

PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

CLASS-4

SOCIAL STUDIES

CHAPTER-10

OUR FOREST WEALTH

SUMMARY

- Forests are an important natural resource.
- One – fifth of our country's total area is under forest cover.
- Evergreen, deciduous, thorn, tidal and mountain forests are different types of forests in India.
- We should plant trees. Vanmahotsava is one such programme which encourages afforestation.
- Wildlife, birds and insects are also an important part of our ecosystem.

NOTEBOOK WORK-

WRITE SHORT ANSWERS-

Q1. How are forests useful to us?

Ans. Forests are useful to us as they give us food items, wood, medicines etc. They also provide shelter to animals and purify the air.

Q2. What are soft and hard wood used for?

Ans. Soft wood is used to make things like paper and matchsticks whereas hard wood is used for constructing buildings, furniture etc.

Q3. How much area of our country is under forest cover?

Ans. Only one-fifth of India's total area is covered with forests.

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS-

Q1. Write a short note on deciduous forests.

Ans. Deciduous forests are popularly known as monsoon forests. They are found in the foothills of the Himalayas, Sahyadis and north-eastern part of Indian peninsula. These forests cover the maximum part of our country.

Q2. Briefly discuss the 'Chipko Andolan'.

Ans. In 1970s, a group of women in Uttarakhand

started this movement. They prevented cutting down of trees by hugging them. Sunderlal Bahuguna headed this movement. After this movement the Government of India passed laws to stop deforestation.