



Exploring the Intersection of Circular Living within Indigenous practices for Social, Economical, Cultural and Governance as part of climate resilient sustainability

The Wicked Challenge

The erosion of traditional circular lifestyles in tribal communities is escalating due to industrial development models, necessitating a large-scale civil society movement, and the revival & adaptation of indigenous practices for climate resilience.

BUT

There is an untapped potential of tribal and rural communities to lead climate-resilient development through their embedded circular practices, if supported by collaborative and locally informed actions.

Common agreement

Rural knowledge is undervalued but critical for sustainability.

Urban-centric development harms indigenous practices.

Sustainable change must emerge from within rural communities.

Circular practices are inherently embedded in indigenous traditions.

Biodiversity, seed sovereignty, and traditional food must be prioritized.



Speaker
Subrata Singh
Executive Director,
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Apna khan paan, apna samman

There is a myth of urban superiority and rural loss of dignity.

Globalisation and nationalisation are slowly eroding our local practices.

There is a need to restructure local food systems and reclaim cultural identity.

We should be mindful of the myth of refined oil narrative and sustainability tokenism.



Speaker
Deepak Sharma
Development Expert

Gyan dene jayenge to mushkil hogi, explore karne jayenge to nahi hogi

Think Indigenous Actions and apply Circularity + Swaraj at the community level

Every indigenous actions gives three benefits- Cultural linkages, ecological and social benefits

Need to enhance biodiversity and seed sovereignty (Beej Swaraj).

Promoted Hangdi Kheti as a resource-efficient traditional method.



Moderator
Anshu Gupta
Co-Founder, Goonj

Shehr Gaon se sikhna nahi chahte...Yadi nal ko zinda rakhna hai to talab ko zinda rakhna hoga.

Women and rural people must drive circular change

Potential Solution



Recognize and Restore Dignity to Rural Knowledge - Incentivize Sustainable Practices



Empower Farmers as Change Leaders



Shift Narratives through Education and Media



Strengthen Collaborative Governance