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## **ECONOMICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS OF SHIFTING CULTIVATION IN ODISHA AND ITS VIABLE ALTERNATIVES**

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**Abstract:** Shifting Cultivation otherwise known as Jhum, Swidden, Slash and Burn and Podu cultivation is a subsistence method of agriculture majorly practiced by the Scheduled Tribes of the country and other parts of the globe. This form of agriculture incurs more labour and less returns significantly perpetuating poverty and degrading the ecology of the definite geographical area. The present paper is an attempt to ascertain the economical and environmental implication of Shifting Cultivation in Odisha and also to provide viable alternatives to combat with the evils of this form of agriculture practice.

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