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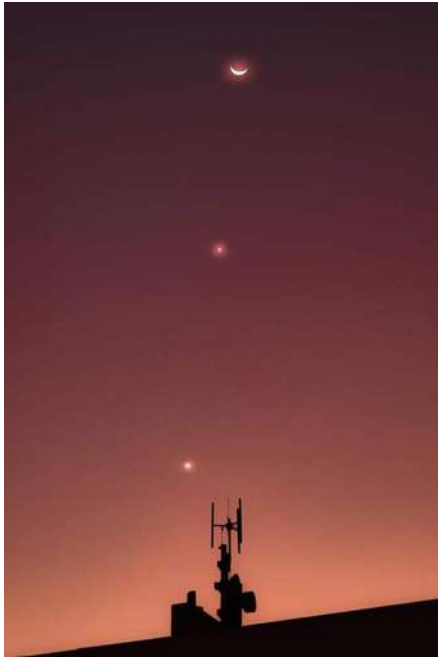


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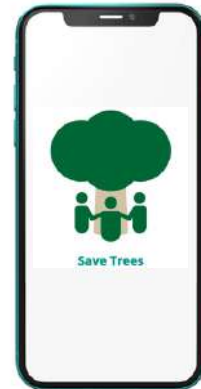
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March Schedule

Date	Activity
04/03/2023	Clean-Up Drive
05/03/2023	Tree Climbing Workshop at Nehru Park
11/03/2023	Clean-Up Drive
12/03/2023	Green Delhi Quest
18/03/2023	Clean-Up Drive
19/03/2023	Digital Detox at Green Vibes Farm, Chattarpur
25/03/2023	Clean-Up Drive
26/03/2023	Nature Walk at Aravalli Biodiversity Park

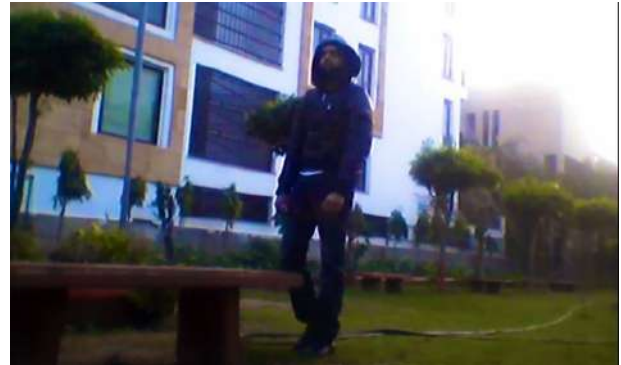
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Addiction to Lollipop Trees



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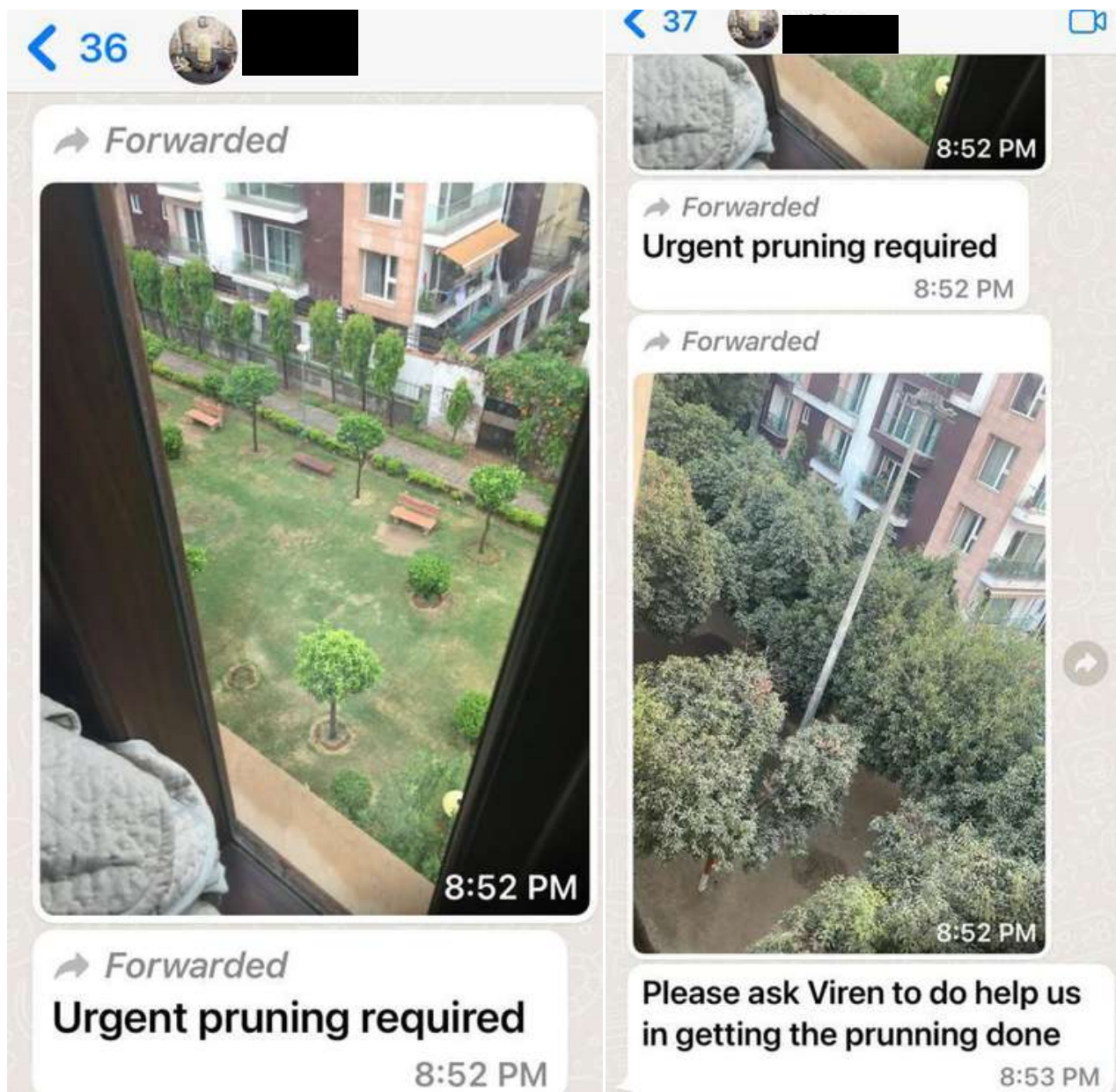
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New Delhi Nature Society has been working tirelessly for over a decade to protect the trees in the park from being cut and shaped like lollipops. It has been a constant battle, but we have managed to save these beautiful trees from the destructive pruning practices of some individuals. However, recently one of the residents who is addicted to cutting/pruning trees has expressed a desire to make the lush trees look like lollipops again.

This is a cause for concern as nobody will be able to get shade under lollipop trees. People who visit the park love to sit under the shade of these trees, especially during the scorching Delhi summers when the temperature can reach unbearable levels. Additionally, the trees play a crucial role in combating Delhi's air pollution, as they absorb harmful pollutants and produce clean oxygen. By pruning them into lollipop shapes, we will lose a significant amount of foliage, which can worsen the already dire air quality situation in the city.

Addiction to Lollipop Trees



It is worth noting that those who are always begging to cut/prune trees are never interested in watering the trees or providing them with proper fertilization. They also ignore the issue of concrete choking the trees' roots, which severely hinders their growth and health. We urge the resident to reconsider their desire to shape the trees like lollipops and to work with us to ensure the park's trees remain healthy, lush, and beneficial for both humans and the environment.

Compensatory Plantation Scam

The compensatory plantation scam is a practice where authorities fell big, healthy trees that are thriving with wildlife for various reasons, mainly because humans are not willing to accommodate the existing trees into their new plans. After cutting and throwing away the big healthy tree, authorities plant a tiny sapling somewhere far away and expect people to believe that it is compensation for the big healthy tree full of wildlife. Unfortunately, the sapling is only 1-5 feet tall and barely has any leaves on it, which makes it impossible to provide the same benefits as the tree that was cut down.

No wildlife can nest on those saplings, and no children can climb them. Before it was cut, children could climb the big healthy tree. It will take several decades for the sapling to grow the same size as the tree that was cut down. Therefore, there is no real compensation for felling big healthy trees.

This practice is happening in Delhi, the world's most polluted capital, where more than five trees are cut every hour, and even more are cut, which have not been recorded. The reality is that a grown man of 40-50 years old cannot be replaced by tiny babies who are 2-3 years old. Babies cannot perform the same functions or do the same job as the adult. Similarly, tiny saplings cannot replace big healthy trees.

In 2023, with the technology available, it is better to leave the trees where they are rooted and alter plans so that the existing trees can be accommodated in the new plans. The authorities need to realize the importance of trees in our environment and act responsibly to protect them. We need to think of trees as an essential part of our ecosystem and treat them with the respect and care they deserve.



Inter School Garden Competition

Verhaen Khanna, the founder of the New Delhi Nature Society, was recently invited to be a judge at the inter-school garden competition held at Cambridge School Srinivaspuri. As a nature enthusiast and environmentalist, Khanna was excited to see the creativity and passion of young students towards gardening and sustainability. The competition showcased beautiful and innovative gardens created by the students, demonstrating their dedication to preserving nature and creating a green future. Khanna's participation in such events helps to encourage and promote environmental awareness and sustainability among young minds, inspiring them to make a positive impact on the world.



Semal is flowering



14 Feb - Cow Hugging Day

Valentine's Day 2023 saw an interesting development as the Animal Welfare Board of India put out an appeal to celebrate February 14th as a 'cow hugging day'. However, the request was met with widespread ridicule and mockery on social media, leading to the Board withdrawing their appeal within just two days.

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, it's important to consider sustainable and eco-friendly ways of showing love and appreciation. Instead of giving cut flowers wrapped in plastic, gifting a potted plant or a tree can be a thoughtful and meaningful gesture that will continue to grow and blossom year after year. Not only does this reduce waste, but it also contributes to the environment and helps to combat climate change. So let's show some love to our planet along with our loved one next time.



NDNS faced the challenging issue of flooding roads and houses with dirty, smelly drain water that caused a lot of inconvenience to the residents. To address this issue, we had to lodge complaints with various government departments, such as the MCD, PWD, DJB, and CPCB. We highlighted the severity of the issue and the need for immediate action to prevent the spread of diseases and other health hazards. Our efforts and persistence eventually led to the implementation of measures to improve the drainage system and prevent further flooding.



Dechoking Trees

The Public Works Department (PWD) was recently engaged in putting new tiles for the footpath on the Inner Ring Road near Ashram Metro Station, without leaving the mandatory one-meter open soil space around the trees. This had raised concerns among environmentalists and nature lovers who pointed out that such construction activities near trees can harm their roots and hinder their growth.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) issued an order on 23/4/2013 directing all government departments to ensure that no construction, concretization, or repair work should be carried out within one meter of trees. After being informed about the issue, both the PWD and the Forest Department (FD) were alerted. The PWD took the necessary corrective measures and opened up the soil space around the trees, in compliance with the NGT's order. This step by the PWD is commendable and sets a good example for other government departments to follow in preserving and protecting our environment.



A fun and engaging game that we recently started involves people making teams of two, where one person from each team has to keep their eyes closed while the other person guides them to a couple of trees. The objective of the game is for the person with closed eyes to feel the tree and learn its shape, thickness, texture, and other characteristics. Then the other person guides them toward the starting point and asks them to open their eyes. The person who had their eyes closed now has to guess which trees they felt when their eyes were closed.

This game is an excellent way to improve sensory perception and learn more about trees and their characteristics. It also promotes teamwork and communication between team members. Furthermore, it can be an enjoyable and entertaining way to spend time outdoors and connect with nature.



Green Zones of Delhi - Nature Walks

The greenzones of Delhi are a beautiful and refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle of the city, and the New Delhi Nature Society offers guided tours that allow participants to fully immerse themselves in nature. During these tours, participants can witness a wide variety of flora and fauna, including many different species of birds, trees, and flowers. The water bodies in these areas are also a highlight, with their serene and tranquil presence. Many participants have lived near these greenzones or in the city for years, yet they had never taken the time to explore these natural wonders. Now, they are amazed at what they have been missing and highly recommend others to join them on these nature walks.

During these tours, the New Delhi Nature Society also includes fun games and activities that allow participants to connect with nature in a more hands-on way. Participants have the opportunity to make nature art with the leaves, flowers, and twigs found in the area. They can also play games like nature scavenger hunts, which encourage them to explore the surroundings and learn more about the different plants and animals that call these areas home. These activities provide a great way for participants to bond with each other and with the natural world.

Overall, participants rave about their experiences with the New Delhi Nature Society, noting how much they enjoyed learning about the plants and animals in the area, the peacefulness of being surrounded by nature, and the fun activities provided. Many are surprised by how much they loved the tours and regret not visiting these greenzones earlier. They recommend these tours to anyone looking for a unique and refreshing way to connect with nature in the heart of the city.



Green Zones of Delhi Nature Walks

The video links below showcase the beauty of nature walks conducted in the green zones of Delhi. These videos provide an immersive experience of the lush greenery, diverse wildlife and serene surroundings of Delhi's green spaces. They are a great way to virtually explore and appreciate the natural beauty of the city from the comfort of your own home. Whether you are a nature enthusiast or simply looking for a relaxing escape, these video links are a must-watch!



Lado Sarai Forest-

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Sanjay Van-

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**Tughlakabad Biodiversity
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Okhla Bird Sanctuary-

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Garden of 5 senses-

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Green Zones of Delhi Nature Walks



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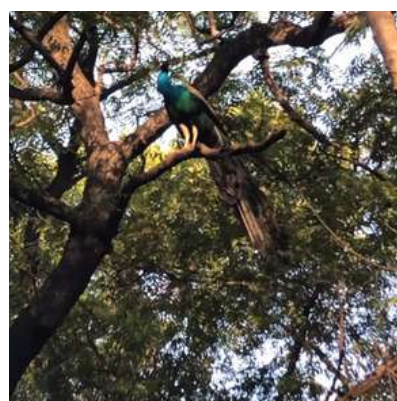
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Shanti Van-** [Watch Video](#)



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Gurugram-** [Watch Video](#)



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Sunder Nursery-
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Jahanpannah City Forest-
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Mehrauli Archeological Area-
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Birdwatching With NDNS

New Delhi Nature Society recently conducted a bird watching workshop for 120 students of class 3 at the Okhla Bird Sanctuary. The children were thrilled to visit the watch towers and observe the beautiful and varied bird species that inhabit the area. They were able to spot more than 20 different bird species, including the white-throated kingfisher, cormorant, bluethroat, bushchat, black kite, peacock, purple swamphen, citrine wagtail, ashy prinia, and grey heron, among others.

The workshop was not only educational but also a fun and exciting way for the children to connect with nature and learn about the importance of preserving our environment. Even the teachers who accompanied the students enjoyed the excursion trip and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the natural world around us.

New Delhi Nature Society is committed to providing opportunities for people of all ages to connect with nature and learn about the world around us. Whether it's a nature walk for young children, a bird watching workshop for students, or a conservation program for adults, we strive to create experiences that are both educational and enjoyable. If you are interested in participating in any of our programs or events, please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you!

[Watch the full video](#)



Toddlers Tree Climbing Play Date in Nature



New Delhi Nature Society recently conducted a nature walk for young children aged 4-5 years old, and it was a huge success! The children had a wonderful time exploring the natural world around them and learning about the trees that grow in the area. They even got to climb a few trees, which was a highlight of the evening for many of them. The parents also enjoyed themselves, watching their children connect with nature and have fun in a safe and educational environment.

The purpose of this program is to connect people, and especially children, to nature. It is important to start at a young age to foster an appreciation and love for the natural world around us. Children who are not connected to nature will not fight to save it, and we believe that by introducing young children to nature in a fun and engaging way, we can help to create a generation of conservationists who are committed to protecting our planet.

If you are interested in organizing a similar program or play date for your own group of children, please get in touch with us. We would be happy to plan a private nature walk or event that is tailored to your needs and interests. Let us help you connect your children to nature and provide them with an experience they will never forget. Remember, the future of our planet depends on the next generation, so let's start educating and inspiring them today!

To book your spot for these nature walks, please connect on Whatsapp - 9711115666

NATURE TALKS PODCAST

The Nature Talks Podcast has recently launched, and it has quickly become a must-listen for anyone interested in nature stories. Hosted by Verhaen Khanna, the founder of the New Delhi Nature Society, the podcast focuses on stories from Delhi and around the world that celebrate the beauty of nature. The podcast has already featured several people from different fields, including scientists, artists, and nature enthusiasts, all sharing their perspectives on nature and the importance of preserving it.

Since its launch in February, the Nature Talks Podcast has published 15 episodes, each one offering a unique perspective on nature. Some episodes feature interviews with experts, where they share their knowledge and experiences, while others focus on specific topics, such as wildlife conservation or the benefits of spending time in nature. In addition, the podcast features music from various artists, providing a unique listening experience that is both informative and entertaining.

If you want to join the conversation and learn more about the natural world, we invite you to check out the Nature Talks Podcast. It is available on Spotify, Anchor.fm, Castbox, and several other platforms. We encourage you to subscribe, give us a rating, drop comments, and share it with your friends. We are also looking for more musicians and experts from various fields to feature on the show, so if you have a story to share or know someone who does, please reach out to us. Don't miss out on this exciting new podcast that celebrates nature in all its forms! Click on the link below to listen to the podcast.



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NEW BLOG



ChatGPT is a chatbot that is powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) which collects data from all over the internet and presents it in an articulated manner. So we decided to ask ChatGPT for suggestions on how Gen Z can contribute towards the protection of the Environment. This was the response:

[Read full article](#)

Interns of the month



Miss Akansha Gupta



Miss Mudita Lamba



Mr. Aryaman Gupta



Tweets

Below are a few tweets from the month of February about important nature-related stories from our @NDN_HQ page. Please click on the links to open the tweets and learn more about these fascinating topics. Our Twitter page is a great way to stay up-to-date with the latest news and events related to nature and conservation, so be sure to follow us for more updates!

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Hidden joke behind compensatory plantation.

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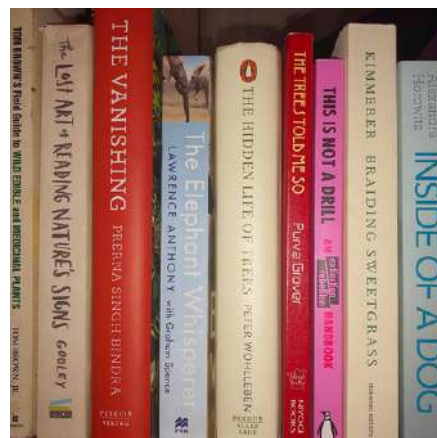
We are thrilled to offer you the opportunity to become a member of the New Delhi Nature Society (NDNS). As a member, you will play a critical role in helping to protect the environment and support our mission of creating a sustainable future for all. In addition to making a meaningful impact, you will also enjoy special packages and benefits exclusively available to members. We look forward to your participation and thank you for your support!

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We're Hiring!

We are currently seeking candidates who are interested in an internship and/or full-time work with our organization. We have multiple ongoing projects that require dedicated and passionate individuals who are eager to make a positive impact on the environment. If you are interested in joining our team, please fill out the application form to apply. We look forward to hearing from you!

<https://forms.gle/N6YznaTwnvqVwDBP7>



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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- **Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698**
- **People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.**
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