

## Satish Kumar biography

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### **85 words**

Peace-pilgrim, life-long activist, and former monk, Satish Kumar has been inspiring global change for over 50 years. He undertook a pilgrimage for peace, walking for two years without money from India to America for the cause of nuclear disarmament. Now in his 80s, Satish has devoted his life to campaigning for ecological regeneration and social justice. He is a world-renown author and international speaker, founder of The Resurgence Trust and Editor Emeritus of *Resurgence & Ecologist* – a change-making magazine he edited for over 40 years.

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### **185 words**

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A world-renown author and international speaker, Satish founded The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity that seeks to inform and inspire a just future for all. He was the Editor of the charity's change-making magazine, *Resurgence & Ecologist*, for over 40 years, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. He continues to serve this publication as Editor Emeritus.

Satish would like to offer you 20% off membership of The Resurgence Trust. When you join, you will receive a range of membership benefits including the hope-inspiring, bi-monthly *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine, and support Satish (and the charity he founded) in protecting the future of people and planet. [Find out more about Satish's work and this offer.](#)

### **285 words**

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An acclaimed author and international speaker, Satish appears regularly on podcasts, radio and television shows. He has been interviewed by Richard Dawkins, Russell Brand and Annie Lennox, appearing as a guest on Radio 4's Desert Island Discs, Thought for the Day and Midweek. Satish

presented an episode of BBC2's Natural World documentary series, which was watched by 3.6 million people. Satish's autobiography '*No Destination*' sold over 50,000 copies, inspiring change around the world. Through his writing, teaching and international talks, Satish passionately shares visions of the more beautiful world our hearts know is possible.

Satish co-founded Schumacher College and founded The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity that seeks to inform and inspire a just future for all. He was the Editor of the charity's change-making magazine, *Resurgence & Ecologist*, for over 40 years, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. He continues to serve this publication as Editor Emeritus.

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### **Long bio (620 words)**

Peace-pilgrim, life-long activist and former monk, Satish Kumar has been inspiring global change for over 50 years. Aged 9, Satish renounced the world and became a wandering Jain monk. Inspired by Gandhi, he decided at 18 that he could achieve more back in the world, campaigning to turn Gandhi's vision of a peaceful future into reality. In his early 20s, Satish was inspired by the British peace activist, Bertrand Russell who was arrested aged 89 at an anti-nuclear demonstration. This prompted Satish's peace pilgrimage from India to Moscow, London, Paris and America. Walking with no money and depending on the kindness and hospitality of strangers, Satish delivered a humble packet of 'peace tea' to the leaders of the four capitals of the nuclear world. Now in his 80s, he has devoted his life to campaigning for ecological regeneration, social justice and spiritual fulfilment.

A world-renown author and international speaker, Satish founded The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity that seeks to inform and inspire a just future for all. He was the Editor of the charity's change-making magazine, *Resurgence & Ecologist*, for over 40 years, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. He continues to serve this publication as Editor Emeritus and by writing for each and every trailblazing issue of this much-loved and acclaimed magazine which has been described by The Guardian as the 'spiritual and ecological flagship of the environmental movement'.

Satish served as the editor of Resurgence magazine for 43 years, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. This acclaimed publication has been described by The Guardian as the 'spiritual and ecological flagship of the environmental movement'. During his time as editor, Satish founded, an educational charity for social and environmental justice that seeks to inform and inspire change. Satish now serves as editor-emeritus of magazine and continues to contribute to this much-loved publication.

Satish has been the guiding spirit behind a number of other internationally respected ecological and educational ventures. He co-founded Schumacher College which he continues to serve as a Visiting Fellow.

Satish appears regularly on podcasts and on radio and television shows. He has been interviewed by Russell Brand, Richard Dawkins, Annie Lennox and many more. He appeared as a guest on Radio 4's Desert Island Discs, Thought for the Day and Midweek. Satish presented a 50-minute documentary as part of BBC2's Natural World series, which was watched by over 3.6 million people. Satish is the author of countless articles and books. His autobiography, 'No Destination' sold over 50,000 copies, inspiring change around the world. Through his writing, teaching and international talks, Satish passionately shares visions of the more beautiful world our hearts know is possible.

In recognition of his commitment to animal welfare and compassionate living, Satish was elected vice-president of the RSPCA. In 2014, he was appointed an Oxfam UK Ambassador and is also a member of the Advisory Council of the Gross National Happiness Centre of Bhutan.

Satish has been awarded Honorary Doctorates at the University of Lancaster, the University of Exeter, the University of Suffolk, the University of Wales and the University of Plymouth. He also received the Jamnalal Bajaj International Award for promoting Gandhian values outside of India.

Satish continues to teach, run workshops and write about reverential ecology, holistic education and voluntary simplicity and is a much sought-after international speaker and author.

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