



## FIREFLIES WORKSHOP

NDNS conducted several fully packed 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](#)



## TIMES OF INDIA :-

### ₹2L penalty on agencies for choking trees

**New Delhi:** The Delhi forest department was fined around Rs 2 lakh to Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and Public Works Department (PWD) for choking the base of trees with concrete at Deer Park and CV Raman Marg, respectively.

Acting on complaints filed by a Delhi-based NGO, New Delhi Nature Society, the PWD was fined Rs 1.8 lakh for 18 trees and the DDA was fined Rs 10,000 for one tree.

According to a 2013 National Green Tribunal (NGT) order, trees need to have a radius of 1 metre around it without any concrete for healthy growth of the tree. In 2015, a public notice issued by the forest department stated that a fine of Rs 10,000 can be imposed per tree against the land-owning agency.

We would love to hear how you feel about our work for nature conservation.

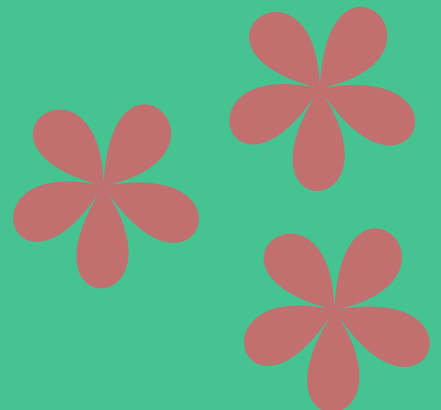
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## **NDNS MEDIA COVERAGE**

### **Birds of a feather don't flock here any more - Patriot**

Environmentalist Verhaen Khanna deplores the rapid construction which is happening around the radius of the sanctuary. He says, "Earlier too there were some buildings but now we see these tall giant buildings. Birds may crash into these skyscrapers because they reflect the sky."

What about the electricity poles? He says, "For the wire, many trees have been cut. Because of high power electricity cables, one can hear a lot of noise. The number of species has reduced as the habitat is in danger."



[Click here to read the full article](#)

### **Delhi forest dept probes claim of damage to trees with QR tags - Indian Express**

Verhaen Khanna, founder of non-profit New Delhi Nature Society, said he complained about the issue to the forest department in January.

"NDMC should be penalised for damaging the trees. The process has a lot of issues. The tree can dry up or get infected. If a band is put around the tree, its growth is impacted," Khanna claimed.

He also expressed concern over the municipal body's plan to further fix QR tags to 4,000 trees in its jurisdiction over the next six months, claiming it is in violation of a National Green Tribunal (NGT) directive.



[Click here to read the full article](#)

### QR codes will be removed from 100 trees: Delhi forest department

“Fixing anything on trees leads to infection and causes them to dry up as it disrupts the nutrition flow. In fact, even one nail can seriously cause damage — these QR codes were 10 cm by 10 cm, and in places an inch deep,” said Verhaen Khanna from the New Delhi Nature Society. Khanna, who inspected the site, said that to attach QR codes, the NDMC had to cut a portion of the trunk. He also claimed that the glue used to fix the tags was also eating up the wood. The horticulture department has said it would put wet soil and some medicine on the trees to undo the damage done by the glue. They have a tree ambulance to fix other issues,” Khanna said. The 2013 NGT order mandates removal of all signboards or nails from trees. “We can put the sign on a stick or stand as an alternative,” added Khanna.



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### Save trees like your life depends on them, because it actually does.

In the meanwhile, we direct all the public authorities, more particularly Municipal Corporation of Delhi, DDA, DTC, DMRC, NHAI and all Government respondents in this petition including the Director General of CPWD, the Chief Engineer, PWD, to ensure that

- (i) All the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signages, electric wires and high tension cables or otherwise are removed from the trees forthwith.
- (ii) They shall also ensure that the concrete surrounding the trees within one metre of the trees are removed forthwith 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 atleast within one metre radius of the trunk of trees. The Vice-Chairperson, the Commissioner, the Chief Engineer, the Director General and all other senior most officers of the Departments/authorities concerned shall be

[OPEN NGT ORDER](#)

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**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND WILDLIFE**  
Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi

F.No.4 (469)/CF/Store/HQ/Advertisement/2012-13/ 5165 Dated: 02/10/2015

**Public Notice**

Concretization around trees is harmful for root aeration and also the percolation of water. It could ultimately lead to death of the tree. It is, therefore, brought to the notice of all Govt. Departments under GNCTD and General Public that concretization of trees not only damages the tree and is an offence under Section 8 of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994 but will also amount to violation of Hon'ble NGTs orders.

An area of 1 meter should be left de-concretized around the base of the tree while constructing the pavements or roads to facilitate percolation of water to the roots. The area should be leveled with soil and grass may be planted, if need be.

All Civic Agencies, Govt. Departments, RWAs may please ensure removal of all the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signages, electric wires and high tension cables etc. placed on trees within their jurisdiction/ control failing which a penalty of Rs. 10,000 will be imposed upon them for causing damage to trees. The person/ agency/ firm/ company etc whose advertisement or bill board etc is found on the trees shall also be prosecuted and/ or a penalty of Rs. 10,000 imposed upon him.

[OPEN Public Notice](#)



The clock has started ticking.

You don't have much time now Mumbai.

Take action now or forever regret your silence.



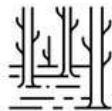
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AAREY FOREST TO GO UNDER THE AXE.**

**BMC CLEARS PERMISSIONS TO  
CHOP DOWN 2700 TREES.**

**#SAVEAAREYFOREST**

## IS AAREY FOREST NOT A FOREST?

OVER **4,80,000** TREES



**86** BUTTERFLY SPECIES

**13** AMPHIBIAN SPECIES



**90** SPIDER SPECIES

**46** REPTILE SPECIES



**34** WILDFLOWER SPECIES

**77** BIRD SPECIES



& **9** ROARING LEOPARDS!

**METRO SHEDS CAN BE BUILT ELSEWHERE.  
FORESTS CANNOT! SPREAD THE WORD!  
#SAVEAAREY**



## NDNS Tweets

### A Madhumalti covering a side wall of a bridge

For years, many bridges had these creepers covering the walls.

Now, expensive metal frames are being bolted to walls to hang costly plastic pots to grow fancy plants which require rubber irrigation pipes and pumps + more manpower.

[OPEN Tweet](#)



### PWD De-choking trees in New Friends Colony.

The NGT ordered all depts to ensure that cement is removed from 1 mtr of trees in Delhi. Many authorities make excuses to violate the court order, so those colonies still have cement around trees

[OPEN Tweet](#)



## September Events

Please contact us to book your seats for the following programs:

Fireflies Workshop.....Fridays and Saturdays  
Tree Climbing.....Sundays  
NDNS Members Meet.....Members will be informed  
Animal Interaction (Sainik Farms) .....Last weekend of September



## **NDNS VIDEOS**

Chilling in Nature, then disturbed by human menace.

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Keep some water outside for all the non humans.

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## **Important articles (click to open)**

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### 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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### Contribute to NDNS

Bank Details :  
Account: New Delhi Nature Society  
Account number: 918020010738403  
IFSC: UTIB0001326



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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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