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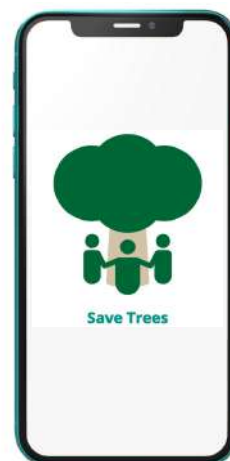


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FIREFLIES WORKSHOP

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SOFT RELEASE FACILITY

Rescued birds at the Soft release facility enjoying fresh fruit and adapting to the new habitat prior to being released. They have all been successfully rehabilitated and released now. They are enjoying living and feeding on the beautiful trees around.



VIC-TREE

A new tree was finally planted in New Friends Colony, where a resident had killed a beautiful Gulmohar tree to make parking space. During the time when MCD was planting the new tree in the same place as the previous tree, the resident was fighting with the MCD without realising that the land outside their house is not their private property and is MCD land. Eventually, the MCD was able to plant the new tree with a tree guard. Experience says that the resident will try to kill the new tree as well, so stay tuned.



MEDIA COVERAGE

TIMES OF INDIA

2 fallen trees get new lease of life.

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2 fallen trees get new lease of life

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New Delhi: Two trees, which had fallen following rain in Vasant Kunj, got a new life on Monday after the intervention of an NGO and locals. The residents dug deep pits near the fallen trees and moved the trees into the pits with hydra cranes. A metal pole was erected to support the trees and soil was spread around them.

According to the residents, two Pilihan trees on the same road fell around a week ago. Verhaen Khanna, founder of New Delhi Nature Society that saved the trees, said, "As the trees were blocking the road after they fell, the authorities had cut the parts blocking the road but we rescued the remaining parts of the trees. The trees fell due to concretisation, hot tar poured on top of roots and rain. With the help of residents of the area and from our resources, we arranged for soil, a hydra crane and labourers for the work."

He added it took several hours to remove the concrete



Two Pilihan trees in Vasant Kunj were saved by an NGO and locals, who dug deep pits near the trees, moved them and propped them up

and tar from around the trees. For saving the tree, the first step was digging deep pits near the fallen trees. In the second step, a hydra crane raised the trees and shifted them to pits. A metal rod was cut into two pieces and both were erected around the trees to give them support. Lastly, the soil was put around the trees to provide balance and to make them sturdy. "Some of the trees were still intact inside the ground, and so, these trees can now live a

longer life," said Khanna. Bindu Kapuria, a resident of the area, said the trees were saved due to community efforts as the residents helped the NGO in arranging labourers and soil for the work.

Though these two trees were pulled upright, the NGO claimed more concretised trees on the road were at risk. Khanna said, "Nearly 20 trees on the same road are concretised in violation of National Green Tribunal orders. An NGT order had stated that no concretisation can be around a 1-metre radius of a tree in order to allow it to have room to grow while also receiving sufficient water to flourish. However, paving cement and tar around the trees causes them to fall, and somebody can get hurt."

An official of Delhi Development Authority said such trees on the road will be deconcretised. A forest official of west division said, "Instructions have been given to the area in charge to identify concretised trees in their jurisdiction. When they submit a report, appropriate action will be taken."

TIMES OF INDIA

Restraining orders to PWD after trees damaged during trenching

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Save Trees Workshop with students of Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi - [Click here for the video](#)

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Founder, New Delhi Nature Society

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Important Articles

On leave? Delhi Tree Authority has met just 8 times since 1995

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New Delhi: Delhi Tree Authority (DTA), a statutory body set up in 1995 to preserve trees in the capital, is largely lying dormant, reveals IIT data.

While it is supposed to meet every three months, DTA has only held eight out of the mandated 104 meetings since its inception, the data obtained by an environmental lawyer has revealed. The data also shows DTA, which is supposed to give consent to fell trees for any project, has not met only once in the past eight years.

Aditya N Prasad, the lawyer who filed the RTI, has now written to the Delhi chief secretary asking for an inquiry to examine the reasons for the violation of the provisions of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994 and take necessary action to ensure regular meetings.

Following Section 4 of DPTA, the authority "shall have met at least 104 times till then since it was first constituted on 24.07.1995. However, records reveal that the authority has met only eight times till date."

Prasad wrote:

"The RTI replies collected

ROOT CAUSE

> Tree Authority was first constituted on July 24, 1995, as a statutory body created to preserve trees in Delhi under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994

> Under the law, the body is to convene a meeting every three months, making four meetings mandatory for the year

> Since its inception, the body should have met 104 times so far. However, RTI replies reveal it has only met eight times during this period

> The body is responsible for taking count of trees being felled in Delhi, has the power to grant or reject permissions to fell trees for projects, conduct a tree census and look at ways to protect Delhi's existing trees

by him reveal that the first meeting was held by DTA on October 5, 2007, while it was set up in 1995. DTA then met on April 5, 2011, February 2 and September 1, 2012, July 22, 2013, December 2, 2015, November 8, 2017, and September 25, 2019.

Under DPTA, the authority is required to conserve trees, carry out a census of existing trees, maintain nurseries and provide saplings to people. It can also get trees planted or transplanted and undertake critical studies for proposals



TREE AUTHORITY MEETINGS HELD SO FAR	
Meeting date	Number of trees felled on
Oct 5, 2007	Oct 28, 2007
April 5, 2011	Not available
Feb 2, 2012	Feb 2, 2012
Sept 14, 2012	Sept 26, 2012
July 22, 2013	July 23, 2013
Dec 2, 2015	Dec 14, 2016
Nov 8, 2017	Dec 13, 2017
Sept 25, 2019	Oct 5, 2019

Times View

"The statutory body meant to protect and preserve the trees of the capital seems to be in a state of neglect. This is unacceptable, especially in a city beset by pollution. Those constituting the body need to take the job seriously and meet regularly."

from the government for construction projects with the aim of protecting existing trees or planting more.

"In light of the above legislative mandate, I urge you to

please take cognizance of the above-mentioned breach of the law and consider setting up of an inquiry to examine the reasons for which the mandatory provisions of DPTA were blatantly ignored," Prasad urged.

"You are also requested to kindly bear necessary directions to the officials concerned to ensure that the tree authority conducts regular meetings as mandated by Section 4 of DPTA," he added, asking for the agenda and minutes of the meeting to be made available to public domain.

Click here for the link to the story.

10k Corbett trees, not 163, cut for 'PM safari'

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Delhi: A tiger safari through Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) - which was envisioned by PM Narendra Modi during his shoot of an episode of 'Man Vs Wild' for Discovery

PLEA TO NTCA

channel at the tiger reserve in 2019 - is in the eye of a storm after a plea sent to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) alleged that 10,000 trees in the protected area, as opposed to the 163 trees proposed by the state, were felled for the project.

On Friday, Sonali Ghosh, deputy inspector general of



The safari was envisioned by the PM during his shoot of an episode of 'Man Vs Wild' for Discovery channel at the tiger reserve in 2019

forests, Central Zoo Authority (CZA), sought the actual status of trees cut from the Uttarakhand forest department. Rajiv Bharti, head of forest

service (Uttarakhand), said TOI he has asked for a factual report from PCCF (wildlife) within a week.

In 2019, Uttarakhand had

sought approval from the ministry of forests and environment for its first tiger safari which would provide a 'sure shot glimpse' of the big cat to visitors. In its submission, the state had said that 163 trees would be felled for the project. The green signal for the PM's safari was given and work began soon after.

A plea, however, was filed in the NTCA on August 26 this year by Supreme Court advocate and activist Gaurav Hansal, claiming that 10,000 trees were felled in Corbett to set up the safari. It sought verification of the actual number of trees felled and cancellation of approvals given to the project by NTCA and CZA.

Click here for the link to the story.

FSSAI Prepares Draft Rules for Vegan Food

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New Delhi: India has formulated food safety standards for vegan food which include introduction of a new logo to identify vegan food packets and proper licensing for vegan food manufacturers.

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has formulated draft Food Safety and Standards (Vegan Food) Regulations 2021. The draft regulations will define vegan food for the first time in India and introduce safety regulations and labelling rules to identify vegan food products. Vegan food will be defined as "those foods or food ingredients that have not made use of any ingredients, additives and processing aids of animal origin including milk and milk products, fish, poultry and meat, egg or egg products, honey or honey bee products, materials of insect origin (like silk, dyes, chitin/chitosan, etc.) or ingredients that are clarified using animal sourced products e.g., bone char used in sugar bleaching, isinglass in clarifying beer etc."

The regulations propose that vegan food will not be tested on animals for evaluating final product safety. "The food products or ingredients to be called VEGAN shall not have involved animal testing for evaluating the sa-

fety of the final product/ingredient and, shall not contain any animal derived GMOs (genetically modified organisms) or products prepared using animal derived genes for manufacturing the ingredients or product," the regulations lay down.

The move comes over a year after an expert committee was constituted by FSSAI on vegan food regulations.

FSSAI has proposed a label to identify vegan food. It will be a green square box with the letter "V" written in green inside it and a leaflet in the middle of "V".

The green colour and the leaf depict that the ingredient/product is of plant origin. The letter V identifies the product to be as Vegan," a source described the rationale behind the logo.

The regulations seek to bring a framework for proper labelling, classification and manufacturing of vegan food.

Now any manufacturer claiming to make vegan food will have to be registered. A food business operator or manufacturer will submit an application with all necessary details related to plant/machinery/premises to the authorities.

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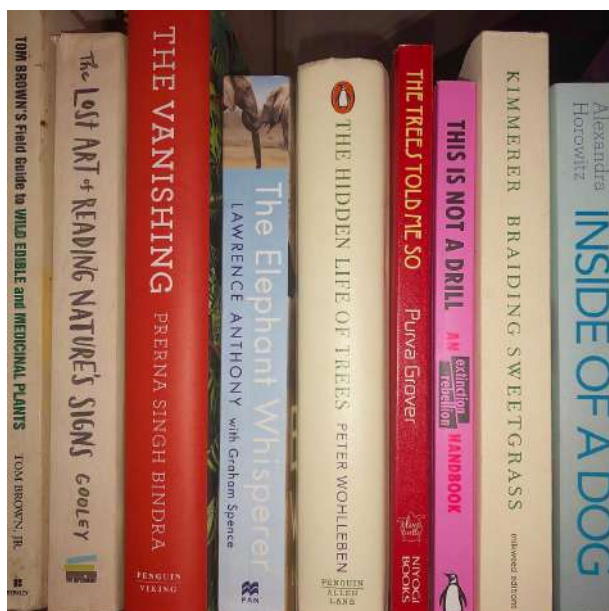


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De-Choke Trees

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.

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[NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES](#)

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- 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.
- Report the matter on the Green Helpline - 1800118600
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