

PRESS NOTE

Green Delhi becomes talk of the day at Garden Tourism Festival 2018

31st Garden Tourism Festival

(Theme: Grow Garden- Save Delhi)

at Garden of Five Senses (Near Saket Metro Station)

16 – 18 February, 2018

The 31st Garden Tourism Festival commenced with a lot of vigor and enthusiasm at the Garden of Five Senses on 16th February, 2018. As crowd poured in on the second day, the venue lit with cultural festivities. Young children from various parts of the city participated in an On the spot painting competition themed '**Your Gardens**'. They embraced the theme beautifully and represented a greener garden contributing to a greener city. The main attraction continued to be the cut flower displays at the entrance as people were seen taking pictures with the flowers. The visitors also took keen interest in the Bonsai and Flower exhibitions to know how they can be used in their houses.

Garden Tourism Festival is usually held every year in the month of February. It draws unique yet distinct theme each time. Themes vary from environmental issues to planning of garden and their maintenance. The theme for this year was kept as 'Grow Garden: Save Delhi' which is centered around healthy plantations for a greener Delhi.

The three day event has numerous nurseries showcasing their collection. Sapling, plants and trees are put for display and sale.

The **Garden Bazaar** saw nature lovers purchase various plants and accessories. Visitors were also seen engaging chats with the vendors to know more about the benefits of specific plants.

Delhi Tourism through this initiative tried to disseminate a strong message amongst visitors about the importance of gardening and how gardening contributes in tackling rising the pollution level and it even strives to inform visitors about different medicinal plants and the benefits associated with it. The audience were enthralled at the storytelling session by Jaishree from StoryGhar. People paid rapt attention as she transported them to the land of words. The end of the day saw a performance by Mixtape Band where people were seen end their evening on a good note.

The last day will see Zumba workshops, band performances, performance by Maninder Mahi and prize distribution for all the displays.

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