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ABSTRACT

Domestic tourism has a great prospect in Chitwan valley. Geographically Chitwan is situated in Central part of Nepal. Nepal has an unequalled ecological and natural environment variation ranging from the Terai plains to Mountain and High Himalayas representing richness in biological and cultural diversity.

To reduce the overall poverty take through creation of income and employment generating activities in the key sectors we look at the existing tourism development approach in Chitwan, we find that the wildlife tourism is the single most but other complementary projects such as hiking, bird watching, solitude wondering around the pond and lakes, forthuities and culture, community display, agro-tourism type, sport tourism type an religious type tourism.

In view of the promotion of domestic tourism, the study examines the potentiality and essentiality of domestic tourism in Chitwan. Chitwan valley really natural, cultural, religious for all Nepalese It is also near from major cities of Nepal as well as accessibility. Thus study focus on scope and prospect of domestic tourism in different part of Chitwan valley.

From results of the study shows there is a great potentiality for domestic tourism in Chitwan. The study found that 60 respondents are selected for interview out of 520 in whole Chitwan about 12 percent of total number of them. Similarly, 98 percent of Nepalese visited Chitwan national Park out of 30100 in B.S. 2063/64 for jungle safari, bird watching and crocodile watching. So importance of domestic tourism is essential to apply in Chitwan to different part of people from Nepal.

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ABBREVEVIATIONS/ACRONYMS

BISEP-ST	:	Biodiversity Sector Programme for Siwaliks and Terai
BZUC	:	Buffer Zone User Committee
CBS	:	Central/ Bureau of Statistics
DFO	:	District Forest Office
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
GON	:	Government of Nepal
IUCN	:	The World Conservation Union
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board
SNV	:	Netherlands Development Organization