Honey Bee Festival by Adivasis in Bhimashankar Sanctuary area

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Images from a Honeybee Festival organised by Garbewadi (Bhorgiri) and Yelavali villages and Kalpavriksh, at Bhorgiri, in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary area, Maharashtra, on 1 April 2017. Display and sale of wild bee honey and other local produce, reading of children's book on honeybees, brief presentations by local people and Kalpavriksh / Honey Bee Network members, and painting ... lots of fun! The local women's self-help group Jai Satguru Mahila Bachat Gat and Kalpavriksh, along with other groups, have been promoting forest-based livelihoods for some years now. Kalpavriksh has also been facilitating community forest rights claims under Forest Rights Act, making plans for conservation, a community-run ecotourism initiative, and other initiatives.

Members of Jai Satguru Mahila Bachat Gat, Bhorgiri (including office-bearers Manda Vasant Kate & Vandana Ankush Kate)

Jai Satguru Mahila Bachat Gat members with honey and other produce

Subhash Dolas of Yelavali village, working with Kalpavriksh, makes a presentation to participants

Radhika Mulay, Kalpavriksh, reading children's story on honeybees written by Tanya Majmudar

Pradeep Chavan, Kalpavriksh, introducing the festival

Bhorabai Dhondu Ambekar of Bhorgiri, the only woman honey collector!

Honey collectors of Bhorgiri village sharing their practical knowledge

Childrens' painting exercise

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