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Tree Climbing Workshops



When was the last time you climbed a tree? This month many people of various ages enjoyed climbing trees with NDNS.

Book your spot now, limited space on the branches.





Join Delhi's Top Vegan Chef as a Chef or a Guest Judge.

Taste delicious food made by Chefs and vote for the best.

The winning dish will be featured as "The Vegan Dish of the Month" at Roadhouse Cafe GK 1.

Book your spot. 25th Feb, Between 1200-1600 hrs

Click to: Sign up as a Chef Sign up as a Guest Judge

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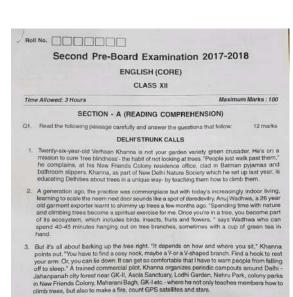
Nature Awareness

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suno sungo, life bango!

92.7 BIG FM selected Verhaen Khanna, Founder and Trustee of New Delhi Nature Society as the "Big Hero of the Month". The interview was broadcast all over India. It was great to get feedback from so many amazing people around the country.



- While Khanna provides tents and other equipment on these free jaunts, participants have to bring their own food. The troe-lower funds his woody ambitions with his day job as business developer, and as a light painting artist at OLE India -a collaborative of professionals and free thinkers. He has also uploaded tree-climbing tutorials on You Tube. When climbing a straight trunk (coconut or palm), ascend using both arms in tandem (like in a hug) instead of alternating them. But banyan trees, with thick, low lying branches and vines often a relatively saary climb.
- Anyone can join NDNS and it's free. The year-old society has been attracting members through word of mouth and sight- the image of men and women sitting atop trees in various city parks (Khanna has organized six outdoor camps in the past year and has taught around 30 people in climb trees. Once up, he briefs participants about the tree and its ecosystem. Details like wha kind of fruit and flower it bears, their benefits, the shape and size of leaves, kinds of insects birds and squirrels living on it, any folk tales associated with it are discussed and shared



Above: Verhaen Khanna of NDNS was invited to talk at the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for a program organised by the National Museum of Natural History, where young minds attended a 3 day Winter Nature Program with the theme "Explore Nature and Environment".

<u>Left:</u> Bal Bharati School featured an article about NDNS from Times of India in the 12th grade Pre-Board examination question paper.

Right: Hindustan Times featured an article about Verhaen Khanna, NDNS Founder, regarding roadside fires burning garbage and causing pollution.



often join me in

NEW DELHI: Thave seen drastic changes in the air quality in my colony over two dec-ades. There was a time, just before smart phones became a thing, when the roads here used to be littered with waste from fireworks on Diwali evenings. While neighbours competed in bursting crackers, the air would get filled with smoke.

dousing roadside fires'

In recent times, however, I have noticed a steady decline in use of fire-works in our colony.

Ever since I became conscious of the environmental deterioration in Delhi, I started doing something about it. To begin with, I would extinguish roadside fires, which is one of the causes of rising nres, which is one of the causes of rising pollution levels. It does not take much to pour water on small fires. A small step by an individual can make a big difference. At times, strangers walking by join meto douse the fires. For a biggerfire, I call the Delhi fire service and waittill they arrive. Earlier, we would see leaves being hurnit. Earlier, we would see leaves being burnit on every street, house helps burning whatever they found (garden pipe, broken slippers, food wrappers, plastic bottles etc) for warmth, and even burning garbage for disposal.

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In collaboration with the RWA, we started composting dead leaves. We also make the residents aware of the implication of fires so that they can keep their staff warm, without causing pollution. This year, we faced one of the worst episodes of pollution.

This year, we faced one of the worst episodes of pollution, think we need to focus on greenery. Trees were planted in NFC only a few decades ago and most were growing fine. However, as more people shifted here, greenery bore the brunt. In winters, people cut trees to make room for sunlight, which is lifegal. The forest department and environment ministry should send out constant public servers.

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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

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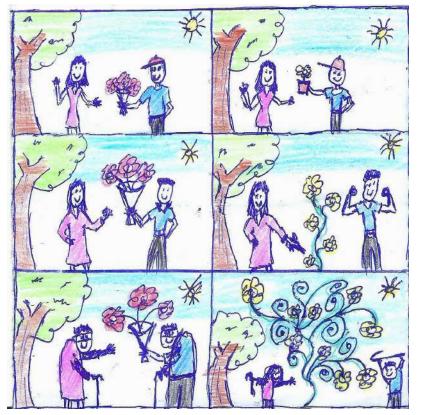
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#NewDelhiNatureSociety Photo Of The Day



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Pigeon Rescue Rehab Release

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Virtual Realitree



Enjoy a 360 Virtual Reality experience from on top of the trees with the help of your smart device.

Click here for 360 VR Shot 1

Click here for 360 VR Shot 2

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Road accidents involving wildlife is emerging as a major cause of wildlife deaths in India involving thousands of animals.

With the recent death of the beloved, dominant male tiger T2/Bajirao of Bor Tiger Reserve, the impact of road kills is being noticed by all.

WTI along with a wildlife researcher Ms Radhika Bhagat, supported by David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation (DSWF), has initiated project ROADWATCH which is envisioned as a citizen science initiative to monitor road kills across the country and to find effective solutions to the problem.

Please visit the website http://roadwatchers.org/ to download the app and learn more about the project.

Birding in Delhi

Hundreds of migrating bird species from higher latitudes, travel to the Greenzones around Delhi.

They come in search for a warmer climate and food while some species even build nests for their young.

This is the best time to take your binoculars and cameras to the big green areas around the city to spot the beautiful birds species.

Help us to spread awareness about animals

Get in touch with NDNS to get involved.

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

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Illegal Felling of Trees in Vasant Kunj

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We found that many trees were being illegally hacked in Vasant Kunj behind D-1 colony.

When we called the police, the S.I. Mr Vivek Malik, saw the illegal work and still allowed them to continue.

So, we contacted the forest department.

The next day the DCF (west) arrived at the location, only to find more trees illegally felled.

The criminal activity was stopped immediately.

The case is now under investigation and the matter is filed in the NGT. Please raise your voice to protect your environment, or else the looters will snatch your breath for a quick buck.







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Illegal Tree Felling for Sunlight in NFC



Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994

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 .

Tree Census

NDNS conducted a tree census with volunteers in New Friends Colony.

It was their first time counting trees.

Residents in the colony also got excited and appreciated the work.

Get in touch with us to join the next tree census, its FREE

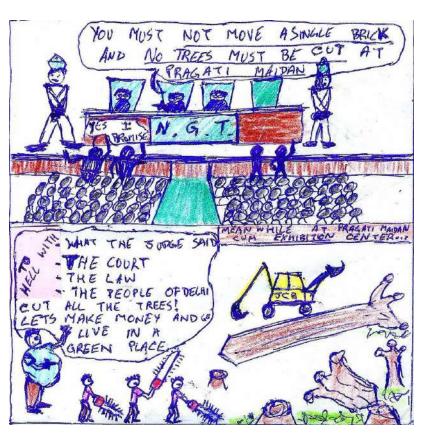


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ITPO DISOBEYS NGT JUDGE, Illegally Felling Trees

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Despite the oral undertaking at the Honourable National Green Tribunal, that NO trees will be cut until further discussed in court, healthy beautiful trees are being cut illegally.

SAVE 1000+ Healthy Trees at Pragati Maidan

1500+ big healthy beautiful trees with full canopies and birds, squirrels, bats and butterflies existing on them, are in danger of being cut to make an exhibition hall with parking.

These trees are in the heart of New Delhi. You have the power to help save these trees and the health of lakhs of humans who live, work, study or pass through this area.

>>> SIGN THE PETITION <<<

Trees vs Ads

Dozens of healthy Neem trees have been felled on the DND toll road connecting Delhi and Noida. These trees have been cut for the purpose of making advertisements visible for speeding traffic. Activist Vikrant Tongad has filed a case at the NGT regarding this.

Website to Contact the Forest Department:

Please save the contact details of the DCF of your area. You may also e-mail the APCCF, CF and DCF about illegal felling, with pictures, exact location and your contact details.

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

Less Demand = Less Supply

Even though plastics have been banned in Delhi, these illegal products are easily found throughout the city because of poor law enforcement and the continuous demand for it by educated citizens.

After a single use, they are thrown away and burnt nearby soon after, forcing citizens to breathe the pollution particles.

CLICK HERE FOR THE COURT ORDER ON PLASTIC BAN

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.

Click here for the NGT Order Click here for the Public Notice

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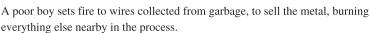
Burning wires to sell the metal

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Stay warm without causing pollution.

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When we saw the tower of smoke we explained everything nicely to the boy and he extinguished the fire.

Firefighting in Noida







A security guard is seen burning things to keep warm in NFC. Residents of the big white house, choose not to keep this employee warm. After a brief word, we offered the gentleman a new warm blanket.

Blankets Donated

Special thanks to Mr. Anuj Khanna, who donated warm blankets to NDNS for our project of reducing air pollution while keeping people warm.

Since people were burning all types of garbage to keep warm this winter, we asked them to extinguish the fire and keep warm with clothing.

The blankets were distributed to the poor and needy as well as security guards who were not kept warm by their employers

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