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# PREFACE

This Discussion Paper is one of a Series of Papers related to aspects of Mountain Tourism resulting from a NORAD-funded Project entitled "Mountain Tourism for Local Community Development". The present paper is the revised version of a paper presented at the First Review Meeting of the Project held in Pokhara, Nepal, in August 1994. The paper was commissioned as an input to the proposed Case Studies on Mountain Tourism in the hill and mountains of Nepal, the U.P. hills and Himachal Pradesh of India, and the North West Frontier Province and Northern Areas of Pakistan. All the Case Studies are being published in the MEI Discussion Paper Series. In the present paper, Prof. Prayag Raj Sharma, a noted scholar on Nepalese Culture, describes the impacts and implications of tourism on culture through an analysis of the processes in the Kathmandu Valley and the Khumbu region of Nepal.

On behalf of ICIMOD, Dr. Pitamber Sharma is the Project Coordinator as well as the technical editor of these papers.

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