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India’s forest cover is rising but northeast and tribal areas lose

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* The India State of Forest Report 2019 released recently shows an increase of 5,188 square kilometres of forest and tree cover across the country compared to the ISFR 2017.
* The report for the first time did an assessment of biodiversity for all states and union territories and found that Arunachal Pradesh has the maximum richness of species in terms of trees, shrubs and herbs followed by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.
* was recorded compared to the data in ISFR 2015.
* According to the 2019 report, the total forest cover of the country is 712,249 square kilometres (21.67 percent of India’s total geographical area) slightly up from 708,273 sq.
* The ISFR 2019 also showed that the mangrove cover in the country has increased by 54 sq.
* of forest cover within the RFA in the tribal districts and an increase of 1,922 sq km outside,” said the report even as it noted that forests play an important role in the socio-cultural and economic life of the tribal people.