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Forest Coverage (India)

- **Nagar Van Yojana Hits Funding Roadblocks:** A **June 2026** survey of **14 sites** across Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Rajasthan found delayed state funding is threatening urban forests under the Ministry of Environment's Nagar Van Yojana, launched in **2020** via National CAMPA. Delayed grants from year two leave guards unpaid—one caretaker borrowed **₹8,000**—damaging facilities and saplings. Researchers propose multi-year maintenance budgets and local management transfers, noting some parks charge **₹12** entry fees to cover operations.
- **Banjar CFR Rights Seen as Community-Led Model:** The recognition of Community Forest Resource (CFR) rights in Banjar, Himachal...





... Pradesh, under the Forest Rights Act, **2006**, marks a milestone—but the real test begins after recognition. Experts urge gram sabha-led CFR management plans, participatory resource mapping, and collaboration with the Forest Department rather than state withdrawal. Key priorities include women's and youth participation, sustainable NTFP livelihoods, climate resilience against fires and landslides, and outcome-based monitoring over the next **5–10 years** to make Banjar a replicable model for the state.

Forest Coverage (Global)

- **FAO Report Charts Agency for Marginalized Producers:** FAO, via the Forest and Farm Facility (with **IIED**, **IUCN**, and **AgriCord**), launched a report on the International Day of Rural Women, drawing on **31** producer organizations across **12** countries. Despite nearly **one billion** women depending on forests for livelihoods, women hold only **36%** of elected seats in local deliberative bodies. Field results include Kenya's Namelok Women Group raising household incomes by about **50%**, and **Shuar** women in **Ecuador** managing their own savings fund.
- **Study Finds Invasive Plants Gain Competitive Edge Abroad:** Research on Canadian horseweed (**Erigeron canadensis**) found non-native populations show **19.2%** higher competitive ability than native ones. In a glasshouse experiment spanning **100** native and **165** non-native populations, non-native plants displayed **28.4%** greater tolerance and **38%** greater suppression against other species. Drought reduced overall competitive ability by **12.9%**, but the invasive advantage persisted. Genetic analysis found the edge evolved

Source: Down To Earth, FAO Forestry, Mongabay India (October 15, 2026)

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independently in two of four clusters, raising risks to native plant diversity.

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