Forest management policies that address the community equity discourses are beginning to transform into a tangible reality all across the globe. It is especially significant when these policies have a direct and targeted effect on the marginalized communities such as a nation’s respective Indigenous people. This study highlights how the Scheduled Tribes (commonly known as Adivasis) are represented within the recent Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006 of India. Through a keyword review and analysis of the original policy document FRA 2006, we identified three themes - accessibility of forest resources, local political power dynamics, and disruption of traditional lifestyle that impacted the Adivasi life. Further, we conducted a review of supporting literature on the aforementioned themes to provide insights into why these identified themes are relevant for Adivasis. The overall aim of this research is to initiate a productive and progressive discussion that acknowledges the social and political power imbalances, and to potentially encourage measures that might be useful for future forest policies and biodiversity conservation programs to be more inclusive of local communities.

Themes:

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Comments: Well done. Consider expanding on why the policies could have a direct and targeted effect on the aforementioned communities. All the best at MURC!