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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND DESIGN

COURSE NAME : 19MC003 ESSENCE OF INDIAN TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

III YEAR / VI SEMESTER

Unit III- Legal framework and TK

Topic 2 : The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

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The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006

- Recognizes forest rights of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs)
- Grants legal recognition to their land and resources
- Ensures their right to access, manage, and conserve forests



Types of Rights under the Act

- **Individual Forest Rights (IFR):** Ownership rights to cultivated land
- **Community Forest Rights (CFR):** Rights to use, manage, and protect forests
- **Right to Collect Minor Forest Produce:** Includes non-timber forest products
- **Right to Protect and Conserve Forests:** Ensuring biodiversity conservation



Eligibility and Implementation

- **Scheduled Tribes (STs):** Must reside in forests and depend on them before 13 December 2005
- **Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs):** Must prove 75 years of forest dependence before 2005
- **Implementation Process:** Gram Sabha verification, district-level committee approval



Challenges in TK and Forest Rights Protection

- Lack of legal harmonization
- Difficulties in defining ownership
- Documentation vs. oral traditions
- Ensuring equitable benefit sharing
- Implementation challenges in FRA, 2006



Case Studies

- Neem patent case (India)
- Basmati rice controversy
- Hoodia plant and San community (South Africa)
- Forest Rights implementation challenges in India

Future Directions

- Strengthening international cooperation
- Developing sui generis (customized) protection systems
- Role of digital tools in TK and forest rights preservation
- Raising awareness and capacity-building efforts



Any Query????

Thank you.....