

The Changing Forest Management and Utilisation Patterns in Manipur: A Historical Analysis

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ABSTRACT The problem of rapidly dwindling forest resources is one of the most contentious issues of recent times. The negative effect of deforestation is well perceived, but there is little convergence of opinions on the possible causes that varies in time and space. Although there have been studies on the historical process of deforestation in India, little information is available from the North-eastern states of India. The present paper examines the historical process of changes in forest management and utilisation patterns *vis-à-vis* changes in socio-political, population, subsistence system, infrastructure, etc. in Manipur, one of the North-eastern states of India.