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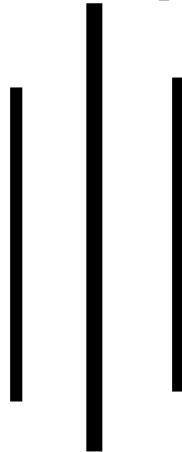
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ABSTRACT

This thesis entitled "Problems and Prospects of Tourism in Ilam District (A Case Study of Guphathumki Region)" has been prepared for the fulfillment of Master Degree in Rural Development from the MRM Campus Ilam. It is totally based on the field survey in which researcher has dug out that tourism is one of the greatest industries in Ilam. It is because of its natural environment mixing with cultural richness.

The general objectives of the study is to analyze the problems and prospects of tourism Ilam District. Moreover the specific objectives are as follows,

-) To find out the main tourism problems in Guphathumki area.*
-) To analyze the prospects of tourism in study area.*
-) To suggest Guphathumki as a major tourism destination of Ilam.*

This research has been conducted on the basis of field survey applying exploratory cum descriptive in which 25 locals, 10 tourists and 5 hotels and lodges were taken as sample. It is selected by using simple random sampling method. Major research methods used in this study were qualitative and quantitative. The tools used in the study were FGD, KII and HHs survey.

This study had found that animal husbandry and agriculture are the major occupations of this area. The predominant population used in the study said that low tourism infrastructures are the major problem for tourism development in Guphathumki region. Similarly, the prospects of the tourism in this area can be only acquired by creating infrastructures and generating awareness to the locals.

This study presented that major cast of the area is Braman/Chhetries and followed by Rai. It showed that there is diversification in the culture and tourist can enjoy it very much. The major fuel in the hotel is firewood. It visualizes its icon of village area. However, there is a bit change in modern energy as well.

Above all, this study brought out that Guphatumki is one of the most potential area for rural tourism. It is the area where all visitors can enjoy different delightful activities in the single sport.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

CBS	:	Central Bureau statistics
DDC	:	District Development Committee
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
GON	:	Government of Nepal
HH	:	Households
Hrs	:	Hours
INGO	:	International Non Government Organization
Km	:	Kilometer
LPG	:	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MA	:	Master of Arts
MOF	:	Ministry of Finance
NGO	:	Non Government Organization
No.	:	Number
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board
Rs	:	Rupees
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WDR	:	World Development Report
WTO	:	World Tourism Organization
MOPE	:	Ministry of Population and Environment
ILO	:	International Labors Organization
GOV	:	Government
KII	:	Key Informants Interview
NRB	:	Nepal Rasta Bank
FGD	:	Focused Group Discussion
MoCTCA	:	Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation
IUCN	:	International Union for the Conservation of Nature