TOURISM IN GORKHA DURBAR SQUARE AREA OF GORKHA MUNICIPALITY

A Thesis Submitted to Tribhuvan University, Central Department of Economics for Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements of the Master Degree of Arts in Economics

Submitted by Sangita Amgain

Exam Roll No.: 280939/2069

T.U. Reg. No. : 9-2-643-15-2007

Central Department of Economics Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur

Kathmandu, Nepal

July 2016

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

This is to certify that Mrs. Sangita Amgain has completed this thesis entitled

TOURISM IN GORKHA DURBAR SQUARE AREA OF GORKHA

MUNICIPALITY under my guidance. I therefore, recommend this thesis for the

final approval and acceptance.

Prof. Dr. R. K Shah

(Thesis Supervisor)

Date: 17/03/2073 B.S.

i

APPROVAL LETTER

This thesis entitled **TOURISM IN GORKHA DURBAR SQUARE AREA OF GORKHA MUNICIPALITY** submitted by Mrs. Sangita Amgain has been accepted us fulfillment for the requirements of Master's Degree of Arts in Economics.

Thesis Committee	Thesis Committee	
Prof. Dr. Ram Prasad Gyanw (Head of the Department)		
Prof. Dr. Neelam Kumar Sha (External Examiner)	rma	
Prof. Dr. R. K Shah (Thesis Supervisor)		

Date: 13/04/2073 B.S.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is matter of great pleasure for me to have opportunity of carrying out this highly interesting research on Tourism in Gorkha Durbar Square Area and submit this thesis on it. So, in this short period of my study, I have learnt so much about the industry which plays vital role in Nepalese economy and which recognized Nepal in the map of the world.

I am extremely grateful Dr. R.K. Shah, Professor of Central Department of Economics, Tribhuvan University for his perfect guidance and continuous encouragement. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to my respected teachers of Central Department of Economics, T.U., Kirtipur for providing me invaluable information, suggestions and comments.

I am very grateful to the residents of Gorkha Durbar Square Area and tourists who helped me a lot to success this research who without restrictions shared their knowledge, view and experiences with me during the field visit. Likewise, I am grateful to Mr. Pradip Paudel, Mr. Achyut Lal Shrestha and many other personals who supported me during field visit and played a vital role of the informants.

I am deeply indebted to M/S Rina Maharjan for helping me in computer work. Finally, I would also like to gratitude to my parents and family members cordial cooperation to every aspects in completion of this study. I am also thankful to my husband Manoj Panta and friends Madav Dahal, Renuka Bhattarai for their kind support. Finally, my special thanks to all my friends for their help and co-operation.

Sangita Amgain

TABLE OF CONTENTS

			Page No.
REC	COMMI	ENDATION LETTER	i
APF	PROVA	L LETTER	ii
ACI	ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS		
TAI	BLE OF	CONTENTS	iv
LIS	ΓOFT	ABLES	vii
ABI	BREVI	ATIONS/ACRONYMS	viii
CH	APTER	R I: INTRODUCTION	1-7
1.1	Backg	ground of the Study	1
1.2	Staten	nent of the Problem	5
1.3	Objec	tives of the Study	6
1.4	Signif	icance of the Study	7
1.5	Limita	ntions of the Study	7
1.6	Organ	ization of the Study	7
CH	APTER	R II: LITERATURE REVIEW	8-31
2.1	Concept of Tourism		8
2.2	Theoretical Review		8
	2.2.1	Review at International Context	8
	2.2.2	Review at National Context	9
2.3	Empirical Review		11
	2.3.1	Review at International Context	11
	2.3.2	Review at National Context	11
2.4	Historical Aspects of Tourism Development in Nepal		14
	2.4.1	First Phase: Before Unification	14
	2.4.2	Second Phase: After Unification	15
	2.4.3	Third Phase: After Declaration of Democracy 1950	16

	2.4.4	Fourth Phase: After Declaration of Multiparty System in 1990	18	
	2.4.5	Fifth Phase: Tourism during Conflict Period	18	
	2.4.6	Sixth Phase: Tourism after Peace Process	19	
2.5	Revie	w of Previous Studies	21	
2.6	Touris	sm Vision, 2020	27	
2.7	Tourism Policy, 2008 28			
2.8	Nepal Tourism Year, 2011 30			
CH	APTER	THREE: RESEARCH METHODOLOGY	32-33	
3.1	Resea	rch Design	32	
3.2	Nature and Sources of Data 32			
3.3	Universe and Sampling 32			
3.4	Data (Collection Techniques	32	
3.5	Interv	iew		
CH	APTER	FOUR: DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS	34-50	
4.1	Introd	uction of the Study Area	34	
4.2	Distribution of Tourists by Nationality 42			
4.3	Distribution of Tourists by Age and Sex Composition 42			
4.4	Distribution of Tourists by Purpose of Visit 43			
4.5	Length of Stay of Tourists in Gorkha 44			
4.6	Socio	ogical Study of Local Respondents	44	
	4.6.1	Respondents by Religion	44	
	4.6.2	Respondents by Caste/Ethnic Groups	45	
	4.6.3	Respondents by Educational	46	
	4.6.4	Respondents by Age and Sex	46	
4.7	Impac	t of Tourism on the Local Society	47	
	4.7.1	Economic Impact	48	
	4.7.2	Social Impact	48	
	4.7.3	Cultural Impact	49	

	4.7.4	Environmental Impact	50
CHA	APTER	FIVE: PROSPECTS AND PROBLEMS OF TOURISM IN	
		GORKHA DURBAR SQUARE AREA	51-54
5.1	Proble	ms and Prospects of Tourism in Gorkha Durbar Square Area	51
	5.1.1	Scenic Attraction	51
	5.1.2	Cultural Attraction	51
	5.1.3	Traditional Art and Architecture Attraction	51
	5.1.4	Tourism infrastructure in Durbar Square	52
5.2	Proble	ems of Tourism in Gorkha	52
	5.2.1	Drinking Water	52
	5.2.2	Electricity	52
	5.2.3	Manpower	53
	5.2.4	Transportation	53
	5.2.5	Health Facility	53
	5.2.6	Vegetable	53
	5.2.7	Publicity	53
	5.2.8	Tour Package	54
	5.2.9	Recreation	54
CHA	APTER	SIX: MAJOR FINDINGS, CONCLUSION AND	
		RECOMMENDATIONS	55-60
6.1	Major	Findings of the Study	55
6.3	3 Conclusion		58
6.4	Recon	nmendations	59
REF	EREN	CES	61-63
ANN	ANNEXES		

LIST OF TABLES

	Page No.
Table 4.1: Distribution of Tourists by Nationality	42
Table 4.2: Different Age Sex Group of Tourists	43
Table 4.3: The Purpose of Visits	44
Table 4.4: Distribution of Respondents by Religion	45
Table 4.5: Distribution of Respondents by Ethnic Groups and Caste	45
Table 4.6: Distribution of Respondents by Level of Education	46
Table 4.7: Distribution of Respondents by Age and Sex	47

ABBREVIATION/ACRONYMS

CEDECON : Central Department of Economics

DDC : District Development Committee

GCCI : Gorkha Chamber of Commerce and Industries

NTB : Nepal Tourism Board

NTY : Nepal Tourism Year

SLC : School Leaving Certificate

U.K : United Kingdom

U.S.A : United Stated of America

VDC : Village Development Committee

WTO : World Trade Organization