

Que. What do you mean by deforestation? what is the role of person to minimize or prevent deforestation? Explain NAP, GIM & FEAM. (250 words) (15 Marks)

Answer: Definition - Indiscriminate felling of trees as a result of urbanization, industrialization, mining operations, and use of wood for domestic and other purposes have caused heavy depletion of forests. This is called deforestation.

For e.g. Deforestation started with the growth of agriculture, but was exacerbated in the nineteenth century when British commercial forestry operations destroyed forests in mountain areas of Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. The Gangetic plains have been almost completely deforested for agriculture.

→ India's deforestation rose from 3,84,000 hectares between 1990 and 2000 to 6,68,400 hectares between 2015 and 2020, Down to Earth noted.

## → Preventions of Deforestation

- (1) Plant a tree
- (2) Use less Paper
- (3) Recycle paper & cardboard
- (4) Use recycled Products
- (5) Don't buy products containing palm oil
- (6) Reduce meat consumption
- (7) Do not burn firewood
- (8) Raise awareness
- (9) Join a Community Forestry Project
- (10) Help restore degraded forests

## \* NGO's & Policies by govt. point of view for Deforestation

- (1) The National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB)
- (2) The National Bamboo Mission
- (3) The National Mission for a Green India

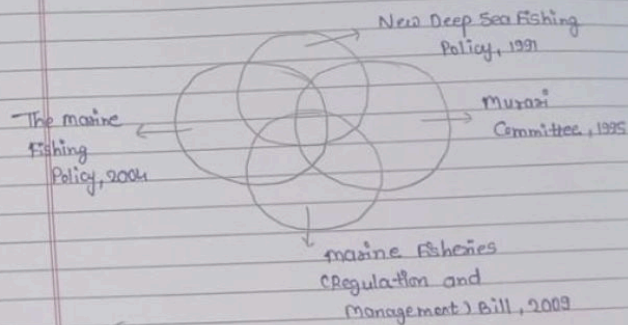
} Policies

- (1) The Nature Conservancy (TNC)
- (2) - Conservation International (CI)
- (3) - World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

} NGO's

Explanation

The National Forest Policy of India, 1988 is the main policy frame work for forest management in the country. A forest policy has been in force in India since 1930s. The govt. official participation in forestry started with the introduction of the National Forest Policy in 1934. The Plan was revised in 1952.



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