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UK's Longest-Standing Editor, Celebrates 35 Years with Release of His New Book, *Earth Pilgrim*

In 1974, with the encouragement E.F. Schumacher, Satish Kumar took over as Editor in Chief of a radical magazine, *Resurgence*, that was years ahead of current thinking on environmental issues. Thirty-five years later, he still stands strong as Editor of *Resurgence* and continues to inspire and refresh the environmental movement.

Satish was planning to return to India to work for the Gandhian movement but E.F. Schumacher said, "Satish, there are many Gandhians in India. We need one here in the U.K. so please stay here and edit *Resurgence*."

"Being the Editor of *Resurgence* is a pleasure and a privilege. I can bring environmental authors, poets, artists and activists together to expound their vision of a resilient and sustainable future," said seventy-three year old Satish, who in addition to editing *Resurgence* has published five books, including his best-selling autobiography, *No Destination*, and has appeared on Desert Island Discs and BBC 2's Natural World series. "As I enjoy it, why not continue to edit as long as I can!"

Resurgence magazine is nationally recognised as being the flagship of the environmental movement – providing an intellectual mouthpiece for ecologically-minded organisations and individuals from around the world.

"Resurgence has been part of my life pretty much from the point when Satish took over as Editor. It has been a source of constant inspiration and stimulation, and it's astonishing to think how big an impact Satish has made throughout that time," explained former chair of the Sustainable Development Commission, Jonathon Porritt.

The sustained popularity is thought to be due to the optimistic approach taken when communicating critical issues, such as global warming. These are presented alongside beautiful artwork and poetry which serve to remind readers of the wonders surrounding them in their every-day life.

As awareness and popularity of environmental issues has grown, more and more people have turned to *Resurgence* for a source of inspiration. The magazine now has over 30,000 readers from around the globe.

"As the plight of the planet gets more and more critical, ideas and values represented in *Resurgence* will become timely and urgent. With or without me, *Resurgence* is going to remain as relevant in the next thirty-five years as it is today," said Kumar.

In celebration of Satish's 35th editorial anniversary, *Resurgence* will launch Satish's new book, *Earth Pilgrim*, at a London-based event where heads of the largest environmental organisations including Greenpeace, The Green Party, the Climate Outreach Information Network, and Green Alliance will join *Resurgence* to share their thoughts on how the UN's Copenhagen Climate Change Conference could shape the future of our society. The event, titled *Resilience and Climate Change*, will be held at Cecil Sharpe house in London on 3rd October and will also see the announcement of a \$100,000 special award from Artists Project Earth (APE) for the single project judged most likely to mitigate climate change. Together with a delicious organic lunch provided by Riverford Organic the day will be a real celebration of the achievements of the environmental movement.

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Notes to Editors

Satish Kumar is available for interview. For further information and to arrange an interview, contact: Ian Tennant on 01237 441 293 ian@resurgence.org

NOTES TO EDITORS

- (1) **Satish Kumar** is an internationally renowned speaker on ecological and spiritual issues. He contributes to Radio 4's Thought for the Day and appeared as a guest on Desert Island Discs. He presented BBC2's Natural World Series – Earth Pilgrim: a spiritual journey into the landscape of Dartmoor. His books include *No Destination, You Are Therefore I Am* and *Spiritual Compass*. His new book *Earth Pilgrim* will be published by Green Books on 3rd October 2009. He lives in Hartland, North Devon.

To find out more about Satish www.resurgence.org/satish-kumar

- (2) **The Resurgence Trust** is an educational charity working to create a more ecological and equitable world by providing information on environmental issues, the arts, culture and spiritual values. Resurgence Trust publishes *Resurgence* magazine – a rich and distinctive magazine containing 84 pages of high-quality articles, interviews, comments and reviews – to promote ecological sustainability, social justice and spiritual values. The Resurgence Trust aims to bring together a community of people and organisations who believe that another world is possible, a world that embraces culture, aesthetics, sustainability and spirituality.

To find out more about The Resurgence Trust www.resurgence.org/trust

(3) **Earth Pilgrim Book**– In *Earth Pilgrim* Satish draws on this personal experience and also his understanding of the spiritual traditions of both East and West. The book takes the form of conversations between Satish and others about the inner and outer aspects of pilgrimage: “To be a pilgrim is to be on a path of adventure, to move out of our comfort zones, to let go of our prejudices and preconditioning, to make strides towards the unknown.” If we want to tread the pilgrim’s path, we need to go beyond ideas of good and evil, and to be dedicated to our quest – to our natural calling. We need to shed not just our unnecessary material possessions but also our burdens of fear, anxiety, doubt and worry; in this way we can find spiritual renewal and enter on the great adventure into the unknown. Paradoxically, being on a pilgrimage doesn’t necessarily mean travelling from one place to another – it means a state of mind, a state of consciousness, a state of fearlessness.

To find out more about *Earth Pilgrim* <http://greenbooks.co.uk/store/earth-pilgrim-p-321.html>

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