

HAWKERS AND THEIR IMPACTS ON THE TOURISM OF THAMEL

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Abstract

“Hawkers and their Impacts on the Tourism of Thamel” is a thesis focused on the hawkers or street vendors and their impacts on the tourism particularly based on Thamel area. This dissertation writing has tried to answer the issues of hawkers, their identification, their situation, impacts on the tourism due to their behaviours and management framework through the analytical approach. The research has been carried out by the data obtained from field research and sampling process which is further supported by the secondary data available in various books, articles, journals, internet sources and data provided by related governmental agencies. Survey, interview and sampling are the methods applied to get actual information as much as possible.

Nepal, by her natural, cultural and archaeological gifts is a prominent tourism destination of the world. Emerging from a difficult political situation and struggling through various complications, the tourism of Nepal has reached at a height establishing as a fundamental part of Nepalese economy and culture. As the development process is going forward, the glimmers of its positives are also being blemished by some bad practices such as illegal commission, bribery and of course hawking.

Hawking has been an employment of survival for a large numbers of people. It’s a profession led by scarcity, illiteracy and compulsion. It has been increasing at an alarming rate throughout the country. But, hawking in the touristic sites and cities like Thamel is causing considerable damages in the tourism. Their negative impacts on economic, social, environmental, cultural and religious and security sectors are leading towards an irreparable loss in the tourism. Systematic control and management of the multifaceted problems of hawkers is an essential task for all stakeholders as suggested in this research paper for the development of quality and responsible tourism but addressing issues of hawkers is another important subject itself.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

A.D.	:	Anno Domini
AIDS	:	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
A.M.	:	Anti-Meridian
Apr	:	April
Aug	:	August
BDS	:	Blue Diomand Society
BBC	:	British Broadcasting Corporation
BC	:	Before Christ
B. S.	:	Bikram Sambat
CAAN	:	Civil Aviation and Authority of Nepal
CPN-M	:	Communist Party Nepal- Marxist
DC	:	District of Columbia
Dec	:	December
DoS	:	Department of State
eg	:	Exempli Gratia
etc.	:	et Cetera
Feb	:	February
FY	:	Fiscal Year
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Production
GoN	:	Government of Nepal
HIV	:	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
ibid	:	Ibidem (In the same place)
i.e.	:	That is
ILO	:	International Labour Organization
Jan	:	January
KMC	:	Kathmandu Municipality
LGBTI	:	Lesbian Gays Bisexual Transgender and Intersexual
MA	:	Master of Arts
Mar	:	March
NCB	:	Narcotics Control Bureau
n.d.	:	No date
No.	:	Number
Nov	:	November
NRs	:	Nepali Rupees
NRB	:	Nepal Rastra Bank
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board
Oct	:	October

OSAC : Overseas Security Advisory Council
P.M. : Post Meridian
Sep : September
TIA : Tribhuvan International Airport
TTDC : Thamel Tourism Development Council
TU : Tribhuvan University
UCPN-M : Unified Communist Party of Nepal - Marxist
UML : United Marxist and Leninist
UNWTO : United Nations World Tourism Organization
UNESCO : United Nations Economic Social and Cultural Organization
US : United States
USD : United States Dollar
WTTC : World Travel and Tourism Council