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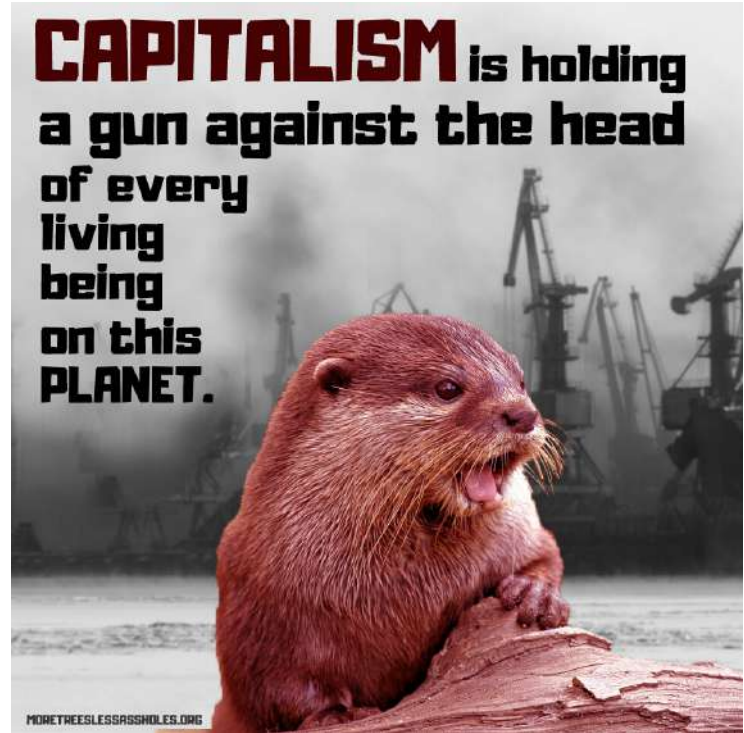
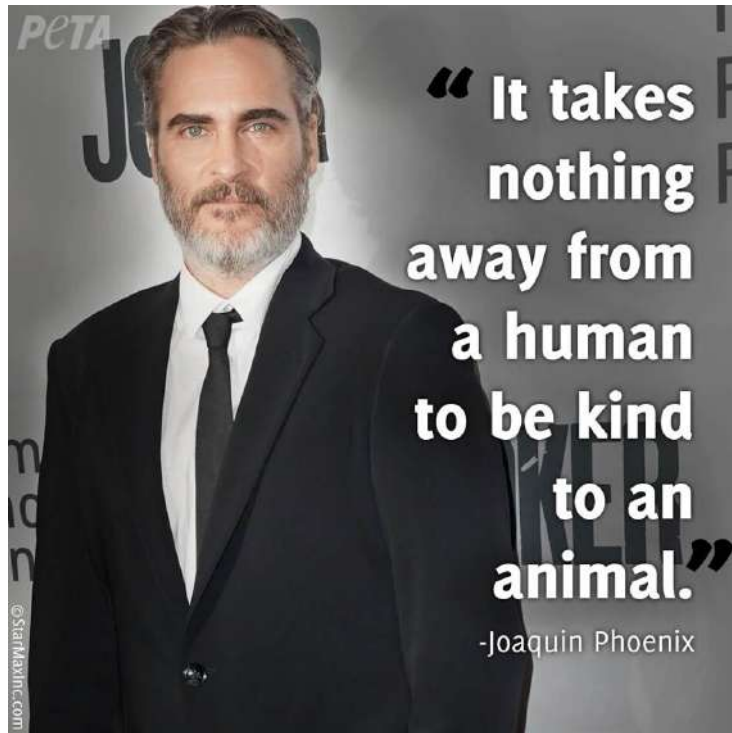
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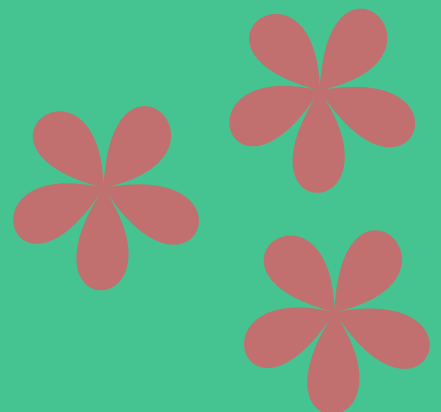
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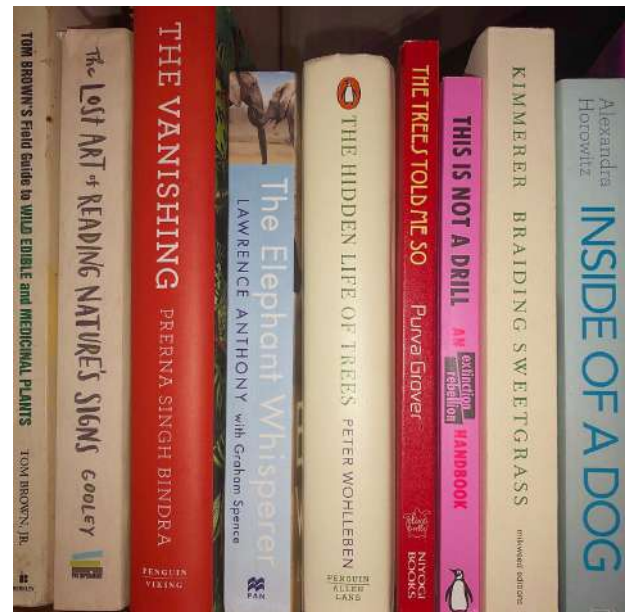
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Tree Transplanting is a term used to fool citizens

This is an article about the fallen trees which we have rescued, by re-erecting them in their original location, after removing the cement from around them.

(The roots did not leave the ground)

THIS IS NOT TRANSPLANTING !

Transplanting has 99% failure rate.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL ARTICLE](#)



Tree transplantation is a term used to make a fool out of citizens.

The trees don't survive, the land is used for cementing and the health of people living around, goes down the drain.

Say no to anybody who is promoting tree transplanting.

It's better to use your brain properly to accommodate the existing trees.

Activists, residents decry **unscientific** tree transplantation

DWARKA E-WAY 350 trees have been shifted to Sector 18 for Package 2 in a manner that is detrimental to their survival

Prayag Arora-Desai and
Abhishek Behl

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GURUGRAM: Delhi residents and activists have alleged that transplantation of trees in West Delhi's Dwarka area, part of the National Highways Authority of India's (NHAI) move to clear land for the Dwarka Expressway project in Package 2, was being done unscientifically. The methods employed, they said, are counterproductive to the project's aim, which is to conserve trees that would have otherwise been subsumed by the yet-to-be-built highway.

Residents who have been monitoring the site said that between 300 to 350 trees have been removed from the area over the last three weeks.

A spot visit by Team HT on Sunday found that numerous trees have been shifted from the area to Sector 18, a few kilometres away. The area has also been levelled with soil and paved over in parts, allowing for increased movement of traffic.

Purushottam Behl, a Dwarka resident, who has been fighting for cause of the trees and shared photographic evidence of "unscientific transplantation" with the HT, said that adequate measures are not being taken to shift these trees, most of which are mature.

"Just looking at the transplanted trees in Sector 18 convinces me that they will not survive," he said.

Behl, who witnessed the trees getting extracted, explained, "The trees are supposed to be extracted one at a time, while ensuring the root ball remains intact so it can be securely covered. However, I witnessed them uproot trees en masse with earth movers, and then simply dump them into the back of a truck and carry them away," he said.

As per the permission given



• Although the contractor hired for the transplantation has claimed that the tree roots have been treated with chemicals and covered with cloth, a resident present at the spot claimed that no such precautions were followed, as shown in the picture.

SOURCE

by the forest department of the Delhi government, the authority has to transplant 5,717 native trees (small and big) while 3,318 trees of exotic species will be felled, at a cost of about ₹70 crore, to make way for Package 2 of the Expressway, which will connect Mahipalpur in Delhi to Kherki Daula in Gurugram.

Activists also said the move was in contravention of the Delhi Tree Preservation Act and the draft Tree Transplantation Policy.

"The policy is yet to be notified. So effectively, the work in Dwarka is happening without the force of law and lies in a legal grey area," said Rajeev Suri, a member of civil society group, called Delhi Trees SOS.

The NHAI officials, however, said that all norms were being followed for transplanting the trees and around 1,000 trees have been transplanted since the work started.

"All precautions are being taken in shifting the trees and we assure the concerned residents that all efforts would be made to ensure the trees survive. The authority is taking expert advice and people with experience are engaged in this work," NHAI chief general manager Manoj Kumar said.

One of the contractors who spoke with HT, Mehmood Ansari, said that he had transplanted 90 trees so far.

"All the trees are being treated with chemicals and the roots are covered in green cloth, before they are shifted. The trees are pruned so they can survive the change in local ecosystem and their need for nutrients is reduced. This increases their survival rate," Ansari said.

Activists are, however, not convinced with this rationale. "Such a process is only possible with young trees up to three years, where the taproots have not penetrated deep into the earth. Over a period of time, once a tree establishes itself, the rooting system is as deep as the height of the tree, they cannot be moved. Survival is extremely unlikely," Suri said, adding that most trees on site were outside this golden bracket.

Others recalled the example of the ITO construction case, in which 1,713 trees were to be transplanted. "In reality, just 36 trees were actually transplanted and of those, too, some have not survived," Vishaen Khanna of the New Delhi Nature Society said, adding, "If trees were meant to move, they would have developed legs."

Verhaen Khanna, founder of New Delhi Nature Society, alleged that “illegal” fireworks continued well past midnight across the capital.

“The laser show in CP was a good idea. Police should have patrolled in civil dress and confiscated banned crackers or arrested violators,” Khanna said.

“Court did its job by allowing only green crackers between 8-10 on Diwali. But there were literally illegal explosives in the hands of people proud to violate Supreme Court order and police didn’t do anything.”



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Great point by Bhavreen Malhotra Kandhari : According to NGT, Rs 5000/- penalty for burning leaves fallen from a tree, but for burning "green fireworks" which have 30% less quantity of chemicals and metals than regular fireworks, no penalty. Meanwhile, regular fireworks (illegal) were burnt all around the city.



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Dilli Ki Diwali

A short Hindi Rap Song about the pollution caused by fireworks in Delhi on Diwali



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Diwali Night

We managed to celebrate #Diwali at our office with lights, prayers, food, music (without fireworks) and everybody was very happy.

Meanwhile, other people were violating the Supreme Court order which had banned the burning of fireworks and only allowed green crackers to be burnt between 8-10pm on Diwali.

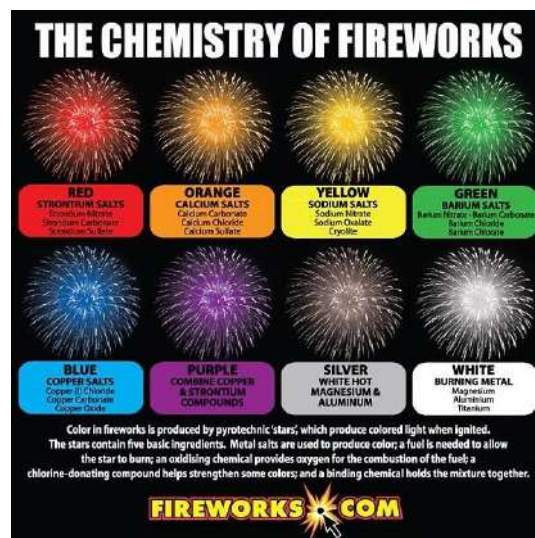
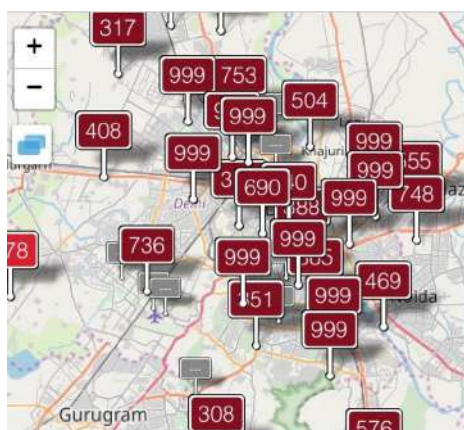
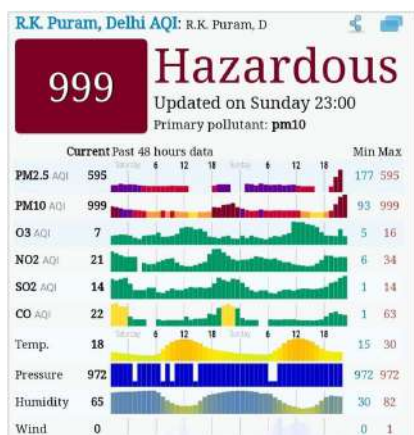
Police didn't bother implementing the law by patrolling, confiscating or arresting, so air pollution level around Delhi NCR went through the roof.

Many homes, shops and offices also caught fire on Diwali.

Now water sprinkling activities by authorities have started around the city to settle the pollution.

Lots of the fireworks burnt, also spread unburnt chemicals, which are in direct contact with your skin and food.

Would you apply fireworks chemicals on your skin and in your food?



Rescue Fallen Trees

This is a short video covering some of the examples of fallen trees which were rescued by us and their current health.

You can also rescue fallen trees in your area by talking to the authorities there.

Show them these examples, they already have the manpower, tools and funds, they just need your support to save the tree instead of letting it get chopped into pieces and sold for wood.

In all these cases, there were always at least some roots still connected into the ground even though some were broken.

This is not transplantation, in transplantation all the roots are disconnected from the ground and the tree is taken elsewhere, and most importantly, in Delhi we have many years of experience to show that transplanting trees has a 99% fail rate. So instead of transplanting trees, it's better to just accommodate the existing trees in the new construction plans, that is known as sustainable development. It takes several decades to grow a sapling into a tree, that's why it is more important to save existing trees.



[Watch Video](#)

Discussing Air Pollution in Delhi

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Wildlife Trap in Sanjay Van

Thanks to everybody who sent emails to the authorities, the Chief Wildlife Warden finally called NDNS to visit the Sanjay Van. There he directed the DDA Horticulture and Civil departments to immediately remove all the barbwire. Unfortunately the DDA will replace barbwire with wire mesh which will restrict movement of wildlife. Also the lakes will continue to be sealed for wildlife, except a few openings. Earlier there was no restriction for wildlife access to the lake from all sides. SO please write to the authorities to help the wildlife.



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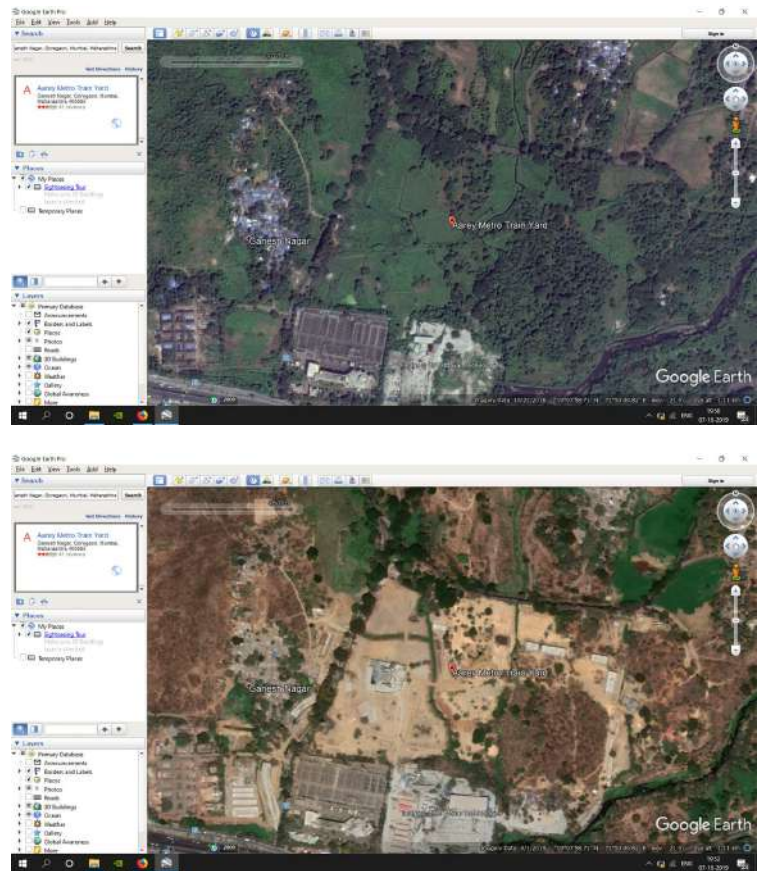
There are thousands of trees remaining at the Aarey metro car shed. There are visibly some minimum 2000+ trees left on this plot, contrary to MMRCL's Claims that 2200 have been cut. So Why Did the govt claim to have cut 2200 trees on Oct 4th, 5th and 6th during their late night cutting (when they only cut few hundred trees)?

Three reasons:

A) From the satellite map, we can see the damage they have already done to the tree cover between 2016 to 2019. They are trying to cover their older tree cutting WITHOUT PERMISSION within this 2200 trees figure.

B) More importantly, the Supreme Court has imposed a stay/ status quo on further tree cutting, and the MMRCL hasn't managed to cut all the trees before that. The MMRCL has therefore given fake figures, stated they have cut "98% of the trees" so that they can now try to cut these trees during night time EVEN DURING THE SUPREME COURT STAY ORDER. This is why nobody is being allowed to inspect the Aarey tree cutting site... so they can claim later that these trees were cut before the stay order.

C) TO BREAK YOUR SPIRIT! They want you think that all the trees are dead, so that you think there's nothing left to protest for



An illustration By warli artist Shyam Bhoir from #AareyForest .

Shyam and his brother Akash are both #indigenous #tribals from Aarey Forest and and say that though as artists they are true to the times they are living in, they hate having to paint their current lot like this.

#Warli art, appreciated all over the world, used to be happy, and all about celebration and nature.

Now because of corrupt politicians and insensitive officials cutting down #Mumbai's last forest amid so much public objection, this is what #warliart is coming to.

Worst of all, #Japan is funding this deforestation and atrocities on indigenous people in Mumbai's last forest by substantially financing this deforestation project.



Deforestation in Tribal Art

The Adivasi people in Aarey are so traumatised by the tree felling in Aarey Forest that they have even added it to their tribal art

Indigenous people the world over spoke to future generations through their own unique art form such as Varli painting

This indeed has had a profound effect on them.

Adivasi Lives Matter!



AAREY FOREST LAND SCAM

PIECEMEAL LAND GRAB

Draft development plan (DP) 2034 proposes these activities inside Aarey Colony

- Metro car shed 33 hectares
- Rehabilitation and resettlement reservation 28 hectares
- Public open space (POS) reservation | 800 hectares
- Zoo and garden 113 hectares
- Existing roads and other utilities | 93 hectares



NOT A FOREST? The state has been claiming that Aarey is not a forest area

Aarey is a Forest, an Eco-System, a Bio-Diversity Hotspot...Being Grabbed?

1. The 2012 Management Plan of Sanjay Gandhi National Park says all of Aarey is an **unclassed forest**.
2. The Management Plan for Sanjay Gandhi National Park for 2013-23, says **20 sqkm or 4,942 acres** from Aarey Colony was transferred to the **forest department in 1969**.
3. The plan, prepared by the state forest department in 2012, lists '**Aarey Gate or Elephant Gate**' in the south-west as one of the four entry gates of SGNP. It further states that in **1969, the Greater Mumbai Milk Scheme transferred the 18km-long cement concrete road from Aarey to Borivli to the state forest department**, including the approach roads to Kanheri Caves and the Gandhi Memorial.
4. A June 22 1980 letter unearthed from the park records under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The letter written by the divisional manager of Borivli National Park to the regional manager of Forest Development Corporation Ltd, Nagpur, says: "**In 1969, 20 sq km of area which are revenue lands were transferred from the Greater Bombay Milk Scheme at Aarey Colony to the Forest Division.**" The letter describes 20.76 sqkm of the land being an **integral part of the national park** and requests the government to notify it as reserved or protected forest.
5. The forest department is aggressively claiming hundreds of acres infested with slums as being part of the national park, while continuing to wash its hands of Aarey which has 5 lakh trees, 76 types of birds, seven leopards, endemic species of scorpions reptiles and many other fauna belonging to the Schedule-I of the Wildlife Protection Act,"



Gangadharan Menon

In the dead of night when the leaves were sleeping, the branches were sleeping, the trunk was sleeping, the creepers were sleeping, the nest was sleeping, the hatchlings in the nests were sleeping, their parents were sleeping, the insects were sleeping, the little reptiles were sleeping, they came. The bastards. And murdered them all. In cold blood.

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE THAT A SPECIAL BENCH HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED TO HEAR THE MATTER TOMORROW I.E. 7th OCTOBER, 2019 AT 10.00 A.M. ON THE BASIS OF A LETTER DATED 6th OCTOBER, 2019 ADDRESSED BY SHRI RISHAV RANJAN WITH REGARD TO FELLING OF TREES IN AAREY FOREST, STATE OF MAHARASHTRA WHICH HAS BEEN REGISTERED AS A PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION.

VACATION OFFICER
6th October, 2019



Save Aarey Forest !

[‘Aarey Not a Forest’: Bombay HC Clears Axing of 2,600 Trees](#)
[Heartbreaking Videos Of Aarey Forest Being Cut Secretly At Night By Mumbai Metro](#)
[Over 300 Trees Cut Overnight In Mumbai's Aarey Forest As Peaceful Environmentalists Detained](#)
[Aarey Under Threat: India Protests As Govt. Starts Butchering Mumbai's Green Lungs](#)
[India's Environment Minister Supports Felling Of Trees In Aarey Forest! #Facepalm](#)
[PM Modi Told Bear Grylls He Cares About Forests But Now He Remains Silent On Aarey](#)
[Supreme Court orders status quo in Aarey case till Oct 21; Maharashtra assures no trees will be felled](#)
[Despite relief for Aarey, India is losing the larger battle to protect its forests](#)
[Cops refuse Aarey entry to animal, bird rescuers](#)
[Arrest destruction of leopard habitat in Aarey: Centre](#)
[Hail the Aarey protesters](#)
[Fadnavis Asked Env't Ministry To Take The Blame For Builder Who Was Fined Rs 105 Crore By SC](#)
[Aarey Colony Protest! Twinkle Khanna Blog About Operation Chup-Chop And Some Smelly Red Herrings](#)
[Aarey row: Twitter now buzzes over ‘shut down Film City’ call](#)
[Declare Aarey a protected area: Petition in Bombay HC](#)
[‘Stop construction or face contempt petition’](#)
[Maharashtra govt gives financial nod for ‘international-standard’ zoo](#)

Videos

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[Mumbaikars break through police barricade](#)
[Illegal Tree Felling at night](#)
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[Illegal Tree Felling in the day](#)
[Citizens, Women and Children illegally abducted by Police](#)
[Police ordered to manhandle women](#)
[Protest at Powai Police Station](#)
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[Mumbai Heroes Released](#)



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Vijay Park , Kasarwadavli , Thane - 10/10/2019

Tremendous number of displaced birds were reported by few concerned residents after this inhumane tree elimination drive started in this complex. Maximum were crushed , nests destroyed, eggs broken, young ones orphaned. displaced killed under vehicles, wood logs, taken away by predators

Four were rescued which were found severely starving , dehydrated and traumatized, Now they all died.

Being native wildlife and protected species this inhumane , unethical and illegal act attracts violation of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 and the Forest Department will be issuing a notice to the concerned and initiate necessary actions on the culprits

A strong protocol is the need of the hour and much stronger actions on these people.

Imagine you are waiting for your parents to come back home from work , getting something to eat and just before they return a group of people with crane and bulldoser break your home and kill you and leave your brothers and sisters orphan and your helpless parents watching from somewhere in a position to do nothing.



Important articles (click to open)

[Manipur Man Dedicates 18 Years To Bring 300-Acre Forest To Life](#)

[AP Congressmen tie rockets to pigeons, kill them, to welcome state chief](#)

[Railway officials booked in Kerala after tree with nests of over 100 migratory birds cut](#)

[Dwarka Expressway: 5,700 mature trees to get new addresses](#)

[This Delhi Entrepreneur Is Turning Thousands Of Plastic Bottles Into Toilets; Support His Initiative](#)

[Migratory birds missing as pollution levels rise in Delhi NCR](#)

[Haryana Assembly Elections 2019: Will Air Pollution be Eliminated?](#)

[Chennai: Doctors remove 52 kg plastic from cow's stomach](#)

[Environmental offences in India soared 790% in 2017](#)

[Uranus Opens And Closes Every Day To Let Out Hot Wind, According To Scientists](#)

[These Villages In Tamil Nadu Celebrate 'Silent Diwali' To Save Bats & It's Indeed A Lesson](#)

[Over 200 fire related incidents in Delhi on Diwali](#)

[Bullet train project to affect 11 mangrove species, 177 types of birds](#)

[Smoke, Fumes, Toxins; What is the Cost of Your Kid's Playtime?](#)

[Canada Has Officially Banned Dolphin and Whale Captivity](#)

[210 arrested for bursting prohibited crackers, police regist 371 cases](#)

[Delhi air right now is like smoking 50 cigarettes a day](#)

[Environment Ministry Clears Karnataka Govt's 800 Crore River Project, Goa Questions Decision](#)

[Delhi Air Worsens: Why Has 'Mega Project' Continued Unchecked?](#)

[Mumbai Likely To Be Completely Washed Away By Rising Seas In Next 30 Years: UN Report](#)

['Start Listening': Greta Thunberg Rejects Major Environmental Award](#)

[What poison are you breathing in your area? CPCB zooms in on local factors](#)

[Weddings in forests may not require Centre's permit anymore](#)

[Environment minister defends cutting of trees for PM's October 17 rally at Pune college](#)

['Why the Fuss?': Environment Min on Cutting Trees for PM's Rally](#)

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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](#)

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Give Me Trees Trust - 8800326033

Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698

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For Cows -

Love for cow Trust - 9818434399

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Dhyan Foundation - 9999099423

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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 .

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