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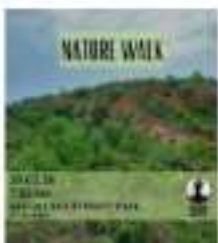
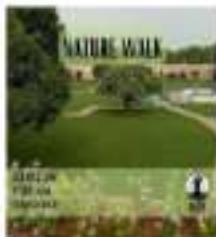
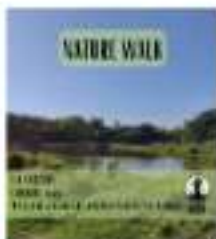
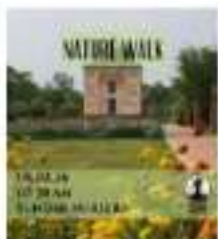
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Upcoming Events:
February 2026



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Memes 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 2024, 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



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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 bichuar 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/Bhatewa

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

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200 Parrons 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?

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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 2024

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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 furs: 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 cruelty

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 marsh 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 Rahtak 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 envoy 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 3 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 &
Priyanshu Agarwal**

New Delhi: Delhi's forest department has issued an order to protect trees along Shalimar Bagh Road, New Delhi, the high court was informed on Wednesday.

The department submitted a "restraintment order" dated Jan 31, passed by deputy commissioner of Forests (North), directing that there should be no root damage, illegal felling, pruning or any offence under the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act (DPTA), 1984, with respect to trees on the central verge of the road from Tikah 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 DDO, Hari Nagar, to ensure compliance and act on complaints.

In its latest application, the society said it was found in New 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 Shalimar Bagh Road, New Delhi, the high court was informed.

The plea stated PWD was using earth-storing machines to build the road's central verge. "Despite a complaint being filed on the subject matter under contract documents, no action was taken. No steps were taken as per the DPTA mandated by this court," the applicants 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 DC had in 2023 ordered Delhi govt to implement the strict DPTA which requires a strict reaction time to be dispatched immediately and lay down a step-by-step procedure to address complaints of tree damage/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 Dangers:
Delhi's Uranium Crisis](#)



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



Indonesia's Kawah Ijen Volcano
Produces Electric Blue Lava
That's Actually Liquid Sulfur
Burning At 1,100°



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

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HOW TO SAVE FALLEN TREES

When you see a tree that has fallen, it's important to act quickly to save it. Here are some steps you can take to help:



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Tree Care in the Culture

Tree care is an important part of our culture. It helps us maintain a healthy environment and a beautiful landscape. Here are some ways you can help:



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Local Activities and Programs

There are many local activities and programs that you can participate in to help with tree care. Here are some examples:



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Help Trees & Animals



Street animals are often at risk of being hit by cars, especially in winter when visibility is low. To help protect them, we are offering free reflective collars. These collars are made of bright orange material with reflective strips that make the animal more visible to drivers at night or in low light. They are easy to put on and take off, and they can be used on any animal, including dogs, cats, and even birds. We have a limited supply, so act fast! Collars are available while supplies last. Contact us at news@natureandsociety.org to request one.

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From 10:00am - 11:00pm

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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 news@natureandsociety.org

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

[Email us](#)

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.
4. Members are granted access to the NDNS library.

[Internship Form](#)

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Cost for a 1-year membership is Rs 3000/- After submitting the form, we will verify your details and then send you a link for the online payment.

[Volunteer Form](#)

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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.

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 locked 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 - 971115666
- Wildlife Rescue - 9810129698, 9810639698
- People For Animals - 011 23719293 / 9594.
- For Cows - Dhyani Foundation - 9990099433

A TREE IS BEING CUT?

Click pictures

Tell them to stop immediately

Ask them to show the Forest Department permission.

No permission, then Call 300 and wait till help arrives.

Report the matter on the Green Helpline 011 23378515

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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