

Gujarat-based businessman has planted 40 forests across India in a bid for a greener tomorrow

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In 2018, a report by the UN Intergovernmental Panel Climate Change stated that we have only 12 years to control the global temperature. If we fail to do so, the results would be catastrophic, as high temperatures will result in extreme heat, rising sea levels, famine, and floods.

Rallying to save the planet, many nations including India have set targets to cut down their carbon emission by switching to clean energy and increasing green cover.

At present, India has a total green cover of 24.4 percent, and it plans to increase it to 33 percent. Besides the government, several NGOs and individuals have also come forward to contribute to this. Among them is 48-year-old Radhakrishnan Nair who has planted more than six lakh trees till date. And he managed to do this all by himself.



Radhakrishnan is the founding president of Umargam Apparel Welfare Association in Gujarat. He also earned many praises and awards like the **Vasundhara Award** by the Maharashtra government in 2017. He has planted **40 forests across seven states**, including Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bengal, and Chhattisgarh.

So how did it all begin? Radhakrishnan wasn't an eco-warrior since the beginning but just an entrepreneur based in Gujarat, **uplifting the lives of the tribal community by employing them in his company Shree Purnika Exports.**



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