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ABSTRACT

Problem and Prospects of Cultural Tourism: A Study of Tansen Municipality Palpa District is a representative vision of the reality. Main thrust of the present study is to explore the different cultural product in the study area to analyze the status of cultural tourism development in the study area, to analyze the challenges of cultural tourism development in the study area, to evaluate the prospects of cultural tourism development in the study area.

This research was carried out on the basis of descriptive and analytical research design. Quantative and qualitative data was used in order to achieve the objective of the study. Primary Data as well as Secondary Data was used for this study.

The study was adopted stratified sampling technique which helps to represent different aspects of the society as well as cultural aspects. The people was involved in tourism industry, tourism policy making and implementation of the people engaged in teaching tourism in higher education with special focus in rural tourism have been interviewed. The strata was made on the basis of caste i.e. Dalit, Janajati, Brahman/Chhetri and on the basis of gender; Male and female. This study was applied purposive sampling for area selection whereas sample population of the study was selected.

In respect to tourists, the researcher was chosen on the basis of three days visitors during the study. It is assumed that the average monthly arrivals of tourists are 33 and in three months it will be 100 tourists out of which 10 percent i.e. 10 tourists was interviewed. Similarly, out of the local HHs 32 was selected. In this sampling regarding to hotel owners, 5 were chosen as sample out of total 15 HHs. These all samples were drawn by applying simple random sampling method. *Interview and observation are the main tools of data collection.*

The majority of the local population is engaged in animal husbandry and agriculture as well as tourist related activities hotels and business i. e higher in the percent of the total respondents. It clears that the study area is a cultural zone. The educational status of the local people is improving due to the availability of school facility at local level. There is no wide publicity to this area from local, district and national level. It is because of the negligence of the local governments, geographical structures and others related agencies. In respect to Hotels, there

were few hotels and it is in district headquarter based on tourist's aspects. It is because of the geographical and lack of year round road network.

It is found that Trekking Route is very in miserable condition due to the low level of restructuring daily. So, for the trekkers, this trekking route should be developed well with clean manner. In modern world information technology governs the society. So, publicity of that place as a famous eastern destination should be initiated at national and local level government and local stakeholders.

It is found that the activities of tourism becomes seasonal there so, all sectors should be developed this area as the destination of land of all seasons. Length of stay of the tourists is moderate so stakeholders should be encouraged to the tourists for long time stay. For this a package program and other related programs should be conducted at local level communities.

There is no wide publicity to this area from local, district, region and national level. It is because of the negligence of the local governments and geographical structures. In respect to Hotels, there were few hotels based on tourist's aspects at Tansen headquarter and not available at tourism spot areas. It is because of the geographical and lack of year round road network. Palpa district is also renowned for herbal products, apple, rich biodiversity, marcha local indigenous knowledge. However in the lack of well planning and policy these characters were not in worth.

Palpa district is also a religions place for Buddhists and Hindus. As a result, it can be taken as religious tourism also. Moreover, local cultural products were also prospects of Palpa district. Palpa is famous for the indigenous product which is related to tourism. These products help to promote tourism in the Tansen as well as whole Palpa district. Palpa is famous for the indigenous culture which is related to tourism Maruni Dance and Kaura Song. These cultures help to promote tourism in the Tansen as well as whole Palpa district.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

A.D.	:	Anno Domini
CBS	:	Central Bureau statistics
DDC	:	District Development Committee
FGD	:	Focused Group Discussion
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
GON	:	Government of Nepal
GOV	:	Government
HH	:	Households
Hrs	:	Hours
INGO	:	International Non Government Organization
IUCN	:	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
Km	:	Kilometer
LPG	:	Liquefied Petroleum Gas
MA	:	Master of Arts
MoCT & CA	:	Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Civil Aviation
MOF	:	Ministry of Finance
MOPE	:	Ministry Of Population and Environment
NGO	:	Non Government Organization
No.	:	Number
NPC	:	National Planning Commission
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
VT	:	Village Tourism
WDR	:	World Development Report
WTO	:	World Tourism Organization