



International Day of Forests

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National Zoological Park, New Delhi, recently observed the [International Day of Forests](#) on **21st March 2024**, under the theme "**Forests and innovation: new solutions for a better world.**"

- The event aimed to raise awareness among visitors about the importance of forests and their role in our lives.
- The [United Nations General Assembly](#) proclaimed 21st March the International Day of Forests in 2012 to celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests.
 - Countries are urged to conduct local, national, and international activities related to forests and trees, like tree planting campaigns.
- The United Nations Forum on Forests, the [Food and Agriculture Organization \(FAO\)](#), and other relevant organisations collaborate with governments to organise these efforts.
- As per the latest [India State of Forest Report \(ISFR\) 2021](#), India's total forest and tree **cover was 80.9 million hectares**, which accounted for **24.62% of the geographical area of the country**.
 - **Madhya Pradesh had the largest forest cover**, followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra.
- India's [National Forest Policy, 1988](#) aims for at **least 33% of the total geographical area to be under forest to maintain ecological stability**.

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