



About FSI

Forest Survey of India (FSI) is a premier national organization under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India. It is responsible for assessment and monitoring of the forest resources of the country on regular basis. Established on 1st June 1981, Forest Survey of India succeeded the “Pre-investment Survey of Forest Resources” (PISFR), a project initiated in 1965 by Government of India with the sponsorship of FAO and UNDP. The main objective of PISFR was to ascertain the availability of raw material for establishment of wood based industries in selected areas of the country. In its report in 1976, the National Commission on Agriculture (NCA) recommended for the creation of a National Forest Survey Organization for a regular, periodic and comprehensive forest resources survey of the country leading to creation of FSI.

The major activities of FSI include remote sensing based nation-wide forest cover mapping in biennial cycle, National Forest Inventory based on large number of sample plots laid across the country, forest fire monitoring, forest carbon assessment, forest type mapping and several projects on emerging issues and State specific requirements. Since 1987, FSI is publishing biennial 'State of Forest Reports' on the status of the forest resources of the country. These reports are widely acclaimed nationally and as well as internationally and are treasure trove of primary information on Indian Forests.

FSI has headquarters at Dehradun and has pan India presence with four regional offices at Shimla, Kolkata, Nagpur and Bangalore. The Eastern zone has a sub center at Burnihat.



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