

## Gautam Adani launches largest tree plantation initiative in India

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The largest plantation push in India has been unveiled by Gautam Adani, the richest man in India. In keeping with its pledge to the Paris COP 21 conference, the company stated that it would plant 10 crore trees by 2030.

Adani commented that the sheer scale of this initiative, which aims to plant a trillion trees, is simply amazing. By 2030, the Adani Group wants to plant 63.08 million terrestrial trees.

The group committed to plant 10 billion trees at the World Economic Forum's (WEF) "Trillion Trees Platform".

The framework is a multi-stakeholder initiative leading a global campaign to protect, repair, and cultivate one trillion trees by 2030 in support of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration.

In Davos, Switzerland, the World Economic Forum's annual meeting got underway on Monday. This year's conference will focus on "Cooperation in a Fragmented World." The summit's goal was to discuss the most pressing global problems and to support creative solutions.

Regarding the group's vow to stop using plantations, Adani remarked that it is a reflection of the tenacity of humanity and what can be accomplished through the combined efforts of similarly minded people who are willing to fight for a good cause.

He added that building a greener planet requires restoring ecosystems, halting biodiversity loss, and minimising soil erosion. The action is a part of India's announcement to assume a leading role in its promise at COP 21 in Paris to develop new carbon sinks of 2.5–3.0 billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.

The group also disclosed that 2.9 crore trees had already been planted. Additionally, by 2030, the Group hopes to have 37.1 million mangrove trees. Both conservation and reforestation are part of this, it said in a statement.

Mangroves and other terrestrial trees would improve the environment by lowering air pollution, preserving coastlines, preventing soil erosion and saline water intrusion, recharging groundwater tables, providing fish breeding grounds, and providing many other advantages.

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