



## Ekta Nursery

Ekta Nursery is an effort to promote unity in various cultures through an unique representation of diverse plant species of different parts of the country by giving importance in both uniqueness of environment and sense of unification within India.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION

#### About

To promote eco friendly practices, Ekta Nursery has been developed which is a symbol of unity together with environmental sustenance and livelihood opportunities. More than one million plants are yielded in this nursery. These plants are for demonstration and sale. The nursery is situated in the foothill of Vidhyanchal and Satpuda ranges along the Narmada river.

#### Details

The nursery is a collection of various plant species that signifies unity in the environment. The central part of the nursery represents the local tribal ethnicity and their culture which includes tribal huts, artifacts etc. The commercialisation of the equipment and artifacts are another attraction of the area and they are well presented in the souvenir shops run by Gujarat Forest Development Corporation and Cottage & Rural Industries Department.

A different section named 'Ekta Artifacts' has been introduced in this nursery which represents bamboo crafts, areca leaf utensils, organic pots etc. They all are eco friendly and bio degradable. The tourists can participate in the making of these artifacts. They are open for sell as the purpose of this section is to promote the use of eco friendly products in our day to day life. In recent time plastic products has created a bigger market with larger profit margin, but the ecosystem loss due to this one particular reason is immense and unavoidable. To reduce such practice this kind of effort should be initiated so that the environment can be protected at present and for future. Another remarkable effort of Ekta Nursery is the Bonsai making training and display of them. Here miniatures of bonsai and the growth of them are shown and taught.

Another section of Ekta Nursery has been allotted for the representation of various technologies of farming. The need of water resistant crops, soil less farming etc. are discussed in this section. Other than that the importance of honey bees in the ecosystem and for providing livelihood opportunities are also presented beautifully.

#### Importance

- At the time of consumerism and market for plastic products this nursery spread the message of ecosystem restoration through the use of the biodegradable products in every day life.
- The unity in the diversity within just a specific area where tribal and non tribal people live in harmony are well presented through this effort. This will not only enhance the concept of unity in overall India but also people will learn to respect each other's cultural traits and livelihoods.



Display of plants in Ekta Nursery



Bamboo based products in Ekta Nursery



Ekta Handicrafts

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