



## **Rajendra Dhongde**

**Retired Forest Officer SFS**

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- **Name :** Rajendra Shrinivasrao Dhongde
- **Date of Birth:** 20<sup>th</sup> June 1951
- **Qualification:** B.Sc., B.J.&M.C. ,Diploma in Forestry(Forest College run by MoEF at Coimbatore)
- **Languages known :** Marathi, English, Hindi.

### **Present engagements:**

- Member , Regional Empowered Committee, Nagpur under Ministry of Environment , Forestry, & Climate Change , Govt.of India.
- Member, District Biodiversity Committee of Aurangabad District.
- Member, Man – animal Conflict Resolve Committee, Marathwada Region.
- Member on Lonar Crater (WL Sanctuary) Conservation Committee, formed as per orders of Hon. Nagpur HC Bench in a PIL.
- Nominated member of 'Tree Authority of Aurangabad Municipal Corporation'.

- **Master trainer**, completed Direct Trainer Skills (DTS) Program in Yashada, conducted by Deptt. of Personnel and Training, Govt. of India.
- **Visiting Faculty** for Laws related to forests & wildlife, FRA, Joint Forest Management, Eco Development, Eco Tourism, Human – Wildlife Conflict Management.

Delivers lectures at Mah. State Forest Academy Kundal, Regional Training Centre of State Irrigation Deptt, Aurangabad, YASHADA Pune, Goa Institute of Rural Development & Administration (GIRDA) Govt. of Goa, trainings organized by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) for forest, police, customs officials, Dr. BAM University Aurangabad, State Forest Training Institutes & trainings organized by NGOs like Vanavasi Kalyan Ashram.

#### **Past Experience:**

- **Served** in the Department of Forests, Government of Maharashtra for 36 Years (1973 – 2009) as Range Forest Officer & Assistant Conservator of Forests. **Worked** in various parts of the State in various capacities in Territorial Forests, Wildlife wing & Social Forestry.
- **Honored** with Gold Medal for ‘Forest Protection’ in the year 2006-07 by the State Government.
- **With** his initiation & leadership the age old annual Navaratri Yatra held on the bank of Lonar Crater (WL Sanctuary) was shifted out in the year 2008.
- **His** orders as Quasi Judicial Officer under Indian Forest Act on confiscation & under Mah. Land Revenue Code on eviction from forest lands are circulated in the State as model orders.
- **Sheep** Grazing Settlement Report of Buldana district prepared by him is circulated through out the state as a reference paper.
- **Led** the Forest Officers Association of Maharashtra for more than two decades as the president & presently is adviser to the associations.