

# Gardening in Antenna Paradise

*Not far from the state capital Thiruvananthapuram (federal state of Kerala) in southwest India, Satheesan Puzhakkara runs his satellite TVRO station with a high number of dishes. Picture perfect – the next best thing to paradise. But – as we all know – paradise sometimes also attracts evil, which in this case are all sorts of tropical plants beginning to overgrow many of the antennas.*



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■ The antenna farm of Satheesan's scanning station in Thiruvananthapuram/Kerala in India.

■ All antennas stand proudly again after the radical clean-up and reception is unrestricted once again.





■ This huge 3.1 meter dish is fully encircled by plants.



■ The plants are truly beautiful, but business is business and flawless reception is a top priority.

*This calls for a radical solution: All coax cables had been disconnected so that the great clean-up could begin. Even a tractor was called in to get rid of all of the plants. In the end the whole area was cleaned and the antennas were hooked up to the system again one after the other. Now Satheesan can start hunting all those satellites up there once again.*



■ One of the helping hands collects coax cables.



■ Then the tractor shows up and takes care of de-planting.



■ All is cleared and the LNBS are ready again for connecting to the receivers.

