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Helping animals, people and the places we call home, *since 2007.*

Monthly Newsletter

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RESQ Charitable Trust



Lesser Adjutant Stork (*Leptoptilos javanicus*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

Conservation through collaboration.

What happens when organizations join forces? Lives are saved, and nature flourishes. A rare lesser adjutant stork, found in a bleak condition, was given a second chance thanks to the collaborative efforts of the Maharashtra Forest Department, RESQ Charitable Trust, and local NGOs. Rescued in a critical state and unable to fly, the bird embarked on an extraordinary journey of survival and recovery. Over 45 days of dedicated care at the RESQ Centre, Nashik this rare bird defied the odds, regaining its strength and health and rightfully reclaiming its place back in the wild.

Statistics August 2024



2,286 **Helpline**
Calls Received



Ambulances
Travelled 35,410 kms



PUNE
32,076 kms



NASHIK
3,334 kms



🚑 **Rescue, rehabilitate animals, reach people.**

293 **Wildlife** currently admitted
under veterinary treatment &
rehabilitation care in Pune TTC & Nashik centre.



Awareness sessions, education programs
& training conducted for 7,505 individuals.

1,013

Community (large animals)
provided support to viz. animal feed and vaccines.



846
Wildlife
provided aid to



Pune
Units +
TTC

Nashik
Division

Wildlife

749

97

Birds

490

67

Mammals

122

15

Reptiles

137

15

Updates

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RESQ team on field



Crocodile's dam drama!

In a display of rapid response and collaboration, the Pune Forest Department, in conjunction with the RESQ Team, safely managed the rescue and release of a crocodile sighted near a dam in Pune. The incident, reported by vigilant security personnel, necessitated immediate action to prevent any potential conflict between the animal and the local community.

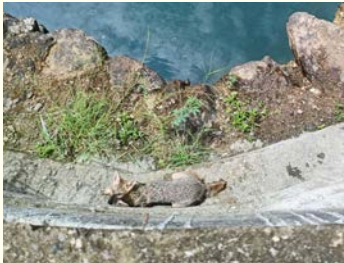
Upon arrival at the site, the rescue team conducted a thorough assessment of the situation. The primary objective was to ensure the safety of both the crocodile and the nearby residents. Initially, efforts were made to provide a safe passage for the crocodile to return to its natural environment.

However, a physical barrier—a wall—rendered this approach unfeasible. Recognizing the urgency and the constraints, the team expertly executed a capture operation. Following stringent safety protocols, they carefully guided the crocodile into a secure transport crate. This measure ensured the animal's safety while preventing any distress or harm. Subsequently, the crocodile was transported to a suitable release point at Varasgaon dam. The release, conducted under the supervision of the Forest Department, took place at approximately 2:20 am. The operation concluded with the successful return of the crocodile to its natural habitat.



From the depths to freedom..

A jackal was found fallen into a well near Satara and was safely rescued by the RESQ Team. After realizing the animal had ingested a significant amount of water, they decided it needed immediate care. Following a few days of treatment at the RESQ Centre, the jackal made a full recovery and was successfully released back into its natural habitat.



Well-rescued jackals!

This month, two jackals were safely rescued from open wells in two different locations near Daund and Pune. Our teams arrived at the scene and successfully conducted a technical rescue to safely remove the jackals from the well. Upon examination, no injuries were found on both and hence they were both immediately released in a safe habitat nearby.



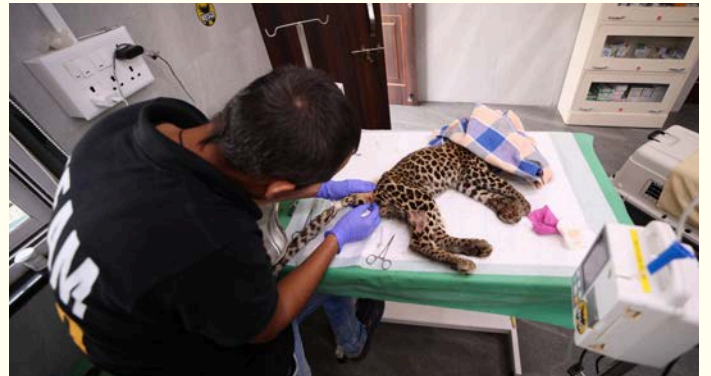
Two monitor lizards swift rescue, rehabilitation and release this month!

A local resident found an injured Indian monitor lizard and brought it to the RESQ Centre for urgent care and stabilization. Within 48 hours, the lizard showed remarkable signs of recovery, indicating it was ready to return to the wild. Our team promptly transported it to a safe habitat and released it. Another one was spotted in the car park of a premise on the outskirts of Pune. Since the lizard was absolutely healthy but displaced, our team rescued it and immediately released it to a safe habitat nearby.



Pangolin's day out!

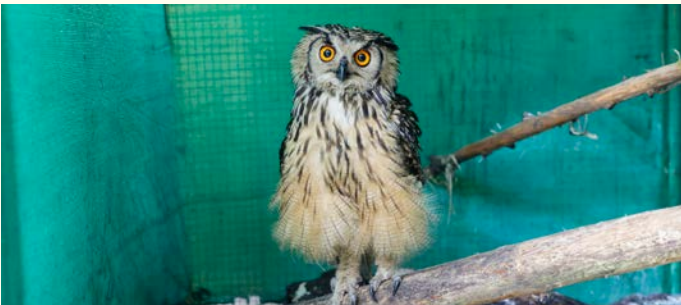
An adult Indian pangolin was unexpectedly found wandering in a residential society, which is unusual for such a shy, elusive, and nocturnal creature. With the ongoing expansion of city boundaries, it has become more common for wildlife to stray into urban areas, often finding themselves in potentially dangerous situations like this one. However, thanks to a vigilant person, this pangolin was safely rescued and brought to the RESQ Centre where a medical assessment revealed that it's healthy and fit for release.



Leo loses life despite rescue efforts.

A juvenile leopard was found extremely sick near Chiplun and was safely rescued by the Forest Department. Despite receiving emergency care at the RESQ Centre, it didn't make it. Several diseases affect our wild animal populations, and while lives are lost, they present opportunities to learn to more about their threats.

At the RESQ Centre



Eagle owl braves the storm!

Heavy rains can pose serious challenges for both humans and wildlife. This eagle owl, for example, was drenched by torrential rains all night and unable to fly the next day. A local in Pune reported the owl to us, and it was brought to the RESQ Centre, where it has since stabilized and is showing good progress. While we can't control the intensity of the rains, we can be vigilant for animals or birds in distress and promptly report them to organizations that can rescue and treat them.



Flamingo flocking to health...

A greater flamingo is receiving treatment at the RESQ Nashik Centre for a trauma-induced wound, the cause of which remains unknown. Thankfully, the bird was reported by a vigilant local who noticed it couldn't move. We hope it makes a full recovery and returns to the wild soon.



Stray to sanctuary - Jungle cat kittens on a rewilding journey...

Two kittens of a jungle cat were found by the roadside in Nanavij village near Daund. Noticing something unusual, the villagers contacted the Forest Department. Upon investigation, it was confirmed that the kittens belonged to a jungle cat. The Forest Department then contacted the RESQ team and handed over the kittens.

After inspecting the site and making inquiries, our team realized that a reunion was not possible, as there is no ongoing sugarcane harvesting nearby, and it seemed likely that someone had deliberately abandoned the kittens. The kittens are now admitted to the RESQ Centre, where they will be hand-raised and eventually undergo rehabilitation, so they can soon return to their natural habitat.



Hornbill's crash landing!

A grey hornbill had fallen from a tall tree, and a reporter noticed its plight. Upon receiving this information, our team promptly arrived at the scene and conducted a medical assessment, which revealed a severe neck injury. The bird was admitted to the RESQ Centre, where it is now under our care and being stabilized so that treatment for its condition can begin.



Hornbill pecking back to health.

A great Indian hornbill was discovered in an injured state at the Zilla Parishad School in Jayatpad, Pune District. The alert teachers promptly notified the local Forest Department in Bhor. Upon their arrival and examination of the bird, it was found to be in critical condition. The bird was subsequently admitted to the RESQ Centre, where it is currently receiving treatment for multiple wounds, both old and new. The focus of its care includes not only healing but also strengthening and rehabilitation to prepare it for survival in the wild upon release.



Fall and rise of the pond heron fledglings.

Four pond heron fledgelings have been admitted to the nursery at the RESQ Centre after they were reported to have fallen down a tree in Pune. While they are all medically fit, they will remain under our care until they're old enough to fly and fit enough to survive on their own after which we will release them into a fitting habitat.



Peafowl getting its wild side on!

An Indian peafowl is currently undergoing treatment, not just for an old injury but primarily for wildlife rehabilitation, after it was reported entering a village near Chiplun. Upon assessment, it was discovered that the peafowl showed signs of human imprinting, suggesting it had likely been kept in captivity.



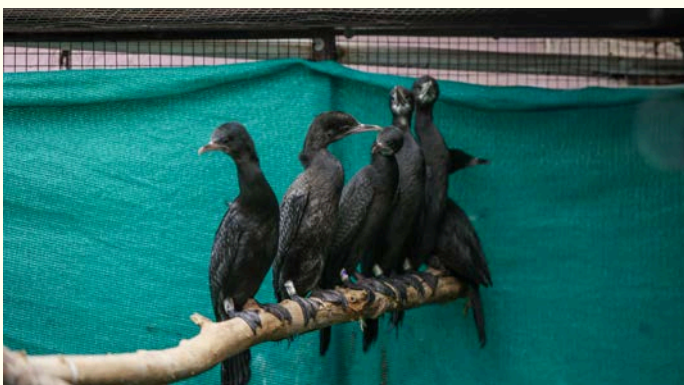
While its physical wounds are minor and could have healed in the wild, the real challenge lies in its rehabilitation to ensure it can return to the wild and thrive as a wild bird. Our team is carefully working on gradually reducing its dependence on humans, helping it relearn essential survival skills before we can safely release it back into its natural habitat.

**Turtle's wrong shell(ter)!**

An Indian flapshell turtle is currently being treated at the RESQ Nashik Centre after being injured by a tractor on a farm near Nashik. We're hopeful for a full recovery, so it can be released back into a suitable habitat.

**Wrong field chinkara!**

This chinkara was found sitting in one spot for an extended period in a field in Saswad, which prompted the Forest Department and local residents to investigate. They discovered that the chinkara was unable to stand, so it was handed over to the RESQ team for medical treatment.

**Fallen nests, rising hope.**

When trees were cut down in Shirapur village, Daund, many birds and their nests fell to the ground. Several birds were injured, and some young ones couldn't fly. The Daund Forest Department alerted us, and our team quickly launched a rescue operation. We admitted 67 birds to the RESQ Centre, including 65 cormorants and 2 pond herons. While some birds remain critical, most are receiving treatment and will be released back into the wild once they recover.

**Aerial predator grounded- kite's flight interrupted.**

A black-shouldered kite was found lying recumbent on the roadside near Baramati. It has been admitted to the RESQ Centre, where it is currently undergoing a thorough medical assessment to determine the necessary treatment, with the goal of returning it to the wild soon.

**Leopard cub under treatment.**

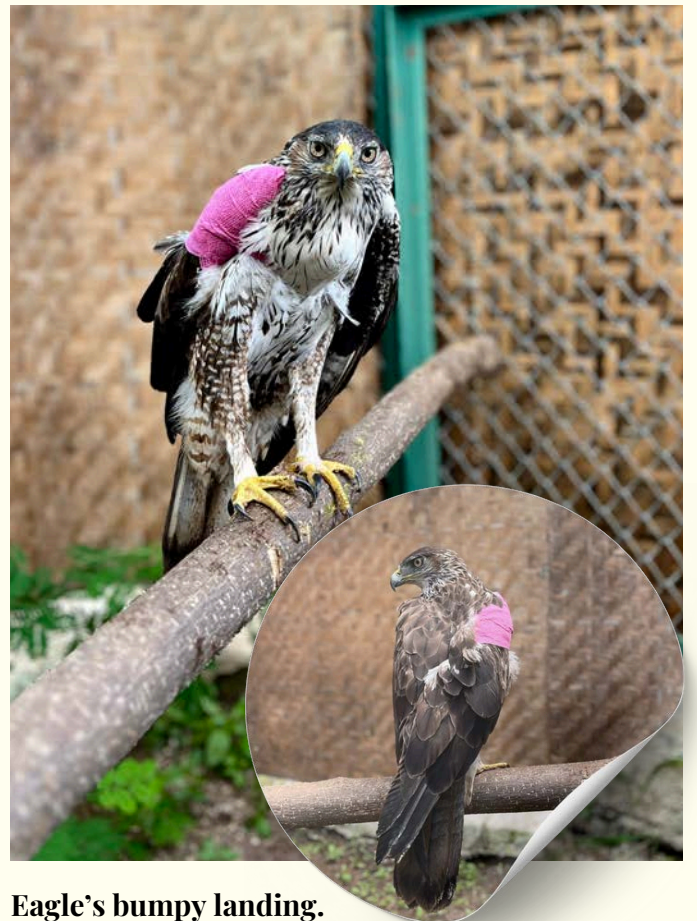
A leopard cub was discovered injured, likely due to a vehicle collision, near the roadside in Chiplun. The vigilant Forest Department team responded promptly and rescued the cub. After assessing its condition, the leopard was handed over to the RESQ Charitable Trust and Wildlife TTC Pune for further care.

**Langur goes from crisis to care.**

A severely injured langur was discovered in a village near Satara and brought to the RESQ Centre for urgent care. The langur was bleeding heavily from a wound behind its neck and was in a critical condition. Since its admission, it has been receiving intensive treatment and has now stabilized. We remain hopeful for its full recovery and eventual release back into the wild.

**Baby civet's day out!**

An infant Asian palm civet is currently under orphan care at the RESQ Centre after being found alone in a parking lot in Pune. Though the little one is healthy and active, it will remain under our care until it is capable of surviving independently, at which point it will be released back into the wild.

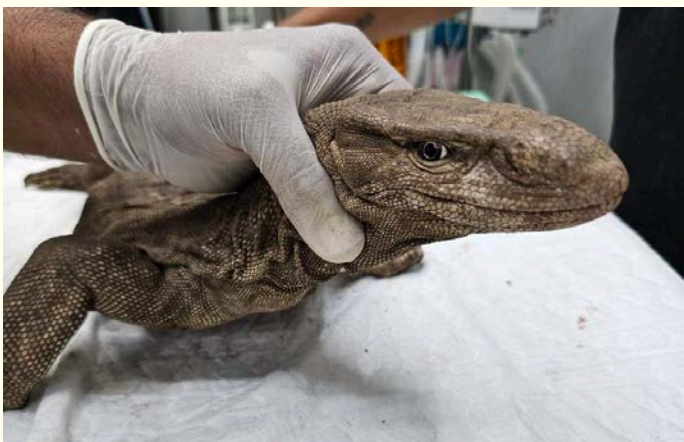
**Eagle's bumpy landing.**

A Bonelli's eagle is currently under care at the RESQ Nashik Centre after suffering injuries from a collision. The eagle was brought in with signs of trauma and is now receiving specialized treatment to aid in its recovery. With careful monitoring and dedicated care, we're optimistic about its full recovery and eagerly look forward to seeing it soar through the skies once again.



“Eye” spy a fighter in this falcon!

A red-necked falcon is currently receiving treatment at the RESQ Centre after being found near a school in Baramati. The bird was observed to have head trauma and a broken beak. A medical assessment further revealed an eye injury. After being stabilized, it is now being treated for its multiple injuries, and we remain hopeful for its full recovery.



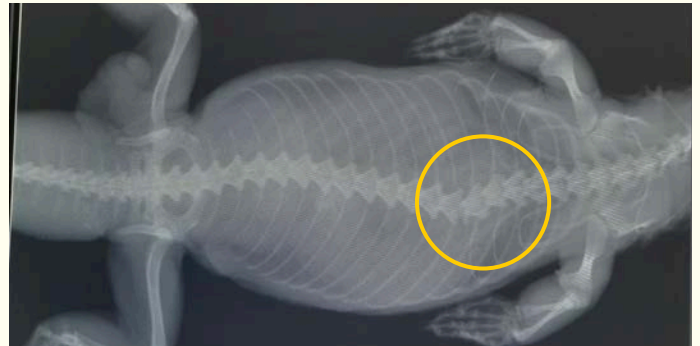
Monitoring the scaly situation!

A monitor lizard wandered into a human settlement and was initially rescued by local rescuers. It was then handed over to the RESQ Team in Pune. Since the lizard is in good health, it will soon be released back into a safe habitat.



Monitor lizard goes from road to road to recovery!

A gravely injured monitor lizard is currently receiving treatment at the Nashik RESQ Centre after being chased by free-roaming dogs on the outskirts of a village in Nashik. Since its admission, the lizard has been stabilized and is now showing steady signs of improvement.



Leopard goes from well to wellness!

An Indian leopard is currently receiving treatment at the RESQ Nashik Centre after being safely rescued from a well. While its condition has stabilized, it still faces a long road to recovery as it is severely dehydrated and has some deep, septic wounds on its paws.



“Shell-abrading” survival of the tortoise!

An Indian star tortoise, likely abandoned, was discovered with a broken shell in an agricultural field near Nashik. This is a tragic example of what happens when wildlife is kept in captivity and then thoughtlessly released. These animals are often ill-equipped to survive on their own and can suffer greatly as a result. The tortoise is now receiving intensive care at the RESQ Nashik Centre, where the team is working tirelessly to aid its recovery.



Turtle finally swims to safety.

An Indian flapshell turtle that was believed to have entered a home during the recent floods in Pune, was safely rescued by our team and admitted to the RESQ Centre. While the turtle seems healthy overall the turtle will have to undergo rehabilitation as it has been in captivity.



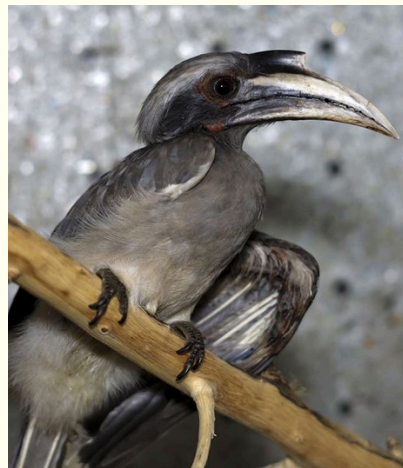
Orphan civet babies in safe hands.

Two Asian palm civet babies are currently under orphan care in the RESQ Wildlife Nursery after being found inside a factory in Pune. Our team thoroughly searched for their mother but was unable to locate her, indicating that the babies required immediate stabilization and care.



Tortoise breaking out of the shell-ter!

An Indian star tortoise has been admitted to the RESQ Centre after being kept as a pet for nearly a decade. While the tortoise is in good health, it will undergo an extended rehabilitation period until it regains its wild instincts and is capable of surviving independently.



Healing wings of the hornbill!

A grey hornbill is currently recovering at the RESQ Centre after suffering severe injuries to its left wing. It was found on the ground and rescued by our team. Although

the road to recovery and rehabilitation looks long, we are hopeful for a full recovery and eventual release back into the wild.

Community Outreach & Education

COEXIST- Living around leopards.

Thirteen sessions on living safely around leopards were conducted this month.



Kanchanwadi



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Kanchanwadi, Nashik District: five sessions conducted by RESQ Team members Abhijeet Mahale and Ashish Joshi at the Nath Valley School, Woodridge High School, Mukul mandir High School and Gurukul Olympiad School for a total of 2141 students.



Kanchanwadi



Nashik



Nashik

Nashik: session conducted by RESQ Team members Abhijeet Mahale and Rishi Tiwade for 75 senior citizens of the Krutarth Jetha Nagarik Sangha. The session covered essential tips on how to respond to wildlife emergencies and fostered a deeper understanding of local wildlife conservation efforts.



Mangaon

Mangaon, Raigad District: session conducted by RESQ Team members Shreenath Chavan and Amit Todkar for 30 adults at the Gram Panchayat Sabha.



Dhawalgaon

Dhawalgaon, Shrigonda, Pune District: session conducted by RESQ Team member Nachiket Awadhani for 50 locals.



Maval



Maval

Maval, Pune District: session conducted by RESQ Team members Shreenath Chavan and Amit Todkar for 65 students of Nanoli Primary School.



Kumbhargaoon

Kumbhargaoon, Satara District: session conducted by RESQ Team member Nachiket Awadhani for 40 locals.

Pune: session conducted by RESQ Team Members Aakash Raut and Kiran Rahalkar for 65 members of the Ordnance Factory Cantonment in Dehu, Pune. A leopard had been sighted in the Ammunition Depot causing fear among the people due to misunderstandings and a lack of knowledge about the animal. The awareness program helped dispel misconceptions about the leopard and they learnt about the precautions to take in the future.



Nashik

Nashik: session conducted by RESQ Team Members Abhijeet Mahale, Amit Lavhare for 200 students of the Sahyadri Junior and Senior College, Sangamner.



Varvand

Varvand, Pune District: conducted by RESQ Team Member Nachiket Awadhani for 50 locals.

COEXIST- Living around wildlife!

Three sessions on living safely around urban wildlife were conducted this month.



Daund, Baramati, Pune District: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Nachiket Awadhani for 210 children of Podar School and Learn and Play School respectively.



Pune

Pune: session conducted by RESQ Team Members Shreenath Chavan and Amit Toadkar for 70 students of Nutan Baalvikas Mandir Shala.



Pune

Pune: an online session on living safely around birds in human-dominated landscapes conducted by RESQ Team members Nachiket Utpat and Rohan Sharma for 125 employees of Persistent Systems.

COEXIST- Living around monkeys!

A session on coexisting peacefully with monkeys was conducted at this school, which has a significant monkey population and potential for conflict.

Yewalewadi, Pune District:

A session was conducted by RESQ Team members Naresh Chandak and Harshad Nagare for 150 students of the ZP School in Yewalewadi. The session focused on wildlife conservation and the importance of coexistence with nature.



COEXIST- Living around snakes!

Nine sessions on peacefully coexisting with snakes were held this month, addressing the frequent interactions between people and the frequently spotted snakes in the area.



Baramati, Pune District: session conducted by RESQ Team member Shreyas Kamble for 532 students of the Maharashtra Education Society Primary School.



Nashik: two sessions conducted by RESQ Team member Abhijeet Mahale for 155 children at the K.B.H. Vadala, near Gausiya Masjid and RESQ Team member Vaibhav Bhogale for 120 students of the Adarsh Primary and Secondary School.



Mumbai: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Manasi Warde for 120 children of Nandadeep School.



Nashik: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Vaibhav Bhogale for 80 students of the KVN Naik College.

Nashik: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Abhijeet Mahale and volunteer Eknath Mandal for 115 students of the Navrachana High School.



Pune: session conducted by RESQ Team Members Naresh Chandak and Sagar Shinde for 238 students of the Shriramrajya Madhyamik Vidyalaya.



Nashik: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Ayush Patil for 162 students of the K B H School.



Mumbai: session conducted by RESQ Team Member Manasi Warde for 130 students of Nandadeep School.



Pune: session conducted by RESQ Team Members Nachiket Utpat and Chiranjib Majumdar and Sagar Shinde for 125 staff members of the Orchid Hotel.



Introduction to RESQ and living around urban wildlife!

A session speaking of the extensive work RESQ does along with how to coexist with urban wildlife was conducted this month.



Pune: session conducted by RESQ Founder Neha Panchamiya and RESQ Team Member Nachiket Utpat for 300 members of the Parivartan Yuva Parishad.



AWARE India!

Six sessions of RESQ's education program for school children, AWARE India were conducted this month.

Mumbai: Six sessions of the AWARE India module "Go Native" were conducted by RESQ Team Member Manasi Warde for 950 students of the Vissanji Academy and 563 students of The Shri Ram Universal School.



RESQ at Service Fair at Oberoi International School, Mumbai!

Manasi Warde represented the RESQCT team at a Service Fair hosted by Oberoi International School, where students, teachers, and parents engaged in discussions about our work at RESQ and explored opportunities for volunteering and student involvement. The school is also eager to begin AWARE India sessions at both of their campuses.



BVRTSE students visit the RESQ Centre!

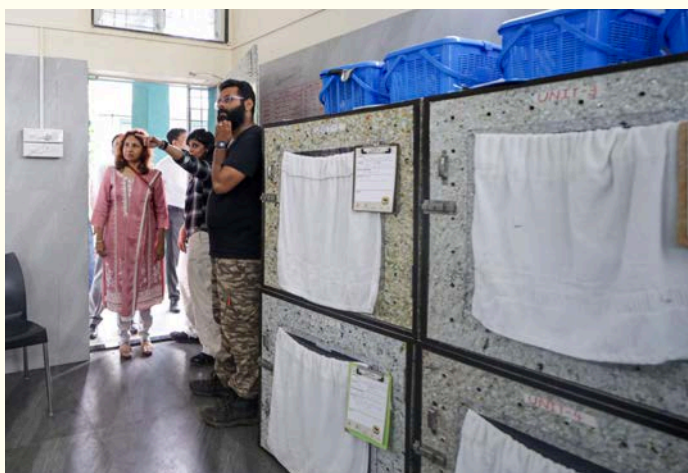
A total of 185 students of grades 6th and 7th along with 10 members of the staff of Bhartiya Vidya Peeth's Rabindranath Tagore School of Excellence visited the RESQ Centre to better understand the work we do by going around the Centre and attending a session about RESQ.



Corporate Volunteering!

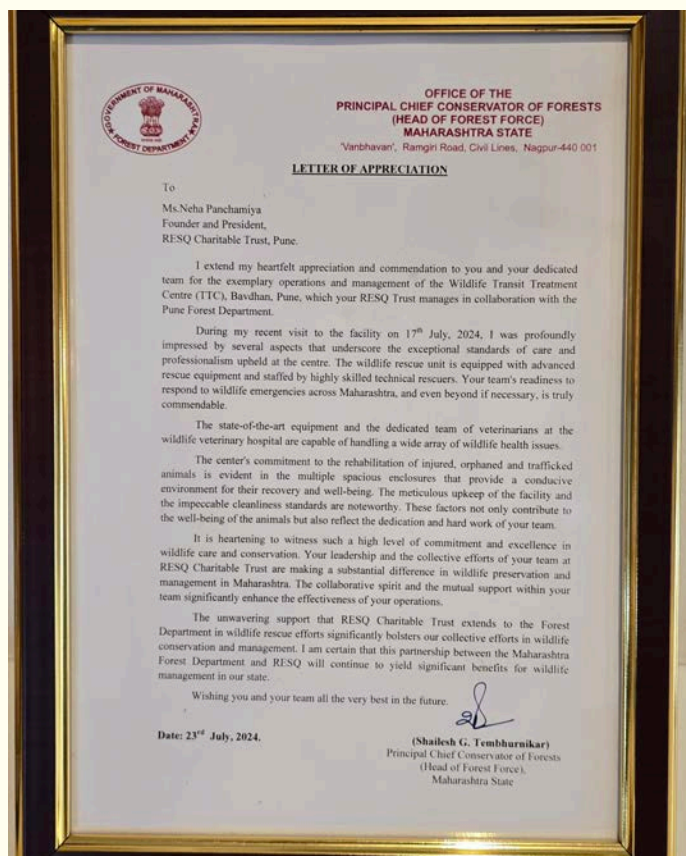
18 employees of Fujitsu Consulting and 22 employees of Bosch came to the RESQ Centre for a Centre visit followed by a volunteering activity this month.

Additional Feature



HoFF Shomita Biswas Visits RESQ Centre in Pune!

On 23rd August, Shomita Biswas, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force (HoFF) in Maharashtra, visited the RESQ Centre in Pune. She saw the facility in detail, interacted with the team and our founder, Neha Panchamiya, and expressed her admiration for the work being done. She left a note of appreciation, commending the team's efforts in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.



Letter of Appreciation for the RESQ Team

We are pleased to share that our Founder, Neha Panchamiya, received a Letter of Appreciation at the Vanragini, Maharashtra Van Vibhag Kshetriya Mahila Adhikari Parishad 2024. The letter, written by former HoFF Shailesh G. Tembhurnikar, was presented by the current HoFF, Shomita Biswas, in recognition of the impactful work of the RESQ team.

Crocodile was safely guided back to its natural habitat in Pune by Forest Department and RESQ CT Team, PloNestQ Charitable Trust

Dedicated volunteers lending a hand at RESQ CT this month!



ANANDA RAKADE
RESQ Team Member



Kunal Shrimanwar
RESQ Volunteer



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

RESQ stars
for the month.

Thank you for being a RESQ Supporter!

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 2022-2023** 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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