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New Year, New Adventures

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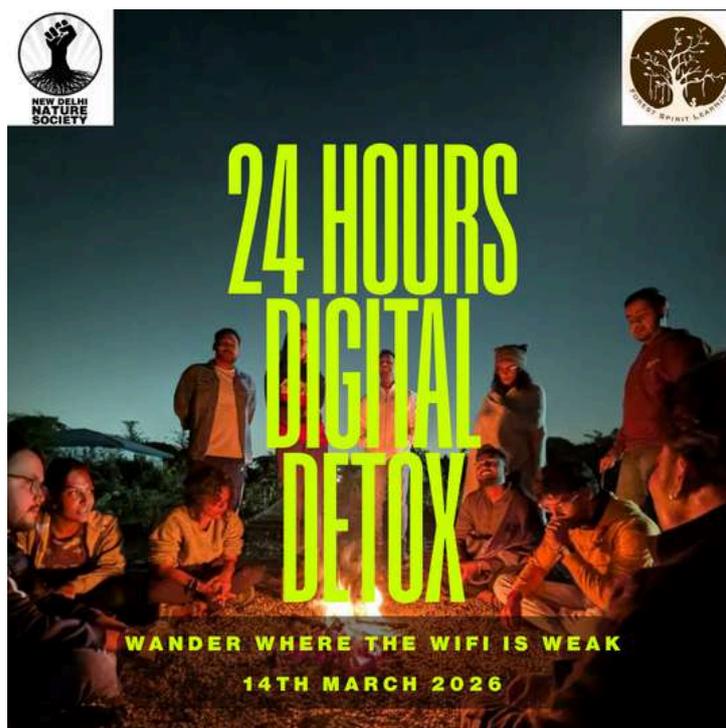
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Upcoming Events: March 2026

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Memes Of The Month

Bird Watching @ OBS

New Delhi Nature Society hosted a joyful bird-watching walk at Okhla Bird Sanctuary, when the wetland came alive with migratory visitors.

Winter is the peak season for spotting migratory birds that travel thousands of kilometres to escape harsh climates and find safe feeding grounds.

Our participants observed the Painted Stock, Rudy Shell Duck, Siberian Stonechat, and other wetland species while learning about migration, habitats, and the role of urban wetlands in supporting biodiversity.

The walk offered a calm and meaningful experience, encouraging people to slow down, notice nature closely, and understand why protecting our remaining green and blue spaces is essential for both birds and our city.

Watch Videos

Birthday Celebration

The New Delhi Nature Society recently organised a joyful Birthday Nature Walk at Sanjay Van, making the celebration truly special for a lively group of around 20 children aged 8–10 years.

The young participants were highly inquisitive and enthusiastic, asking questions, observing closely and eagerly taking part in activities such as tree climbing, nature art, a tree identification game, and other fun nature-based challenges. Their curiosity and excitement brought the forest trails alive with laughter and learning.

The walk beautifully reflected the spirit of New Delhi Nature Society—nurturing a deep connection with nature through play, exploration, and joyful outdoor learning.

Watch Video

Nature Walk @ Sunder Nursery

The New Delhi Nature Society recently organised a refreshing nature walk at Sunder Nursery, offering participants a calm and enriching escape into one of Delhi's finest green spaces.

During the walk, participants explored the landscaped gardens, and natural habitats while learning about native trees, birds, and urban biodiversity. Curious discussions, close observations, and shared moments of discovery made the walk both engaging and educational.

The experience beautifully reflected the mission of New Delhi Nature Society to reconnect people with nature through meaningful outdoor learning.

Internship Fair @ Daulat Ram College

The New Delhi Nature Society recently participated in an internship fair organised by Daulat Ram College, and it turned out to be a truly enriching experience.

Our team had the opportunity to interact with and interview several passionate young students who showed a strong interest in working for the betterment of the environment. Their curiosity, thoughtful questions, and eagerness to contribute towards conservation and sustainability were deeply inspiring.

The fair reaffirmed our belief that young minds play a crucial role in shaping a greener future, and we look forward to welcoming motivated students into our programmes and field activities in the coming months.

Prakriti Utsav

The President of New Delhi Nature Society was recently invited to a special event, "Prakriti Utsav", organised by the Indian Nurserymen Association, where our organisation was honoured with the NGO with Excellence award in recognition of our continued efforts to protect trees and work for a healthier environment.

The award celebrates the collective work of our team, volunteers and community members who have stood up for urban forests, biodiversity, and sustainable living.

It is a proud moment for all of us and a reminder that consistent grassroots action truly makes a difference.

Moments like these encourage us to keep moving forward—strengthening our commitment to building a greener, more compassionate, and livable world for everyone.

Valentine's Day Tree Plantation

This Valentine's Day, New Delhi Nature Society in collaboration with CVS celebrated love in its truest and most meaningful form—by planting trees for the people we care about.

Instead of gifting cut flowers that fade in a few days, participants chose to plant saplings with the thought that a living tree, planted for a loved one, grows and lives far longer—offering shade, clean air, and life to many more beings.

Each sapling became a symbol of lasting love, care, and responsibility towards the planet.

The plantation drive brought together families, friends, and volunteers who shared stories, laughter and hope while nurturing young trees.

Moments like these remind us that love for people and love for nature go hand in hand—and that small actions can help create a greener, healthier world for generations to come.

Watch Video

Tree Plantation with American Scouts

The New Delhi Nature Society recently organised a joyful and meaningful plantation drive in collaboration with the American Scouts.

The young scouts enthusiastically took part in planting saplings, learning about the importance of trees, urban biodiversity, and the role of communities in protecting the environment.

It was inspiring to see their curiosity, teamwork, and genuine concern for nature throughout the activity.

The drive became a beautiful example of cross-cultural learning and shared responsibility towards the planet, reminding us that caring for the Earth is a global effort,—and that young changemakers play a powerful role in shaping a greener and more sustainable future.

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Tree Climbing @ Nehru Park

The New Delhi Nature Society recently held an exciting and hands-on tree climbing workshop at Nehru Park, offering participants a unique way to connect with trees.
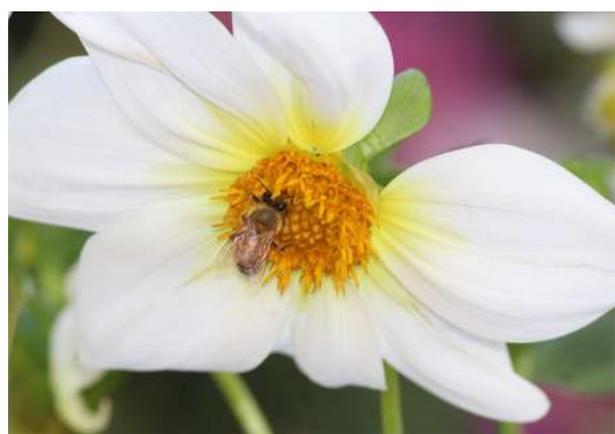
The workshop introduced the participants to safe and responsible tree climbing, while also helping them understand tree structure, strength, and the importance of respecting living trees.

With guidance from our team, participants learnt how to observe trees closely, build confidence, and experience nature from a completely new perspective.

The session was filled with laughter, curiosity, and a sense of achievement, and beautifully reflected our belief that meaningful engagement with trees builds lasting respect for nature and encourages young minds to become future guardians of the environment.

[Watch Video]

Bee Survey with
Golden Hive Foundation

The New Delhi Nature Society recently conducted a special bee survey at Sunder Nursery, with bee expert Rakesh Gupta, the founder of Golden Hive Foundation.

During the survey, we learnt how to identify different bee species, observed their behaviour, and understood the vital role pollinators play in maintaining urban biodiversity and food systems.

The walk offered rare insights into the hidden world of bees thriving within the city's green spaces.

The session was an inspiring reminder that protecting small pollinators is just as important as conserving trees and forests, and that healthy habitats like Sunder Nursery play a key role in supporting these essential species.

X Tweets

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

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!

'Waste to energy plant' in the middle of the city is fuming toxicity.
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Pollution fades the charm of Delhi's winters.
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Great Nicobar project gets nod from NGT; environmental activists decry move.
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New species are being found in the Great Nicobar project site.
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Legislators raise concern over pollution: Minister warns against misleading AQI reports.
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Can't clean the air? Just clean the data!
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Citizens' chronic issues reduced to headlines, while guidelines remain only on paper.
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Air Pollution isn't just smog, it's stealing childhoods.
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Big push from the Supreme Court of India on Solid Waste Management Rules.
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Poor air quality in Mumbai worries board exam students.
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Pune's Air Crisis: Single-Source Blame Game Must End!
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Not Fog, It's Pollution: Pune's Air Turns Hazardous.
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Trees are being felled right outside the Central Ridge, Delhi
Click to View

__Important Articles__

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

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

'Loot, plunder': HC pulls up Haryana over Aravallis mining norms violation.

NGT orders probe into 'illegal tree felling' in Chhatarpur.

Illegal cutting of heritage Peepal trees: NGT slaps Rs 80,000 fine on Faridabad official.

As PM shifts his office tomorrow, PMO gets a new address, Seva Teerth.

'Not a single inch': Supreme Court halts Haryana's Aravalli zoo safari project.

City Nature - Pilkhan Tree, Shivaji Stadium Bus Terminus

NSWS listing to divert tiger reserve removed.

Land use changed for nearly 101 acres in Central Vista area.

Green Expo: LG slams 'misguided activism'.

NGT approces Great Nicobar projest; activists decry move

NGT green signal for Nicobar Port; notes safeguards.

NGT gives clearance to Great Nicobar project.

Missing the forest for the trees.

That green stretch.

SC allows DDA to widen Ridge road for CAPF hospital.

Govt files case against Cantt Board for tree damaging.

Planting trees only way to save Delhi's air, says Supreme Court

200 big cats poached in 20 years, RTI reveals central India as hotspot.

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Important Articles

Where mood swings with jhula tree.

Pankaja Munde draws flak for likening tree felling to soldiers' sacrifice

Rajasthan prohibits felling of khejri trees after 11-day protests.

Delhi forest dept allows transplantation of 32 trees at IGI Airport.

2020-25: In 4 of 5 appeals, green watchdog NGT rules in favour of developers to clear projects

NGT has space for experts, most of them now are former Govt officers.

Govt outlines tunnel, elevated road and bypass projects to decongest Delhi.,

Courts now justify environment degradation: former Supreme Court judge.

As Holi nears, Delhi is on high alert.

Chamoli, Wayanad disasters were avoidable: NDMA report.

The American College commences 10th annual Great Backyard Bird Count.

Global warming, pollution are stripping vibrant colours from nature.

Capital's 'heritage trees' missing from Forest Dept records.

The Black Wind: How India is becoming the World's Waste Tyre Furnace.

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Media Coverage

Trees damaged for building drain, case filed against Delhi Cantt Board

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New Delhi: The forest department has registered a case against Delhi Cantonment Board for allegedly damaging trees, in violation of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, while constructing a drain. It directed the board to plant 50 native trees.

In a Feb 10 order, the tree officer of west forest division said that following a complaint received on Feb 2 that some trees had been concretised and their roots damaged at Kotwali Road in Delhi Cantonment, beat officials inspected the site and validated the complaint.

"After receiving a report from the beat officials, proceedings under the 1994 Act were initiated as it was clear the board was liable to be punished for the offence under sections 8 and 24," according to the department's order. It registered a case and issued a notice to the board

DEEP-ROOTED ISSUE

seeking its clarification.

The tree officer directed the office assistant of the board, who appea-

red in the hearing, to plant 50 native trees, each at least six feet in height, with a space of 10 feet between two trees at a suitable site. A compliance report was sought.

"If any tree is found to be concretised within a radius of one metre, it shall be removed immediately," the report stated. Failure to abide by the order will attract provisions under the Act.

No immediate response was received from the board in the matter.

Verhaen Khanna, president, New Delhi Nature Society, who lodged the complaint with the forest department, said, "It was observed that a number of trees were damaged, with their roots cut and exposed due to deep trenching or excavation, removal of earth and construction work within two metres of the trunk of the trees. The excavation appears to have been done using an earth-moving machine."

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 Procedures

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

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vN5wKNEFemzptC5lRZrOtFwhaiPAfOf3/view?usp=drivesdk

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.**

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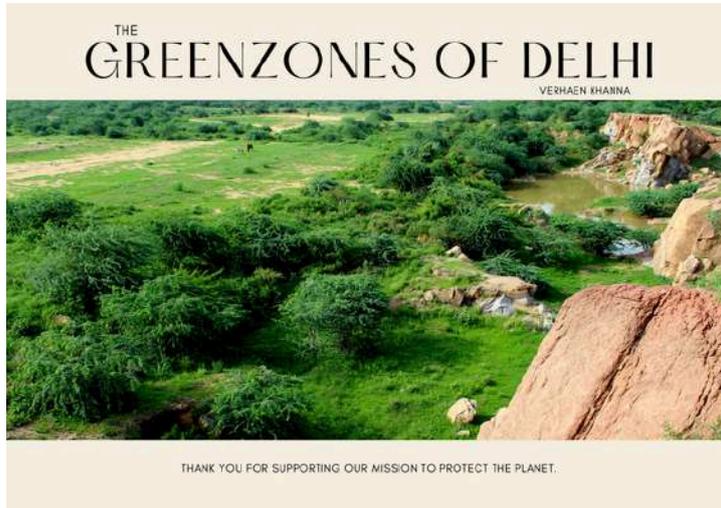
Help Trees & Animals

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

NDNS Coffee Table Book

THE
GREENZONES OF DELHI
VERHAEN KHANNA

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION TO PROTECT THE PLANET.

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 Alert!

These cuties have been rescued and are now looking for a happy home. If you can provide them a home please fill up the form.

[Adoption Form]

NDNS Products

Funds raised from the shop are used for nature conservation.

Volunteer, Intern Or Membership At NDNS

Join NDNS in our mission to conserve nature and make a positive impact on our planet! We are looking for dedicated individuals to volunteer or intern with us. Whether you're passionate about saving trees, spreading awareness through social media, editing impactful videos, organizing workshops, contribute your skills in your free time as a volunteer or commit to a two-month internship, there are many ways to get involved. Click the button if you're interested in joining us. Together, we can make a difference!

JOIN OUR TEAM

New Delhi Nature Society is offering paid internships!

Details ➝

Membership Benefits:
1. Exclusive Invites to Members-Only events.
2. For every other event, members get a 15% discount (nature walk, workshops, etc.)
3. Members can avail of a 15% discount on NDNS merch.
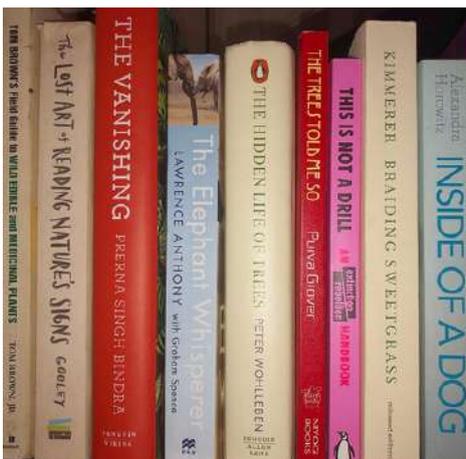4. Members are granted access to the NDNS library.

Internship Form

Membership Form

Cost for a 1-year membership is Rs 5000/- After submitting the form, we will verify your details and then send you a link for the online payment.

Volunteer Form

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.

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

SOS NUMBERS (TREES AND ANIMALS)

- NDNS - 9711115666
- Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698
- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9294
- For Cows - Dhyan 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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