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Cultural Tourist Destination of Kechopalri Lake of Sikkim Sociological Study

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Abstract:

The Kechopalri lake is located at west district of Sikkim and it is one of the best destinations for cultural tourism. Basically, it is sacred to the Buddhist tribal people. Its beauty and primordial history attracts all the tourists irrespective of religion. The lake has a charisma to attract the people to visit over there. The paper is trying to find the lake as a religious tourism center.

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Introduction

In the 21st century, tourism is the largest global industry. Eastern Himalayan in general is a special place for the development of tourism with special reference to religious tourism. The tourism resources of Sikkim are almost ubiquitous. The profiles of the snow-clad mountains and gorgeous rivers, the forests and grasslands, varied flora and fauna, and above all the salubrious climate owing to elevation have contributed profusely in making Sikkim attractive to tourists. Apart from these, the lake is also considered as an attractive center to tourists. Because, it is the symbol of the lake's religious heritage.

Tourism has been described as the world's largest and fastest growing industry. It is estimated by the World Tourism Organization that the industry will employ 100 million persons and promote over 10 percent of total capital investment by 2010. More