

VEGETATION OF SANTHALPARGANA

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ABSTRACT

This region, Santhal parganas was once known for its thick and extensive forests is now bereft of much of its jungle wealth. There has been large-scale destruction of forests in the past few years. Jungles on plains have almost been cleared and hills also have become naked except in the Damin-i-Koh area and tops of high hills near Massanjore and Tieur, where also they are getting thinner.

*The most common tree of the district is sal (*shorea (robusta)*). Someteak of inferior variety is also found. Other trees found are jack-fruit muga, simal, bamboo, asanand satsal. Sal and simal logs and jack-fruit are exported in large quantities to the neighbouring districts and to places outside Bihar. Satsal has become rare like teak and murga wood is consumed locally for furniture making.*

Bears are seen in the Dumka Damin area and other hilly areas where the forests are deep. Bears are greatly found of Mahua flowers and there are good chance of spotting them under Mahua trees during the season in the forest areas

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