

## **The Dynamics Of Sacred Groves**

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**ABSTRACT** The institution of scared groves in an age-old system which probably dates as far back as the pre-agrarian times. While the anthropologists had mainly studied it as a cultural manifestation the environmentalists have of late been trying to figure it exclusively from the ecological domains. This paper, however, makes a modest attempt to depict it from an ontological and ecological and political economic perspective. It concludes that the scared groves in a multifaceted institution which is subject to changes according to the shifting fundamentally manifesting itself as a symbol of self assertion and the contours of which can be utilized for social development.