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4. In Chapter on Conservation of Natural Resources an exhaustive account on Energy resources has been added. Besides, an account on Chipko Movement is also incorporated in this chapter.
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