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Preface

The present Discussion Paper is one in a series of papers related to Mountain Tourism that have resulted from a NORAD-funded project entitled "Mountain Tourism for Local Community Development". The Project was initiated in 1994 with the objective of reviewing the status of mountain tourism in selected regions of the HKH (the mountains of Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh in India, Nepal, and the Northern Areas and North West Frontier Province in Pakistan), identifying the key issues with respect to mountain tourism and economic and environmental development of local communities, undertaking location-specific, in-depth investigation on the key issues, and developing a framework for Action Plans for sustainable mountain tourism and local community development in the case study areas.

The overview studies have already been published in the MEI Discussion Paper Series. The present paper is a case study on Mountain Tourism for Local Community Development in Kinnaur District, Himachal Pradesh, and Badrinath Tourist Zone, Uttar Pradesh hills in India. The thematic focus is on the inventory of tourism resources, the nature and perception of the various impacts of mountain tourism, carrying capacity considerations, perception of the linkage between tourism and community development, and the development of a framework for the Action Plan and Guidelines for Sustainable Mountain Tourism oriented towards local community development in the case study areas.

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