

## **Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension**

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#### **Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) (2017-2018)**

Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) technique is invented by Robert Chambers. It is one of the methods to assess the needs of community. Community Organization & Development is one of the compulsory papers for MA in Non-formal Education and Development programme (MA- NFED). One of the units is how to assess the needs of community. After learning the theory of PRA in the class students are taken to the tribal area to conduct actual PRA in the community. Rural Communes is an organization working at the grass root level. Students of MA- NFED had two days residential camp from December 7-8, 2017 at the Rural Communes, Narangi, Dist. Raigad. During these two days camp they conducted PRA and learnt how to do Social Mapping, Natural Resource Mapping, Transect Walk and Daily activity Map. Students organized a meeting of community women and discussed various issues and life of rural women. They were also exposed to the rural culture and traditions of the semi-tribal people. Some of the glimpses of the activity are as follows:







*MANFED 1<sup>st</sup> year students' Visit to Nursery, Rural Communes, Khopoli (December 7-8, 2017)*



*Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)-Social Mapping at Rural Communes, Khopoli (December 7-8, 2017)*





*Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA)-Social Mapping at Rural Communes, Khopoli  
(December 7-8, 2017)*



*Meeting with SHG members (As a part of MANFED 1<sup>st</sup> year students' visit to Rural Communes, Khopoli, December 7-8, 2017)*





*meeting and interview of Woman entrepreneur – Beneficiary of SHG-Rural Communes  
(Rural Communes, Khopoli, December 7-8, 2017)*