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## \* Deforestation. \*

### • Introduction .

Deforestation refers to the decrease in forest areas across the world that are lost for other uses such as agricultural croplands, urbanisation, or mining activities. Greatly accelerated by human activities since 1960, deforestation has been negatively affecting natural ecosystems, biodiversity, and the climate.

### • What is Deforestation ?

Deforestation refers to the decrease in forest areas. It is the purposeful clearing of forested land. Throughout history and into modern times, forests have been razed to make space for agriculture and obtain wood for fuel, manufacturing, and construction. Deforestation has greatly altered landscapes around the world.

### • What is Deforestation happening?

Multiple factors either of human or natural origin, cause deforestation. Natural factor include natural forest fires which can result in deforestation. Human activities are among the main causes of global deforestation. Agriculture caused nearly 80% of global deforestation.

### • Deforestation effect - on environment.

Deforestation has many consequences for natural ecosystem and it poses serious problem. The most known consequence of deforestation is biodiversity. From mammals to birds, insects, amphibians or plants, the forests is home to many rare & fragile species. 80% of the earth's land animals and plants live in forest. By destroying the forests, human activities are putting entire ecosystems in danger.