TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE MISAPPROPRIATION AND BIOPIRACY IN INDIA:
A STUDY ON THE LEGAL MEASURES TO PROTECT TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE

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ABSTRACT
Protection of Traditional Knowledge (TK) seems to be one of the most contentious and complicated issue today. The discussion of the protection of Traditional Knowledge is particularly relevant for developing countries like India. The increasing importance of TK of indigenous communities and their knowledge attracted the uncompensated use of such knowledge by multinational corporations for commercial purposes. The concept of biopiracy is complicated and controversial; it involves directly with the concept of intellectual property rights (IPRs) in biological resources and many international treaties. The Paper focuses on the traditional knowledge protection, issues of biopiracy and the legal measures to protect TK in India.

KEYWORD: Biopiracy, Biological Diversity Act, CBD, Genetic Resources, Intellectual Property Rights, PPVFR, Traditional Knowledge.