

Madhya Pradesh Forest Survey of India Report - 2021

- The forest area of Madhya Pradesh is 77,492.60 square km.
- 25.14 percent of the total area of Madhya Pradesh is forest.
- District with the largest forest area in terms of area – Balaghat
- District with the least forest area in terms of area – Ujjain
- District with dense forest area - Balaghat
- District with lowest percentage of forest area - Ujjain
- District with largest forest area in percentage - Balaghat
- District with maximum open forest area - Sheopur
- Area and density of forests of Madhya Pradesh:
- f the total geographical area of Madhya Pradesh, 8054 square km is covered with trees.
- Area and density of forests of Madhya Pradesh:
 1. Open Forest: 36618.63 sq.km.
 2. General dense forest: 34209.02 square km.
 3. Very dense forest: 6664.95 square km.

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Khelo India Youth Games 2022-2023

- **Event Date:** January 30 to February 11, 2023
- **Location:** Madhya Pradesh – Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Maheshwar, Mandla, Balaghat.
- **Version** 5th
- **Start of First Edition:** 2018
- **Malkhamb, the state game of Madhya Pradesh, got a place in Games India.**
- **The Khelo India Youth Games featured Nearly 7000 players and 5000 support staff across 28 sports.**
- **On November 4, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh State Government constituted the 'Organization-cum-Coordination and Executive Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary' for organizing Khelo India Youth Games-2022.**
- **In this committee, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports will be the co-chairman and the Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare, Madhya Pradesh will be the vice-chairman.**



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Global Declaration for River Dolphins

- By 11 Asian and South American countries.
- Recently a global declaration, "Global Declaration for River Dolphins", was signed, which aims to conserve the world's six remaining river dolphin species.
- The declaration is designed to guide the 14 countries where river dolphins reside, with a focus on freshwater dolphin conservation.
- Its aim is to halt the decline of all river dolphin species and to enhance the recovery of the most vulnerable populations.
- This announcement will enhance collaborative efforts to protect surviving river dolphin species.
- Countries that have adopted the declaration include Bangladesh, Cambodia, Colombia, Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Peru and Venezuela.
- The countries involved agreed to improve water quality in the dolphins' habitat, create protected areas, tackle overfishing, and involve indigenous communities in affected areas to protect the animals.

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Congo Basin

- Recently the Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs visited the Republic of Congo to represent India at the 2nd Summit of the Three Basins for Biodiversity Ecosystems and Tropical Forests to be held in Brazzaville, the capital of the Republic of Congo.
- Congo Basin:- Extends to Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon.
- Amazon Basin – It extends to 9 countries of South America.
- Borneo-Mekong – Southeast Asia Basin
- These three global ecosystems account for 80% of the world's tropical forests and 2/3 of the Earth's biodiversity.
- The Republic of the Congo (a separate country from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), also known as Congo-Brazzaville, is a Central African nation that contains rainforest reserves that are habitat to gorillas.
- Its capital, Brazzaville, is located across the Congo River from Kinshasa, the capital of the neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform

- The Prime Minister of India launched a new 'Mera Yuva Bharat' platform on 31st October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The objective of this platform is to provide the youth an opportunity to play an active role in various government programs.
- This is a unique effort to involve the youth power of India in building a developed India.
- The Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which has been going on across the country for the last two and a half years, will conclude on October 31.
- October 31 is also the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.



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Champions of the Earth-2023

- The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) has announced the 2023 Champions of the Earth, recognizing individuals and organizations for innovative solutions to tackle plastic pollution.
- UNEP's Champions of the Earth Awards, the United Nations' top environmental annual honour, celebrates individuals, groups and organizations for their transformative contributions to the environment.
- Since its inception in 2005, it has recognized leaders from government, civil society and the private sector, honouring those pioneering efforts to protect our natural world.
- The award, the United Nation's highest environmental honour, recognizes efforts to address the global plastics crisis.
- Mayor Josefina Belmonte – Quezon City (Philippines), in the Policy Leadership category for implementing policies to combat the climate crisis, end plastic pollution, and promote green urban initiatives.
- Ellen MacArthur Foundation - United Kingdom: Mainstreaming the lifecycle approach to plastics in the Inspiration and Action category, fostering collaboration between decision-makers, academics and others to address climate, biodiversity and plastic pollution.
- Blue Circle - China, in the Entrepreneur category: Using Blockchain and the Internet of Things to Track and Manage the Plastic Pollution Lifecycle, Including Collection, Remanufacturing and Resale.
- José Manuel Moller – Chile, leading the entrepreneurial category with Algramo, a social enterprise that provides refill services to reduce plastic pollution and the cost of everyday essentials.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – South Africa, in the Science and Innovation category: Employing cutting-edge technology and multidisciplinary research to develop innovative solutions to plastic pollution, including sustainable alternatives and local manufacturing.