



# Citizens For Green Doon

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## About Citizens For Green Doon

Citizens For Green Doon is a voluntary movement of ordinary citizens of Dehra Dun aimed at protecting and enhancing the green cover and the environment of Dehra Dun and its Valley.

CFGD or Green Doon, as we are popularly known, started its journey as a handful of people who were aghast at the indiscriminate felling of trees which was taking place in our city ever since it became the Capital of Uttarakhand. Tens of thousands of trees were felled in the name of “development”; to widen the roads, to make commercial complexes and offices and gradually the “leetchi” orchards, for which Dehra Dun was once famous for, started disappearing.

The first spontaneous protests broke out on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009, when labourers cutting trees around Parade Ground were chased away. This led to a realization that unless the common man spoke out, Doon Valley was doomed to turn into a desert. An exchange of ideas and a meeting of minds then led to creation of Citizens For Green Doon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2009. Since then, we have never looked back and chased away anyone who tried to fell a green tree in Doon. From a handful of people, we are now around 1900 strong. The Government hates us, since we “block development”, the timber mafia hates us because we have drastically reduced their business, and the contractors hate us because we keep a strict eye on their activities, but the people love us. Wherever we have been, we have been received with warm support. Our green scarves have become the identity of peoples concern about the environment.

Over the last year we have been successful in scuttling a number of ill advised ‘developmental’ schemes of the Government. The beautiful Thano Raipur Road is an example of one such success. Initial plans of the government were to four lane the road for SARC Games and cut over 11,000 trees. The Forest Ministry blocked the attempt and the proposal was revised to double lanning it and felling around 3500 trees. With our intervention, we wrote emails and sent faxes to the Environment Ministry, we met the Chief Secretary with a detailed memorandum on why double lanning the road made no sense, the Government finally decided to simply widen the road by a few feet and cut just around 110 trees. From 11,000 to 110 trees, this shows the way Government plans “development”. If no one had protested, over 11,000 green trees would have been cut for no logic.

Our “Tree Helpline” 9410542177, is a 24 hr tree helpline dedicated to the trees. The number has been widely publicized in press and through car and scooter stickers. We have received and responded to over a dozen help calls over the last few months and helped saved the lives of a number of trees.

We need to expand further. We are in the process of getting more volunteers and opening Chapters in various localities of Dehra Dun to increase our reach and effectiveness. Recently we inaugurated “Green Voices” which is our theatre group, aimed at conveying our message through dance and drama. If you love Dehra Dun and care for it, please make our movement your own. We seek just 2 or 3 hours from you per month. To join us SMS your name and email to 9410542177 or log in to [www.citizensforgreendoon.com](http://www.citizensforgreendoon.com) or enter your details in our membership register. We are also active on Face book where we have our discussions. Search for “Citizens For Green Doon” on Face book and join us there as well.

Our Valley and our Movement needs you.

Join us.