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Greenzones Of Delhi



Join us as we explore the big beautiful green areas around Delhi. Every Sunday morning, participants gather to experience nature up close and personal. While exploring these greenzones we get to appreciate the amazing flora and fauna of Delhi. Over the past few weeks we have visited Ashoka Park in NFC, Vijay Mandal Park in Malviya nagar, Rose Garden opposite IIT, SDA, Deer Park in Hauz Khas and the Butterfly park opposite Saket metro station along with the forest area behind. [Greenzones Whatsapp Group](#)



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Explore Nature on Sundays



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Volunteer Workshop

NDNS conducted a waste management workshop with the staff at SPCA Noida. We also donated and planted trees with the help of a few amazing volunteers.



Fire Fighting to reduce Air Pollution

NDNS has been motivating people to be proactive when they see a big fire. One must call 100 immediately, and give the location of the fire, then stay till help arrives and guide the firemen to the location over the phone. Don't forget to take pictures and videos. Burning leaves and plastic waste is against the law and very harmful for our lungs.



Vasant Kunj caller: Mr Ashwani Khurana / Rohini caller: Mr Rao Sonu Yadav

Delhi Fire Service Bird Rescue

Kushagra Rastogi an NDNS volunteer saw 2 crows stuck in kite flying thread at Shahpur Jat, so he called 100 and Delhi Fire Service rescued the birds from the top of the trees.



[Click HERE to watch the brilliant video](#)

Deer Park Deer Rescue



During the Greenzones of Delhi walk through Deer park, we noticed that several deer were bleeding from big wounds.

We asked the staff for help but they said to write a letter and no phone number available and that they have a vet, but they are not able to catch the deer.

After getting guidance from Mrs Sonya Ghosh member of AWBI, an email was sent to dcf, apccf and cf (forest department), we received a response that the mail should be sent to the dda vet instead. Since the email ID for the DDA vet was not available online, we contacted wildlife SOS who refused to give medical treatment to the deer, Delhi tourism gave us a wrong number to contact at deer park which belonged to a random resident in hauz khas. We sent a follow up email to env min, lg, forest dept, Maneka Gandhi (people for animals) and AWBI asking for immediate help since nearly 2 weeks had gone by in the process.

People for animals gave us the best support, we were finally able to reach Mr. Singh at deer park through PFA.

Mr Singh said that they regularly treat the deer, so when he arrived he saw the deer wounds and then said that they will not be able to catch the deer, hence they called the Delhi Zoo vet.

The vet from Delhi Zoo finally reached the deer the next morning and treated the wounded deer.



3 Steps for Composting

- Collect biodegradable waste (Kitchen waste + Garden waste)
- Water it and turn it regularly
- When you can't identify the matter, it's ready to be used for the plants



Volunteer at NDNS

Use your skills to help the environment
Learn new skills and information
Contribute towards the growth of NDNS
Take up easy tasks to make a big impact
>>>Click HERE<<<

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Illegal Tree Felling

On 29th August, the forest department had sent their team to NFC for surveying the trees, NDNS accompanied them along with RWA President Kanika Pandit.

We were able to stop 4 trees from felling, during the survey, inside the colony.

The team made a list of trees which had wires on them, which were cemented and trees that have been felled.



After the survey, this tree on MCD land was decrowned outside A 149 NFC.

NFC RWA and NDNS visited the DCF South on 18th September since no action had been taken against the survey conducted almost 3 weeks prior

The forest department has said that notices will be sent for a hearing to decide the penalties according to the survey conducted by their team.



During the Greenzones of Delhi walk through ashoka park NFC, we were discussing with participants about saving trees and their importance, then we noticed some boys cutting a shehtoot tree, when asked to stop and come down, they did not cooperate and were abusing the ladies and children, while we were calling 100, 1 young gentleman threatened to cut our necks and made racial remarks. The police arrived soon, but the boys had picked up the cuttings and disappeared by then.



BIRD RESCUES



This Kite was found in A Block NFC with a kite thread cut deep into the wing through the bone and arteries. It was taken to Wildlife Rescue and since the cut away portion had already been decaying over few days, it had to be amputated.



This pigeon was found in NFC C block, it had a fracture under the wing and was bleeding plus a skin problem, It was treated at Wildlife Rescue and rehabilitated at NDNS before being released.



This yellow footed Green Pigeon was rescued from saket, it had one eye pecked out by crows and was disoriented so couldnt even stand straight. After a checkup and medication it soon passed away.

**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

**(Free 24x7 Cow Ambulance with doctor on board) -
7503777888, 9911002200**

SAVE 1713 Trees at Pragati Maidan

1713 big healthy beautiful trees with full canopies and birds, squirrels, bats and butterflies existing on them, are in danger of being cut to make an exhibition hall with parking. These trees are in the heart of the most air polluted city on the entire planet. You have the power to help save these trees and the health of lakhs of humans who live, work, study or pass through this area.

[>>> Impact Guru Donation Link <<<](#)

[>>> SIGN THE PETITION <<<](#)

NDNS MANGO CONTEST

Many mango saplings are growing at NDNS HQ, which were sent by fruit lovers from around Delhi NCR.

The contest was very easy, participants had to simply guess the number of mango saplings.

The winner receives a bag full of goodies curated by NDNS.



Failed Snake Rescue

Snake Charmers were seen in NFC by the RWA and NDNS was called to take action, Mr. Verhaen Khanna made a clip of the real snake and the plastic snakes before calling 100.

When police arrived, the snake charmer hid the real snake and police were asking Mr. Verhaen to search the bags to find the snake.

The police saw the video of the real snake but insisted that the snake charmer does not have it anymore.

Since we did not find the snake because it was cleverly hidden, the police did not want to take action.

Then I insisted that they be taken to the station for questioning and details.

They were properly searched in the presence of other policemen, still unable to find the snake and the white bag.

This is a violation of Wildlife Protection Act and Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

Mr. Verhaen Khanna contacted Mrs. Sonya Ghosh from Animal Welfare Board of India, so she also had a word with the policeman over the phone.

The NFC Police released the criminals after a warning, without retrieving the live snake seen in this video.

It was later learnt that in this case, the snake is usually handed to an accomplice so that the snake charmer can be confident while being searched.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE VIDEO :](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/newdelhinaturesociety/videos/1575484942512865/>

Addiction to Plastic

NFC president Kanika Pandit and Verhaen Khanna of NDNS, visited the SDM behind LSR college on 31st august, to discuss about the plastic ban in NFC. We were told that their manpower is less and it would take atleast 2 weeks before they visit NFC for action.

Since the NGT banned the use and distribution of disposable plastics, and a one week deadline was ordered for police to seize all the plastic and collect fines, we still see how many people are breaking the law, which was made to protect their own health.



Clearly the same people who are causing the pollution will be suffering and complaining the most about the government not doing anything to prevent damage to their health.



[CLICK HERE FOR THE NGT ORDER :](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxCwrAkOLssNNjhQQ3p3X0xaMHc/view?usp=sharing>

We urge you to take all necessary measures to completely remove disposable plastics from your lifestyle till whatever extent possible removing one thing at a time and looking for sustainable solutions. Carry a cloth bag, say no to plastic bags, plates, straws, cups, forks knives and spoons. You have the power always.

Contact us for Events and Enquiries

- Celebrate your birthday in nature
- Enjoy in nature with family, friends and colleagues
- Make your home / colony greener
- Any Environment related query ?



Cool Bags are made of cloth

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Buy yourself a Cool Bag for Rs 20/- and make the world a better place.

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Delhi Timber Mafia Strikes Again

LGs pet project.

All trees that citizens were protecting on Aurobindo marg were chopped down under police protection after assurances from Environment Minister Sh. Imran Hussain and from LGs office as well as FD that alternate solutions will be looked into without cutting these trees.



[Click here to see police protecting midnight tree cutting](#)

[Click here to see the human chain made by residents of Delhi to protect these trees.:](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/newdelhinaturesociety/videos/1499044026823624/>



Nailed to death

After resident volunteers and their children came out of their homes to remove the nails from trees in the A Block NFC, some organisations have paid people to nail new signages on trees, with or without knowing that the nails damage trees and lead to infections or death of the trees. There is also a Rs 10,000 penalty for the same, which is not being taken seriously by the responsible departments. The same signage has been nailed on trees around the city, even India Gate.



Fireworks are for fools

Delhi is famous around the netire planet for the worst quality of air, specially during hte on coming festive season.

Please be prepared for all the fools who have no concern for your and their own health and life.

The supreme court has ordered that no fireworks should be brought into Delhi and only 50 lakh kgs of fireworks is allowed to be burnt this year..

The court has also requested for air pollution workshops in schools around the city.

NDNS has taken the first step to reach out to many schools around the city with a team of dedicated volunteers who would not like to see people in the city suffer due to lack of awareness.

We are trying to get in touch with schools so that we can conduct an interactive workshop with students to help them make better choices regarding air pollution and what small steps can make a big difference.

<http://www.news18.com/news/india/sc-bans-entry-of-fire-crackers-in-delhi-ncr-for-dussehra-and-diwali-1515965.html>

MCD felling trees

We found that the MCD was illegally felling a tree in NFC by cutting its roots to build a drain line. Their contract even mentions to remain 1 meter away from trees, but they did not follow the guidelines, so we called 100 and got their work corrected and filled up soil around the cut roots.



NDNS Whatsapp-Group link

If you are a nature lover and you would like to share nature related posts and connect with other nature lovers around Delhi, then join the WhatsApp group.

Click the icon below:



Tree Census

You can volunteer to count trees with NDNS.

Learn how to identify trees and the importance of a tree census.

This is a citizens initiative, so that we have easy access to information about trees and then it can be started in your own area.



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Fake and Illegal Signage



When a grumpy old man was harassing NFC residents for walking their dog in a public park, we noticed this fake and illegal board at the entrance. Firstly, there is no real "C Block residents welfare society" which is mentioned in the above picture. the so called "president" seems to be self proclaimed since none of the residents are aware of this leader. Secondly and more importantly, ALL signboards which restrict dogs in parks are illegal and the DDA vice chairman issued a notice for their removal last year.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the guidelines for pet dogs in parks from the AWBI website

Fireflies in Delhi

In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the busy city life, exists these mesmerizing creatures. Join the NDNS walk to a secret spot in Safdarjung enclave after sunset to experience nature's bioluminescence marvels. Some say it feels like magic.

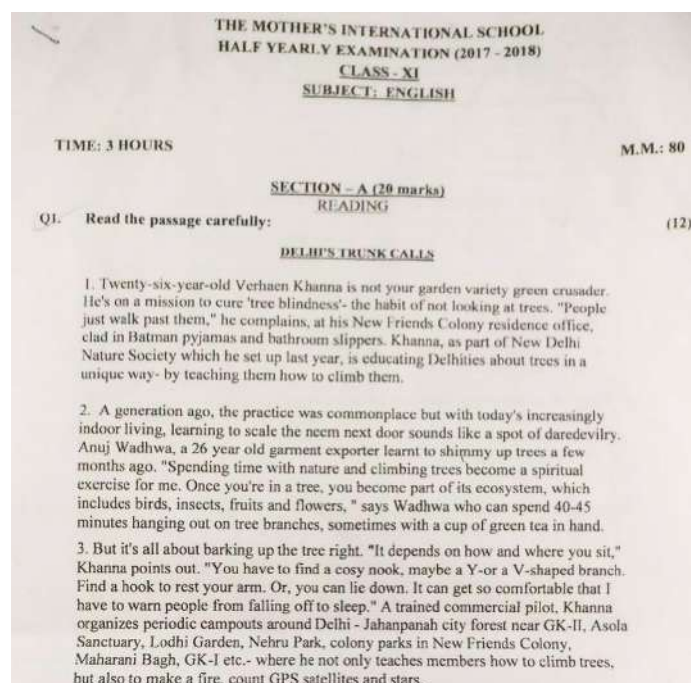


Did you like our work ?

If you enjoyed reading our newsletter and would like to see more such work, you can support NDNS in many ways. Besides donating funds, you can donate nature related books and tools, collaborate for events, help us reach more people, lend a hand in your free time or simply participate in NDNS activities .

NDNS covered in School Examination

Class 11 students of Mothers International School had to read and answer the following questions based on paragraphs about the work at New Delhi Nature Society regarding Tree awareness.



On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following questions with the help of the given options :

- Verhaen Khanna is on a mission to cure
 - Night blindness
 - Tree blindness
 - Colour blindness
 - None of the above
- Spending time with nature and climbing trees has become a
 - spiritual exercise
 - physical exercise
 - aerobic exercise
 - All the above
- When climbing a straight trunk use
 - both arms in tandem
 - both legs in tandem
 - both arms and legs in tandem
 - None of the above
- When not scaling trees, NDNS members are busy doing
 - Tree Gardening
 - Flower Gardening
 - Guerilla Gardening
 - None of the above

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