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## ABSTRACT

This is a micro level study of Gorkha Durbar to see the **Status of tourism around this area**. Tourism is the important phenomena for the development of the country. The main objectives of the study are to identify facilities available for village tourism and assess the tourism product available in the study area. This study also analyzes the impact of tourism in the study area and forwards some consideration for the important of tourism in this area.

The research is based on descriptive research design to ease researcher in collecting information about status of Tourism in the study area. For data collection, mostly qualitative technique was used to explore situation and improvement of tourism status in Gorkha Palace. The data were gathered from both quantitative and qualitative nature. Similarly both primary and secondary data were used in this study. Primary data were collected through household survey, observation, Project Status Reporting and interview. The various internal and external sources used for acquire secondary data. However, quantitative technique also used to identify the income, education and development status of people in study area.

The research found that, 55% of tourists were from Nepal and 45% from abroad. Mainly 21-50 years age groups of tourists were visit around Gorkha Durbar. Most of the tourists were visit for the study of village people and culture. The largest numbers of tourists likes to visit in autumn season and mostly they stay one night and two days. Gorkha Durbar is a famous historical place of Nepal. So, it has great scope in the tourism field. Which shall be actualized to increase the level of income of the locals?

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## ABBREVIATIONS

GDP:	Gross Domestic Product
ICIMOD:	International Center for Integrated Mountain Development
DDC:	District Development Committee
DDC:	Department for International Development
ITB:	International Tourism Board
STN:	Sustainable Tourism Network, Nepal
TDMC:	Travel Development Management Committee
UNDP:	United Nations Development Program
UNWTO:	United Nations World Tourism Organization
INGO:	International Non Governmental Organization.
NGO:	Non-Governmental Organization
NPC:	Nepal Planning Commission
CBS:	Central Bureau of Statistic
IRDP:	Integrated Rural Development Program
ITB:	International Tourism Board
MCTCA:	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation
MOPE:	Ministry of Population and Environment
IUCN:	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUOTO:	International Union of Official Travel Organizations
MOCTA:	Ministry of Culture Tourism and Civil Aviation
NTB:	Nepal Tourism Board
WTO:	World Tourism Organization