

Enjoy the trained guide service



BAIF MITTRA has trained the tribal youths from villages to operate as guides. They are well versed in sharing about culture, beliefs, customs and natural history. You can hire their services to make your visit more comfortable and memorable.



Visit BAIF –MITTRA's Campus



Aamrai is training and demonstration centre in Jawhar. The training campus has demonstration trials, field plots for experimentation on organic farming, Participatory germplasm conservation of paddy varieties, rainwater harvesting and processing of agricultural products. One can also interact with staff to understand the developmental work in tribal setting.

Places of tourist's interest at Jawhar

Jawhar is the main town to reach to Kalmandavi village. Jawhar was a princely state during the British rule, ruled by the Mukne family. Even today, tourists can visit Jai Vilas Palace, Bhupatgad relics. The thundering gush of kalmandavi water fall which is a splendid sight. Besides, the region is also known for its historical importance. Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj, one of the greatest Maratha warriors, camped at Shirpamal near Jawhar on his way to Surat. Jai Sagar Lake at Jawhar is a hit with revelers. Places like Hanuman Point and Sunset Point offer a panoramic view of the valleys. All these places are within 5-20 km radius from Jawhar. Best Time to Visit: September to April

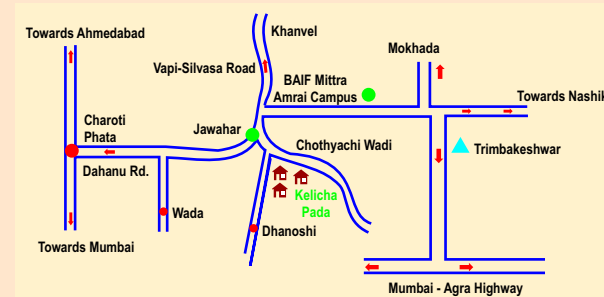
How to get there

By Air: Nearest airport from Jawhar is Nashik, about 80-km. **By Rail:** Nearest railway station is Igatpuri (61 km on the Central Railway route) but Nasik is a convenient railway station. On Western Railway route, the nearest railway station is Dahanu (65-km).

By Road: Mumbai to Jawhar – 180 km , Thane – 110 km, Nashik -- 80-km , Silvassa - 65 km Regular bus services are also available from Mumbai, Thane, Nasik, Dahanu , and Silvassa.

Interested parties to contact:-

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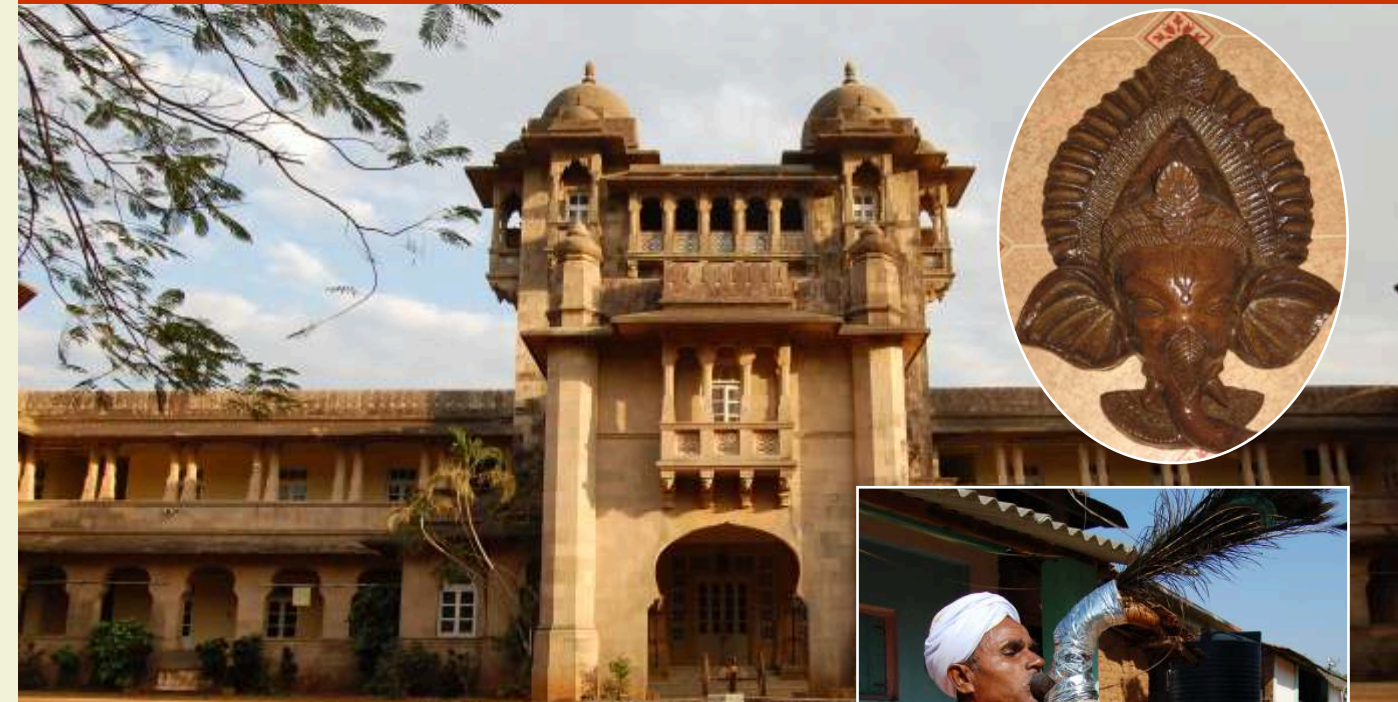
Do not miss!

Dasehra Festival: It is a royal festival celebrated by Tribal communities at Jawhar in the months of October - November on the eve of Dasehra before Diwali.

Jawhar

Kelichapada ~ A perfect destination for experiencing the tribal hospitality!

Kelichapada, a tribal village located 5 kms from Jawhar a tribal place of Thane district, Maharashtra, is another undisturbed place far from the maddening crowds of cities. Gifted with valleys, thick forests and pleasant climate, this part of the Western Ghats is truly blessed with rich scenic beauty and majestic mountains and unique tribal culture. The place is an abode of Warli, Kukana and Kolcha tribes. All this together makes the place an ultimate destination for a relaxing weekend!



Declaration: - The Kelichapada tourism services have been developed under BAIF's innovative livelihood development program efforts. The entire tourism experience is hosted by the local tribal communities through "Kalmandavi Tourism Committee of Kelichapada village in Jawhar, Dist : Thane, Maharashtra

Get a glimpse of tribal life



The essence of tribal life is the integral relationship between human beings and nature. Here we get to see a glimpse of domestic life of tribal in small clay huts, trees, women with baskets, men rearing cattle and seasonal agricultural practices and many such daily activities

Understand and learn tribal art and craft



Tribal crafts reflect the lives of their users. Here we get to see the use of bamboo for making bows, arrows, vessels and use of Paper-Mache for making articles of waste paper such as decorative birds and animals, masks etc. This is the unique art acquired by few households since traditions. This place is also very popular for its lively Warli paintings which depicts the humble life of the Warli tribe that revolves around harvest season, celebration, wedding, rituals and births.

Enjoy the traditional cuisine

Good news for the traditional food lovers!! Come to Kelichapada in Jawhar !! Here you will enjoy the Indigenous food cooked in a traditional way by group of tribal women and served with a warm smile. The tribal women will take you around, identify forest food, and if you are interested, will even teach you how to cook.



Take guided walking trails in lush green rice and sesame fields



Enjoy the 2 km walking trail from Kelichapada to the scenic Kalmandavi waterfalls. The trail becomes special as it has lush green rice fields all around. Interested tourists can also avail of a different holiday experience of travelling in a bullock cart with family and friends.

enjoy an opportunity to tap your toes on local dances and festivals



For tourists, villagers have organized groups whom they call to sing and dance using variety of folk instruments. Watching and participating in these activity in the tribal setting is unique experience which visitors will remember for life time!

Enjoy local hospitality in a traditional home stay facility

During their visit, tourists can stay with the tribal families in a hamlet inhabited by the Kukana community. These traditional houses in the form of two cottages, surrounded by paddy fields and mango plantations are set close to the main house. Staying with the tribal family offers a unique opportunity and exposure to the tribal way of life.

