

## **BEYOND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

### **Visit and Interaction with Kinhai Village Residents**

Visit by Dr. AnkurPatwardhan, Ms. MedhaviRajwade, Project staff, Mr. SahilPimpale and Ms. PoojaGhate; was made to village Kinhai (Tal- Koregaon, Dist- Satara) on 26-09-2017 to 27-09-2017. Purpose of the visit was (1) Introduction of biodiversity and its elements to the villagers (2) Prize distribution ceremony to meritorious students at 'KarmaveerBhauraoPatilVidyalay' (3) Snake identification lecture for the staff and students.

The points discussed with the villagers during various sessions were:

- Introduction to Biodiversity and its importance
- Biodiversity Act of 2002 and importance of Peoples' Biodiversity Register (PBR)
- Festivals and celebrations through the lens of ecology.
- Importance of traditional and cultural knowledge
- Organizing Forest food competition



**Dr. Ankur Patwardhan interacting with the locals**