

FOREST FIRES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NTFP COLLECTION IN ODISHA

A Civil Society Discussion

May 9, 2023 | 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Presidency Hotel, Bhubaneswar

AGENDA

Registration	10:30 AM
Inaugural Session	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Welcome remarks and introduction by Perna Sah, Senior Research Associate, International Forum for Environment, Sustainability & Technology (iFOREST). · Opening Remarks by Chandra Bhushan, President and CEO, iFOREST. · An inquiry into the anthropogenic origins of forest fires: Focus on Tendu leaf collection; and community-focused interventions for forest fire prevention: Presentation by Mandvi Singh, Programme Director, Energy and Climate Change, iFOREST and Perna Sah, Senior Research Associate. · Unveiling of factsheets. · Keynote Address by Damodar Jena, Faculty, KIIT School of Rural Management. · Keynote address by Sushil Kumar Dutta, Professor Emeritus, Assam Don Bosco University. · Keynote Address by Giri Rao, Executive Director, Vasundhara. 	
TEA	12:00 PM
Panel discussion on the rising threat of forest fire incidences in Odisha, anthropogenic origins, and effective mitigation strategies	12:00 PM - 13:10 PM
Discussion on Pachgaon case study by Vijay Dethe, President, Paryavaran Mitra	
<p>Key questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the typical nature of forest fires in Odisha, and what are the implications regarding the forest ecosystem, biodiversity, ecosystem services and climate change? 2. What are your opinions about the origins of forest fires? Are practices like those of NTFP collection responsible for these fires? 3. What is being done to prevent and mitigate the occurrence of forest fires and what needs to be done? 4. What role do you envisage for the various stakeholders, especially communities, in forest fire management? <p>Moderator: Chandra Bhushan</p> <p>Discussion panel</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swapna Sarangi, Team Leader, Foundation for Ecological Society 2. Biswajit Mohanty, Secretary, Wildlife Society of Odisha 3. Chandan Jani, Programme Manager-Forestry, Regional Center for Development Cooperation 4. Pratap Chandra, Manager, Gram Vikas 5. Bijoy Pradhan, State Coordinator, Ekta Parishad 	
Moderated discussion among the delegates	13:10 PM - 13:55 PM
Closing Remarks by Mandvi, iFOREST	13:55 PM - 14:00 PM
LUNCH	2 PM onwards