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ABSTRACT

This thesis "Problems and Prospects of Rural Tourism in Ilam District (A Case Study of Siddhithumka VDC)" has been prepared for the fulfillment of Master Degree in Rural Development from the Central Department of RD, TU, Kirtipur. It is based on the field survey has dug out that tourism is one of the in Ilam. It is because of its natural environment mixing with cultural richness.

There exist differences between modern traveling and traveling in the early period. Nevertheless, it is the habit of traveling which has initiated the growth of the survival and existence of early men. No doubt, it is originated in the advent of human civilization and change of human habits. If we promote and develop the tourism properly we can serve and preserve our historical, culturally and socially conventions. By this, it would be better to earning foreign currencies. If supports the national income. So, tourism plays vital role in the economic sources 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 FGD, Key Information Interview and Interview 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 Siddhithumka region. Similarly, the prospects of the tourism in this area can be only acquired by creating infrastructures and generating awareness to the locals .for meaningful tracking of rural tourism in this study area So, even if this area is regarded as the most important destinations, no concrete measures have taken from the local as well as national level.

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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
Rs.	:	Rupees
TU	:	Tribhuvan University
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
VT	:	Village Tourism
WDR	:	World Development Report
WTO	:	World Tourism Organization