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Non-Timber Forest Products: Future Scenario

BACKGROUNDER

President's Secretariat

- Speech by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee on the occasion of eight annual convention of Central Information Commission
- President calls upon the public authorities to be proactive and voluntarily put information in the public domain for the use of citizens

Prime Minister's Office

- PM's address at the launch of the Gandhi Heritage Portal

Min of Commerce & Industry

- Index of Eight Core Industries (Base: 2004-05=100), July, 2013

Min of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

- Pulses Prices Steady at Wholesale Centers

Min of Corporate Affairs

- The Companies Bill, 2013 Receives the Assent of the President

Min of Culture

- PM Dedicates Gandhi Heritage Portal to the Nation
- Union Culture Minister Opens Exhibition on Indian Embroideries

NTFP based forest management provides a mechanism for creating incentives for the forest conservation itself: the argument here is that the rural community will be less inclined to destroy the resource base if they are able to derive more benefits from forest conservation. The term Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) appears to have been coined, for the first time, by De beer and Macdermott (1989). Until about a decade and half ago word 'Minor Forest Products' were perceived providing only an insignificant portion of the household income of forest fringe dwellers. State Forest Departments (SFDs) often considered them of 'Minor' economic significance primarily on account of their insignificant revenue contribution as compared to timber. In 1990s when the adverse impacts of timber logging became a subject of intense debate NTFPs became an alternative source of income to forest dwellers. This category of products acquired further prominence on account of growing preferences for use of natural products for health care, nutrition, cosmetics, aroma, pesticides etc. There has been an increasing realization that NTFP management represents a sustainable form of forest management, which is ecologically less damaging than management of the forests for timber logging.

Non Timber Forest Products and Poverty Alleviation

Forestry is being redefined, with a growing emphasis on poverty alleviation and livelihoods improvements particularly since late 1970. The Millennium Development Goal's (MDGs) have focused attention on poverty alleviation. Fortunately, forestry of late received due recognition that it has component of poverty reduction through providing immediate goods and services for consumption, cash income and serves as