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'Janata Waghoba' is an awareness project initiated in Nashik District, Maharashtra. This is a collaborative project between Maharashtra Forest Department, Wildlife Conservation Society-India, Doodle Factory, and supported by Rufford Foundation. The project's aim is to increase the understanding of leopards by imparting knowledge on sharing space safely with leopards. The community will be empowered via knowledge on the precautions that need to be taken in areas where leopards are present so that damages to people are minimized. We, Forest Department officials, scientist, researchers, artists, and conservationist have come together to get the better understanding of this complex issue to the community. We engage schools, colleges, and students in awareness activities. For this work, Mrunal Ghosalkar who is our outreach co-ordinator is the main person in charge.

Much of the awareness material is a result of scientific research and our entire team works on human wildlife relationships in many parts of India (you can see our work at www.projectwaghoba.in, www.ovitla-landga.in). In Maharashtra my student Nikit Surve (who has done his Masters from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun) now works in Sanjay Gandhi National Park, Mumbai on the ecology of human leopard interactions and has kindly agreed to orient the students in Nashik so that we can engage with them to use some of the recent techniques in biodiversity research which encompasses society, culture and environment. This would involve data collection, data analysis, based on the students interests. Our aim is to sensitise them about research methods we use and use their creativity to choose which topics they would like to work on.

For this we would like to collaborate with **Maratha Vidya Prasarak Samaj, Karmveer Ganpat Dada More Arts, Commerce and Science College, Niphad, Dist- Nashik** to work with the students enabling them the use of recent research methods that we make use of.

Thanking you and with Best Wishes

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**Karmaveer Ganpat Dada More Arts, Commerce & Science College, Niphad,
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Activity Report of Collaboration with NGO Wild life Conservation Society 2017-2018

The college established Collaboration with Wild life Conservation Society, India Bangalore by virtue of collaborating following activity was conducted following activity:

Background:

The Niphad village is situated in complete agriculture belt having major crops as Sugar cane, onion and grapes. The famous Bird sanctuary Nandur-Madhyameshwar is located around the college. The surrounding locality of the college including Kothure, Sarole, Nandur, Anarase Dindori etc are declared as leopard prone area by forest Dept. So the college is committed for awareness rising among villagers not to kill or attack the leopards but take precautions so the college has established collaboration with NGO Wild life conservation society Bangalore and developed students as Leopard Ambassadors to visit these leopard prone areas and explain the posters explaining what are the steps to take as precautions during the appearance of leopard.

Visits of Leopard Ambassadors to villagers:

- 1) Date: 21/2/2018 Place: Sarole Thadi (Nandur-Madhyameshwar)
- 2) Date: 24/2/2018 3) Place: Shinde Locality, Anarase Locality, Sarole Locality
- 3) Date: 9/3/2018 Place: Dindori Tas

Activity:

The Leopard Ambassadors collected villagers in groups and explained the following posters of How to save you from Leopards

Poster 1) Instructions:

During night time keep safe your domestic animals tide in shades

Poster 2) Instructions:



If a person sees a leopard in the farm what he will do?

Poster 3) Instructions:

How to maintain cleanliness of the surrounding?

Poster 4) Instructions:

While going to farm in night time what are the precautions the farmers should take ?

Poster 5) Instructions:

If you confront the leopard what are the things that you should avoid?

Poster 6) Instructions:

The precautions you should take while sleeping in night in the open space.

Poster 7) Instructions:

What are the things that you should avoid while returning from school?

Poster 8) Instructions:

How to maintain your surrounding and locality?

Poster 9) Instructions:

Precautions to keep the directions of doors of your homes and domestic animal shades?

Poster 10) Instructions:

What are the things that you should do while returning from school?

Date: 9/3/2018 Place: Nandur temple

Flex of what are the precautions to be taken to save you from leopard

The posters/flex of information and pictures of precautions to be taken to save you from leopard are placed on the Nandur village temple so that people coming in the temple will read those instructions and pictures and they will be saved from the threat of leopard.



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Photo Gallery

The posters/flex of information and pictures of precautions to be taken to save you from leopard are placed on the Nandur village temple



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Attendance of Participants

No	Name of Student	Class
1.	Pangavhane Akshay Pundalik- SYBSc	SYBSc
2.	Kunde Rutuja Sunil- SYBSc	SYBSc
3.	Pagare Vrushabh Vilas - SYBSc	SYBSc
4.	Ubale Pankaj Sandip- SYBSc	SYBSc
5.	Zankar Shraddha Arun- SYBSc	SYBSc
6.	Nimase Prajakta Manik- SYBSc	SYBSc
7.	Shinde Nikhil Shreeram- SYBSc	SYBSc
8.	Surwade Supriya Vishnu- SYBSc	SYBSc
9.	Sangale Nilesh Nivrutti-SYBA	SYBA
10.	Satote Sanchit Santosh- SYBA	SYBA
11.	Khadatale Pooja Ramesh- SYBA	SYBA
12.	Mali Sagar Rohidas- SYBA	SYBA
13.	Mapari Monika Bhagwat- SYBA	SYBA
14.	Nichit Pranjal Ganpat- SYBA	SYBA
15.	Nikam Tanuja Nivrutti- SYBA	SYBA


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