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Damage to forests and wildlife

- Excessive and lawless utilisation of forests will deplete the resources quicker than they can be restored.
- Destroys the ecological balance and may damage the habitats for various species of flora and fauna.

Sustainable development

- Sustainable development needs all stakeholders of forest resources to be satisfied. In reality, industries use forests at rates far below the market rates which causes conflict between local dwellers and industrialists.

Chipko movement

- The Chipko Andolan ('Hug the Trees Movement') is one such case of conflict between the industrialist and local dwellers in the 1970s.



Chipko Movement

- Originated in **Reni Garhwal**, high up in the Himalayas.
- The conflict between local villagers and logging contractor → Women of the village stopped felling of trees by hugging them → Contractor had to withdraw.



Women protecting the trees by hugging them

- The movement quickly gained popularity and media attention and forced the government to rethink the management of forest resources.
- Involvement of local people is equally important in the management of forest resources.