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① Promoting partnerships among different stakeholders can nurture the forest economy in the country?

Introduction -

Forest plays a crucial role in supporting rural livelihood. Estimated that 200 million people dependant on forest in India as it is a way of life socially & culturally for them.

One-sided benefits of forest -

- 1) The collected products from forest by local people used as a raw materials in Industries such as pharmaceuticals, paper & pulp, perfumery & medicine.
- 2) Despite its such contribution, forest are seen as space of poverty & deprivation. This indeed due to strong congruence b/w poverty & forest.
- 3) But it creates job & wealth faraway from forest due to as it comes under informal sector the people who ensure raw material to

industry becomes invisible thus benefits attained by industries alone.

① The industry is unaware of the potential of the forest in creating job & wealth in the rural economy.

② To address this congruence of forest & poverty a **3-pronged approach** will be helpful in converting forest into space of opportunity.

→ (i) visible & formalise the first-mile production system by using digital tech - [Jan Dhan - Aadhaar - Mobile] to provide solution.

→ (ii) To achieve massive scale of economy community based enterprise in forest region should be strengthened by replicating the FPOs in agriculture.

→ (iii) Increase productivity by setting up processing for value-addition at the local level.

③ Thus, aggregation, processing & market linkages could increase the household income.

of the poorest of marginal communities in India. as a result forest volume of forest product also increase for industries.

Drawback → The volume of forest products transfers to industries ↑ at the cost of destruction of forest.

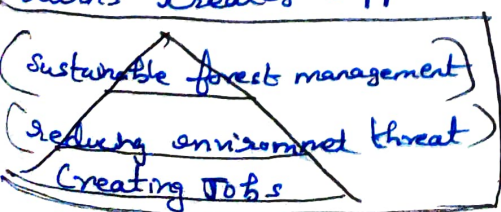
Way Forward

* recognising the community forest produce rights under Forest rights Act, 2006 could provide an easy solution.

* people lives near forest have knowledge about forest & its products as well as threats to its sustainability. So, By empowering them we ~~pro~~ could provide local benefits to the people as well as maintaining forest sustainability.

* Brings transparency & traceability to forest-based supply chains ensures quality & sustainability therefore bringing millions of forest dependent household into formal economy in turns creates opportunity for businesses

(eg) Gujarat - Narmada dist, local people managing forest.



Conclusion - Thus promoting

partnerships b/w local comm, industry & govt will ensure multiple benefits.