



Chhattisgarh Tops in Forest and Tree Cover Growth: ISFR

Why in News?

Recently, **Chhattisgarh** has emerged as the **top state in combined forest and tree cover growth** according to the [Indian Forest Survey Report \(ISFR\) 2023](#).

Key Points

- **Chhattisgarh's Forest and Tree Cover Growth:**
- Chhattisgarh has emerged as the **top state in combined forest and tree cover growth** according to the **Indian Forest Survey Report (ISFR) 2023**.
- Chhattisgarh saw an increase of **94.75 sq km** in **forest cover**, bringing its total forest area to **55,811.75 sq km**.
- The state recorded a total increase of **684 sq km** in **forest and tree cover**, the highest among all Indian states.
- Chhattisgarh's **combined forest and tree cover (55,812 sq km)** is the **third-largest** in the country after **Madhya Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh**, with a significant increase in both forest and tree areas.

Key Findings from ISFR 2023

- **Total Forest and Tree Cover:**
 - India's total forest and tree cover stands at **8,27,357 sq km**, which is **25.17% of the country's geographical area**.
 - The total forest and tree cover in India includes **7,15,343 sq km** of **forest cover** (21.76% of the total geographical area) and **1,12,014 sq km** of **tree cover** (3.41% of the total geographical area).
- **Top States in Forest and Tree Cover Growth:**
 - **Chhattisgarh:** Increased forest and tree cover by **684 sq km**.
 - **Uttar Pradesh:** Increased cover by **559 sq km**.
 - **Odisha:** Increased cover by **559 sq km**.
 - **Rajasthan:** Increased cover by **394 sq km**.
- **States with Largest Forest and Tree Cover:**
 - **Madhya Pradesh:** Largest total cover at **85,724 sq km**.
 - **Arunachal Pradesh:** Second-largest cover at **67,083 sq km**.
 - **Maharashtra:** Third-largest cover at **65,383 sq km**.
- **States with Largest Forest Cover:**
 - **Madhya Pradesh:** **77,073 sq km**.
 - **Arunachal Pradesh:** **65,882 sq km**.
 - **Chhattisgarh:** **55,812 sq km**.

