



## 200 kgs of reason to get it right!

We call it a straying tiger. The tiger calls it Tuesday. As habitats shrink and corridors fragment, large carnivore movement into human-dominated landscapes is not an anomaly. It is a data point in a longer story. When this Bengal tiger walked into Rajahmundry, it did not make a mistake. What defines these moments is not the movement itself, but the quality of our response to it. What began as panic on the streets ended as quiet pride. The Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and RESQ CT worked in close coordination: tracking, managing, and securing the animal before releasing it safely into Papikonda National Park. That transformation is exactly what science-led response is built to achieve.



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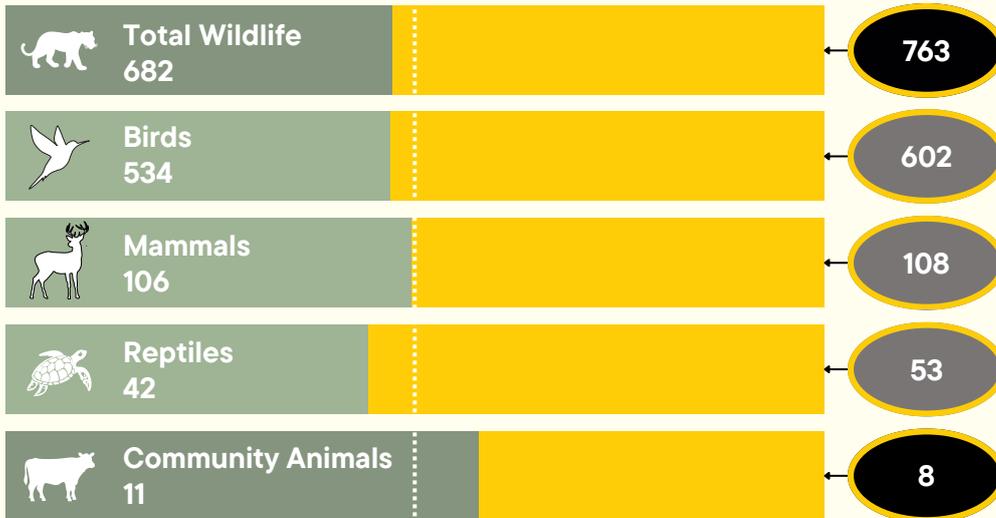
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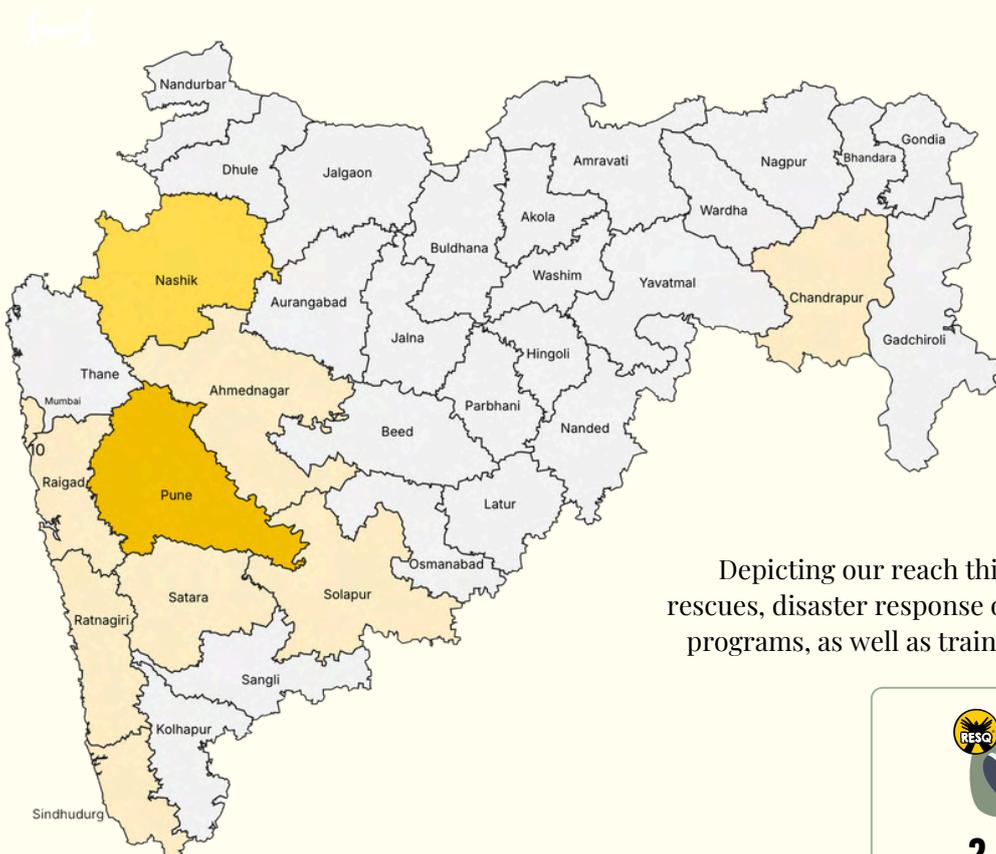
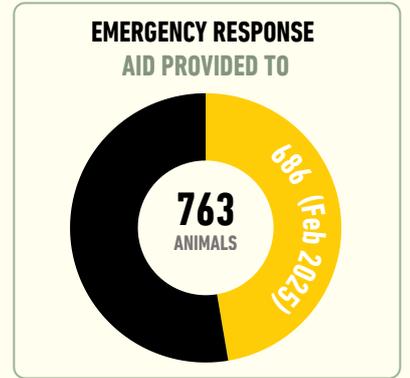
**Last Year (2025)**

Feb 2025



**This Month (2026)**

Feb 2026



**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



**When Apex Meets Urban - Rajahmundry Tiger Rescue Operation.** A Bengal tiger moving through villages on the outskirts of Rajahmundry was never going to be a quiet situation. With public panic rising, the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department called on RESQ to assist. Over six days, working alongside WWF and HyTICOS, the team tracked the animal through dense human presence while holding the line between fear and chaos. RESQ veterinarian Dr. Hemraj Sukhwal successfully darted the tiger, which was then secured, medically evaluated, microchipped, radio-collared, and released into Papikonda National Park under instructions from the Chief Wildlife Warden. The operation closed with a structured training session for Rajahmundry's frontline staff, because the best outcome of any wildlife emergency is not just the animal going home safely. It is ensuring the next response is even better.



⬆️ **Watch. Wait. Win: The quiet science of not intervening.** Not every wildlife emergency demands a dart gun. When a tiger moved into a human-dominated landscape in Telangana, the Forest Department called on the RESQ team for something that requires equal skill but far less fanfare: patience. Over 15 days, both teams tracked the animal's movements, managed public safety, and made a deliberate choice to hold back. The tiger, given space and time, moved back into suitable forest habitat on its own. It is a result that only coordinated monitoring and genuine restraint can deliver, and a reminder that in conflict mitigation, the hardest call is often knowing when not to act.



⬆️ **Hirkani comes Home:** A tigress from Pench was successfully translocated and released into the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve led by the Maharashtra Forest Department with technical and veterinary support from the RESQ team. Her arrival is not just a conservation milestone for STR.. it is a carefully planned, science-led investment in the reserve's long-term ecological future.



⬆️ **Gaur it wrong. Then got it right.** A lone gaur bull, stranded between a highway and a village near Phaltan, had already gored a villager before the Satara Forest Department and RESQ team mobilised. What followed was hours of coordinated fieldwork: drone thermals, silent human corridors, and one very precise dart fired from the bucket of an earth mover under a full moon. One tonne of muscle was down, assessed, loaded into the ATLAS Wildlife Ambulance, and driven through the night. By sunrise, he walked out into a wildlife sanctuary and disappeared into the green where he belonged.



👆 **Two cubs, two wells, one outcome.** Two leopard cubs, one near Pune and one near Nashik, independently ended up in a similar unpleasant situation: falling into an open well. Both were safely rescued in coordination with the Pune and Nashik West Forest Departments respectively, assessed as healthy, and released back into suitable habitat. Two separate incidents, two teams, one outcome that mattered.



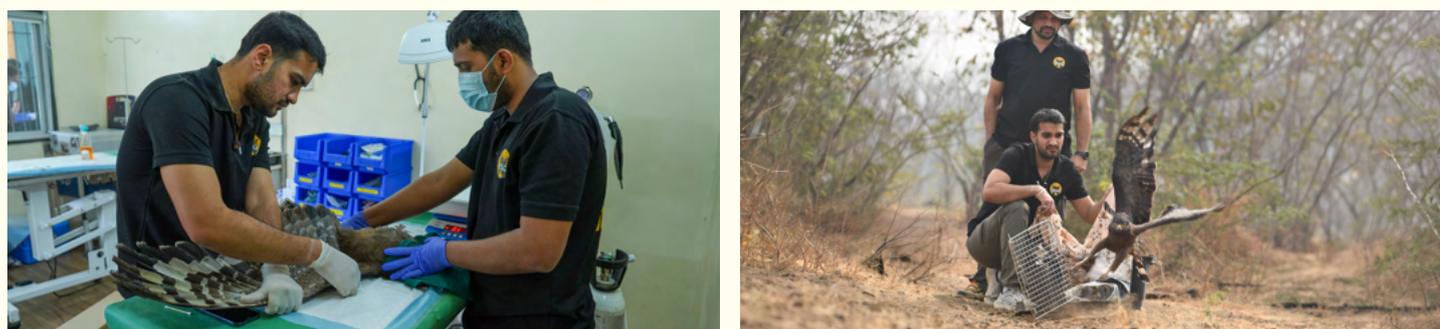
👆 **Prickly predicaments!** This month, two porcupines found themselves in perilous situations. One fell into a deep well in Shrigonda, the other wedged itself into an industrial chamber in Baramati. The RESQ Daund and Baramati teams extracted both without incident, and were released into to their natural habitat. Porcupines are, it turns out, considerably easier to rescue when you approach from the front!



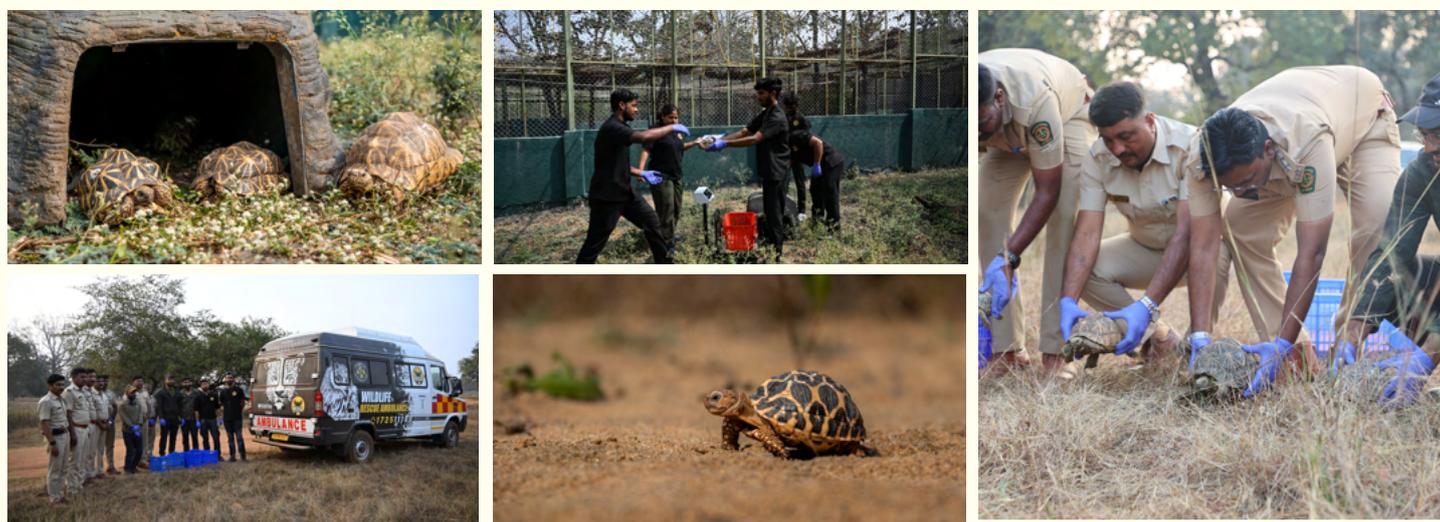
👆 **Canis aureus vs. 60-foot-well: One round, one winner.** A jackal's unplanned 60-foot descent near Shrigonda was swiftly reversed by the Ahilyanagar Forest Department and RESQ Daund team. Found healthy, it was released back on home turf immediately. The well lost.



📌 **Stocking up the tiger reserve pantry: Six Sambar released into STR's ecological register.** Six sambar, translocated from Solapur Zoo, were released into the Sahyadri Tiger Reserve in a joint operation by the Maharashtra Forest Department and the RESQ team. Each animal underwent structured health assessments and a phased release protocol to minimise stress and support successful adaptation. As part of STR's ongoing prey augmentation programme, their arrival strengthens the ecological foundation that large carnivores depend on, and quietly tips the reserve's long-term balance in the right direction.



📌 **Temporarily out of service, now cleared for take off!** A grounded Crested Serpent Eagle arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with neither the strength nor the altitude it is built for. Following preliminary treatment and short-term observation, it defied that assessment, regained sufficient flight strength, and was released back into suitable habitat. *Spilornis cheela*: back in the wind!



📌 **Slow and steady wins the race back to the wild...** 78 Indian Star Tortoises were released into their natural habitat through a joint effort by the Maharashtra Forest Department and the RESQ team. Rescued from illegal or accidental captivity, each animal underwent health screening, fitness tests and rehabilitation at the Pune TTC before clearance for release. At their own unhurried pace, every single one of them made it home.

# At the RESQ Centre

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⬆️ **Little stripes, big milestones.** Born at the Wildlife TTC, Pune to a mother recovering from a road accident, this striped hyena cub has defied the odds from his very first breath. With his mother unable to accept him during her own critical recovery, the RESQ team stepped in with one clear goal: return him to the wild. He has now taken his first steps into an outdoor enclosure and is beginning to exhibit natural behaviours, an encouraging marker in a carefully structured journey towards reintroduction.



⬅️ **The cub that sugarcane kept.** A leopard cub rescued from a sugarcane field by the Pune Forest Department was given every opportunity to go home. Three reunion attempts over six days. Each one unanswered. With the crop harvested and no further signs of the mother, the cub was transferred to the Wildlife TTC, Pune for orphan care and rehabilitation.



⬇️ **Down a well, sight impaired, spirit intact.** A jackal rescued from a deep well by the Satara Forest Department arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with impaired vision and limited mobility. Two setbacks that have done little to dim its resolve. The animal remains under veterinary supervision and structured rehabilitative care, taking each day as it comes.



⬆️ **When the roadside becomes a starting line...** Two Indian gazelles arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune by very different routes. One adult was found motionless by the roadside and admitted for treatment. One orphaned fawn, a survivor of a stray dog attack, could not be reunited and is now under species-specific care. Both arrived at their lowest point. Both are being given the chance to leave at full stride.



Pune



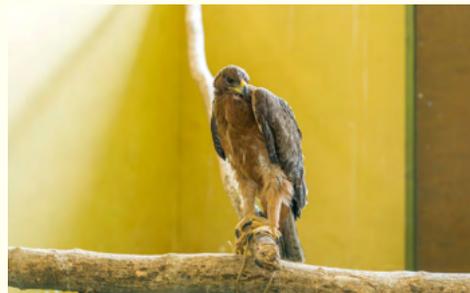
Nashik



⬆️ **Nature's clean-up crew, temporarily on medical leave.** Two Long-billed Vultures, found weak and dehydrated in separate locations, were admitted to the Wildlife TTCs in Pune and Nashik. Examination confirmed exhaustion in both birds, requiring immediate stabilisation and supportive care. Vultures process the wild's most unpleasant business without complaint. The least we can do is return the favour. Both remain under veterinary care and structured rehabilitation, with full flight strength the only acceptable discharge criterion.



Bonelli's Eagle



Crested Serpent Eagle



Scops Owl



⬆️ **The Raptor Ward: hopefully just for a pit stop!** A bonelli's eagle, a crested serpent eagle, and a scops owl, were admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune after being found grounded and unable to sustain flight. Clinical evaluation suggests possible underlying infection in each case, and all are currently undergoing diagnostic assessment, treatment, and supportive care. Rehabilitation efforts are focused on one goal: getting all three back into the sky where they belong.



⬆️ **The shoreline awaits..** A Lesser Black-backed Gull rescued from a beach by the Roha Forest Department arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with dehydration and a pre-existing wing fracture — two findings that explain a great deal about how it ended up on shore in the first place. Treatment is underway and the bird is showing steady improvement. The beach will have to wait a little longer.

# Community Outreach & Education

**Go Native. Staying AWARE.** In February, RESQ's 'Go Native' sessions brought school students face to face with the ecological value of native trees and the wildlife that depends on them. Parallel community outreach tackled something harder: fear. With snakes and urban wildlife as the subject, we replaced anxiety with fact-based understanding, giving communities the practical, science-led knowledge needed to make informed decisions and share their spaces more peacefully.



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# 4200+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

## coexist

LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE

- District level science exhibition, Nashik **250+**

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKES

- Kalpavruksha, Mumbai **42+**
- Fujitsu employees, Pune **200+**

## AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- Dastur High School, Pune **2240+**
- I.E.S English School **890+**



# Capacity Building & Training



**Sawantiwadi: Before the Emergency: Building the human firewall against conflict.** Effective conflict response does not begin when the animal appears. It begins months earlier, in a training room, with the people who will be first on the ground. RESQ team member Nachiket Utpat conducted a comprehensive workshop on Wildlife Emergency Response and Human-Wildlife Conflict Mitigation in Sawantwadi, attended by 95 members of the Sawantwadi Forest Division, including RFOs, Round Officers, Forest Guards, and Rapid Response Teams. Practical strategies, field-based techniques, and a shared culture of coexistence were at the heart of it. Because when the emergency does arrive, there is no time to learn. Only time to respond.



**Vishakhapatnam: Behind every wildlife emergency is a trained responder, and HANUMAN is building that army.** Andhra Pradesh's newly launched HANUMAN initiative (Healing and Nurturing Units for Monitoring, Aid and Nursing of Wildlife) represents a structured, state-wide commitment to human-wildlife conflict management. At a dedicated training camp in Visakhapatnam Division, over 150 frontline staff including RFOs, Foresters, and Forest Guards participated in a session conducted by RESQ team member Kiran Rahalkar, covering safe rescue protocols, equipment handling, and decision-making in high-risk wildlife situations. Field theory met real-world scenarios, and 150 responders left better equipped than when they arrived. That is precisely how you build a state-wide safety net, one trained officer at a time.



**Signed and Sealed: RESQ CT signs MoU with the Goa Forest Department.**

RESQ Charitable Trust has formalised a Memorandum of Understanding with Goa Forest Department to strengthen wildlife rescue and rehabilitation across the state. The MoU was signed between Ms. Neha Panchamiya, Founder and President of RESQ CT, and Shri K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden, Goa. Drawing on RESQ's experience in operationalising the Transit Treatment Centre model in Maharashtra, the partnership outlines joint efforts to establish a TTC in Goa alongside structured rescue and veterinary support. What began as a request to consult has become a commitment!

**Features & Articles**

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**Tadoba tiger that swam two rivers and crossed three States tranquilised in East Godavari** 

After a 53-day movement through forest corridors and inhabited areas, the transient male tiger is secured in a cattle shed at Kurmapuram village on Friday evening, forest officials say. They add that the animal does not attack any human during its long journey and is in stable condition, with a decision yet to be taken on shifting it to a zoo or a rescue centre.

Updated: February 07, 2024 10:22 am IST - KURMAPURAM (EAST GODAVARI)



A transient male tiger tranquilised in a cattle shed at Kurmapuram village of Rayavaram mandal in East Godavari district. | Photo Credit: BY ANANDKANTH

**Sangli News : शिराळा तालुक्यातील विजरमधील नवविबट्या अखेर जेरबंद; वनविभाग व रेस्क्यू टीमच्या प्रयत्नांना यश** 

शिराळा येथील विजरमधील सहा वर्षीय सातक रजतवीर हनुमंत यादीस याच बाडी येथीलनंतर वन विभाग नरभक्षक विबट्याला जेरबंद करण्यात याय आले आहे. त्यामुळे याविषयीची सुरक्षेचा निश्चय होत आहे.

By RESQ Updated On: Feb 04, 2024 | 06:30 PM



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The Goa Forest Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the RESQ Charitable Trust to strengthen wildlife rescue operations in the state 



When KPI's mean kilograms of infrastructure improved and litres of paint! Dedicated corporate volunteers lending a helping hand in fixing enclosures and making enrichments for the wildlife at TTC Pune this month.



Vishal Dolare  
RESQ Wildlife Rehabilitator



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

**RESQ Star 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 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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