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Dr Rekha Pai is serving as the Inspector General of Forest in the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India. During her long career spanning over more than 33 years, Dr Pai has worked in various capacities, both at the State Government and Central Government. Her specific interest areas include issues related to community participation in resource management and livelihood, legal and policy framework and emerging issues in the field of climate change with special reference to forest. She was also actively associated with implementation of Forest+ Project supported by USAID under Indo American Bilateral Cooperation. Currently, she is involved with review of Forest Policy, 1988, Indian Forest Act, 1927, addressing concerns related to regulatory regime and other related matters such as Forestry Rights Act, 2006 and Panchayats (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act. Dr Pai has represented the country in various national and international conferences & workshops including United Nations Forestry Forum (UNFF), World Forestry Congress (WFC), Asia Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC), and Committee on Forestry (CoFo).



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