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Shepherd killed in tiger attack

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Chandrapur: With man-animal conflict raging in the district, the New Year dawned with a fresh human kill on Saturday morning. A shepherd was killed in a tiger attack at Pathri forest range under Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra (FDCM). This is the first case of tiger attack this year. Predators had killed 39 people in separate incidents last year.

The victim, Vinayak Namdev Thackeray (45), was killed when he had taken his cattle for grazing in compartment no. 147. On receiving the information, officials and employees of FDCM rushed to the spot.

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According to sources, FDCM officials gave immediate aid of Rs25,000 to the family of the deceased. Camera traps have been installed at the place to identify the tiger responsible for the attack.

In yet another incident, a farmer was injured in tiger attack in Kawadpeth village under Chichpalli forest range in the afternoon. The farmer, Gangaram Kanhuji Shende (58), had taken his cattle to his farm for grazing. A tiger prowling through the field attacked Gangaram. The injured farmer has been admitted to a hospital in Chandrapur for treatment.