

# SAVE ARAVALI TRUST NEWSLETTER

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## ARAVALI - The lungs of NCR

The Aravali Range is one of the oldest mountain ranges in India, stretching over 700 km across the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi. The Aravali Range is not only a geological wonder but also an ecological hotspot, with unique flora and fauna. However, the Aravali Range also faces several environmental challenges such as deforestation, unauthorized construction, mining, and urbanization. These activities are leading to ground water level degradation, change in climatic patterns, degraded ecosystem and loss of biodiversity.

Save Aravali Trust was founded almost a decade back in order to combat the above challenges and revive Aravali to its original form. Our mission is to not only save one of the oldest mountain ranges of India but also to ensure greener and cleaner tomorrow. We are a 100% volunteer-driven organization and are working on all fronts to save the Aravalis - the lungs of Delhi NCR.

### Save Aravali Trust

Over the span of the last few years, we have

- Planted over 1 lac saplings
- Revived 14 johads (percolation ponds)
- Converted 2 dumping sites into lush green forests
- Installed a Sewage Water Treatment Plant
- Educated lacs of people on the importance of environment conservation.

We are now a team of 4000+ volunteers and continue to reach thousands of people every day through our awareness content. We are happy to have come this far while knowing that there is still a long way to go in our mission towards creating a better environment.



# Nursery



BADHKAL-PALI ROAD, FARIDABAD



## Karam bhoomi of Save Aravali



A green-belt in sainik colony which served as a dump yard for residents of sector 49, with permission from MCF had been successfully converted into a fully operational nursery . Currently, We have setup an elevated seed germination center and has tens of thousands of native Aravali saplings of Desi Keekar, Jungle Jalebi, Neem, Peepal, Kaner, peepal, raunjh etc.

During monsoon season, these indigenous saplings will be transferred and then planted in the barren patches of Faridabad forest.







# Sewage Treatment Plant

A natural Sewage Water Treatment Plant (STP) is recently installed at Save Aravali nursery which is situated at sainik colony, Faridabad. This STP serves as the cost-effective solution for treating sewage water which then, being utilized for watering the 1 lakh+ trees planted in Aravalis. All the methods are 100% natural i.e. using charcoal, stones, coconut shells, human hairs, wood dust etc. to filter water and balancing BOD, COD levels.

*"Only when we replace complains with action, will we be able to work towards a better planet"*  
- Diksha Bhatti, Oracle



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This project would not have been possible without the innovative brains of Jagmohan Yadav and Raju Rawat from Save Aravali environment team and energetic Oracle team which resonates with our aim of establishing sustainable sources of water. They regularly sent teams of employees who voluntarily contributed with physical efforts to make this project successful.







# Faridabad Forest

In our mission to revive the Aravalis, we started with 20 acres of land and named it *Faridabad Forest*. We are doing plantation in small patches and over the span of last two years, we have successfully converted it into green land by planting more than 50K saplings of indigenous species including Jungle Jalebi, desi keekar, raunjh, amaltash, beri, rehta etc. Degraded soil is one of the biggest challenge in Aravalis and to improve the soil ecosystem of aravali, Anadi seva prakalp(an oldage NGO) donated us 40 trolleys of cowdung which was supplied from their gaushalas (cowsheds). Recently, the site was visited by NSS volunteers who provided physical contribution in manure-shifting activity. Students of Aggarwal College also participated in the awareness drives. Our target for this year is to plant 50k saplings for which the seed germination process has already begun in our nursery.



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में Save Aravali की पूरी टीम और इस पावन कार्य में जुड़े सभी स्वयंसेवकों की सराहना करता हूँ, आपका निरंतर प्रयास समाज में जागरूकता पैदा कर रहा है।

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***Save Aravali Trust conducted the first plantation of 2023 in January, 2023. Around 80 volunteers joined us in this plantation activity. Our work was recognized and appreciated by Shri Ch. Kunwar Pal, Minister of School Education, Environment, Forests & Wildlife & Tourism, Parliamentary Affairs and Hospitality, Govt. of Haryana.***







# ARAVALI YATRA

Save Aravali Trust hosted 2 Aravali Yatras at Kot lake and Parson Mandir in January, March 2023. Aravali Yatra is an opportunity for the nature lovers across Delhi-NCR to see the sunrise from the mountains, explore the Aravali's scenic beauty, experience the joys of being in nature and moments to enjoy some time away from the daily grind. You get to explore the forest, take in the views, and enjoy some of the best hiking trails around.





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## A w a r e n e s s   c a m p a i g n

### >>> DYAL SINGH COLLEGE, DELHI UNIVERSITY

One of our founding team members, Mr Pankaj Grover was recently invited as a panelist in the National Seminar on Geography of Polyvocality conducted by Dyal Singh College, Delhi University. He spoke about various environmental and socioeconomic issues that are being faced in today's world. He motivated the audience towards taking steps to contribute towards a better, sustainable planet.



### >>> DAV INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Mr Pankaj Grover of Save Aravali Trust was invited by the patriots club of DAVIM to speak on the eve of the sacrifice day of Shahid Mangal Pandey. He delivered a powerful speech to hundreds of university students on various environmental issues that are being faced in Delhi NCR today. He also motivated them to join the Save Aravali Trust and contribute to our mission.



### >>> AWARENESS DRIVES ACROSS FARIDABAD

Regular awareness campaigns are held in Town Park (Sector-12) and Rose Garden (NIT) to educate people about our mission. The latest issues were taken up and discussed on such public places to make educate people on the harmful consequences of activities like approval of garbage dumping sites near residential areas, illegal mining, and deforestation.



WORKING TOWARDS SOLVING A PROBLEM AS CRITICAL AS ENVIRONMENT CONSERVATION, WE REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF SPREADING AWARENESS AND MAKING MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS CITIZENS.



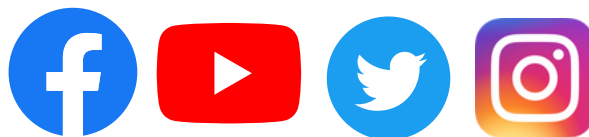




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# Volunteer of the month

