



INTERNATIONAL LEARNING EXCHANGE NOV 2-4, 2023



Experts, stakeholders and participants from diverse backgrounds from 30 countries and 18 states of India came together to celebrate a legacy of collective tenure where they could foster a sense of community, creatively collaborate and exchange their diverse knowledge on the profound richness and resilience of indigenous communities through open dialogues. This learning exchange was the platform to connect from grassroots to national and international forums.

The three-day event was inaugurated by welcoming all participants and sharing common objectives of this forum. Designed to share knowledge, learning and cultures, the event included knowledge sessions, Phoenix talks and interactive activities like Wish Tree along with cultural evenings filled with immense joy.

THE WISH TREE



Innovative ideas like Wish Tree made the event more engaging where participants pinned down their messages on a wish tree and exhibited their forest resources around the tree. The wish tree was soon adorned with colourful leaves, filled with ideas and wishes, allowing participants to envision their thoughts.

One of the message from
Wish Tree,

“ Our existence comes from the forest and in the forest we will find the future of our existence ”

CULTURAL EVENING WITH SUFI MUSIC



The first day's evening embarked with soul-stirring **Sufi Music**, featuring the renowned **Mukhtiyar Ali**. Their mesmerizing performances captivated the hearts of all participants.

PHOENIX TALK

To celebrate the stories of women leaders, the event included a talk show where four powerful women leaders shared their journey of struggle and resilience, standing strongly against gender discrimination and ensuring access to rights and resources for their communities.



“All men and women should come together to help the forests, not just the people at the top”

- Prafulla Mishra, Odisha, India

“Coming here shows that we are not alone, that there are people outside Tanzania who are together with us. Solidarity can take us far.”

- Catherine, gender officer from UCRT, Tanzania

KNOWLEDGE SHARING BY INDIAN & INTERNATIONAL FOREST COMMUNITY



To understand and exchange the learnings, thematic panel sessions were organized, which provided insights on the critical issues of access to forest and its ownership, sustainable utilization of resources, and the invaluable contribution of women in forest leadership roles and its conservation.

Providing exposure and insights from international perspectives; a panel discussion constituting international delegations, shared their knowledge, challenges and experiences, thereby widening the understanding of all participants.

THE MARCH OF DIVERSITY



The **March of Diversity** was a call to honour the cultural diversity that enriches our shared humanity, a reminder that in unity, we find strength, and in diversity, we discover the true essence of our collective identity.

Everyone danced to the beats of their traditional songs, celebrating their cultures and ethnicity.

The hall resounded with the diversified voices singing **We shall Overcome**. All participants danced arm-in-arm, sharing the profound richness of their diversity and cultures.

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