

INDIA STATE OF FOREST

REPORT 2023



➔ **TOTAL FOREST AND TREE COVER IN INDIA INCREASED BY 1,445 SQ KM, REACHING**

25.17%

OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA IN 2023.



CARBON SINK

India added 2.29 billion tonnes of carbon sink compared to 2005 levels.



CARBON STOCK

81.5 million-ton increase since 2021.



BAMBOO COVER

5,227 sq km more bamboo has been covered since 2021.



MANGROVE COVER

7.43 sq km less than in 2021.

Forest cover

- The largest gains were seen in Mizoram, Gujarat, and Odisha (since 2021)
- Decreased slightly in northeastern states and the Western Ghats.

Tree cover is defined as patches of trees and isolated trees outside the Reserved Forest Area (RFA) that are less than one hectare.



TREE COVER INCREASED BY 1,289 SQ KM, NOW CONSTITUTING

3.41%

OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

Forest cover refers to land with a tree canopy density of over 10% and an area of at least one hectare, regardless of ownership or legal status.



FOREST COVER INCREASED FROM 7,13,789 SQ KM IN 2021 TO 7,15,343 SQ KM IN 2023, COVERING

21.76%

OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Top states by forest and tree cover area

- Madhya Pradesh (largest overall and forest cover)
- Arunachal Pradesh
- Maharashtra

