



Hello, I am Dhiren Talpade, resident of Mumbai, India. I was born on the 10th of May, 1981. I was introduced to the outdoors as a child by my parents, who love travelling. I run my own company called Jumpstart Outdoors LLP, wherein I design and deliver objective based programmes and their component simulation games. The programmes are high energy and fun filled, and encourage creativity and imagination. They have themes ranging from Self-discovery, Individual excellence, Team building, Communication skills and Leadership to Social skills, Physical skills, and Survival skills. I have successfully conducted these with Corporate Leaders, Teachers, Children & Youth from marginalised and at at-risk backgrounds, Entrepreneurs, NGOs, and Children and Youth from normal backgrounds.

I have been teaching Remote First Aid and Life Saving skills under the Jumpstart Outdoors banner since 2009. One of our oldest student groups are the Instructors and Pilots of Nirvana Paragliding School, Kamshet. Apart from that Para-motor Pilots from Space Apple in Virar and other Paragliding Pilots from across India have taken online training from me. I am also an instructor for Wilderness First Aid with the Hanifl Centre for Outdoor Education & Environmental Study in Mussoorie. I help organise, coordinate and teach Life Saving Skills and Austere medicine programmes which are run in association with Aerie Backcountry Medicine, Missoula, Montana, USA.

Apart from this I am a High & Low Ropes Course Instructor and Rescuer, trained by the European Ropes Course Association. I also hold a WFR (Wilderness First Responder) each from Aerie Backcountry Medicine and from WMI of NOLS. I have over twenty years of experience with outdoor adventure setups and instruction. I lead many outdoor and adventure based programmes annually and get engaged by groups, in the capacity of a WFR, wherein my team and I are entrusted the task of providing first aid, emergency response and extended patient care to their members or as an Expedition Leader for Trans-Himalayan Motorcycle Journeys.

I create illustrations and draw storyboards professionally for the advertising & media industry in Mumbai as well as for the Learning & Development community. Till date, I continue to be associated with the Wilson College Nature Club, one of the top 10 most active nature clubs in India. I am a traveler and I seek new adventures perennially. My love for good food and company of friends translates to me having a huge social network across India and even abroad.