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Highlights

- A timely study of governance and management of forest resources
- Captures the multiple dimensions of the idea of democratic governance of forests with a specific reference to India
- Themes range from the relevance of the Joint Forest Management programme, the contribution of the Forest Rights Act, the complexities of the Godavarman case, and the changes in the Wildlife Protection Act

Democratizing Forest Governance in India

Sharachchandra Lele and Ajit Menon (eds)

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The forest discourse in India has shifted decisively from questions of management to questions of governance. The essays in this book highlight and explore how this shift is occurring and what the challenges to democratic forest governance are. It covers questions of local management, wildlife conservation and forest conversion, as well as the changing socio-economic context of forestry in India.

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