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Nature lovers bring a halt to tree chopping exercise in Vasant Kunj

Verhaen Khanna of the New Delhi Nature Society said, "The Forest Department had only sanctioned 'light pruning' of the 95 trees which is different from 'heavy pruning' and 'headbacking', as per guidelines. In light pruning, branches of approximately 20 cm girth can be cut. But the South MCD Horticulture department, on being prodded by some residents, chopped off branches of 80 cm girth."

"We condemn this behavior by some narrow-minded people as we can't destroy our environment for their sake. In winter, they want sunlight and trees chopped. In summer, the same sunlight will be too harsh for them and they will sit indoors and switch on their air conditioners complaining of Delhi's heat and pollution," Khanna said.

Read Full Article

The Patriot

'Trees protect us, we should save them' By VERHAEN KHANNA on December 6, 2018

Some residents in Lajpat Nagar's I-Block were getting 12-15 trees pruned by the MCD staff recently. Other residents saw this and got agitated.

Initially they were clueless – as in who to inform or complain to. Then they contacted me through my Facebook page. They sent me photos and the address of the place where this incident took place.

When I reached the spot, I asked the men who were cutting the trees to show the documents or permission letter. But they were not able to produce any. They disappeared after I told them that I am calling the police. The police came, but were not helpful at all. They said if it were done by the MCD, then no permission is required. But from my experience, I know that even if MCD, DDA, PWD they ordered it, permission is required.

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Aravali Biodiversity Park, Gurgaon



"Within 15 days these representative lungs, outside the Aravali Biodiversity Park, have turned black. I wonder what must have happened inside our lungs." -Mr Vijay Dhasmana.

For now, no road via Aravali Park in Gurugram (Click here to read the article)



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More Trees Less Assholes

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Hindustan Times



NBCC bogus plans exposed.

Some stupid politicians still support this project.

All the healthy trees and wildlife were removed and then replaced with palms and plastic birds.

NBCC has several such nonsense projects in Delhi.

One at Nauroji Nagar where they considered dogs, cats and cows as bird species and another where they destroyed the environment at Pragati Maidan without permission.

But what can you or millions of Indians do?

They have good friends in high places.

MOVE COMES AS A 'SURPRISE'

15 juveniles rescued from NBCC construction site

MHA transfers south DM to Mizoram

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TAK WAS IN NEWS FOR

An honest officer doing his job is what the Prime Minister of our country hates the most.

A man responsible for a major anti encroachment drive in South Delhi is finally transferred to Mizoram. All because he was doing his job.

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Nature News Around India



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Aarey Colony blaze: Cannot rule out suspicious activity, says fire brigade

ZERO EYEWITNESSES Bottles, half-burnt tyre found at the spot indicate trespassing; portions of hillock unaffecte





alted by the police, a senior police officer investigating the matter said, "We have not yet got any report from the fire brigade and we have informed all concerned ment to submit fl

to comment on anything on this until the final report is ready." State forest minister Sudhir Mungantiwar said the land where the fire broke out is private



Pune professor resigns over egal felling of trees in college

STANDING TALL Millind Watve says around 500 trees on IISER campus chopped in the past two years



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as per data from Unio

connectment Ministry The forest land loss in the last three years is roughly equivalent to the area of Mambais kind city, which is 65 splan, as per BMC data

BMC data At the same time, in three years, the country lost 62,365 hectares of forest area "Link realistic arranked fourt

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HC prohibits tree felling in Dodamarg again

WHY ARE THE FORESTS IMPORTANT?

 The Dodamarg-Sawantwadi belt lies in the heart of the biodiversity hotspot, the Western Ghats The area's a source of perennial water bodies
It is an integral part of the Saltyadri-Konkan wildlife corridor through which several wild animals

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respondents (various agencies under the state and Centre) not to allow tree cutting/felling in Dod amarg taluka, Sindhudurg dis-

which several wind animates such as the Aslatic elephant and the critically endangered tiger move is a crucial wildlife corridor. HT tiger corridor along the Maha-rashtra-Goa border in the West-ern Ghats had not been marked an ESA by the Union environ-ment ministry (see box). The court took cognisance of the lat-estdraft notification that left out Dodamarg. "The government

HT was the first to report on

WHY DOES IT MATTER? The Union environment ministry in a draft notification on Oct 3, proposed the declaration of 37% of the Western Ghats as ESA, but left out the 38kmx00km forests of Dodamarg-Sawantwadi belt. Dodamarg-Sawantwadi belt. This is the second time this corridor has been left out after a similar draft. notification in 2015. ESA status would ect it from mining, quarrying, truction of buildings and Source: Petition filed by NGO

pleader has pointed out that, in fact, in the draft notification dated October 3, 2018, villages from Sawarhwald taluka were mentioned, but villages from Dodamarg have been excluded." the order said. "We are not con-vinced with the reasons as to why

ch exclusion was made. The HC bench further di ent in thi d on the next date of hear-anuary 14. "We direct the try of Environment Forests amistry of Environment Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) to take an independent destate

or unse an innegentient decision in respect of the request made by the petitioners (to declare the area an ESA), "theorder said. The counsel representing MoEFCC said they will be declar-ing the area an ESA based on inputs from the Maharashtra government. "Our stand is the state has to earmark the villages

ESA. We cannot do it on our own. We are awaiting the state's response," said Parag Vyas advocate appearing for the Cen-tre. The state government said the process to identify village will soon be underway.

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A Visit to the Beautiful Sanjay Van



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Healthy Mango Tree Killed to Help a Builder



A perfectly healthy tree which was completely straight was killed based on a permission which says the tree is dangerous. Just because a builder wanted to extend the property more than what it was for last 40 yrs.

<u>Illegal Tree Felling at Vasant Kunj</u>







After complaints were received regarding violation of conditions of permission, detailed inspections were carried out twice by Forest Dept staff. All recent permissions for concerned Horticulture Wing have been kept in abeyance and offence proceedings have already been initiated.

The RWA of Vasant Kunj Sector A Pocket C were caught felling trees in the colony with the help of the MCD.. They Had the permission for "Light Pruning" which should be approximately around 20 cm girth, but in reality they had cut the trees upto 80cm girth.

After the Forest Department was informed, the tree officers visited the site to stop the illegal work but when they left the same work continued, So the Forest Department was informed again and the tree officers visited the sit eagain to stop the work. All their permissions were put on hold and the Environment Minister also tweeted about the incident.

Things to do, if a tree is being cut :

Click pictures

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- 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 .



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Amar Ujala वसंतकुंज में मंजूरी व नियमों के विरुद्ध पेड़ों की कटाई

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नई दिल्ली। राष्ट्रीय राजधानी में बड़े और छायादार पेड़ों की हल्की काट-छांट के नाम पर उन्हें बड़ी क्षति पहुंचाई जा रही है। ताजा मामला वसंतकुंज के सेक्टर-ए में पॉकेट-सी का है। यहां वन विभाग के जरिए 95 पेड़ों की सशर्त छंटाई की मंजूरी दी गई थी। लेकिन, बागबानी विभाग के जरिए शतों का उल्लंघन कर पेड़ों की बड़ी और मोटी डालें काटी जा रही हैं।

न्यू दिल्ली नेचर सोसाइटी के संयोजक और पर्यावरणविद वीरहन खन्ना का कहना है कि मौजूदा वायु प्रदूषण को समस्या के बीच पेड़ों को बचाने के बजाए वन विभाग इन्हें क्षति पहुंचा रहा है। हर तरह की छंटाई पर पूरी तरह रोक लगनी चाहिए। गौरतलब है कि दक्षिणी नगर निगम क्षेत्र के वागवानी विभाग की मांग पर 19 दिसंबर को पश्चिमी उप वन संरक्षक ने पेड़ों के काट-छांट की मंजुरी दी थी। हालांकि, वन विभाग की ओर से कई शर्तें भी जोड़ी गई थीं।



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एनजीटी के आदेश का अनुपालन होना चाहिए।

Hindustan Times

Forest dept puts tree pruning permit on hold in Vasant Kunj

HT Correspondent

NEWDELHI: The forest department has put on hold the nod given to prune trees at Vasant Kunj in south Delhi after it was found that large branches were being chopped off in the name of light pruning'.

"I have directed the forest department to keep in abeyance all permissions of tree pruning that were issued in Vasant Kunj We had given permission to prune trees in Vasant Kunj. But large branches were being chopped off. I have also asked the department initiate proceedings as per law," said Imran Hussain, forest minister of Delhi. The forest department had

issued permission to the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) on December 19, to prune around 95 trees. The permission was given for 'light pruning' which allowed cutting of bran-ches up to 30cm in girth.

The permission also said that not more than four branches would be pruned from one tree. At least four such permissions



Action was taken after Vasant Kunj residents complained that large branches, measuring more than 30cm, were being cut. BINDU KAPUREA

were given in December in VasantKunjarea. "We received several com-

plaints from local residents and environment activists that large branches with more than 30cm girth were being chopped down An inspection was carried out. Thereafter the pruning was stopped and permissions were

put on hold," said a senior official of the forest department, who did not wish to be named. The south civic body had

approached the forest department on December 16 for pruning of the tree "We will have to check what

kind of permission for pruning was granted. I have asked the

deputy director horticulture to look into the matter," said Alok Singh, director of horticultureat SDMC.

Earlier in July this year, the forest department had to revoke the permission given to the public ector construction firm NBCC for felling trees for its colony redevelopment projects in south Delhi. There was a widespread outrage and a series of litigations were filed against felling of trees in seven south Delhi neighbourhoods for the re-development projects.

"I received information on December 26 that trees were being heavily chopped. I informed other environment activists. We saw that large branches, measuring more than 30cm, were being cut and loaded on tempos. I called the forest department and it stopped temporarily. But the chopping started again on December 27. That was when we called the deputy conservator of forest (west) and lodged a com-plaint. I am very happy that the permission has been put on hold," said Bindu Kapurea, aresi-dent of Vasant Kunj.



Everybody wants to park in the shade But nobody wants to plant a tree!

The **Times** Of India

S corpn told to stop pruning in VK after greens report hacking

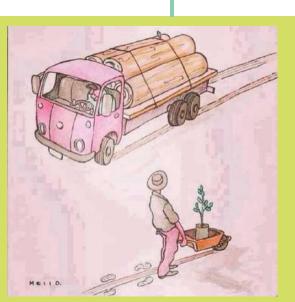
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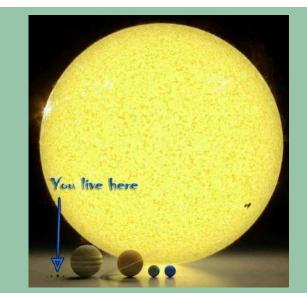


The environment minister tweeted that action would be taken against violators

Curring, but they have been curting hea-vy logs, "Kapures said. Abrest department official said that af-ter recoiving complaints from the activitiss about the treest being hacked in the name of pruning, a team was sent for inspection. "Our staff went on Thursday and saw that the permission was being misused. They instructed the men to stop, but after they left, it continued. We got another message from a local activist and we went back to find more trees damaged beyond permis-sion. It's an offence under the Delh's Preser-vation of Tree Act and action will be taken

sion. If san offense under the Delhi Preser-vation of Tree Act and action will be taken against all violators, "the official total TOL Delhi Isone of the greenest cities in the country. According to Economic Survey of Delhi 2017-18, the total forest and tree cover has increased to 305.41 sight in 3021 from 299.77 sq km in 2015. The city's green cover has also increased from around 20.2% in 2015 to 20.8% in 2017. The Economic Survey of Delhi 2014-2015 stated that the city had a the ecover of 287.41 sq km in 2013 or 20.06% of the total area of the capital.







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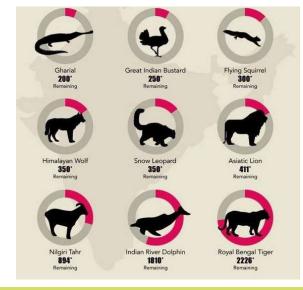
Do Not Buy Paint Brushes Made From Mongoose Hair



In a joint raid in thirteen (13) different locations at the same time, led by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, Government of India and State Forest Departments, over 3500 number of #Mongoosehairbrushes were seized on 10-12-2018 from Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. Wildlife Trust of India through its extensive volunteer-based network assisted the operation at various stages.

All six species of mongoose are protected under schedule II part II of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and added protection by CITES under Appendix II with a zero quota on commercial trade. About 40 grams of hair is plucked (pulled out with fingers) from the just killed, warm bodies of mongooses to be used in making paint brushes. Usually, no more than about 50% or 20 grams turns out to be of paintbrush quality as per the manufacturers. Thus, 50 mongooses lose their lives for a kilogram of usable hair.

Indian Animals Which Your Kids May Not See







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Tigress avnis pm report by nagpurs biologist points at planned killing

Mumbai may pay the price of an environment-unfriendly government

Maneka Gandhi demands arrest of Tigress T1 shooter, foresters booked

Toxic Water, Toxic Crops: India's Public Health Time Bomb

Forest dept bats for land diversion for explosives manufacturing unit in tiger corridor

Have you made a New Years Resolution ?

Try to make a new years resolution which will help the environment. You can select the easiest options below, or think of any other options which are not on the list. Follow the resolution as long as possible and get your friends involved. We would love to hear about your experience.

- Carry your own cloth bag everywhere to avoid using a plastic bag.
- Carry your own water bottle from home wherever you go.
- Feed an animal everyday and talk to them.
- Water a tree everyday or at least once a week, do it personally.
- Buy less things to create less waste.
- Help an NGO by volunteering or contributing.
- Spend more time observing Nature.
- Shift to a more sustainable or minimalistic lifestyle.
- Try to save some trees this year.
- Travel by walking, cycling or public transport as much as possible.



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Booklet of Native Trees

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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

<u>Click here for the NGT Order</u> <u>Click here for the Public Notice</u>

Website to Contact the Forest Department :

http://delhi.gov.in/wps/wcm/connect/DOIT Forest/for est/home/rti/directory+of+officer+and+employees



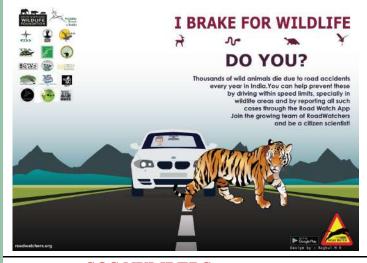
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