

# Essay on Tree Plantation



**“Plant a tree today for a better tomorrow.”**

**"A tree is the best friend of man on earth."**

**"Tree plantation is a biological practice where large number of trees and plants are planted in a given area."**

*When we use trees respectfully and economically, we have one of the greatest resources on earth. Trees are rightfully called the 'lungs of the earth.' Life on earth would cease to exist in the absence of trees.*

The planet loses 15 billion trees every year and much of it is cleared for farmland to feed the world's booming population.

## **Benefits of Tree Plantation:**

*Tree plantation is not only good for the environment and the earth, but it is also a way in which we can help in making the world a better and cleaner place to live in, as trees help to bring down the levels of pollution.*

*Trees also work as air-purifiers? They play the role of filters in our ecosystem by absorbing harmful gases from the air and bringing down the levels of pollution. In addition to all this, they help in maintaining the balance in our ecological system and make conditions conducive to rainfall, thereby ensuring that life flourishes. Trees take in carbon dioxide from the air, thereby purifying it, and release oxygen, which is essential to the sustenance of life, thereby regulating the temperature and making it cooler and more pleasant.*

Moreover, they also provide us with wood, food, fuel, paper, etc, which are an important part of our daily lives. Furthermore, they are home to all kinds of animals and birds as well.

### **GREEN INDIA:**

India committed under the Paris Agreement (adopted by nearly every nation in 2015) to increasing its forests by five million hectares before 2030 to combat climate change.

India has broken its own world record by planting 66 million trees in just 12 hours as part of a record-breaking environmental campaign on Sunday 2 July 2017.

The previous record was also set in India, when volunteers in Uttar Pradesh state set a world record by planting over 50 million trees in one day in July 2016.



**VILLAGERS DURING TREE PLANTATION IN MADHYA PRADESH**

### **PIPLANTRI VILLAGE: THE SOCIAL WARRIORS**



**PIPLANTRI**

*Piplantri Village of southern Rajasthan's Rajsamand district was in news in second week of March 2015. This village not only embraces daughters but also created a tradition of planting 111 trees every time on the birth of a girl child. The plants are planted in her honour. The village came into news, at the time when documentary India's Daughters created national debate.*

*The documentary portrayed violence against women like rape and abuse in India.*





**What is the tradition?** The tradition was started by village's former sarpanch Shyam Sundar Paliwal in 2006. He started the initiative in the memory of his daughter Kiran, who died a few years ago. The tradition at Piplantri village sets a different example of respect and honour for women

by planting 111 trees whenever a girl child is born. To protect the trees from termites, the residents plant aloe vera plants around them. Also, as part of this, village residents collect 21000 rupees between themselves and 10000 rupees from the girl's parents. This sum of 31000 rupees is made into a 20-year fixed deposit for the girl. Further, an affidavit is signed by the parents stating that their daughter will receive proper education, the girl will be married only after she reaches legal age and the trees planted after her birth have been correctly looked after. This tradition serves two purposes, first of saving a girl child, and second of protecting the planet by increasing the green cover. In last 6 years over a quarter of a million trees have been planted.



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## Comment



**THE SARPANCH OF PIPLANTRI:**

**SHYAM SUNDAR PALIWAL**

**(Green Messiah)**

*This tradition initiated by Shyam Sundar Paliwal is a brilliant exercise in eco-feminism and sets a great example of women empowerment as historically it was considered that in India birth of a daughter is considered as a burden for the family. This tradition honours a girl and overall, also helps in creating a good environment too.*

Now, this is not to say that people haven't made attempts to right their wrongs in the past. In fact, the Chipko Movement was a great example of people coming together to save trees and encourage people to plant trees, and by extension save the earth. With the rising awareness about the importance of planting trees and the positive impact it will have on the environment, the Govt. has taken the initiative and issued funds and equipment for tree plantation, while also carrying out projects to plant trees in areas that are devoid of green cover.



# STATISTICAL DATA OF TREE PLANTING IN SELECTED COUNTRIES MAKING THE PLANET GREENER



**In conclusion,** it would not be wrong to say that the reason we are facing the climate change problem today is that we could not and did not realize the value of trees and appreciate them for everything they do, yesterday. But it is never too late to make amends. We can make things better by planting more trees and facilitating afforestation. We have done nothing but take from nature for so long. It is high time we gave back to the earth and there is no time like the present to do a good deed and make the earth a clean, green, and beautiful place to live in once again. After all, the future generations must inherit the earth in the same condition it was left to us, if not better. We owe it to them to make the world a healthy, happy, and safe place to live in.

## PLANT A TREE

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If when I am gone  
Thou would'st honor me  
Then plant a tree.  
Some highway, bleak and bare,  
Make green with leaves.  
So radiant and fair  
And full of leaves my monument  
will be,  
So ever full of tuneful melody.  
My monument will be  
A sight most rare—  
Trees planted everywhere.  
A highway broad from city to  
the sea—  
Plant this in memory of me.

