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THE SEVA OF GREENING PLACES

This article is in continuation with our ongoing series on **seva** (service to plants, animals, humans, and spirits)

Climate change is posing a fundamental threat to our lives and planet.

According to earthday.org, deforestation is a leading cause of global warming, responsible for about 24% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. Infact, deforestation in tropical rainforests adds more carbon dioxide to the Earth's atmosphere than the sum total of cars and trucks on the world's roads.

Therefore, combating deforestation and restoring the earth's green cover is among the most promising and cost-effective ways of lowering emissions. Saving the planet by greening places has many spiritual benefits as well.

Planting seeds and nurturing their growth as an act of seva (selfless service) is a greatly beneficial karmic deed. Plants and trees are a source of food for humans, animals, birds, and insects. Dried leaves can be used as an effective source of manure. Of course, the ecological benefits to counter climate change are immense. Therefore, helping to grow

and sustain greenery is an inexhaustible wealth of karma, as it has multiple effects and benefits.

As mentioned in **Karma Sutra – Cracking the Karmic Code** (a book in the Hingori Sutras series of spiritual books), if a tree was to bear fruit for 60 years, the benefit of that fruit when consumed, would accrue to the planter or the person taking care, or probably both, for those 60 years. All the plants, insects, birds, animals and humans who took refuge under the tree would also be obligated. The use of wood during its lifetime or thereafter would also be a credit to the planter and a debt to those who benefitted from its usage.

The social media space is filled with stories of men and women who have made greening places their mission, and in turn, added to their karmic balance sheet. Jadav Payeng, has spent decades of his life towards this form of selfless services. He earned the nickname "Forest man of India" by spending more than 30 years of his life planting trees, creating a real man-made forest of 550 hectares.

Thanks to this reforestation, wild-life has returned to the forest. What makes this feat so commendable is that he did it all by himself, starting at the young age of 16. By providing oxygen, food, shelter, and other benefits to birds, animals and humans, the karmic benefit of his act will accrue not just in this life but also beyond. Not a bad return on investment!

The story of Kallen Pokkudan is equally inspiring. He spent three decades of his life planting ten million mangrove saplings in his home state, Kerala. Despite no formal education, this **Karma Warrior** understood the need to protect his habitat and make it liveable for other species, thereby rendering service of great significance.

Examples of stellar beings who have dedicated their lives to seva are inspirational. But not even the tiniest of their monumental efforts will have an impact on your karmic wealth if you do not choose to enrich yourselves. Define your intent and then shape your actions. The opportunities for seva are enormous.



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The thoughts expressed in this article are inspired by the philosophy of Gurudev, a spiritual guide extraordinaire. You can read more about his philosophy in the Hingori Sutras

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