

Training of Trainers on raising legal awareness

ATREE's Baiga Chak team members were invited as resource persons for a two-day ToT on Raising Legal Awareness. It was organized by Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram for leaders of Baiga and Gond communities from Bichhiya and Samnapur blocks of Mandla and Dindori districts respectively. Balram Padoti, Senior FRA Coordinator, explained the background and the main provisions of the Forest Rights Act and Panchayat Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act. It was followed by sessions on the role of various committees, forest village to revenue village conversion, and frequently asked questions conducted by Mohit Mahajan. Shivcharan Pachgaiyya, FRA Coordinator, conducted a session on the IFR and CFR claim making process. The team also shared details of important publications and guidelines released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.



Figure 1 Balram Padoti explaining the background and the main provisions of the FRA



Figure 2 Shivcharan Pachgaiyya conducting a session on the CFR claim making process



Figure 3 Mohit Mahajan conducting a session on frequently asked questions on the FRA