

Impact of Pilgrim Tourism at Haridwar

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ABSTRACT Tourism become an engine for economic development and plays a great role towards socio-economic changes. According to Indian sentiment the pilgrim centers or tirthasthan used to visit by number of tourists to earn virtue. Haridwar – ‘The Gateway to the abode of Gods’ is one of such holy city situated at the base of Shivalik ranges of high Himalayas, as well as on the flow path of the river Ganga. It is a center of Hindu religion and mysticism for centuries. Lakhs of devotees from all over India visit Haridwar every year to take a dip in the holy river Ganga to earn virtue. Not only domestic but also foreign tourists are also come here throughout the year. The tourism industry has played an important role centering Haridwar and it becomes a boon.