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From the
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Chloroxylon swietenia, popularly known as East Indian satinwood, a valuable timber species, is listed as a vulnerable species by the IUCN as per the assessment made during 1998, but demands, status updation. Its populations are declining due to overexploitation and habitat loss. Sustainable harvesting and conservation efforts are necessary to ensure the continued availability of this valuable timber species. This is a species of interest to the ICFRE- IFGTB, and we are making efforts to develop a tree improvement programme. This issue brings the readers details on various aspects of the species. It also highlights the EIACP's efforts in spreading the message of Mission LIFE to create measurable impacts.

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Know Your Trees - *Chloroxylon swietenia* (Roxb.) DC.

Introduction

Chloroxylon swietenia DC. (family) is tropical aromatic tree of the deciduous forests. This species, commonly known as East Indian Satin, Wood, is considered 'Vulnerable' According to the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species mainly due to heavy demand and over exploitation. The common names are English: East Indian Satinwood, Indian satinwood tree, Satin Wood; Hindi: Bhera, Bhirra, Bhivia, Dhoura, Giryā; Tamil: Mammaraī, Porasu, PorinjaMaram, Purush, Vaaimaram; Kanada: Bittulla, Huragalu, Hurihuli, Masula, Urugali; Marathi: Behru, Bheria, Billu, Halda, Hulda; Malayalam: Purushu, Varimaram.

Taxonomic classification

Kingdom : Plantae
 Phylum : Spermatophyta
 Class : Dicotyledonae
 Order : Sapindales
 Family : Rutaceae
 Genus : *Chloroxylon*
 Species : *swietenia*

Distribution and habitat

C. swietenia is distributed in India, Sri Lanka and Madagascar (Asian Regional Workshop, 2013). In India, it is found in Andhra Pradesh; Karnataka; Kerala; Maharashtra; Odisha; Tamil Nadu. It can be found wild in dry deciduous

forests up to an altitude of 1100 m. The tree grows well in areas where annual daytime temperatures are within the range 30 - 40°C, though it can tolerate 10 - 47°C and with an average annual rainfall of 1000 - 1500 mm, tolerating 750-1,900 mm. It establishes in soils that are well-drained and prefers a pH of 6-7, tolerating 5-7.8. Established plants are drought tolerant. The tree has shown good growth in Nigeria. It coppices well and is susceptible to fire damage.

Botanical description

Multi-purpose deciduous tree, small to medium-sized growing up to 18 m tall. Bark dark-brown, fissured, rough, blaze yellow with pungent smell; branchlets and rachis pubescent. Leaves are pinnate, alternate; rachis to 10 cm, slender, pubescent when young; leaflets 12-40, sub sessile, alternate; lamina 1-2 x 0.4-0.7 cm, oblong, base oblique, apex obtuse; margin entire, chartaceous, glands dotted, glabrous, dull bluish-green; midrib of leaflet near the lower margin, nerves obscure. Flowers are bisexual, pubescent, white, in axillary and terminal panicles; calyx short; lobes 5, 1-1.5 mm; petals 5, 4 x 2 mm, clawed, gland dotted on the outer surface; disc 10 lobed; stamens 10, free, inserted, between lobes; ovary immersed in disc, 3 lobed, 3-celled, ovules 4-8 in each cell. Fruit a capsule, 2.5 x 1 cm, loculicidal; seeds many, 15-18 mm long, flat, winged apically.

Reproductive biology and breeding system

The flowering period varies depending on the elevation. In Tamilnadu flowering appears in



March and completes in April. In some lower elevation, flowering starts in February and completes in March. During the flowering time *C. swietenia* produces fragrance and sugary content to attract pollinators. *C. swietenia* flowers are actinomorphic. The floral buds open by 06.00 h and complete at 08.00 h and anthesis is mostly between 10.30 h to 14.30 h. The tree takes around ten months to complete its cycle of flowering to fruiting (March to October). Flowers largely depend on bees and insects for pollination. Bee species like *Trigona* sp. and *Apis cerena* are found abundantly in the tree's canopy. Shrews and giant squirrels eat the freshly fallen seeds. Ayyanar *et al.*, (2021) reported that the cream-colored flowers of *C. swietenia* were attracted by 62 insect pollinators, including 8 species of each ant and bee, 14 types of beetles, 11 types of wasps, 9 types of butterflies and 12 species of other flies. Bees and ants are regular visitors for the entire flowering period and are recognized as effective pollinators. Similarly, butterflies and wasps act as effective pollinators but visits by these two insects were less compared to ants and bees.

Fruit collection and processing

Fruit ripening starts from May and ends during the last week of August. The ideal months to collect seeds are June-August. The mature unopened capsule can be collected from trees by climbing and picking individual fruits or lopping off branches using pruning poles. Collected seeds can be dried and stored containers.

Germination

Freshly collected seeds need to be soaked in cold water for 24 hrs to record better germination and survival. Pre-soaked seeds are sown in the sunken or raised mother beds. Reported seed viability is up to 6 months with 75-85 per cent of seed germination. Sprouting of seeds appears 10-15 days after sowing, healthy and vigorous seedlings need to be picked up and transplanted into the poly bags.

Insect pests and diseases

In India *C. swietenia* is an alternative food-plant for the caterpillars of *Papilio demoleus*, a pest of Citrus spp. The healthy leaves are infested by leaf-eating caterpillars and the matured capsule is heavily attacked by seed-eating borers. The



No. of seeds per kg.	Germination percentage	Period of Germination in days	No. of seedlings per Kg. of seed
1344 to 3111	41 to 73	10 to 17	28,710 to 56,387

young seedlings are attracted by grasshoppers and semi-loopers.

Planting techniques

C. swietenia is not popular us in plantations. Since, it’s growth rate is slow. After nurturing for 6 months in polybags, seedlings will be ready for field planting. Saplings (1 to 2 years old) could be planted in dry, harshly wastelands since this species is hardy and could establish well under rocky and poor soils with varied pH levels.

Agroforestry practices

C. swietenia leaves decomposes easily and can be planted in the boundaries of agricultural fields. *C. swietenia* rough bark supplies climbers like *Lagenaria siceraria*, *Trichosanthes cucumerina*, *Luffa acutangula*, *Momordica charantia* and *Lablab purpureus*. The fragrance and sugary content flowers of this tree, attracts the large number of pollinators to the field and



produces the bitter honey. *C. swietenia* can be integrated with cash crops like *Curcuma longa*, *Zingiber officinale*, *Theobroma cocoa* and other crops like *Arachis hypogagea*, *Allium ceiba*, *Sesamum indicum*.

Tree improvement

Due to its manifold use, superior wood quality attributes and high international value, the species has been over-harvested from its natural habitats. Therefore, there is an urgent need to perform scientific interventions like a collection of germplasm from throughout species distribution, assessment of threat status, formation of effective conservation strategies, identification of seed zones, cytology, development and use of molecular markers, and designing of short-term and long-term breeding programmes.

Utilization

Uses of wood : Interior design, architectural inlay, furniture, decorative veneer, paneling, interior trim, cabinet work, boxes, crates, carvings, toys, musical instruments, fine cabinetwork, heavy construction, farming tools and as fuel wood. The wood is heavy, hard yellowish brown, satiny luster, durable, and resistant to termites with a density of 900–980



kg/m³ at 12% MC. Grain is usually interlocked or wavy, texture fine and even. The wood is also used as fuel wood.

Medicinal value : The crushed leaves are applied externally to treat wounds, snakebites and rheumatism. Paste of the leaves and roots is taken internally to treat headache. The root bark in milk is drunk to treat impotence. A bark extract is considered astringent and taken to treat fever, chest pain and in a mixture with other plants to treat asthma.

Environmental importance : Though the species is susceptible to fire damage it is suitable for afforestation programs of dry lands.

Ecological importance : In its natural habitat, it occurs in dry deciduous forest on poor, well-drained sandy or rocky soils, at low to medium altitudes. It occurs in regions with an annual rainfall of 750–1500 mm.



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What is LiFE Mission?

Mission LiFE seeks to translate the vision of LiFE into measurable impact. It is designed with the objective to mobilise at least one billion Indians and other global citizens to take individual and collective action for protecting and conserving the environment in the period 2022–28. Within India, at least 80 percent of all villages and urban local bodies are aimed to become environment-friendly by 2028:

As a global programme, Mission LiFE envisions three core shifts in our collective approach towards sustainability

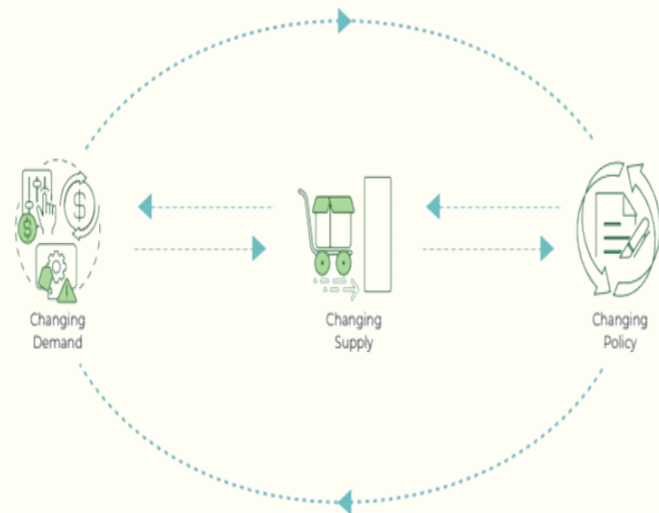
- ❖ Change in Demand (Phase I): Nudging individuals across the world to practice simple yet effective environment-friendly actions in their daily lives.
- ❖ Change in Supply (Phase II): Changes in large-scale individual demand are expected to gradually nudge industries and markets to respond and tailor supply and procurement as per the revised demands.
- ❖ Change in Policy (Phase III): By influencing the demand and supply dynamics of India and the world, the long-term vision of Mission LiFE is to trigger shifts in large-scale industrial and government policies that can support both sustainable consumption and production.
- ❖ The mission will be incubated, curated and piloted by NITI Aayog and subsequently implemented by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, in a non-linear and non-sequential manner.

While a proceeding phase will organically feed into the next phase of Mission LiFE, all phases are equally simultaneous in nature.

Mission LiFE 2022-23

In 2022-23, Mission LiFE will focus on Phase I, Change in Demand, by nudging individuals, communities and institutions to practice simple environment-friendly actions (LiFE actions) in their daily lives. In view of Mission LiFE being launched in the 75th year of India's independence, a comprehensive and non-exhaustive list of 75 individual LiFE actions across 7 categories is identified such that most actions are:

- ❖ Specific and measurable
- ❖ Easy to practice by individuals, communities and institutions, with minimal supply-side dependencies
- ❖ Non-disruptive to ongoing economic activity, and, in fact, promoting economic activity in the foreseeable future



Mission LiFE

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Mission Life Themes

Energy Saved	Water Saved	Single Use Plastic Reduced	E-waste Reduced	Sustainable Food Systems Adopted	Waste Reduced	Healthy Lifestyle Adopted
1. Use LED bulbs/ tube-lights	20. Adopt cultivation of less water intensive crops like millets	35. Use cloth bag for shopping instead of plastic bags	46. Include millets in diets through Anganwadi, Mid-Day meal and PD scheme	52. Contribute cattle waste, food waste, and agricultural waste to biogas plant (provided under GOBARDHAN)	63. Encourage use of millets in food and indigenous herbs and medicinal plants for nutrition and well being	72. Repair and use electronic devices over discarding the devices
2. Use public transport wherever possible	21. Participate in recharge of rural water bodies through Amrit Sarovar Scheme	36. Carry your own water bottle wherever possible	47. Compost food waste at home	53. Practice segregation of dry and wet waste at homes	64. Prefer consuming natural or organic products	73. Discard gadgets in nearest e-recycling units
3. Take the stairs instead of an elevator wherever possible	22. Practice crop diversification. Move from rice & wheat cultivation to pulse & oil seed cropping system.	37. Reuse glass containers/ packaging plastic items as storage boxes	48. Create kitchen gardens/ terrace gardens at homes/ schools/ offices	54. Use agricultural residue, animal waste for composting, manuring and mulching	65. Start biodiversity conservation at community level	74. Use rechargeable lithium cells
4. Switch off vehicle engines at red lights and railway crossings	23. Use efficient water saving technologies (like micro-irrigation, bunding, farm ponds, zero tillage, direct seeded rice, alternate wetting and drying and others)	38. Participate in and mobilize participation for clean-up drives of cities and water bodies	49. Prepare organic manure from cow dung and apply to farms	55. Recycle and reuse old newspapers, magazines	66. Plant medicinal plants such as neem, tulsi, giloy, mint, curry leaves, ashwagandha, curry leaves etc. within household premises	75. Prefer cloud storage over a pen drive / hard drive
5. Use bicycles for local or short commute	24. Create rainwater harvesting infrastructure in home/ schools/ offices	39. Prefer using non-plastic eco-friendly cutlery during gatherings and events	50. Prefer locally available and seasonal foods	56. Feed unused and uncooked vegetables leftovers to cattle	67. Practice natural or organic farming	
6. Switch off irrigation pumps after use	25. Use drip irrigation systems created with waste materials, wherever possible	40. Turn off running taps when not in active use	51. Use smaller plates for daily meals to save food wastage	57. Set printer default to double-side printing	68. Plant trees to reduce the impact of pollution	
7. Prefer CNG/ EV vehicle over petrol/ diesel vehicles	26. Reuse water from washed vegetables to water plants and other purpose	41. Use menstrual cups instead of sanitary napkins		58. Repair, reuse and recycle old furniture	69. Avoid purchasing products/ souvenirs made from skin, tuskers and fur of wild animals	
8. Use carpooling with friends & colleagues	27. Pre-soak heavy pots and pans before washing them	42. Use recycled plastic over virgin plastic, wherever possible		59. Buy paper products made from recycled paper	70. Create and volunteer at community food and cloth banks, and at animal shelters	
9. Drive in the correct gear. Keep your foot off the clutch when not changing gears	28. Do not discard unused stored water every time there is fresh water coming in taps	43. Use steel/ recyclable plastic lunch boxes and water bottles		60. Donate old clothes and books	71. Initiate and/or join green clubs in your residential area/ school/ office	
10. Install a solar water or solar cooker heater on rooftops	29. Use buckets instead of hose pipes to water plants/ floors/ vehicles	44. Cut the packaging bags used for milk, buttermilk, etc. only partially to avoid plastic bits from mixing into biodegradable waste		61. Do not discard waste in water bodies and in public spaces		
11. Switch off appliances from plug points when not in use	30. Fix leaks in flushes, taps and water pipes	45. Opt for bamboo toothbrushes and neem combs		62. Do not let pets defecate in the public places		
12. Use biogas for cooking and electricity needs	31. Use water-efficient fixtures for taps, and showerheads, and toilet flush units					
13. Keep temperature of Air Conditioners to 24 degrees	32. Invest in a water meter for your house to measure water consumption regularly					
14. Prefer pressure cookers over other cookware	33. Reuse water drained out from AC/RO for cleaning utensils, watering plants and others					
15. Keep your electronic devices in energy-saving mode	34. Prefer a water purification system that wastes less water					
16. Use smart switches for appliances which are used frequently						
17. Install community earthen pots for cooling water						
18. Defrost fridge or freezer regularly						
19. Run outdoors instead of on a treadmill						

EIACP ACTIVITIES



Van Mahotsav 2022 Celebrations

As part of AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), EIACP Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore celebrated Van Mahotsav 2022 by organizing a Tree Sapling Planting Programme on 05.07.2022. The main aim of this event was to create and spread awareness about the importance of tree planting and role of individuals in protecting the environment from degrading by planting indigenous trees. Director Dr C Kunhikannan, inaugurated the function and released an awareness poster for students. Saplings of indigenous medicinal and timber tree species like *Ficus racemosa* (Athi), *Pithecellobium dulce* (Kodukkaai), *Trewia nudiflora* (Atrupovarasu), *Albizia lebbeck* (Vagai), *Terminalia arjuna* (Neermaruthu) etc. were planted in the Botanical Garden by officers, staff members and final year UG students from Nirmala College for Women, Red Fields, Coimbatore, Dr. N.G.P Arts and Science College, Coimbatore and Hindusthan College of Arts & Science, Coimbatore. "Plant a tree sapling photography challenge" was also organized as part of Vana Mahotsav and people from different walks of life across India participated. E-certificates were awarded to all. Handouts of the awareness poster were disseminated to students and general public. Softcopy of the same was transmitted electronically among the different stakeholders.



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VAN MAHOTSAV 2022
 1st - 7th July 2022

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Facts

Do you know one A4 paper consumes 10 liters of water for its production and 17 trees are cut to produce one ton of paper. By this only we can say how much damage to the earth every time we waste a single piece of paper.

How this will have an impact on the environment?

Imagine we reuse 5000 one sided papers, it means we have using 2500 papers and saving 25000 liters of water.

On the other hand if we save around 100 kg of paper, we can save atleast one tree.

So the entire duty of a single tree can be done by us by saving the equivalent amount of paper.

Hence lets go ahead to save every piece of paper to make a difference.

Every one should contribute in this to protect our environment. So try to re-use, recycle the paper as much as possible and feel proud that you are contributing to protect our environment.



What should we do ?

To reduce the wastage of paper, we have to encourage the re-use of paper

We have to reuse the one side used papers which are wasted in our institutions and offices.

If possible send two side used papers to recycling units so that we can get a fresh recycled paper.

EVERY 3000 SHEETS OF PAPER COST US A TREE

So Consider the impact of using paper on the environment

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International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem - 2022

As part of AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), EIACP Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized an awareness campaign on 26.07.2022 to commemorate International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2022. The main aim of this event was to raise awareness about the significance of mangrove ecosystems and to promote solutions for their sustainable management and conservation. As a part of this commemoration, a Mobile Photography Contest on the theme "Significance of Mangroves" was conducted from 10.07.2022 to 25.07.2022, in which people from different walks of life participated. E certificates were awarded to all of them. Copies of the awareness poster released during the occasion signifying the status, contributions and conservation of mangroves and handouts were distributed to students and the general public and also the softcopies were electronically transmitted to various stakeholders.



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE CONSERVATION OF THE MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM - 2022

Mangroves are rare, spectacular and prolific ecosystems on the boundary between land and sea. These extra ordinary ecosystems contribute to the wellbeing, food security, and protection of coastal communities worldwide. They support a rich biodiversity and provide a valuable nursery habitat for fish and crustaceans. Mangroves also act as a form of natural coastal defence against storm surges, tsunamis, rising sea levels and erosion. Their soils are highly effective carbon sinks, sequestering vast amounts of carbon.





Mangrove Forest Cover Worldwide
 As per Global Forest Resource Assessment, (FRA), world over, 113 countries have Mangrove forests covering an estimated 14.79 million hectares.

The largest Mangrove Forest area reported in:

Asia	5.55 million hectares
Africa	3.24 million hectares
North and Central America	2.57 million hectares
South America	2.13 million hectares
Oceania	1.30 million hectares

More than 40 percent of the total area of Mangroves was reported to be in just four countries:

Indonesia	19 percent of the total
Brazil	9 percent
Nigeria	7 percent
Mexico	6 percent

- 1. Sundarbans, West Bengal**
 Not many must be aware that the great Sundarbans in West Bengal are the largest mangrove regions in the world! A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sundarbans is densely populated by mangroves and is home to the Royal Bengal Tigers. The forest is also home to more than 180 species of trees and plants. 
- 2. Pichavaram Mangroves, Tamil Nadu**
 Counted among the largest mangrove forests in India, Pichavaram mangrove is situated close to Chidambaram in Tamil Nadu. The whole region is exquisitely scenic and houses a large number of Aquatic birds. 
- 3. Godavari – Krishna Mangroves, Andhra Pradesh**
 Set in the eastern coast of India, the Godavari-Krishna mangroves lies in the deltas of the Godavari and Krishna rivers and extend from Odisha to Tamil Nadu. The forest is under protection for Calimere Wildlife and Pulicat Lake Bird Sanctuary and is home to some rare animal species and aquatic birds. 
- 4. Bhitarkanika Mangroves, Odisha**
 The second largest mangrove forest in India is Bhitarkanika in Odisha. The forest is created by the two river deltas of River Brahmani and Baitarani. It is one of the most significant Ramsar wetlands in India. 
- 5. Baratang Island Mangroves, Andamans**
 Another gorgeous swamp of mangroves is set on the Andaman's Baratang Island. It's a great place for wildlife explorers and birdwatchers, located just 150 km away from Port Blair. 

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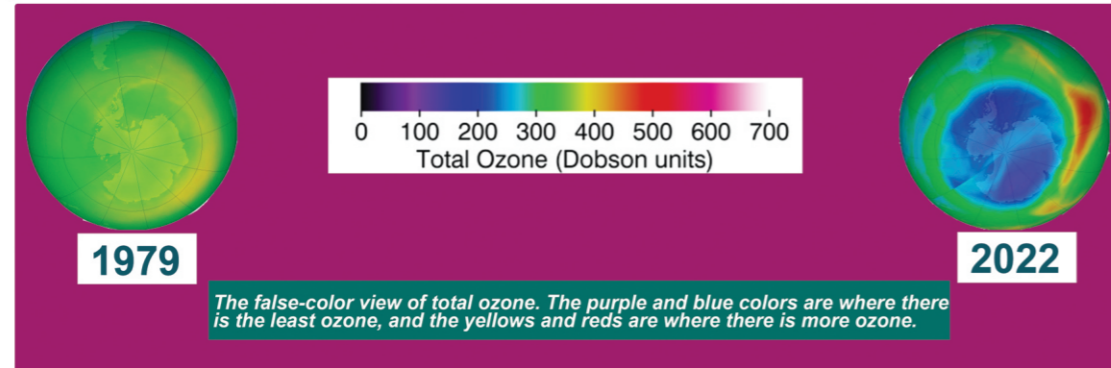
International Day for the Preservation of Ozone Layer 2022

As part of AzadiKa Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat (EBSB), EIACP Resource Partner on Forest Genetic Resources and Tree Improvement at the ICFRE - Institute of Forest Genetics and Tree Breeding, Coimbatore organized an awareness campaign on 16.09.2022 to commemorate International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022. The main aim of this event was to raise awareness about the significance of ozone layer among students and general public. As a part of this commemoration, an online awareness quiz on ozone was conducted from 10.08.2022 to 15.09.2022, in which people from different walks of life participated. E certificates were awarded to all of them. Copies of the awareness poster released during the occasion signifying importance of conservation of ozone layer and their handouts were distributed to students and the general public and also the softcopies were electronically transmitted to various stakeholders. In addition and as a part of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Reintroduction of Cheetah programme, various awareness activities/lectures on "Reintroduction of Cheetah" to school and college students in and around Coimbatore District. An overview on Action Plan for Introduction of Cheetah in India was also discussed. Hardcopy of the action plan and hand-outs highlighting the importance of cheetah and the role of individuals in reintroduction of cheetah and conserving wildlife were also distributed to the students and also given to libraries for wider dissemination.



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International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
16th September 2022



India and Ozone

- India signed and ratified the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer in 1991 and the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer in 1992, signalling the country's commitments to the global cause of addressing the harmful effects of the ozone layer depletion.
- Since 1993, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has played a crucial role in the phase-out of ozone depleting substances. Government of India has been instrumental in implementing 300 Crores in multilateral fund projects.
- As a result of support, India completely phased out production and consumption of Chlorofluorocarbons, carbon tetrachloride and halons, man-made chemicals responsible for the depletion of the Ozone Layer. This remarkable milestone was achieved two years ahead of schedule. With this achievement, India has contributed significantly to this global environmental cause, by reducing 25,000 ozone depleting particles tonnes and a further potential of 23,000 ozone depleting particles tonnes.
- As a next step, UNDP is supporting the Government of India in phasing out Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) by 2030, as part of the country's commitment to the Montreal Protocol.

Tips to Save Ozone Layer

Plant more trees Buy local products Use eco friendly vehicles Minimize the usage of chemical fertilizers

Practice 3 Rs Conserve energy Avoid plastics Avoid the consumption of dangerous gases

Keep Ozone from becoming the No Zone

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	Eucalyptus clones (EC-4, EC-6, EC-9 & EC-11)	Rs. 4.00 per plant	
2.	Tissue Culture Teak Plants	Rs. 55.00 per plant	Dr Rekha R. Warriar, Scientist - F & Head, Division of Chemistry & Bioprospecting Phone : 0422 2484167
	Bamboos Plants	Rs. 25.00 per plant	
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4.	ArborEasy® DNA Isolation Kit	Price Rs.	Dr. Modhumita Dasgupta, Scientist - G, Division of Plant Biotechnology Phone : 0422 2484115 E-mail : ghoshm@icfre.org gmodhumita@gmail.com
	10 Reactions	950.00	
	20 Reactions	1900.00	
	50 Reactions	4750.00	Packaging & Transportation Rs. 300.00
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