



REPORT ON WEBINAR: URBAN FORESTRY

MoEF & CC's ENVIS (Environment Information System) Resource Partner, Consumer Education Research Centre (CERC), Ahmedabad working on the thematic mandate of "Environment Literacy: Eco – Labeling and Eco Friendly Products" organized a **Webinar on "Urban Forestry"**.

Date: 14th July 2020

Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Ms. Apeksha Sharma was the moderator who anchored the entire webinar.

Ms. Divya Namboothiri, began the webinar with an introductory session on ENVIS activities. She shared few pictures of tree plantation and vegetable plantation carried out by the ENVIS team. And also discussed about the floral and faunal diversity of CERC campus.

The speakers of the webinar and their topics are as follows:

- Dr. Rakesh Shah, Proprietor Anand Consultants & Environment Auditor Topic: Urban Forestry: Landscape & Planning
- Dr. Deepa Gavali, Acting Director at Gujarat Ecology Society
 Topic: Urban Forests: Pollution Mitigation & Ecosystem Services
- Mr. Utkarsh Chhaya, Manager (BE), Waterman Industries Pvt. Ltd Topic: Needs, Benefits & Barriers of Urban Forestry

Dr. Rakesh Shah Proprietor Anand Consultants & Environment Auditor gave a presentation on "Urban Forestry: Landscape & Planning". Dr. Shah gave some statistics on green cover in India and in Gujarat. Then he elucidated about – "Japanese Miyawaki Micro Forests Methodology". A proven methodology that has worked worldwide for planting different types of tress close together in an Urban set up. He further discussed about the cost and benefits Miyawaki Methodology. He also cited few case studies that have adopted the Miyawaki Micro forests Methodology.

Dr. Deepa Gavali, Acting Director at Gujarat Ecology Society made a presentation on "Urban Forests: Pollution Mitigation & Ecosystem Services". She explained in detail about the different aspects of ecosystem services such as provisional services, regulating services, cultural services and supporting services along with examples. Dr. Gavali also briefed about the impact of the green infrastructure in pollution mitigation.

Mr. Utkarsh Chhaya, Manager (BE), Waterman Industries Pvt. Ltd, presented on "Needs, Benefits & Barriers of Urban Forestry". He explained about the importance of forest in urban set up and also discussed about the difficulty faced. He also cited few of the CSR and CER activities undertaken by Waterman group.

Dr. Ashoka Ghosh concluded the Webinar with a thank you note and appreciated all the speakers and participants for their time.

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