**Sub: Environmental Studies.**

**For BA 2nd 4th Set. Topic :**

**Environmental movement.**

Chipko movement :

Chipko movement started in Uttarakhand in 1970's was a non violent movement aimed at protection and conservation of trees and forests from being destroyed. The name of the Chipko movement originated from the word 'embrace ' as the villagers used to hug trees and protect them from wood cutters from cutting them. The leaders of chipko movement are Guara Devi, Suruksha Devi, Sudesha Devi and others.

Silent Valley :

Save Silent Valley was a social movement .It was started in 1973 by NGO led by school teachers and the Kerala Sastra Sahithya Parishad (KSSP) in the Palakkad District of Kerala in order to save Silent Valley, an evergreen tropical forest from being flooded by a hydroelectric project. The Valley was declared as Silent Valley National Park in 1984 by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, and inaugurated in 1985 by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi .

Narmada Bachao Movement :

 Narmada Bachao Andolen movement was a massive social movement organised by Medha Patkar. This social movement was organized mainly for protesting against the construction of dam on river Narmada which began in 1985 conssiting of adivasis, farmers, fish workers, labourers and others in the Narmada Valley along with the intellectual including environmentalists, human rights activists, scientists, academicians etc. This causes huge displacement of people of these areas and affect many more, largely poor peasants and tribals.

Bishnois of Rajasthan :

 Bishnoi is a religious sect found in the Western Thar Desert and Northern States of India. It was founded by Guru Maharaj Jambaji in 1485 AD in the Marwar (Jodhpur) desert region of western Rajasthan, India. In 1731,Amrita Devi Bishnoi along with 363 Bishnoi villagers In Khejarli and surrounding villagers lead this movement. The main objective of this movement was to Save Sacred (Khejri )Trees from being cut down by the King's soldiers for a new palace or for protection of trees in Jodhpur, Rajasthan .