



## World Record: Ethiopia Plants 35 Cr Trees in 12 Hrs to Tackle Climate Change

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The burst of tree planting was a part of the wider reforestation campaign called 'Green Legacy', which was also introduced in 1,000 sites across the country. Millions of Ethiopians across the country were invited to take part in the challenge and within the first six hours, Ahmed tweeted, that around 150 million trees were planted.

The massive effort is part of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's Green Legacy Initiative, which aims to plant more than 4 billion trees between May and October, or 40 trees per person.

"We're halfway to our goal," he said and encouraged Ethiopians to "build on the momentum in the remaining hours." After the 12 hours were over, the Prime Minister took to Twitter and announced that Ethiopia not only met its 'collective #GreenLegacy goal,' but also exceeded it.



A total of 353,633,660 tree saplings were planted, the country's minister for innovation and technology, Getahun Mekuria tweeted. Staff from the United Nations, African Union and foreign embassies in Ethiopia also took part in the exercise.

Country's minister of health also tweeted and wrote, '#GreenLegacy is a vision for the next generation. It is creating a blueprint for them and showing them the way.

The UN says Ethiopia's forest coverage declined from 35% of total land in the early 20th century to a little above 4% in the 2000s.

The challenge encouraged citizens in Ethiopia to plant 200 million trees in one day. In 2017, India also set a world record when around 1.5 million volunteers planted 66 million trees in 12 hours.

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