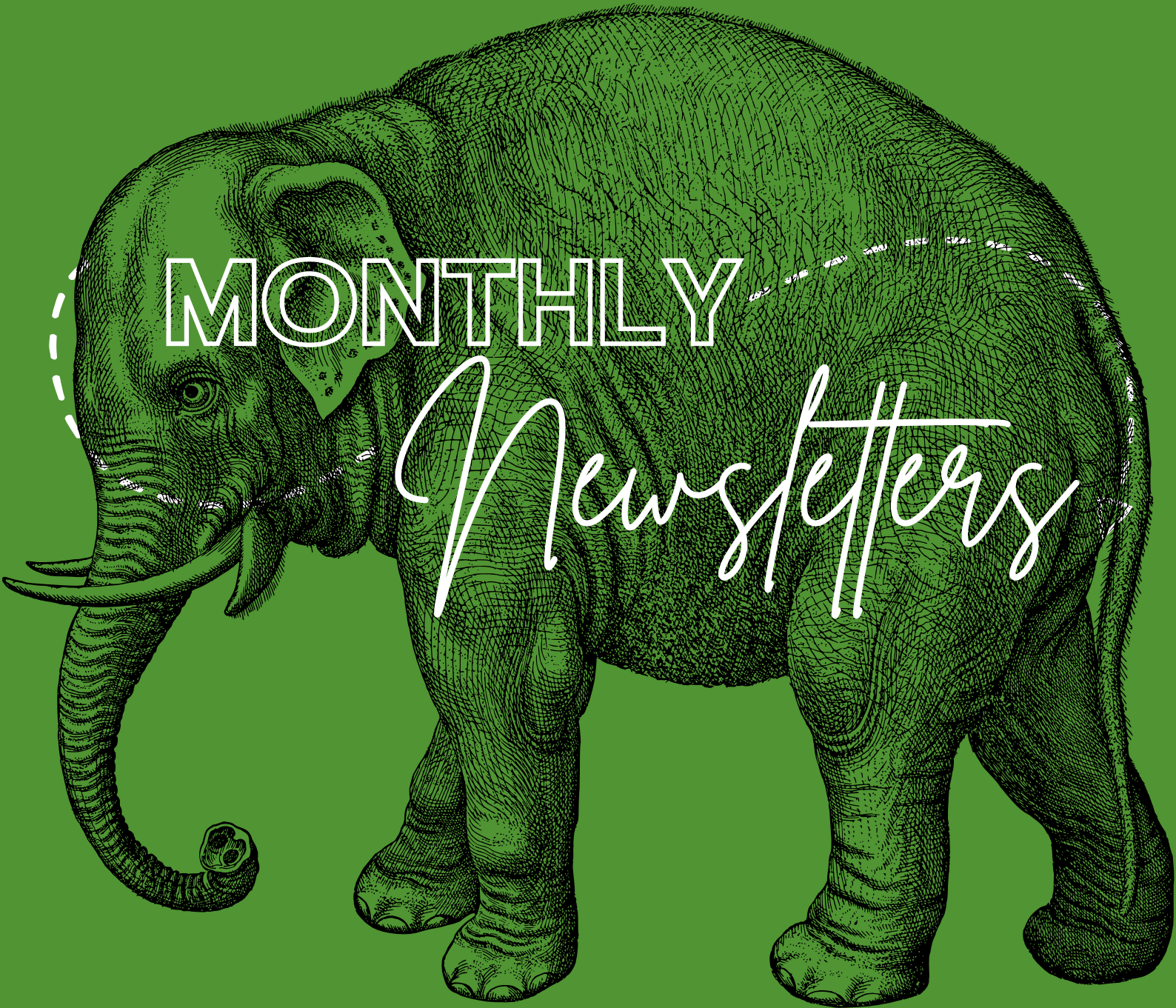


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Project Highlights

CAMERA TRAPPING IN ANEKAL RANGE | WILDLIFE MONITORING PROJECT

In February, A Rocha India's Wildlife Monitoring Project progressed from Harohalli into the Anekal Range, further strengthening our landscape-level understanding of wildlife movement across connected forest patches. Camera traps have been strategically deployed across key habitats and movement corridors to document species presence, activity patterns, and habitat use. This non-invasive method continues to play a crucial role in recording elusive and nocturnal wildlife within this ecologically significant region.

The expansion into Anekal builds on earlier surveys and moves us closer to a comprehensive assessment of wildlife distribution and connectivity across the landscape. Following this phase, monitoring efforts will extend into the Bannerghatta Wildlife Range, enabling deeper insights into corridor linkages, potential human-wildlife interaction zones, and long-term conservation planning to support habitat protection and coexistence



TACKLING ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE - ANTI SNARE DRIVE

Another decisive step toward securing a snare-free landscape, A Rocha India, in partnership with the Karnataka Forest Department, conducted an Anti-Snare Drive in the Kodihalli Range under our Tackling Illegal Wildlife Trade (TIWT) project. The drive brought together around 25 dedicated volunteers and 10 forest staff, working collectively to safeguard vulnerable wildlife and strengthen on-ground protection efforts in this critical habitat.

Teams combed through forest stretches and high-risk zones to detect and dismantle illegal snares and traps that silently threaten wild species. Such collaborative action not only removes immediate dangers but also reinforces vigilance against poaching and illegal wildlife trade. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the Kodihalli Forest Division and every volunteer whose commitment and field effort contribute to building safer, more resilient forests for wildlife.



Special Highlights

A ROCHA INDIA & VIJAYA COLLEGE : BEYOND THE OBVIOUS IN CONSERVATION

Not all conservation stories unfold within the boundaries of national parks. This month, our National Director, Avinash Krishnan, was invited to speak to students at Vijaya College, Jayanagar, on "Beyond the Obvious: Wildlife Conservation in Lesser-Known Habitats and Species, and Why They Matter." The session explored how scrub forests, coffee estates, reserve lands, and overlooked corridors quietly sustain biodiversity and play a critical role in India's ecological future.

The discussion emphasized that the future of wildlife conservation will be shaped not only inside protected areas, but across shared, human-dominated landscapes. We are grateful to the SWAN Eco Club and the Lions Club of Bangalore Parisara 317A for hosting this thoughtful exchange, and to the students whose questions and engagement reflected a growing curiosity and commitment toward conservation beyond the obvious.



A ROCHA INDIA AT BMS : EXPLORING CONSERVATION BEYOND PROTECTED AREAS

A Rocha India had the opportunity to engage with students at BMS College for Women, where our National Director, Avinash Krishnan, delivered a lecture on "Beyond the Obvious: Wildlife Conservation in Lesser-Known Habitats and Species, and Why They Matter." The session unpacked how fragmented forests, scrublands, and ecological corridors often dismissed as secondary landscapes are in fact foundational to biodiversity and ecological stability.

The conversation challenged the idea that conservation is driven only by iconic species and protected areas, highlighting instead the complex, human-shaped landscapes where critical ecological decisions unfold. We are grateful to the Department of Zoology and the students of BMS College for Women for their thoughtful participation and probing questions an encouraging reminder that the next generation of conservation leaders is ready to think deeply and act responsibly.



Special Highlights

A ROCHA INDIA AT THE SIXTH SENSE FESTIVAL: LOCAL NGO PARTNER FOR CONSERVATION ACTION

A Rocha India was honoured to serve as the local NGO partner at the first edition of the Sixth Sense Festival, a new platform that thoughtfully brought together dialogue, creativity, and environmental reflection. Across the festival, our stall and Nature & Science Exhibit offered visitors an immersive glimpse into on-ground conservation featuring our field equipment, wildlife monitoring initiatives, anti-snare drives, and the landscapes where we work.

Over the course of the inaugural edition, we engaged with students, families, and young professionals who participated with genuine curiosity and enthusiasm. Conversations around coexistence, corridor conservation, and responsible action made the space both dynamic and meaningful. Being part of the festival's first chapter was especially significant, and we are grateful to have contributed to a beginning that places conservation at the heart of community engagement.

