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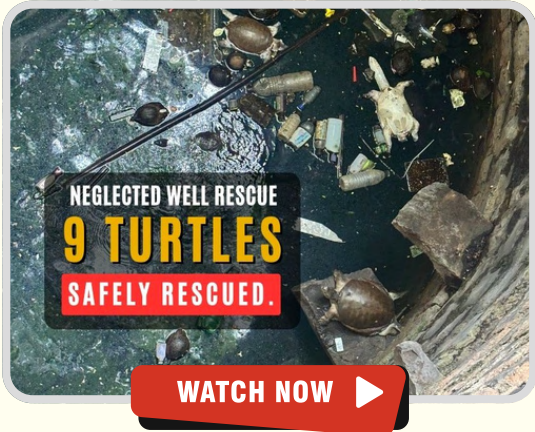
Defenceless in armour.

The pangolin's entire survival strategy is built on one move: curl, and wait. Against claws and teeth, that works, keratin scales turn a body into something with no easy grip and no exposed throat. Against a vehicle, curling up does nothing but hold still in the wrong place at the wrong time, and against a poacher, it does the opposite of escape. The Indian pangolin pictured here was found at the roadside having lost the use of both hind legs to exactly that mismatch. The same stillness that outlasted millions of years of predators has no answer for a vehicle or a trafficker. What used to be the safest thing a pangolin could do is now, in a lot of circumstances, the most dangerous.



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Statistics

AUGUST 2026

Efforts in numbers...

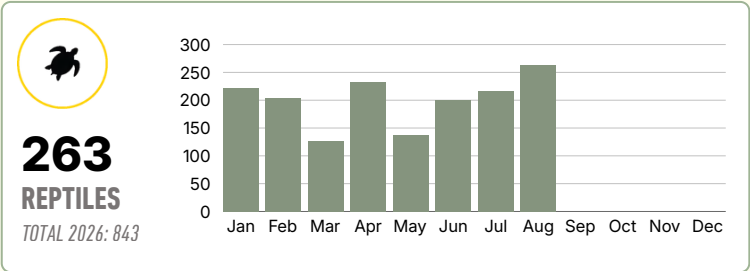
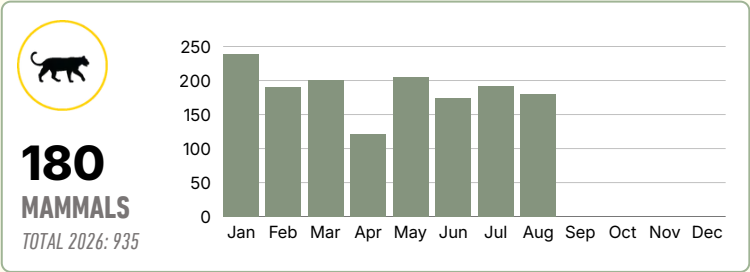
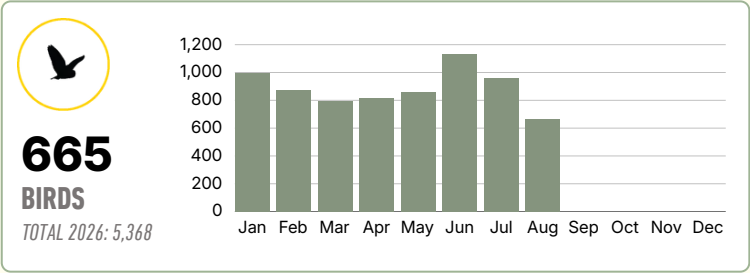
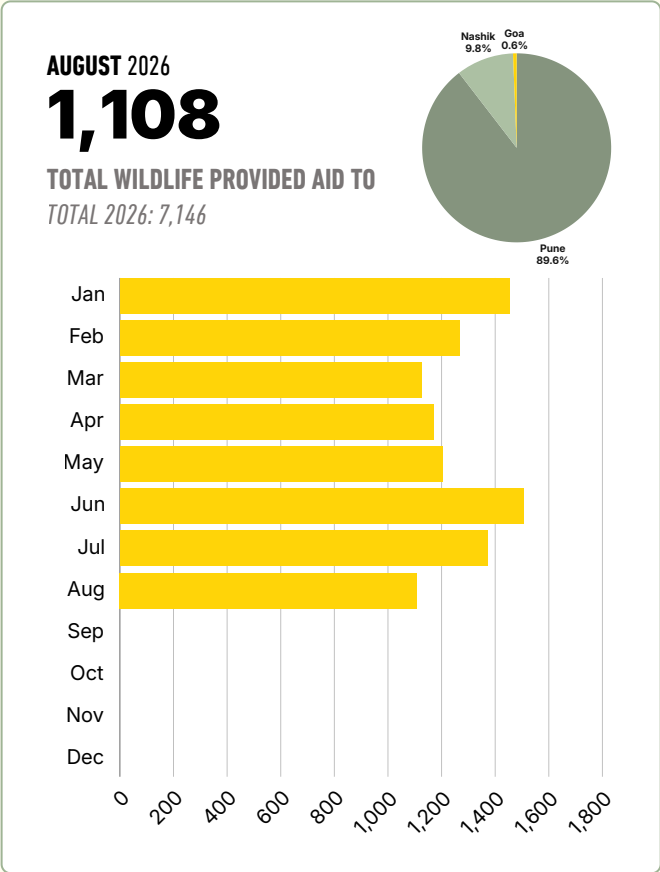
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LIVES IMPACTED!

IMPACT

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SCALE



Mapping our efforts.





MAHARASHTRA



GOA

Our reach this month across Maharashtra and Goa, through emergency rescues, rehabilitation, education and awareness, and training and capacity building.



4,551

CHILDREN EDUCATED

TOTAL 2026: 15,925



5,636

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TOTAL 2026: 23,907



26

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED

TOTAL 2026: 361



50

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

TOTAL 2026: 1,110

SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED FOR

5,717 INDIVIDUALS



3,107

HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED

TOTAL 2026: 21,884 CALLS



42,945

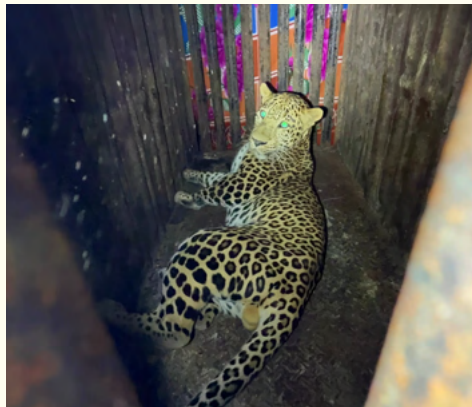
TOTAL KMS TRAVELLED

TOTAL 2026: 3,64,973 KMS

Updates

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RESQ CT team on field



⬆ **Patience for one leopard, speed for the other.** Two very different incidents with leopards marked this month. In Junnar, one leopard had evaded capture for almost two years, its presence linked to the loss of five human lives. Problem leopards are rarely lone animals in a landscape that holds several others at once, which makes identifying the right one the hardest part of any capture. The RESQ team, working with the Junnar Forest Department, ran an eighteen-day operation, the final six spent watching from a hide for a window that, when it came, lasted about three seconds. Darting a free-ranging problem leopard is a patience problem before it is a marksmanship one, since removing the wrong animal leaves the real conflict unsolved and punishes an innocent leopard for it. The second unfolded in a single night. In Nashik, a leopard chasing a chicken got trapped inside an occupied house when the main door jammed shut behind it. The residents slipped out the back before it noticed. The RESQ Nashik team darted it through a hole drilled into an exterior wall and handed it over to the Nashik West Forest Department on revival. One took eighteen days to get right. The other took one night to get out. Neither was any less demanding for it.



📌 **A signal worth following.** An Indian wolf that spent four days at the bottom of a well in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik weak and dehydrated, with an open wound and a tick-borne infection. Following treatment and recovery, and permission from the Maharashtra Forest Department, it was fitted with a GPS radio collar. Indian wolves live almost entirely outside protected areas, on grassland and scrub that official land records still classify as wasteland, land that is being converted faster than it is being studied. Movement data from a single collared animal offers a rare look at how far it ranges, which patches it crosses at night, and where its path meets people, livestock, and free-ranging dogs. For a species this thinly spread and this rarely studied, that data does not just fill a gap. It defines where the next one needs to be closed.



📌 **Off the trade route, into the canopy.** The Indian giant squirrel lives almost entirely in the canopy, and a juvenile taken out of it learns none of what that life requires. Three sub-adult squirrels were seized from illegal trafficking in a DRI operation in May and a fourth recovered by the Pune Forest Department days later, all admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. While medically fit, the squirrels needed extensive rehabilitation to reduce human habituation and rebuild confident arboreal movement and foraging abilities. This month, all four cleared their pre-release milestones and were released into suitable habitat to reintegrate with their wild conspecifics. Four animals recovered in one month from one district is not a run of bad luck; it's a pernicious supply chain working as intended.



⬆ **Cleared for open water.** Four Indian spot-billed ducklings (*Anas poecilorhyncha*) were found in the water filter chamber of a swimming pool in Pune. With no mother in sight, and no chance for a reunion, the ducklings were brought to the Pune TTC for orphan care. Birds this young struggle to survive without their mother, and monsoon rains do not improve their odds. Over time, the birds began waterproofing their feathers, improving swim stamina, and learning to dabble for food. After months of meticulous care, all four were released as adept swimmers and foragers. Their story might have started in a filter chamber, however it ended on open water, where they belong.



⬆ **A well is not a wetland.** Marsh crocodiles move overland between waterbodies, and their activity is heightened in the monsoon. A deceptive well in North Goa was the supposed end of such a journey for a young crocodile. Alerted by a local resident, the RESQ Goa team assessed the site, pumped out the water, installed a trap cage, and secured the animal without injury. It was then safely released into a more appropriate habitat.



⬆ **Another hook, another turtle.** Fishing hook injuries in turtles have been arriving at the centres with increasing frequency over the past two months, and this month added another. A local resident in North Goa alerted the RESQ Goa team of one such Indian flapshell turtle, which was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Goa. The hook was surgically extracted, and following treatment and a period of rehabilitation, the turtle was released back into its natural habitat. While the injuries are becoming routine, the care can never afford to be.

At the RESQ Centre

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📍 **The house call nobody booked.** A juvenile female leopard was found in a local resident's house near Ponda, Goa. The cub was weak, emaciated, dehydrated and hypoglycemic, with recurrent seizures. Preliminary testing has ruled out common feline viral infections, and investigation into the cause is ongoing as the cub remains in critical care at the Wildlife TTC, Goa.



📍 **Built for one world, injured by another.** The Indian pangolin carries close to a fifth of its body weight in keratin scales, a defence calibrated for predators not vehicular traffic. A subadult female, found at the roadside near Mahad on the Mumbai-Goa highway, had lost the use of both hind legs. The Roha Forest Department transferred her to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, where imaging explained why: spinal compression, a dislocated hip, and a fractured rib. The hip dislocation has been corrected, and in just a fortnight, bladder function and sensation in both hind legs is returning. Neurological function and orthopaedic injuries will take time to recover, but the pangolin is nothing if not resilient. Bodies heal on their own schedule. The work lies in protecting that schedule, giving it the best possible conditions for recovery, and giving a little extra assistance where necessary.

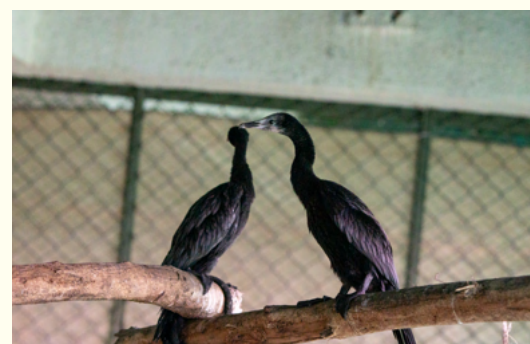


📍 **Tame is not the same as safe.** The jungle cat hunts alone and survives on wariness. One held in captivity in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar for nearly six weeks was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, by the Forest Department and a local NGO. It was accustomed to people, which is not a minor problem for this species. Habituation is as consequential as a physical wound, and considerably harder to undo. The work ahead is behavioural: independent hunting and feeding, normal movement, and avoidance of people. Release follows once those are established.



GOA TTC

📍 **Abandoned early, learning anyway.** Reunion is always the first option when a displaced orphan is found, and when it works, the animal never reaches a rehab centre at all. This was not the fate for ten Asian palm civet pups now at the Wildlife TTC, Goa, eight of them admitted this month. Some had lost their mothers to attacks by free-ranging dogs, others simply failed to reunite despite multiple attempts. They range widely in age and size, some still on assisted feeds, others already eating independently, and each is now on its own individual rehabilitation plan.



NASHIK TTC

📍 **The unlisted occupants.** A nesting colony can be, at times, inconspicuous within the tree it calls home. When the tree comes down, so do the numerous birds quietly residing in it. Two tree felling incidents this month, one in Pune and one in Nashik, brought down sixty birds with them: 25 in Pune, and 35 in Nashik. Waterbirds return to the same trees year after year, and one tree can hold an entire season's breeding output for several species at once. This can make felling it mid-season an ecological disaster, not just a landscaping decision. The survivors are at the Wildlife TTCs in Pune and Nashik, recovering and growing, and will be released once they've matured sufficiently.



GOA TTC

📍 **Ruffled, not wrecked.** A sub-adult crested serpent eagle found recumbent at the roadside was weak and dehydrated, with damaged tail feathers. It was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Goa, where it underwent treatment and supportive care. It started showcasing species-appropriate behaviour, cleared its rehabilitation milestones, and was released a couple of weeks back.



📌 **Feathers lost, not the fight.** The Nashik long-billed vulture cohort has a new addition: one found grounded and drenched at a village in Nashik, rescued by the Nashik Forest Department and brought to the Wildlife TTC, Nashik. Examination found poor feather condition, significant feather loss, and weakness affecting movement, not injury, just exposure. With treatment, it has recovered and rejoined the others. For a species that lost over 90 percent of its population to a drug it never encountered before, weather is one of the few threats it still knows how to survive.



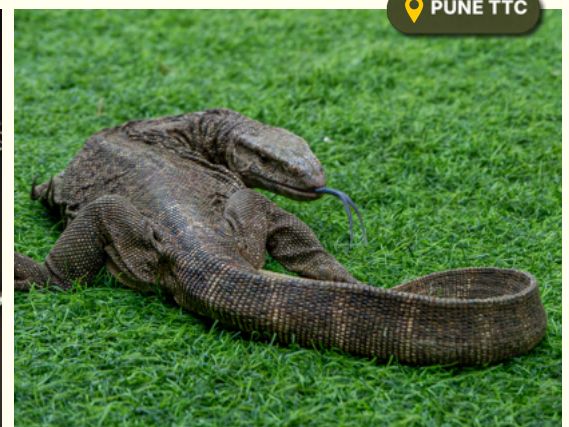
📌 **Out of the nest, ahead of schedule.** The glossy ibis nests in colonies over water, and young stay put until they can fly. Two nestlings turned up on the ground in a residential area of Baramati, unable to do either. Both were admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune with no external injuries and are now in stage-appropriate care, awaiting flight.



📌 **Nine out, three too late.** Nine turtles were recovered from a neglected well in Baramati: six Indian flapshell turtles and three red-eared sliders, a North American species that reaches Indian waterbodies through the pet trade and results in major biodiversity hazard. Three other flapshell turtles were found already dead in the murky water. The survivors were brought to Wildlife TTC, Pune where their shell rot and maggot-infested wounds were cleaned. The flapshell turtles were kept under intensive care and monitoring before being deemed fit for release. Turtles don't just appear in wells naturally. They are usually brought there by people wanting to save a life, or dump a pet they no longer want. But a well is a life sentence, not freedom. It is a sealed box with no exit, no fresh food, and no moving water. What looks like a sanctuary is a slow decline.



📍 **Monty python and the unholey grill.** The Indian rock python moves by pushing its bulk through whatever gap looks passable, which works in vegetation and fails against fishing net, metal grill, and other anthropogenic infrastructure. Seven were admitted this month to the Wildlife TTCs at Pune and Goa, carrying dog bites, entanglement injuries, and wounds of unknown origin. One recovered quickly and was released where it was found. The other six remain under treatment at different stages, and for the ones with deep wounds, the recovery will be measured in months.



📍 **A gravid matter.** The Indian monitor lizard lays once a year, so a gravid female is carrying an entire season's reproductive output. One rescued in Pune arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune carrying 19 eggs and with almost no use of her front legs, the joints curled and fixed. Bloodwork revealed a protozoan infection, supported by a weakened immune system. Treatment is addressing the myriad of symptoms, with a keen awareness of the fact that any stress faced by the lizard is also experienced by the 19 other individuals hitching a ride with her.

Community Outreach & Education

The reach keeps widening. August's outreach pushed further, in both scale and setting. Sessions ran across four regions, Goa, Nashik, Pune, and Mumbai, covering leopard coexistence, snake safety, and general wildlife awareness, in venues ranging from single classrooms to a crowd of hundreds. The message doesn't change with the room. What changes is how far it now travels.

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AUGUST 2026

6,300+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH
WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

coexist

LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE

- Kundalika Vidyalaya, patnus - **65+**
- St. Andrew's Higher Secondary School Vasco, Goa - **150+**
- Bonderem Festival, Goa - **200+**
- St. Andrew's Higher Secondary School Vasco - **150+**

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKES

- St. Andrew's Higher Secondary School Vasco, Goa - **150+**
- Unnati vidyalay, Peth road, Nashik - **100+**
- Bal yeshu vidyalay, Nashik road - **200+**
- ST. Aloysius High School, Goa - **150+**
- Shirasgoan ashramshala, Harsul, Trambak - **400+**

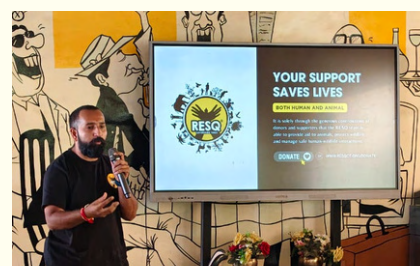
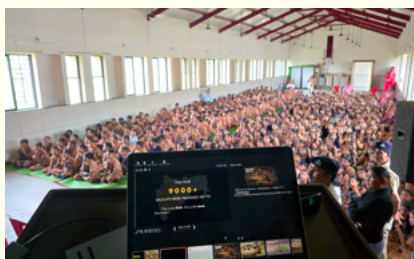
LIVING SAFELY AROUND LEOPARDS

- Kachrewadi Vadgaon, Pune - **45+**
- Bhairavnath High school, Maval - **50+**
- Diamond waterpark Staff, Lohegaon - **40+**
- Shirasgoan ashramshala, Harsul, Trambak - **400+**

AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- Chhabildas English Medium School, Mumbai - **140+**
- Millennium National School, Pune - **400+**
- Kalpavriksha Academy, Pune - **26+**
- Balmohan Vidyamandir, Mumbai - **1070+**
- J.B.Petit High School, Mumbai - **250+**
- Kalpavruksha Waldorf School, Mumbai - **55+**
- The Shri Ram Universal School, M - **350+**
- Podar International School, Igatpuri - **180+**
- Our Lady Of Salvation - **450+**



Capacity Building & Training



The wildlife-domestic animal interface: challenges & realities at YASHADA. RESQ Founder & President Neha Panchamiya and Senior Veterinarian Dr. Sushrut Shirbhate, conducted a training at Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration for a batch of 50 Animal Husbandry Commissioners, on the growing overlap between wildlife and domestic animals across Maharashtra's shared landscapes. Free-ranging dogs, livestock, and disease surveillance all sit within this interface, and no single department or discipline can manage it alone. The session made the case for closer coordination between forest departments, animal husbandry, and wildlife responders, since prevention at this interface depends on all three working from the same data.

Features & Articles

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Pune: Male leopard captured in Shirur after month-long operation following girl's death

Pune: A male leopard was tranquilised and captured in Shirur in Maharashtra's Pune after a month-long operation following the death of a village girl

— Mid Day / Aug 23



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— Satara Surya News

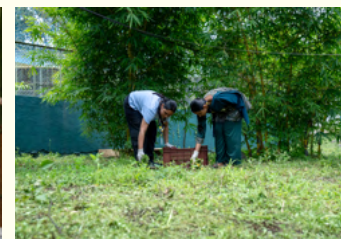
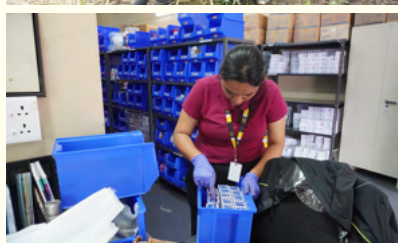


Electrocuted & tail amputated, langur returns home after rehabilitation

Pune: The forest department recently released a grey langur into its habitat, marking an end to months of rehabilitation after the primate's burnt tail was amputated after electrocution.

— The Times of India

Dedicated volunteers lending a hand at RESQ CT this month!



Dedicated corporate volunteers lending a helping hand in enrichment-building at the Wildlife TTC, Pune this month.



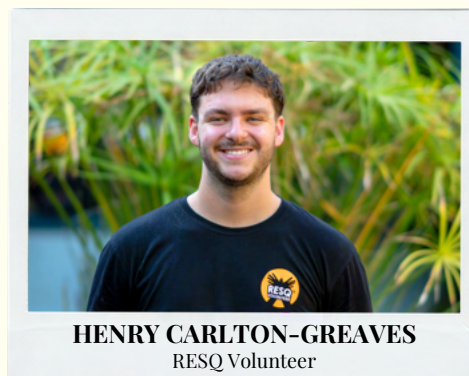
Fujitsu



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ATUL SATEGAONKAR
RESQ Team Member



HENRY CARLTON-GREAVES
RESQ Volunteer



Performing at their maximum potential, lauded for their dedication, innovation and hard work, 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 every day.

"We are happy to share our **Annual Report 2025-2026** 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 endeavours 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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