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CAN INDIGENOUS POLITICAL REPRESENTATION IMPROVE FOREST CONSERVATION? INDIA'S EXPERIENCE

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Abstract

Can political representation by indigenous communities – who are often seen as stewards of forests – enhance forest cover and biodiversity? Or would indigenous political control over forests catalyse greater extraction for revenue gains? Does the level of representation matter? This talk addresses these under-researched questions, drawing on India's uniquely multi-layered enactments which granted Scheduled Tribes political representation, and hence control over local forests, in constituencies reserved for them in state assemblies and village councils.

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