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LAW COLLEGE COMMISSION, PUNJAB

- Declining standards in legal education.
- Inspection of Law Colleges (Constituent & Affiliated).
- 74 Institutions visited & recommendations to the SC.
- Length and breadth of Punjab.
- Visits spanning over 1.5 years.




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LCCP VISITS:

Lack/Absence of trees

- ***On Roads, Canal Systems***
- ***Urban-Peri Urban Areas***
- ***Agricultural Areas***
- ***Forest Lands (On research)***




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LCCP VISITS POSITIVES:

- **Presence of Farm Lands: Fertile soil and water presence.**
- **In Sandy Dunes near Layyah and Jhang presence of indigenous trees.**


The Abu Dhabi Experience (*Ghaf-Prosopis Cineraria*)



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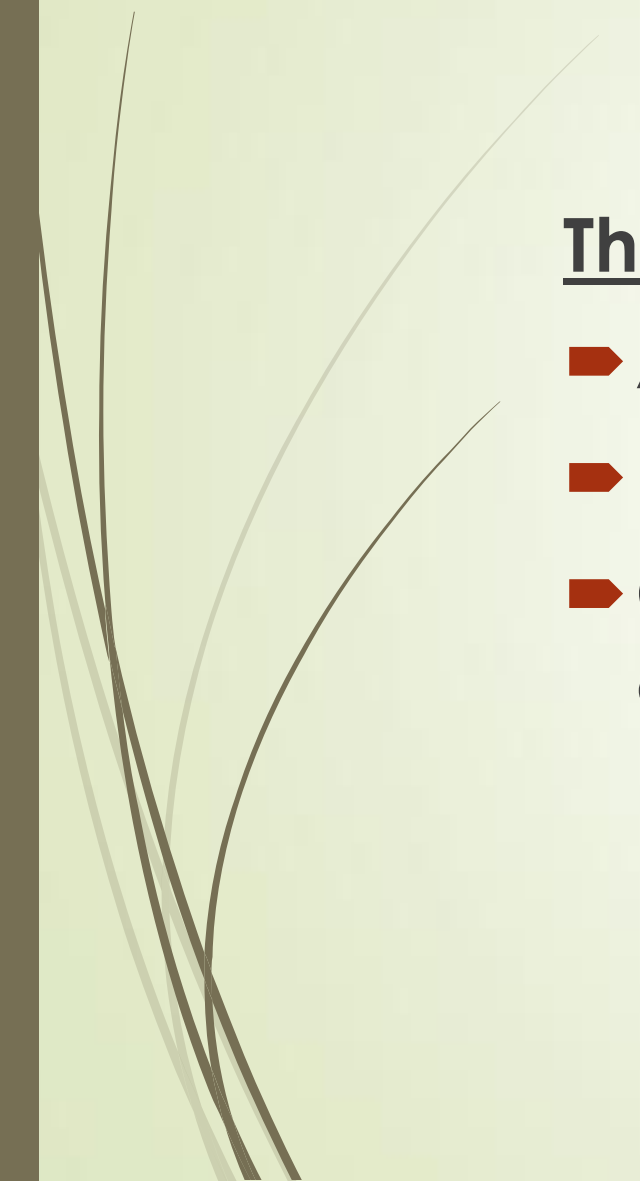
The National Forest Policy, 2015


- **Establishment of New Protected Areas**
- **Government of Pakistan to establish Federal Forestry Board to coordinate inter-provincial matters. The Board will report to the Federal Government on the progress of National Forest Policy on a 6-monthly basis.**
- **Provinces shall build the capacity of officers and staff for forest management.**



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The National Climate Change Policy, 2012


- Aggressively pursue afforestation
 - Promote sustainable management of forests
 - Consider expanding protected areas in the country
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➤ **Forest Policy Statement, 1999 (POP)**

- **3% of land in Punjab Province is under tree cover whereas for a balanced economy an area of 20-25% should be under forests.**
- **Tree and vegetation cover shall be increased.**
- **Appropriate measures to be adopted to combat and arrest desertification process by planting trees.**
- **To undertake mass awareness, public education in respect of forests, environment, wildlife etc.**



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- **To undertake solid steps to maintain pollution free livable environment.**
 - **Mandatory Environmental Impact Assessment for forestry and other projects.**
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► **Punjab Plantation and Maintenance of Trees Act, 1974**


Section 3 obligates an occupier of land to plant three (3) trees per acre and if the occupier fails to do so Forest Department has been mandated to plant the said trees.



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Land has been defined under Section 2 (c) of the Act as land not occupied as the site of any building in a town or village or has been let for agriculture purposes or for purposes subservient to agriculture or for pasture, and includes the site of buildings and other structures on such land.


(Urban & Peri Urban Area)



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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Research Report, 2010


- Deforestation rate in Pakistan is estimated at 0.2% to 0.5% annually, which is the highest in the world and accounts for 4-6% decline in its wood biomass per annum.
- The natural resource is decreasing at such an alarming speed that all the forest area will be consumed within the next 15 years.



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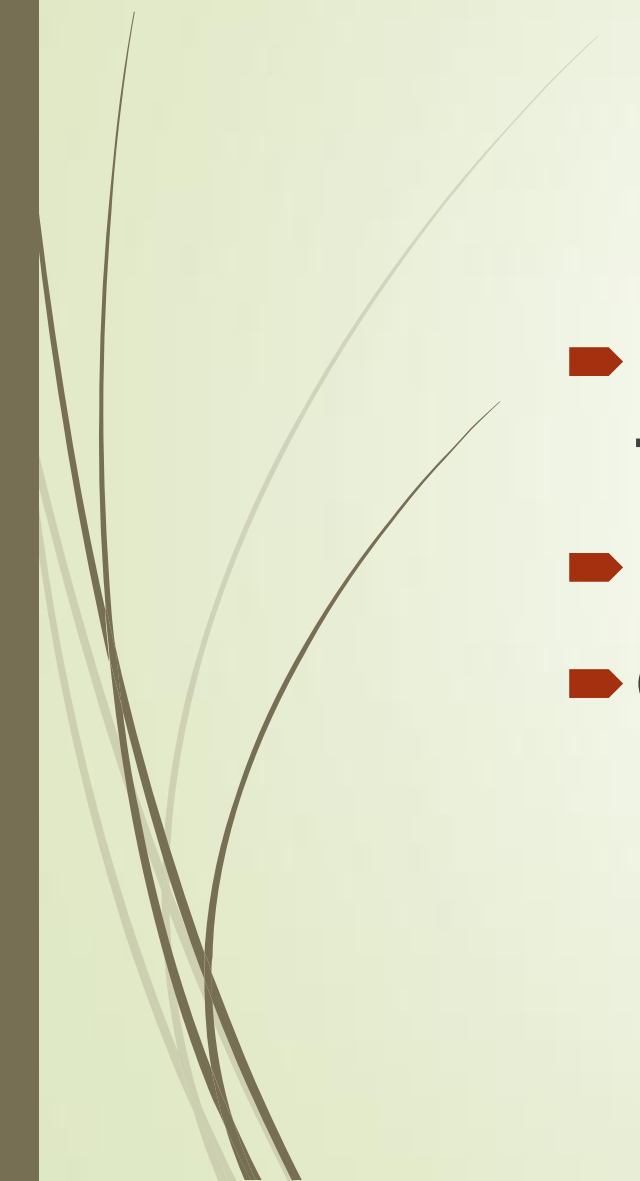
News article published in “The Nation” dated 07-11-2016


- **Study conducted by Asian Development Bank: Forest area in Pakistan in the year 2015 was 1.9% down from the official FOP figure of 5%.**
- **According to Food and Agricultural Organization, the country lost 840,000 hectare of forest cover between 1990 and 2010 and the rate of loss of forest per year is 42000 hectare per year.**



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SOLUTIONS

- **First step in solving a problem is recognizing there is one!**
 - **Policies and Laws. And their enforcement.**
 - **Change in attitude: School and Pulpit.**
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