
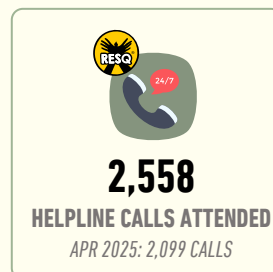
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Mapping our efforts.

Depicting our reach this month through emergency wildlife rescues, disaster response operations, education and awareness programs, as well as training and capacity-building initiatives.



\*Statistics reflect the work done by the RESQ CT's full-time teams and trained response units, in collaboration with the Maharashtra Forest Department and relevant government agencies.

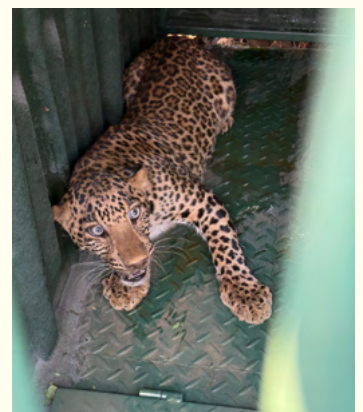
# Updates

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## RESQ CT team on field



⬆️ **Well, That Escalated Quickly.** Open wells remain one of the most indiscriminate hazards in human-dominated landscapes: they do not distinguish between livestock, people, or a sub-adult leopard with an otherwise functional future ahead of it. Upon receiving a report from the Pune Forest Department, the RESQ team mobilised immediately, reaching the site in close coordination with forest officials. The rescue was executed swiftly and without injury to the animal. A field assessment confirmed the leopard was in sound condition, and it was released back into suitable habitat without delay. One fewer data point in the open-well casualty register. For now.



⬆️ **Pipeline unplugged.** A sub-adult leopard that had entered a pipeline in Nashik West found the experience considerably less reversible than anticipated. The RESQ Nashik team, in coordination with the Forest Department, executed a safe extraction. *Panthera pardus*: adaptable across most terrain, though pipeline infrastructure remains an outlier. Infrastructure that fragments and intersects habitat will continue to present precisely these scenarios, and a well-coordinated response is the only variable we control.



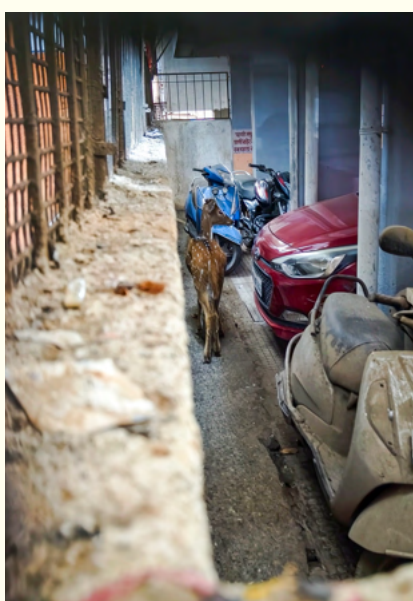
⬆️ **Gravity: 0, Jackal: 1.** One of India's more adaptable mesocarnivores, the golden jackal, is a generalist that navigates agricultural edges, village peripheries, and fragmented scrub with considerable competence. Open wells, however, remain a reliable exception to that adaptability. A jackal found trapped in a well near a village outside Pune presented the RESQ Baramati team and Forest Department with a straightforward brief: get there fast, get it out cleanly. Both were achieved. A field examination confirmed no injuries, and the animal was released back into suitable habitat without delay.



⬆️ **Prey Base, Loading...** A tiger reserve is only as stable as its prey base, and the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve's long-term carrying capacity for large carnivores depends on interventions that support it. In a structured translocation effort led by the Maharashtra Forest Department and the RESQ CT team, 42 wild herbivores, spotted deer and sambar, were translocated from Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park and Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary into STR. Prey augmentation of this scale is not a shortcut. It is a carefully calculated input into a system that has been under anthropogenic pressure for decades. The predators that depend on it have no opinion on where the deer came from. Only that they arrived.



⬆️ **Canid Contraband.** The Indian fox is not a species that makes headlines. It does not carry the conservation currency of a tiger or a leopard, which makes it precisely the kind of animal that disappears quietly into the illegal wildlife trade. Five Indian Foxes, recovered from a trafficking case by the Nandurbar Forest Department in Navapur, arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune for rehabilitation. Stress and disease, the predictable consequences of housing wild canids in captivity, were evident on arrival. A detailed health assessment was followed by structured rehabilitation. One did not survive, but the remaining four completed all their rehabilitation milestones and cleared all health checks. They recovered sufficiently for release and were returned to the wild. The Nandurbar Forest Department secured the court order for their release and as per directions from the Chief Wildlife Warden, the foxes were reintroduced into a safe and protected wildlife habitat.



⬆️ **Temporarily Off-Axis.** The spotted deer is among India's most ecologically significant prey species, forming a dietary cornerstone for virtually every large carnivore it shares a landscape with. Which makes every individual worth getting back into the system. This month, the team responded to six separate incidents: that had strayed into a residential areas, or fawns recovering from a dog attacks, one of the more routine yet under-reported threats to wildlife at the urban fringe. All animals were examined thoroughly, with no serious injuries detected in any of the cases and were released into suitable habitats once cleared. Six individuals, six very different routes to the same outcome.

# At the RESQ Centre

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⬆️ **The spines are fine. The rest, less so...** A porcupine arrives at any situation bristling with evolutionary confidence, armoured with a coat of roughly 30,000 quills being, by most assessments, sufficient deterrent. What quills cannot protect against, however, is whatever preceded this particular animal's arrival at the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Rescued by the Solapur Forest Department in a debilitated state, the porcupine presented with a layered injury profile on admission: older superficial wounds across the head, neck, and forelimbs indicating prior trauma, compounded by an acute abscess on the right forelimb and deep, significant wounds on the upper left hind limb. The veterinary team has initiated a structured treatment protocol targeting active infection and tissue recovery. Progress is being monitored under continuous supervision. The porcupine is not, by disposition, an easy patient. It does not need to be. It only needs to heal.



⬅️ **The difficult job of unbecoming tame.** The blackbuck is a Schedule I species under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and afforded the highest degree of legal protection available, for reasons that evidently did not reach Akkalkot. A sub-adult blackbuck, kept illegally as a pet for over two weeks, was seized by the Solapur Forest Department and admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. The animal's immediate medical needs are being addressed, but the more demanding work here is behavioural. Two weeks of close human contact at a critical developmental stage is sufficient to erode the wariness that keeps a prey species alive in the wild. Rehabilitation is therefore focused on systematic reduction of human imprinting and the gradual restoration of natural behavioural repertoires which is vigilance, flight response, conspecific interaction. There is no shortcut through this process. The blackbuck will be released only when it has relearned, as completely as possible, how not to trust us.



⬇️ **Small package, serious chart** A Small Indian Civet rescued after a suspected road accident was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. What the exterior did not reveal, the diagnostics confirmed: internal consequences of blunt trauma that are rarely straightforward. The animal is currently under close veterinary care and ongoing treatment.



⬆️ **Discharge pending, tag confirmed.** Long-billed vultures are among the most ecologically consequential birds in any landscape they occupy. This individual, found recumbent and in acute distress on agricultural land in Nashik West, was alerted to the Forest Department by local farmers whose instinct to act made all the difference. Severe dehydration and physical exhaustion were addressed under intensive veterinary care at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik. The bird has since recovered well and is now in pre-release conditioning, acclimatising to a GPS tag that will support post-release monitoring. The return to the skies is close, and when it happens, the data it generates will outlast the moment.



⬆️ **Wings in Waiting.** An orphaned painted stork rescued by the RESQ Baramati team arrived grounded, dehydrated, and well short of the flight capacity. Now under care at the Wildlife TTC, Pune, the bird is recovering steadily and will be released once it has fully reclaimed strength and flight ability.



⬆️ **Nest to Nurture.** A storm took the nest. What it could not take was the outcome. Five orphaned grey heron chicks, rescued after their nest was destroyed, are now under stage-specific care at the Wildlife TTC, Pune, with rehabilitation focused on building strength, flight capacity, and the natural behaviours that will carry them back to where they belong.



⬆️ **Outlook: Cautiously Optimistic.** A juvenile mottled wood owl, found by a farmer and rescued by the Satara Forest Department, arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with bilateral lens opacity and mild dehydration. Its responsiveness, notably, remains positive. Under close veterinary observation, the team is monitoring progress with a clear benchmark for release: confirmed flight ability, functional hunting capacity, and the full suite of survival behaviours it depends on.



⬆️ **Healing the Hunter.** A red-necked falcon was rescued by the Satara Forest Department from Phaltan arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with damaged primary feathers on the right wing, a setback that grounds one of the more capable aerial hunters in the region. Supportive veterinary care is underway. Release will follow only when full flight ability and natural hunting behaviour are restored and the raptor is ready to go dive bombing again.



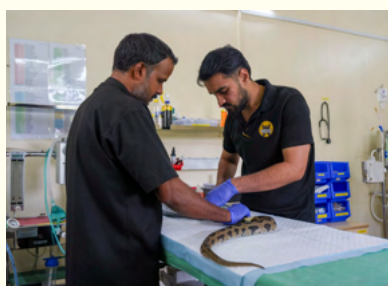
⬆️ **Safe Shells Ahead.** Two black-spotted pond turtles found on a train were admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Examined on arrival and found to be in good health, both were quarantined to clear them of any pre-existing infections, and have now joined other individuals of their species already under rehabilitation, working towards a return to suitable habitat within their native range, which unfortunately does not fall in Maharashtra.



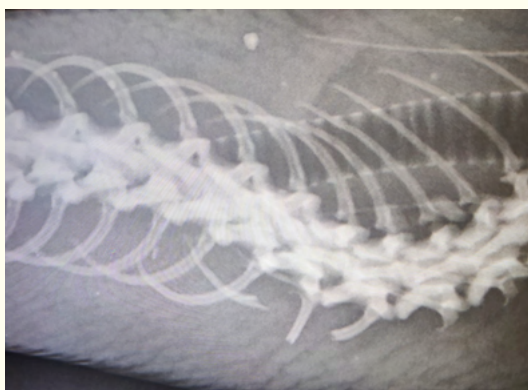
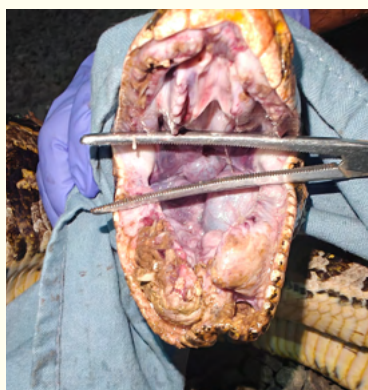
⬆️ **No Business Being Up There.** An Indian flapshell turtle was brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune by a member of the public who found it injured near a building. The injuries resemble a fall off a height. Examination revealed a fractured shell, an underlying bone fracture in the upper left leg, deep wounds with exposed muscle tissue, and minor bleeding. The Indian flapshell turtle is a Schedule I species under the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and cannot be legally kept as a pet. Surgical stabilisation was carried out and the turtle is currently under close veterinary care and monitored recovery.



⬆️ **Soft Shell, Hard Road.** A Leith's softshell turtle, classified as critically endangered on the IUCN Red List, arrived dehydrated, heat-stressed, and carrying a considerable injury profile: carapace wounds, forelimb lacerations, bruising, and intestinal gas buildup. Urgent treatment was initiated and the animal is now under structured care. Release follows only once fully stable and assessed fit.



⬅️ **Gated, Not Defeated.** A russell's viper rescued by our team, found stuck in a gate, was admitted with an abdominal injury and is currently under veterinary care. For a species equally at home in agricultural land, urban peripheries, and the spaces between our buildings, the team remains hopeful for a full recovery and release once the snake regains normal mobility and strength.



⬆️ **Tongue-Tied No More.** An Indian rock python rescued by the Chiplun Forest Department arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune in considerably worse shape than its exterior suggested. Severe oral injuries, signs of respiratory distress, and nasal bleeding presented a treatment profile that demanded immediate and sustained intervention. Intensive veterinary care is underway. Recovery, for a species that processes the world largely through its tongue, begins with getting it back in working order.



⬆️ **Tail-End Trouble.** A red sand boa was rescued locally and admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune with a tail injury. The species is fossorial by nature, spending most of its life beneath the ground, which makes surface-level injuries unusual but significant. Veterinary care is underway and rehabilitation is focused on a full recovery before release.

## Community Outreach & Education

**Know Your Wild Neighbours.** April brought RESQ's outreach into schools, libraries, and community spaces, with one consistent thread: the wildlife most likely to cause panic is also the wildlife most likely to be your neighbour. Through the COEXIST and AWARE India sessions, the team worked to replace instinctive fear with informed, practical understanding. Because coexistence does not begin in the forest. It begins in the classroom, the housing society, and every space where people and wildlife share a boundary they did not choose.



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INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

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LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE

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- Pune Granthalay - 100 +
- Ryan Tax, Pune - 130 +
- Army Family Welfare Association, Pune - 150 +

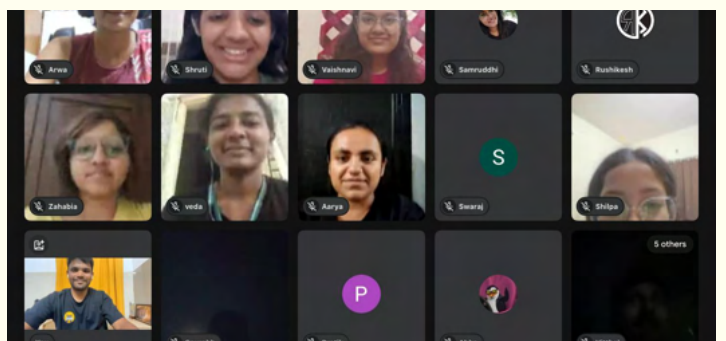
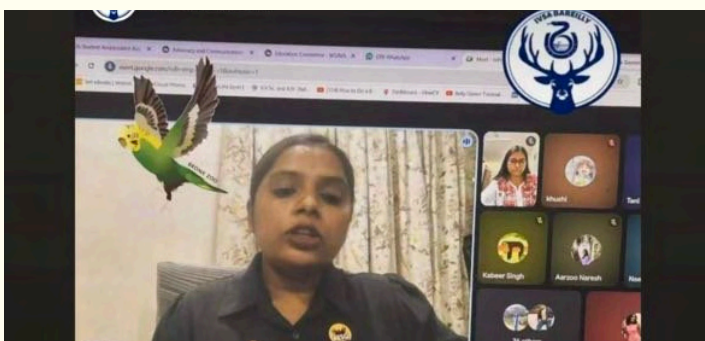
### AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- J.N.Petit Technical High School, Mumbai - 380+
- St. Joseph's Convent International School - 160+
- PNP Cyrus Poonawala CBSE School - 140+
- Kothari International School, Mumbai - 974+



## Capacity Building & Training



**Navigating the Wild Side of Veterinary Medicine.** The path from veterinary school to wildlife work is not always clearly marked, but it begins with exposure. On the occasion of World Veterinary Day, Dr. Kalyani Thakur conducted an interactive webinar for 40 veterinary students of the International Veterinary Students Association, Bareilly, using real case studies to illustrate the role veterinarians play at the frontlines of wildlife rescue and conservation. In a separate session, Dr. Mayank Barde spoke to 25 veterinary students of Wild-CER, Nagpur, offering an honest account of a day in the life of a wildlife veterinarian, the career opportunities, the challenges, and why the field needs more trained professionals willing to take it on. Two webinars, two institutions, and a few dozen students who now have a clearer picture of where their skills could take them.



**When KPIs mean kilograms of infrastructure improved and litres of paint!** Dedicated corporate volunteers lending a helping hand in enclosures upkeep and enrichments for the wildlife at TTC Pune this month.



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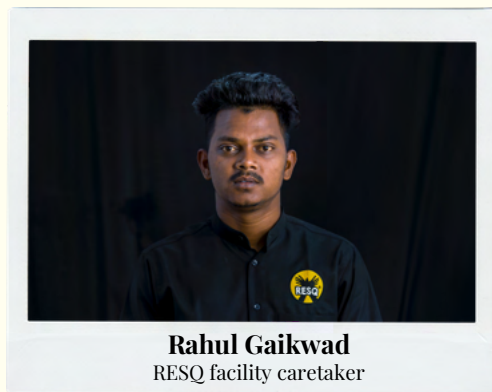
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Rahul Gaikwad  
RESQ facility caretaker



Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hard work, here's our

**RESQ Star for the month!**

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If we share the same vision, there's so much we can do together. The RESQ team continues its work for animals with purpose and passion only because of your generous contributions and support - today, and everyday.



"We are happy to share our Annual Report 2024-2025 which captures the work and activities done by the RESQ team during the last financial year. On behalf of all the team members of RESQ and its board of trustees, I express our deepest gratitude to our donors, supporters, partners and well-wishers for supporting our mission to rescue and rehabilitate animals, and to reach people in our endeavors to protect animals and their habitats. You can become a RESQ supporter and join us in working towards a shared vision of conservation and coexistence between wildlife, communities, and their animals. Becoming a member is easy, click on this link. Your annual contribution and belief in our vision helps us to provide medical treatment and care to thousands of animals every single year. Thank you!"

- Neha Panchamiya (Founder & President, RESQ CT)

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