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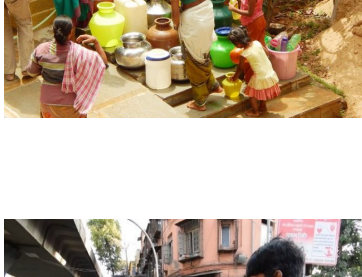
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[Creating a flood resilient Indian 'sheher' through water sensitive urban design](#)

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Ecological Restoration



[Equitable and Inclusive Landscape Restoration Planning: Learning from a Restoration Opportunity Assessment in India](#)

Ecological Restoration

by Ruchika Singh, Karishma Shelar, Marie Duraisami, Will Anderson & Rajendra Singh Gautam

Part of the special issue on 'Restoration for whom, by whom?', this paper is based on the learning of adapting the Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology (ROAM) in India. The paper highlights the need for implementation of participatory methods and inclusive strategies which ensure that local communities serve as more than passive beneficiaries and are central stakeholders. [Read complete paper](#)

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