

## Impact on Women

Only anecdotal evidence is available on the impact of tourism on women. It is argued that, in some places, tourism has increased the burden on women because male members stay away from home for longer periods of time to serve tourists. At the same time, tourism has provided off-farm employment opportunities for women and has enabled them to explore and exploit their managerial capabilities in lodges, tea-stalls, and so on. Tourism has also encouraged women to undertake such highly specialised and skilful tasks as climbing Mt. Everest, which undoubtedly has increased their morale from being simple housewives. Women from the *Sherpa* community have been trained as doctors and there is an increasing number of women from other mountain communities who are pursuing meaningful higher education.