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About Sahil

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CONTINENTS

15

COUNTRIES

20,000

KM CYCLED SOLO

325+

SPEAKING EVENTS

473+

MEDIA FEATURES

Sahil Jha is an environmentalist, author and the founder of the World Soil Organization. Born in Kolkata, he has spent his teenage years on a bicycle, carrying one message across borders: the health of our soil decides the future of our food, our water and life itself.

On 1 May 2022, at the age of 16, Sahil set out alone to cycle across India in support of the Save Soil movement inspired by Sadhguru, riding through 15 Indian states. On 21 March 2025 the journey went international, beginning in Australia and continuing through Asia Pacific and Europe. In all, he has cycled 20,000 km across 15 countries on 3 continents.

Along the way he has spoken at more than 325 events and been featured in over 473 media stories, and hundreds of leaders around the world have publicly supported his campaign. His work has been recognised by organisations and national governments internationally.

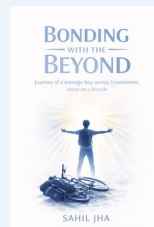
Sahil founded the World Soil Organization to turn a personal campaign into a lasting institution that works with governments and international bodies on soil health. His memoir, *Bonding with the Beyond*, tells the story of a teenage boy who crossed three continents alone on a bicycle.



FOUNDER

World Soil Organization

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AUTHOR

Bonding with the Beyond

Journey of a teenage boy across 3 continents, alone on a bicycle

The Journey

3 continents, 15 countries, 20,000 km

LEG 1

India

The journey begins · 1 May 2022

15 Indian states

LEG 2

Asia Pacific

The international leg begins in Australia ·
21 March 2025

Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia,
Singapore, Malaysia

LEG 3

Europe

Switzerland, Germany, Poland,
Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands,
Belgium, France, United Kingdom



WORLD SOIL ORGANIZATION

To bring the world's soil back to life, and with it the health of our food, our water and our future. Inspire people, stand beside leaders and support farmers, until healthy soil becomes the whole world's priority.

Awareness

Turning a quiet crisis into a conversation everyone can be part of.

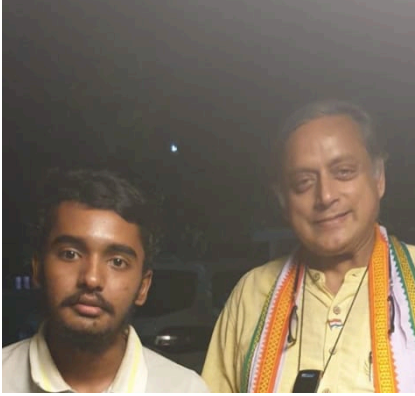
Policy advocacy

Standing beside the leaders who can change the course of a nation.

On the ground, across the world

Helping farmers and communities bring the land back to life.

Leaders who have met and supported Sahil



Shashi Tharoor

Former UN Under-Secretary-General, Former Indian Minister of State for External Affairs & bestselling author



Sadhguru

Founder, Isha Foundation & Conscious Planet, Save Soil Movement



C. R. Patil

Union Minister for Water (Jal Shakti), Government of India



Ibrahim Thiaw

Former UN Under-Secretary-General & Executive Secretary of the UNCCD



Philipp Ackermann

Former Ambassador of Germany to India



Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen

Ambassador of Denmark to India



Kerry McCarthy

British MP and Former Minister for Climate



Arif Havas Oegroseno

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia



Mete Coban MBE

Deputy Mayor of London for Environment and Energy

In their words

“Impressed to meet @withsahiljha, a 16-year-old from West Bengal, who is cycling 25,000 km through India to raise awareness of environmental & social issues. He is now in Thiruvananthapuram on his way back up north from Kanyakumari. Have to admire his spirit of adventure!”

Shashi Tharoor · Former UN Under-Secretary-General, Former Indian Minister of State for External Affairs & bestselling author, via X

“Dearest Sahil, with your Passion and Devotion for Humanity, you have paved the way for a brighter future for our Nation and planet. May you continue to touch the hearts of all those you encounter along the way. My best wishes & Blessings. -Sg”

Sadhguru · Founder, Isha Foundation & Conscious Planet, Save Soil Movement, via X

“17 year old Sahil Jha has been travelling across different states of India on a bicycle for the past two years, spreading the message of environmental protection and #SAVE SOIL. By engaging with the youth of the country and discussing their role in environmental protection, he is doing important work to raise awareness about environmental conservation. Young people like Sahil are the future of our country. It was a great pleasure to meet Sahil today in Surat. Wishing Sahil all the very best.”

C. R. Patil · Union Minister for Water (Jal Shakti), Government of India, via Instagram

“Go, Sahil! You have my full support!”

Ibrahim Thiaw · Former UN Under-Secretary-General & Executive Secretary of the UNCCD, via X

“Today is World Soil Day - worthwhile remembering how crucial healthy soils are for our livelihoods. I had a chat with @soilsahiljha, who is on a global biking tour to create awareness about soil health. He told that he saw one of the world’s greenest cities in Germany! 🌍



Philipp Ackermann · Former Ambassador of Germany to India, via X

“A pleasure meeting Sahil Jha @soilsahiljha, a young Indian cyclist who has journeyed over 25,000 km worldwide, including Denmark, engaging communities on soil health and environmental awareness. Youth leadership matters, and his commitment is inspiring. Wishing him success as he continues his global ride for the cause in 2026 🚴”

Rasmus Abildgaard Kristensen · Ambassador of Denmark to India, via X



AWARD · 5 JUNE 2025

Honorary Bali Medal

Conferred by Gusti Arya Wedakarna, Member of Parliament for Bali, Indonesia

Honoured in Bali on World Environment Day during his solo bicycle journey for soil across three continents, at an event hosted by the Consulate General of India in Bali. Before Sahil, the last Indian national to receive the medal was Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Selected coverage

More than 473 media features in total. A selection, newest first:

Bristol24/7 United Kingdom · 7 October 2025	20-year-old pedalling across globe to 'save soil' arrives in Bristol https://www.bristol247.com/climate/news-climate/20-year-old-peddalling-across-globe-to-save-soil-arrives-in-bristol/
RedaktionsNetzwerk Deutschland (RND) Germany · 3 September 2025	„Mein Fahrrad ist zu meinem besten Freund geworden“: Umweltaktivist radelt um die Welt “My bicycle has become my best friend”: environmental activist cycles around the world https://www.rnd.de/panorama/umweltaktivist-sahil-jha-radelt-um-die-welt-S7EJQ5E6RFB2TJJKTNNXLS2R6Y.html
Lianhe Zaobao Singapore · 13 July 2025	19岁印度青年世界骑行2万公里 宣导拯救土壤 19-year-old from India cycles 20,000 km around the world to champion saving soil https://www.zaobao.com.sg/news/singapore/story20250713-6986051
DD India India · 2 July 2025	Indian activist Sahil Jha concludes his cross-country bicycle tour across Indonesia, raising awareness about soil degradation https://x.com/DDIndiaLive/status/1940468522527982008
Glasshouse Country & Maleny News Australia · 1 April 2025	Sahil is riding around the world to raise awareness for the Save Soil movement https://gcnews.com.au/sahil-is-riding-around-the-world-to-raiseawareness-for-the-save-soil-movement/
Indian Link Australia · 31 March 2025	Save Soil: Sahil Jha's movement on two wheels https://www.indianlink.com.au/sahil-jha-19-year-olds-save-soil-movement-on-two-wheels/
Hindustan Times India · 5 July 2023	Young eco-warrior gets a Delhi-style welcome, wishes to meet the PM https://www.hindustantimes.com/cities/delhi-news/17yearold-eco-warrior-completes-11-000km-cycle-expedition-to-promote-save-soil-movement-in-delhi-101688500805394.html
Forest Flower, the Isha Foundation magazine India · September 2022	Going the Extra Mile to Save Soil https://isha.sadhguru.org/magazine/forest-flower/2022/9/going-the-extra-mile-to-save-soil.html
The Hindu India · 4 August 2022	On a bicycle mission to protect soil https://www.thehindu.com/news/national/kerala/on-a-bicycle-mission-to-protect-soil/article65727128.ece

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