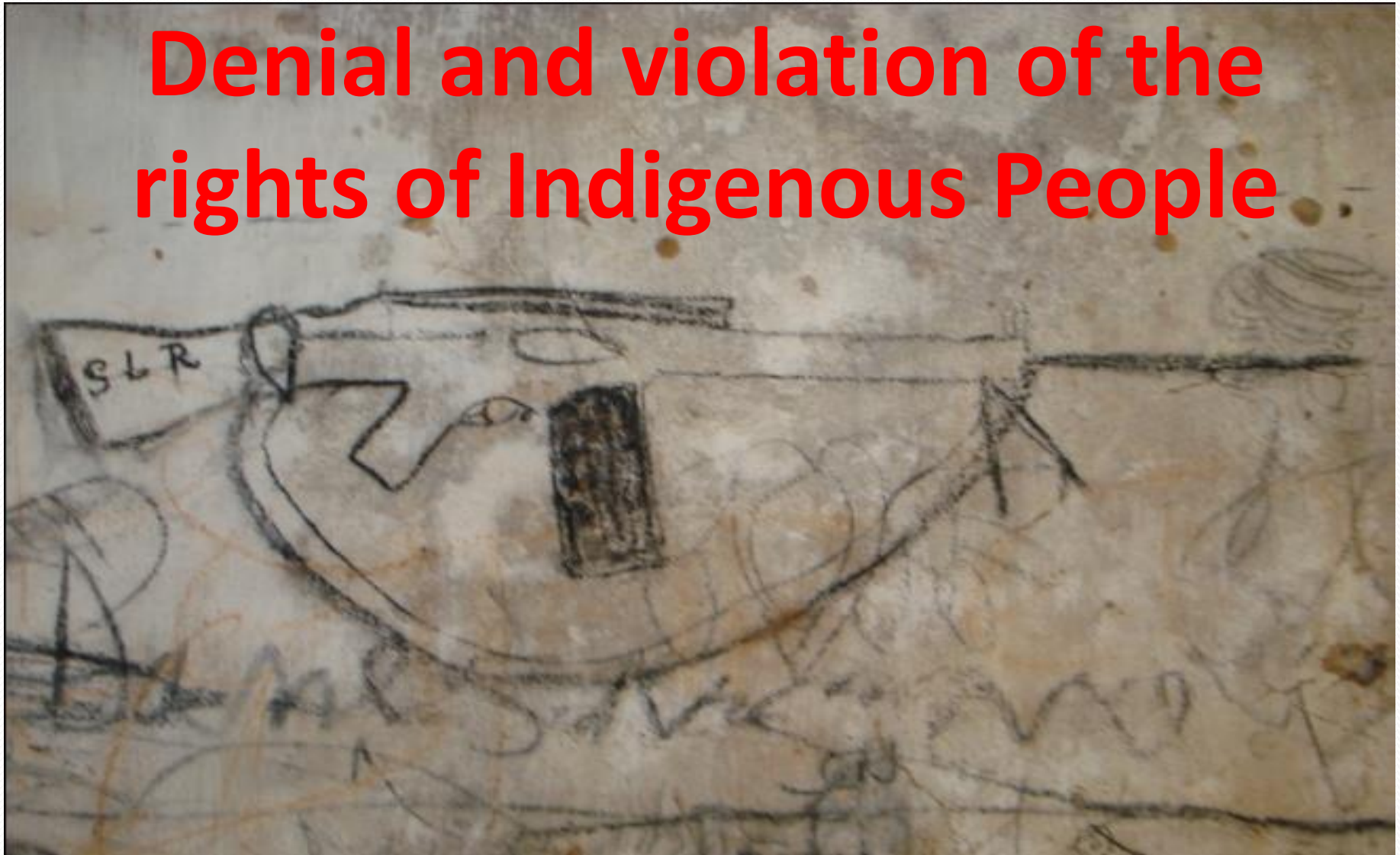


A War for Resources in India:

Denial and violation of the rights of Indigenous People



Intro to the Adivasis of India

- **‘Adivasi’ literary means the original settler, first settler or Indigenous People.**
- **Anthropological Survey insisted that there are 635 tribes in India. Yet Indian Govt. recognised only 426.**
- **It has population of 100 million, which is 8.6 % of the total population of India**
- **90 % of them still live in the rural areas, who economy is based on agro-forestry.**



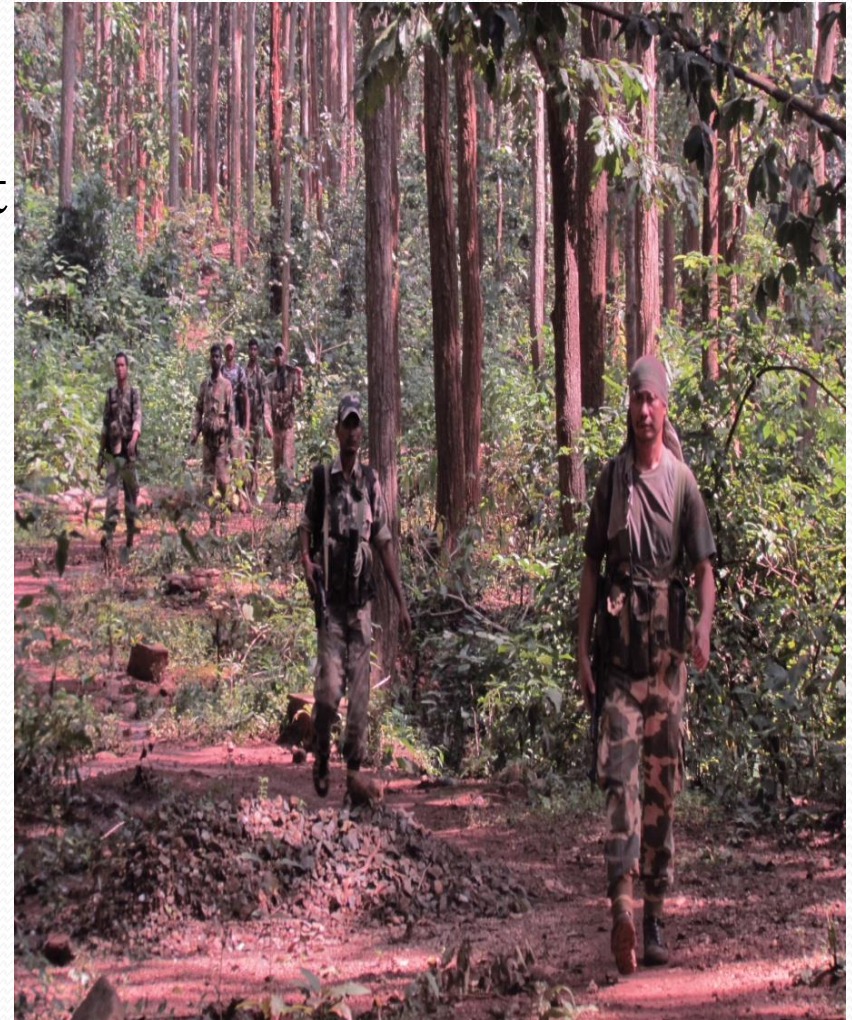
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- **The Adivasis have symbiotic relationship with the nature.**
- **The alienation from the natural resources in the name of economic growth, national interest and greater common good.**
- **Indian state official accepted through the Forest Rights Act 2006 that historical injustice has been done to the Adivasis.**



A WAR FOR RESOURCES

- **In 2009, the PM of India declared in the Parliament that extremism as the biggest internal security threat and also threat to the investment climate.**
- **They declared that 92,000 sq km falls under 120 districts of 9 states of India.**
- **The Operation Green Hunt was launched by deploying 200,000 paramilitary forces.**



A WAR FOR RESOURCES

- **Saranda is the largest Sal Forest in Asia situated in West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand.**
- **Saranda means the land of seven hundred small hills. The forest covers an area of 850 Sq. km.**
- **The Forest contains 25 % Iron-ore of the country, where 12 companies are running 50 mining projects.**



A WAR FOR.....

- **Saranda Forest is abode of Ho Adivasis, who have been fighting for the ownership rights on forest for decades.**
- **The Maoist had entered into the region in the year 2000 as a savior of 125,000 Adivasis of Saranda.**
- **However, today, the people are caught in the crossfire between the Security Forces and the Maoists.**



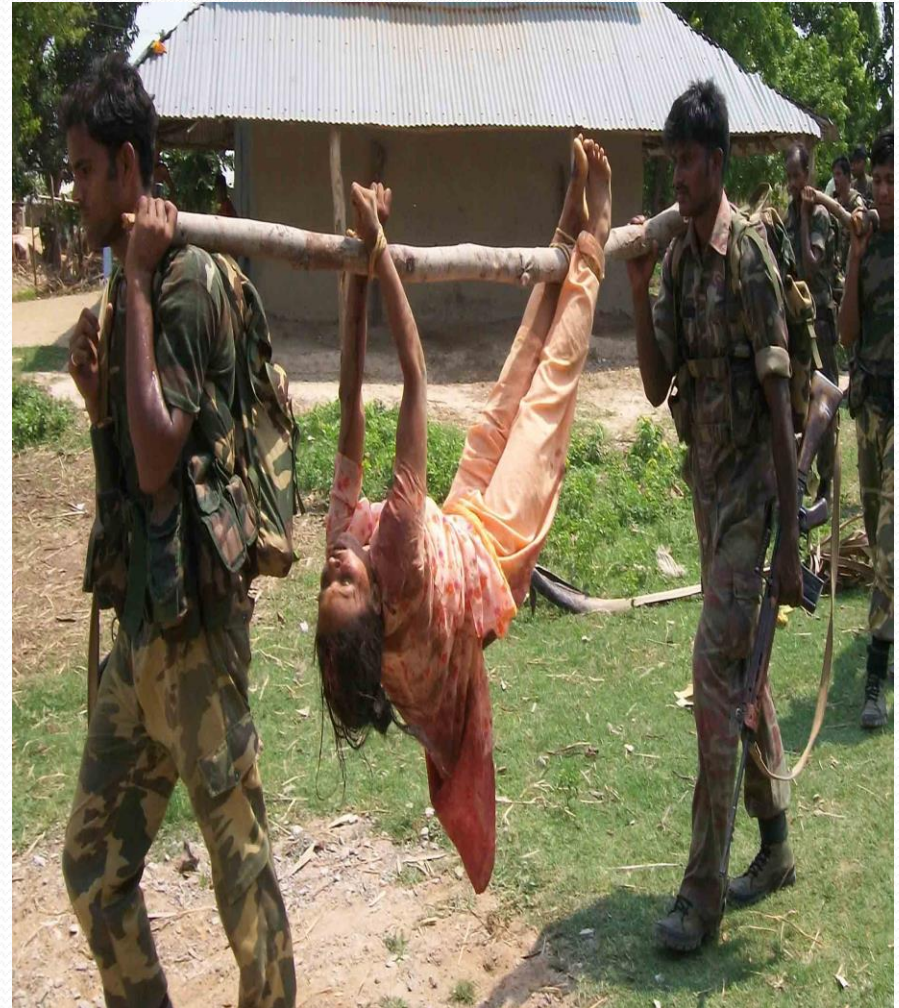
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- **25 villages were seized for a month and 3 houses were burnt.**
- **3 ration shops were demolished and food-grain, utensils were destroyed in every house.**
- **3 villagers were killed, 2 women were raped, 500 were tortured.**
- **112 villagers were detained and 33 were sent to jail.**
- **Schools converted into police camps and study materials destroyed.**
- **official papers were burnt and 22 companies were sanctioned mining**



VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

- **83 districts of India are ruled by the Extremists.**
- **The Security Forces killed 1000 innocent people, raped/molested 500 women.**
- **6,000 people were arrested in Jharkhand, 17,000 in Chhatisgarh and 1500 in Orissa in allegation of being the Naxals or their supporters.**
- **644 villages were vacated in the state of Chhatisgarh.**



VIOLATION.....

- **Militarization of the community by both parties - state and non-state actors across red corridor.**
- **2055 people including 424 police, 612 common people and 1019 Naxalites were killed. In addition 500 SPOs were killed.**
- **5000 children lost their parent(s) in the crossfire.**
- **Who's losers in the crossfire?**
- **The majority of the people, who were killed in either side in the crossfire were Adivasis.**



DEVELOPMENT DISCOURSE

- **Adivasis are portrayed as the people, who are opposed to Development.**
- **60 million people were displaced in India last 6 decades by development projects.**
- **40 percent of those displaced belonged to Adivasi communities.**
- **25 percent of those are estimated to have been resettled.**



DEVELOPMENT.....

- **400 MoUs signed among the governments and private companies including 104 MoUs in Jharkhand, 90 in Orissa and 100 in Chh' garh.**
- **Policies brought in favour of the companies i.e. Industrial policy 2001 and 2012 in Jharkhand and Chhatisgarh.**
- **The Indigenous People will lose another 5 00,000 acres of land therefore, they are fighting across India.**



DEVELOPMENT.....

- **Are we the Adivasis really against of Development?**
- **The Adivasis who surrendered their land are nowhere.**
- **Demographic change in Jamshedpur, Ranchi and Bokaro.**
- **Police Firing (Kallinganagar) and false cases filed.**
- **Where is the inclusive growth and development?**
- **Who are champion of the development?**



FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

- **False charges labeled against 5000 activists and protesters in Jharkhand.**
- **Several Activists were put in Jail for demanding for enforcement of the Indian Constitution and Laws.**
- **Democratic movements were coined as Naxal Movements.**
- **Human Rights Activists are coined as the Naxal supporters.**
- **Lack of mouth pieces among the IPs...47 MPs but no question in the Parliament...**



Denial and Violation of the Constitutional Provisions, Laws and International Mechanism

- **Constitutional Provisions are not uphold by the Government.**
- **Laws and Policies are not enforced i.e. FRA, PESA, etc.**
- **International mechanism like ILO 169 is not yet ratified.**
- **Indian Government is silent on the UNDRIP.**
- **Why laws and policies are not implemented?**
- **Its due to rampant racial discrimination in India.**



Denial and Violation ...

- **Laws to protect the Land of Adivasis in several states.**
- **8 Bureaucrats were found their involvement in land grab but no action taken.**
- **2.2 million acres of Adivasis land was illegally grabbed in Jharkhand alone.**
- **86,291 cases involving 10,48,93 acres of land.**
- **12,739 cases are pending**
- **The govt is making easy the processes for mining companies.**



WAY FORWARD

- **There is a needs to be the Glocal (global and local) forum of the Activists and Academicians to share the information.**
- **The Academicians should be make these issues visible in the international spaces.**
- **The Academicians should give more spaces to the Adivasi Activists in their academic work.**



THANK YOU !



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