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## **Abstract**

Tourism industry is going to be most important in the world today. The large numbers of countries of the world have some priority to the development of tourism in their own country by allocating and investing more money in this sector. All the countries of the world have accepted tourism industry as a main sector of earning's foreign currencies along with a generator of new employment opportunities. An important part of the tourism develop in Nepal to increase number of tourist arrivals to length their stay a good image of Nepal to the visitor so as to attract them for re-visit and to make them spend more on Nepalese goods and services.

The Ghalegaun is rapidly growing as the second important tourist's paradise in Nepal. The major objectives of the study were to explore the socio-economic impact of tourism in. The study has been completed mainly by using primary data. Some secondary data also has been used which were collected from the different publications and department of tourism HMG of Nepal. The primary data were collected by questionnaire survey of tourists local hotels/ lodges in Ghalegaun. Primary information was supplemented by oral interview with local people.

Ghalegaun has undergone such changes as mentioned above due to the phenomena like modernization, urbanization, industrialization and others. In sum, it is also observed that tourism has contributed a lot in raising the awareness among the communities, national of preserving their traditional culture values norms and heritage. The problems of Ghalegaun are unorganized sanitation, waste management, unmanaged dumping site, poaching wild life, etc. So, tourism development in Ghalegaun should include keeping to up local traditions and culture. By keeping up tradition is not only an attraction for tourists or an income source. It is much important for a sustainable development of tourism.

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## **Acronyms and Abbreviations**

ACAP	Annapurna conservation and Protecting Area
MOCTCA	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
R&D	Research and Development
EIA	Environment Impact Assessment
CBT	Community Based Tourism
PGS	Paying Guest System
HSP	Home Stay Programmed
NGOs	Non Government Organizations
INGOs	International Non Governmental Organizations
TMC	Tourism Management Committee
TDMC	Tourism Development Management Committee
NTB	Nepal Tourism Board
NPC	Nepal Planning Commission
TU	Tribhuvan University
NATHM	Nepal Academy of Tourism and Hotel Management
WTO	World Tourism Organization
ECTP	Eco cultural Tourism Project
CCODER	Centre for Community Development and Research
MOF	Ministry of Finance
WTO	World Trade Organization
WB	World Bank