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Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Prajnee Samedhini Sahoo, Registration Number: 2170134, PhD Scholar at the School of Law, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Saturday, 21 February 2026 at 11.00 am in Seminar Hall (Room No. 2208), Management Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Pune Lavasa Off-Campus, Pune - 412112, Maharashtra, India.

- Title of the Thesis** : **An Analytical Study of Sustainable Livelihood of Tribals as Enshrined in the Forest Rights Act, 2006: Constraints with Specific Reference to Jashpur District of Chhattisgarh**
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 16 February 2026



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ABSTRACT

The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (hereinafter the Forest Rights Act) has been passed with the objective of undoing the historical injustices suffered by the tribal communities. The colonial and post-colonial policies of the Government laid emphasis on utilizing the forest resources for the development of the country. But they failed to recognize the traditional rights of the forest dwellers who depend on the forest for their life, habitation and livelihood. The Forest Rights Act is a promising piece of legislation. If implemented effectively, it will recognize and vest on the forest dwellers the different forest rights enumerated therein. In spite of achieving a good number of titles being distributed, the objectives of the Act are far from being achieved. This research analysed the rights of tribal people specially the right to sustainable livelihood under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and in detailed evaluated implementation procedure. The research came out with the different roadblocks in the implementation procedure and the constraints in achieving sustainable livelihood in the Jashpur district of Chhattisgarh. The research came up with suggestions recommending different measures to make the implementation process more efficient and productive.

Keywords: *Forest Rights, Sustainable Livelihood, Implementation, Gram Sabha.*

Publications:

1. **Sahoo, P. S.,** Bang, S. S., & Sahil, G. (2024). Forest conservation and development in India: An analysis of the Forest Rights Act, 2006 and its impact on the forest system. *Jurnal Cita Hukum (Indonesian Law Journal)*, 12(2).
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