

Page 1

The Times of Nature

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

www.ndns.in

Issue # 17















November, 2018

Highlights of the Month



























Visit our website

Checkout the blogs, comics and events on our website.

We would love to read your feedback.

www.ndns.in

Send Feedback

Whats Inside >>>

Highlights of The Month

Visit Our Website

NDTV Childrens Day

Optimist Citizen - NDNS

TOI - East Kidwai Nagar

TOI - Envt Ministry

The Wire - WTC Nauroji Nagar

Bullet train = 218 football fields

Birding Nature Walk

Greenzones of Delhi

NHAI Destroying ABDP

AQI in Delhi on Diwali

AQI India monitors around India

Rap song on Delhi Pollution

Bee Hive Rescue

Cow Rescue

Tree Climbing

Trees of Delhi

Illegal Tree Felling

Diwali Stupidity

Shooting Avni

Important Links

Tree Booklets

Cool Bagss

Buy Forever Plants

SOS Numbers

Roadwatch App

The Times of Nature

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November, 2018

NDTV

Green, Not Concrete: More than 5000 Students Form Human Chain In Gurugram To Protect Aravali Biodiversity Park

Gurugram school students come together for a peaceful protest against the National Highway Authority of India's proposal to build Delhi- Gurugram highway that is expected to destroy the Aravali Biodiversity Park

Air Pollution, Haryana | Written By: Aishwarya Upadhyay | Edited By: Sonia Bhaskar | November 16, 2018 10:47 AM | 🔾 0

Watch Video





0 t 🚭 in 🗾





..."Human chain of children is symbolic for the future of this country, which belongs to the children and they stand together for saving the environment. It is very senseless to destroy a green area which reduces pollution in the world's most polluted city, just to build space for more pollution causing activities. Children and wildlife can't exist happily on a highway", says Verhaen Khanna, Founder, New Delhi Nature Society.

Read Full Article

5

THE OPTIMIST CITIZEN

WWW.THEOPTIMISTCITIZEN.COM

BHOPAL | 31 OCTOBER 2018



This Delhi based commercial pilot is bringing back your connectedness with nature out of the ramblings of Facebook

By Austin Dsouza 4 min

The scenic masquerade of an evening greets hazy eyes with warm hues. This is to say, that the colours of an evening are enchanting, while the display is beyond mesmerizing beauty. It would have been a picturesque moment if we were to sit in the damp grass watching colours dissolve into the stillness of the night. Then again, Instagram has the same scenic benevolence framed in multiple filters, so why waste an evening away from the socials of the internet? To this, Mr Verhaen Khanna, a commercial pilot and the founder of 'New Delhi Nature Society' holds a contradictory viewpoint.



In his meticulous journey of experimentation and rediscovering the blissfulness of nature in the bosom of Delhi, he attests that his exploits have led to the synchronization of his sleep cycle with the sun and he spends his precious time connecting with nature while rolling in the damp grass. The founder of NDNS maintains that true appreciation of nature and connectivity to the same lies in experiencing nature first hand and not through the ramblings of Facebook or other such inventions of the internet age. He further sheds light on the fact, that the continued association to the online world has led to serious aberrations such as tree blindness, resulting in an individual being oblivious to the presence of a tree leading up to fatal accidents. These among other reasons are furnished by the founder as the primary motivations behind the inception of the 'New Delhi Nature Society'.

While this seems trivial to any trained mind, Mr Khanna lays stress on the fact that it is not. To support his summations, he recounts a meeting with a 17-year-old Delhi boy, who has never touched a tree in his entire life. Thus, he attests that the aim of NDNS is to spread awareness about nature and it involves the nature lovers of Delhi. The efforts of the NDNS also include nature festivals, providing a platform for musicians artists, rescue operations

of cats, birds and cows and extinguishing harmful polluting fires in collaboration with the fire department. All these activities are managed by volunteers and full-time team members. The organization further aims to appoint nature rangers to carry forward the love of nature.

The NDNS, in its infancy, started out as a small social media group facing difficulties of breaking communication barriers, social conditioning and finding like-minded people while bargaining with social atrocities that opposed this line of thought. The next mode of action as described by the founder includes a nature warrior course and a tree ambulance to rescue trees is in the works. The founder asserts importance on activities like tree climbing and other nature-centric activities make the participants aware of trees, curing them of tree blindness. He believes when you hug a tree you realize that they have been here before you, while in retrospect of this belief he maintains that the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago, the second best time is now.

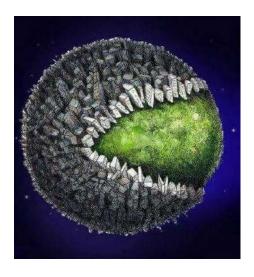
Want to connect with the story subject? Please click the LINK GIVEN HERE to get in touch with Project NDNS.

November, 2018

The Times Of India

After Justice Gita Mittal now Justice Bakhru comes to rescue of Delhi residents from ill conceived projects of NBCC and MoHUA.

Page 3



IIT REPORT RAISES OUESTIONS OVER POTENTIAL TRAFFIC ISSUES

Explain where you'll get water from or E Kidwai Nagar project a no-go: HC

New Delhi: Delhi high court asked the New Delhi Munici-pal Council on Thursday to state the source and extent of state the source and extent of water supply need for the East Kidwai Nagar redevelop-ment project, even as an iIT re-port raised questions about potential traffic congestion

in the area. Justice Vibhu Bakhru made Justice Vibru Bakhru made it clear to project operator Na-tional Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC) that till the court was convinced its con-cerns about water supply and

cerns about water supply and traffic congestion were ad-dressed, it wouldn't allow fur-ther allotment.

At the next hearing, the court will study a report pre-pared by IIT Delhi under professor Geetam Tiwari that found NBCC may have under-settimeted while use by those estimated vehicle use by those estimated venice use by those who will work/live in the redeveloped East Kidwai Na-gar as also the impact on traf-fic circulation in the area because it relied on a 2010 traffic survey.

While the report says that FAR for the project is within

WHAT IIT REPORT STATES



Master Plan 2021 complied with on mixed-land use and FAR

Estimate of traffic impact not clear as 2010 vehicular estimates relied upon

> Personal motorised trips to Aurobindo Marg and Ring Road

➤ Poor connectivity

the norms under the Master Plan Delhi 2021, the parking ca-pacity is higher than recom-mended, thus incentivising the use of personal vehicles over public transport.

over public transport.
The court's questions came after Delhi Jal Board counsel Sumeet Pushkarna submitted NDMChadn't as yet approached it for water supply. Even if it does, DJB is already beset with logistical constraints and will be unable constraints and will be unable to give additional water

Pushkarna said. Earlier, NDMC had conceded that it was dependent fully on DJB

NBCC said it was install ing an effluent treatment plant and could generate water be-yout the NDMC supply to meet the needs of residents. The court, however, said it needed to verify first how NDMC intended to supply wa-ter and if that entailed reter and if that entailed restricting supply to other areas in its jurisdiction.

arrange 2,400 kilolitres per day of water for the new commer-cial and residential complex cial and residential complex while conceding the demand would be for 3,700 kilolitres, the court asked, "What is your scheme, where will you take out the water from? How much was the supply to the area be-fore the project?"

"There is no clarity on how the requirement of water will

"There is no clarity on how the requirement of water will be met and further the ques-tion about whether adequate arrangement for traffic has been made also persists," the court observed, while re-straining NBCC from going ahead with fresh allotments in the court of the court of the court of the court of the properties of the court of the

The court was hearing a petition filed by some residents of South Extension, among them senior advocate Aman Leikhi and advocate Ma-nali Singhal. They had chal-lenged "the reckless decisions of the authorities to further develop the area by launching new large-scale residential and commercial projects in an already saturated vicinity that already saturated vicinity that has no scope for further development".

The Times of India

Breathless in Delhi, students & activists protest for clean air

Niharika Lai | TNN | Updated: Nov 10, 2018, 16:07 IST



Demanding their right to breathe fresh air, hundreds of Delhiites recently protested outside the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). While some protesters shouted slogans, others sang songs, appealing to the ministry to take immediate measures to stop the pollution. Other than activists, parents and school children were also part of the protest.

Residents of Delhi NCR gathered outside the Ministry of environment, forests and climate change to raise their voice about the inaction of the government regarding the current state of Air Pollution.

People of all ages are suffering and dying, so we need to see some action now, no point waiting till 2050.







Page 4

The Times of Nature

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November, 2018

The Wire





Digging through the current High Court order for the #7GPRA projects and instructions to NBCC. Please note that NONE OF THE 7 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURT.

The court has asked NBCC to seek fresh approvals from the Delhi State Environment Impact Assessement Authority (SEIAA) which will critically examine the environment impact such a project may have. Obv, this DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED ALREADY.

All projects including those earlier approved by the SEIAA are no longer individual projects but form one 'single urban project' hence approval shid be reviewed as a fresh project and not as 'reconsideration' of their EC. And, NONE OF THE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY COURT.

Delhi State Environment Impact Assessement Authority (SEIAA) is responsible for critically examining the cumulative environ. impacts of the project e.g. on air quality & biodiversity loss before granting EC. NONE OF THE PROJECTS HAVE GOT THIS CLEARANCE YET.

In addition to EC, the #GPRA project needs to get tree cutting permissions from the Delhi Tree Authority. NO TREE CUTTING PERMISSIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE PROJECT YET. And we hope that the Tree Authority will not function as a permit giving machinery.

Traffic management approval for the area is to be given by UTTIPEC at the project approval stage. But no detailed traffic study has been completed and submitted so far for this area, HENCE NO TRAFFIC APPROVALS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE #GPRA PROJECT YET.

In addition to EC, tree felling permissions & traffic approval, NBCC needs to get approval from DelhiJalBoard for the amount of fresh water needed after the redevelopment is done. THE PROJECT HAS NOT RECEIVED THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY APPROVAL YET.

Without these approvals NO further construction activity or felling of trees can be carried out in Nauroji Ngr, Netaji Ngr, Saroini Nagar, Thyagaraj Nagar, Mohammedpur, Kasturba Nagar or Srinivaspuri Pl note.

In an interview given to BloombergQuint, DrAK_Mittal says that 6 out of 7 redevelopment projects have received a nod from the Delhi High Court. THIS IS OBJECTIVELY INCORRECT. NONE OF THE PROJECTS CAN GO THROUGH WITHOUT NECESSARY APPROVALS.

Read Full Article





November, 2018

Birding Nature Walk





Participants traveled from all over Delhi NCR to Visit Okhla Bird Sanctuary with NDNS.

The weather was really amazing and we identified dozens of bird species.





Using a bird book and binoculars, the participants were able to notice some migratory birds as well.

The Red Munia was the main highlight of the walk. The participants were awstruck by this natural beauty.

Join us for future walks, follow the events on our FB page or whatsapp

9711115666.





Greenzones of Delhi



Now that temperatures are cooler, we can start visiting the beautiful green areas of Delhi. Whatsapp 9711115666 if you are interested to join the nature walks or stay tuned to the events page on our website and social media pages.

SUPPORT ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION

WHAT DOES NEW DELHI NATURE SOCIETY DO ? Stop Rescue Planting Illegal Existing Native

Trees

Animals Rescue Rehab Release

Tree Felling

Extinguish Garbage Fires Spread Nature

Awareness

Trees

We DONT receive Government Funding or CSR Funds

Contribute towards protecting the environment. Axis Bank, New Delhi Nature Society, Account: 91820010738403. IFSC: UTIB0001326

November, 2018

NHAI to Destroy Aravalli Biodiversity Park

NHAI's decision to construct a six lane expressway between Gurgaon and Manesar will destroy city's last Green Lungs - Gurugram's Aravalli Biodiversity park.

ABDP is a 380 acre park which is home to many native plants and wildlife.

Watch Video



AQI of Delhi NCR on Diwali!

Most countries would not let the AQI go above 100, Indians have special superhuman lungs according to the wise decision makers. Children are forcefully made to suffocate, so that only the strongest may survive. The following data was collected from www.aqi.in

MAXIMUM(AQI IN)		↓ MINIMUM(AQI IN)	
2200	Aerocity	1025	Kirari
2247	Chanakya Puri	1026	Okhla - 2
2103	Patparganj	1038	Karol Bagh
2030	Inderlok	1061	Ashok Vihar, Phase - 1, Block
	Uttam Nagar	1072	H
2015	New Friends	1123	Gazipur - 1
1982	Colony		Rohini, Sector -
1891	Alaknanda	1170	25
1882	Rohini, Sector -	1176	Alaknanda
1803	25		New Friends
1752	Gazipur - 1	1248	Colony
1698	Ashok Vihar,	1281	Uttam Nagar
1606	Phase - 1, Block		Inderlok
	Karol Bagh	1286	Patparganj
0.00	10.00 market (10.00 market)		Chanakya Puri
	2256 2247 2103 2030 2015 1982 1891 1882 1803 1752	2256 Niti Marg Aerocity 2247 Chanakya Puri 2103 Patparganj 2030 Inderlok Uttam Nagar New Friends Colony 1891 Alaknanda 1882 Rohini, Sector - 25 1752 Gazipur - 1 Ashok Vihar, Phase - 1, Block H 1596 Karol Bagh	2256 Niti Marg 1007 Aerocity 1025 2247 Chanakya Puri 1026 2103 Patparganj 1038 2030 Inderlok 1061 Uttam Nagar 1072 New Friends 1123 Colony 1891 Alaknanda 1170 1882 Rohini, Sector - 1176 25 1752 Gazipur - 1 1248 Ashok Vihar, Phase - 1, Block H 1596 Karol Bagh 1286

Anand Parbat	1432	Punjabi Bagh	1433
Ashok Vihar,	1411	Shahdara	1460
Phase - 1, Block C		Janakpuri	1475
Kirari	1365	Prashant Vihar	1476
Okhla - 2	1322	Shalimar Bagh	1520
Karol Bagh	1286	Bali Nagar	1596
Ashok Vihar, Phase - 1, Block H	1281	Model Town - 2	1606
		Mukherjee Nagar	1698
Gazipur - 1	1248	Pitam Pura	1752
Rohini, Sector - 25	1176	Vikas Puri	1803
		Deepali	1882
Alaknanda	1170	Paschim Vihar	1891
New Friends	1123	Wazirpur	1982
Colony	100000	Hastsal	2015
Uttam Nagar	1072	Rohini, Sector -	2030
Inderlok	1061	7	
Patparganj	1038	Uttari Pitampura	2103
Chanakya Puri	1026	Shastri Nagar	2247
Associty	1005	4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	2250

Greater Kailash 2	931	Shantipath	463	
Kalkaji	922	Rajinder Nagar	493	
Jangpura	922	IIT	513	
Lajpat Nagar	916	Rohini, Sector - 30	529	
Okhla	862	Vasant Kunj	545	
Gulmohar Park	837	Chhattarpur	567	
Greater Kailash	827	Connaught Place	571	
Anand Lok	822	Dwarka Sector -	603	
Vasundhara	751	6		
Enclave		Hari Nagar	620	
Sheikh Sarai	748	Green Park	632	
Saket, Block C	726	Naraina	651	
Sukhdev Vihar	696	Sukhdev Vihar	696	
Naraina	651	Saket, Block C	726	
Green Park	632	Sheikh Sarai	748	
Hari Nagar	620	Vasundhara	751	
Dwarka Sector -	603	Enclave	., .,	
6		Anand Lok	822	
Connaught Place	571	Greater Kailach	927	

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 .



November, 2018

AQI smart monitors set up all over the country.

www.aqi.in has set up Air Quality Index monitors which give 24x7 live feedback about the PM 2.5, PM 10, Humidity, Temperature and Noise level.

Page 7

New Friends Colony has a monitor setup at **New Delhi Nature Society HQ** by **AQI India.**





Citizens of Delhi Raise voices on Pollution

While the ministry of environment forests and climate change celebrates a clean air week for only 5 days, the citizens of Delhi NCR gathered to raise their voice about the suffering inflicted on them due to no action from the government. People came out to voice their concerns in many ways.

Raoul Kerr, a Delhi based rapper, was present in the gathering and he rapped about the air pollution in Delhi.

The crowd absolutely loved it!



Watch Video

Bee Hive Rescue



A Bee Hive with the harmless bees were rescued in NFC which were in a bucket on the roadside with some men who were selling the honey.

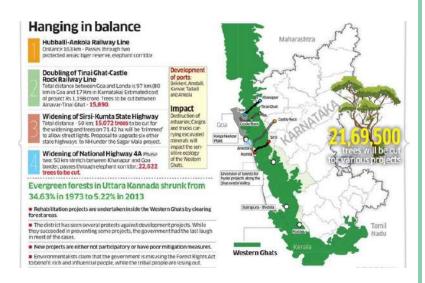
The hive was placed back on a tree in a park.

COW RESCUE

We rescued this injured cow in NFC with the help of many local people and the ambulance from Dhyan Foundation.







20+ linear Projects in this area require the need to cut 21 lakh Trees.

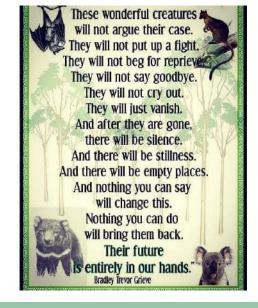
How humans are killing themselves | Tree Climbing Workshop



New Delhi Nature Society conducted a tree climbing workshop on Children's Day at Nehru Park.



1st Century B.C: Man Helping Girl Climb a Tree, Bodh Gaya, Bihar.



Indian Tulip Tree

Have you seen the Indian Tulip Tree flowering?

You can look out for them in your surroundings.



Silk Floss Tree



Spare a moment to admire the Silk Floss Trees flowering all around the city. They are hard to miss with such a vibrant shade of Pink



Page 9

More than a dozen trees felled in Lajpat Nagar I Block by some evil residents at I 86 (near Andhra bank).

When the police arrived, these ladies started beating the complainant.

No tree cutting permission was at the location.

The policeman suddenly denied seeing the ladies beating the complainant. Instead the police has accepted a complaint from the resident against the complainant for taking pictures in public.

If you are wondering why is Delhi the most polluted city on earth, it's because of people like these and pathetic policemen.



If You Ever Wanted To See An Example Of Irony, You Should Have Been In Delhi for Diwali. (Click here for Full Article)

After Supreme Court Banned Fireworks, thousands of people in Delhi burnt fireworks.

Some of them burnt fireworks with a pollution mask on.

The lady in the picture is helping her children burn fireworks and all 3 of them have masks on.







The Times of Nature

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November, 2018

Important news articles (Click below to open)

467 hectares of Yavatmal forest land given to Reliance

Adani power plant gets 142 hectares more forest land

Maharashtra Govt Diverts Forest Land Equivalent To 293 Football Fields To Private Company

Maneka Gandhi lashes out at Maharashtra govt over killing of tigress Avni

Autopsy of tigress Avni suggests foul play, discredits self-defence theory

Avni protesters demand Maharashtra forest minister Mungantiwar's Sacking

31,000 trees to be cut to widen Mumbai-Goa highway

Maneka Gandhi Interview: Maharashtra Giving Away Forests To Cronies At Throwaway Prices

399 projects coming up in tiger corridors of Central India and Eastern Ghats

Bannerghatta park's eco-shield cut down by 100 square kilometres

Maneka has her way, state panel on T1 reconstituted

New road projects set to isolate Tadoba, cut off tiger migration routes

<u>Illegal mining, real estate, government inaction are swallowing up North India's ancient Aravallis</u>

Under Modi, India Has Witnessed an Unprecedented Chomping of the Earth





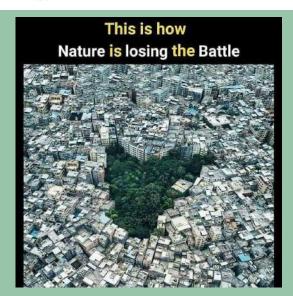




There are humans in my forest, I dont know what to do



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQQXstNh45g



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

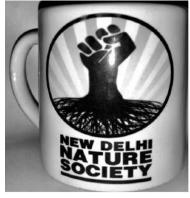
Buy forever plants from NDNS. These plants can outlive you and all your future generations if it is well taken care of. (Rs 100/-)

When you buy from NDNS, you are supporting our environmental conservation work.



A sip of Nature

Enjoy beverages in your very own NDNS mug.





Volunteer / Intern at NDNS

- Protect the environment
- Join the growing NDNS team
- Email your CV to info@ndns.in

COOL BAGS for Cool People



New Cool Bag Designs

Fits in your pocket easily. Carry your laptop or groceries. Buy 5 cloth bags for just Rs 200/-Plastic bags are out of fashion.

Order now: 9711115666



DONATE to NDNS

Bank Details:

Account: New Delhi Nature Society Account number: 918020010738403

IFSC: UTIB0001326

Bank Address: Axis Bank, Shop no 6,

Ground Floor and Basement,

Community Center, New Delhi 110025

PQUTM - 9711115666

November, 2018

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



Maybe your company has some CSR funds.

Maybe you want to support <u>New Delhi Nature Society.</u>

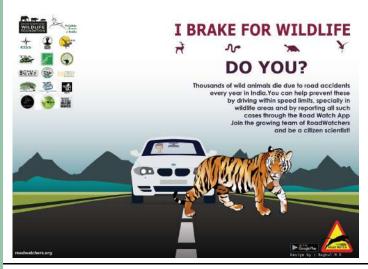
Maybe your investment can save trees, animals and make the world a better place.

Sign Up 🖋

Click the Sign Up button and fill up your details to receive regular updates about NDNS activities.

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

Kamdhenu Mangal Parivaar

(Free 24×7 Cow Ambulance with doctor on board) -

7503777888, 9911002200

<u>Please Read the helpful documents</u> <u>on the Animal Welfare Board of India website:</u>

https://awbi.org/

July (issue #1)
August (issue #2)
September (issue #3)
October (issue #4)
November (issue #5)
December (Issue #6)
January (Issue #7)
February (Issue #8)
March (Issue #9)
April (Issue #10)
May (Issue #11)
June (Issue #12)
July (Issue #13)
August (Issue #14)

<u>September (Issue #15)</u> <u>October(Issue #16)</u>

Previous Newsletters

