

New Year, New Adventures



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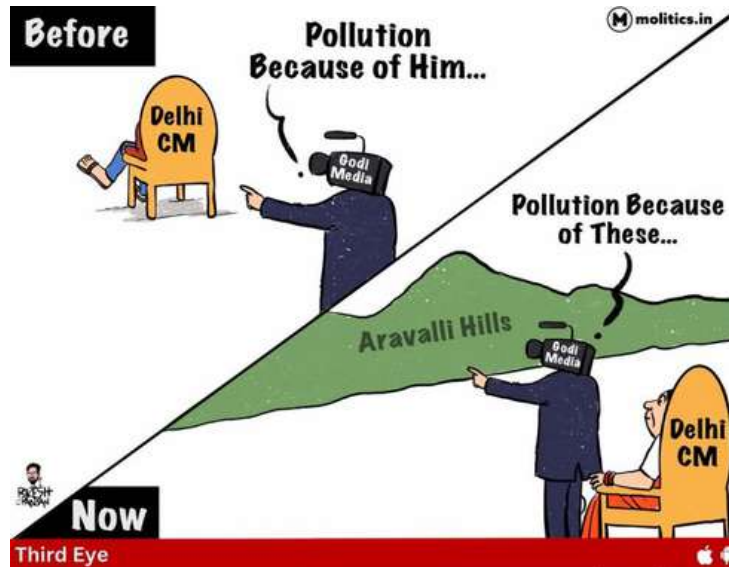
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Memes Of The Month



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Meanwhile at the Aravalli...



Green Zones of Delhi



Want to see snippets from our 30 nature walks in Delhi last November? Find them all here.

We dived deep into the unique flora and fauna that call these spaces home—from the elusive Nilgai in the Ridge to the vibrant butterfly species in Asola Bhatti. Beyond mere observation, we emphasised responsible tourism, learning how to explore these sensitive habitats without leaving a trace. By understanding their names and their roles in our environment, we become better equipped to protect them for future generations.

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Nature Walk @ The Shri Ram School



In collaboration with The Shri Ram School, New Delhi Nature Society recently hosted an immersive nature walk led by our founder. The session was a deep dive into Sanjay Van, showing students that nature is best understood when observed up close.

Students were encouraged to learn the names of the different trees and tiny creatures they found, such as the impressive Peepal trees and the busy spiders living among the leaves.

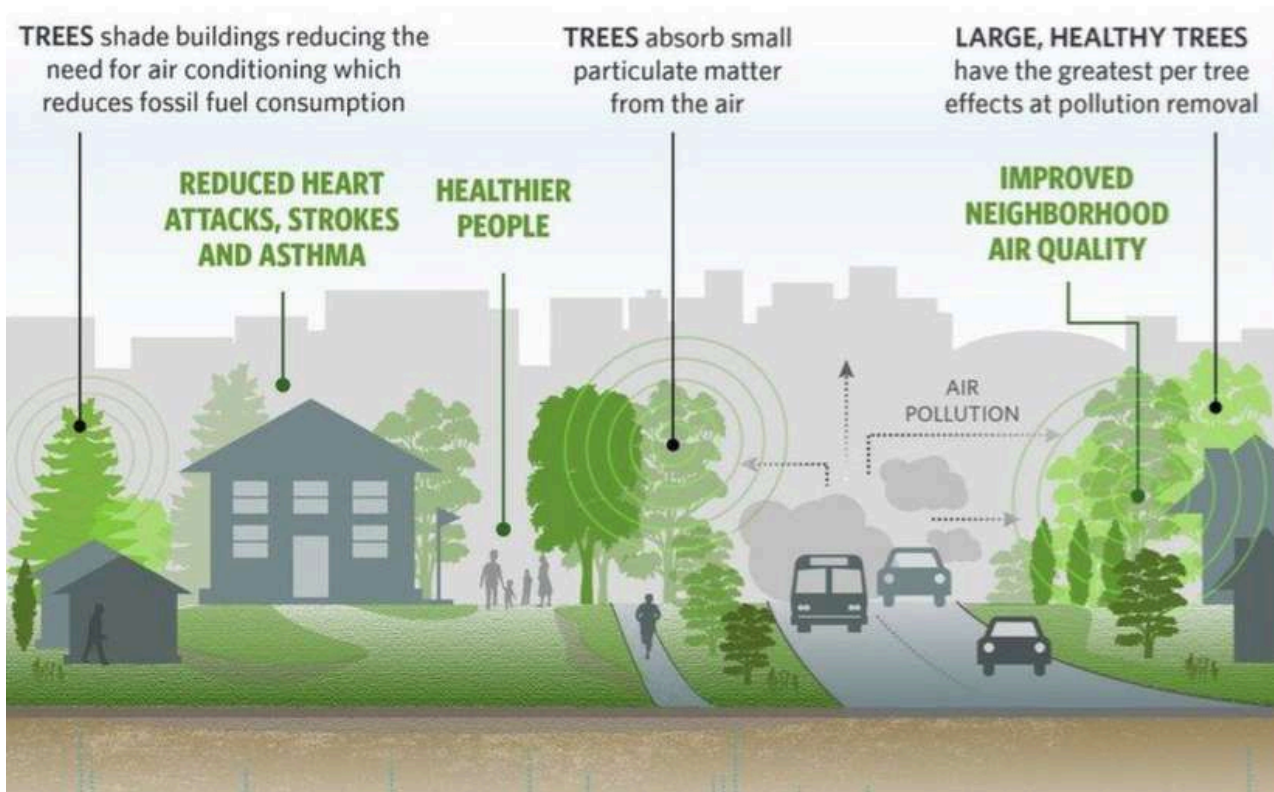
The experience was made even more personal through tree-hugging activities, allowing students to physically bond with these giants and feel a true sense of connection to the earth.

By fostering this intimate curiosity, we hope to inspire the next generation of environmental guardians who don't just see nature, but truly know it.

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The Unseen Heroes

How do Trees reduce Air Pollution?



Do trees help with air pollution? Absolutely. According to the US National Park Service, planting trees helps to improve air quality through 3 key impacts:

1. Altering the concentration of pollutants by reducing air temperatures.
2. Reducing energy consumption in buildings (particularly for temperature control), which in turn reduces the consumption of energy from polluting sources.
3. Directly removing pollutants from the air.

Tiny pores on the leaves of trees, called stomata, inhale air that contains toxic pollutants. Once absorbed, gases, including pollutants such as SO₂, NO₂, CO, and ozone, diffuse within the inner surfaces of the leaves and are broken down.

Trees also remove some particulate matter from the air by temporarily "catching" it on their vegetative surfaces. When it rains, these particulates wash off the tree and are carried into the soil or dissolve into storm water.

For more info:

[Source 1](#)

[Source 2](#)

[Source 3](#)

How Delhi is dismantling our last line of defense



These photographs are from Green Park, Vasant Vihar, Lajpat Nagar and Gulmohar Park.

TREES ABSORB AIR POLLUTION.

MEANWHILE SOME PEOPLE ARE REDUCING TREE COVER IN DELHI.

THE RESULT IS THAT YOUR HUMAN BODY IS ABSORBING THE AIR POLLUTION.

PEOPLE IN DELHI ARE LIVING SHORTER LIVES DUE TO RESPIRATORY ISSUES.

TELL YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO STOP DE-GREENING DELHI, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

Wall Painting.@ Govt. Boys Sr. Sec. School, Rajouri



Art by Ashmita Vij

NDNS recently created an environmental awareness wall painting at the Govt. Boys Senior Secondary School, Rajouri Garden, Delhi.

The vibrant painting serves as a powerful visual reminder of our connection to the planet.

Featuring the inspiring message "Plant Seeds of Kindness," the artwork used bold colours and symbolic imagery to encourage empathy and environmental stewardship.

By turning school walls into outdoor galleries, NDNS provides students with a constant reminder to be gentle with the earth and each other.

Through this artwork, children learn that kindness is a living thing—something that begins in their own hearts and grows to impact the entire world around them.

[Watch Video](#)



Here are some hot nature gossip tweets from our @NDN_HQ page in November.

Dive into these juicy stories by clicking the links and get ready to be wowed!

Follow our Twitter page for your daily dose of nature and conservation buzz!

Rampant bird poaching at Nuh Wetland

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State of WTE plants in Delhi

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Dr. Vinit Suri on neurological problems due to air pollution in Delhi

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Major takeaways from a press conference address by Mr. Sirsa, Delhi's Environment Minister

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CAQM issues show-cause notices to 6 thermal plants

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Chamera Dam in Himachal Pradesh after Aug 2025 floods

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Ground Report Aravallis after new hills definition

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Govt approves mining projects near key tiger corridors in MP

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Hyatt hotel being built by cutting a mountain in Jaiharikhal

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Study showing gender-based smoke exposure data, men in Delhi absorb more polluted air

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Waste fires in Aravallis

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Nearly 50% of posts in panels on pollution control vacant.

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Delhi bans coal and tandoors across all hotels to combat pollution.

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Important Articles

As 2025 draws to a close, here are the December's key nature stories, shaping the end of the year –

Explore the links to discover breakthroughs, challenges, and urgent environmental updates.

Nod received for tree removal received for Rajputana Rifles FOB, Delhi High Court told

62.5% of Punjab's groundwater contaminated with uranium.

The dismal state of India's environment

Deer Park Rape: Survivor's testimony 'consistent to core', conviction upheld.

Uttarakhand govt approves Char Dham project road widening.

After 30 years, SC says it's time to let HCS look into state-related green issues.

Anant Ambani gets animal welfare award.

What's lost when hospitals lose their trees.

Rajdhani Express mows down seven elephants in Assam.

Amid row, Centre says 'only 0.19% Aravalli can be mined'.

U'khand govt. a silent spectator to systematic grabbing of forest land: Supreme Court

New Aravalli definition only for mining, not real estate: Centre

Supreme Court accepted govt's 100-m Aravalli rule, its own panel had opposed it.

Capital's air toxic for trees; hampers oxygen production, leaf functions: DU study

Adani coal mine: MP Congress MLAs protest felling of 6 lakh trees in Singrauli.

Supreme Court rejects plea on packaged food standards.

Bombay HC clears Versova-Bhayander coastal road, seeks reports on compensation.

Mumbai sees its first conviction for pigeon feeding after HC Ban.

Important Articles

Will increase mining-free zones in Aravallis: Centre

Aravali mining row: Supreme Court takes suo motu cognisance hearing set for Monday

SC had rejected the state of Rajasthan's 100-m definition for Aravallis – 15 yrs ago

Retired SC judge Abhay S Oka at idea exchange

To fast-track leases, Centre tells states, UTs to hold just one forest survey before mining

Cafe at Baansera among 150 plots and sites to be e-auctioned to boost DDA's revenue

Only 4 of 125 roads in Gurgaon dust-free, checks reveal gaps in road upkeep

A third of Delhi's annual PM2.5 load is made up of secondary pollutants

Supreme Court stays, to form new expert panel to resolve critical ambiguities

Panel of domain experts to study impact of leaving out lower Aravallis

Kashmir apples safe, but poor pesticide practices harming farmers' health

PM2.5 levels in air this Dec worst since 2016 in Gurgaon

MCD finalises pilot to use cow dung cakes at three crematoriums

Odisha AG audit into forest dept's new SUVs

3 months of data on Yamuna water quality missing

P&H High Court orders total prohibition on tree cutting in Punjab

GRAP IV restrictions revised

How CAQM plans to cut Delhi's pollution further

Illegal mining in Punjab's Majri continues

HC orders monitoring committee for Kanjurmarg dumping site

Video Highlights

HOW INDIA IS KILLING ITS OLDEST MOUNTAINS



Experts warn that redefining the Aravallis is prioritising short-term commercial gains over ecological survival.

Explores the severe public health emergency of Delhi's air pollution (ft. Vimlendu Jha, Environmentalist)



ARAVALLIS EXPLAINED: UNION MINISTER CLARIFIES MYTHS & FACTS



Union Minister Bhupender Yadav Clarifies New Protection Norms

Environmental activist Colonel Jasjit Singh Gill on Punjab's dying water bodies



Tree Care

HOW TO SAVE FALLEN TREES

When a tree falls down for any reason like storm, pruning, construction, etc. instead of removing them, efforts should be made to restore the tree back to its original location.

HOW TO SAVE A FALLEN TREE

Standard Operating Procedures



Scan this QR code for more details

OR

Click the link below

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yN5wKNEFmzmtCSIRZzO1shu1fAMDD/view?usp=drivefsk>

Tree Care in the Colony

Do you have trees in your society?

No → Plant Trees

Yes → Are the trees cemented?

Yes → Remove the cement around the trees

No → Are there any wires/nails/boards on the tree?

Yes → Remove them

No → Pour Water around the trees and spread leaf compost around the trees


Tree Line- The tree line is the row of trees planted along roads, and boundary walls. It helps keep the colony green, cool, and full of life.


What is a gap in the tree line? A gap means a tree has fallen, dried, or been illegally removed and hasn't been replaced.


What Can You Do? Residents can plant a native tree in the empty spot, especially during monsoon. With basic care like watering and composting, the tree line can be restored and kept healthy.


Illegal Activities and Penalties

 Driving nails into trees causes internal wounds, making them vulnerable to disease, decay, and even death.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-

 Wrapping or hanging wires around trees constricts growth, damages the bark, and can lead to electric hazards or slow tree death.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-

 Fixing boards onto trees is illegal. Trees are not advertising spaces. Defacing public property is a crime.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-

 Digging Within 1 Metre of Trees damages roots, causes stress, and can destabilize the tree. It's illegal and harmful.
FIR will be filed against the person/department involved.

 Cementing Around Tree Base (Within 1 Metre) blocks water and air from reaching roots. It suffocates trees, prevents them from growing wider and weakens them structurally.
Forest department will charge the penalty based on the damage caused.

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Help Trees & Animals



The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A. No. 62 of 2013 Aditya, N. Prasad & Ors. v Union of India & Ors. vide its Order dated 23.04.2013 directed.

"In the meanwhile, we direct all the public authorities, more particularly Municipal Corporation of Delhi, DDAs, DTC, DMRC, NHAI and all Government respondents in this petition including the Director General of CPWD, the Chief Engineer, PWD, to ensure that:

1. All the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signages, electric wires and high tension cables or otherwise are removed from the trees forthwith.
2. They shall also ensure that the concrete surrounding the trees within one metre of the trees are removed forthwith and all the trees are looked after well and due precaution is taken in future so that no concrete or construction or repaving work is done at least within one metre radius of the trunk of trees. The Vice-Chairperson, the Commissioner, the Chief Engineer, the Director General and all other senior most officers of the Departments/authorities concerned shall be personally responsible for carrying out this order.
3. The Departments/authorities concerned shall take all and every prohibitive measures to prevent the defacing of the trees in any manner whatsoever, save only its trimming in accordance with law.
4. All the respondents whose boards are fixed on the trees shall be prosecuted by the respective authorities under in accordance with the relevant law."



Nails on trees



Wires on trees



Signboards on trees



Cementing within 1 meter of trees



Digging within 1 meter of trees

Green Helpline : 011-23378513

TREE CARE

1. Remove cement around the tree, soil space around the tree should not be less than 1 meter on all sides.
2. Remove nails, wires and signboards from trees.
3. In case of holes in the tree caused by nails, you can put wet soil in the injured parts of the tree.
4. Ensure no digging or construction is done within 1 meter of trees.
5. Give water to trees daily.
6. In the forest, trees shed their leaves on the soil floor, those leaves mix with the soil and turn into nutrition for the tree roots to absorb. But around the city streets, all the fallen leaves are swept away, so the trees are not receiving that important nutrition from the fallen leaves. This is why it is extremely important to put leaf compost around trees, to make the trees strong and healthy.
7. If you see a tree cut, or with nails, wires, signboards on it or if the tree is cemented within 1 meter, then please call the Green Helpline and report the issue with the exact location, then they will send you the complaint number by SMS for you to follow up.

HOW TO SAVE FALLEN TREES



HOW TO CONDUCT A TREE CENSUS :

1. Number on the Tree :
2. Common name of the tree :
3. Location of the tree :
4. Girth (in cms) :
5. Approximate height (in ft) :
6. Health of the tree :
(D-Dry, H-Healthy, I-Infected, L-Lopped, N-Noils, Ch-Tree guard chocking)
7. Width of open soil around the tree :
(A- Up to 1 ft, B- 1 to 2 ft, C- 2 ftft, D-4ft, E- Over 5ft)
8. Ground condition, outside the open soil :
(S- loose soil, C- cemented, M-metalized, T-filled)
9. Remark:

Download the form :



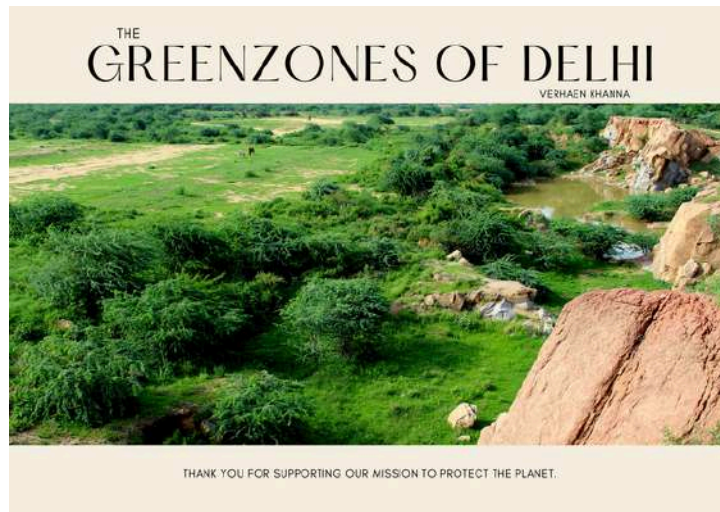
We're offering free reflective collars for street animals and tree care brochures to spread awareness and safety.

You can collect them from the NDNS headquarters, so simply contact us at newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com

Let's work together to protect our animals and nurture our trees.

[Email us](#)

NDNS Coffee Table Book



This beautifully illustrated book showcases the lush greenery and vibrant ecosystems found in the heart of India's capital. Each page offers a glimpse into the diverse flora and fauna that thrive in Delhi's green zones, from bustling parks to serene gardens. By purchasing this coffee table book, you not only bring a piece of nature's beauty into your home but also support the efforts of NDNS (New Delhi Nature Society) in their mission to protect and conserve these precious natural habitats. Your contribution helps promote environmental awareness and ensures that future generations can enjoy the city's green treasures.

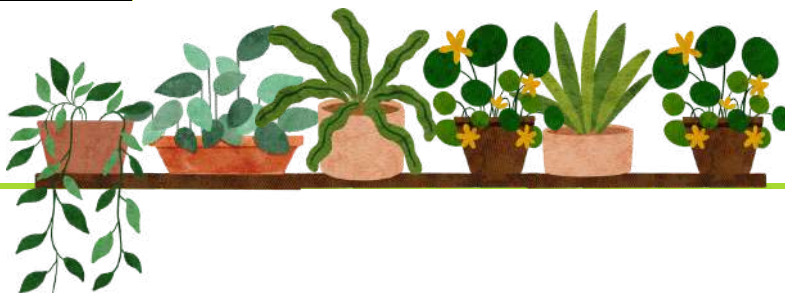
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Adoption Alert!

These Cuties have been rescued and are now looking for a happy home. If you can provide them a home please fill up the form.



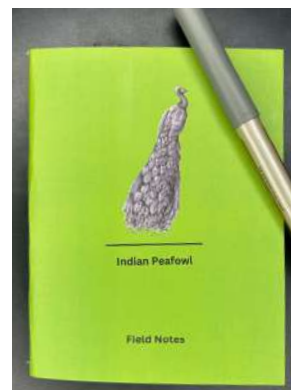
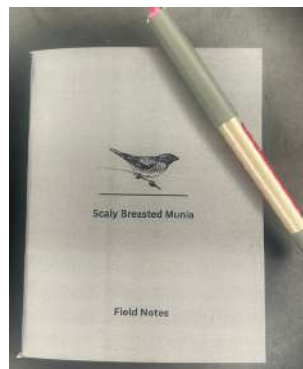
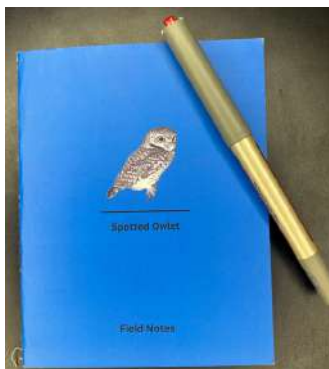
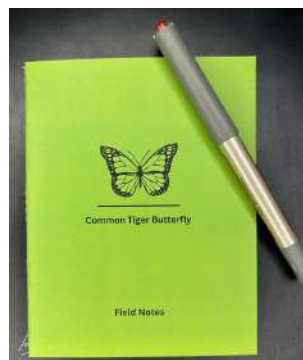
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NDNS Diary



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Join NDNS in our mission to conserve nature and make a positive impact on our planet! We are looking for dedicated individuals to volunteer or intern with us. Whether you're passionate about saving trees, spreading awareness through social media, editing impactful videos, organizing workshops, contribute your skills in your free time as a volunteer or commit to a two-month internship, there are many ways to get involved. Click the button if you're interested in joining us. Together, we can make a difference!



Membership Benefits:

- 1.Exclusive Invites to Members-Only events.
- 2.For every other event, members get a 15% discount (nature walk, workshops, etc.)
- 3.Members can avail of a 15% discount on NDNS merch.
- 4.Members are granted access to the NDNS library.

[Internship Form](#)

[Membership Form](#)

[Volunteer Form](#)

Cost for a 1-year membership is Rs 5000/- After submitting the form, we will verify your details and then send you a link for the online payment.

Donate a book to the NDNS library



We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing individuals who have donated nature-related books towards the #newdelhinaturesociety library. Your generosity will help us in building a comprehensive library that will be a valuable resource for nature enthusiasts and students alike. If you too would like to contribute to our library, we welcome book donations and encourage you to get in touch with us for more information. You can visit our website at www.ndns.in to learn more about our organization and our various initiatives.

De-Choke Trees

The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal in its order dated 23rd April 2013 has directed all Public Authorities to ensure that all the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signage's, electric wires and high tension cables or otherwise are removed from the trees.

They shall also ensure that the concrete surrounding the trees within one meter of the trees are removed and all the trees are looked after well and due precaution is taken in future so that no concrete or construction or repairing work is done at least within one meter radius of the trunk of trees.

NAILS, WIRES (10,000 RS. FINE)

NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES

DELHI PRESERVATION OF TREES ACT



SOS NUMBERS (TREES AND ANIMALS)

- NDNS - 9711115666
- Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698
- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.
- For Cows - Dhyan Foundation - 9999099423

A TREE IS BEING CUT?

- Click pictures
- Tell them to stop immediately
- Ask them to show the Forest Department permission.
- No permission, then Call 100 and wait till help arrives.
- Report the matter on the Green Helpline 011-23378513
- Write a letter to the Forest Department
- If they do have permission, then take the supervisor's details who must be present there and contact the Forest Department .

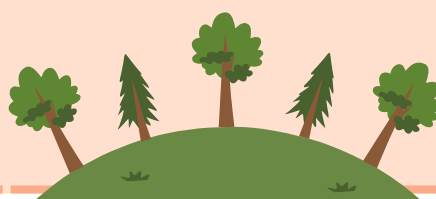
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