

## Satish Kumar brief biography

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Life-long activist and former monk, Satish Kumar has been inspiring global change for over 50 years. In his 20s, Satish undertook a peace-pilgrimage for nuclear disarmament, walking without money from India to America. Now in his 80s, Satish has devoted his life to campaigning for ecological regeneration, social justice, and spiritual fulfilment. An acclaimed author and international speaker, Satish founded The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity that seeks a just future for all.

To find more about Satish's work at The Resurgence Trust and join him in protecting people and planet click [here](#).

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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 joined the wandering Jain monks. Inspired by Gandhi, he decided at 18 that he could achieve more back in the world and soon undertook a peace-pilgrimage, walking without money from India to America in the name of nuclear disarmament. Now in his 80s, Satish has devoted his life to campaigning for ecological regeneration, social justice and spiritual fulfilment.

Satish co-founded Schumacher College as well as founding The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity that seeks a just future for all.

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. An acclaimed international speaker and author, Satish's autobiography sold over 50,000 copies, inspiring change around the world.

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### **500 words**

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Aged 9, Satish renounced the world and joined the wandering Jain monks. 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.

Satish served as the editor of Resurgence magazine for 43 years, making him the UK's longest-serving editor of the same magazine. During this time, he founded The Resurgence Trust, an educational charity for social and environmental justice. To join Satish in protecting the future of people and planet, become a member of Resurgence. As a member you will help shape a future in which humanity can live in harmony with itself and with nature. You will also receive this charity's change-making magazine, *Resurgence & Ecologist*. Satish now serves as editor-emeritus of this publication and continues to contribute to each bi-monthly issue of this hope-filled magazine, inspiring change around the world.

Satish has been the guiding spirit behind a number of other internationally respected ecological and educational ventures. He co-founded Schumacher College in South Devon where he is a Visiting Fellow.

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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 Jannalal Bajaj International Award for promoting Gandhian values outside India.

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

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