



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FORESTS

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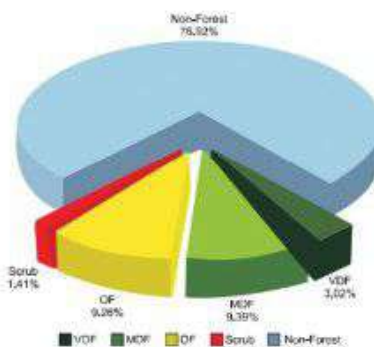
Theme: FORESTS & BIODIVERSITY

Forests cover one third of the Earth's land mass, performing vital functions around the world. Around 1.6 billion people - including more than 2,000 indigenous cultures - depend on forests for their livelihoods, medicines, fuel, food and shelter.

Forest Cover of India

Source: <http://fsi.nic.in/fsr19/vol1>

Class	Area (sq km)	Percentage of Geographical Area
Very Dense Forest	99,278	3.02
Moderately Dense Forest	3,08,472	9.39
Open Forest	3,04,499	9.26
Total Forest Cover	7,12,249	21.67
Scrub	46,297	1.41
Non-Forest	25,28,923	76.92
Total Geographical Area	32,87,469	100.00



DID YOU KNOW?

Forests are home to about 80% of the world's terrestrial biodiversity.

Deforestation continues at an alarming rate - 13 million hectares of forest are destroyed annually

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