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ABSTRACT

A thesis entitled "PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF TOURISM IN KAILALI DISTRICT: A Case Study of Darakh". The objective of the study is to identify the problems and prospects of tourism in Darakha VDC of Kailali district. This study is limited in Darakha VDC in Dhangadi district. This study is mainly concerned with the existing and important tourist spots, tourism trend, prospects and problems of tourism in study area. This study has applied explanatory and descriptive research design. The data is qualitative as well as quantitative in nature. Out of 50 respondents including national and international tourists from different countries was taken 45 respondents by using random sampling.

My study concluded that Darakha area have huge potentiality of rural tourism. This area is easily accessible as because it is just one and half hour away from headquarter Darakha. Tourist can get the Green community forest can be another reason for visiting this place where tourist can find small religious spot with interesting myth behind that place, where organization of old people with their own fund and effort have been making water tap so that passerby can enjoy the cool drinking water.

There are different challenges which stand as hindrances in the pace of tourism development in this area. One of the major problems of this area is that this area have road track. Lack of total participation for the tourism development is another problem of this area, some organization lacks co-ordination for conducting different tourism development activities. Lack of young manpower involvement is another major problem, as most of the young manpower area involved in abroad job, some are in headquarter of the district, Nepaljung and Kathmandu for educational purposes and for job. This place is not properly advertised in media and also it lacks link with the NTB in order to get proper support from state sector.

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ABBREVIATIONS

\$	–	US Dollar
CBS	–	Central Bureau of Statistics
FWDR	-	Far Western Development Region
GC	-	Gini Coefficient
GDP	–	Gross Domestic Product
HHs	–	Households
MOCTCA	-	Ministry of Culture Tourism and Civil Aviation
MOF	-	Ministry of Finance
NGOs		Non Government Organizations
No.	–	Number
NPC	-	National Planning Commission
NRB	-	Nepal Rastra Bank
NTB	-	Nepal Tourism Board
Rs.	–	Rupees (Nepalese Currency)
SLC	-	School Living Certificate
Sq. km.	–	Square Kilometer
TAAN	-	Trekking Agencies' Association of Nepal
TRPAP	-	Tourism for Rural Poverty Alleviation Program
TU	-	Tribhuvan University
UNWTO	-	United Nations World Tourism Organizations
VDC	–	Village Development Committee