

WILD-CER NEWSLETTER

SOCIETY FOR WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

**FOCUSING ON AN AIM TO
ACHIEVE GREATER HEIGHTS...**

WHILE CONSERVING CRITICALLY ENDANGERED WILD ANIMALS SPECIES, WE ALSO NEED TO SHIFT OUR FOCUS TO THE WELL BEING OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES LIVING AROUND THE FOREST AREA. THESE LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAVE BEEN RESIDING IN HARMONY WITH NATURE AND WILDLIFE SINCE CENTURIES HOWEVER DUE TO HUMAN INTERFERENCE AND HABITAT DEGRADATION, THERE IS SHARP RISE IN HUMAN WILDLIFE INTERACTIONS. THESE INTERACTIONS ARE OFTEN NEGATIVE IN TERMS OF ITS CONSEQUENCES. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING AT GRASS ROOT LEVEL HAVE REALIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES IN ORDER TO BRING OUT THE POSITIVE CONSERVATION OUTCOMES.

WE AT WILD-CER ARE ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THE GROWING TENSION BETWEEN LOCAL FARMERS AND WILD ANIMALS SPECIES THROUGH OUR INITIATIVE 'CONFLICT TO COEXISTENCE'. FARMERS ARE FACING DAILY ATTACK ON ITS CROP BY WILD ANIMALS RESULTING IN LOSS OF CROP YIELD AS WELL AS HUMAN LIFE. LARGE CARNIVORES INCLUDING TIGER AND LEOPARD ATTACK ON LIVESTOCK CULMINATING HUGE ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE FARMER. FARMERS FORM THE BACKBONE OF OUR ECONOMY AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT THEY MUST WORK IN A CONFLICT-FREE ENVIRONMENT. IN OUR EFFORTS WE ARE FOCUSING ON USE OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY AS A SOLUTION TO CONFLICT TO AVOID THESE NEGATIVE INTERACTIONS.

LET US JOIN HANDS TO WORK IN DIRECTION TO COHERENTLY CONSERVE WILDLIFE AND RE-HARMONIZE THE PEOPLE RESIDING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY WITH WILDLIFE. PLEASE SHARE IDEAS WITH US AND CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THIS CAUSE.

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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR ON VULTURE CONSERVATION:- SAVE

A WEBINAR WAS ORGANISED ON 24TH AND 25TH JANUARY, 2023 BY SAVING ASIA'S VULTURE FROM EXTINCTION (SAVE). STRATEGIES TO CONSERVE SEVERAL SPECIES OF VULTURES AND FUTURE OF CONSERVATION BREEDING PROGRAM WAS DISCUSSED DURING THE WEBINAR. AROUND 30 EXPERTS ACROSS WORLD ATTENDED THE WEBINAR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES PRESENTED THEIR VULTURE CONSERVATION WORK. MEMBERS OF TEAM WILD-CER PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT. WILD-CER IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE VULTURE CONSERVATION IN CENTRAL INDIA AND IS MONITORING THE VULTURE POPULATION IN GADCHIROLI DISTRICT OF MAHARASHTRA STATE.

ACKNOWLEDGING EFFORTS OF TEAM MEMBERS, WILD-CER WAS AWARDED WITH JIVHALA AWARD-2023. MANY PEOPLE ARE WORKING WITH WILD-CER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ACROSS 9 STATES IN INDIA EFFORTLESSLY. ITS RESULT OF THEIR HARD-WORK AND SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS WE COULD PROVIDE VETERINARY SUPPORT TO 27000 ANIMALS. WE HAVE TRAINED AND SENSITIZED AROUND 30000 PEOPLE ACROSS INDIA. TEAM WILD-CER, WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE MISSION 'CONSERVATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND RESEARCH' IN NEAR FUTURE.




SAVING ASIA'S VULTURES
FROM EXTINCTION

TRAINING PROGRAM ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT



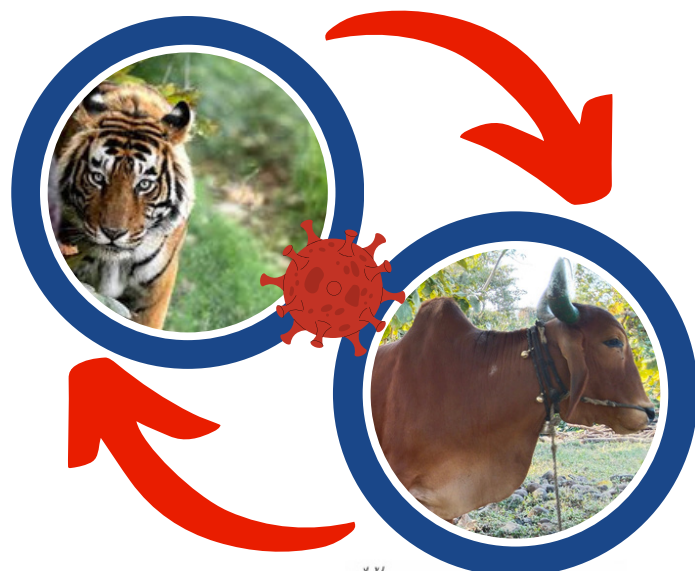
WILDLIFE VETERINARIAN AND PRESIDENT OF WILD-CER DR. BAHAR BAVISKAR TRAINED AROUND 90 VILLAGE YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE PRIMARY RESPONSETEAM (PRT) TO DEAL THE EMERGENCIES INVOLVING WILDLIFE. THE TRAINING PROGRAM WAS ORGANIZED ON 4TH MARCH 2023 BY NATIONAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY [NDMA] AT ANANDVAN, CHANDRAPUR.

THE PROGRAM FOCUSED ON TRAINING PARTICIPANTS DEALING EMERGENCY CONFLICT SITUATIONS INVOLVING WILD ANIMALS INCLUDING TIGER AND LEOPARDS. A DEMONSTRATION OF BIRD HANDLING WAS GIVEN DURING THE HANDS ON TRAINING SESSION.

DURING THIS TRAINING PROGRAM, OTHER ISSUES ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

WEBINAR ON WILDLIFE DISEASES: CURRENT SCENARIO IN WILDLIFE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE.

WILDLIFE DISEASE ASSOCIATION ASIA PACIFIC CONDUCTED A WEBINAR ON "WILDLIFE DISEASES:- THEIR DIAGNOSIS AND ERADICATION" ON 15TH OF FEBRUARY, 2023. EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF WILD ANIMALS DIE OF DISEASES MOST OF WHICH GOES UNREPORTED. 15 PARTICIPANTS INCLUDING TEAM WILD-CER PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT. WILD-CER IS INVOLVED IN THE CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN FOCUSING ON WILDLIFE HEALTH SURVEILLANCE IN THE SEVERAL PROTECTED AREAS FROM THE CENTRAL INDIAN LANDSCAPE.



CONSERVATION PARTNERS MEET [CPM 2023] -WTI



RESPECTIVE AREAS AND TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. AROUND 80 PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION ATTENDED THE MEET. CPM 2023 WAS A COALITION MEETING OF CONSERVATIONISTS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CAPACITY BUILDING AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE. THE MEETING WAS CURATED IN A WAY TO BUILD THE CAPACITY OF THESE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS FOR SKILLS WHICH ARE CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE WORK THEY DO AND TO ACHIEVE OUR SHARED CONSERVATION GOALS IN A MORE EFFICIENT AND IMPACTFUL MANNER.

ONE OF THE CONSERVATION PARTNERS OF WILD-CER, WILDLIFE TRUST OF INDIA ORGANIZED A MEET-UP EVENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN INDIA. WILD-CER PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM WHICH WAS SCHEDULED ON 19TH MARCH, 2023 AT JIM CORBETT TIGER RESERVE. WTI'S CONSERVATION PARTNERS REPRESENTING 49 ORGANISATIONS WORKING FOR VARIED PROJECTS UNDER FOUR PARTNERSHIP ALLIANCES GATHERED TO DISCUSS THE STATE OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, SHARE THEIR CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN THEIR

