

This ISS research committee is on 'Adivasi and Tribal Studies', earlier it used to be 'Rural Peasant and tribal studies' since its inception in 1999. However, in 2017 it changed into the present nomenclature. The RC focuses on the understanding and analysis of a holistic account of the tribes of the world in general and the tribes of India in particular. India has 468 tribes; however, there are 705 scheduled tribes, who constitute about 8.6% of the population. They live in 15% of the geographical area of the country. They have no unitary culture, language, food habits, customs and so on. They are diversified in every sense. Today the scope of tribal studies rests mainly on the changing perspective of the tribal society.

Objectives:

1. To understand the diversity of tribal culture.
2. To study the social system, including family, marriage, kinship and stratification.
3. To find out the impact of modernisation and globalisation on the tribe.
4. To critically examine the impact of the development programme on them.
5. To study the land and forest rights of the tribal community.
6. To understand the issue of identity and ethnicity among the tribes.
7. To study their political participation and representation.
8. To analyse tribal social movement: Protest and Resistance.
9. To study the impact of Climate Change on them.
10. To analyse displacement and Rehabilitation among the tribals due to the construction of mega projects.

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