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Forest monitoring project report

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Why is in news? World losing tropical forests at fast pace, derailing the pledge to end deforestation by 2030: Report

A forest monitoring project report has highlighted that more than a year after countries pledged to end deforestation by 2030, the **world is continuing to lose its tropical forests at a fast pace.**

The annual survey **by the World Resources Institute**, a research organization, found that the **world lost 10.2 million acres of primary rainforest last year, a 10 percent increase from the year before.**

It is the first assessment to cover a full year since November 2021, **when 145 countries pledged at a global climate summit in Glasgow** to halt forest loss by the end of this decade.

The report, done **in collaboration with the University of Maryland**, documented **tree loss in the tropics** from deforestation, fires, and other causes. Last year's destruction of trees resulted in 2.7 giga tons of carbon dioxide emissions, which is a significant amount.

According to an analysis of the World Resources Institute data by Amazon Conservation, a research organization, the **Amazon rainforest, the largest in the world, has not faced such enormous destruction in almost two decades.**

Brazil, the country with the **largest portion of tropical rainforest**, had the **highest rates of deforestation globally** accounting for more than 40 per cent of tree loss globally, **followed by the Democratic Republic of Congo and Bolivia.**

The **expansion of agriculture** appeared to be hurting forests in Africa. Forest clearing is **strongly linked** to a **lack of economic opportunities and basic infrastructure** in the Congo River Basin region.

One of the **few bright spots** in the report came from **Southeast Asia**, where efforts to curb deforestation in **Malaysia and Indonesia** continued to yield results. A logging moratorium, **efforts to restore peatlands and corporate commitments** to exclude palm oil suppliers linked to deforestation appear to be effective.

However, there are **signs the trajectory of global deforestation** may change for the better in the near future, with several countries re-committing to limiting or curb deforestation.

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