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PARSHURAM KUND:A SPIRITUAL HOT SPOT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH

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Like the most pilgrimage in other parts of India ,Parshuram Kund in Arunachal Pradesh ,situated on the Brahmaputra plateau in the lower reaches of the north of Tezu in Lohit district has been a source of spiritual inspiration of a multitude of devotees since time immemorial.

From the study of the Mahabharata it is clear that Parshuram taught archery and military science to the warriors of the Mahabharata such as Bhishma,Drona Karna and even wrote treatises on its known as Dhanurveda. There is also a legend of killing the Kshatriyas, the warriors class to establish the path of righteousness at the time of its decline.

In this paper it is an attempt to focus the importance of tourism in the remote corner of this state. Both primary and secondary data are used

Pashuram Kund is now sprawling tourism centre not only for religious minded. It will be transferred from a sleepy religious centre to an international market during annual fair of Makara Sankranti . It has been observed that "Spiritual tourism can really be a revenue spinner if proper plan is worked out in this area.The people of NE region in general and Arunachal Pradesh in particular boast of this endeavour and effort.

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Abstract

The Role of NGO in Leisure Activities of Aged: A sociological Study

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The life style is being influenced by the process of modernization and globalization. In the last decade, due to urbanization and industrialization, the change can be experienced in socio-economic context and in this productive age based on high technologies, the experienced based knowledge of the aged persons are not being respected. On the other side, the capacity of aged to establish adjustment in all spheres of life is being gradually weak. The conditions of aged women are worst. Due to the of growth aged persons' population, disintegration of joint family, modernity and new life-style a new issue as caring of the aged has been emerged in the contemporary Indian society. In traditional society they were the most respectable. Although, government is performing the main role to solve the problems of aged persons. But with the help of government a number of NGOs are working and emerging and they are being helpful to solve the problems especially caring of the aged persons.

The paper mainly deals with leisure activities of aged persons in view of the space and infrastructure provided by the NGOs. It is based on one case study of NGO in Sagar. It is also based on descriptive and exploratory designs and on primary and secondary data.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE TOURISM IN INDIA ITS RECENT TRENDS AND
POLICIES – A GENERAL OBSERVATION.

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As we know the UNESCO designates World Heritage Sites to preserve sites of outstanding cultural or natural importance to the common heritage of humanity. India has twenty three of world cultural sites by UNESCO. According to the report by Ministry of Tourism 2010 majority of the foreign visitors at the overall level have indicated that they consider India as a destination for cultural and heritage tourism, which is predominate across all sections of the visiting tourists.

Thus there is a need today to study the current trends of cultural heritage tourism in India. In this paper the author makes an attempt to understand the cultural heritage tourism and make a general observation with analysis of the India's tourism policies and the projects of government of India and how it influence the flow of tourists and the efforts to promote sustainable development.

This paper basically structured in certain sections like concept and definition of cultural heritage tourism, its relevance today, historical aspect of Indian tourism and different policies of Government of India and discusses trends of Indian tourism.

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Title of the Paper - Transformation of Sense of Work, Place and Sentiments of Textile families in Coimbatore city – A thread to Heritage Tourism in India

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ABSTRACT

Around the Globe some people says that “I love travelling”, “It is my passion to visit places of importance”, “Wahh... what a beautiful place, animals, birds, trees and plants”, “It is wonderful to be away from home, work and other daily routine”, It is relaxing, breath fresh air, good feast for ears, eyes and mind”, what a wonderful days with nature” etc. It is time for holidays visit to some places for a few days and lives with natural area, culture and heritage sites are the dream for many and reality for some of the individuals and families. However, in India many of the individuals and families – it does not make any sense in terms of devote time, when to think of involve in leisure, recreation, and travel activities. It is interesting to note that for many people the meaning of leisure, recreation and tour are the same and are unable to distinguish between them. The crowded living and working situation in metropolitan cites never think of people going for a trip to some-where else, might by less importance given for leisure and tourism and might be because it cost a lot. Paid holiday trips, use leave travel concessions, luck draw winners are the travelers in India apart from pilgrims, religious and social visitors which are made under compulsion on one hand. On the other hand, the habits of visiting tourist places, the importance of leisure and recreation becomes beyond the mind and reach of many Indian individuals and families. Access to tourism is a social and economic issue.

Visiting a place of natural beauty areas, cultural and heritage importance, religious and social importance as a day visit or stay for a few days considered as tourism. There are many tourism types including medical and marriage, sports and adventures, natural and eco tourism, religious and cultural tourism etc. But visiting cultural and heritage cites areas are also important in terms of travel and tourism. The people living neighbourhoods such poles in Ahmadabad, Kutras in Delhi, Houshaz village in Delhi, Jew town in Cochin, Auravelle in Puthucherry, are the traditional residential areas are visited by many to understand and admire the cultural heritage of different communities in India and Global. But due the processes of urbanization the cultural and heritage areas are getting transformed in to modern living neighbourhoods with high rise apartments and business places. Protecting and conserving of cultural and heritage areas in the city will enhance tourism. Coimbatore city had its history to note the importance of its rich culture and heritage areas of many textile industrial neighbourhoods. This paper the author made an attempt to discover the situation in terms of the changing urban built environment and its tourism importance through doing a few case studies of textile families living neighborhood in the Coimbatore city. This paper will highlight the story of disappearing heritage and cultural areas in the city become a thread to tourism. This paper is very well goes with the theme “Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India” of the 42nd All India Sociological Conference.

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Leisure and Tourism in the Contemporary Society

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It is very significant from sociological point of view to study and analyze leisure and tourism in contemporary society. "The forces of Mobility, migration, intensity of cultural contacts, from within and outside the country, have resulted in changes in the pattern of leisure", with these sayings of Y. Singh, the paper will explore leisure and tourism.

The explorations in communication have resulted in social sites especially internet have opened the face what was under the veil. And the identities rekindled in this process. Mobile has changed everything and created a new pattern of leisure. But in this process of making virtual world, loneliness came into existence.

The present paper is based on observations. It will explore the new patterns of leisure and tourism in contemporary society.