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SYSTEM

## PANEL TITLE: MANAGING RESOURCES, PROTECTING NATURE: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE WISDOM AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### ABSTRACT

Sustainable livelihood is a practical approach to understand the way of living of poor and indigenous communities. It organizes the factors and parameters that enhance livelihood opportunities without undermining the natural resource bases. The PVTGs are the most vulnerable communities residing in the remotest places and are largely dependent on natural resources for their sustenance. They evolve with the surrounding ecology and have in-depth knowledge of the ecological services present there. This traditional knowledge supports their sustenance in that specific ecology and maintains their sustenance from time immemorial. The eco-crisis caused by the unregulated harnessing of natural resources has affected these indigenous communities to a great extent. Their traditional livelihood has shifted to new possibilities which neither fitted with their skills nor were sustainable for them. During the Covid-crisis, these new opportunities were ceased and left with a question for their livelihood sustainability. The Indigenous communities have their own mechanism to protect and conserve natural resources which have evolved over a long period of interaction with the surrounding environment. They have better understanding about their ecology than any other. Their role and responsibility in managing and protecting the natural resources is crucial in present eco-crisis. Papers are invited from scholars engaged in this area of research in different parts of the India and from other parts of the World.

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