

“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.” - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in India, in the northern rural state of Uttar Pradesh.

While India has experienced a slight uptick in its total forest coverage recently, there are still areas of the country that are experiencing deforestation. Much of the loss of trees is due to economic growth the country is experiencing, and the need to access water sources. Shifting cultivation is another reason for deforestation in parts of the country. Shifting cultivation is a form of agriculture in which an area of ground is cleared of vegetation and cultivated for a few years and then abandoned for a new area until its fertility has been naturally restored. As the prosperity of the Indian people grows, this increases the need for agricultural activity which leads to more shifting cultivation.

Not only are we planting trees in India, but farmers are also being trained in best tree planting methods, nursery preparation, farm conservation and finance, and irrigation management. They also learned methods and techniques to protect trees to withstand local climatic conditions and thus help to ensure the newly planted trees' long-term survival. This social forestry education, coupled with an increase in technology literacy, also allows for job growth in the region, and the ability to earn a sustainable income.

Your gift tree will be a fruit tree species: moringa, papaya, banana, lemon, guava, apricot, pear, peach, and jujubes. Moringa, papaya, and banana grow quickly and will provide food and fruit within 8-10 months of planting. Lemon, guava, apricot, pear, peach, and jujubes take a little longer (3 years) to produce fruit, but will ultimately provide a steady supply of food and income to small farmers.

You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/31A5nMk>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in India, Asia and the world.

Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting as the reforestation projects conducted by The Gifted Tree take place in several regions of the state. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree. Our planting partners select and plant trees native to the specific area and the species type will vary depending on what is best for that location.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/. If you would like to plant a tree for someone else or learn more, please visit our website at www.TheGiftedTree.com.

