

PMC to explain procedure for tree-felling

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Pune: A civil court in Pune has told Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) to appear in court on November 27 to show the legality and the procedure of tree-felling authorization.

A petition filed by activists Ameet Singh, Hema Chari, Sathya Natarajan and the Secular Community of India confronted the conflicting roles assumed by the municipal commissioner as the tree-felling requisitioner and protector as head of the tree authority eliminating checks and balances. They said PMRDA is the planning authority and its commissioner must authorize tree felling.

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Felling of trees continues at Sinqerim hill
The destruction of biodiversity on Sinqerim hill continues despite complaints lodged by the Calangute Constituency Forum (CCF). Authorities have neglected the area and no action has been taken. The property, covered by natural green vegetation and biodiversity, has seen unauthorized cutting of trees. The property falls under a no-development zone and violates a Supreme Court order. The CCF has informed the authorities but has not received any response.[105454703](#)

Chipko-like campaign brews over tree felling
The movement in Assam led by filmmaker Rima Das opposes the cutting down of 28,000 trees on the Guwahati-Goalpara stretch of National Highway 17. This move is reminiscent of the Chipko movement in Uttar Pradesh. The NHIDCL claims to have minimized tree loss and taken measures for development. The historical identity of Chhaygaon area, including the protected Merghar archaeological site, is threatened by this expansion. The directorate of archaeology confirms the site's ruins of 11th-12th century stone temple architectures. People have expressed their sentiments by hugging an old tree. The NHIDCL has taken steps to reduce tree loss, including a 16-km bypass and acquiring less land. The project aims to ease future traffic due to the construction of a logistic park. Tree felling is expected in Goalpara and Kamrup districts, but not in Kamrup (Metro).[105401737](#)

Over a dozen trees felled, 3 acres cleared in Aravali leopard corridor
Illegal land clearing and tree felling in the leopard corridor along Damdama Lake in Gurgaon has raised concerns among environmentalists. The lake, crucial for preventing waterlogging and recharging groundwater, is being affected by increasing urbanization. The urban colonies have fragmented the leopard corridor, leading to human-animal conflicts. Gurgaon's cropland cover has decreased while the built-up area has doubled in the last decade. Miscreants take advantage of weekends to clear land and cut trees. Decreasing groundwater levels and man-animal conflicts highlight the need to protect sensitive zones and wildlife corridors in the Aravali area.105341481