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RESQ NEWSLETTER

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Long-billed vulture (*Gyps indicus*) ©RESQ Charitable Trust

Easy to lose, impossible to rush.

A long-billed vulture pair raises a single chick a year, and that chick takes around five years to begin breeding. The same arithmetic that let India's vulnures collapse once veterinary drug residues in livestock carcasses began killing adults now governs how slowly they can come back. A species like this cannot be hurried into recovery; it can only be given more birds that live long enough to breed. This young long-billed vulture, grounded on its first flight, was released this month with two others where wild vultures already roost and forage. For most species, three birds would be a rounding error. For this one, they are decades of nesting seasons.

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Statistics

SEPTEMBER 2026

Efforts in numbers...

7,805 LIVES IMPACTED!

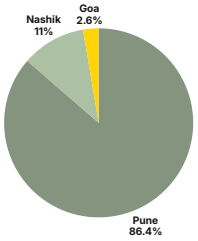
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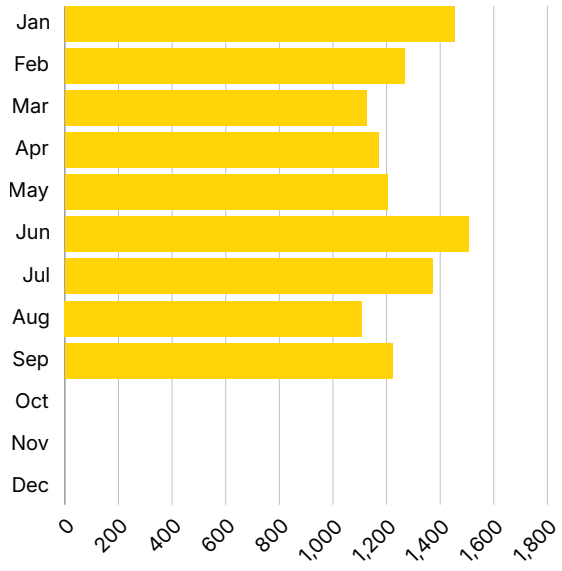
AUGUST 2026

1,221

TOTAL WILDLIFE PROVIDED AID TO

TOTAL 2026: 7,933

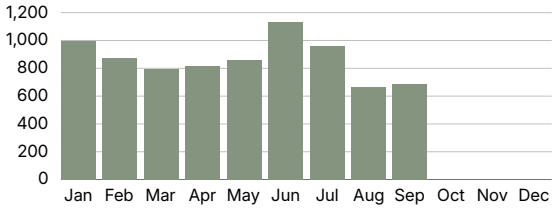




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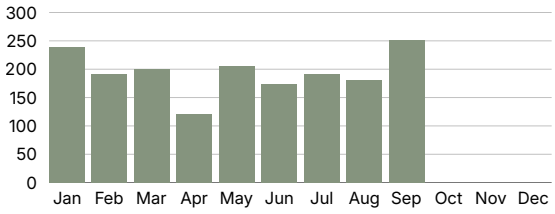
TOTAL 2026: 5,882



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MAMMALS

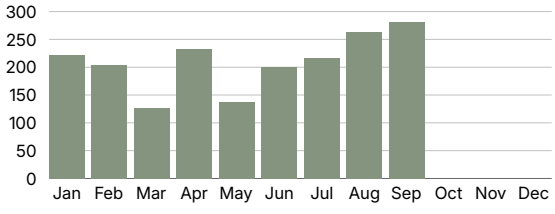
TOTAL 2026: 1,103



281

REPTILES

TOTAL 2026: 948



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.

3,570
CHILDREN EDUCATED
TOTAL 2026: 19,495

4,739
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
TOTAL 2026: 28,646

41
VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED
TOTAL 2026: 402

0
INDIVIDUALS TRAINED
TOTAL 2026: 1,110

SAFETY, EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED FOR **4,780** INDIVIDUALS



3,124
HELPLINE CALLS ATTENDED
TOTAL 2026: 25,008 CALLS



62,634
TOTAL KMS TRAVELLED
TOTAL 2026: 4,27,607 KMS

Updates

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RESQ CT team on field







Thermal clearance. Long-billed vultures fledge from cliff nests as the monsoon sets in, and a first flight in wet, heavy air can end on the ground, with a young bird too exhausted and waterlogged to take off again. Three such first-flight vultures were in rehabilitation at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik, on a programme designed around what a wild vulture needs: sustained flight in a large aviary, feeding independently on carcasses, and ease among other vultures, with each milestone tracked along the way. A final veterinary assessment of bloodwork, body condition, and feather quality then cleared all three medically for release. From there, what held them back was the weather. A long-billed vulture is a heavy bird on long wings, and it covers ground by riding thermals, columns of rising warm air that monsoon cloud cover suppresses. When the skies cleared and temperatures rose, the thermals returned, and all three were released together on a bright afternoon under the guidance of the Maharashtra Forest Department. Young vultures learn to read thermals by following others, so for three birds that had never truly soared, going out together was the best start they could get.



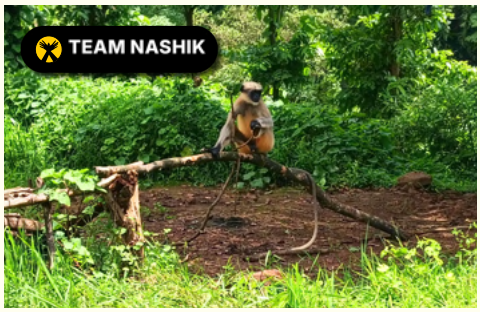




Different wells, same fall. Golden jackals forage across farmland after dark, which puts them on exactly the ground where uncovered wells sit. A cement-lined well with steep walls is a trap with no exit. Three jackals were recovered from wells around Baramati this month, each from a different site. The RESQ Baramati team adapted its approach to well depth, accessibility, and animal behaviour, using butterfly nets, rappelling gear, or a trap cage lowered into the well to secure each jackal. All three were examined on site, found uninjured, and released immediately with the approval of the Pune Forest Department. Three sites, one hazard, as widespread as the farmland it sits in.



Cover first, curl later. The Indian pangolin is slow, walking on its knuckles with claws tucked and often rising onto its hind legs, tail as counterbalance. Against faster threats, it relies on cover rather than speed. Chased by a dog on the outskirts of rapidly expanding Pune, this pangolin took refuge in the nearest enclosed space: a house. The resident reported it, and it was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune. Found alert, active and uninjured on examination, it was released into a safer habitat the same day to avoid captive stress.







Not born this way. A grey langur in Nashik was reported to have attacked and injured several residents. The Nashik West Forest Department acted on the report and tasked the RESQ Nashik team with its capture. The animal was secured safely and handed over to the Department. Primates that attack people have usually learned to, and regular feeding or harassment is the most common route. Handouts replace foraging with expectation, and an unmet expectation in an animal of that strength becomes a danger to everyone involved. The capture removed one langur from the conflict, not the conditions that produced it.

At the RESQ Centres

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The gap in the guard. Quills are the Indian porcupine's greatest defence: long, sharp, densely packed across the back, and raised at the first sign of danger. Toward the neck, they thin out. A dog attack in North Goa found exactly that gap, stripping the skin from the porcupine's neck. A local resident rescued the animal and handed it over to the Goa Forest Department. It has since been stabilised and is under treatment at the Wildlife TTC, Goa. Quills can deter a single predator; they cannot offset a landscape where free-ranging dogs outnumber every wild predator a porcupine was built to face.



Rikki-Tikki-Tumble. The Indian grey mongoose will den wherever it finds cover, and in Goa that often means a roof. Gaps under tiles and the spaces above ceilings are dry, defensible, and out of reach of most things that would take a pup. They also have a drop underneath them. Two orphaned mongoose pups reached the Wildlife TTC, Goa this month, both having fallen from roof dens in South Goa, the younger a newborn with its eyes still closed. At that age, a pup's only job is to stay put, and the fall takes that away along with the mother.

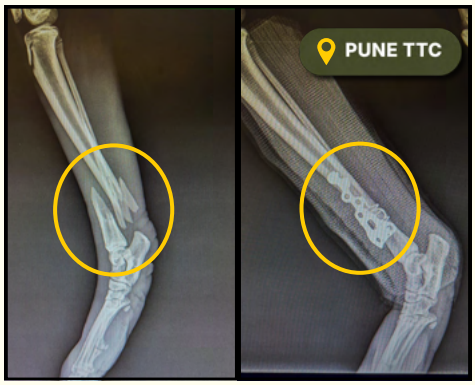




Bucking the habit. The blackbuck, an antelope of open grassland, survives on vigilance and speed. The flight response is innate, but the judgement behind it, what to run from and when, is learned from the herd. Prolonged contact with people dismantles it. Two blackbucks reached the Wildlife TTC, Pune this month. One, rescued by the Junnar Forest Department, had been living among goats, a herd with no reason to run from people. The other had spent two years in captivity before the Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar (Wildlife) Forest Department found it. Rehabilitation for both is behavioural: rebuilding the wariness that gives them a chance in the wild. That wariness is quick to lose and slow to rebuild.

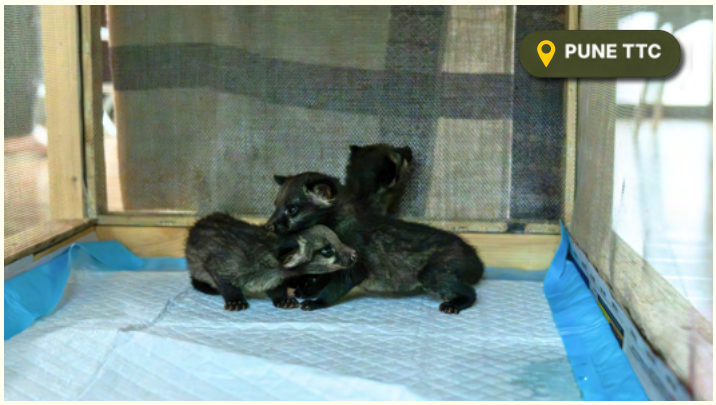






Momentum, misapplied. The grey langur is shaped around momentum: long limbs, a counterweight tail, and a frame that absorbs drops from the canopy. None of that prepares it for a vehicle. The impact travels through the whole animal, which is why a road accident case arrives not with one injury, but with a list. A langur hit by a vehicle in Pune was admitted to the Wildlife TTC, Pune with fractures to the right hind leg and pelvis, a deep neck wound, and smaller injuries across the limbs and face. The leg fracture has been surgically repaired and the remaining wounds are under treatment. Survival on Indian roads is rare. Changing that depends less on treatment than on how roads are designed.





Three days too long. The Asian palm civet is nocturnal and solitary, and a mother will generally leave her pups alone at night while she forages. A few hours of nightly solitude for the pups is common. Three days is another matter. When the mother did not return for the three pups she had left in a rural house near Baramati, it became clear she was unlikely to come back. Local residents reported the pups, which were transferred to the Wildlife TTC, Pune for orphan care. Orphan care can replace the milk. What a mother teaches about foraging at night takes far longer to substitute.





Mixed company. Grey herons and little cormorants nest in colonies, often side by side in the same tree, so a single branch can carry the nests of more than one species. Near Baramati, one such branch broke, and the RESQ Baramati team recovered 38 nestlings from the fall. The smallest fared worst: some died before reaching the Wildlife TTC, Pune, and others shortly after admission. Of the survivors, some have already been released and the rest remain in rehabilitation. Nesting in a colony spreads the risk of predation across many birds; a broken branch delivers its risk to all of them at once.






Ground school, substitute teacher. Peafowl chicks leave the nest within a day of hatching and spend the weeks that follow on the ground. on the ground, learning from their mother to forage, roost, and recognise danger. Ten arrived this month separated from theirs: nine from two incidents in Pune, now in stage-appropriate care at the Wildlife TTC, Pune with minimal human contact, and one at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik that had already grown used to people. For a bird that will spend its life on farmland shared with people, wariness is the one lesson that cannot be skipped.





Grounds for concern. A red sand boa found on a residential property in Nashik arrived at the Wildlife TTC, Nashik with multiple deep lacerations, each packed with mud and small stones, and the tissue around them already dying. Maggots had found the wounds before anyone else did. The mud and stones are not incidental. The red sand boa spends almost all of its life underground, pushing through loose soil with a body shaped for burrowing rather than for fighting, so an open wound on this species quickly fills with the ground it lives in. The wounds were cleaned out and the snake has recovered almost completely.

Community Outreach & Education

Same lesson, every age. September's sessions reached students under 14, security staff, trekkers, industrial workers, and village residents, on topics from native species and rescue decisions to leopard and snake safety, trail conduct, and the wildlife-domestic animal interface. Beneath all of them sat one lesson: most wildlife encounters call for distance and tolerance, not intervention. A ten-year-old and a security guard left with the same instruction.

IMPACT at SCALE

SEPTEMBER 2026

5,560+

INDIVIDUALS EMPOWERED WITH WILDLIFE AWARENESS PROGRAMS

coexist

LIVING SAFELY AROUND WILDLIFE

- Fire Department, Baramati - 25+
- Vainatey Giribhraman Sanstha, Nashik - 60+

LIVING SAFELY AROUND SNAKES

- South Asian Central Warehouse, Samsonite - 50+
- Fujitsu Employees - 200+
- Mahiravani, Trambak - 55+

LIVING SAFELY AROUND LEOPARDS

- ZP school Pimpalad, Nashik - 250+
- HPCL, Sinnar - 150+
- Harsul, Nashik - 250+
- Jeur village, Saswad - 70+
- Mahiravani, Trambak -55+

THE WILDLIFE-DOMESTIC ANIMAL INTERFACE

- Liana Trust, Mysuru (online) - 25+

AWARE INDIA

SCHOOL CURRICULUM SESSIONS

- K.J. Khilnani High School, Mumbai - 1330+
- Ambrosia School & Junior College, Nashik - 50+
- J.N. Petit Technical High School, Pune - 850+
- Air Force School, Pune - 80+
- Little Angels' High School, Mumbai - 950+




















Capacity Building & Training






Inside job. Not every training faces outward, and three this month were for the RESQ team itself. RESQ Pune field team members Aadesh Desai and Rohidas Mhasane led a snake awareness session for the RESQ Pune team, covering basic identification, personal safety, and snakebite response. Neha Panchamiya, Founder and President, introduced a new wildlife nutrition calculator, developed at RESQ, for the veterinary teams and rehabilitation managers at Pune, Nashik, and Goa. Built around the 250+ species the centres admit, it helps prescribe balanced diets for recovering animals, a part of care as consequential as treatment and less often given the same rigour. Viraj Vora and his team at BlueFort Financial closed the month with two sessions for the RESQ teams on personal finance and investment basics, since looking after a team includes the parts of their lives that have nothing to do with animals.

Features & Articles

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पेठ तालुक्यातील हरणगाव येथील घटना : प्रसंगावधान राखत कुटुंबीय सुरक्षित पडले घराबाहेर



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.















RAHUL SONAWANE
RESQ Team Member



SHASHWAT KUMAR
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.



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- Neha Panchamiya *(Founder & President, RESQ CT)*

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