

WRITINGS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY IN MODERN INDIA: AN OVERVIEW

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ABSTRACT

The history of environment and forest economy are two emerging areas of study in the South Asian environmental history. The environmental, ecological and local themes have attracted the attention of scholars working on twenty first century India. The responses from different sections of the writings have been concentrated on the broad lack of historical perspective about environmental history is neglect and misinformation. As a result, contemporary environmental issues often emerge in the mass media without context and then disappear with little more than symbolic resolution. A significant body of environmental history concentrates on the history of state forest management and its impact on the rights of people. Colonialism and colonial forest policies are seen the most significant factors that influenced damaging impact on the environment of the colonized society.

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