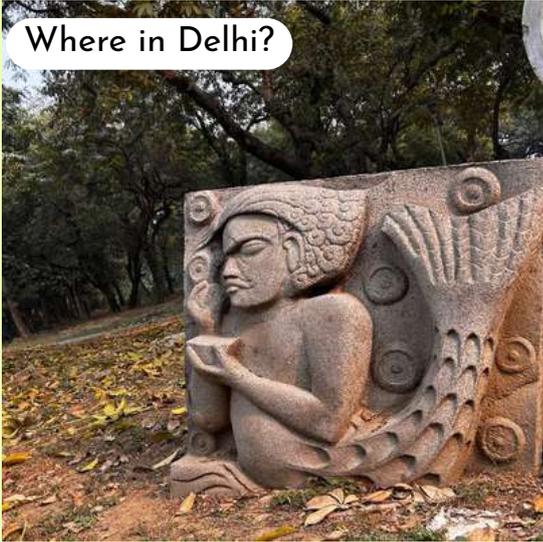


New Year, New Adventures

Where in Delhi?



PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MONTH



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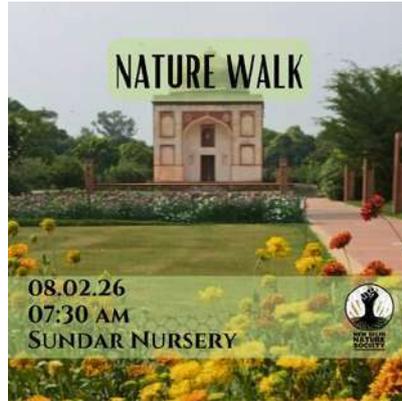
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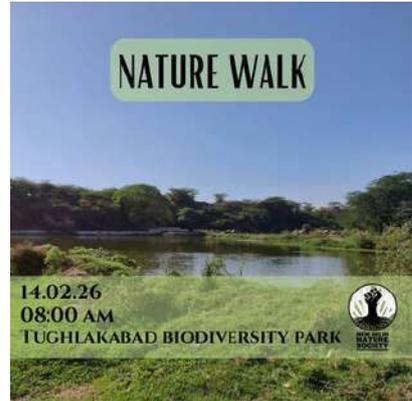
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07:00 AM
OKHLA BIRD SANCTUARY



NATURE WALK

08.02.26
07:30 AM
SUNDAR NURSERY



NATURE WALK

14.02.26
08:00 AM
TUGHLAKABAD BIODIVERSITY PARK



NATURE ART WORKSHOP

15.02.26
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LODHI GARDEN



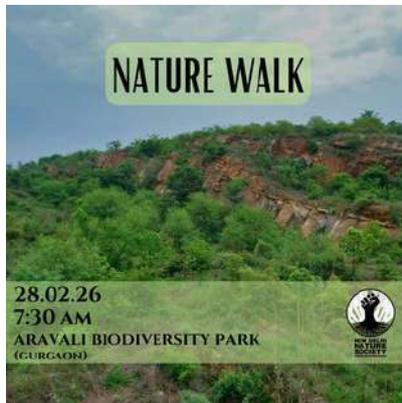
TREE CLIMBING

21.02.26
8:00 AM
NEHRU PARK



NATURE WALK

22.02.26
7:30 AM
RAJGHAT



NATURE WALK

28.02.26
7:30 AM
ARAVALI BIODIVERSITY PARK
(GURGAON)



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Mememes Of The Month



NDNS Stall @ Soami Nagar Model School



New Delhi Nature Society participated in the Open Day celebrations at Soami Nagar Model School, Panchsheel Enclave, by setting up an interactive nature-focused stall. Students showed great enthusiasm while playing our Birds of Delhi and Trees of Delhi card games, turning learning about local biodiversity into an engaging and enjoyable experience. We also distributed free educational brochures on Birds of Delhi, Trees of Delhi, and the Green Zones of Delhi, encouraging students to explore and appreciate the natural spaces around them.

Our stall also featured a selection of our nature-themed products, including card games, magnets, and pocket diaries. A poster and videos displayed our work and long-standing association with the school, showcasing past collaborations and outreach efforts. Through such initiatives, we hope to inspire young students to develop curiosity about nature and grow into mindful supporters of conservation.

[Watch Videos](#)

Nature Walk with Hindu College

In collaboration with Earthlings, the nature society of Hindu College, New Delhi Nature Society recently hosted an immersive nature walk led by our founder, offering a sensory exploration of Sanjay Van and reinforcing that nature is best understood up close.



Students participated in tree identification and birding, learning to use leaf shapes, bark textures, and calls to recognise different tree species and spot birds in the forest canopy.

The walk also featured a blindfold tree game and tree-hugging activities, encouraging participants to rely on touch, sound, and intuition to form a more personal connection with the forest.



Through this hands-on engagement, the experience aimed to help students build a lasting, respectful relationship with the natural world.

[Watch Video](#)

Art Shuffling and Letter Writing Workshops @Soami Nagar Model School



New Delhi Nature Society recently conducted an art shuffling workshop at Soami Nagar Model School, where students worked in groups of five to create nature-inspired artworks. Every minute, the sketches were shuffled between group members, encouraging collaboration, adaptability, and shared creativity. By the end of the activity, each group had produced a unique piece of art—shaped not by a single hand, but by collective imagination and teamwork.

Alongside this, we hosted a letter-writing workshop in which students wrote heartfelt letters to their favourite teachers, reflecting on gratitude, learning, and guidance. This activity was organised in observance of International Education Day on 24 January 2026, highlighting the importance of education, expression, and the bonds that shape a student's journey.



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Tree Climbing Birthday in Nehru Park



[Watch Video](#)

Bauhinia Variegata Started Flowering



Three years ago, New Delhi Nature Society planted a Bauhinia variegata during a monsoon plantation drive at Tughlakabad Biodiversity Park. This month, its first blooms mark a small but meaningful milestone in our ongoing efforts to nurture urban green spaces.



Plantation drives play a crucial role in strengthening urban biodiversity, improving air quality, and creating habitats for birds and insects.

Bauhinia variegata, also known as the Kachnar tree, is not just visually striking; its flowers support pollinators, and the tree is valued for its resilience in Indian landscapes. Each flowering tree stands as proof that collective action, even a single sapling, can grow into something meaningful for the future.



Here are some hot nature gossip tweets from our @NDN_HQ page in January.

Dive into these juicy stories by clicking the links and get ready to be wowed!

Follow our Twitter page for your daily dose of nature and conservation buzz!

Tree felling and killing animals finally leads to attacking humans?

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For the first time, Kedarnath saw no snowfall in December.

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Inspite of bio-mining, dumping of 3,000-3,500 MT continues daily at Ghazipur/Bhalswa

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Studies show that watching a beaver eat cabbage lowers stress by 17%

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200 Parrots Die Of Food Poisoning In Madhya Pradesh's Khargone District

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Delhi's air now carries antibiotic-resistant superbugs well above WHO limits.

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Happy Lohri Let's celebrate this Lohri with warmth, not waste.

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This Bauhinia variegata was planted by us 3 years ago and has started flowering.

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Are you also feeling the effects of uranium in Delhi?

[Click to View](#)

Is 30,000 litres of water being wasted in Delhi every day in the name of curbing pollution?

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Yamuna river, Kalindi Kunj Ghat, Delhi 5th January 2026

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Sewage got mixed with the drinking water supply in GreaterNoida's Sector Delta 1.

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Trees are being felled right outside the forest department office

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Important Articles

Here are January's key nature stories, shaping the beginning of the new year—

Explore the links to discover breakthroughs, challenges, and urgent environmental updates.

[Only 859 of 1,063 saplings in west Delhi parks found healthy, forest dept tells NGT](#)

[Over 9,000 birds counted on Yamuna floodplains amid threats](#)

[SC refuses nod for Ridge tree felling, says DDA must first plant 167K saplings](#)

[Fur and fury: Delhiites call for better policy for dogs](#)

[Activists, experts stage agitation against SC order for mass removal of stray dogs](#)

[DDA seeks SC nod to cut 473 more trees](#)

[Mega-shelters for India's stray dogs: a public health and human rights alarm](#)

[The mandate for community dog rehab is a judicial and bureaucratic impossibility](#)

[To resolve the street dogs issue, use reason and compassion, not fear and cruel](#)

[Before SC call for 'experts', a panel sought more studies for method to define Aravallis](#)

[Bhati forest dump sites mapped, MCD asked to clear waste](#)

[Rules for private afforestation work on forest land eased](#)

[Voice for people-driven conservation](#)

[The ecologist who believed local communities were the best guardians of nature](#)

[Felling of 17,625 trees was cleared for 13 Chardham stretches: Centre to NGT](#)

['Stop immediately': SC calls for halt to illegal mining in Aravallis](#)

[Felling of 17,625 trees was cleared for 13 Chardham stretches: Centre to NGT](#)

[A dangerous march towards a Himalayan ecocide](#)

Important Articles

A third of Delhi's annual PM2.5 load is made up of secondary pollutants.

'Don't you want your grandchildren to survive?': HC halts tree-felling on Rohtak green patch

Indian govt amends environmental guidelines to slash industrial red tape

Young, healthy but intolerant to exercise? You aren't alone

A decade on, Gurugram still battling floods, jams, delays

Govt aims to cut air pollution in NCR by 15-20% within a year, says Environment Minister

How many trees planted in 8 years for Del-Mum away project? No one knows

DPCC invites applications to hire for 47 vacant posts

Borderline Crisis: 55% Of Green Fund Unused

Retailers, restaurants cite air pollution for weaker December quarter sales in North India

High ammonia levels in Yamuna disrupt water supply across Delhi

After HT report, AIIMS may install HEPA filters

The real air we breathe in Delhi: At AIIMS, at a school and inside a home

A private state, a public you

Uttarakhand to Kashmir, Himalayan forests are catching fire out of season

1 In 5 Units In Non-Conforming Areas Polluters

SC orders mapping of heritage sites in Delhi

Tribal groups in Surguja protest over mining projects & forest clearances

Existing parking facilities remain underused even as MCD plans to unveil 20 new spaces

Media Coverage

Govt's 'restraintment' order to protect trees

Abhinav Garg & Priyangi Aggarwal | TNN

New Delhi: Delhi's forest department has issued an order to protect trees along Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, the high court was informed on Wednesday.

The department submitted a "restraintment order" dated Jan 19, passed by deputy conservator of forest (North), directing that there should be no root damage, illegal felling, pruning or any offence under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1994, with respect to trees on the central verge of the road from Tilak Nagar Circle to Hari Nagar. The road is maintained by PWD.

The court was hearing a plea by New Delhi Nature Society seeking contempt proceedings against officials for allegedly failing to comply with earlier orders to protect these trees. The high court had earlier sought the department's response and directed the SHO, Hari Nagar, to ensure compliance and act on complaints.

In its latest application, the society said it was found in Nov last year that several trees were damaged, with roots cut and exposed due to removal of earth from the central verge. It alleged that construction work was being carried out within two metres of the tree trunks on the central ver-

ge of Shaheed Bhagat Singh Marg, Tilak Nagar, violating court norms.

The plea claimed PWD was using earth-moving machines to build barriers for a project. "Despite a complaint being filed on the helpline set up under court directions, no action was taken. No steps were taken as per the SOP mandated by this court," the application stated.

The petitioner said it was found in Nov last year that several trees were damaged, with roots cut and exposed due to removal of earth from the central verge

Seeking contempt action, the petitioner said the HC had in 2024 ordered Delhi govt to implement the draft Delhi Preservation of Trees SOP, which requires a quick reaction team to be dispatched immediately and lays down a step-by-step procedure to address complaints of tree damage or felling.

The plea added that when the concerned tree officer failed to act, a communication was sent to police, but no action was taken till the filing of the petition.

Highlights



[NDNS Blogs](#)
[Clear Water, Silent Danger: Delhi's Uranium Crisis](#)



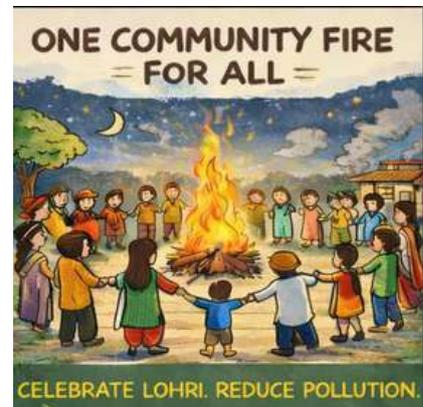
The Self-Sufficient Backyard: Transform your property into a sustainable paradise



Kitchen waste compost nourishes soil microbes, feeding plants naturally in gardens.



Sustainable Lohri celebration



Reels from the NDNS Instagram page



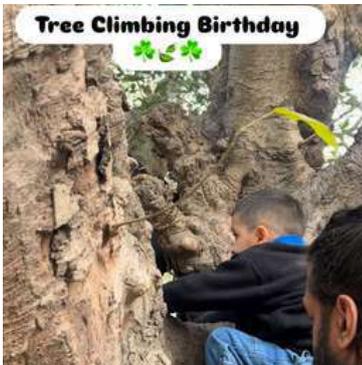
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Tree Care

HOW TO SAVE FALLEN TREES

When a tree falls down for any reason like storm, pruning, construction, etc. instead of removing them, efforts should be made to restore the tree back to its original location.



HOW TO SAVE A FALLEN TREE

Standard Operating Procedure

Scan this QR code for more details
OR
Click the link below

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1sN5uKNEFmzrC5RZzO1tshd1AMDDu5w2mp/direct>

Tree Care in the Colony

Do you have trees in your society?

- No → Plant Trees
- Yes → Are the trees cemented?
 - Yes → Remove the cement around the trees
 - No → Are there any wires/nails/boards on the tree?
 - Yes → Remove them
 - No → Pour Water around the trees and spread leaf compost around the trees

Tree Line- The tree line is the row of trees planted along roads, and boundary walls. It helps keep the colony green, cool, and full of life.

What is a gap in the tree line? A gap means a tree has fallen, dried, or been illegally removed and hasn't been replaced.

What Can You Do? Residents can plant a native tree in the empty spot, especially during monsoon. With basic care like watering and composting, the tree line can be restored and kept healthy.

Illegal Activities and Penalties



-  Driving nails into trees causes internal wounds, making them vulnerable to disease, decay, and even death.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-.
-  Wrapping or hanging wires around trees constricts growth, damages the bark, and can lead to electric hazards or slow tree death.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-.
-  Fixing boards onto trees is illegal. Trees are not advertising spaces. Defacing public property is a crime.
Penalty is Rs 10,000/-.
-  Digging Within 1 Metre of Trees damages roots, causes stress, and can destabilize the tree. It's illegal and harmful.
FIR will be filed against the person/department involved.
-  Cementing Around Tree Base (Within 1 Metre) blocks water and air from reaching roots. It suffocates trees, prevents them from growing wider and weakens them structurally. Forest department will charge the penalty based on the damage caused.

[Open Pdf](#)

Help Trees & Animals



The Hon'ble National Green Tribunal (NGT), Principal Bench, New Delhi in O.A. No. 62 of 2018 Aditya, N. Prasad & Ors. v Union of India & Ors. vide its Order dated 23.04.2018 directed:

"In the meanwhile, we direct all the public authorities, more particularly Municipal Corporation of Delhi, DDA, DTC, DMRC, NHAI and all Government respondents in this petition including the Director General of CPWD, the Chief Engineer, PWD, to ensure that:

- All the sign boards, names, advertisements, any kind of boards or signages, electric wires and high tension cables or otherwise are removed from the trees forthwith.
- They shall also ensure that the concrete surrounding the trees within one metre of the trees are removed forthwith and all the trees are looked after well and due precaution is taken in future so that no concrete or construction or repaving work is done at least within one metre radius of the trunk of trees. The Vice-Chairperson, the Commissioner, the Chief Engineer, the Director General and all other senior most officers of the Departments/authorities concerned shall be personally responsible for carrying out this order.
- The Departments/authorities concerned shall take all and every prohibitive measures to prevent the defacing of the trees in any manner whatsoever, save only its trimming in accordance with law.
- All the respondents whose boards are fixed on the trees shall be prosecuted by the respective authorities under in accordance with the relevant law."



Nails on trees



Wires on trees



Signboards on trees



Cementing within 1 meter of trees



Digging within 1 meter of trees

Green Helpline : 011-23378513

TREE CARE

1. Remove cement around the tree, soil space around the tree should not be less than 1 meter on all sides.
2. Remove nails, wires and signboards from trees.
3. In case of holes in the tree caused by nails, you can put wet soil in the injured parts of the tree.
4. Ensure no digging or construction is done within 1 meter of trees.
5. Give water to trees daily.
6. In the forest, trees shed their leaves on the soil floor, those leaves mix with the soil and turn into nutrition for the tree roots to absorb. But around the city streets, all the fallen leaves are swept away, so the trees are not receiving that important nutrition from the fallen leaves. This is why it is extremely important to put leaf compost around trees, to make the trees strong and healthy.
7. If you see a tree cut, or with nails, wires, signboards on it or if the tree is cemented within 1 meter, then please call the Green Helpline and report the issue with the exact location, then they will send you the complaint number by SMS for you to follow up.

HOW TO SAVE FALLEN TREES



HOW TO CONDUCT A TREE CENSUS :

1. Number on the Tree :
2. Common name of the tree :
3. Location of the tree :
4. Girth (in cms) :
5. Approximate height (in ft) :
6. Health of the tree :
(D- Dry, H- Healthy, I- Infected, L- Lopped, N- Nails, Ch- Tree guard choking)
7. Width of open soil around the tree :
(A- Up to 1 ft, B- 1 to 2 ft, C- 2 ft to 4ft, E- Over 9ft)
8. Ground condition, outside the open soil :
(S- loose soil, C- cemented, M- metalled, T- tiled)
9. Remark:

Download the form :



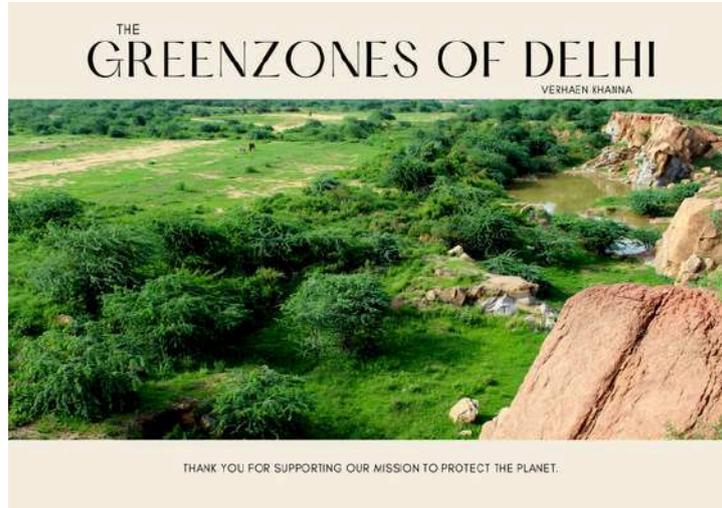
We're offering free reflective collars for street animals and tree care brochures to spread awareness and safety.

You can collect them from the NDNS headquarters, so simply contact us at newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com

Let's work together to protect our animals and nurture our trees.

[Email us](mailto:newdelhinaturesociety@gmail.com)

NDNS Coffee Table Book



This beautifully illustrated book showcases the lush greenery and vibrant ecosystems found in the heart of India's capital. Each page offers a glimpse into the diverse flora and fauna that thrive in Delhi's green zones, from bustling parks to serene gardens. By purchasing this coffee table book, you not only bring a piece of nature's beauty into your home but also support the efforts of NDNS (New Delhi Nature Society) in their mission to protect and conserve these precious natural habitats. Your contribution helps promote environmental awareness and ensures that future generations can enjoy the city's green treasures.

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[Adoption Form](#)



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3. Members can avail of a 15% discount on NDNS merch.
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[Membership Form](#)

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De-Choke Trees

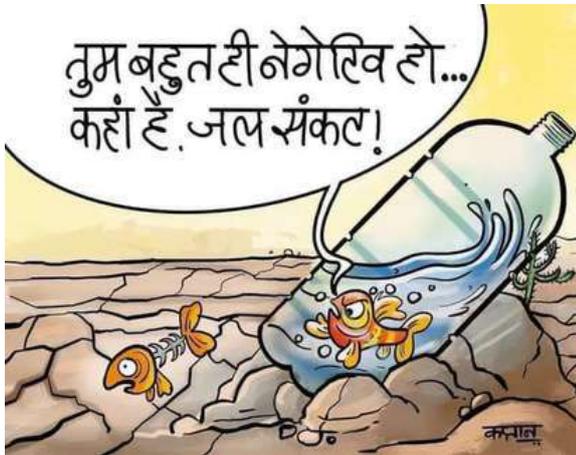
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NAILS, WIRES (10,000 RS. FINE)

NGT ORDER FOR DE-CHOKING TREES

DELHI PRESERVATION OF TREES ACT



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 011-23378513
- 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 .

FOREST DEPT. EMAILS

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