



DID YOU KNOW?



Forest Coverage (India)

- **25,000 Teak Trees Die in Betul Amid Climate Stress:** Over **25,000** mature teak trees have died across **16,800 hectares** in Madhya Pradesh's Betul district, with no pests or pathogens detected. Investigations point to drought and heat-induced hydraulic failure, with the 2026 monsoon delivering only **69%** of normal rainfall. Betul generates over **Rs 100 crore** annually from teak timber, and a 2010 study projects **30%** of India's teak areas could become climatically unsuitable. Findings will shape the next **10-year** forest Working Plan.

Forest Coverage (Global)





- **UN Finds Only Quarter of Restoration Commitments Implemented:**

A UN report reveals only **252 million hectares** of the **1 billion hectares** committed globally are under restoration, urging countries to triple efforts to meet the **30%** restoration target by **2030** under the Kunming-Montreal Framework. Terrestrial ecosystems dominate (**92%**, **232 million hectares**), with **China** leading at **127.4 million hectares** (**54%** of global terrestrial restoration). Restoring **15%** of priority areas could prevent **60%** of expected species extinctions, while **1.56 billion hectares** remain degraded.

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