

PIPAL TREE

Pramila, who is deaf, working at our sapling nursery in Kathmandu

The Big Give Christmas Challenge

1–8 DECEMBER 2026 | NEPAL

Christmas Challenge BigGive

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A seasonal matched funding opportunity

£65,800
New grants and donations sought

£131,600
Potential impact with match funding

Matching funds are already secured. A grant made online through our Big Give Christmas Challenge page from 1–8 December 2026 automatically doubles in value, helping us restore nature, expand opportunities for children and women, and strengthen communities in Nepal.



Philip Holmes OBE
Lt Col (Retd.)
Founder/CEO Pipal Tree



"Despite the devastating impact of climate change on communities across Nepal, Pipal Tree and our local partners have made remarkable progress in restoring nature and transforming lives throughout 2026. We are determined to build on that success.

By supporting our Big Give Christmas Challenge, your gift will allow us to continue this vital work into 2027 with sustained momentum."

Where the doubled £131,600 will go:



Urban forests Kathmandu Valley

We've planted 10 'Miyawaki' rapid-growth forests in Kathmandu valley since 2023, supported by two of our own sapling nurseries. This cleans and cools the air, restoring biodiversity to what has become a concrete jungle. Our partner, Lily's Leaves, trains and employs young deaf women while transforming neglected urban land into green space.

£40,000
Two further urban forests



Wildlife corridor Madhesh Province

We've planted nine of 13 planned Gurkha VC memorial forests since 2024, forming stepping stones for wildlife across open farmland. This reduces the risk of human-wildlife conflict that can be fatal for either party. Our community bank loans also help rural women develop agroforestry livelihoods.

£40,000
Another Gurkha Memorial forest and more community bank loans

More of your match funding impact



Community Learning Centres

Our nine Community Learning Centres help children from marginalised Dalit communities with homework and extra tuition, supporting school attendance and helping reduce the risk of early school-leaving and child marriage. The tutors are students from the same caste groups who receive small stipends that allow them to complete their own education and become role models for the children.

£31,600

Support eight additional centres



Warm clothing for children

Winter can be bitterly cold in south Nepal. Clothing and shoes for children attending our learning centres offer practical support and encourage continued participation in education. You can help fund our annual pre-Christmas distribution and bring smiles to children's faces!

£8,000

Approximately 700 children

The work behind the impact

£12,000 will support essential fundraising, monitoring and evaluation, capacity-building and volunteer coordination - helping us deliver and account for the work effectively and responsibly.

Could your trust or foundation make a doubled donation?

We are seeking grants donated online via our Big Give Christmas Challenge campaign page between 1 and 8 December 2026.

The donation page is to be found at:

www.pipaltree.info/Christmas

Note that a donate button will not appear on the site until noon on the 1st December.

The page can also be accessed by the adjacent QR code.

Please contact our Founder, Lt Col (Retd) Philip Holmes OBE, for further information.

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The Big Give - one gift, twice the impact