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Saving existing trees is greater than planting new saplings

We would love to know how you feel about our work for nature conservtion.

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6 years ago, NDNS started with a facebook page.

Over the years thousands of people of all ages have got involved with NDNS in many ways.

We have conducted many kinds of workshops, rescued innumerable trees and animals, while protecting the environment.

Special thanks to each and every one of you who have supported our mission.



Contribute for a Tree Saving App

Within 24 hrs we received these messages of trees being cut in different parts of the city.

Do you think one person can run around the entire city to save trees?

If you had received this info at that time and if you were nearby, would you go to help save the trees?

This is why we need to build the app to save trees.

<u>Please CLICK HERE to contribute</u> <u>for building an App to Save Trees.</u>

Thanks in advance.







Look at our 5 yr old saplings

Click Here To Watch Video

They were planted in collaboration with the RWA and the MCD of NFC.

After all these years, they are still not grown enough to get shade under it.

This proves that planting 10 saplings in exchange for cutting one healthy full grown tree is not at all equal.



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Green Circle and New Delhi Nature Society compiled this Green Manifesto with inputs from many people. Click Here To Open

hindustantimes | **03** Residents draft 'green manifesto' for parties

Soumya Pillai

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NEW DELHI: Two groups of Delhi residents have come up with a 'green manifesto' for political parties to follow in the upcoming assembly elections, slated for February 8. The two citizens groups—Green Circle and New Delhi Nature Society—compiled a list of environment and infrastructure demands from political parties contesting the Delhi polls. Contributors ranged from citizens and resident groups.

The list of demands was divided into categories —including of air pollution, tree care, animal safety, environment education, noise pollution, waste management, water and road transportation, among others. In the 'green manifesto', the residents asked for a blanket ban on tree felling, target-oriented new plantation, and a ban on conversion of land listed as forest areas.

The list of contributors also includes well-known environmentalists, birders, and activists. Environment activist Padmavati Dwivedi, birder Mukul Azad, social activist Madhukar Varshney and TP Maniappan from the Federation of CGHS [Central

Government Health Scheme] were among the contributors.

V Selvarajan, founder, Green Circle, said the document has been drafted after taking suggestions from people across the city.

"Environment is the most important aspect, and with increasing pollution levels in the city, it is important that political parties take cognisance of these demands," Selvarajan said.

Residents demanded that concessions be made for people using public transport, last-mile connectivity be improved, roads and footpaths be maintained on a regular basis, that all public parks be provided with sewage treatment plants, rain water harvesting at public establishments be made mandatory, proving green incentives on house taxes for the use of solar energy and cess in income tax slabs for car users.

The document also stressed the need to increase people's participation by introducing schemes such as monetary incentives for people reporting environment crimes, formation of local environment task force teams to work in collaboration with municipalities and training of resident welfare associations on tree protection laws.



NOTE

- The idea behind this manifesto was to bring out the views, expectations and suggestions of Delhittes and also
 to appraise the prospective candidates and political parties about the same since the elections for Delhi State
- Delhi is facing the worst Air Pollution and it is necessary that the ensuing Government takes so
 the environmental concerns.
- We tried to cover the major issues faced by Delhi.
 We thank all respondents for their valuable suggestion.
- We thank all respondents for their valuable suggestions.
 We expect that the political parties adopt these suggestions for the welfare of citizens of De

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Indian Youth Congress:

"Artist & founder of New Delhi Nature Society Verhaen Khanna & founder Green Circle Sh V Selvarajan presented IYC National Incharge Shri Krishna Allavaru and National President Shri Srinivas BV with the Green Manifesto for an environmentally conscious future.

We aim to implement it in the best possible way."



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NDNS BLOGS

Trees Should Not Be Cut For Sunlight.

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Some of the other illegal / stupid reasons that people use for cutting a tree are :

- "branches are growing over my wall",
- "unwanted leaves or flowers falling on my private property",
- "too many birds chirping outside my house",
- "what if it falls?"



Tackling Air Pollution in Delhi

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Carpooling or using public transportation is a great alternative as well. Sharing rides is not only good for the environment but also for you. I use a shared cab service for commuting to and from work and it is a great way to meet new people. I have built many meaningful relationships and learnt new things about my organisation, thanks to my daily cab ride.



Importance of Nature Conservation

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Nature has been in existence long before humans and ever since, it has taken care of mankind and nourished it forever. In other words, it offers us a protective layer which guards us against all kinds of damages and harms. Survival of mankind without nature is impossible and humans need to understand that.



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The trees in your city and outside or inside your home are not your personal property.

All the trees belong to the Forest Department.

Cutting them like this without permission is illegal.

Penalty = Rs10K to Rs50K for each tree.

Please inform all your friends.



Barbwire in Sanjay Van

A boy jumped into the lake and drowned where the signboard said dont jump in the lake, the DDA used this as an opportunity to seal several areas of SANJAY VAN using barbwire and mesh fencing.

Preventing the free movement of wildlife in their own home.

Click Here To Watch Video



"De-Facing Trees" in Defence Colony

Several trees in Defence Colony market have been damaged by the SDMC with objects nailed into the trees.

This is a violation of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act 1994.

The penalty for nailing a tree is Rs 10,000/-.

Can you help to protect these trees by writing to the Forest Department?

Please email: dcfsouth.delhi@gov.in



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Earthlings - The Wildlife Society, Hindu College, organised GAIA 2020, the annual fest, where NDNS founder Mr Verhaen Khanna was invited as a panelist and NDNS had also setup a stall for games and cloth bags.





Important articles (click to open)

Prince William Launches Multimillion Dollar Earthshot Prize for Climate Action 500 Million Animals Killed as Australia Fires Create "Apocalyptic" Smoke Plume Wider Than Europe

Delhi's toxic politicians must be held to account for this deadly pollution

GreNo: People object to chopping of age-old trees for making U-turn

Compensatory afforestation process may be overhauled

Delhi gets first smog tower today: 5 things about the air purifier at Lajpat Nagar

Imposed fine of Rs 2.40 crore against NHAI for 400 missing trees: Delhi govt tells NGT

This distressing photo of baby kangaroo shows grim reality of Australian bushfires

Create Forests Dont Hack Them': CM meets civic chiefs, warns them not to allow a repeat of Aarey

Over 10,000 Camels To Be Shot In Australia Because They Drink Too Much Water

Greenocide to start in February in Bengaluru

Time to calculate value of a tree by volume of oxygen it gives, suggests SC

Noida: Residents hit the road to protest tree-felling plan

Orissa Villagers Launch Jungle Satyagraha Against Coal Mine Project

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Jharkhand Puts Off Building Airport To Save Vital Elephant Corridor

Breaking news: China bans wildlife trade due to coronavirus outbreak

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The 2019 State of Forests Report Tells a Distorted Story of India's Trees

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India's Fake Forests

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1. In case anyone wants to see how forest cover has increased, one just needs to see the FSI's Report. The biodiversity rich eucalyptus forest with dense undergrowth is for all to see and appreciate how the increase has taken place.

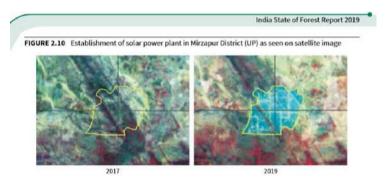
FIGURE 2.11 Afforestation in Bijnor District (UP) as seen on the satellite Image



'The Turning Point' explores the destruction of the environment, climate change and species extinction from a different perspective.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE VIDEO

2. FSI' Reports will always show an increase because irrespective of what activity takes place, the legal status of a land continues to be "recorded forest". The land where the solar panel are put is part of india's impressive 22% forest area.







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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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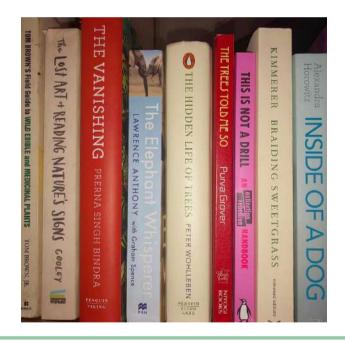


Donate a book to the NDNS library

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.

Contact us to place your order & start your collection today!

Just Rs 50/- each.



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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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- 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

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.

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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CC to: senv@nic.in minlawtpt.delhi@nic.in



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