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ABSTRACT

This study **Potentiality of Tourism in Bandipur VDC of Tanahun District, Nepal** has been prepared for the fulfillment of Master Degree in Rural Development from the Central Department of RD, TU, Kirtipur. It is based on the field survey has dug out that tourism is one of the industries in Tanahun. It is because of its natural environment mixing with cultural richness.

Bandipur located in Tanahun District, southern corner of Gandaki Zone is a sleepy old Newari village. It was the main link on the ancient trading route between India and Tibet and according to legend was once very prosperous. It is also a place of god-gifted natural assets, mountain and Himalayan scene, river basin, wildlife, favorable climate and others attractions which will be of great interest for the tourist. This place is famous for both domestic and international tourism for its peculiar village environment in the view of its potential for the tourism development

This study was conducted to analyze the tourism potentiality in Bandipur. However, the specific objectives of study are to identify the prospect of tourism in the study area analyze the facilities of tourism in study area and to examine the status of tourist in the study area and to identify the problems of tourism development in the study area.

Tourism in Bandipur VDC of Tanahun District, Nepal is based on both primary and secondary data. The primary data were collected through field survey using different techniques such as interview, interview with key informants and observation.

Every facilities of accommodation like home-stay, hotels and resort are available in Bandipur in cheap price. Villagers are aware and agree that overall impact of tourism is positive in their village.

Behind its potentialities in tourism industry, this destination is in shadow. Geographical structure, short length of stay, lack of evergreen transportation, low facilities, less participation of private sectors and lack of local people awareness are major combating factors for the development of this area. As a result, this problem is identified by the researcher. It is also found that Bandipur has basic infrastructural

facilities and enormous tourism products to attract tourism which shall be upgraded in the active participant of all the local respondents, it will be better to form community based village tourism like Sirubari, Ghalegaun etc.

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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

AD	=	Anno Domini
BS	=	BikramSambat
BSDC	=	BandipurSocial Development Committee
CBET	=	Community Based Eco-Tourism
CBS	=	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	=	District Development Committee
GDP	=	Gross Domestic Products
HH	=	House Hold
Km	=	Kilometer
MA	=	Masters of Arts
MOCTA	=	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Activation
MOPE	=	Ministry Of Population and Environment
MOT	=	Ministry of Tourism
NGO	=	Non-Government Organization
No.	=	Number
NPC	=	National Planning Commission
NTB	=	Nepal Tourism Board
RNAC	=	Royal Nepal Airlines Corporation
SLC	=	School Leaving Certificate
STN	=	Sustainable Tourism Network
TU	=	Tribhuvan University
UK	=	United Kingdom
USA	=	United States of America
VDC	=	Village Development Committee
WTO	=	World Trade Organization