

# For the love of nature

In fighting for environment "winning is temporary and defeat is permanent," says Ritwick Dutta, Supreme Court environment and wildlife lawyer. He comments at the irony: "When nature is destroyed it is development, when man-made things are destroyed it is vandalism."

Having grown up in the lap of nature, in Assam, Dutta loves nature to its core. His first winning case was against the construction of bridge through the Achanak Mar Sanctuary of Chattisgarh.

His days are filled to the brim more due to activism than his court schedules. He

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ensures that he incorporates 'green' choices in spite of his hectic life. Cotton and jute shirts are his style; their legal team car pools to court, and at office using both sides and minimal use of paper is the norm.

Dutta, winner of The Earth Heroes Award 2007 says, "The answer to environment problems lies in the hands of people. The solution is not competition and consumerism but contentment."

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