



IUCN PROJECT IN PENCH-BOR AND MELGHAT-BOR CORRIDORS
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Highlights

- *Identified a batch of 15 candidates from 3 villages in Melghat-Bor corridor for 4-wheeler driver training*
- *Trained 4 groups of women from 3 villages of Pench-Bor corridor in making scented candles*
- *Assisted women's self help group (SHG) from Bidgaon in marketing scented candles and earning ₹5,500/*
- *Assisted women's self help group of Telgaon in earning ₹5000/- through marketing and sale of scented candles*
- *Organised awareness session for dairy farmers on cultivation and use of Azolla fodder supplement in 3 villages of Melghat-Bor corridor*
- *Trained one dairy farmer from Telgaon in Azolla cultivation*
- *One nature education session organised in Zilla Parishad school, Bhingara*

In the month of April, Aniruddha Kawishwar identified and organised a batch of 15 candidates to be trained in driving four-wheelers. 4 candidates each are from Pingali (Bu.) and Zari villages while 7 candidates are from Bhingara village. The training is scheduled to start during first week of May 2018. Candidates from Zari will receive training from Akot Motor Driving School in Akot while candidates from Pingali (Bu.) and Bhingara villages will be trained by Sai Motor School in Jalgaon Jamod.

Sr. no.	Name	Age	Village
1	Aphajal kha shajad kha	22	Zari
2	Sheikh vashim shekh alim	24	Zari
3	Shakil Patel Akil Patel	34	Zari
4	shekh Ansan shekh Jabir	22	Zari
5	Sunil Shingdar Masane	22	Bhingara
6	Suresh Mohan Awase	22	Bhingara
7	Vechan Gulshing Raut	20	Bhingara
8	Rajesh Mohan Awase	22	Bhingara
9	Dhumshing Bhavshing Chavhan	20	Bhingara
10	Virshing Phulshing Raut	26	Bhingara

11	Ravi Kuvarshing Devale	23	Bhingara
12	Subhash Ramesh Kakde	27	Pingali Bu
13	Taslim Ramesh Bharsakale	30	Pingali Bu
14	Mohan Gangaram Domale	23	Pingali Bu
15	Shrikrushna Balkurshna Domale	27	Pingali Bu

On April 4, Satpuda Foundation organised a programme to train members of Rani Durgawati Bachat Gat (SHG) of Telgaon village in making scented candles. During the programme, Nilesh Telang taught the members how to prepare scented candles using paraffin wax. The members practised preparing the candles during the training programme. Later on, the group prepared their first batch of 100 scented candles. Satpuda Foundation staff helped the group to sell the candles in Nagpur and helped them earn ₹5,000/-. These candles are in demand in resorts, spas, for decorations as well as for domestic use.

A similar training programme was organised at Umri village on April 10 and Telgaon and Lohgad villages on April 12.



Nilesh training members of Rani Durgawati Bachat Gat in making candles



Training on making scented candles in Umri (left) and Telgaon (right)

Name	Age	Village
Manisha Thakare	26	Telgaon

Mamta Kadu	27	Telgaon
Savita Wakode	33	Telgaon
Pratibha Dhote	21	Telgaon
Archana Ladekar	35	Telgaon
Chandra Yelurkar	35	Telgaon
Chanda Gaidhane	33	Telgaon
Asha Gaidhane	40	Telgaon
Indirabai Dhote	50	Telgaon
Darshana yeshvant Bhonde	28	Umari
Ashabai Ramesh Rajurkar	30	Umari
Komal Khemraj Kongare	22	Umari
Joyti Ravindar Sarve	31	Umari
Chndrkala Fuldasji Chatap	50	umari
Pushpa Shankar Sarve	40	Umari
Chitrabai Suresh Rajurkar	35	Umari
Sonu Mahurkar	27	Lohgad
Pushpa Tembhare	26	Lohgad
Varsha Ambadhere	27	Lohgad
Chhaya Tekade	30	Lohgad
Shobha Tekade	40	Lohgad
Asmita Dhurve	18	Lohgad

Shital Pethe	18	Lohgad
Shital Dhurve	18	Lohgad
Annu Dhurve	18	Lohgad
Dashana Bhuraskure	18	Lohgad

In the month of April, Satpuda Foundation staff assisted women's self help group from Bidgaon village in marketing and selling scented candles. The group was able to earn ₹5,500/- through sale of 110 scented candles.



Scented candles prepared by women in Bidgaon village

On April 16, our team trained Mr. Umrao Mahajan, farmer from Telgaon village, in Azolla fodder supplement cultivation. Our team assisted him in preparing two tanks for Azolla cultivation. Mr. Umrao Mahajan owns 4 indigenous varieties of cows. Using Azolla fodder supplement helps to boost the milk production and quality of milk. Within a week, he was able to successfully cultivate Azolla and is now feeding it to his cattle. This is part of our strategy to improve livestock management and dairy development.



Mr. Umrao Mahajan preparing Azolla cultivation tank in his farm in Telgaon



Mr. Umrao Mahajan showing off the successful cultivation of Azolla after one week

On April 9, Aniruddha Kawishwar organised an awareness session for dairy farmers from Pingali (Bu.) village. He informed the villagers of the advantages of Azolla fodder supplement in improving milk production as well as quality of milk. He explained to the villagers that by cultivating and using Azolla, they can earn surplus income through dairy farming.

Similar sessions were organised for dairy farmers of Zari village on April 10, Shahnur village on April 11 and Bhingara village on April 13.



Aniruddha with dairy farmers at awareness session on Azolla cultivation

On April 13, Aniruddha Kawishwar organised a classroom session on nature education for students of Zilla Parishad school in Bhingara village.

During the session, Anirudh taught students about the adverse impact of forest fires on biodiversity and environment. He taught them about the local biodiversity and its importance in our lives.



Classroom nature education session in Zilla Parishad school, Bhingara