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## News

### Forest dept sends notice for cutting 31 trees in Tamhini

Tamhini Wildlife Sanctuary — near Pune — is one of the most significant eco-sensitive areas in the Western Ghats. Therefore, in its move to preserve the sanctity and pristine ecosystem of this area, the forest department has started a campaign to stop illegal tree cutting activities. In one such serious action taken last week, the department has issued notice to a landowner who fell nearly 31 trees in the area without seeking requisite permissions from the authorities. P V Kapse, range forest officer of Tamhini, informed, "It is a private land but tree felling without proper permissions is strictly prohibited in the sensitive area. The owner razed over 31 trees and therefore we decided to intervene and take action. We are still investigating the reason behind cutting so many trees as we are yet to ascertain the owner's identity. The notices were sent to the owner via registered post after seeking the address in Lonavala from workers. When the owner turns up to meet, we will know better." [Read more...](#)

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### How People across India Are Using the Internet to Plant Trees and Reduce Their Carbon Footprint

"I was born and brought up in a hilly region in Uttarakhand. On moving to the city I noticed a stark difference with respect to the environment. There were concrete jungles coming up around us and people didn't know what to do about the receding green cover. But there were also people who wanted to contribute towards the cause of Mother Nature by planting trees – they just didn't have a convenient medium to do so. Someone says there is no space to plant trees and someone else complains that there is no time. This was the initial trigger that motivated me to start this platform," says 37-year-old Apurva Bhandari, the co-founder of Sankalp Taru, a technology-enabled NGO that works on reforestation and environment conservation projects across India. [Read more...](#)

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### Tree felling on Gangapur Road fuels greenree

NASHIK: City's green guards have accused the civics body of hacking trees illegally on Gangapur Road under the garb of transplantation. They said that trees in a row that could be retained and the species that could not be transplanted were cut. They sought help of the police to sort the issue. Gangapur Road is being widened up to 30 metres at a stretch of five km from Jehan Circle to Gangapur village and the trees that pose obstacle are to be transplanted as per the orders of the court. Activists had first gone to the National Green Tribunal. All tree related cases are being handled by the Bombay high court now. "They were hacking amla, neem and mango trees which are not easy to transplant or conserve after transplantation. Only ficus variety and coconut trees can be transplanted easily and has maximum chances of survival," said tree activist Ashwini Bhat adding that trees in a row that could be saved were being cut. "I spoke to additional municipal commissioner and got the cutting stopped. I also filed a complaint with the Gangapur police for this illegal hacking. I have given application for registering first information report," she added. [Read more..](#)

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**Source:** <http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com>

### Seven zones to get trees in nationwide green lung project

Indigenous trees are to be planted in seven areas across the island to create new green lungs and supplement plans for a new "mini-Buskett". Minister Jose Herrera told *The Sunday Times of Malta* that the ministry had finished identifying areas for trees from Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq to Żabbar, and planting had already begun at some sites. "We have a number of afforestation projects which have been approved and which are either being carried out as we speak or will be carried out soon," he said. Back in July, Dr Herrera had told this newspaper that he had earmarked an area in the middle of Malta to transform into a "mini-Buskett" which would even be large enough to encourage wildlife to settle. Insisting Malta was "crying out for trees", he declined to reveal the exact location of this new woodland but said an ad hoc committee was currently reviewing several proposals and he would be in a position to divulge further information on his woodland ideas in the coming weeks. He did later say, however, that potential sites included disused landfills which could be given new purpose as green parks. [Read more...](#)

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**Source:** <http://www.timesofmalta.com>

### The man who thinks trees talk to each other

Trees have friends, feel loneliness, scream with pain and communicate underground via the "woodwide web". Some act as parents and good neighbours. Others do more than just throw shade – they're brutal bullies to rival species. The young ones take risks with their drinking and leaf-dropping then remember the hard lessons from their mistakes. It's a hard-knock life. A book called *The Hidden Life of Trees* is not an obvious bestseller but it's easy to see the popular appeal of German forester Peter Wohlleben's claims – they are so anthropomorphic. Certainly, a walk in the park feels different when you imagine the network of roots crackling with sappy chat beneath your feet. We don't know the half of what's going on underground and beneath the bark, he says: "We have been looking at nature for the last 100 years like [it is] a machine." [Read more...](#)

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**Source:** <https://www.theguardian.com>

### International Avenue to uproot estimated 370 trees

There's a Russian olive tree along 17th Avenue SE that Alison Karim-McSwiney of International Avenue Business Revitalization Zone sees everyday. Because of the city's estimated \$96 million bus rapid transit project in the area, it could be hers. But with her yard already full, Karim-McSwiney is doing her best to make sure the 370 estimated trees that will be uprooted for the project find a new home - including the Russian olive. [Read more...](#)

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