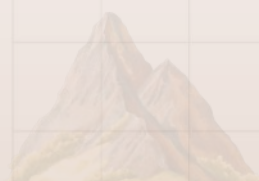




Natural Vegetation In India

- **Natural vegetation** - Plant community grown naturally without human aid.
- **Virgin vegetation** - Natural vegetation undisturbed by humans for a long time.
- **Flora** - Plants of a particular region or period.
- **Fauna** - Animals of a particular region or period.
- **Biodiversity** - Flora and fauna together.
- **India** - One of the 12 mega biodiversity countries.
- **India plant species** - About 47,000.
- **India plant diversity rank** - 10th in world and 4th in Asia.
- **Flowering plants** - About 15,000, nearly 6 per cent of world total.
- **Animal species** - About 90,000.
- **Biodiversity factors** - Relief, climate and ecosystem.
- **Land** - Influences vegetation type.
- **Sandy soils** - Support cactus and thorny bushes.
- **Wet deltaic soils** - Support mangroves.
- **Temperature** - Controls character and extent of vegetation.
- **Heavy rainfall areas** - Dense vegetation.
- **Ecosystem** - Interrelationship of plants, animals and physical environment.





- **Biome** - Very large land ecosystem with distinct vegetation and animal life.
- **Forest importance** - Controls soil erosion, stream flow, climate, wind and temperature.
- **Forest types** - Tropical evergreen, semi-evergreen, tropical deciduous, tropical thorn, montane and mangrove.
- **Tropical evergreen forests** - Heavy rainfall areas, green throughout the year.
- **Evergreen rainfall** - Around 200 cm or more.
- **Evergreen temperature** - 24°C to 27°C.
- **Evergreen trees** - Can reach 60 metres or more.
- **Evergreen species** - Ebony, mahogany, rosewood, rubber, cinchona.
- **Semi-evergreen forests** - Mix of evergreen and moist deciduous trees.
- **Semi-evergreen rainfall** - 200 cm to 250 cm.
- **Semi-evergreen species** - White cedar, hollock, kail, rosewood, ebony, mahogany.
- **Tropical deciduous forests** - Most widespread forests in India.
- **Tropical deciduous forests** - Also called monsoon forests.
- **Deciduous rainfall** - 200 cm to 70 cm.
- **Leaf shedding** - 6 to 8 weeks in dry summer.
- **Moist deciduous rainfall** - 200 cm to 100 cm.
- **Moist deciduous areas** - North-East, Himalayan foothills, Jharkhand, West Odisha, Chhattisgarh, eastern Western Ghats.
- **Moist deciduous species** - Teak, bamboo, sal, shisham, sandalwood, khair, kusum, arjun, mulberry.
- **Dry deciduous rainfall** - 100 cm to 70 cm.

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- **Dry deciduous species** - Teak, sal, peepal, neem.
- **Thorn forests** - Found in dry areas with sparse vegetation.
- **Thorn forest species** - Acacia, khair, babul, cactus.
- **Montane forests** - Found in mountain regions and change with altitude.
- **Montane species** - Oak, maple, birch, laurel, rhododendron.
- **Mangrove forests** - Found in saline, tidal and deltaic areas.
- **Mangrove cover** - 4,992 square Km.
- **Highest forest cover percentage** - Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- **Forest Policy 1988** - Sustainable forest management and local needs.
- **Forest cover target** - 33 per cent of geographical area.
- **Social forestry** - Forest management and afforestation for environmental, social and rural development.
- **Social forestry categories** - Urban forestry, rural forestry and farm forestry.
- **Urban forestry** - Trees in and around urban centres.
- **Nagar Van Yojana** - City forest scheme.
- **Agro-forestry** - Trees and crops on same land.
- **Har Medh Par Ped** - Sub-Mission on Agroforestry launched in 2016-17.
- **Community forestry** - Trees on public or community land.
- **Farm forestry** - Farmers growing trees on fields.

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