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ABSTRACT

In 2006, Forest Right Act (2006) was proclaimed by Government of India as an act of the Parliament to rectify the historical injustice during the colonial rule that continued in independent India for decades. Indigenous communities, particularly the forest dwelling tribes were denied right to ownership and were not given Patta for land on which they had always worked. Activists along with local communities struggled for decades to restore these rights to local communities. This panel proposes to discuss Forest land rights issues in Kandhamal district of Odisha. It invites papers that examine implementation, achievements, and convergence of this act with other welfare schemes for sustainable development of the forest dwellers.

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