

FOREST FIRES, CLIMATE CHANGE AND NTFP COLLECTION IN CHHATTISGARH

A Civil Society Discussion

June 9, 2023 | 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM
Babylon Capital, Raipur

AGENDA

Registration	10:30 AM – 10:45 AM
Opening Session	10:45 AM – 11:55 AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming of guests, introduction to dialogue and opening remarks by Mandvi Singh, Program Director, Energy and Climate Change, iFOREST Introductory presentation by Prerna Sah, Senior Research Associate, iFOREST Keynote speech by S.L. Swamy, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya Keynote speech by Ramesh Sharma, National Coordinator, Ekta Parishad An inquiry into the anthropogenic origins of forest fires: Focus on tendu leaf collection; and community-focused interventions for forest fire prevention: Presentation by Prerna Sah, Senior Research Associate, iFOREST Q & A session Unveiling of factsheets 	
Panel discussion on the rising threat of forest fire incidences in Chhattisgarh, anthropogenic origins, and effective mitigation strategies	11:55 AM – 12:55 PM
<p>Key questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is the typical nature of forest fires in Chhattisgarh, and what are the implications with regard to the forest ecosystem, biodiversity, ecosystem services and climate change? What are your opinions about the origins of forest fires? Are practices like those of tendu leaf collection responsible for these fires? What is being done to prevent and mitigate the occurrence of forest fires and what needs to be done? What role do you envisage for the various stakeholders in the context of forest fire management? <p>Moderator: Mandvi Singh, Programme Director, Energy and Climate Change</p> <p>Discussion panel</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Namita Mishra, State Unit Coordinator, Foundation for Ecological Security Sharad Nema, Professor and Head (Forestry), Shaheed Mahendra Karma Vishwavidyalaya Vijendra Ajnabi, Convener, Chhattisgarh Vanadhikar Manch Mansoor Khan, Member, State Wildlife Board Chhattisgarh 	
Moderated discussion among the delegates	12:55 PM – 1:55 PM
Closing Remarks by Mandvi, Programme Director, Energy and Climate Change, iFOREST	1:55 PM – 2:00 PM
LUNCH	2 PM onwards