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Abstract

Tourism plays crucial role in the overall development of Nepal. Nepal is rich in cultural, natural resources and religious sites. It is needed to diversify and utilize them as per the present demand of the country. Tourism resources of Nepal have played a great role to improve country's image in the international area. Tourism is considered as a driving force for the sustained economic growth of Nepal. Keeping these above in view, the researcher has carried out of this dissertation entitle "prospects and problem of sustainable tourism development A Case Study of Sworgadwari Pyuthan" which is envisaged to be helpful while planning and development area. Sworgadwari is the most significant Hindu religious shrine situated at the Sworgadwari hill of Pyuthan district of Mid-Western part of Nepal. The main objectives of this study are to find out the tourism and problems for the Sustainable Tourism Development in Sworgadwari along with tourism impacts and to the problem. For the study, Researcher has applied various research methodology e.g. questionnaire, Filed observation, literature review of related document, KII key information interview with local people, as well as other respondents etc. Information was obtained by interviewing with three categories of respondents, 50 tourist, 60 local people, and 20 business operators.

In 130 respondents they are different religion Hindu, Buddha. Most of the respondent is seen Hindu and Buddhism and they are included in different occupation like business service agricultural etc. The major problems associated with tourism development in the study area are lack of communication, lack of water resource, week infrastructure and building construction, lack of advertisement and publicity, transportation, lack of trained/ skilled human resources at the local community level, no recording system of visitors, and low public awareness towards tourism lack of accommodation facilities were found in Sworgadwari.

During the study, I found that the impact of tourism was noticed both positive as well as negative. I found that there was social, economic and environmental impact of tourism in Sworgadwari. People of this area are being aware to conserve and preserve the local heritage, forest etc. They are improving their living standard, their traditional, agriculture system and dependency on livestock is changed. Tourism has brought some negative impact such as local indigenous unique cultural is slowly dying and mixing modern cultural of foreigners. Some

people from Magar community are tending to use their mother tongue and adoption Nepali language.

While researching, I found that there have income generated employment and opportunities local people from tourism activities. Local people are willing to take part actively in tourism related sectors. In addition people are conscious to conserve the exciting tourism product in an around the Sworgadwari. Because of lack of organized system of waste collection and disposal, the problem is more a cute at Sworgadwari and the surrounding areas. Waste disposal near creek and water bodies, increasing properties of bio-non degradable waste and hazardous disposal of human waste are other problems. In the Dharampani area uncontrolled growth of teashops, rest houses, camping cooking and other consequent litter is serious threats for the environment. An issue as reported by the local people is bio-piracy related to various insects and medicinal herbs are collected illegally. Such activities have caused the environment degradation rapidly in Sworgadwari area/region. Lack of alternative energy, increasing dependence on fuel wood, grass for cattle and the increasing number of lodges and houses construction have resulted deforestation.

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Abbreviations/Acronyms

ACA:	- Annapurna Conservation Area
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CBS:	- Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC:	- District Development Committee
EIC:	- International Ecotourism Society
GDP:	- Gross Domestic Product
GON:	- Government of Nepal
ICIMODE:	- International Central for Integrated Mountain Development
INGOS:	- International Non Government Organizations
KNP:	- Khaptad National Park
MOPE:	- Ministry of Population and Environment
NAC:	- Nepal Airlines Corporation
NTB:	- Nepal Tourism Board
NTS:	- Nepal Tourism Statistics
PCI:	- Per Capital Income
TRPAP:	- Tourism for Rural Poverty Alleviation Program
UNEP:	- United Nations Environment Program
VDC:	- Village Development Committee
WTTC:	- World Travel and Tourism Council
WTO:	- World Tourism Organization