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16,500 Beautiful & Healthy Trees in Danger



Thousands of trees in South Delhi are under threat, including all the wildlife which was born in them and feed on these trees. Millions of people all across New Delhi, India and the entire planet have expressed there displeasure with the disgusting architecture plans of NBCC, which would force millions of people of all ages to suffer from adverse health conditions.

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New Delhi Nature Society (NDNS) has found in its survey of trees in the affected locations that they teemed with wildlife. "Not only will the loss of trees affect people, who will lose their green lung, but it will also affect the habitat of birds and wildlife," observed Verhaen Khanna, NDNS founder.

Bad air? 16,500 trees to be felled to build houses for govt officials

Jasjeev Gandhok | TNN | Updated: Jun 21, 2018, 03:04 IST



Hindustan Times

South Delhi galvanises 'Chipko' movement to save 14,000 trees

PROTEST More than 1,500 people gathered to save mass felling of trees for a government redevelopment project

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NEW DELHI: Amidst the ongoing political blame-game between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Union government over permission to cut at least 14,000 trees in south Delhi area, more than 1,500 people participated in Delhi's own version of 'Chipko' movement at Sarojini Nagar on Sunday afternoon to save the trees, which have been proposed to be cut down to give way to redevelopment of Central government quarters.

Even though the environment impact assessment report for the projects had initially stated that 16,500 trees were proposed to be cut, a statement issued by the Union urban and housing affairs ministry on Thursday claimed that only 14,031 trees are to be cut. "We would not allow the trees to be felled. Just like the Chipko movement, we would hug the trees if anyone comes to cut them," said Verhaen Khanna, an environment activist and one of

the organisers.

The participants hugged the trees that are to be felled, tied green ribbons around the trees symbolising rakhi and shouted slogans. They carried placards with messages urging people and the government to save trees. Free saplings were also distributed.

"From Monday, at least 10 volunteers will sit and spend the day at the same place at Sarojini Nagar where Sunday's campaign was organised. This relay campaign will continue till the government revokes its decision," said Anil Sood, an advocate who filed a petition before the National Green Tribunal to stop felling of trees.

The AAP lent its support to the activists. The state environment and forest minister Imran Hussain and AAP spokesman Saunabh Bharadwaj participated in the campaign even though organisers said that the protest was apolitical.

"It is a Union government's project and it was their decision



A woman hugs a tree in protest against the cutting of trees at Sarojini Nagar on Sunday.

SONU MEHTA/HT PHOTO

to cut down the trees. The environment clearance for the project was given by the Union environment and forest ministry in November 2017. The final approval was given by Delhi's L-G Anil Bajaj. Imran Hussain

had earlier raised objections as he had asked the forest department to check whether the number of trees to be felled could be reduced and some could be translocated," Bharadwaj said.

Officials from the L-G office

said that proposals do not reach the L-G for approval unless it is cleared and recommended by the ministers, in this case the environment minister. On Saturday, Union environment and forest minister Harsh Vardhan said, "For the non-forest areas, whatever local permissions are to be given, are given by the Delhi government. It is directly under the jurisdiction of the Delhi government and not governed by us."

The Delhi unit of BJP, on the other hand, blamed the AAP government for playing politics over trees when its own minister gave approval for tree felling.

"It was the Delhi government which gave the mandatory permission for felling and replantation of trees according to the law. The state forest minister knew everything," said Manoj Tiwari, chief of Delhi BJP.

On Thursday, the Union ministry of urban and housing affairs had stated that compensatory plantation of trees will be done in the ratio of 1:10, thereby resulting in enhanced tree coverage area.

Managing director of NBCC Anoop Kumar Mittal in an interview to an agency, however, claimed that the number of trees slated to be cut is much lesser than what is being reported.

Contributor of the Month

Special Thanks to Mr. Uday Nath for their generous contribution of Rs 5000/- towards the environmental conservation work by New Delhi Nature Society.

Thank you

Apna Radio

Mr. Verhaen Khanna, Founder of NDNS, was invited on Apna Radio to discuss about climate change and superstorms, reasons and solutions.



India Today

Oppressive heat in Delhi takes toll on animals



Mail Today Bureau

New Delhi

June 19, 2018

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Verhaen Khanna, an environmental activist, said, "This was at the deer park gate nearest to Hauz Khas Village entry. We saw this sub-adult deer lying dead. It was dead for at least few hours before we spotted it, we inferred and scavenging birds already feeding on it."

"About 20 feet away from the dead deer, the water trough was totally dry. Other deer in the enclosure also had no access to water and were quenching thirst with the help water collected on the ground. This

India Today

A New Friends Colony based activist, Verhaen Khanna, said, "Julia Hill is one of the leading civil society advocates for the protection of trees world over. Besides living on this 1500-year-old and 180-foot tall tree for over two years, she is famous for writing two books, 'The Legacy of Luna' and 'One Makes The Difference.'"

"We contacted her for guidance and she said she is sorry this is happening. She added that for such a movement to be successful, people must stand up for what is right. Julia expressed her support to us in heart and spirit," he added.

Delhi's own 'Chipko' bid to stop tree massacre



Locals and social organisations have come together to hold a campaign on the lines of Chipko movement to save 16,500 trees from being felled in the Capital.

By Baishali Adak
in New Delhi

THE citizen's movement to protect trees in south Delhi is gathering momentum. Several environmental organisations are coming together at Sarojini Nagar on Sunday at 4:30pm to "hug the trees" and "let the government know they will not be allowed to cut down so easily."

Activist members said they will try to emulate the success of the Chipko Movement in



Interns of the month

Adhish Sharma

Ananya Gupta

NDNS is grateful for having these 2 great interns who have worked passionately for improving the environment in New Delhi in the last one month.



ALL TREES MATTER

Netaji and Sarojini Nagar Survey



These 2 pics were carried by all media channels after NDNS conducted the first survey to expose the truth.

1st gathering at Netaji Nagar

A small group of concerned citizens first arrive at the scene of the crime and the pictures go viral across the world.



[Watch video](#)

New Delhi Rising

New Delhi Rising helped to bring cyclists and runners to the scene, where people were shocked to see all the damage to the environment.



[Watch video #1](#)

[Watch video #2](#)

Radio City Interview

Radio City interviewed NDNS Founder Mr Verhaen Khanna about the 16500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife which are under threat.



Delhi Trees SOS



Since DAY 1, this fb page was created to get people together for saving 16500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife in South Delhi.

Every evening people meet at Africa Avenue and 3rd cross road of Sarojini Nagar, to light candles and express their love for trees.

This helped the movement gain great momentum and was covered by many media channels.

High Court Stay

Delhi HC Asks NBCC to Stop Cutting of Trees Till July 4

Updated: June 28, 2018 1:20 PM IST

By India.com News Desk



NBCC was asked to stop felling trees till July 4th.

Already 1000's of trees had been killed by them in their recent disastrous projects.



Green Ribbon

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Wear it to offices, to your schools, to universities and the streets.

Let our strength and our numbers be seen.

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16500 trees will be cut down in Delhi IF WE REMAIN SILENT

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this entire week starting 24th June to show

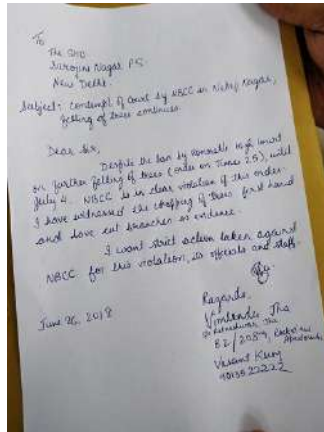
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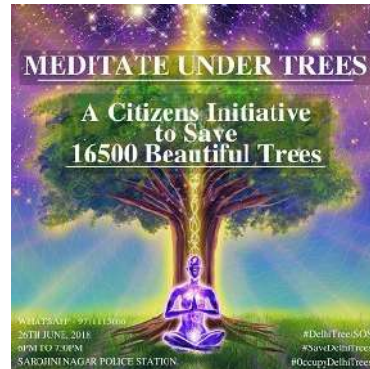
NBCC Caught Red-Handed

Mr Vimlendu Jha, from Swechha, was surveying the threatened areas after the HC put a stay on NBCC tree felling, only to find the NBCC employees felling trees openly. The police was called and legal procedure follows.



Meditation Under Trees

NDNS asked people to meditate under trees and the experience was blissful. Participants sat under the 16500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife which were under threat. Onlookers also joined the meditation and with the help of social media, people in other countries were also meditating under trees. [Watch video](#)



Kidwai Nagar Deforestation

Take a good look at what NBCC did with Kidwai Nagar. They would like to do the same in several other areas of Delhi by killing thousands and lakhs of beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife. In the process they kill all the nesting creatures and destroy their source of food.

One of the boss of this project said that it is 3 times greener and that 10 feet tall saplings have been planted. They tried making a fool out of educated citizens of New Delhi. When we surveyed the area, we found that the "green space" was such a sham, mostly palms and ornamental saplings.

The beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife which stood here before were at least 50-100 year old, and now this ugly atrocity jars the civilians eyes and minds. Their projects are total disasters and complete failures, according to renowned architects and experts from multiple backgrounds.



Kidwai Nagar in 2010



Kidwai Nagar in 2014



NBCC Stock

Stocks plummet because smart investors don't want the deaths of millions of people in Delhi due to this disastrous project.



Song for nature

Citizens of Delhi gathered at Sarojini Nagar to express their love and compassion for trees. Thousands of beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife are under threat in this area and several other areas nearby. Cars crossing the group stopped to say “We are very proud of you all”, “Thank you for saving our trees”, “Thank you for saving Delhi”.



Police station protest

Hundreds of Delhi residents gathered at The Sarojini Nagar Police Station to express their feelings about 16,500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife, in danger of being killed.



[Watch video](#)

Netaji Nagar for 16500 Trees

It was really heart warming to see so many people of all ages at the protest for trees in Netaji Nagar. There were musicians, dancers and poets who volunteered to perform. The energy was super amazing. Thanks to each and every one of you for being the voice for the trees and wildlife under threat. Thanks to all the journalists who have supported this revolution.



[Watch video](#)

Siri Fort Protest

Residents of Delhi gathered at Siri Fort Auditorium to protest about the 16,500 beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife which were under threat of being massacred by the government. Senior experts of wildlife, tree experts, renowned architects, college professors, lawyers, doctors and children of all ages joined this protest. There were also dance and drama performances related to trees.



[Watch video](#)

Delhi Langar Seva Society Award

NDNS Founder, Mr Verhaen Khanna, was honored by the Delhi Langar Seva Society for making Delhi aware about the Tree massacre in Netaji Nagar.



NGT stays Tree Felling

At the NGT hearing on 2nd July, The court has ordered a stay on NBCC Tree Felling till 19th July and has issued notices to several departments.



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Coffee Powder Collection Campaign



Special thanks to great coffee shops like Sleepy Owl Cafe, The Indian Coffee House, Cafe Lota, Blue Tokai, Triveni Kala Sangam and Bean'd for giving us their used coffee powder to grow plants.



A second collection round, yielded over 200kg's of used coffee powder.

Seed Mail

Thanks to Mrs. Manju Madhavan and all the other amazing people of Delhi who are sending their seeds to us. Soon they will grow into beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife.

Below: Papaya, Mango, Jamun



World Environment Day

NDNS was invited by GIP mall to celebrate World Environment Day.



MCD Cementing Trees

NDNS found that the MCD was breaking the law in NFC by cementing trees at the Community Center. After informing the MCD about the violation of court order, they did not remove the cement. When the police was called nobody showed up, then SI Rajinder Singh was informed about the law breakers, when he contacted them and told them to remove cement upto 1 meter from trees.



Dhaura Kuan Road Widening



While the government faces scrutiny by the courts for destroying the environment and the health of millions of taxpayers, The very same government people are killing trees around the city to accommodate more vehicles which will pass by temporarily.

Increasing pollution causing vehicles in a given space by removing pollution reducing beautiful healthy trees full of wildlife shows that our rulers are not the brightest lot.

DPS Vasant Vihar killed a Tree

A beautiful healthy tree was killed at DPS Vasant Vihar.



June Nature Expo

We organised nature walks in the beautiful green areas of Delhi to connect people with the environment.

Participants of all ages joined the walks and loved interacting with nature.

We visited Jahanpannah City Forest, Rose Garden, Deer Park and Sanjay van .



Peepal Tree Saved



A big healthy beautiful Peepal Tree fell in the storm last month. The NFCRWA President Mrs. Kanika Pandit and NDNS Founder Mr. Verhaen Khanna were determined to save this tree. So by involving the MCD, BSES and Delhi police, along with the good people residing in NFC, we were able to reserrect the tree. After 4 weeks, a brand new leaf has emerged and it is the most exciting feeling ever.

[Watch video](#)



Dia Mirza @deespeak · Jun 24
To see people come together this way to secure their lives by saving these 16,500 trees gives me hope! Thank you to everyone who is hugging our trees today! With you #NewDelhi



New Delhi Nature Society @NDNS_HQ
How do our favorite #Bollywood icons feel about 16,500 beautiful healthy, flowering and fruiting trees, full of wildlife, to be killed in #NewDelhi ?
@TheJohnAbraham @iamsrk @SrBachchan ...

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Sunder Nagar Trees

SUNDER NAGAR - TREES = NAGAR



Video links

Delhi Residents Want to Save Trees

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Fig Wasps

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Curing Tree Blindness

[Watch video](#)

World Environment Day @GIP Mall

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Homeless Rufous Treepie Pair

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Sacred Peepal Tree

[Watch video](#)

300 walk for trees, seek answers

Debdheep Mukherjee
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New Delhi: Congress workers led by Nizamuddin East councillor Yasmin Kidwai staged a protest on Mathura Road on Friday morning over felling of 1,700 trees in Sunder Nagar. Around 300 protesters walked with placards carrying messages such as "Delhi wants trees", "Anarchy in Delhi" and "AAP or BJP stop mocking Delhi". Residents of adjoining Bhojpal, Vikram Nagar and Nizamuddin also took part in the protest march.

Kidwai had written a letter to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday asking why Delhi government had cleared the felling of hundreds of trees on Mathura Road and Sunder Nagar even as AAP was opposing the Centre's decision to hack down 16,500 trees in south Delhi.



GREEN FIGHT: The protesters walked with placards carrying messages such as 'Delhi wants trees' and 'Anarchy in Delhi'.

"The cutting of trees on Mathura Road wasn't discussed. Delhi government remained mum on this issue while showing solidarity against tree felling in Sarojini Nagar. The trees in Sunder Nagar were felled by PWD. It is Delhi

that is suffering in the blame game of the AAP-BJP combine," Kidwai said.

It was also alleged in the letter that PWD was recklessly cutting trees overnight for the integrated transit corridor development plan in and

around Pragati Maidan. Environmental activist Vasu Primbani, who joined the protest, told TOI, "Accountability should be fixed for the trees felled. The government can't make myopic decisions in the name of calous development."

The president of Sunder Nagar RWA, Harjit Singh Bindra, said, "The tree cutting started around a month ago in a systematic manner. Most of the trees were approximately 100 years old. The cutting was done at night so that the area could be cleared by 5am."

Delhi Congress tweeted: "Ever since the BJP came to power at the Centre and the Aam Aadmi Party in Delhi, the green cover in Delhi has been fast eroding as trees were being recklessly felled without taking into consideration the environmental issues in Delhi (sic)."

Suru Fest Early Gathering

In the year 2014, a journey began unlike any other. A group of young adults ventured into the Himalayan folds looking for adventure. It was within the lofty ranges of Kargil (Kashmir), where they found their oasis; the Suru Valley.

The Suru Fest started by Tenzing Jamyang and Sandeep Maity, has been held for the past two years. Now, for the third year running, a pre-event took place at Delhi Rock.



The event included some insane bouldering sessions, a short film screening and a Q&A session with some influential climbers, fitness/outdoor enthusiasts, nature conservationists and much more!



Deer Succumbs in Scorching Heat

Deer dies at Deer park, water trough completely dry. Other deer drink algae water from puddles.

After contacting PFA, the deer post mortem was done and the handwriting on the report sent by the DDA Horticulture department is illegible.



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.

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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


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



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Roadwatch App



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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

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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