



## Eco tourism

Ecotourism in Kevadia involves responsible travel to natural areas, conserving the environment and improvement of well being of the environment, local people and the tourists.

### 5<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

#### About

One of the most interesting and exciting initiative in the 17 projects of 'Kevadia Tourism Circuit' is the development of two ecotourism spots : **Khalwani** and **Zarvani** eco tourism spots. An area surrounded by hills and hillocks, covered by deciduous forest, sound of the flowing river water of Narmada is an ideal space for eco tourism where the tourists can actually get involved with the mother nature.

#### Details

**Khalwani tourist spot**, located near dyke 4 near the bank of a perennial river, is covered by hills and hillocks and deciduous forest. Here the physiography of undulating surface and flow of Narmada helps in camping and hiking by the tourists. It is near to the Shoolpaneshwar Sanctuary which is a great attraction for the eco friendly tourists. Activities like bird watching, experiencing colours of butterflies, walking along the forest trail by enjoying various species of flora and fauna, cycling in the forest track are some effective elements which promoted eco tourism in this place.

**Zarvani Tourist spot** offers the beauty of waterfalls, adventure park, various species of flora and fauna. It is a beautiful place to visit. The Zarvani waterfall is situated in the Satpuda range. The tourist footfall is maximum during monsoon here. The village of Zarvani near Narmada dam is also a famous tourist place. It is also a part of Shoolpaneshwar Wildlife Sanctuary. Adventure park provides some interesting activities like rope activities, foot print, hanging hedge, board, walking, zip lining, free jump from a 50 feet height tower etc.

These spots not only promotes tourism but also provides environmental education to the tourists. The campsites are developed in the middle of the green, hands on training regarding nursery and tree plantation are given so that the tourists gets inspired to do plantation in their own houses. Training n seed ball making, conducting nature education camps are some of the initiatives that make this spots special.

#### Importance

- Ecotourism has immense educational value. It teaches the tourist to be a responsible tourist and enable them to make positive contribution for nature.
- The spot is developed in such a way that it provides financial benefits to the local people for conservation of nature, promote local heritage, culture and various types of flora and fauna.
- Ecotourism is also a way to preserve nature in the most exciting way.



### Ecotourism in Khalwani and Zarvani