



Aadhaar for Chinar Trees

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The Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) government has initiated the “**Tree Aadhaar**” mission to conserve the region's iconic **chinar trees (*Platanus orientalis var. cashmeriana*)** by [geo-tagging](#) and **mapping trees**, giving each tree a **unique ID** through a **detailed census**.

- **Chinar Tree:**
- **Type:** **Deciduous tree** from the *Platanaceae* family.
- **Characteristics:** It is **native to cool, water-rich regions** of the Eastern Himalayas, can grow up to **30 meters tall** with a **girth of 10-15 meters**.
 - It takes **30-50 years to mature** and up to **150 years to reach full size**.
- **Protection Status:**
 - [IUCN](#): **Data Deficient**
- **Significance:** The tree, named during the **Mughal era (Jahangir)**, is the **state tree of J&K**, and is a **major tourist attraction**, particularly in autumn.
 - It holds cultural significance in local art, literature, and crafts such as **paper-mâché and carpets**.

Tree Aadhaar Mission:

- Launched in **2021**, the mission **tracks Chinar trees to prevent unauthorized cutting**.
- Over **28,560 trees have been geo-tagged** with unique **Tree Aadhaar numbers**.
- Each tree features a **QR code**, using [GIS technology](#), providing details on its location, height, girth, health, and ecological threats.

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