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Equal Inclusion of Indigenous Women in Biodiversity Conservation Efforts in India: A Critique

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“Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realize that we cannot eat money.”- Chief Seattle

Abstract

Even though there is a gap between the rights guaranteed by the law and how they are exercised for all women. For indigenous women the gap is even wider due to the numerous forms of discrimination based on their gender, ethnicity, and socio-economic situation, as well as from within their own communities and from outside rural and urban areas. The loss of traditional occupations, coupled with climate change and the resulting deforestation makes it more difficult for indigenous women to exercise their rights. Therefore, it is crucial to make sure that indigenous women are included, recognized legally, and actively involved in land ownership and governance at all levels. In general, the term “biodiversity” refers to the diversity of life on Earth. Indigenous Peoples are acknowledged as being crucial to achieving the goals of the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). Numerous threats to our biodiversity are coming from a variety of sources. However, environmental deterioration significantly impacts girls’ and women’s health and quality of life. For a policy on the conservation of natural resources to be successful, women must be included in all programs and policies. The study focuses on how indigenous women can help safeguard the environment.

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