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Oriental Garden Lizard

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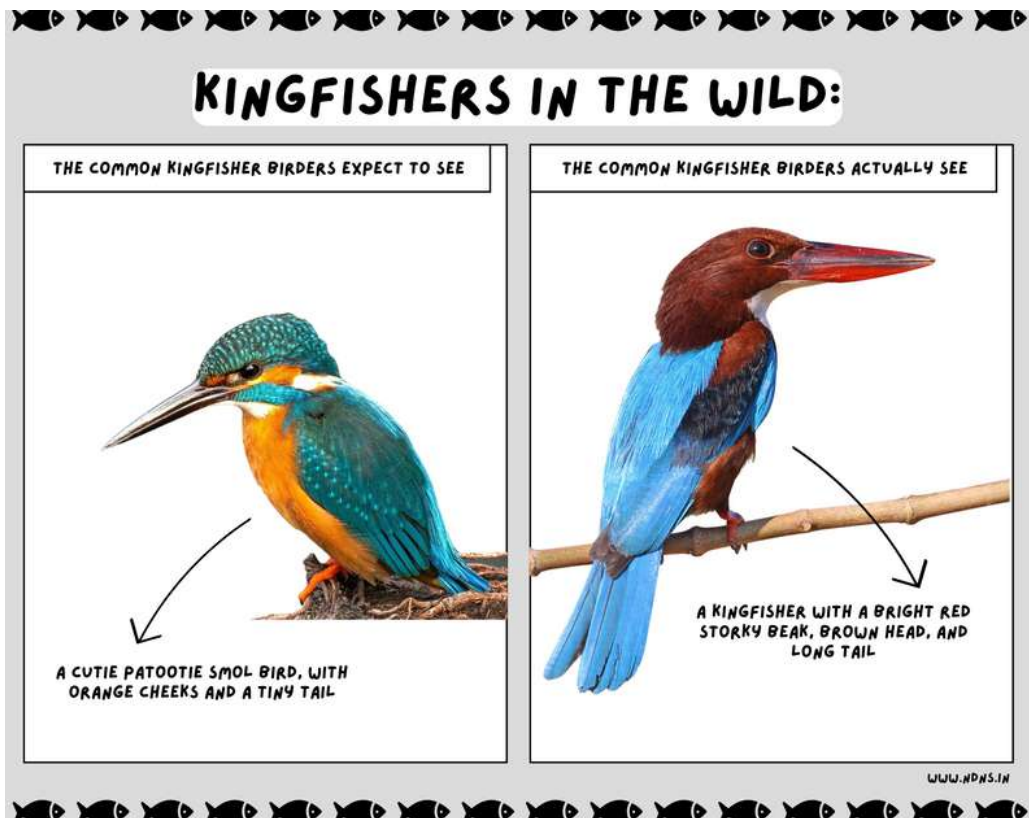
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June Schedule

Day	Activity
05/06/2023	<u>Summer Camp Day 1</u>
06/06/2023	<u>Summer Camp Day 2</u>
07/06/2023	<u>Summer Camp Day 3</u>
08/06/2023	<u>Summer Camp Day 4</u>
09/06/2023	<u>Summer Camp Day 5</u>
18/06/2023	<u>Tree Climbing Workshop</u>
25/02/2023	<u>Farm Visit</u>
30/06/2023	<u>Fireflies Workshop</u>

If you would like to participate, please get in touch with our team.

Meme of the Month



Summer Camp (5th June - 9th June)



We are delighted to announce that New Delhi Nature Society (NDNS) will be organizing a five-day summer camp from the 5th to the 9th of June. This exciting event aims to engage participants in immersive and educational activities centered around nature and conservation.

During the summer camp, participants will be able to explore the rich biodiversity of the surrounding environment, learn about sustainable practices, and develop a deeper understanding of our natural world.

Some of the activities planned for the camp include nature walks, birdwatching expeditions, wildlife photography sessions, interactive workshops on conservation, and engaging discussions with experts in the field. Participants will also have the chance to participate in fun games and team-building activities to enhance their appreciation for the environment and encourage teamwork.

Join us as we embark on an unforgettable journey to discover and appreciate the wonders of nature. Let's come together to celebrate and protect our natural heritage.

We look forward to welcoming you to the NDNS summer camp!



[Click here for more information & registration details](#)

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Exploring Conservation, Education, and Bhalswa Project with Ashim Bery



Whisper Challenge w Khushi Sehgal, Fast Fashion, Mercury Retrograde



Wild Encounters: Rescuing Animals and Playing Pictionary with Saif Khan



Vallari Sheel, Trees and Urban Ecology



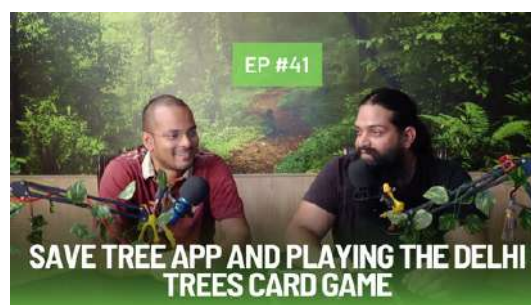
Shark Tank Participants from House of Parvi, Parvi Chadha and Mridul Jacob



Future of Birds in Delhi, India | Shreya Barnwal



From Glam to Green: Pet Dogs, Auroville, and Nature with Sheena Kaur



Save Tree App and Playing the Delhi Trees Card Game



Below are a few tweets from the month of May 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!

Heatwaves will get worse, start adapting now

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Victimization of trees

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Dcf south has stopped responding to complaints and is not following court orders.

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Does an elephant understand religion and politics?

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Maharashtra Water Crisis: Villagers Descend Into Well To Fetch Water.

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It's always good to chop trees anywhere you visit : said nobody ever!

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What if your house is on fire and the head of fire dept says that staff is busy at an event?

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HOW TO SAVE A FALLEN TREE

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Asia's first animatronic empathy-building elephant, Ellie

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Meanwhile, Delhi transforming into city of lakes.

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Trees of Delhi - Semal Tree & Amaltas tree

The Semal Tree, also known as the Silk Cotton Tree, graces the beautiful landscape of Lodhi Garden, located in the heart of Delhi, India. In spring, before the Semal Tree adorns itself with leaves, it bursts into a riot of color with its large, vibrant flowers. The flowers, usually a deep shade of red, attracting many pollinators, including bees, butterflies, and birds.

As the flowers fade, the Semal Tree begins to develop its unique seed pods. These pods are oblong in shape and can grow to substantial lengths. When they mature, nestled within the pod are numerous seeds enveloped in soft, white, cotton-like fibers. These fibers, resembling fluffy cotton balls, give the Semal Tree its alternate name of Silk Cotton Tree.

Their large size provides shade and shelter for numerous creatures, including birds, squirrels, and insects. The fallen leaves and decaying matter enrich the soil, nurturing other plant species in the vicinity. The presence of these trees enhances the overall ecosystem of the garden.



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The Amaltas tree, scientifically known as *Cassia fistula*, it is often referred to as the "Indian Laburnum".

The Amaltas tree is a medium-sized deciduous tree that can reach a height of 10 meters.

These trees are neighborhood friendly, they are known for their stunning yellow flowers, which create a visually striking display during the blooming season. As a shorter tree, the Amaltas requires less effort and equipment for maintenance. It is less likely to outgrow its designated space quickly, reducing the need for frequent trimming or pruning or cutting the tree down.

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Nature Walk at Kalindi Biodiversity Park



Recently, New Delhi Nature Society (NDNS) held a nature walk at Kalindi biodiversity park which is located near the Yamuna and the DND flyover, led by Mr. Naved who had a bioremediation as well as a wetland project there led by Dr Yasir Khan.

The walk was a success with us spotting birds such as the baya weaver, Black-headed ibis, Red napped ibis, Green Bee-eater, Purple heron, Baya Weaver, Greater coucal, Grey hornbill, Spot-billed duck, White-throated kingfisher, and several more.

The park showcased the careful maintenance of its natural ecosystem, with native trees planted throughout. Native trees have evolved over thousands of years, adapting to the local climate and providing essential habitats for wildlife. Their reintroduction promotes a harmonious environment where natural cycles can thrive.

During the walk, Mr. Naved provided valuable insights into the wetlands and projects, explaining the scientific reasons behind specific plant placements. The increasing presence of invasive species and trees planted solely for beautification has led to a homogenized environment. The wetlands aimed to restore balance, despite being partially human-influenced.

The highlight of the event was the impressive bioremediation project, which demonstrated the power of nature. Bioremediation is a sustainable approach that utilizes living organisms to clean up contaminated environments. Through microbial action, pollutants are transformed into less harmful substances or removed entirely. Kalindi biodiversity park employed bioremediation to ensure a clean water supply, benefitting the Yamuna River's dilution of pollutants.

The purification process involved slowing down sewage water for sedimentation, removing large debris, aerating the water with oxygen, passing it through water plants to absorb heavy metals, and finally transporting it to the wetlands via pipes. Similar natural treatment plants are being developed in Delhi to revolutionize water treatment and create a sustainable environment for all species.

[Watch Video Here](#)

Updates on Bhalswa Greenery Restoration Project

The project aims to transform Bhalswa, one of the largest slums in Delhi, into a greener and more environmentally friendly area. NDNS plans to implement various strategies such as installing Green Roofs, establishing Vertical Gardens, undertaking extensive tree plantation of native species, and promoting composting.

NDNS organized other visits to the Bhalswa to continue with the Project.

A few of the key components of the project are seed distribution and workshops in local schools; through these workshops, NDNS aims to inspire the next generation to become eco-conscious and actively contribute to preserving nature.

NDNS conducts awareness campaigns, recognizing the role of cows in maintaining a sustainable ecosystem.

Furthermore, NDNS is dedicated to planting native trees throughout the Bhalswa area. Saplings of native trees such as Amaltas, Chudail Papadi, Harshingar, Karanj, and Papda were planted and distributed.

Innovatively, the Project also involves the creation of vertical gardens. Vertical gardens utilize vertical spaces to grow plants, maximizing limited area and contributing to air purification, temperature regulation, and noise reduction.

NDNS believes that this holistic approach will improve the residents' quality of life and foster a deeper connection between the community and the natural world.



[Video 1](#)

Seed Distribution In Bhalswa

New Delhi Nature Society distributed seeds for green roofs in Bhalswa, encouraging the community to embrace this concept. The drive took place at the MCD Primary (boys and girls) School and in JJ Colony. The drive provided edible and flowering plants, along with Aloe Vera and Giloy saplings. Participants received seed packets and guidelines for successful rooftop gardens. Green roofs benefit communities and the environment by reducing urban heat, improving air quality, and enhancing biodiversity and aesthetics.

The initiative promotes harmonious coexistence between urban environments and nature.



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Tree Plantation



New Delhi Nature Society recently carried out a noteworthy tree-planting initiative in Bhalswa. The saplings represented a diverse range of native species, adapted to Bhalswa's specific climate and soil conditions, ensuring their successful growth and longevity. Residents of Bhalswa, from children to adults, actively participated in the drive. The saplings were planted outside a mandir in the same area, and community residents approached NDNS to plant them outside their houses.

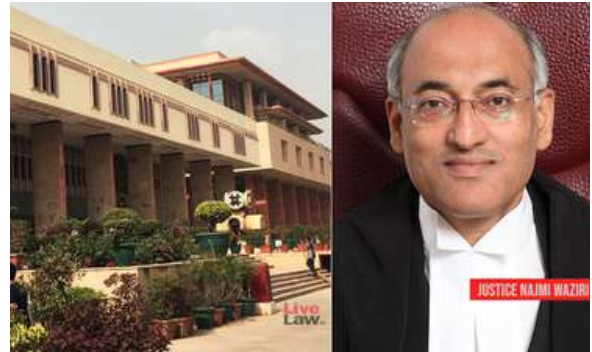
By the end of the day, numerous trees had been planted. The initiative aimed to restore green cover and encourage individual action against climate change, highlighting community power in environmental nurturing.

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Media Coverage



Why tree helpline needs urgent assistance



Victimization Of Trees: Delhi High Court Sentences Two Senior PWD Officers For Contempt Of Court



Delhi High Court sends PWD officials to jail for disobeying directions on tree protection



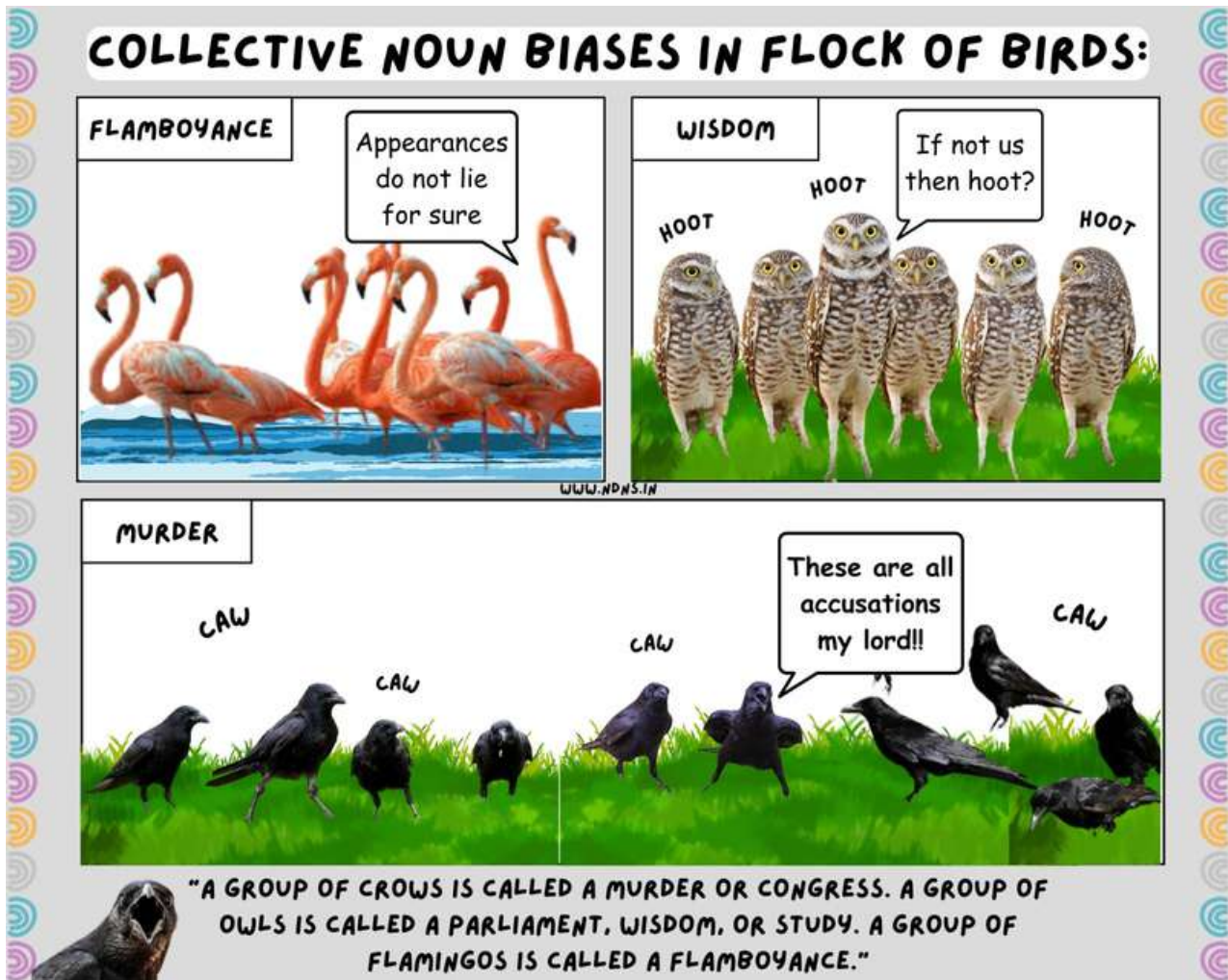
2 PWD officials convicted for failing to stop concretisation of tress in CR Park

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Interns of the month



Ms. Shreya Barnwal



Mr. Gaurav



Ms. Anandini Mohanty

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NDNS Membership

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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Donate a book to the NDNS library

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing individuals who have donated nature-related books towards the #newdelhinaturesociety library. Your generosity will help us in building a comprehensive library that will be a valuable resource for nature enthusiasts and students alike. If you too would like to contribute to our library, we welcome book donations and encourage you to get in touch with us for more information. You can visit our website at www.ndns.in to learn more about our organization and our various initiatives.



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!

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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.

NAILS, WIRES (10,000 RS. FINE)

**NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES
DELHI PRESERVATION OF TREES ACT**



For queries regarding CSR, please contact New Delhi Nature Society at info@ndns.in

SOS NUMBERS (TREES AND ANIMALS)

- NDNS - 9711115666
- Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698
- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.
- For Cows - Dhyani Foundation - 9999099423

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.
- Report the matter on the Green Helpline 1800118600
- Write a letter to the Forest Department
- If they do have permission, then take the supervisor's details who must be present there and contact the Forest Department .

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