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The video of the injured hyena attacking an elderly person and

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The attack on the elderly person has been captured on video by a passerby, officials said. (Photo: Videograb)

The Maharashtra state forest department has increased vigil and awareness effort to avert man-animal conflicts after an injured hyena attacked villagers at Khed Pune district.

The video of the injured hyena attacking an elderly person [Pandurang Sahadu Jadhav \(70\)](#) and a biker [Rahul Madhukar Gade \(25\)](#) last Sunday has since then gone viral. The forest officials have traced the person who shot the video and found out that he was aware of the presence of the hyena in the bushes and had warned the elderly person to not go in that direction. The hyena was found dead later after

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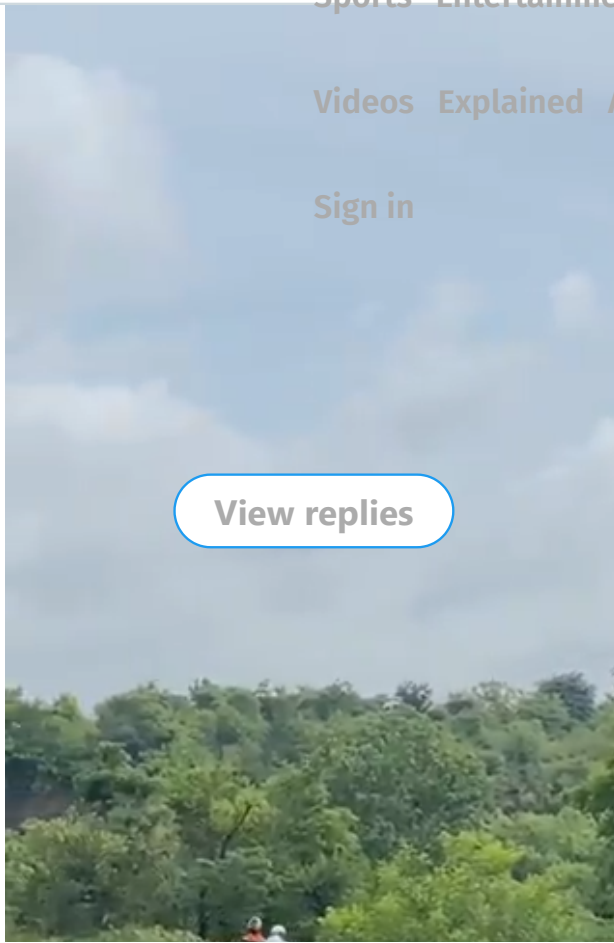
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elderly person was seriously injured. Hyenas have very strong jaws. The man had to undergo surgery. We are keeping a track of his health.” The Forest department has initiated the process of giving compensation to the two injured persons, as per the norms.

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Jayaramgowda added, “attacks by hyenas are very rare. This hyena was possibly hungry, dehydrated and irritated due to the injury. But following the incident, we have increased the vigil in the form of patrolling and awareness drive in the area. The area has the presence of leopards too. Awareness campaigns are being conducted in schools and in villages and posters are being distributed to households on ways to deal with man-animal conflict scenarios.”



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