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Nature Talks Podhcast

Let's Talk About Nature!



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Memes Of The Month



NDNS at Asiza Festival



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NDNS Team attended an event at Delhi University to promote environmental awareness.

The Earthlings Environmental Society of Hindu College recently invited the NDNS team to the Asiza Festival to discuss the importance of trees and green areas in Delhi.

The event was a fun-filled and informative gathering that aimed to encourage students to connect with nature and take steps to protect the environment.

Food Foraging



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New Delhi Nature Society Hosted "Breakfast in the Wild" Walk.

The Tughlakabad Biodiversity Park played host to an insightful walk led by the park's scientist in charge.

Attendees enjoyed a range of sampling fruits, learning about medicinal plants like aloe vera and psyllium husk, and discovering wild plants like grewia, kunduru and jungli ber.

The experience provided an opportunity to learn about the diversity and importance of the plants in our green zones.

Birthday Nature Walk



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New Delhi Nature Society has crafted a unique and enriching experience for children, inviting them to celebrate their birthdays in the embrace of nature.

Through our specially curated nature walks, we aim to forge a deep connection between the younger generation and the environment.

We encourage the kids to engage in activities like tree-hugging, tree climbing, making their own nature bracelets, nature art, tree identification, etc.

These nature-centric birthday celebrations not only create lasting memories but instill a sense of responsibility and love for nature and will make them take a step to conserve nature. .

Spotted 80+ Bird Species



Embarking on a 30 Days 30 Greenzones journey through out Delhi was nothing short of a magical odyssey.

Our nature walks unfolded like chapters in a captivating story, each day revealing new wonders and untold tales.

In the embrace of nature, we discovered a symphony of diverse bird species, a testament to the rich biodiversity thriving amidst the urban hustle.

From the charismatic calls of vibrant parakeets to the graceful flight of majestic peacocks, each encounter added a vibrant brushstroke to our canvas of memories.

Through this immersive experience, we deepened our connection with the feathered inhabitants that migrates to places across the globe.

The 80 different bird species we spotted became not just entries in a checklist but were inspiring us to cherish and preserve these green havens for generations to come.

Greenzone Photosphere



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Experience the Natural Beauty of Delhi with the New Delhi Nature Society.

Now, you can enjoy the scenic beauty of Delhi's green zones from the comfort of your own home.

We have compiled 360-degree photographs from our nature walks to give you an immersive experience of these natural wonders.

Join us in our efforts to preserve them from being lost to development. Click on the link to see for yourself.

A Call To Put Off Fire



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In a bizarre turn of events, a vigilant man reported a garbage fire between Jangpura and Nizamuddin in Delhi, only to discover that someone had deliberately put the garbage on fire.

The concerned citizen, who initially dialed emergency services recorded the incident of fire department putting off the fire.

This occurrence serves as a reminder of the unpredictable nature of urban environments and the importance of staying alert to sudden changes.

One call from a responsible citizen helped in saving a hazardous incident to happen.

Important Article Of The Month

Forest dept sends notice to Army HQ for 'tree offence'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The forest and wildlife department has sent a notice to the quarter master general of the army headquarters regarding an offence of tree cutting allegedly by the force while clearing an area of 8.78 hectares on the Central Ridge.

The forest department said the army's action violated the Delhi Preservation of Tree Act, 1994, Forest Conservation Act, 1980, and Indian Forest Act, 1927.

The notice, dated December 13, said that after a periodic analysis of Google Earth images, it was found that "that an area of approximately 8.78 Ha has been cleared", which was in violation of the "Forest Conservation Act, 1980". A copy of the notice is with the TOI.

The notice asked the quarter master general to file a report on why a complaint should not be filed in an appropriate manner against him or her for the offence. The notice added that on May 24, 1994, the Central Ridge was declared as a reserve forest under Section 4 of Indian Forest Act, 1927.

In another notice, issued to the quarter master general and two forest guards of the Central Ridge, the deputy conservator of forests (west division), Abhinav Kumar, asked them to be present at his office on December 20. "On inquiry, it is found that the trees have been damaged or cut in violation of the Delhi Preservation of Tree Act, 1994, and the Indian Forest Act, 1927," the notice said.

An army spokesperson said: "The Army is ascertaining the details of the violation highlighted in the area on the Central Ridge by the department of forest and wildlife. Necessary action according to the existing policy will be taken by the army."

The spokesperson added: "The army follows an institu-



MAPPING VIOLATIONS: A Google Earth image of Central Ridge on December 6, 2021, (top) and April 16, 2023

ARMY SPOKESPERSON

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tionalised mechanism of "Watch and Ward" of all land parcels and safeguarding of trees. For trees falling in a construction zone of new projects undertaken by the army, NOC is obtained from the forest department and transplantation as well as compensatory afforestation is carried out strictly as per the Tree Transplantation Po-

licy, 2020. For construction projects of the army currently in progress, the required approvals have been taken."

Delhi High Court was informed in November that a satellite image, dated February 11, 2022, showed dense forest on the Central Ridge, while the same portion in subsequent photographs, dated April 16, 2022, showed a bald patch that is clear of the trees. The high court had then sought a report from the forest department in the matter.

Spread over 864 hectares, the Central Ridge is managed by various agencies, including the forest department, Delhi Development Authority, army, Central Public Works Department, New Delhi Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Important Article Of The Month

HC: Ridge not personal fiefdom of forest dept

Shruti Kakkar

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NEW DELHI: Noting that the Ridge belongs to the people of Delhi and the forest department cannot deal with it in a cursory manner or consider it a personal fiefdom, the Delhi high court on Wednesday rebuked the department for constructing a 6-8-metre-wide trail in the Central Ridge area without obtaining permission from the Ridge Management Board (RMB).

The court, while considering a plea concerning the well-being of the Ridge, also pulled up the department for their proposal to host an event involving a walkathon, a cyclathon, and a half marathon inside the notified Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary, and said being its custodian the department was only required to supervise the conservation of the things existing there.

"Why is the need for all this? Why can't it be a natural trail? What is the problem in that? Ridge is not the property of the forest department and you are only custodian of our rights and you (forest department) can't deal with it in a cursory manner. You (forest department) are only required for supervising the conservation of the things existing at the ridge that belongs to the citizens of the country. Don't consider it as your personal fiefdom," justice Jasmeet Singh told advocate Sameer Vashisht, who appeared for the forest department. "They (forest department) are not owners of the ridge, then why are they behaving like that? It is not adversarial and it is for the people of Delhi. Are the officers who are responsible masters know the act upside down?"



The court remarked that the forest department was not the owner of the Ridge but merely a custodian.

HT ARCHIVE

How do they permit this? They have taken no action to undo their wrong and they now seek to justify. You've given them a fait accompli. Walkathon, Marathon, cyclathon? What will the animals do? There is a problem here. You can't do this. First time in India, a walkathon & cyclathon in the jungle. We are not in Serengeti or Masai Mara," justice Singh added.

On Wednesday, amicus curiae Gautam Narayan and Aditya Narayan Prasad submitted that the construction was violative of the orders passed by the Supreme Court and the Delhi HC regarding the protection of the Ridge and provisions of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Advocate Vashisht admitted that though the trail was constructed without a permit from RMB, he assured to get it removed in case the department failed to obtain one. A request is

presently pending before RMB. The HC also directed the department to submit the file concerning sanction from the board.

The same bench in a different hearing also pulled up the Delhi government for its laxity in demarcating deemed forest in the Capital, saying that the "citizens and the court cannot wait endlessly". Mooting to form a committee to preserve deemed forests in Delhi, justice Singh directed the government to file a status report demarcating deemed forests in the city as well as an action taken report against their depletion. "Why has the situation come where the west Ridge is concretised? There is no water body. It is shocking. In case they (land-owning agencies) don't cooperate, then what is to be done? You get it (demarcation of deemed forest) done," justice Singh told advocate Avishkar Singhvi, who also appeared for the government.

Important Article Of The Month

What City Must Do To Ensure It Remains A Haven For Birds

Action Plan Suggests Series Of Short, Medium And Long-Term Measures

Kushagra Dixit &
Priyangi Agarwal | TNN

New Delhi: The Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON), Wildlife Institute of India and the Union environment ministry have jointly made a conservation action plan for avifauna in Delhi-NCR, which is home to 76 out of 107 families of birds in India but is also a region under great environmental stress.

A report by the three bodies confirmed the presence of 446 species out of 1,341 found in the country in Delhi-NCR, making the region an area of tremendous birding importance. The region also hosts 57 rare, endangered and threatened (RET) birds. The report mentioned that saving the Aravalli biodiversity was also key to saving the birds.

The conservation action plan stated that the city would need several short, medium and long-term surveys and management plans that would span three, five and ten years, all targeted at preserving avian density, combat habitat loss of local and migratory birds, curb trafficking and check disease.

The report outlined 14 programs under which actions and surveys would be required. Some of these areas are conservation of protected areas with high avian diversity, conservation of migratory birds, surveillance and monitoring of diseases, impact of developmental projects and other anthropogenic activities on avian diversity and habitats and curbing illegal trafficking.

Mahendiran Mylswamy, a senior scientist with SACON in Coimbatore, said: "We have prepared the Delhi-NCR action plan, the ecosystems, habitats and landscapes. The agencies concerned will have to initiate steps for the conservation of avifauna."

The conservation action plan mentions that Delhi is one of the major hubs for illegal trafficking of owls. "The enforcement agencies lack awareness and identification of owls, which is a major concern," the report said. The state repository of avian reference samples and generation of databases on DNA and feather structures for forensic purposes should be done for species that are targets of such trade.

The report recommended conducting an environmental impact assessment, considering the severity of air and water pollution and climate change that impact birds and their wintering sites, and stressed on more behavioural studies on urban avifauna.

It also raised a concern over de-

HAPPY SIGHTINGS

Avifauna of Delhi-NCR comprises species commonly found in the northern plains of India

Of 107 families in India, about 76 families are found in Delhi area

These families include 446 confirmed species (of 1,341 across India) recorded since 1970

6 species escaped from zoo/capture, released birds

10 vulnerable

5 endangered

3 critically endangered

56+ rare, endangered and threatened

Threats

- 1 High pollution levels
- 2 Reduced flow of the Yamuna
- 3 Encroachment
- 4 Expanding built-up spaces
- 5 Overhead wires
- 6 Illegal sale of NSAID drug, pesticides, habitat loss, electrocution, and interference from competing scavengers like feral dogs

Some bird species of conservation significance in Delhi-NCR

- 1 White-rumped vulture
- 2 Indian vulture
- 3 Pallas' fish eagle
- 4 Red-headed vulture
- 5 Steppe eagle
- 6 Eastern imperial eagle
- 7 Egyptian vulture
- 8 Greater spotted eagle
- 9 Sarus crane
- 10 Tawny eagle

crease in Delhi's moisture index, indicating that a "change in weather pattern is likely to intensify loss in biodiversity; affect plant growth patterns and increase forest fires and abrupt insect outbreaks."

"Out of the 446 bird species, ten are vulnerable, five are endangered or critically endangered," the report said. "Conservationists consider several other species with small populations and restricted geographic ranges rare. RET bird species are prone to extinction for various reasons, including habitat loss, poaching and environmental changes. These species require urgent conservation measures," the report said. Among the birds that need immediate action are the white-rumped vulture, Palla's fish eagle, Sarus crane, Indian skimmer, bristled grassbird and common pochard.

According to the report, the aquatic landscape surrounding the Yamuna in NCR is under constant anthropogenic pressure, affecting the river's water quality. Industrial waste, plastic waste and untreated domestic sewage are primary reasons for water deterioration.

"Though many studies estimated the pollution on the river Yamuna in Delhi, there is a lack of proper studies indicating the cause and its effect on the avian species. There is a need to conduct an environmental impact assessment of water pollution on the birds and strengthening the management of the existing Yamuna Action Plan," the report said.

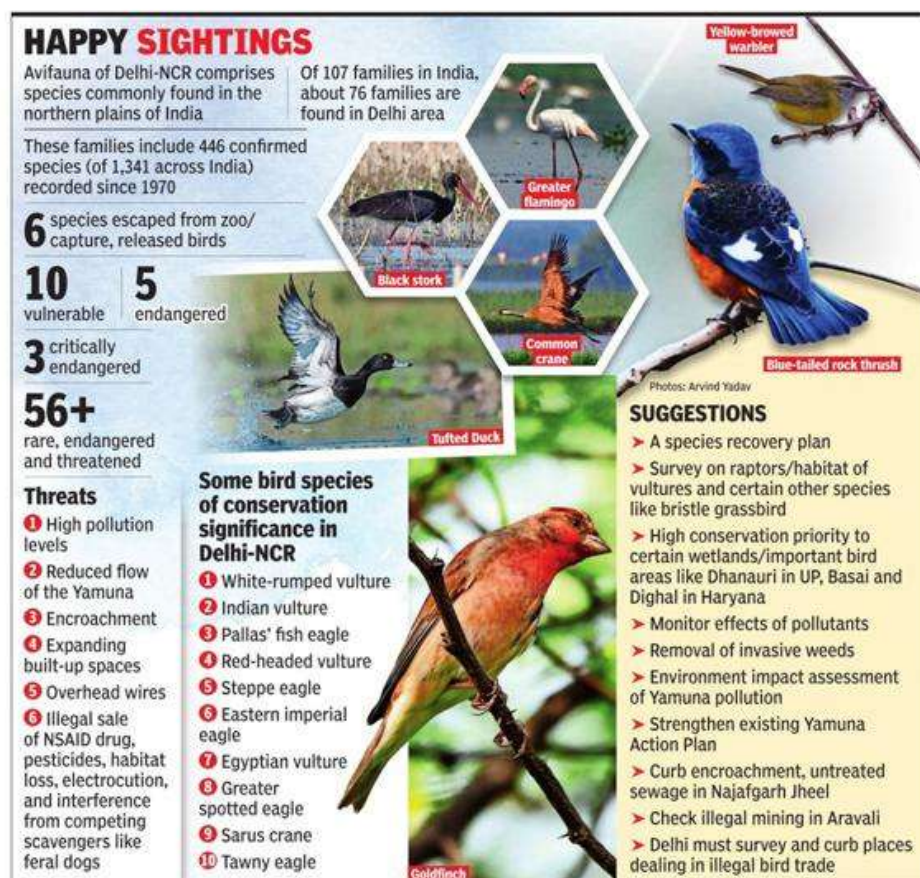
For the Aravalli landscape, the report highlighted that invasive plant species "deteriorate the soil cover by taking up moisture content and competing with native plants by

decreasing their growth."

The Ridge, Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary and Mangarbani (sacred grove) constitute the Aravalli forest in the region which supports high biodiversity.

The strategic approach to enhance the avifauna biodiversity in the Aravalli landscape would need a long-term study (10-year duration) to be implemented, followed by short-term seasonal weed removal and replanting of native trees. "As the Aravalli forest range is the last remaining wild cover in NCR, it should be given high conservation priority and be taken up in the first phase," the report said.

For conservation of avian diversity in urban areas, the report recommended that planning and managing urban green spaces like gardens, parks and corridors will help conserve urban avifauna.



SUGGESTIONS

- > A species recovery plan
- > Survey on raptors/habitat of vultures and certain other species like bristle grassbird
- > High conservation priority to certain wetlands/important bird areas like Dhanauri in UP, Basai and Dighal in Haryana
- > Monitor effects of pollutants
- > Removal of invasive weeds
- > Environment impact assessment of Yamuna pollution
- > Strengthen existing Yamuna Action Plan
- > Curb encroachment, untreated sewage in Najafgarh Jheel
- > Check illegal mining in Aravalli
- > Delhi must survey and curb places dealing in illegal bird trade

Media Coverage

Delhi High Court orders status quo on translocation of deer from Hauz Khas Deer Park



Hindustan Times

Indian Express

The Hindu

Bar & Bench

Live Law

The Week

The New Indian
Express

Daiji World

English Jagran





Below are a few tweets from the month of December 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!

Govt to Clear Non-forest Project Built in Aravallis

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HC Says No To Events In Asola Sanctuary.

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Garbage Burning Between Jangpura And Nizamuddin.

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The One Meant To Save The Forest Are The One Destroying It.

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The Delhi HC has ordered status quo on the translocation of deer from Deer Park.

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After Chennai, Bengaluru Is Next In Line To Sink.

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Three Agencies Make A Mess Of One City.

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Desert Cat Died Due To Road Accident

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Trees With Over 1m Height Planted Along The Street are Struggling To Survive.

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Cyclone Michuang Effect in Chennai.

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The Khejarli Movement: Wildlife Conservation



Bishnois are considered as one of the first environmentalists in the world and they embraced the strategy of hugging and embracing trees to protect them.

The movement arose when in 1730, King Abhay Singh of Jodhpur ordered the cutting down the Khejri tree from the Khejri village to build his palace. Since the tree had cultural and economic importance in the area, Amrita Devi Bishnoi with her three daughters hugged the tree in order to protect them and then the soldiers beheaded all four of them.

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“Spirituality: Role of Trees in Enlightenment”



Spirituality means the recognition of a feeling or sense that there is something greater than myself or sensory experiences, and we are all part of that greater whole, which is cosmic or divine in nature.

Trees are considered sacred in many cultures and have been worshiped almost universally.

Many people feel vibrational energy in trees whenever they put their hands on their bark, and they also feel peace and serenity when walking in the shade of trees or when they hug a tree.

Most significantly, trees are helping individuals recognise their inner consciousness, and thus, trees and spirituality have been sharing a deep relationship since ancient times.

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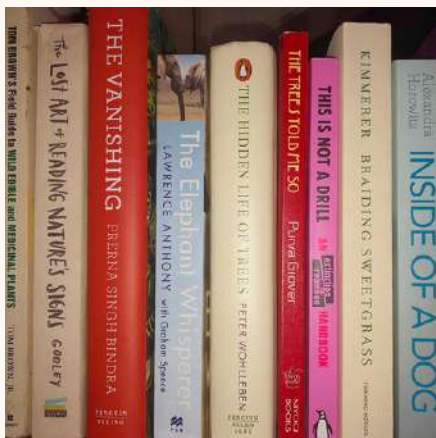
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We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing individuals who have donated nature-related books towards the #newdelhinaturesociety library. Your generosity will help us in building a comprehensive library that will be a valuable 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



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- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294.
- For Cows - Dhyan Foundation - 9999099423

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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
- 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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