

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION CERTIFICATE COURSE

Module 2: Forest Ecosystems

Session 3

Threats to the Forest Ecosystems

Dear Participants,

Please find below the assignments and reading materials for Module 2 Session 3. We share with you 1 reading article and 5 videos to watch and learn from. You are requested to read the materials, watch the video to complete your assignments.

Article for reading

1. Where forest is God: Lessons in conservation from Western Ghats tribes
<https://indianexpress.com/article/technology/science/tiger-temples-gaur-god-conservation-western-ghats-tribes-7428564/>

Video

1. Forests of Reverence <https://youtu.be/P7pXo6FMEpY>
2. Ecotourism and Forest Conservation in Maharashtra
<https://youtu.be/BEBFGbGcEYw>
3. Wounded Hills: A documentary on the environmental issues of the Western Ghats
<https://youtu.be/rTV-56QaqQM>
4. Redemption: a REDD+ Story from India https://youtu.be/QU9o_5UfnLI
5. India's Forest Tribe Is Silently Being Evicted From Their Home
<https://youtu.be/fMShQLyptig>

Assignment: Answer any three questions. Answers should not be more than 300 words. Each question carries five marks

1. How is studying Ficus and wasp relationship an important aspect for restoration?
2. Introducing a new species (plant or animal) is a threat to ecosystem. Yes or no? Justify your answer with an example.
3. Can tourism be allowed in the forest ecosystem? Justify your answer.
4. Why are certain species referred to a Keystone species in an ecosystem? What is their importance in terms of ecosystem health?
5. Communities living inside forests have an important role in ecosystem restoration. What would be the impact of removing them from these areas?

Email the completed assignments to the course coordinator by **12th August, 2021**, with Subject Line 'Your Name – Module 2 Assignment 3 – Forests'.

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