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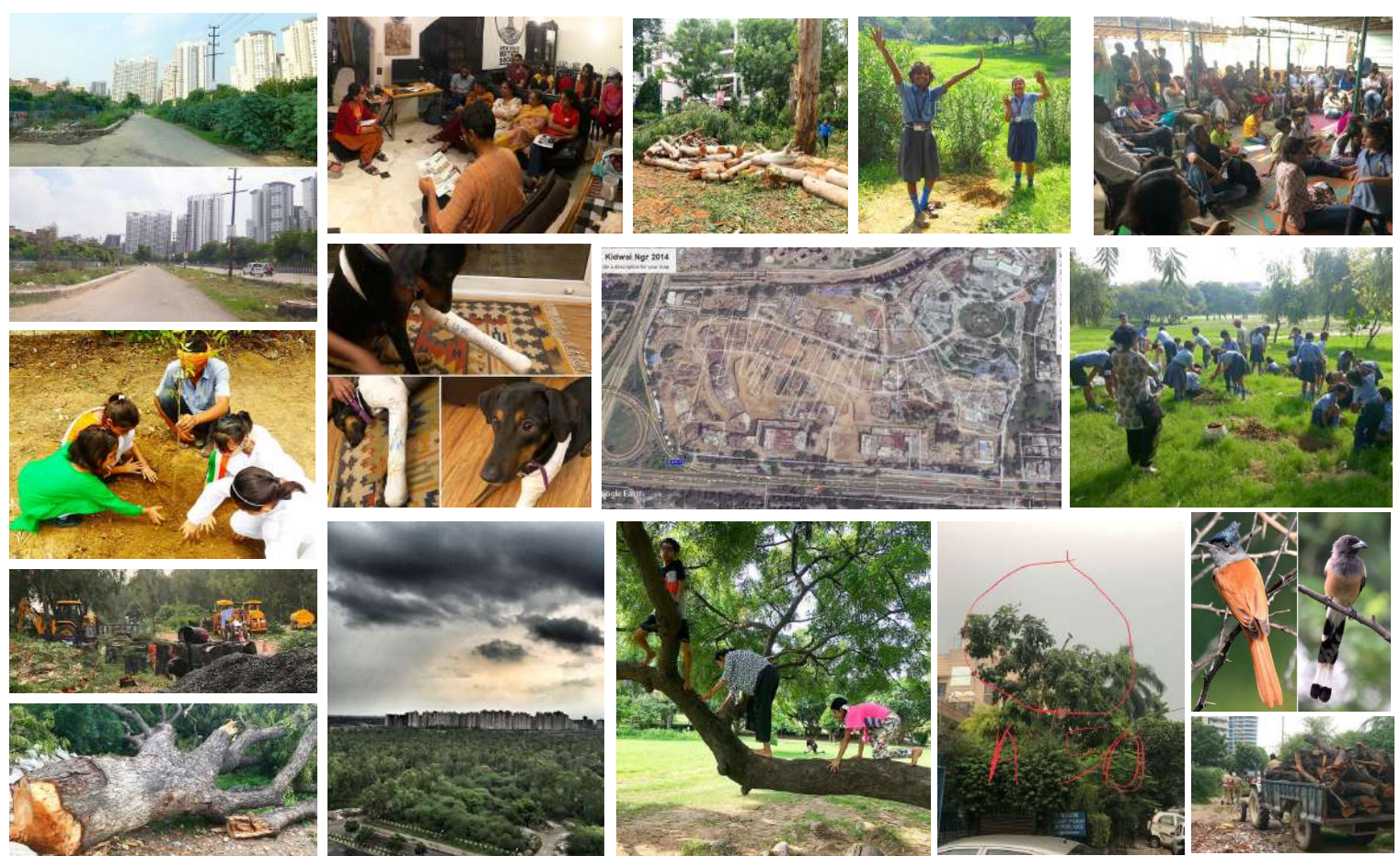
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Planning institute in the dock for cutting 11 trees

WITHOUT PERMISSION Forest department registers case, will send notice to registrar soon

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NEW DELHI: The National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) — a central government research organisation — has come under the scanner of the state forest department following allegations that it has cut down at least 11 trees inside its premises without permission.

A passerby spotted some trees being felled inside the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) campus on Aurobindo Marg in south Delhi and informed a tree activist about it.

The NIEPA office is located inside the NCERT campus.

The activist, in turn, alerted the forest officials and the police.

"A passerby spotted some trees being cut and logs being loaded on trucks. He informed me, and I later informed the forest department and police. The forest department was prompt to take action," said Verhaen Khanna, the tree activist.

After rushing to the spot, forest department officials rushed to the spot to find that 11 trees, including 10 trees and 12 trees, were pruned.

They found out that the organisation had not applied for permission to cut trees from the forest department and other authorities concerned.

While five trees were cut from the trunk, six trees were cut at a height of 20 feet from the ground.

A senior forest department official, who did not wish to be named, said, "We have already filed a case and will soon send a notice to the registrar of the organisation. Leave aside cutting trees in Delhi, you need permission to even prune trees. The organisation had no such permission."

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NGT's stay on felling of trees continues

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NEW DELHI: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) deferred proceedings on a plea seeking stay on proposed tree felling in seven south Delhi colonies, noting that "simultaneous consideration" of the same issue at different legal forums was not appropriate.

As the green court didn't issue any fresh order on Wednesday, the earlier stay which tribunal had imposed on tree felling in the same case continues.

A bench headed by NGT chairperson Justice AK Goel said the matter is already being heard by the high court and hence parallel proceedings should be avoided.

"It has been brought to our notice that the order of the Delhi High Court, pronounced on the same issue, simultaneous consideration of the same issue at different legal forums is not appropriate. Accordingly, we defer proceedings," the bench said.

The tribunal was hearing a plea by the NGO Society for Protection of Culture, Heritage, Environment, Traditions and Promotion of National Awareness, Green Circle and city resident Utkarsh Khanna, seeking a stay on the proposed felling of trees for the redevelopment of central government colonies.

The petitioners claimed that environmental clearance had been granted for seven general pool residential colonies without taking into account the possible adverse effect on the ecology.

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Hindustan Times

NCERT fined ₹5 lakh for cutting trees 'without nod' on campus

NEW DELHI: A fine of over ₹5 lakh has been imposed on the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) for heavily pruning 33 trees and cutting five without permission from the forest department on its campus on Aurobindo road here, an official said on Monday.

Acting on a complaint from an NGO on August 7, a team of forest rangers visited the NCERT campus and found that five trees were cut and 33 heavily pruned, the forest department official said.

Cutting and even pruning of trees require permission from the authorities under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act. He said the NCERT campus had applied for permission to cut and prune trees

but before the forest department could take a look at the application, the trees were pruned and some were cut.

A report was submitted on August 8 by the forest rangers who visited the spot and a decision has been taken to impose a fine of over ₹5 lakh on the NCERT registrar for the cutting of trees, the official said, adding the case has been compounded.

Complainant Verhaen Khanna said the fine should be a lesson for everyone and it would have cost way lesser if the authorities had just waited for grant of permission from the forest department. "A whole row of trees along the fence was heavily pruned and there were eucalyptus and semal trees among the ones that were chopped," he said.

The NCERT has, however, claimed that the trees were cut under the "occupation" of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration.

There has been a movement against tree cutting in Delhi, which started after it was reported that over 16,000 trees would be chopped off for a redevelopment project in South Delhi.

NV Varghese, vice-chancellor of NIEPA, had earlier said, "Some trees were cut and a few others had to be pruned as they were found to be vulnerable. These trees could have fallen on the building. We are in touch with the forest department." **PTI & HTC**

Indian Express

...do try to save trees and teach your children to do the same at a young age. Trees are keeping us breathing and we must return the favour. Until then, don't forget to water the trees around your own home.

(The writer is founder of the New Delhi Nature Society (NDNS), which organises regular events for children and families, such as tree climbing, nature walks and camping. Follow on social media @newdelhinaturesociety)

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Trees are our lifeline! Learn how to save a tree in distress

AUGUST 30, 2018



Save trees! (Source: Hindustan Times)

By Verhaen Khanna

Donations of the Month

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| 1: Mrs. Kanika Pandit | Rs. 10,000/- |
| 2: Mr. Uday Nath | Rs. 5000/- |
| 3: Mrs. Abha Batra | Rs. 1000/- |

New Delhi Nature Society Is Grateful To All The Nature Lovers Who Donated For Our Initiative To Protect The Environment.

Tree Felling On Sundays

We frequently observe people in the city felling trees on Sundays. This is most often illegal since the MCD and forest dept are closed on Sundays.



Tree felling without permission in NCERT Delhi Campus

Many trees were felled illegally in the NCERT campus, luckily a good citizen did something about it. The police, forest dept and ngo's were informed and finally the NCERT was penalized over Rs 5 Lakh.



Massive Felling Of Noida Trees Sparks Protests

A 75 acre forest and all its inhabitants are in great danger.

Some people have planned to destroy this forest to build a "biodiversity park" which includes, concrete golfcart track, food court, amphitheater, parking lots and high walls.

Thousands of citizens have raised their voice to protect the forest and wildlife since there are already many parks around but no city forests.

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BEFORE



AFTER



Things to do, if a tree is being cut :

- Click pictures
- Tell them to stop immediately
- Ask them to show the Forest Department permission letter
- No permission, then Call 100 and wait till help arrives.
- Write a letter to the APCCF and CC to the DCF of your area.
- If they have permission, take the supervisors details who must be present there and contact the Forest Department .

ALL TREES MATTER

West Kidwai Nagar vs East Kidwai Nagar

Left: West Kidwai Nagar, where healthy trees full of wildlife still remain.

Right: East Kidwai Nagar where they claim that the greenery has increased after the ugly construction.

Earlier, we could see trees and blue skies in East Kidwai Nagar just like West Kidwai Nagar.

There is also a lot of extra traffic increasing on the roads in this area which already had existing traffic jams.

There are 3 major hospitals in the vicinity, and emergency vehicles get stuck in the traffic.

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NBCC EIA Report

Babool, neem, amaltas, gulmohar, bargad, shisham, peepal, mango and champa are all ANIMALS acc to this doc with NBCC logo.

This was approved and they were allowed to destroy Delhi's Environment

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There is only one forest patch in the study area. Due to high biotic pressure the forests are under degraded stage. There is not much wildlife in the study area as there is very little forest cover in the study area. The common wildlife found in the study area is given Table 3-20 to Table 3-22.

Table 3-20: List of animal species in the study area

S. No.	Botanical name	Common Name
1.	Acacia auriculiformis	Earpod Wattle
2.	Acacia arabica	Gum Arabic
3.	Acacia nilotica	Babool
4.	Alstonia scholaris	Devil Tree
5.	Albizia lebbbeck	Siris
6.	Anthocephalus cadamba	Kadamb
7.	Azadirachta indica	Neem
8.	Bauhinia blakeana	Hongkong Orchid Tree
9.	Bauhinia purpurea	Kachnar
10.	Callistemon lanceolatum	Bottle brush
11.	Cassia fistula	Amaltash
12.	Dalbergia sissoo	Shisham
13.	Delonix regia	Gulmohar
14.	Erythrina indica	Indian coral tree
15.	Ficus benghalensis	Bargad
16.	Ficus benjamina	Pukar
17.	Ficus racemosa	Goolar
18.	Ficus religiosa	Peepal
19.	Ficus virens	Pilkhan
20.	Holoptelea integrifolia	Chibil
21.	Jatropha curcas	Jangli arand
22.	Jacaranda mimosifolia	Fern Tree
23.	Lagerstromia speciosa	Pride of India
24.	Mangifera indica	Mango
25.	Melaleuca bracteata	Black tea tree
26.	Mimusops elengi	Bakul
27.	Morus nigra	Mulberry
28.	Phoenix dactylifera	Date Palm
29.	Plumeria alba	Champa

Table 3-21: List of common birds found in the region

S. No.	Zoological Name	Common Name
Mammals		
1	Bos sp.	Cow
2	Felis catus	Cat
3	Rattus rattus	Mouse
4	Canis lupus familiaris	Dog
5	Procyon lotor	Common langur
6	Bison bonasus	Buffalo
7	Funambulus pennanti	Five striped palm squirrel
8	Lepus capensis	Rabbit
9	Capra aegagrus hircus	Goat
10	Macaca mulatta	Monkey
11	Herpestes edwardsii	Mongoose
12	Bos taurus	Bull
13	Equus asinus	Donkey
14	Bufo sp.	Toad
15	Randallia	Frog
Reptiles		
16	Naja naja	Indian Cobra
17	Calotes versicolor	Common garden lizard
18	Hemidactylus sp.	House lizard

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Support for Trees



Tree Census

Start a Tree Census in your area to save trees.

Contact NDNS to get started.



Chai pe Charcha 2.0

An *informal discussion* on the Redevelopment of South Delhi.

(yes, it's happening and we need to talk about this now!)

Active citizens and experts of Delhi gathered at NDNS.

We discussed various aspects of redevelopment, why you should be concerned and what you can do about it!



Compassion For Animals Workshop



House full at the Beejom Farm (noida)

The “Compassion for Animals” workshop was a great success.

Many wonderful families attended the sessions conducted by NDNS, Wildlife SOS, Friendicoes and Dhyan Foundation. Participants also met and interacted with the friendly animals at the Beejom farm and were able to buy fresh veggies at the organic farmers market.

We will repeat this program again very soon for all those who were not able to attend this one, so please stay tuned.



Tree Climbing Workshop At Nehru Park



Residents of Sec 91 Forest NOIDA

84 bird species, Neel Gai, Peacocks, Butterflies, Damselflies and many species of flora exist in this 75 acre forest which is going to be destroyed to build a "biodiversity park" including 19k ornamental plants, food court, amphitheater, concrete golf cart track, etc. How do you feel about that?



Green Belt - Greenery = BELT

De-greening the green belts just so that vehicular pollution can settle on your face, in your lungs and on your food.

BRAVO!!!

Garbage is thrown in these spaces where greenery is removed, then the garbage is also burnt there for you to enjoy.

(noida sec 100)



Cambridge School NFC Plantation Drive

Monsoon Wooding at Ashoka Park, NFC, organised by Swachha India

Students and teachers from Cambridge School NFC participated in the plantation drive of native species along with NFC residents and the NFC RWA .

Thanks to Blue Tokai Coffee, Sleepy Owl Coffee, Cafe Lota Delhi and Triveni Terrace Cafe for collecting the used coffee powder to help us grow trees in Delhi. [Watch Video](#)



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Slug life around NDNS HQ

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Here a Myna has been killed by Indian kite flying thread

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Booklet of Native Trees

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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.

Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994

[Click here for the NGT Order](#)

[Click here for the Public Notice](#)

Website to Contact the Forest Department :


http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/DOIT_Forest/forest/home/rti/directory+of+officer+and+employees



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Click the Sign Up button and fill up your details to receive regular updates about NDNS activities.

You can also ask your like minded friends to sign up this form.

Roadwatch App



SOS NUMBERS FOR TREES AND ANIMALS



NDNS - 9711115666

Fauna Police - 9212111116

Give Me Trees Trust - 8800326033

Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698

People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.

For Cows -

Love for cow Trust - 9818434399

Doctor for cow - 9650048826

Dhyan Foundation - 9999099423

Kamdhenu Mangal Parivaar

(Free 24x7 Cow Ambulance with doctor on board) -

7503777888, 9911002200

Please Read the helpful documents
on the Animal Welfare Board of India website:
<https://awbi.org/>

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