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Q8

What role do environmental NGOs and activists play in influencing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) outcomes for major projects in India? Cite four examples with all important details.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · GS III · 10 marks · Environment and Conservation

Conservation, environmental pollution and degradation, environmental impact assessment.

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Silent Valley

Kerala hydel project dropped after a 1970s-80s science-and-people campaign; later notified as a national park.

Narmada Bachao Andolan

Movement against displacement by Sardar Sarovar and related dams; Morse review and Supreme Court litigation.

Niyamgiri, 2013

Supreme Court required gram sabha consent for Vedanta bauxite on Dongria Kondh land; the sabhas said no.

Sterlite, Thoothukudi

Vedanta copper smelter; May 2018 protests and police firing; State ordered permanent closure.

EIA notification

The Union environment ministry's process (1994, recast 2006, later drafts) for scoping, hearing and clearance of listed projects.

POSCO Odisha

Jagatsinghpur steel project opposed on land and forest grounds; the company eventually withdrew.

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