



**MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE  
JANUARY, 2019**

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***Highlights***

- ⇒ ***One meeting on Livelihood Project (Driving Training Program) at Dhargad***
- ⇒ ***One meeting on Livelihood Project (Driving Training Program) at Kelpani***
- ⇒ ***Three meetings on Driving E-Rickshaw Employment opportunities at Nagpur***
- ⇒ ***RTO camp for Permanent License at Telhara for 8 candidates from Nagartas & Barukheda (pending candidates)***
- ⇒ ***Two nature education programs at Zari, Pingali and Bhingara***

**LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM**

On 1 January, Anirudh organized a meeting with 7 youths from Zari village who had earlier undergone four-wheeler driving training through Satpuda Foundation's livelihood program. During this meeting Anirudh explained to the youths about an employment opportunity driving E-rickshaws with Uber.

Similar meetings were organized in Nagartas and Barukheda on 2 January and in Dhargad on 12 January.

On 11 January, Anirudh organized a meeting for women from Zari village. During the meeting, Anirudh explained the importance of self help groups (SHGs) to the women. He provided information about registration process of SHGs with the Panchayat Samiti and the Maharashtra State Rural Livelihood Mission (MSRLM) scheme. During the meeting various ideas regarding micro-enterprises were also discussed.

**Nature Education Program**

<b>Sr. no.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Village / Place</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Participants</b>
01.	Jan 3	Pingali	Nature Education Programme	27
02.	Jan 9	Bhingara	Nature Education Programme & Wildlife Movie show	31

03	Jan 19	Zari	Nature Education Programme & Wildlife Movie show	16
04	Jan 21	Pingali	Nature Education Programme & Wildlife Movie show	23
05	Jan 28	Bhingara	Nature Education Programme & Wildlife Movie show	31

In January, our team conducted 5 classroom sessions as part of wildlife and environment education program in schools of Pingali, Bhingara and Zari villages. During these sessions, Kushagra, Anirudh and Deepak taught students about various birds that migrate during winters. Kushagra taught the students how to identify various trees and explained their uses for both humans as well as wildlife. Our team also conducted interactive games to explain about concepts of water conservation to the students. A total of 128 students and teachers from 3 schools participated in these sessions.



*Melghat, Nandori - Kushagra conducting nature education program (left); Anirudh conducting nature education program (right)*