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Abstract

Dhankuta is such a place where there are many places and things famous for its own identification. These resources have high potentialities I use for the tourist attraction. Danda Bazar also such district places which have high susceptible destination to develop from tourist point of view. Still, promotion and development of the places have not been managed properly. Due to the above factors, this research, hope, carries its significance.

The objective of the study are to highlight the natural sceneries of Danda Bazar, to analyze the potentialities of culture tourism of the respective area, to show the potentialities of agro-based tourism and to highlight the potentialities of religious tourism. To meet the mentioned objectives various methodologies were used in this report.

Major findings of the study showed that the business tourism of Danda Bazar VDC, there are active tourism organization who have been working with up to date membership in local level from which business tourism can advance. Local leadership for thorough development of tourism is working through community Cooperation in the tourism management and extension.

Basic infrastructure and facilities are available in Danda Bazar for the development of rural tourism. Land use plan in Danda Bazar is being developed. The areas for agriculture, roads and tourism spots are managed there. So it will be better in the form of community based village tourism like in Sirubari.

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Acronyms

ACAP	:	Annapurna Conservation Area Project
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
DDC	:	District Development Committee Development
GDP	:	Gross Domestic Product
HRT	:	Hospitality Recreation and Tourism
ICIMOD	:	International Center for Integrated Mountain
IUOTO	:	International Union of Official Travel Organization
LCO	:	Local Community Organization
MOTCA	:	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation
NTB	:	Nepal Tourism Board Organization
UNESCO	:	United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
WTO	:	World Tourism Organization