

## Social-Ecological Importance of the Ancient trees on the banks of River Hooghly in West Bengal

The lower Gangetic delta of the state of West Bengal, especially the banks of the river Hooghly, represents a vibrant landscape, a myriad composition of industrial hubs, city periphery, villages, religious places, wetlands, and other micro landforms entangled with numerous human activities. Trees are an integral part of this landscape and are experiencing diverse social, ecological, and emotional connections with the people around them. This study documents the status and associations of the ancient trees with contemporary life at the selected places along the banks of the Hooghly River.

