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# Thar Million Tree Program a miracle in the desert

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Near the Thar Block-II integrated mine-power project located in the Thar desert, a million trees and shrubs are striving to grow their roots underground deeply to store water and survive in the harsh arid environment, showing a kind of enduring resilience and vitality, and bringing a ray of hope to the people and creatures living here.

This is a desert garden of 100 acres created by Thar Block-II integrated mine-power project under the Thar Million Tree Program in 2017 and has been expanding since then. The annual carbon dioxide reduction from the plants is about 600 tons per year.

It's hard to maintain a garden in the desert, and even harder to do so near a coalfield, but the team of the project has made it with tenacious efforts and a spirit of endurance.

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