



# Today's Google Doodle on Chipko Movement - GK Notes in PDF

Chipko Movement also known as the Chipko Andolan was one of the unique ways of Forest Conservation. This event took place in the Himalayan mountains of Uttarakhand. Google India is paying homage to this event which is celebrating its 45th Anniversary today, i.e. 26th March 2018. Google often releases creative illustrations of various personalities or events in a gif or an interactive animation, which are known as '**Google Doodles**', to pay them tribute. These Google Doodles are designed by the various talented and upcoming artists. Keeping a knowledge of some of the Google Doodles will help you in the preparation of General Awareness & General Knowledge section for various Government exams like IBPS Clerk, SSC CHSL, SSC CGL, etc. So here's all you need to know about Chipko Movement to score on your exam!

#### **Chipko Movement - An Introduction**

The word Chipko means, 'to stick' or 'to hug'. The Chipko movement was a non-violent protest against the rapid deforestation. This event took place on 26th March 1973. Mass level of deforestation had started taking place in areas of Uttarakhand which resulted in such kind of an unusual protest. Earlier such kind of protest was witnessed in the 1730 A.D. where 363 Rajasthani villagers died while saving Khejri trees. This might be the inspiration for the Chipko Movement of 1973.

## **Chipko Movement - Why it Started?**











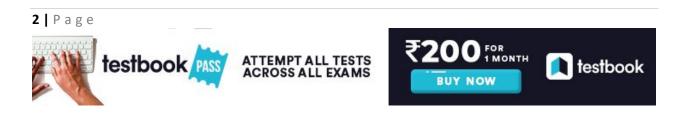
- Due to rapid urban development projects like construction of dams & roads, a large number of trees were being cut down in Uttarakhand.
- The goal of this mass environmental movement was to draw attention & prevent deforestation.
- This movement followed Gandhian philosophy of peaceful resistance.
- It was an uprising against the people destroying ecological balance.
- Chipko Andolan can also be called as an 'eco-feminism' movement.

#### **Chipko Movement - Who Participated?**

- The biggest participants in this movement were women.
- Women are the backbone of the agrarian community, hence it was necessary that women stand up against the deforestation.
- Apart from women, the mass protest was lead by Sundarlal Bahuguna & Chandi Prasad Bhatt.
- Chandi Prasad Bhatt won the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 1982 followed by Sundarlal Bahuguna won the Padma Vibhushan Awards 2009.

### **Chipko Movement - What are its Achievements?**

- The Chipko Movement won the fight in 1980 when the government banned the felling of trees in the Himalayan forests for 15 years.
- This ban was later extended to the Western Ghats & Vindhyas.
- The Chipko Movement was of the first environmental movement which drew people's attention to the ecological issues.
- Similar movements started taking place in various other areas, e.g. Appiko Movement in Karnataka State.





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