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**CHAPTER NAME : - DIVERSE NATURAL RESOURCES  
OF THE WORLD ( GEOGRAPHY CH. – 2 )**

**Key Aspects**

- **Natural resources – Land, water and forests.**
- **Land use pattern – Indian and the world.**
- **Soil – its types and layers.**
- **Soil conservation.**
- **Water – its distribution – scarcity – conservation.**
- **Natural vegetation – Depletion – conservation.**

Natural resources are crucial for the economic development of a region or a country.

Distribution of resources throughout the world is highly uneven . Even the distribution of land, water and air varies from place to place on the earth . The concentration of people in the world is determined by the nature of land, climate, soil, water and other natural resources.

Every part of the earth is not conducive for human settlement .

## LAND

**Land is the most important natural resource for humans as he lives on it and all his needs are fulfilled from the land .**

**A glance at the globe reveals that land covers only 29% of the Earth surface and 71% is covered by waterbodies .**

**Land area supports 6 billion people of the world but its distribution is highly uneven.**

**Land consists of different landforms like mountain, plateaus and plains.**

