Members of the task force appointed by the Madhya Pradesh state government visited Dindori District. The task force has been constituted for the effective implementation of PESA and FRA in the state. Dr. Sharad Lele is a member of the task force. ATREE’s Baiga Chak team gave a presentation on the situation of PESA and FRA in the forest villages of Baiga Chak, and ATREE’s work on Individual Forest Rights(IFR), Community Forest Rights(CFR), and forest village-to-revenue village conversion. Task force members, District Level Committee(DLC) members, ZP CEO, and officials of line departments attended the meeting. Balram Padoti and Mohit Mahajan, members of the CFR team presented the team’s analysis of the current status of PESA and FRA in Baiga Chak followed by solutions and recommendations. Balram explained the importance of completing IFR recognition of all fields under cultivation and habitation in forest villages before converting them into revenue villages. The CFR team extended assistance to Forest Right Committees(FRCs) for wall-to-wall mapping in two forest villages. After putting a step toward resolving the IFR issue, the FRCs are now focusing on CFR claim-making. During the process of CFR claim-making, the team tried to understand the possibility of various interventions under community forest management. The same was discussed in the presentation. The team also suggested strategies for the effective engagement of PESA mobilizers and CM fellows. Based on learnings and findings from the work in these two villages, the team has prepared a standard operating procedure that can be followed in other forest villages, which was explained by the team. The task force instructed the DLC members to process the IFR claims of the two villages and make necessary administrative arrangements to complete the IFR recognition in other forest villages of the district. The district administration has asked the CFR team to provide training support for the implementation of FRA and PESA.
The task force members visited forest villages in two blocks and interacted with Gram Sabha 
presidents. Sunaram Newasiya, FRC president of Sheetalpani interacted with the members in Chada 
and explained the work of CFR claim-making done in his village. Mohit, addressing the task force and 
PESA mobilizers suggested that the implementation of PESA and FRA should go hand-in-hand in 
villages.