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ATTENTION !

This is a CLIMATE EMERGENCY

India ranks 177 out of 180 countries in
Environmental Performance Index

22 of world's 30 most polluted cities are
in India

If you are waiting for somebody to fix the environment,
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यदि आप पर्यावरण को ठीक करने के लिए किसी की प्रतीक्षा कर रहे हैं,
आप वही हैं जिसका आप इंतजार कर रहे हैं।

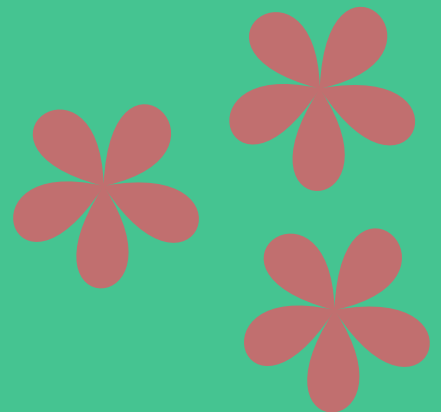
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NDNS MEDIA COVERAGE

The Quint

"A Niti Aayog report states that 21 cities, including Delhi, will run out of groundwater by 2020. That is effectively 6 months away.

While the Delhi Jal Board is working hard to get water back into the underground aquifers, the Delhi Development Authority is using its resources to concretise the last remaining soil surfaces in the city."



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New Delhi Nature Society founder Verhaen Khanna, who led the walk, said, "Many people have never seen fireflies in their entire life, and many have never seen them in Delhi. They stay away from bright lights, so in a bustling city like Delhi it's hard to find a dark spot with firefly activity."

Khanna, who has studied fireflies in the Deer Park area for over 10 years, said their numbers have declined there as well. "Half of their habitat was destroyed to build a footpath." He keeps the walks small and 'secret' to not disturb the fireflies.

Photo: Terry Priest

NIGHT GLOW

HOW FIREFLIES LIGHT UP

Fireflies have dedicated light organs under abdomen

Light is usually intermittent, and flashes in patterns unique to each species

Each pattern is an optical signal that helps fireflies find potential mates

They take in oxygen and, inside special cells, combine it with a substance called luciferin to produce light with almost no heat

How you can start a firefly habitat

- Pick a dark spot and ensure minimum human disturbance
- The spot should be near a stream of water or swampy area with lots of foliage
- Wild native grasses are ideal for fireflies

Why they can't be usually seen now

- Encroachment on habitat
- Increased light pollution from development activities
- Toxic chemicals

A few spots where you can find them in capital

- Hauz Khas, Sanjay Van, Yamuna banks, Ridge area near waterbodies, Yamuna biodiversity park

Fireflies, which measure up to 1 inch, stay alive for around 2 months

You can find them in swampy/marshy areas and near waterbodies

"I keep the location secret so that it does not become a selfie spot that will further endanger the fireflies."

He recounted how some people once wanted to join his workshop to take fireflies home to show their friends. "I didn't allow them to attend the workshop, but explained to them how they could start a firefly habitat in their area."

NDNS BLOGS



Don't Be Fooled By Palm Trees In Delhi

Palm trees are not actually trees, they are in the grass family.

Did you know that Palm Trees are not native to Delhi? \

[Click Here](#)



A Forest Is No Place For Wildlife, It Belongs To Barbwire. (Sanjay Van)

The wildlife in Sanjay Van does not have the freedom to move around freely in the forest anymore because of the new barbwire fencing that has been built through their home.

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NDNS EVENTS

SEED-BALL WORKSHOP

Students at Soami Nagar Model School enjoyed a seed ball workshop conducted by NDNS.

Each student made 5-10 seed balls.

These seed balls will soon turn into beautiful trees which will support local wildlife.

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FIREFLIES WORKSHOP

NDNS conducted Fireflies Workshops at a secret place near Hauz Khas Village.

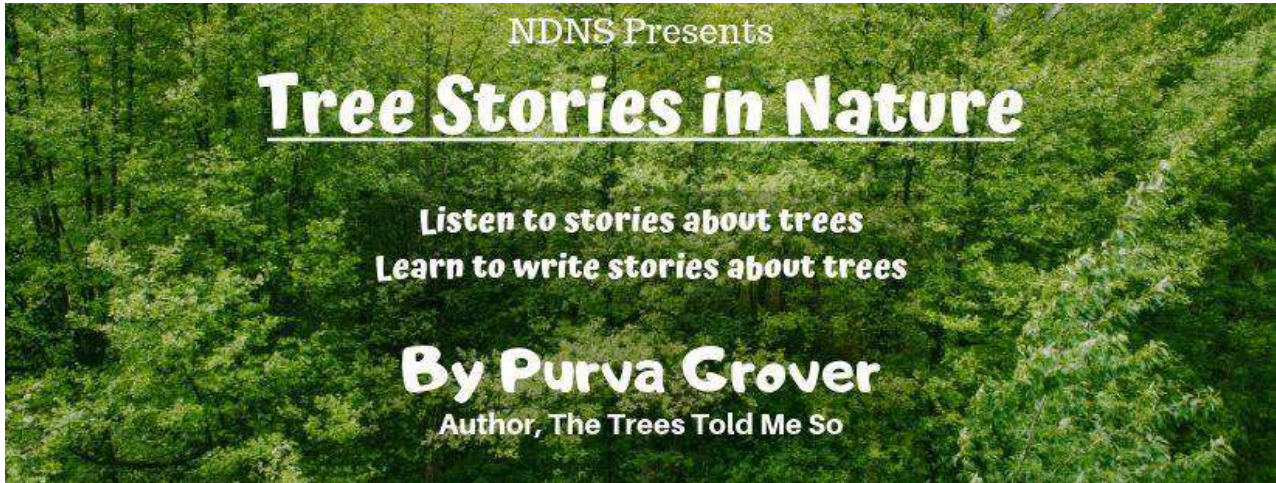
This program will be repeated every weekend during this monsoon season, so book your seats ASAP!

When was the last time you saw fireflies?

Please book your seats [HERE](#)



TREE STORIES



Purva Grover, author of "The Trees Told Me So", conducted a workshop for keen writers.

It was conducted in Deer Park, surrounded by trees.

Participants enjoyed the exercises and also received a copy of the book.



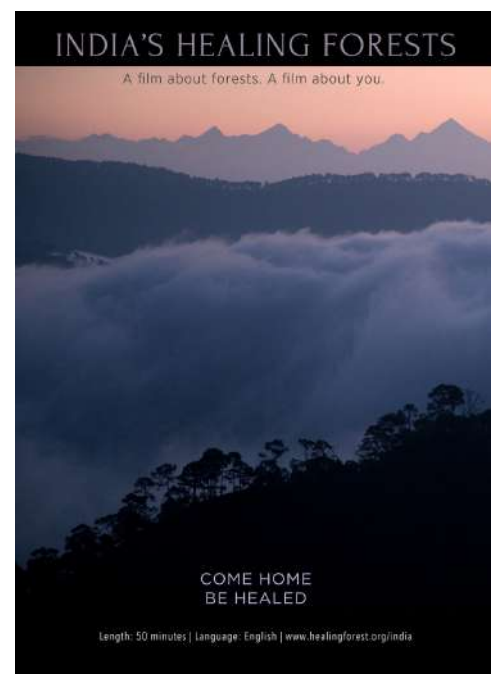
INDIAS HEALING FORESTS

Explore fascinating forests across India and find out the remarkable science of how forests can heal our body, mind and spirit in this full length nature documentary.

<http://www.healingforest.org>

The film 'India's Healing Forests' is available on youtube.

Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/94Swm13p4bA>



NDNS VIDEOS



A brief interview and a guided tour of the rainwater harvesting methods practiced by Mr Ashwani Khurana.

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Dung Beetle in Sanjay Van

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Ants teaching humans about teamwork.

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SDMC deconcretising trees in New Friends Colony.

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A beautiful slug starting its day under an amaltas tree.

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Important articles (click to open)

[Government Gave Orders To Cut 1,09,75,844 Trees In Last 5 Years For 'Development'](#)
[NGT panel head on Hindon river resigns, cites 'non-cooperation' from UP govt](#)
[Demolish concrete structures at base of trees, orders Calcutta High Court](#)
[Images Of Elephant & Leopard Eating Plastic Shows How Pollution Is Killing The Wildlife](#)
[Hyderabad has just 48 days of drinking water left](#)
[We have 18 months to save world, Prince Charles warns Commonwealth leaders](#)
[Centre will fund 28 cities with million plus population Rs 10 crore each to clean up air](#)
[Villagers poison tigress, two cubs to death; Is India in need of a new Wildlife Protection Act?](#)
[Delhi forest dept turns down NBCC plea to chop 1,955 trees](#)
[Brazil deforestation exceeds 88% in June under Bolsonaro](#)
[Stop building a spaceship to Mars and just plant some damn trees](#)
[Taking land away from Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary](#)
[Water crisis: Chennaiites start cleaning lakes, say 'not waiting for government help'](#)
[Tree planting 'has mind-blowing potential' to tackle climate crisis](#)

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/-)



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Account number: 918020010738403

IFSC: UTIB0001326

Bank Address: Axis Bank, Shop no 6,
Ground Floor and Basement,
Community Center, New Delhi 110025



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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.

[CLICK HERE for NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES](#)

[NAILS, WIRES, CEMENT \(10,000 RS. FINE\)](#)

[DELHI PRESERVATION OF TREES ACT, 1994](#)

[DELHI FLORA IDENTIFICATION FORUM \(Facebook\)](#)

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 - 7503777888,
9911002200**

WHAT TO DO IF A TREE IS GETTING CUT

- Click pictures
- Tell them to stop immediately
- Ask them to show the Forest Department permission.
- No permission, then Call 100 and wait till help arrives.
- Write a letter to the Forest Department
- If they have permission, take the supervisors details who must be present there and contact the Forest Department .

TO CONTACT THE FOREST DEPARTMENT

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cfdelhigovt@gmail.com

apccfgnctd@gmail.com

CC to:

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