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'You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words,' climate activist Greta Thunberg has told world leaders at the 2019 UN climate action summit in New York.In an emotionally charged speech, she accused them of ignoring the science behind the climate crisis, saying: 'We are in the beginning of a mass extinction and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth - how dare you!'

**CLICK HERE** 



Environmental activists Greta Thunberg and George Monbiot argue we need to restore natural carbon sinks such as forests, swamps and seabeds to help tackle the climate crisis in this powerful independent film by @tommustill of Gripping Films.

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We have completed 2 years of NDNS Newsletters! We would love to know how you feel about our work for nature conservtion.

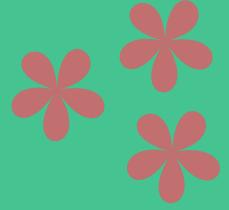
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## **NDNS Membership**

We are excited to offer you an NDNS Membership.

Your membership will help to protect the environment.

You will enjoy special packages and benefits for members.

We look forward to your participation.

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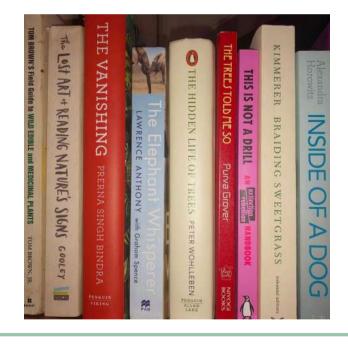


## Donate a book to the NDNS library

Big THANK YOU to all the amazing people who have donated these awesome books towards the #newdelhinaturesociety library.

You can also donate nature related books to NDNS to help build the library.

Visit our website for more details: www.ndns.in



#### Buy a badge of your favourite bird.

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## **Group of Water Body Revivers meet Yamuna Monitoring Committee**

During a case in the Honourable National Green Tribunal, the Chairperson of the NGT appreciated the hard work of some individuals from across Delhi who have been trying to revive water bodies.

The enthusiastic group of individuals were later invited to the NGT to meet with the team from Delhi Jal Board and the Yamuna Monitoring Committee.



- 11. The Committee associated following individuals who contributed to the cause of revival of water bodies:-
  - Mr. Diwan Singh (for water bodies in Dwarka),
  - · Ms. Juhi Chaudhary (for Naini Lake),
  - Mr. Anuj Sardana (for Prasad Nagar Lake),
  - Mr. Sachin Goel (for Roshanara lake),
  - Mr. Verhaen Khanna (for Ashoka Park),
  - Ms. Suparna (for Tuglakabad Lake),
  - Mr. Mahesh Saxena (for various water bodies),
  - Mr. Jagdeep Singh, MIA, Tihar Jail has requested the Monitoring Committee to revive Tihar Jheel at Hari Nagar.
  - Mr. Rambir Tanwar, who claims to have revived 10 ponds back to life has approached the Committee to assist in revival of the water bodies.
  - Prof. C. R. Babu and Dr. Fiyas Khudsar and others have also been associated for seeking inputs.
- 12. Many areas are not connected to piped water which leads to unaccounted use of groundwater. With regard to subsidy under free water scheme, the Committee found as follows:-
  - "8. In its minutes of meeting dated 01.03.2019, at the time of inspection of Bal Bhawan Public School, Mayur Vihar on 27.02.19, two DJB water connections were found. The total consumption of water in December 2018 was reflected 90 units for 49 days; the school having strength of 3100 plus staff. The bill consumption apparently was too low and Department of Revenue was asked to take appropriate steps. DJB should ensure that there should be adequate metering for the water consumed. All the establishments/homes be brought in the formal metering system.

Theft of water in any form should be dealt with as per law promptly.

- 9. The Monitoring Committee has been informed that subsidy being provided under 20,000 liter free water scheme is misused by several Group Housing Societies. After availing the required quantity of 20,000 liters free of cost, these societies start extracting groundwater by using tube-wells/bore-wells to avoid payment of water tariffs. DJB should take effective steps to prevent this practice."
- 13. The Committee also found dumping of garbage in water bodies and encroachments which are required to be checked by the land owning agencies. Eutrophication was also noticed in lakes and ponds. Misuse of water bodies for cultural or religious festivals was causing a threat to such water bodies, apart from immersion of idols resulting in contamination. Free supply of water was resulting in injudicious use of water.
- 14. We place on record our appreciation for the efforts of the Committee in undertaking visits to various water bodies, coordinating with the concerned Authorities for installation of RWH systems, taking initiative for sealing illegal tubewells and efforts for use of treated water in place of fresh water. We also place on record our appreciation for the contribution of the individuals whose names have been mentioned by the Committee.
- The Tribunal is dealing with the interlinked issues of water utilization of treated water<sup>2</sup> setting up of ETPs, STPs and

 $<sup>^1\</sup>mathrm{Friends}$  through its General Secretary v. Ministry of Water Resources, O.A. No. 134/2015

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mahesh Chandra v. International Recreation & Amusement Ltd. & Ors. O. A. No. 526/2019

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## **Consumer Voice CSR activity**

Students joined hands together to fight air pollution at Soami Nagar Model School, New Delhi.

They planted air purifying plants to have clean air for all.

Watch Video



## Wildlife Trap in Sanjay Van

- 1. The pics in the grid are from the internet where #wildlife is trapped in barbwire.
- 2. DDA has setup the same new sharp barbwire in Sanjay Van which is dangerous for the wildlife there (sealing access to the lakes and parts of the forest)
- 3. The Chief Wildlife Warden (Mr Prabhat Tyagi) says it's ok.
- 4. The animals need your help because they can't write emails but you can write on their behalf.

Please write a few lines about the dangers of barbwire to wildlife, to order for removal of barbwire in Sanjay Van and to open the access of lakes to the wildlife like it has been for all these years.

To: Prabhat.tyagi@nic.in

CC to :csdelhi@nic.in , gandhim@nic.in , senv@nic.in , jd-wl@nic.in and newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com .

Thank you



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## **Save Aarey Forest!**

Human Chain Outside Aarey Forest

Controversy explained

1,500 Mumbaikars form 3km-long human chain to protest cutting of 2K trees in Aarey

Aarey Controvery - Logical Indian

John Abraham - Save Aarey

Citizens Raise their voice to save Aarey - 1

Citizens Raise their voice to save Aarey - 2

Full Page add by MMRCL to destroy Aarey

Mithi floods due to 600 acres reclaimed for BKC, SC told

It's the year 2039, and a metro car shed has taken over Aarey forest

Probe use of kids Aarey stir, govt told

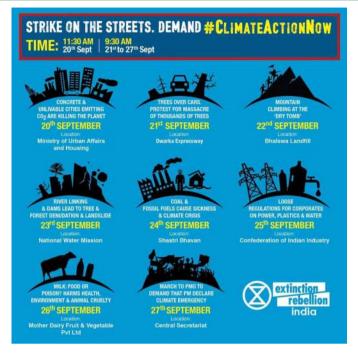
Hunger strike to save Aarey

Protecting the environment brings people together - Video



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Thousands of people of all ages gathered outside The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, #NewDelhi, to strike for #climatechange.

20th September 2019 will be remembered as the day of the largest global protest in human history as millions of people from all continents gathered in their cities to demand #climateaction.

On the last day, Delhi children were raising awareness about the #climateemergency near Rashtrapati Bhawan.

Some of them had the opportunity to visit the PMO with a letter.

We need to protect the environment to protect our future.





## NDNS Saved this tree with the help of PWD

We rescued this fallen tree with the help of the PWD. Usually they quickly chop down the fallen trees and remove all the wood. We had to make many calls to senior authorities and show them examples of the previous fallen trees we had rescued. Now this tree can live for many more years. It was great to see people of various religions, political beliefs and economic backgrounds join hands to protect this tree which will benefit all humans. Special thanks to Mrs Kanika Pandit for making this possible.









#### **COOL BAGS**

Do you still touch plastic bags with your bare hands?

YUK!!!

Always keep a cloth bag with you so that you can refuse those ugly, non biodegradable plastic bags from shopkeepers.

Watch Video



## Nature Photography Workshop for Kids.





That moment when the children realised that the snail is looking back at them. Priceless!

The questions they had asked about the snail showed their concern for the snails wellbeing. Compassion and empathy are important qualities to imbibe in oneself and the youth.





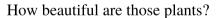
## Have you noticed all the butterflies around Delhi?





#### IIIT Delhi

Checkout the perforated tiles in the parking, this allows ground water recharge. Many places can change the cemented flooring to this design so that water goes back into the ground.







These tall grasses are usually frowned upon by city dwellers that's why we don't see them often in manicured spaces. They can be easily grown at home and they help the wildlife.

#### Important articles (click to open)

Woman Marries a tree to save it

Uranium Mining Proposal To Destroy The Treasured Nallamala Forest In Telangana

Huge Win For People's Unity, Telangana Govt Cancels Uranium Mining In Nallamala Forest

42 years in making, Jharkhand canal collapses 24 hours after opening

Colombian town turns down \$35B gold mine – prefers a clean environment

An entire ecosystem at risk from Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train

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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/-)



## **Buy Forever Plants**

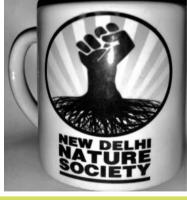
Buy forever plants from NDNS. These plants can outlive you and all your future generations if it is well taken care of. (Rs 100/-)

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



## A sip of Nature

Enjoy beverages in your very own NDNS mug.





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

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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)



For queries regarding CSR, please contact New Delhi Nature Society at info@ndns.in

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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.

# 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 BEING 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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