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ABSTRACTS

Village tourism is a newly emerging concept where the visitor can really experience with the village life style and environment in rural area. This study gives the real picture of tourism activities in Maipokhari Area (Maipokhari VDC) of Ilam district.

The study is based on both primary and secondary data. More specifically, it is based on primary data and information which is collected by researcher himself with the help of different data collection tools and techniques. 20 households, 15 local activators and 5 hotels were taken for sample size from Maipokhari area and 10 tourists of different places are also interviewed. For this purpose, simple random sampling method has been used in survey of tourists and households and purposive sampling method has been used in survey of households. However, secondary source of data and information has also been used wherever they needed.

Maipokhari area is a naturally beautiful and culturally diverse area. It has enormous tourism products to attract the tourists. It has a God gifted natural assets like Maipokhari area Different types of historical place, den, cash crops, nice climate and scene, animals plants diversity, Bio diversity, wet land place etc. Which will be the great interest for the tourist. For developing this region, many institutional organizations are working in this area. Such as Maipokhari Tourism Development Centre(MTDC).

However, there are so many problems to develop tourism due to the lack of basic infrastructures. Such as there are not facilities sufficient hotels to stay and provide the services for present demands of tourists. So that, maximum tourists are stay only one or two days that is very short period. Nowadays, hoteliers are benefited mainly by the domestic tourists. This area is visited by different places but the domestic tourists share is dominant. Tourism specialists and local people see the excellent (very good) possibility of tourism and around this region in future. Although, they evaluate most of the existing infrastructure are in bad condition. Similarly, the participation of local people in tourism activities are not effective. So, they are not responsible, dutiful and interested for tourism. They should be more responsible encouraging through these

institutions. The research found that, potentialities of tourism in the study area is excellent and expectable.

Above mentioned, many institutional organizations have been doing lots tourism activities but not sufficient to develop in this region. The main problems associated with tourism in the study area are lack of drinking water, transpiration, security service, effective tourism plan, government interest, advertisement, communication, publicity, skilled manpower and etc. The activities are not enough for development of this region. Thus, it is necessary for the development of tourism infrastructures to develop tourism in the study area as shown by the output of the research.

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ABBREVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

| | | |
|--------|---|--|
| A.D. | - | After the Death of Chirst |
| B.S. | - | Bikram Sambat |
| CBS | - | Central Bureau of Statistics |
| DDC | - | District Development Committee |
| DNC | - | Destination Nepal Campaign |
| Fig. | - | Figure |
| FY | - | Fiscal Year |
| GDP | - | Gross Domestic Product |
| GN | - | Government of Nepal |
| I/NGOs | - | International Non-Governmental Organizations |
| LDO | - | Local Development Officer |
| MTDC | - | Maipokhari Tourism Development Centre |
| NCDC | - | Namsaling Community Development Centre |
| NGOs | - | Non-Governmental Organizations |
| No. | - | Number |
| NTB | - | Nepal Tourism Board |
| Sq.Km. | - | Square Kilometer |
| T.U. | - | Tribhuvan University |
| U.S. | - | United State |

- VDC - Village Development Committee
- VNY'98 - Visit Nepal Year 1998
- WTO - World Tourism Organization
- WTTC - World Travel and Tourism Council

District Map of Ilam

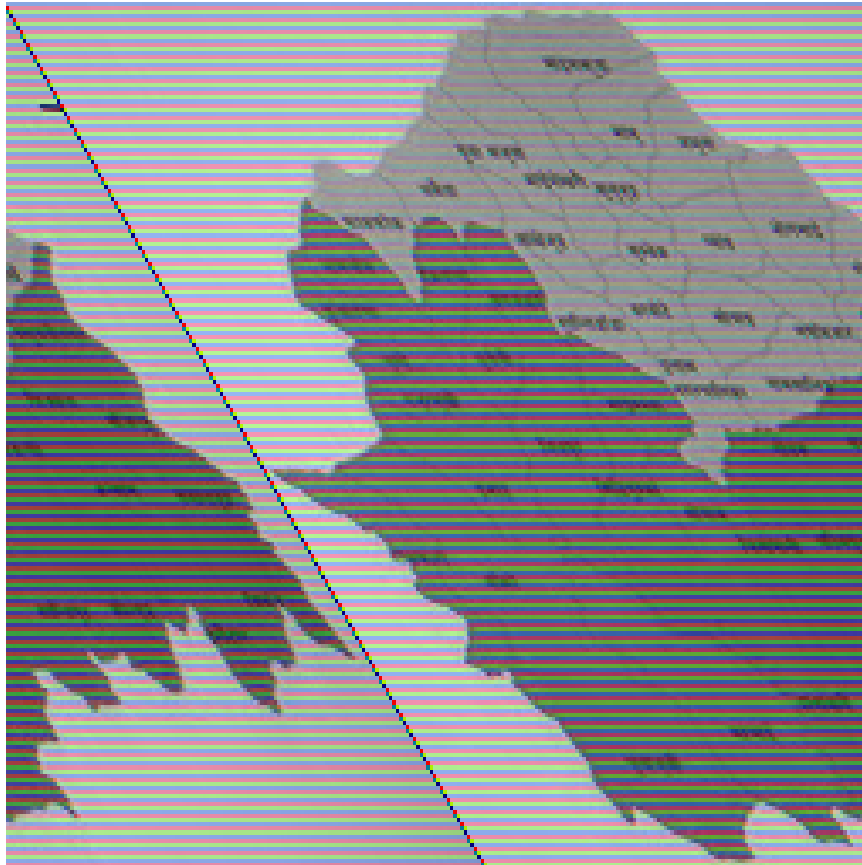




Photo of Maipokhari



Reflection of Forest on Maipokhari pound



limbu's chyabrung dance



Chandi dance in Kirant Culture



Sunar Dance



Gurung Dance



Sherpa Dance

