



SHIHAB KUNHAHAMMED



Establishing A Way Of Living With Nature

Nobody is too young or too old to follow their passion.

We are all defined by our actions and thoughts, most of which are developed during the early years of our childhood. And that is how we get some of the most precious people on Earth. Their actions make a huge difference to the entire world.

The tale of Shihab Kunhahammed starts with his childhood. During his sophomore years, he got fascinated by native plant species and their impact on nature.

Like all stories, this one also has someone who inspired little Shihab to think beyond himself. His grandmother, who was around 95 years old back then was an avid farming enthusiast. She dedicated her life to farming and agriculture. Seeing his grandmother, even his father was inspired to follow the same path.



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“If a 95-year-old feeble lady could do this even when she knows she might not be able to reap its benefits, why don’t we do it for ourselves?”

thought Shihab.

This motivated him to start a Rambutan plantation in his backyard. As someone once said, the fruits of your hard work are always sweet. From there, every summer vacation meant new plants, new fruits, and new life for Shihab.

But things were a little different when he got a job as an app developer in Bangalore. The metropolitan city had no time nor any space for farming. But what can stop you when the passion is too strong?

The top floor of Shihab’s PG was an exception from the dust-filled, dry high building of Bangalore. It was lush green with plants and saplings! Soon enough, Shihab sourced a wonderful team and launched an app ‘The Krishi App’ to educate farmers about the best practices in farming and why it is important.

As the app and his rich, green terrace grabbed attention, Shihab started getting inquiries to work his magic on dry, barren lands on the outskirts of Bangalore city. One of the important contact he got, Mr. Baiju, asked him to transform 20 acres of barren land near Shoolagiri, which he successfully did. This was a huge success and the story behind it traveled far and wide, only to attract more interested people to Shihab.



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In 2015, Shihab along with his team launched his company, Philosanfarms, to help people develop Managed Farmlands.

He uses various methods of permaculture to completely transform barren lands into beautiful, green, and picturesque locations. All this over a span of just a few years. You could walk into the same location in a few years and wouldn't be able to recognize it.





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Today, Shihab has helped greenify more than **300+** acres of barren land in different locations.

Forests, waterbodies, native plants, and birds dwell in these lands that were once totally uninhabitable. He also conducts frequent workshops across the country to educate people about the importance and various methods of farming. Now at the age of 35, he has planted more than 50,000 plants and introduced 1000+ plant species to different locations.

At PhilosanFarms, their main goal is to create biodiversity in any given land. All their farming procedures involve a good mix of native plant species that are locally available along with other exotic species that will survive in the given soil conditions. PhilosanFarms continues to grow by adopting various technical methods to enhance farming. Research in automated farming and farming syllabus are a few of the many things they are working on right now.



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Portfolio Projects





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ACTIVITIES



Micro-Forest Establishment

We are actively creating micro-forests in arid and semi-arid regions to restore ecological balance, enhance local biodiversity, and improve soil health. These efforts contribute to combating desertification by increasing vegetation cover and promoting a more stable and productive ecosystem.

Locations: Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamilnadu, India.



Sustainable Agriculture Practices

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Locations: Across various projects in Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamilnadu, India.



Conservation of Indigenous Species

Philosan Farm Management LLP is recognized as a Custodian Farmer and Conservator by the Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR) for 2024. We actively conserve indigenous plant species, including endangered tubers and native seeds, to protect biodiversity and support resilient ecosystems.

Locations: Multiple locations in India, with a focus on regions facing significant ecological threats.



Erosion Control and Land Rehabilitation

We undertake land rehabilitation projects in areas severely affected by soil erosion and landslides. These projects involve soil stabilization techniques, reforestation, and the use of natural barriers to prevent further degradation, thus helping to restore land productivity.

Locations: Erosion-prone areas in Kerala and Karnataka, India.



Technological Integration in Farming

We are in the process of integrating advanced technologies into our farming practices to optimize resource use, improve land productivity, and enhance overall sustainability. This includes the use of precision agriculture tools and data-driven approaches to better manage water and soil resources.

Locations: Initial pilot projects are underway in Kerala, India, with plans to expand to other regions.

Shihab's Initiatives



Philosan
FARM MANAGEMENT

Co-Founder Philosan Farms
An initiative that helps create
community living and farm
tourism


GREENARA
LIFE

Co-Founder Green Ara
Helping people find a fine blend
between architecture and
sustainability without disturbing
nature

kilukka

Co-Founder Kilukka Farms
A space for you to enjoy
community farming and learn
about farming

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As we said in the beginning, some of our greatest qualities evolve during our childhood, and one day these qualities can help the world become a better place to live in!

"Some heroes don't wear capes and they are called farmers!"