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# Wild-CER Newsletter

# Dreaming big - Editorial

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When Wild-CER started its journey in 2012, we were focused on conservation of wildlife by providing veterinary care to the distressed wildlife.

Through the support of our generous donors and conservation partners we could provide veterinary assistant to more than thousands of animals in and around Vidarbha landscape.

As we are completing journey of decade, we are planning to establish Rapid Response Unit (RRU).

RRU will deal the wildlife emergencies including rescue and rehabilitation, mananimal conflict and natural disasters etc.

We understand this is a big dream and it may take long time to make this dream come true however we are ready to accept this challenge.

Dreaming big and beyond our capacity will strengthen our efforts and we will be able to contribute more.

Please join hands together for this wonderful journey.

Dr. Bahar Baviskar President, Wild-CER, Member: VSG, WHSG, CPSG, SSC, IUCN

### Our initiative: Vulture Conservation

#### **Initiatives**

- Vulture consevation in Vidarbha landscape
- 'Wildlife investigation through forensic techniques
- Rescue and rehabilitation of wild animals
- Study of disease ecology in free ranging and captive wild fauna
- Capacity building of the frontline staff

After showing dramatic decline in Indian subcontinent, Vulture population appears stabilized throughout the landscape.

However, it is has been found that the banned painkiller named diclofenac is still available in the market illegally.

Also, poisoning has emerged as new threat in many states across India. Assam reported death of hundreds of vultures recently.

Taking into consideration the urgency of the action, Wild-CER started the initiative of 'Vulture conservation' in 2012. We could prepare the 'Vulture conservation action plan for Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra'.

Taking this journey ahead, we are looking forward to expand this work in surrounding landscape to achieve the target of vulture safe zone in Vidarbha landscape.

Together we can save this species from extinction however we need to focus on our efforts.

## One day training wildlife forensics was organized at NNTR



Wildlife forensic training at Navegaon Nagzira Tiger Reserve

One day training on 'Wildlife investigation through forensic techniques' was successfully organized in March 2022 for frontline staff of the Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR), Maharashtra.

The training was attended by around 40 frontline staff. Miss. Poonam Pate, Deputy Director, NNTR informed that this training has been very effective to strengthen the investigation of the wildlife crimes in NNTR.

Frontline staff of the forest department is the army of green warriors. Strengthening this green army will boost our conservation efforts at ground level,

informed Dr. Bahar Baviskar, wildlife veterinarian at Wild-CER. We are planning to train around 3000 frontline staff in near future, he added.

### International women's day celebrated

We don't own the planet Earth, We belong to it and we must share it with our wildlife. Celebrating international women's day, Wild-CER could bring the women in the wild together.

Dr. Rina Dev, Avian and exotic veterinarian, Shrimati Geeta Nannaware, DFO, Social Forestry, Maharashtra Forest Department, Miss Prajakta Hoshangabadkar, Wildlife biologist, Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra and Dr. Priya Baviskar, Assistant Professor at Nagpur Veterinary College, Nagpur shared their experiences with more than 60 participants.

Wild-CER was happy to host this event with all the dignitaries and participants.



Poster of 'Women in wild'



Participants of our education tour at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra.

### Wildlife tour at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra

In order to inculcate awareness about the environment and wildlife, we have been organizing education tours for long time.

Recently, we organized a tour at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra. In all, 20 participants were oriented about the importance of forests and corridors for tiger conservation.

Participants enjoyed the safari at Pench and experienced the rich biodiversity of this

landscape. Conservation education is one of the best tool for conservation to involve the citizens in conservation a ctions.

# Edutainment: A key to sensitize the young generation



Wild-CER organized several tours with objective of educating the young generation and making them aware of the current environmental conditions.

Feedback from the participants of several tours organized at Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra and Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra were encouraging. Young generation is really sensitive and we need to inculcate a habit of protecting our environment, in them.

Would you like to join hands together with us? Would you like to take your students close to nature? Would you like to make them better citizen/.

Get in touch and write us to wildcer@gmail.com We will be happy to assist you to organize a education tour.

### Various activities by Wild-CER



Participants of the education tour at Ghogra Mahadeo, West Pench, Pench Tiger Reserve, Maharashtra



Webinar 'Women in wild' was organized on International Womens Day



Visiting school in a remote place near Chindwada to promote vulture conservation in Madhya Pradesh Donations to
Wild-CER are
eligible for
exemption under
section 80 G of
Income Tax Act,
1961.

# Training on laboratory diagnosis of rabies in animals

A two day training program on collection of brain samples and laboratory diagnosis of rabies in animals was organized on 17th and 18th February 2022.

The program was hosted

by MoHFW-2 & KVAFSU-CVA Rabies diagnostic laboratory, Department of Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary College Hebbal, Bengaluru, Karnataka.

The training program included several lectures

focusing on the sample collection of the rabid animal and techniques of laboratory diagnosis.

Veterinarian from team Wild-CER actively participated in this two day training program. Wild-CER has focused its research on disease ecology of free ranging and captive wild animals.

#### We're on the Web!



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### Support us to establish Rapid Response Unit

Wild-CER is planning to extend its services by establishing well equipped Rapid Response Unit to conduct rescue operations, to deal mananimal conflict situations and other wildlife emergencies.

Our goal is to raise 20,00,000 INR (\$ 17000) for which we need your urgent generous financial help.

Donate generously to make a difference.



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### About Wild-CER

Wild-CER is a registered non-profit charity addressing several conservation issues including rescue and rehabilitation of wild fauna, diseases of wildlife and Man-animal conflict & its mitigation.

With a mission of conservation through education and research, Wild-CER has trained 2800 frontline staff of the forest department & 1000 veterinarians and has sensitized around 9000 citizens.

With our dedicated team, we are expanding our conservation work in several states in India.

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