



## ECOSOC Forum on Sustainable Development

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Recently, at the **High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development** at the **United Nations** headquarters in New York, indigenous tribal communities from **Rajasthan** showcased their traditional practices as effective solutions to global challenges.

- The forum was held under the auspices of the **UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** with the theme, **'Reinforcing the 2030 agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: The effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions'**.
  - Established by the **UN Charter** in **1945**, **ECOSOC** is the principal body for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on economic, social and environmental issues, as well as implementation of internationally agreed development goals.
  - It is the UN's central platform for **reflection, debate and innovative thinking on sustainable development**.
  - It has **54 members**, elected by the **UN General Assembly** for overlapping three-year terms.
- **Vaagdhara**, a voluntary group based in **Rajasthan**, emphasised the resilience and sustainability of indigenous practices in agriculture and resource management.
- The forum recognised initiatives by the tribal communities such as **seed preservation, water conservation, and sustainable agriculture**, which have mitigated **economic and environmental challenges**, including the impacts of the **Covid-19** pandemic.
  - **Bhil, Damor, Damaria, Dhanka, Tadvi, Tetaria, Valvi, Sehria, Sehria, Sahariya, Koli and Turi** are some of the scheduled tribes found in **Rajasthan**.

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