Books that capture the plight of Adivasis

Tribals in India have borne the brunt of modern development. These authors tell you more about the injustices meted out to them

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In our race to build more roads, dams and mines, India has done considerable damage to Adivasis, their forests, and culture. Many have been displaced from their land and given a pittance in name of compensation.

The International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples that was celebrated on August 9 aims to bring these issues to light and Metrolife has curated some books that capture them in a searing manner.

THE ADIVASI QUESTION: ISSUES OF LAND, FOREST AND LIVELIHOOD

Author: Indra Munshi
Construction of dams, setting up of army training camps or extraction of mineral ores has displaced millions of tribals from their traditionally-held forest lands. This 2012 book is a compilation of essays from the Economic and Political Weekly. It discusses the aspects of community rights, rehabilitation policies of the state, and management of the local forests through a set of case studies.