

## VISIT TO SATARA

The EBSB program at College of Engineering Pune took place between 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In the event, 34 students from Gandhi Institute of Technological Advancement, Bhubaneswar along with 2 faculty members participated

Another early start to the day meant much was waiting for the guests at Satara. Satara is among the districts under the tag of Old Maharashtra. And so are the forts of rich heritage in the district. We started off at 6:30 am from the hostel towards Ajinkyatara fort. Breakfast was taken on the way where the shops selling jelly candies attracted the students. We reached Ajinkyatara fort at 11:00 am, but considering the non- accessibility to heavy vehicles and the condition of the route, the visit to the fort was cancelled. But as a compensation, the students were explained about the legacy of the fort and a glimpse of the fort was given. After that, the guests were taken to Sajjangad fort, which has now been transformed to an Ashram of Swami Sadguru. The lunch was taken at the fort and the guests got another chance of an easy level trek. After this, the guests were taken to Baramotichi Vihir which is a stepwell that was built by Raja Shahu maharaj in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century. The locals said that the aim of building that well was to support the growth of Mango and sugarcane plantations in that area. The stepwell was said to be 110 ft. deep.

After this an extra spot was added to the day which included the visit to Ketkawle Balaji Temple which was really appreciated by the guests due to the atmosphere and the natural beauty at that place. The day ended with dinner at COEP Mess.

### SNAPSHOTS



1. The entrance at Sajjangarh



2. The trekkers from GITA institute