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Marsh Crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

Every cue said water. None said no exit.

Muggers navigate by signals that have been reliable for as long as there has been water: still surface, cool air, depth. A lined well returns all of them correctly. What it withholds is not a cue at all, but a way out. This marsh crocodile (*Crocodylus palustris*) was recovered from one by the Solapur Forest Department, rehabilitated and medically cleared by our veterinary team, after which it was released into habitat with lower anthropogenic pressures. It made no error of judgement. It read the landscape correctly, but the landscape had changed its meaning.



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Statistics

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Efforts in numbers...

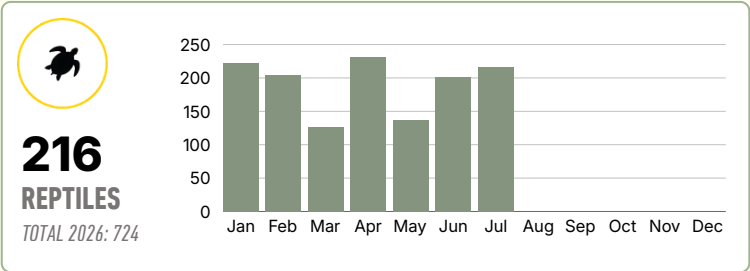
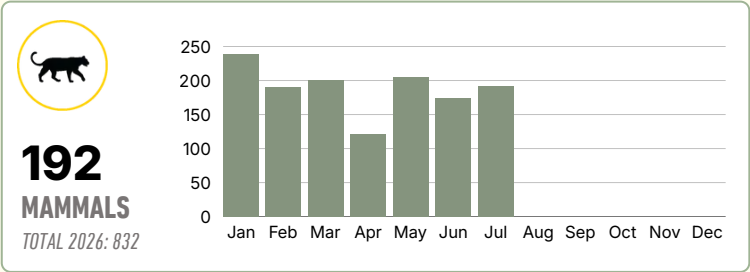
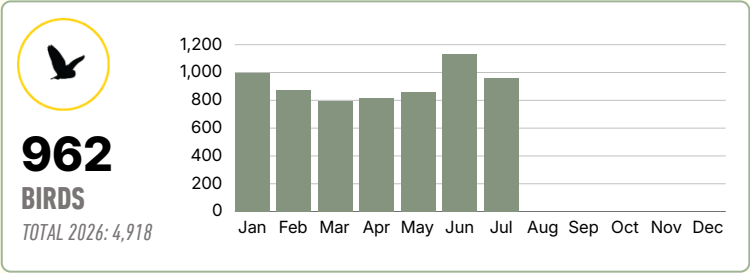
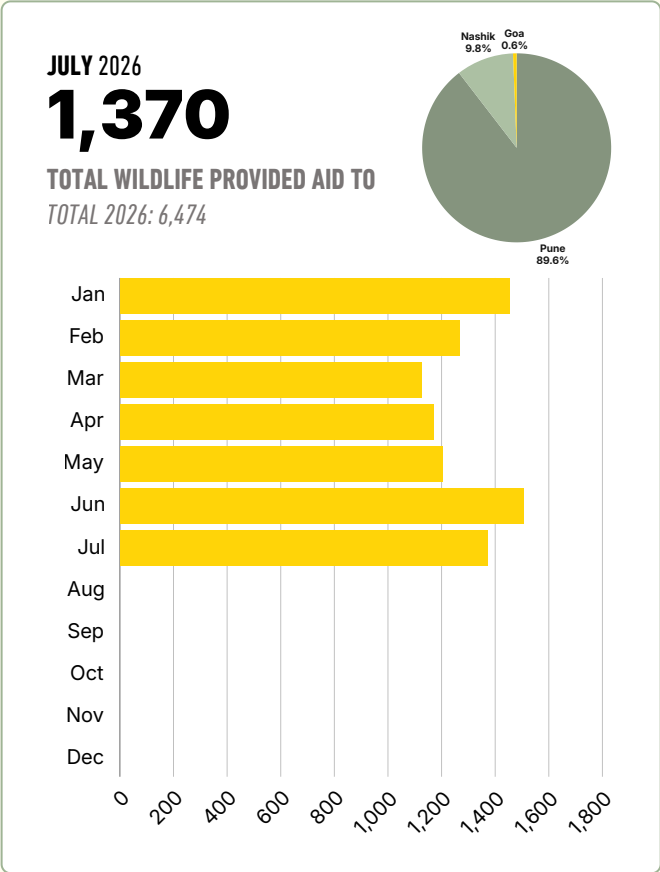
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LIVES IMPACTED!

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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.

1,341

CHILDREN EDUCATED

TOTAL 2026: 11,374

2,926

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TOTAL 2026: 18,271

30

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED

TOTAL 2026: 330

199

INDIVIDUALS TRAINED

TOTAL 2026: 1,060

SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED FOR

3,155 INDIVIDUALS

24/7

2,659

HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED

TOTAL 2026: 18,777 CALLS

43,849

TOTAL KMS TRAVELLED

TOTAL 2026: 3,22,028 KMS

Updates

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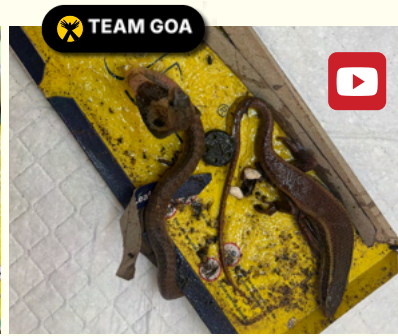
RESQ CT team on field



⬆ **Sugarcane: the unlisted habitat.** Sugarcane is not considered a wildlife habitat, but wildlife does not read books, and for a leopard mother in the weeks before her cubs are mobile, dense standing cane offers exactly the cover a habitat would. Harvest interrupts that arrangement every year, and this year it did so in three places at once: three cubs in Pune, three in Nashik, two in Ahilyanagar. The RESQ Pune team, RESQ Nashik team, and RESQ Baramati team ran night-time reunion operations at each site once harvesting crews had cleared for the day. Seven of the eight cubs found their mothers waiting in the dark. The eighth, from the Nashik litter, is now in neonatal care at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik. The harvest clears the fields. What it displaces finds its way back when given nothing more than space and an undisturbed night.



⬆ **The jackal didn't change, the landscape did.** Indian jackals (*Canis aureus indicus*) move through farmland, forest edge and settlement with equal ease. That same adaptability brings them within reach of the lined farm ponds now common across all three, built to hold water in rather than let anything out. This month brought two: one jackal recovered near Baramati, one near Nashik. Both were extracted by our teams, cleared of injury on site and released immediately.



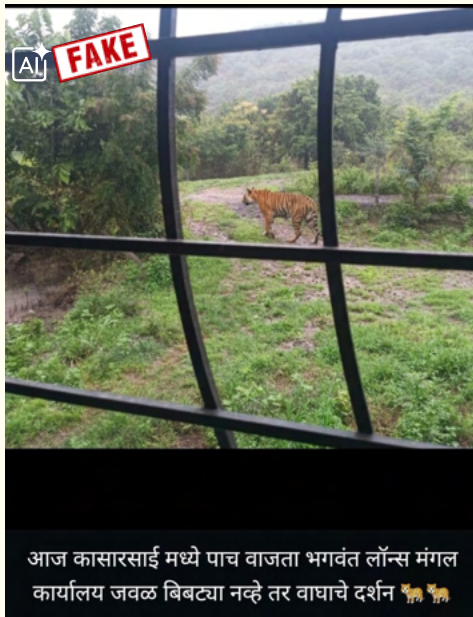
⬆ **Indiscriminate by design.** A glue trap is baited for one species and indifferent to every other that touches it, the terrestrial equivalent of bycatch. This month that indifference produced four casualties. In Pune, two red-vented bulbuls. In Goa, at our newly operational TTC, a spectacled cobra and a supple skink. All four were freed, treated and released. As pest control, glue traps solve nothing. They simply widen the damage to whatever arrives first.



⬆ **Wrong kind of treatment plant.** The Leith's softshell turtle (*Nilssonina leithii*) is built for sand and silt, not for engineered water infrastructure. A filtration plant in Pune turned one up anyway. Our team brought it to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, where examination found no significant injuries, and it was released. Not every rescue needs treatment. Some need a lift and a sense of direction.



⬆ **Two weeks in, finally out.** A marsh crocodile spent two weeks at the bottom of a well in Solapur before the Forest Department rescued it and transferred it to the Wildlife TTC, Pune for treatment and rehabilitation. A preliminary examination and medical screening found no visible injuries, a result that says as much about the animal's resilience as anything else. As per instructions from the Maharashtra Forest Department, the crocodile was released into a suitable habitat. It is this very ability of these large reptiles to survive some of the harshest conditions that has carried them through for millions of years.



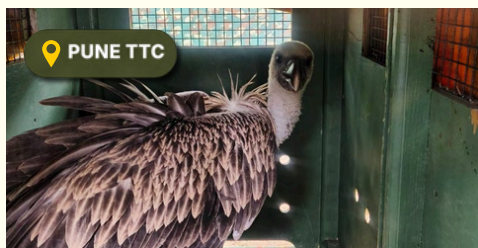
📌 **Coexistence, one fact away.** Not every reported sighting survives a second look. Our teams visited six sites this month: one where photographs of a tiger near a home were circulating, three with leopard reports near homes and farmland, one where a civet had caused panic at a construction site, and one factory being entered by monkeys. Working with the Forest Department, each was physically verified before any response. The tiger photograph was AI-generated. The other five animals were real, and the work moved from verification to explaining why the animal was there and which precautions actually matter. The animal is rarely the problem. The information gap usually is.

At the RESQ Centre

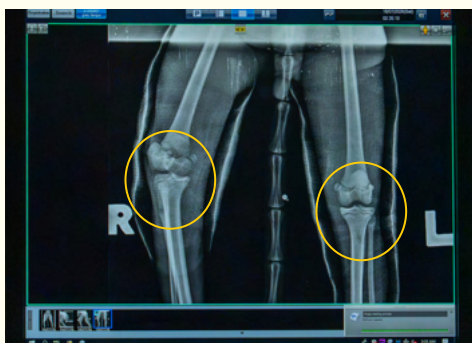
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📌 **Four days, and no headlines.** The Indian wolf survives in some of the country's most degraded and fragmented habitats, but this doesn't include manmade wells. One wolf in Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar spent four days at the bottom of one before a local NGO and the Forest Department rescued and transferred the animal to the Wildlife TTC, Nashik. The wolf is currently under veterinary supervision. With dwindling numbers, and none of the public recognition a leopard commands, every individual Indian wolf carries the weight of a species already struggling to hold its ground.



📍 **Three birds, in a population that counts individually.** Vulture populations in India collapsed by over 90 percent in three decades, which makes every surviving bird a measurable fraction of what remains. Maharashtra Forest Department has been working to reverse that, through vulture reintroduction programs. This month brought three Long-billed Vultures (*Gyps indicus*) into rehabilitation: one from Nanded, now at the Wildlife TTC, Pune, and two from Nashik. All three arrived dehydrated but free of significant injury, and all three have since cleared every rehabilitation milestone. What remains is not medical but meteorological. The team is waiting on suitable flying conditions before release.



📍 **The grid wasn't built for them.** The grey langur moves through a world built entirely above the ground, a species that treats roads and power lines not as hazards to be feared but as gaps to be leapt across. Two paid the price for that instinct. Rescued from a road accident by the Sangli Forest Department, both were brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, where they remain under veterinary care with fractures to both hind limbs and multiple wounds. Roads and power lines are designed to benefit one particular species, while all other species pay the price.



📍 **Jack's down, but not out.** The Indian jackal (*Canis aureus indicus*) cleans up after the landscape it lives in, scavenging carrion and small prey in the same fields and forest edges people cross daily. This month one was found collapsed and bleeding from the mouth. Rescued by the Junnar Forest Department and brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, it is under intensive treatment. Standing is the first of many milestones ahead of it.



📌 **Twenty counts of bad company.** Keeping a wild animal in captivity is not a legal grey area. This month our team responded to more than twenty such cases at the Forest Department's request, admitting rose-ringed and Alexandrine parakeets, monitor lizards, an Indian star tortoise, a jungle myna, a red sand boa and a bonnet macaque, all following official seizures. All are now in the rehabilitation unit at the Wildlife TTC, Pune, where the work goes beyond basic care to reversing habituation to people and restoring species-typical behaviour. The non-hybrid animals will be released once they clear their pre-release milestones. The captive-bred parakeets, having no wild population to return to, will remain under long-term care. The law drew the line. Rehabilitation is what happens after someone crosses it.



📌 **Off the hook.** Indian flapshell turtles (*Lissemys punctata*) spend most of their lives submerged, in waterbodies that double as sites for fishing, waste disposal and every other kind of human activity. Their injuries rarely have a single cause. Three were reported this month: two with fishing hooks lodged in the mouth, and a third carrying an older shell fracture, healed but with bone still exposed, evidence of something survived long before anyone found it. Veterinarians at the Wildlife TTC, Pune removed the hooks surgically and stabilised the third. All three are under observation pending release. Different causes. Same care, and the same wait.

Community Outreach & Education

Coexistence has no fixed address. July's outreach moved beyond the classroom. Sessions this month reached schools, security personnel at construction and industrial sites, eco-resort staff, and focused community groups, covering snake safety, leopard awareness, and general wildlife coexistence. The audience may vary, but the narrative of coexistence remains unchanged.

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3150+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH
WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

coexist

LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE

- Great Wall Security Services, Pune **20+**

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKES

- Angels For Animals, Goa **25+**
- Hiwali ZP School, Nashik - **50+**
- Grape Country Eco Resorts, Trimbakeshwar - **50+**

LIVING SAFELY AROUND LEOPARDS

- Sakharwadi, Phaltan - **60+**

RESCUING ENDANGERED SPECIES

- Fujitsu, Pune - **220+**

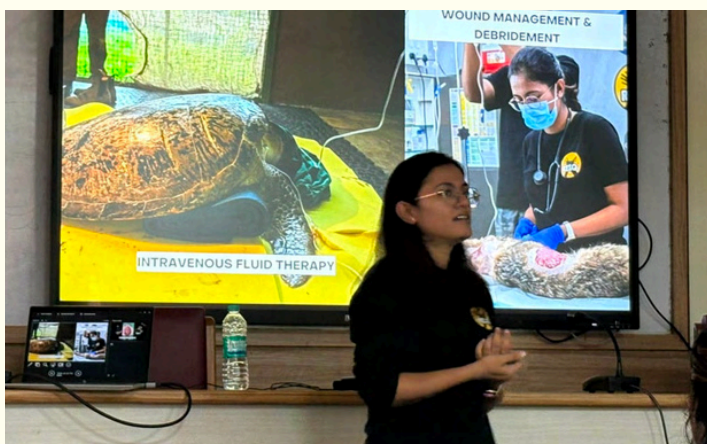
AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- Lexicon International School, Pune - **90+**
- Vidya Jyoti Special School, Pune - **100+**
- J.N.Petit Technical HS, Pune - **105+**
- Kalpavriksha Academy, Pune - **25+**
- People's Education Society Mumbai - **480+**
- R.C.F High School, Alibaug - **275+**



Capacity Building & Training



Training workshop conducted at State Level Training Centre, Pune for 125 government veterinarians (LDOs) of the Animal Husbandry Department, on Emergency Veterinary Care and Transport for Indian Wildlife, followed by an exposure visit to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. The session was conducted by Dr. Sushrut Shirbhate and Dr. Samruddhi Khandare, wildlife veterinarians, RESQ CT.



Command Control Centre, before the system goes live! Training Workshop for Pune Circle: Ahead of the Command Control Centre's rollout, RESQ team conducted a series of Train the Trainer workshops for the Pune Circle's frontline staff at Wildlife TTC, Pune, covering Range Forest Officers, Round Officers, and Forest Guards. Split across four sessions, the workshops trained a total of 85 personnel on how the CCC will function in practice, how emergencies get logged, routed, and responded to, and the crucial role each of them plays in that process. A centralised response system is only as effective as the people operating it on the ground, and that groundwork is now in place across the circle.



International Tiger Day 2026: Kiran Rahalkar represented RESQ on a panel on landscape-level tiger conservation and coexistence at Maharashtra's Global Tiger Day Summit at IIM Nagpur, attended by Hon. Chief Minister Shri. Devendra Fadnavis, Hon. Forest Minister Shri. Ganesh Naik, Hon. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Shri. Srinivas Reddy and Asiatic Big Cat Society president Dr. Girish Gandhi. With the state's tiger population on a stated upward trajectory, the panel addressed a question that gets less attention than the numbers: how landscapes can absorb more tigers without the people living in them absorbing all the risk.

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.



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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