

PLANT a TREE In SMRITI VAN

(FOREST OF MEMORIES)

A unique bond between man and the environment

Plant a tree to cherish a memory. The idea behind Smritivan that seeks to develop a unique bond between man and the environment of Shimla.

To seek people's participation in the conservation process the unique concept of a Smritivan/Forest of memories was introduced by the Hon`ble Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on 20th Aug.2005 in memory of our late Prime Minister Sh. Rajeev Gandhi. The main motto "*Plant a tree towards a memory you wish to cherish and help us grow it*" has touched a cord with people from all walks of life not only in India but also in other parts of the world. Many peoples from Shimla and Tourists visiting Shimla have expressed their interest by donating saplings not only in fond memory of their departed loved ones but also to mark their accomplishments in life. Such beliefs are prevalent in our epics also.

The idea is to have as many varieties of trees as possible. Conservation of biodiversity has been kept in mind while developing Smritivan. The concept of Smritivan not only increase people's participation in development but also plays important role in increasing the green cover of the Hill Station which is the only way to increase the natural beauty of the Hill Station. The Smritivan will be extended in between Jhkoo and KamnaDevi temple through the Mall road so that all people can see the Plant while roaming.

People who wish to plant a sapling at Smritivan are required to pay a moderate sum, which goes towards maintaing the plant as it grows. Most donors visit the Jakoo

during weekends; those who cannot aren't worried as Forest Department ensures watering and tending of the plants on a regular basis. Forest Department will provide tree guard for every sapling for its protection and this will enable them to display the name and occasion for which it was planted on 18"X 9" (inch) metallic name plate. When the plant will grow as tree then Forest Department will provide a retaining wall around it and will allow displaying the nameplate of person planted it so that family members of the planter as well as tourists can rest on it with the emotional feelings of the past.

To fulfill your desire to plant a sapling in Smritivan in fond memory of departed loved ones but also to mark your accomplishments in life like: -

- i) Your honeymoon visit to the Hill Station.
- ii) To ensure safe and pollution free environment and pure oxygen to your child whom your child will require when he grows older.
- iii) Any memory you wish to cherish.

Please contact following: -

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