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FOREST
VIEW



INTRODUCTION

Forest conservation is the practice of protecting and maintaining of forest area for the future generations.

Forest conservation has become the need the hour due various environmental and climate changes which adversely affect both humans and animals. Forest has been depleted drastically due over use of forest resources and overexploitation by humans. They are also natural factors destruction but they are minor the major destruction to forest is solely caused human activities.

Forest are important global resources that provide a wide range of environmental, economic and

Social Benefits. They provide a variety of valuable products, such as timbers, fuelwood, fibre and other wood and non-wood forest product, and contribution to the livelihood of rural communities.

Conserving overall forest area, replanting harvested forest, and managing forests to maintain vigorous growth are all important ways to reduce carbon dioxide accumulation in the atmosphere.

Conservation of forest. (TOSU AREA)

In my locality, Tosu, conservation of forest is never been a piece of cake. It is literally the hardest task to be installed / carried out due to lack of education and on the top of that majority of the people, around 95 percent of the population depend on jhum and shifting cultivation. There seems to be no other option other than jhum and shifting due to hilly and sloppy landscape, and lack of modern technologist. Scientific farming seems to be almost impossible since the people were never exposed to such practice.

In recent years, deforestation has increased to great extent since

The roads have been connected to every nook and corner. People had started supplying logs and timbers for commercial purposes. The forest which had been preserved for hundreds of years had been cleared down. Climate change and soil erosion have increased drastically. Due to deforestation the common people suffer with natural resources like, earthquake, landslide and global warming in and around the area.

However, this drastically changed had not failed to awake the minds of the intellectuals of Tobu area.

Many initiatives had been accepted by youths and students of Tobu area.

Some of the conservative activities carrying within Tobu area by non-government and government sectors are:-

A. Tobu Area Students' Union (TASU)

Forest and wildlife conservation in Tobu area is predominantly spearheaded by Tobu Area Students' Union (TASU). The Union had initially tried to adopt a resolution to ban the excisions of logs and limbs for commercial purpose in the year 2018. However, due to heavy pressure from the majority of the population the Union failed to adopt the resolution in the year 2018. But this issue was brought in the following session, i.e., 2019. After the issue discussed in length, finally the

Resolution on banning the extraction of logs and timbers within Tobu Jurisdiction was adopted. This was a mile stone achieved by the Union towards the forest conservation; for domestic purpose, there is no such restrictions.

However, there were some defaulters who smuggles the timbers illegally. Many defaulters were caught red-handed and very heavy fines were imposed to them.

Subsequently the resolution began to function effectively. The federating units under Tobu Area Students' Union are the main driving force behind the success of the said resolution.

The federating units and the present students of some village also actively organise world Environment Day. During which, activities such as plantation and cleanliness drive and seminars concerning adverse effects of forest destruction are being carried out.

* Participation of small clubs and organizations:

Some small clubs such as happy club, toby town and mongmei PU team, wangsu village etc. are taking very good initiative towards conservation of forest and wildlife, and cleanliness. Cleanliness and plantation drives had been organised by them in recent years. It is not -

only impacted the forest and wildlife but also to the mind-set of the people due to their social service. Unlike before, many intelligent people coming up with better thoughts and doing excellent work at different village for the betterment of tomorrow. Many more other clubs also organised and practicing the prevention of forest.

Also we can see many more changes in an around the area. Slowly and slowly people are realising the adverse effects of deforestation and destruction to wildlife. In fact people are learning the adversity of deforestation. Now, we can see that each and every individuals are well aware of natural resources.

* Administrative Tobsu

Administration of Tobsu also spearheading the activities related to forest and wildlife conservation. The administration had initiated plantation drive recently, i.e. on world Environment Day, 2021 for decorative and forest conservation purpose. Environment day is organised actively every year in collaboration with Forest Department Tobsu. Many Ornamental trees are planted in and around town area.

Biodiversity Management Board.

Under Biodiversity Board, Nagaland all the villages within Nagaland are directed to form Biodiversity Management Committees. At Tobsu sub-division, Biodiversity

Management committees are formed in every village in the year 2019. These committees are functioning since its inception; may be not up to the expectation of the people. Out of these committees, Biodiversity management committees, Changlangshet village is the most active one.

* Community Reserved Forest, Tobu village.

Realising the importance and necessities of forest and wildlife, and considering the climate change and depletion of natural resources, Tobu village council had set up one preserved forest under Tobu village jurisdiction. The reserved forest is protected from hunting and deforestation, and the forest is

Called 'Ngakulung'. Heavy fine is imposed to the defaulters who violate the restrictions laid down by the Fobu village council. This reserved forest is not yet recognised by the government; as such no fund is received from the government. It is purely a voluntary contribution from the side of Fobu village council.

CONCLUSION

As we know that the conservation of forest is one of the most essential / important for our livelihood.

Forest and the product they provide are universally required for the continuation of human society as we know it. Conservation of forest leads to decreases of natural resources, like landslides, earthquake, etc. and it is also a shelter for wild animals / wildlife. Many changes are coming up within our jurisdiction. Different clubs, and organization formed and they are taking well initiative in protecting the forest, and each and every individuals are well aware of their own livelihood.