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Indian Jackal (*Canis aureus indicus*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

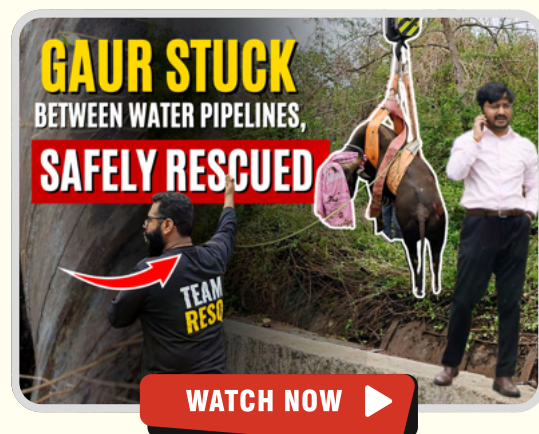
## *Falling in is the accident. Getting out should never be one.*

Open wells are among the most indiscriminate hazards in human-dominated landscapes. They do not distinguish between species, season, or size. Scores of wild animals fall into open wells across India every year. This Indian Jackal was one of them. What is not common, and should never be treated as routine, is the extraction. Poorly planned rescues compromise the animal through unnecessary stress, injury, or drowning. They compromise the rescuer through unanchored descents, unstable edges, and improvised equipment. The well is not the story. The protocol is. A rigged extraction, a secured descent, a contained animal, and a safe surface recovery: each step is a decision made before anyone goes near the edge. The protocol is what determines the outcome.



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Statistics

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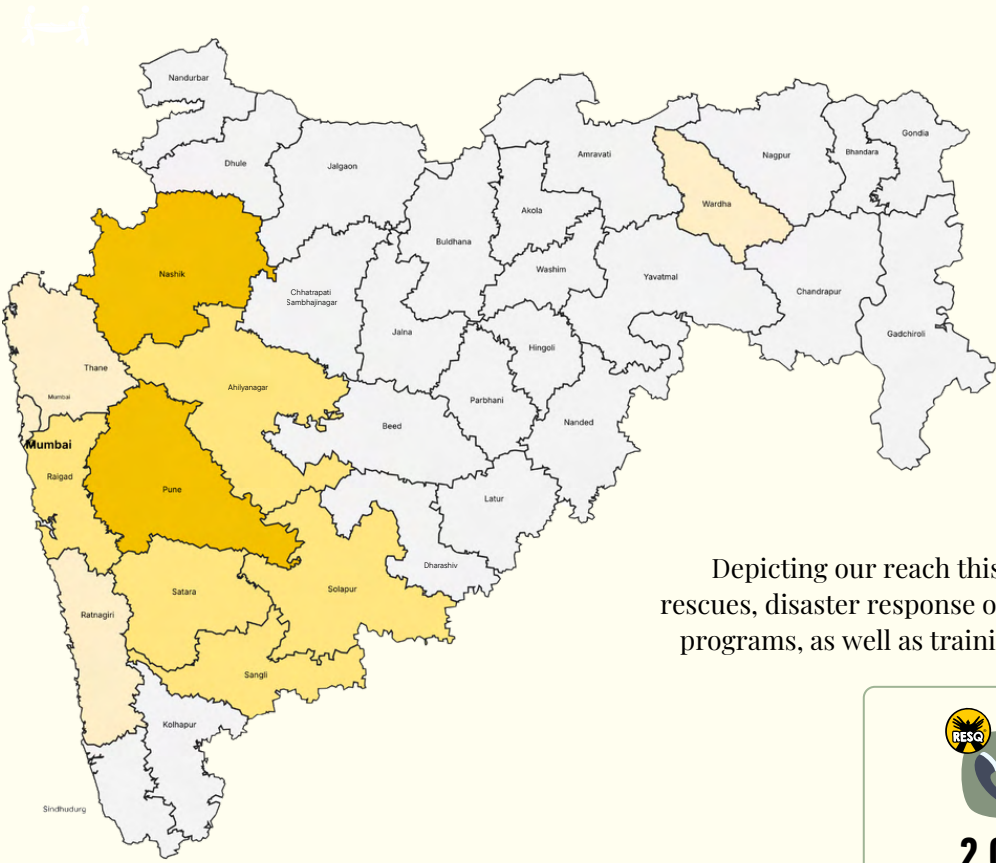
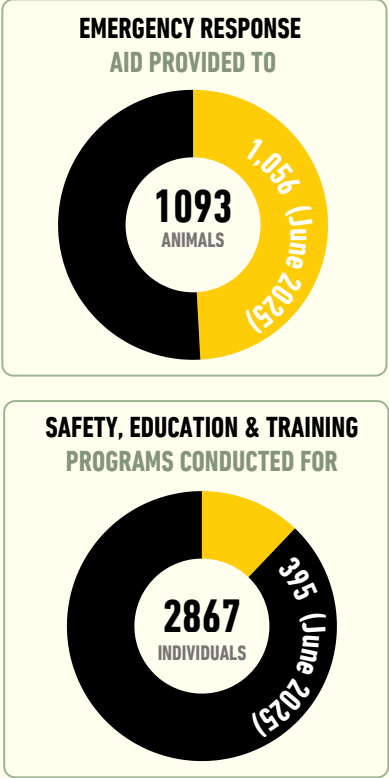
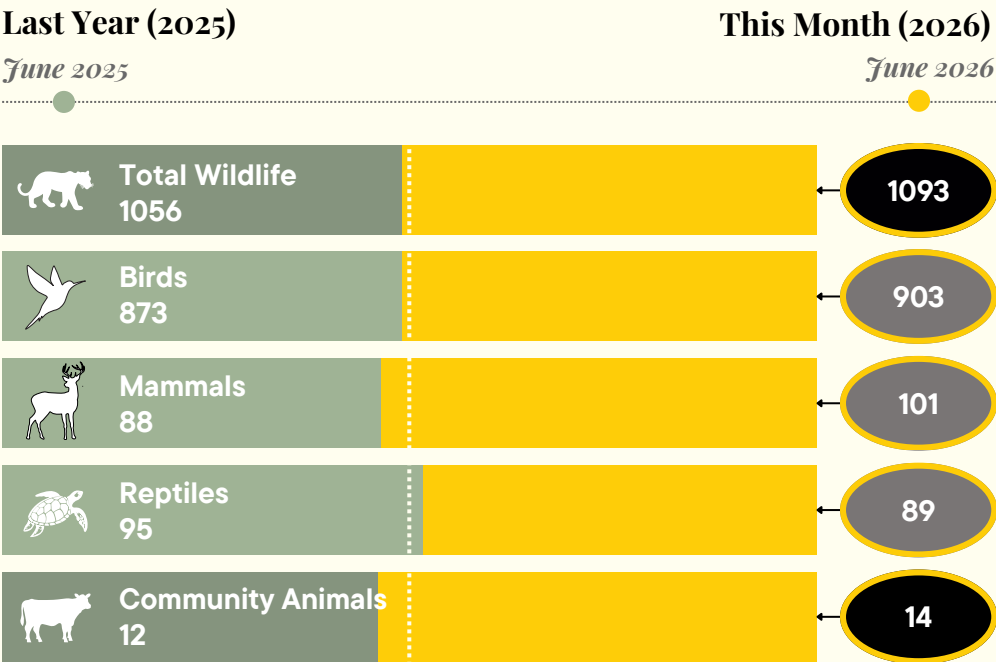
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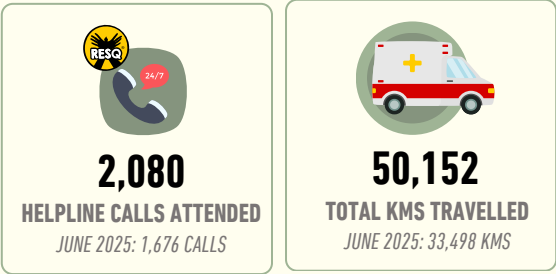
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\*Statistics reflect the work done by the RESQ CT's full-time teams and trained response units, in collaboration with the Maharashtra Forest Department and relevant government agencies.

**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.



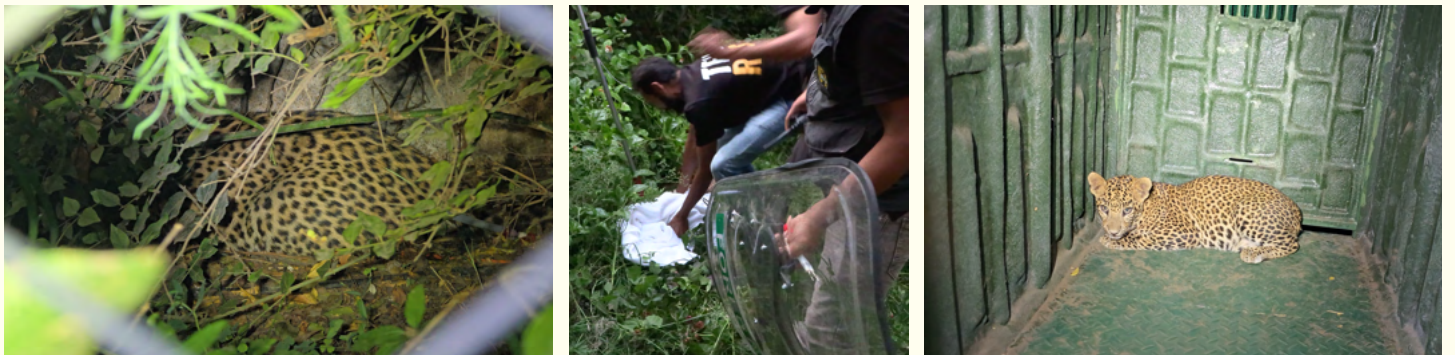
# Updates

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## RESQ CT team on field



⬆ ***Bos gaurus*, between a pipe and a hard place.** A sub-adult male Indian gaur weighing upwards of 700 kg does not wedge himself between two water supply pipelines without consequences. When one did exactly that at Vishranti Nagar in Pune, the situation demanded a sequence, not just a response. The animal was assessed, immobilised by an RESQ wildlife veterinarian, secured with straps, and lifted clear by crane. Injuries were minor. Following treatment at the Wildlife TTC, Bavdhan, the gaur was released into suitable habitat as per the Maharashtra Forest Department's directions. The Pune Forest Department, Pune City Police, Fire Brigade, PMC, and the RESQ CT team each did exactly what was needed, exactly when it was needed. A rescue going smoothly is not luck. It is preparation doing its quiet work.



⬆ **Spot check in a Sinnar school.** Leopards do not announce their presence in human-dominated landscapes. A juvenile cub found on school premises in Sinnar was no exception. The RESQ Nashik team responded on information from the Nashik East Forest Department, safely darted the animal, and conducted a preliminary veterinary examination on site. The cub was handed over to the Nashik East Forest Department. Where juvenile leopards appear, the landscape that produced them is never far behind.



⬆️ **Uninvited, unharmed.** The Asian Palm Civet is nocturnal, arboreal, and navigates urban Pune with more ease than most residents realise. A seventh-floor balcony belonging to a journalist presented one with a problem it could not solve alone. The RESQ Pune team secured the animal on site. Healthy and uninjured, it was released immediately. Not every wildlife encounter needs to make the headlines.

## At the RESQ Centre

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⬆️ **The predator we proliferated.** Free-ranging dogs are not selective. This month, ten spotted deer were rescued in Pune, all bearing injuries from free-ranging dog attacks. Seven did not survive to complete admission. Three are currently under veterinary care at the Wildlife TTC, Pune. The numbers are not an anomaly. They are a pattern that repeats across species, landscapes, and months. Free-ranging dogs remain one of the most under-acknowledged threats to wildlife in human-dominated landscapes. The deer this month are the evidence.



⬆️ **The cat that disagreed with the prognosis.** The jungle cat is among the more adaptable small felids in the subcontinent, occupying a range of habitats from wetlands to scrubland. This one arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Pune from the Dahanu Wildlife TTC with head trauma, no reflex in one eye, and no reflexes in either hind leg. The prognosis on arrival was guarded. The animal is currently under intensive ICU care and showing early signs of improvement. The prognosis was guarded. The animal had other ideas.



⬆️ **Roads claim more than they carry.** A grey langur struck in a road accident was found by the Sangli Forest Department and transferred to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Wounds on both forelimbs and a severed tail. The injuries are extensive and the animal remains in critical condition under intensive veterinary care. Roads do not distinguish between commuters. Neither do their consequences.



⬆️ **A prickly situation.** Forty feet is a long way down for any animal. When the RESQ Baramati team received a call about an Indian porcupine trapped at the bottom of a well near Baramati, a technical rescue brought the animal safely to the surface. A field examination flagged an injury near the hind leg, and the animal was transferred to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. What veterinarians found was older than the fall: a deep wound on the right hindquarters that had been waiting for attention. The porcupine is currently under intensive care. The well was the presenting problem. It was not the only one.



⬆️ **The ground was never the plan.** The crested serpent eagle is a specialist, built to hunt from height and cover ground on the wing. Finding one grounded near Pune was signal enough that something was wrong. Rescued by the RESQ Pune team following a call from local residents and brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune, the veterinary examination revealed mild dehydration and disarrayed wing and tail feathers. Treatment is underway and recovery is progressing. The ground was never the plan. It will not be the conclusion.



⬆️ **The distance is deliberate.** Four orphaned Indian spot-billed ducklings found near a building in Pune city were handed over to the RESQ team by local residents and are now in the rehabilitation unit at the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Ducklings imprint rapidly and with little encouragement. The rehabilitation is focused on stage-appropriate care while ensuring that does not happen here. Every feeding, every interaction, every management decision is calibrated to that single outcome. They arrived wild. The work is to ensure they leave that way.



⬆️ **One eye on the sky.** The Indian blackbird is a species of the western ghats and its surrounding hills, more at home in the canopy than in human hands. Finding one grounded was signal enough that something was wrong. The RESQ Pune team responded, and a veterinary examination at the Wildlife TTC, Pune revealed a corneal ulcer in the right eye and impaired vision. Treatment is underway and progressing. The bird will be released once vision is fully restored.



⬆️ **Five of a feather.** The Indian grey hornbill is a species that does not fare well on the ground. Five individuals found separately this month, one adult and four fledglings, dehydrated and grounded, were brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. All five are now in the rehabilitation unit under veterinary care. The circumstances differed. The destination did not.



⬆️ **Setting things straight.** A Pune resident's call brought the RESQ Pune team to an Indian pond heron that had sustained a fracture in the right leg, healed misaligned. Time alone was not going to fix it. The injury required surgical correction, and the procedure is complete. Recovery is underway. Bone heals. This one just needed help getting the angle right.



⬆️ **Seventy-eight calls of the koel.** Seventy-eight cases involving asian koels in a single month is not a number that passes without notice. Orphaned birds, fledglings displaced from nests, individuals entangled in manja: the presentations varied, the volume did not. Some were treated and released. Those critical on arrival did not survive. Thirty-three are currently undergoing treatment at the Wildlife TTC, Pune. The koel may be a year-round resident of the landscape, but monsoon, apparently, is when it needs us most.



⬆️ **One tree down, 103 lives up.** A single tree felled on a construction site in Pune city took several cattle egret nests down with it, sending chicks to the ground mid-season. The rescue ran from evening into the early hours of the morning. Acting on instructions from the Pune Forest Department, the RESQ Pune team rescued 90 cattle egrets and 13 black-crowned night herons and brought them to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Veterinary examinations were completed the same night. The Pune Forest Department has directed the construction project to halt all work on remaining trees and nests until the birds have fully matured. The birds are now under treatment and rehabilitation. What lies ahead is a long sequence of milestones, each one a condition for the next, before any assessment for release begins. The tree is gone. The nesting season is not over, and neither is the response it triggered.



⬆️ **Shared space, unequal consequences.** The russell's viper is not an uncommon presence in human-dominated landscapes. A juvenile found stuck in a gate at a transport godown in Pune is a reminder that sharing space with us carries risks the species did not sign up for. The animal was brought to the Wildlife TTC, Pune with an external wound of unknown origin. Surgical treatment was completed successfully and wound healing is progressing well. The viper is currently under rehabilitation. The gate was the immediate problem. The landscape that put it there is the larger one.

## Community Outreach & Education

**Classrooms Today, Coexistence Tomorrow.** June's outreach moved largely into classrooms. Across five schools in Pune and Mumbai, AWARE India sessions reached students at the age when attitudes toward wildlife are still being formed. A COEXIST session on urban wildlife at a corporate plant and a snake awareness session at a local ashram rounded out the month. The message varied by audience. The urgency did not. What children learn about the wildlife around them today determines how they respond to it for the rest of their lives.

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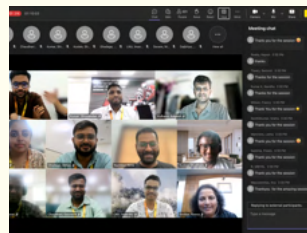
- Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd.  
Electric Aggregate Plant **25** +
- Fujitsu Employees **225** +

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKES

- Manan Ashram Kirkatwadi **24** +

AWARE INDIA

- Lexicon International School, Pune **300** +
- Kalpavriksha Academy, Pune **26** +
- New India School, Pune **300** +
- D.A.V International School,  
Mumbai **304** +
- J.N.Petit Technical High School,  
Pune **285** +



**Command Control Centre, Coming Soon.** The Maharashtra Forest Department, Pune Circle, is set to operationalise a dedicated Command Control Centre at the Wildlife TTC, Bavdhan, Pune. Designed to centralise and coordinate response to all wildlife and forest emergencies across the Pune Circle in real time, the CCC will be run by RESQ CT under a formal MOU with the Maharashtra Forest Department. This month, senior officials of the Pune Circle were introduced to the system and their feedback will inform the final stages of testing. The CCC will soon be implemented across Pune and Solapur districts.



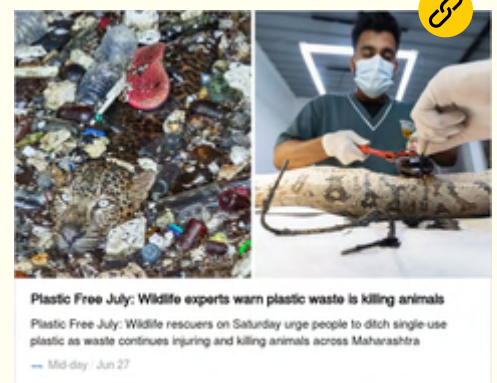
**Persistent Foundation recognises RESQ CT's work in wildlife conservation.** At the 17th Annual Day of Persistent Foundation in Pune, RESQ CT received the Sanmaan Award for its contribution to preserving biodiversity and strengthening environmental responsibility. The award was presented by Sonali Deshpande, Chairperson of Persistent Foundation, and received by Fiyana Elavia, Trustee and Secretary, alongside Nachiket Utpat and Chiranjib Majumdar on behalf of RESQ CT. This recognition is a reflection of a partnership that has made a tangible difference on the ground and we are deeply grateful to Persistent Foundation for their continuous support of this work.



**Rescuing Indian Leopards in Human-Dominated Landscapes Featuring Dr. Hemraj Sukhwat.** For RESQ CT Senior Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Hemraj Sukhwat, leopard rescue in western Maharashtra is not an occasional emergency. It is a routine feature of the work. Featured in an article by DANiJECT, Dr. Sukhwat speaks about the realities of field immobilisation, crowd management, identifying the correct animal in conflict cases, and what it means to work around the clock in conditions that rarely go to plan. Click to read the full article.

## Features & Articles

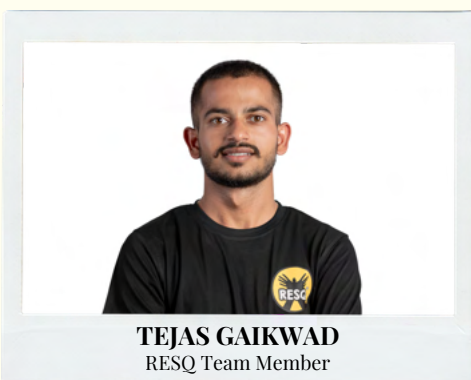
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**Dedicated volunteers lending a hand at RESQ CT this month!**



**Dedicated corporate volunteers lending a helping hand in enclosures upkeep and enrichments at the Wildlife at TTC, Pune this month.**



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 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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