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Sub: Marking of trees in the University campus

Dear Sir,

We hope you are doing good and keeping well.

It has come to our notice that the University Sports Ground needs to be expanded in order to hold some events for the upcoming Commonwealth Games. This is exciting news for us and we are sure that the University and students will benefit from the same.

Sir, we are also informed that due to this expansion project, some lot of trees in and around the existing Sports Complex will be affected and they have already been marked, apparently to be hacked later on.

However, we have full faith in Delhi University and in you Sir and we are sure you will ensure proper transplantation of most of these 'heritage' trees and also initiate a Compensatory Afforestation program which will provide the valuable ecosystem services being lost in this process.

However still, we have been moved by the way these trees have been marked. The marking is done in such a horrifying manner that it has damaged even the nutritive tissue of the trees and consequently several trees in the campus have not borne leaves after the fall season. The trees have also been exposed to microbial and pest attack.

We urge to look into the matter and ensure that in the unfortunate event of the trees been marked again, the University Engineering Office (who did the markings) will not work without the consultation of either the School of Environmental Studies (or an equally competent authority).

Thank You for Your Time

Yours obediently  
Students

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P.S. Please have a look at the three images on the next page.

**A tree right in front of the gate of the University Sports Ground**



**Five Days after it was marked**



**Two Weeks after it was marked**



**Yesterday (April 25, 2007)**