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TOPIC - Write a report on
forest conservation in your area/block/**village**/district
(SEYOCHUNG VILLAGE)

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Q) Write a report on forest conservation in your area/block/village/district.

{ Have you noticed the changed in climate condition in your locality? Is forest conservation worth implementing? What are the steps taken by your locality for the conservation of forest? }

With the world now experiencing a drastic change in climatic condition there is a need for the conservation of forest. The conservation of forest is about the preservation of the forest places. The forest are the reason by any means which is known as the conservation of forest or in simple words forest conservation is the maintainance and upkeep of forest.

SEYOCHUNG FOREST CONSERVATION

Seyochung village located in about 74 km away from the district headquarter Kiphire, is surrounded by hilly areas. Falling under the Mt. Saramati ranges the village is rich in forest resources.

However in recent years with the establishment of various institution and offices ,major part of the forest cover has been greatly depleted. Thus to prevent the complete loss of all forest cover area in a village the council reserve some major portion of forest cover area for forest conservation.

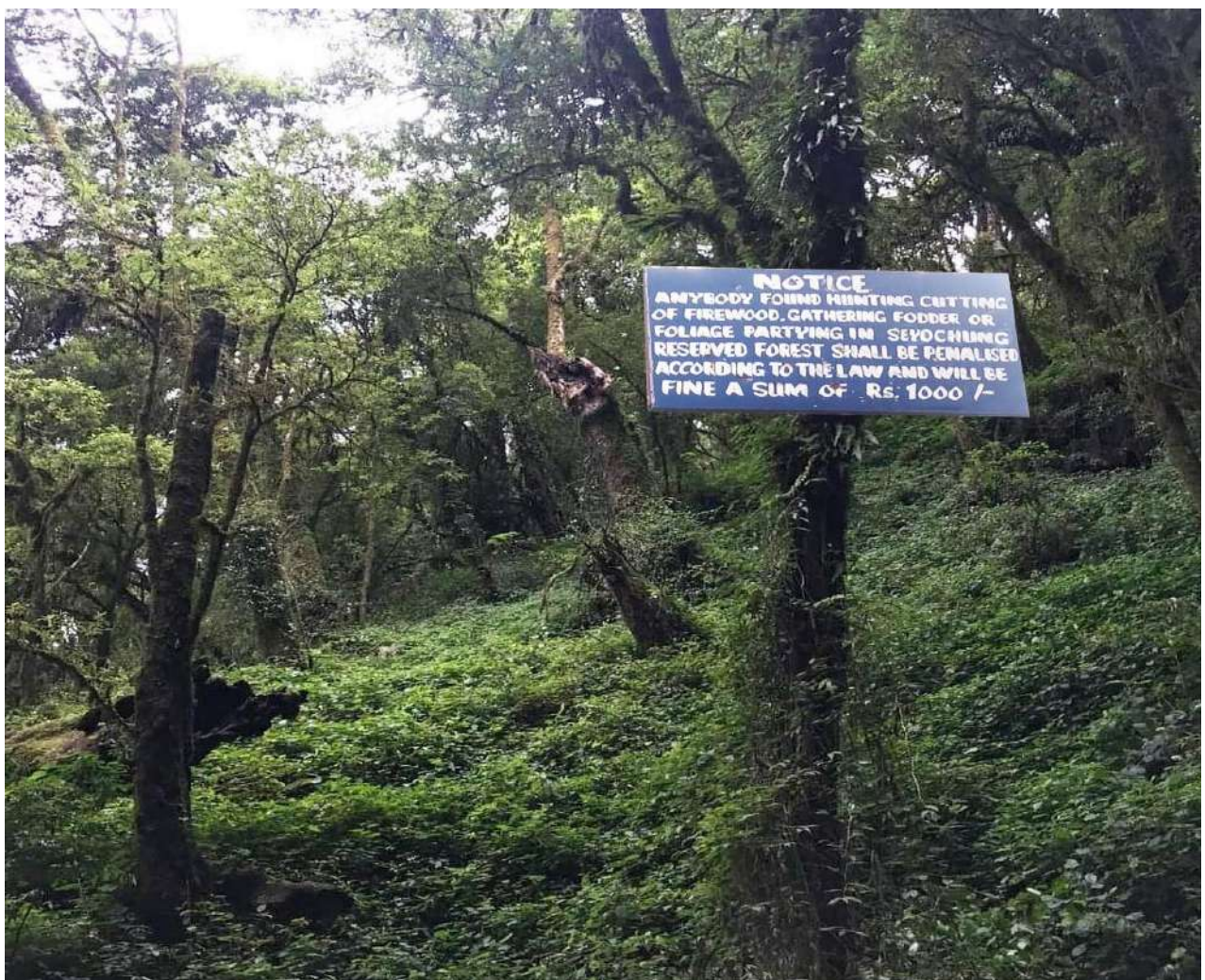


Fig 1

(Seyochung forest protected area)



Fig 2



Fig 2.1

STEPS TAKEN BY THE VILLAGE FOR THE CONSERVATION OF FOREST

With no forest department or any government institution in the village to look after the forest conservation area, the village council play a very important role. The conservation of the forest in the village started way back 10 years ago and is still conserving the forest . the forest is preserve by so many ways such as banning on hunting ,cutting down of trees, collection of wood.

The village council also made some important measure for the conservation of forest. This include-

- a) trading of timber has been prohibited by the council
- b) total banned on hunting and cutting down of trees
- c) plantation of trees along road side
- d) banning on collection of fodders
- e) reserving major vast land of forest as a village reserve forest.
- f) organising programmes for forest conservation.
- g) prohibition on entering of domesticated animals like buffalos and cows to prevent over grazing

Various programmes were held by the council for the conservation of forest. One such programme that gave a major boost to the village regarding forest conservation was held in 2016 where all clans/sectors of the village planted about 1000 trees .

Apart from village council ,the Seyochung village student union also play a very important role in the conservation of forest. The union also organise various programme every year to educate and create awareness among the villagers about the importance of forest. Programmes were also been held to encourage the villagers especially the youth to take a part in planting more trees in the village.

The student union along with village council member also did collect different types of trees an plant them during the world environment day. The council also did conduct programmes along with government oragnisation for the conservation of forest. The 'cleaniness drive and plantaion ' is one of the programme organised by the government in the village. Under this scheme it aim to achieve plantation of ten thousand trees by the year 2023.

The student union not only organise programmes but also vigilate various part of the forest protection area every two monthsto cross check whether an illegal activities are be carrying out in that area.



Fig 2.2

(inside the forest protected area. An area where guava and oranges are grown in large number)



Fig 3



Fig 4

(collection of tree sapling in exchange with forest department ,Kiphire)

Fig5

CHALLENGES FACES BY THE COUNCIL

Despite various rules and law being implemented ,programmes being organised for the conservation of forest the council and the union faced a tough challenges. As per the interview with the chairman of the village approximately every year 40-50 person were being caught doin illegal activities inside the forest area.

Banning on hunting became a more tough challenge for the council to implement. There has being a simultaneously increased in hunting activities especially during this lockdown period.

Beside hunting ,cutting down of trees for firewood has also increased . since majority of the village depend on firewood the coucil did decide to open the forest once in every year for the collection of firewood. However certain limitation has being imposed based on the total members of the household.

Despite its challenges, the council along with the union has played a very important role in the conservation of forest though no forest department are there in a village. Since forest are an areas were most of the species of flora and fauna are found, there is a huge importance of conservation of forest as the forest play many important roles in the biological cycle as well in maintaining the climate condition and making balancing the environment.

METHOD USE FOR WRITING THE REPORT

Primary and secondary data

RESOURCES –

PEOPLE BEING INTERVIEWED

1 L.CHOKHABA , VILLAGE CHAIRMAN

**2) SETSATRONG SANGTAM, VILLAGE COUNCIL
SECRETARY**

**3) THINGLISE SANGTAM, VILLAGE STUDENT
UNION PRESIDENT**

**4) SULIBA SANGTAM , VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEMBER**