



Assam Records Highest Tree-Cover Loss in India

According to *Global Forest Watch*, Assam recorded the highest tree-cover loss among Indian states between 2001 and 2025, with an estimated loss of about **360,000 hectares** of tree cover.

In *Kamrup Metropolitan*, the decline is largely attributed to urban expansion, including roads, housing projects and infrastructure development. Forests around Guwahati play a vital role in regulating temperature, absorbing rainfall, preventing soil erosion and sustaining biodiversity. Their degradation increases the risks of urban flooding, heat stress and reduced ecological resilience, highlighting the need for sustainable urban planning and forest conservation.

APSC Relevance: Forest conservation, urbanisation and environmental sustainability in Assam.