

# World Forestry Day 2024: Celebrating forests and innovation for a sustainable future

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NEW DELHI: Every year on March 21, the world comes together to celebrate World Forestry Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the immense importance of forests for our planet and its inhabitants.

This year's celebration holds particular significance as we grapple with the ever-growing challenges of climate change and biodiversity loss. Forests play a critical role in mitigating these issues, acting as vital carbon sinks that absorb greenhouse gases and harbor an incredible diversity of life.

## Theme for world forestry day 2024

'Forests and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World' is the chosen theme for World Forestry Day 2024 by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF). This theme underscores the crucial relationship between forests and innovation, highlighting their reciprocal roles in shaping a better world.

## A look back: The roots of world forestry day

World Forestry Day, also known as the International Day of Forests, is celebrated annually on March 21st. The history of World Forestry Day dates back to 1971 when the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

Nations (FAO) established it during the twenty-first session of the FAO Conference.

The primary objective of World Forestry Day is to raise awareness about the importance of forests and trees, promote sustainable forest management practices, and highlight the various contributions of forests to the environment, economy, and society.

Over the years, World Forestry Day has become a global platform for governments, organizations, communities, and individuals to come together to address forest-related issues, advocate for conservation efforts, and discuss innovative approaches to forest management and protection.