



**LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMME
MELGHAT TIGER RESERVE
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Highlights

- ⇒ *Two meetings on livelihood project (driving training program) at Kelpani & Dhargad*
- ⇒ *One meeting on livelihood program at Barukheda*
- ⇒ *4th batch of driving training program started in Dhargad village for 12 candidates*

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Sr. no.	Date	Village / Place	Activity	Participants
1.	March 11	Akot	Documents of driving training candidates submitted to DCF office for vehicle purchase scheme	8
2.	March 13	Kelpani	Provided information about Forest Department's vehicle purchase scheme for tribal youths	11
3.	March 15	Wan	Documents of driving training candidates submitted to office of RFO, Wan for vehicle purchase scheme	16
4.	March 16	Gullarghat	Provided information about Forest Department's vehicle purchase scheme for tribal youths	11
5.	March 27	Dhargad	Provided information about driving training programme schedule	16
6.	March 28	Kelpani	Provided information about driving training programme schedule	8
7.	March 31	Dhargad	Driving training started	8
			Total	78

Melghat Tiger Reserve administration, with the help of Satpuda Foundation, is implementing a scheme for tribals to buy four-wheeled vehicles with the aim to provide livelihood opportunity for unemployed tribal villagers of recently relocated villages from Melghat Tiger Reserve.

Under this scheme, Maharashtra Forest Department is providing eighty percent subsidy to unemployed tribal villagers in the age group of 18 to 55. In the month of March our field staff organized meetings with villagers of Dhargad and Barukheda to provide details of this scheme.

On 31 March, the fourth batch for four-wheeler driver training programme commenced. 11 youths from Dhargad village are being trained by trainers from Akot Motor Driving School.

Prior to the start of the training programme, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Akot division, organized a meeting with these candidates. During this meeting, the trainees were provided information about the training programme and the vehicle purchase scheme.



*Melghat, Dhargad - Anirudh giving information on Govt. schemes to youths (left)
Dhargad – Inauguration of driving training program (right)*



Melghat, Akot - Meeting at DCF's office for villagers of Nagartas and Barukheda