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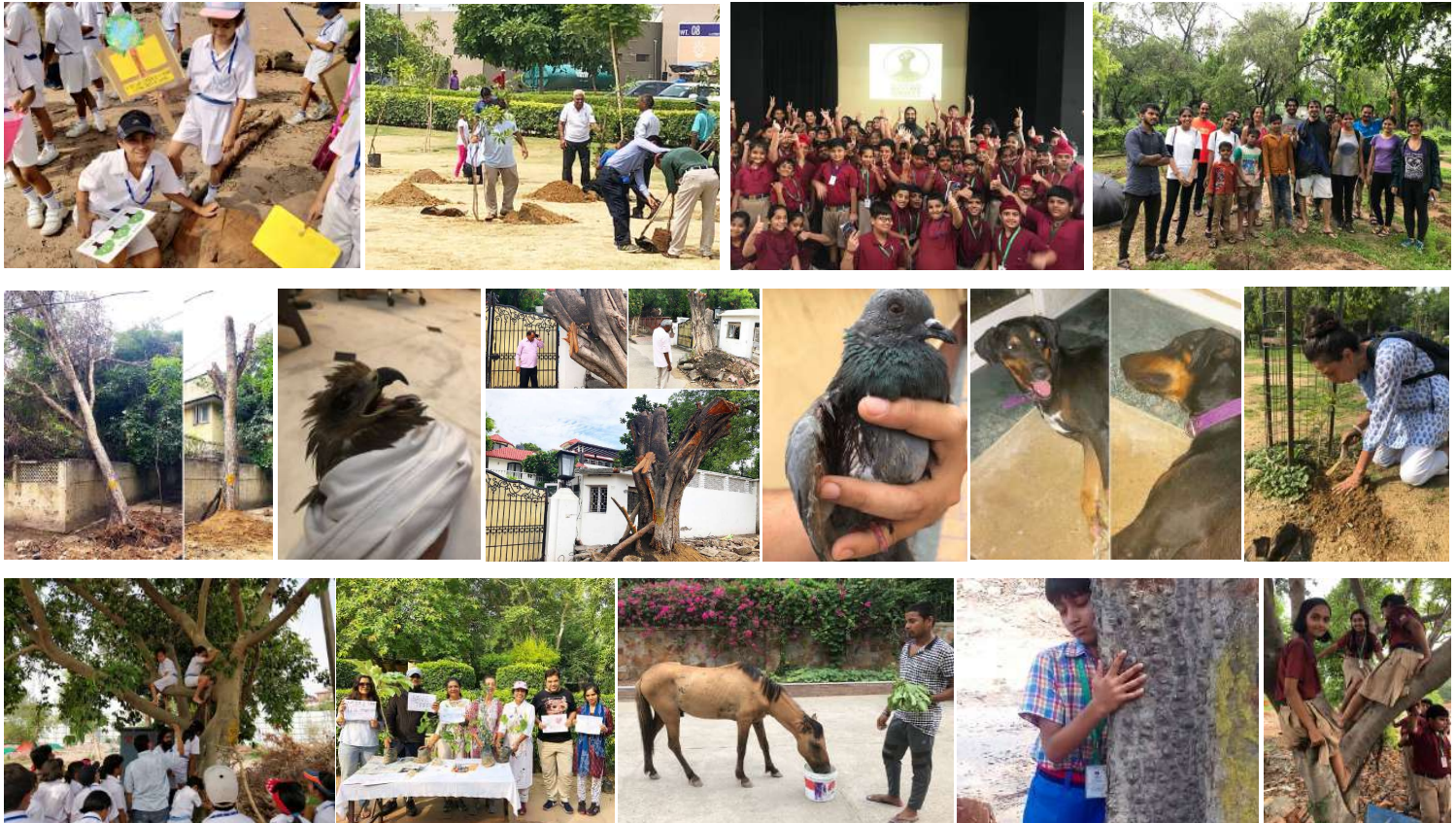
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### BBC News

Verhaen Khanna, an environmentalist who started a social media collective called the New Delhi Nature Society, agreed.

"None of the existing trees should be cut as they're living ecosystems within themselves," he said.

Over the past few years, Mr Khanna has been trying to cure "tree blindness", a "disease" which he says is prominent in big cities - that people have no idea about the natural beauty around them. He regularly leads workshops and activities related to climbing trees, meditating under them, walking barefoot on grass plains and trekking across Delhi's lesser-known forested areas.

"It's a really devastating thing to happen to everybody in this city of almost 20 million people. Losing so many trees is catastrophic," he added.

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**Save Trees, Save Earth**

**Verhaen Khanna (Hno C-642) Is The Key to the Success of Uprising in Delhi Against Felling of Trees!**

by Sangeeta Jindal (0921.9590087778)

A very senior environmentalist Vimlendu Jha says, "There are quite a few people who have been steering the protest against felling of trees in Delhi. One person who has been my hero and been at it forever is Verhaen Khanna, who is beyond all politics of these several groups and has been fighting for trees for years together, be it one tree or 16500 trees right now, the one who built the momentum of these protests, still supports and contributes to each of these protesting groups. A soft spoken, innovative, persistent, diligent, a fighter, Verhaen is the key to the success of this uprising in Delhi."

Once again Verhaen Khanna has proved that slow and steady wins the race. Indeed this

soft spoken, quiet, activist has been working towards his goal stealthily. He works more than he speaks and his work speaks for his goals. When the entire state is vocal about the court's orders to axe down 16,500 trees, Verhaen is carrying out the protest in the Gandhian style. He has initiated the ancient "Chipko Movement". Activists are seen hugging trees and conveying their intent to protect these trees. This is a very simple and direct message to the government to spare the trees from being

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### Save Trees, Save Earth

axed, without any violence or noise.

It is indeed a proud moment for the residents of NFC, that the key activist in the Chipko Movement is our very own Verhaen Khanna. We all need to become proactive and this is the base of any change, expected to happen in the society.

**Proud Moment for NFC:** Verhaen Khanna was honoured by the "Delhi Langar Seva Society" for making Delhi aware of the



corruption in the system, regarding the citizens' health and damage to the environment by killing trees. It is definitely an honour to have a dedicated and focused environmentalist like Verhaen living in our colony. We definitely hope that the colony will become more aware of its green cover, as more the greenery more the population of the avian population. Already, many residents are becoming proactive towards locating birds of all varieties in the colony.

### Contributors of the Month

Special Thanks to Mr. Uday Nath and Mrs. Abha Batra for their generous contribution of Rs 5000/- and Rs 1000/- respectively, towards the environmental conservation work by New Delhi Nature Society.

*Thank you*

### Coffee contribution

Please drink more coffee at Blue Tokai, Sleepy Owl Cafe, Cafe Lota and Triveni Kala Sangam to help us grow trees for Delhi.

Every week we receive 100's of Kgs of used coffee powder which gets used in plantation drives or mixed with kitchen compost from homes to nourish the plants.



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### The Foundation School



Students from The Foundation School visited the site where 16,500 beautiful trees full of wildlife are in danger. They loved tree climbing, identifying trees and tree hugging. The students made placards to express their love for trees.



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### The Indian School



The Indian School students hugged and climbed trees at Netaji Nagar where thousands of beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife are in Danger. The children want to save these trees for a better future.



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### Mother's International School



The students of Mothers International School enjoyed their time spent on top and under the beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife at Netaji Nagar where thousands of trees are in danger of being killed.

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### The Indian School Workshop



NDNS conducted a "Compassion for Animals" workshop at The Indian School. Hundreds of children participated in this program. They learnt the important Do's and Don'ts for many species to help them become compassionate humans.

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### Green Ribbon

Wear a Green Ribbon as a mark of Protest against cutting of Delhi trees. Wear it to offices, to your schools, to universities and the streets. Let our strength and our numbers be seen.



### Support for Trees





### 360° Experience of Netaji Nagar

Click the links below for a VR experience of Netaji Nagar.

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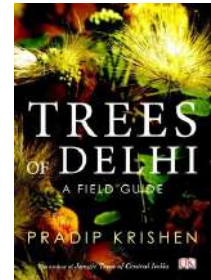


### Pradip Krishen speaks on Deforestation

Pradip Krishen, Author of “Trees of Delhi” speaking at Siri Fort Auditorium and at Netaji Nagar, regarding the Thousands of Beautiful Healthy Trees full of Wildlife which are in Danger.

[Watch Video #1](#)

[Watch Video #2](#)



### Wildlife at Netaji Nagar

The children, monkeys, birds and squirrels love the beautiful healthy trees. Without these trees, they will not exist.

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### Homeless birds of Netaji Nagar

A Rufous Treepie Pair wondering “Where the hell did our nest and babies go?” This has been recorded at Netaji Nagar where thousands of trees have been massacred along with all the wildlife nesting in them. Where another 16,500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife are going to be annihilated.

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### Panel Discussion on 16,500 Trees

A panel of experts discussed the situation of 16500 trees to be felled in Delhi.

Hundreds of nature lovers from all over Delhi NCR attended the discussion which was held at Indian Social Institute.

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### Sacred Peepal Tree in Danger

A Beautiful Healthy Peepal Tree with several nests, standing in Netaji Nagar. For more than half a century this sacred tree has stood strong, feeding all of Gods creations. Thousands of people have enjoyed the shade of this canopy for decades. The people living in these homes love this tree and the sacred tree is a part of their identity since they pray to the tree daily.



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**Animals Rescued**

This Kite was rescued in New Friends Colony, New Delhi.

It was attacked by many crows.

We found 2 big wounds and medical attention was given by Wildlife Rescue.

Special thanks to The Pollination Project for supporting our animal rescues.

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We found this sweet Doberman abandoned on a busy road in NFC. He had no collar and has a fractured leg. Responds to the name chocolate.

We are getting medical treatment for him.

Please contact us if you can give this friendly puppy a loving home.

House check is mandatory!

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This lonely abandoned horse was found roaming the busy streets of New Friends Colony. Many residents in the colony had reported seeing him searching for food and shelter.

NDNS found him and gave him fresh food. The principal of Cambridge school had also

seen this horse, so she sent her team to rescue the horse. Together we were able to bring

the sweet horse to the school and then called several leads for help. Finally the horse got a loving home at "All creatures great and small" which is run by Mrs Anjali Gopalan.

The horse was welcomed by the other friendly horses and donkeys at the new home

[PART 1](#)

[PART 2](#)



This baby pigeon was rescued at India International Center.

One wing was severely damaged, fractured and bleeding.

He was taken to Jain Bird Hospital for treatment.

(left)

This baby pigeon was rescued at New Friends Colony.

One wing was severely damaged, fractured and bleeding.

He was taken to Jain Bird Hospital for treatment.

(right)



Thanks to Mr Rohit Alug for saving this baby bird in New Friends Colony.

This Kite was being attacked by a group of crows.

New Delhi Nature Society rescued the bird and got the treatment from Wildlife Rescue.

There was a wound on the head but soon it will be flying in the sky again.

Special thanks to The Pollination Project for the support.



A parakeet which was lost in the storm, was found on the ground when it was about to be attacked by a cat, he was rescued by a lady in Dhaula Kuan who then contacted NDNS for help. We gave him food and a good home for a few days before releasing him back in the same area.



Mr Ashish Khanijao rescued this Sand boa from a snake charmer.

It is illegal to hold them captive and to use for entertainment. The snake charmer threw the snake on the road and ran away. The snake was handed to Wildlife SOS with guidance from NDNS.



### Fireflies Friday



Every Friday NDNS is conducting walks to a secret location where many fireflies shine brightly through the night.

Participants counted hundreds of fireflies there.

If you want to see fireflies in Delhi, Whatsapp: 9711115666

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### Fallen tree in Defence Colony

2 Residents of Defence colony are angry at a tree which cant speak, just because it fell down due to humans.

The tree likely fell because one resident got the lower branches chopped on the side of their home, where new leaves have emerged, making the other side heavier. The resident across the road had a damaged car due to the fallen tree.

Majority of residents in the area tried to save the tree in its original location, like the way trees have been saved around Delhi.

Unfortunately the people angry at a tree, want the tree removed.

This tree in Def col was better connected to the ground than the other rescued trees around Delhi, so it had a higher chance of survival in its original location, less than 1% of trans-located trees have ever survived in Delhi.

According to the Delhi Preservation of Trees act 1994, it is illegal to uproot a tree. (see point h under definitions)





## Trees Rescued



A Peepal tree which fell in the storm was rescued by us at New Friends Colony. Now it has new leaves. Special thanks to Mrs Kanika Pandit, BSES, MCD, Delhi Police and residents of NFC.

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A Peepal tree which fell in the storm was rescued by us at Maharani Bagh. Special thanks to Mrs Maneka Gandhi for helping us with this case. One resident wanted to remove the tree to make parking space. Even the Deputy Director of Horticulture had refused to save this tree at first.

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A Pilkhan tree which fell during the storm at NFC community center was rescued by Mr Rohan Gupta after NDNS shared instructional videos to rescue the tree.

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This Goolar tree fell during the storm in Maharani Bagh. Special thanks to Mrs Kanika Pandit and the DDH. With their help, we were able to rescue this tree.

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A Pilkhan tree fell during the storm in Maharani Bagh. We noticed there was not enough soil space around the tree. The local horticulture supervisor refused to rescue the tree and was adamant to extract the tree for timber. Mrs Kanika Pandit discussed with the senior DDH officer Mr Raj Kumar who agreed to rescue the tree.

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**ALL  
TREES  
MATTER**

## Let The Trees Breathe

This is what happens when wires are tied around trees. This branch of a Healthy Tree broke because someone tied a wire around it. Tying anything on Trees is Illegal.

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This branch broke because a cable was constricting it. As the branch grew thicker, the cable created a narrow point or weak fault-line, causing it to break. Tying cables on trees is illegal.



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### Vatika India Next

Vatika India Next, Gurgaon, invited NDNS Founder Mr Verhaen Khanna for a tree plantation program with the residents. The children were excited to plant trees so that they can climb the trees in a few years. Many fruit trees and native trees have been planted to support the wildlife and balance the ecology.

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### Monsoon Wooding (Phase-1)

A Tree Plantation Drive took place at Ashoka Park, New Friends Colony. This was a collaboration of Swechha, NFC RWA, DDA Team and NDNS. Many residents of New Friends Colony came to plant trees. More than 100 saplings were planted which consisted of only native species because they are easy to take care, they are more adaptive to their surroundings and feed the wildlife around them.

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### Monsoon Wooding (Phase-2)

Organised by Swechha, and supported by NFC RWA, DDA and NDNS. Many residents of New Friends Colony came to plant trees. 200 saplings were planted which consisted of only native species. Special thanks to Blue Tokai, Cafe Lota, Sleepy Owl Cafe and Triveni Kala Sangam for contributing their used coffee powder for the plantation.

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### Gifting Native Trees

NFC RWA and NDNS collaborated to distribute native trees saplings to morning walkers and residents of the neighbourhood.

We also spread awareness about the thousands of beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife which are in Danger in Delhi NCR.

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### Robberfly

Robberfly controlling the ecology. We found this at Ashoka park new Friends Colony. This is a sign of a healthy environment.



### Bees enjoying nectar

Several bees flying around the beautiful Datura flowers and enjoying the nectar of the Flowers. [Watch video](#)





### De-Choking Trees

The BSES had repaired wiring in the ground. then they cemented over the wires and also around the tree next to that.

Cementing prevents water percolation and air transfer to the roots, causing them to become weak. It also prevents the tree from growing thicker, which causes it to break or get uprooted and fall.

It took a couple of days but we got them to break the cement from around the tree.

How many trees are cemented around your home?

Dont wait for them to fall, remove the cement to be safer.



The Hon'ble NGT has ordered all departments to remove cement from trees upto 1 meter in all directions, and no construction or digging work can take place within 1 meter of trees.

You can find this court order on the last page of this newsletter or on our website in the resources section.

### Slug Life at NDNS

Slugs love moist area, so they are seen frequently during monsoons.

They eat earthworms and mushrooms among other food.

Birds and lizards eat them sometimes.

They are very interesting to observe.

You can usually find them if you follow the slimy trail left behind.

[Watch video](#)



### **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

Start a Tree Census in your area to save trees.

Contact NDNS to get started.





### Booklet of Native Trees

If you are trying to identify trees around your home or planning to plant some new trees, this is the best place to start.

This booklet covers 100 native trees of Delhi. Trees which are adapted to the environment, require minimum maintenance and sustain the wildlife. (Rs 50/-)



### Buy Forever Plants

Buy forever plants from NDNS. These plants can outlive you and all your future generations if it is well taken care of. (Rs 100/-)

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


[CLICK HERE FOR THE COURT ORDER ON PLASTIC BAN](#)



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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

Kamdheni 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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