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Above:

NDNS nature awareness workshop at Delhi Commonwealth Women's Association Medical Center, Zamrudpur, organised by LSR students. Children of ages 7 to 15 attended this program and also signed a pledge to save nature.

Right:

Tree Man and Friends, an NDNS original comic series, to save trees.



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Sat Today, New Delhi, Thursday, October 26, 2017

by Mail Today Bureau  
New Delhi

**THIS** Diwal it was not just the Supreme Court frowning over reworks and banning them, but even some resident welfare associations and conscientious citizens worked hard to ensure that the order was implemented in its true meaning and spirit.

Apparently, in New Tenders Colony in South Delhi, a team of volunteers went around in the neighbourhood, noting down names and addresses of residents who were found bursting crackers on October 15 evening. Local police and security guards were also asked to note down violations, and later the lists were tabled.

6 We noted homes which were bursting crackers beyond limit... & put the list on social media to sensitise people. 9

—VERHAEN KHANNA, ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

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"We also provided contact numbers to authorities who could be informed in the case of any emergency," said the police at 100, and Delhi Pollution Control Committee at 8717583591 and 8717593574," he said.

At the end of collecting information from different RWA's, the committee concluded that Defence Colony, Raj Bhawan, Sarodaya Enclave, Greater Kailash and Nazimuddin east had done well in implementing the order. But Laxmi Nagar, Nazimuddin west and

Kota  
Mubarakpur, Sarita  
Vihar, Motilal, Badliaprat,  
Chittaranjan Park and  
Paschim Vihar could have  
done better.

Some interesting observations also came up from citizen volunteers. For example, a citizen volunteer in a south Delhi locality said they noted the residence of a former CJI as well where firecrackers were being burst.




Several resident welfare bodies and volunteers worked hard to ensure that the SC order was implemented in true meaning & spirit



## This Diwali A Group Of Volunteers Ensured SC Order Was Implemented

Sarmada News Bureau (Inputs by Verhaen Khanna)

This Diwali, some RWA and conscientious citizens worked hard to ensure that the SC order of banning the sale of firecrackers was implemented in its true meaning and spirit. In NFC, a team of volunteers went around in the neighborhood, noting down names and addresses of residents who were found bursting crackers on October 19 evening. The local police and the security guards were also roped in to make observations. This year, there was a 66% reduction in the number of houses which burnt firecrackers compared to the list made last year.



Verhaen Khanna, Environmentalist and resident of NFC along with his volunteers also noted homes where they were bursting crackers be-

yond the permissible time that is beyond 10pm and into the night. Besides this, the Volunteers from New Delhi Nature Society took photographs of the houses which were decorated beautifully with lights. This survey was done for Blocks A, B and C. The best photographs have been shared on the NDNS Facebook page.

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### Concrete Jungle

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## Recharge Ground Water Tables

WATER PERCOLATION

 <p><b>SOIL COVER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows water percolation</li> <li>Allows plants to grow</li> <li>Prevents soil erosion</li> </ul>	 <p><b>CEMENT COVER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevents Water percolation</li> <li>Prevents plant growth</li> <li>Increases sub surface soil erosion</li> </ul>
 <p><b>GRASS PAVER TILES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allows water percolation</li> <li>Allows plant growth</li> <li>Allows comfortable car parking</li> </ul>	 <p><b>INTERLOCKING TILES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevents water percolation</li> <li>Prevents plant growth</li> <li>Allows car parking</li> </ul>

**INCREASE SOIL COVER, IMPROVE WATER LEVEL**

**CONCRETE JUNGLE**  
Most of the natural land in the capital has been concretized one way or another.

**ONLY SOIL SPACE REMAINING IN PARKS AND AROUND TREES, ALLOWS FOR WATER PERCOLATION**

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Many people are fighting with each other over a few drops of water. The ground water table has depleted.

**TRY OUR EXPERIMENT**  
Pour water in both flower pots -1 has soil and a plant, -1 has cement.  
Which will allow water to percolate down to the reservoir?

**CEMENTING WITHIN 1 meter of trees is illegal.**  
It prevents water percolation to the roots.  
It prevents the trees from growing while suffocating the roots from insufficient air transfer.  
This kills the trees over time..

**DE - CHOKE TREES**



The above info-graphic on recharging ground water tables has been designed and researched by NDNS.

To the right, the NDNS stall at the CMS VATAVARAN -Environment & Wildlife International Film Festival and Forum, November 2-6, 2017 at Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, opposite Rajghat.

### Art Exhibit



One flower pot is filled with cement while the other pot has soil and a plant, this exhibit gives a visual reference for water percolation.

**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**



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### Nature Walk and Sound Healing at Shanti Van



NDNS organised Nature walks conducted by Verhaen Khanna and Sound Healing sessions conducted by Aditya Pathak at Lodhi Garden and Shanti Van.

Participants loved the experience so we will be organising more such events in other greenzones during this season.

A tree climbing workshop was also organised by NDNS at Nehru Park, to help participants get connected with nature, to learn the safe ways to climb trees and to be seated comfortably and experience the sounds of birds.

[Shanti Van](#)

[Lodhi Garden](#)

For more pictures of these events, Click >

[Tree Climbing](#)

### Nature Walk and Sound Healing at Lodhi Garden



[Click here to watch the video](#)

### Tree Climbing workshop for children of all ages



## 3 Steps for Composting

- Collect biodegradable waste (Kitchen waste + Garden waste)
- Water it and turn it regularly
- When you cant identify the matter, its ready to be used for the plants



### **CLICK HERE FOR THE COURT ORDER ON PLASTIC BAN**

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.





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### DAY CAMP AT BEEJOM



Day camp at beejom was full of interesting and fun activities. Participants interacted with many farm animals and also learnt about chemical free farming and sustainable living. We really enjoyed the delicious organic farm grown food and herbal beverages.



Towards the end of the program, there was a sound healing session, an earthing workshop and the participants also learned how to make flower pots out of cow dung. These flower pots can be put into the soil with the plants to become nutrition for the plants eventually.

### Hidden Lakes in Delhi



This Greenzone exists near Vasant Kunj. An old mining site shut down decades ago, left to the elements of nature, and over time, has given birth to countless flora and fauna. This journey involves plenty of thorns, tall grasses and scenic photography. Like all Greenzones of Delhi, morning is best time to visit and after sunset is most unsafe.

This area is under attack by illegal encroachment. People are building various structures and destroying the natural beauty of this protected forest.

See it while it lasts !



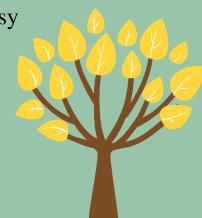
### NDNS Whatsapp-Group link

- Are you a nature lover ?
- Would you like to share nature related posts and connect with other nature lovers around Delhi?
- If Yes, then join the WhatsApp group.
- Click the icon below:



### Tree Census

- Can you identify trees ?
- Do you know the importance of a tree census?
- Learn how to count trees with NDNS.
- This is a citizens initiative, so that we have easy access to information about the trees.





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### Trenching near Trees in NFC



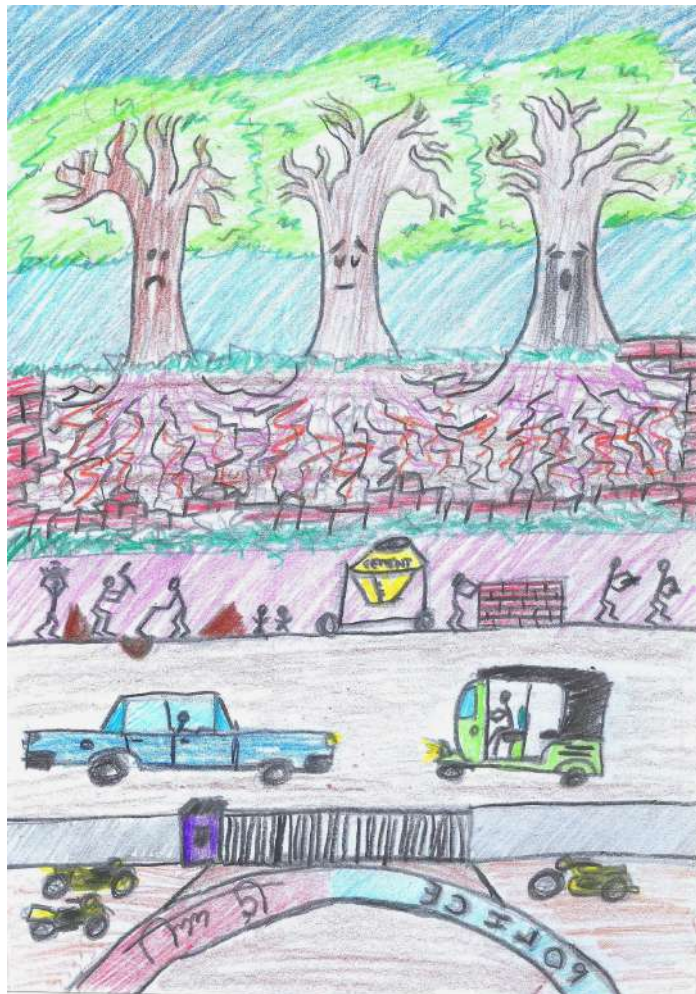
Numerous trees have been damaged in New Friends Colony Community Center and not even 1 person raised their voice.

The NFC Police station is directly across a single lane road, where many policemen at this station are properly aware about the law preventing construction for drainage lines within 1 meter of trees.

These trees will soon die or will easily loose balance and fall on somebody in the future.

NDNS has notified the SHO and Forest Department with the NGT court order.

### Tree Man and Friends Under Attack



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](#)

### **Birding in Delhi**

As we enter the winter months, 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.

### **SAVE 1713 Healthy Trees at Pragati Maidan**

1713 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 <<<\*\*](#)



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### Several Trees roots cut in GK 1 N Block



### TIMBL advertisements on trees in NFC



NDNS notified TIMBL immediately and these signages were removed within a week.

### TREE defaced at Jagdish Store Lajpat Nagar

A beautiful tree which flowers and gives us oxygen and shade, stands here stationary, year after year, just observing generations of living beings coming and going.

Now some humans have nailed cameras, lights, metal bars into the tree and wrapped the tree in high voltage wiring (which they would not do to themselves).

The Forest Department had issued a public notice regarding a Rs 10,000 penalty for such damage to trees.

[Click here for the Public Notice](#)



### Cemented trees in GK 1

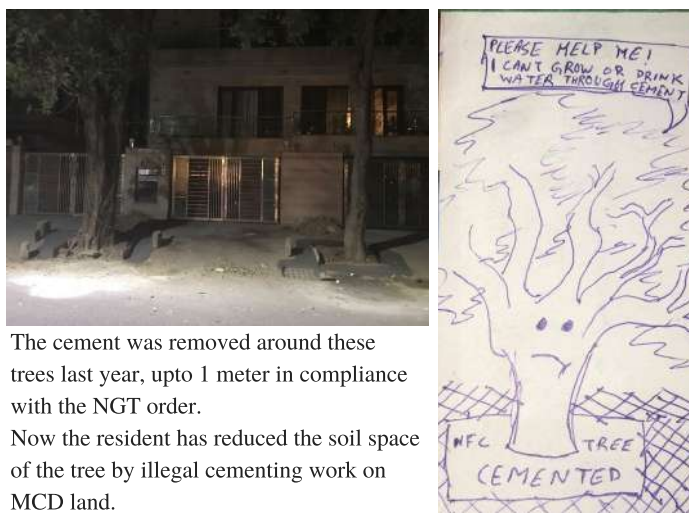


A large number of trees in GK 1 have been cemented to the trunk, they have wires constricting the branches to grow, and have nailed signages and CCTV cameras in them.

These are all violations of the NGT Court Order.

The Forest Department has been informed about this by NDNS now.

### Cemented trees in B Block NFC



The cement was removed around these trees last year, upto 1 meter in compliance with the NGT order.

Now the resident has reduced the soil space of the tree by illegal cementing work on MCD land.

### Tree cemented in C Block NFC

A resident of C Block NFC was seen cementing a tree on MCD land, when requested not to proceed, he became loud and abusive, then managed to put cement over the soil space.



### 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 .

### Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994

Please read this short and easy document for a better understanding about the trees in Delhi

[>>>> Click Here <<<<](#)



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### Illegal Tree Felling + Attempt to remove a Bird Nest

Totally unaware of more than 1 year of nature awareness campaigns in this colony, a resident made their electricians chop branches of the tree and were stopped by team NDNS. The police were called, the MCD horticulture was called and the Forest Department has been notified. They have not only violated the Delhi preservation of Trees Act 1994, but also the Wildlife Protection Act 1972 and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.



### Illegal Tree Felling in NFC

In this case, a resident who planted this tree many years ago, decides to remove all the branches. Luckily this was stopped by NDNS volunteers who were conducting a tree census at the time. The colony security and NFC Police were called immediately.



### Illegal Tree Felling - Lopsided Tree remains

During a survey in NFC B Block, we observed that a tree had freshly been felled from one side.(branches cut)

This automatically makes the other side heavier, risking the tree to fall to the heavy side, the side with pedestrians and vehicles.

Trees are usually damaged this way when a resident illegally cuts the tree without much knowledge, armed with an excuse that "its blocking sunlight."



### Illegal Felling Halted

NDNS was notified about illegal felling and immediately notified the MCD Horticulture authority.

Mr Tejram (MCD Horticulture) immediately reached and discovered that the tree was being felled (branches cut) without Forest Department permission.

Luckily he was able to stop the felling.

### Aurobindo Marg Trees

More Trees felled on Aurobindo marg for the road widening project .

This project seems to accommodate more cars in this area while reducing pedestrian walking and cycling space.

With the worlds most famous air quality, it only seems logical to increase trees, reduce cars and encourage walking and cycling.



### 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)

### Join the Tree Army of Delhi

Do you feel sad when you see trees being cut ?  
If "Yes", then you qualify to join the Tree Army of Delhi

Find out what you can do to get started.  
Email : [newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com](mailto:newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com)

### TREE CENSUS TREE HACKED

- This was a healthy mango tree of 25 feet during the tree census, now it is nearly 5 feet tall.
- Would you like to start a Tree Census in your residential area?
- Get in touch with NDNS





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### Delhi Fire Service Stops Garbage Burning



Delhi Police and Delhi Fire Service were called to the rescue when NDNS Volunteer saw thick black clouds of smoke leaving a hole in the wall under the railway bridge near Pragati Maidan.

The fire had been burning since 5 days, according to locals. The DFS managed to extinguish it after nearly 20 mins of spraying water.

The SI from DFS along with NDNS volunteer visited the nearest Police booth and reported the matter to the ASI, who then called the PWD officer to seal the hole in the wall. So, 2 days later, we see that the wall is sealed.



### Sarai Kale Khan Garbage Fires

NDNS volunteer found towers of smoke on the side of Barapullah bridge and called 100. DFS arrived soon and were able to extinguish all 3 fires.



### Garbage Fire at Barapullah (VIDEO)

### Leaves burning at Rajghat



An NDNS volunteer noticed leaves burning at the Rajghat parking area, so he immediately tried to extinguish it with a water bottle, then some pedestrians nearby saw this and used their water bottles to help extinguish the polluting fire.

### Watering Tree Tops to fight Air Pollution



### DFS Watering Trees (VIDEO)

While Delhi Fire Service was seen watering tree tops to fight air pollution in Delhi, The Pwd and NDMC was seen chainsawing off trees reducing the greenery in the city, which would seem counter productive.

Right : PWD on Rajdoot Hotel Flyover

### NDMC Watering Trees (VIDEO)

### NDMC Chainsawing branches of Trees (VIDEO)



### Eco Ninja Course

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### WINTER WARNING !!!

- Be prepared to see many people burning fires around the city.
- Leaves, disposable plastics, wrappers, shoes, tires and tubes are most often burnt for warmth across Delhi during the winters.
- Reduce pollution by gifting blankets, gloves, caps etc to the poor.
- Use water or mud to extinguish small fires as much as possible



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### Animal Rescues

#### The tale of a puppy



Dora the explorer is a rescued puppy. She is only a year old, but was removed from the farm which we found for her earlier. Now she is finally feeling at home at Peepal Baba's Tree Nursery, Since the time she shifted here, she is happy and healthy.

#### Runover by a wheel, gets her own wheels



This 3 yr old girl was run over by a vehicle one night in NFC, B Block. Many doglovers of the colony came together to help her. After medical procedures it was found that she is permanently paralyzed. She can not lift herself or feel the back feet at all. Finally she was gifted a pair of wheels to help her in moving around. Now she just needs a home since she wont be safe on the streets ever again. Can you help her ?

Another dog was run over by a vehicle in the same colony in the same month, but did not survive for very long since he had devastating injuries to internal organs.

In both cases, the vehicles were not found.

If a human child were run over by a car, then maybe the vehicles would be found.

#### Cow fallen in a pit

While we were at Beejom Farm in Noida, a cow from a neighbouring farm had fallen into a pit, so the Beejom team immediately jumped into action and stayed with the cow till it was out safely.

It took nearly 2 hours and involved about 10 men to dig around the cow and help her walk out.



#### Dancers Torturing Protected Snakes

The Indian Rock pythhon is a protected species, in the same category as a tiger.

Among this, the performers at this event had several other protected species of snakes.

The were violating the Wildlife Protection Act and Prevention of cruelty to animals Act.

1 young college student realised the offences and called 100.

#### [WATCH SNAKES VIDEO](#)

The police arrived, but allowed the criminals to escape with the snakes. They also asked the caller to translate the report to Hindi, a practice not followed in Delhi.

The case was registered as FAKE SNAKES and No FIR was registered.

The corrupt policemen asked the student to come to the station as he is being arrested, which was a lie, so the SHO was immediately informed about his team. Read the FULL STORY in the VIDEO DESCRIPTION.

.Smt. Maneka Gandhi's office, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau and Animal Welfare Board of India were immediately notified. Special thanks to Mrs Sonya Ghosh for filing the FIR



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