

# Goldman Environmental Prize

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## About Goldman Environmental Prize:

- The Prize recognizes individuals for sustained and significant efforts to **protect and enhance** the **natural environment**, often at great personal risk.
- It is also known as the **Green Nobel**.
- It recognizes **grassroots environmental heroes** from roughly the world's six inhabited continental regions: Africa, Asia, Europe, Islands & Island Nations, North America and South & Central America
- The Goldman Prize views "grassroots" leaders as those **involved in local efforts**, where positive change is created through community or citizen participation.
- The first Goldman Environmental Prize ceremony took place on **April 16, 1990**. It was timed to coincide with **Earth Day**.

## Key facts about Hasdeo Aranya region

- It is a sprawling forest in the **northern part of Chhattisgarh** which is known for its biodiversity and also its coal deposits.
- The forest falls under Korba, Surajpur and Sarguja districts with sizeable tribal population.
- The **Hasdeo River**, a **tributary of Mahanadi**, flows through it.

- It is the largest un-fragmented forests in Central India consisting of **pristine Sal** (*Shorea robusta*) and **teak forests**.
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## Q1: What is sustainable development?

Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Source:** [Indian forest activist Alok Shukla awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize](#)

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