

Environmental and Political Dispute on Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir

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Abstract: *The natural environment, on which Tourism depends, is an important economic asset. The relation between tourism and environment is overly complex and both are interrelated and interdependent to each other. Tourism involves various activities which can have positive as well as negative effects on the environment of the concerned area. Tourism has a potential to benefit the environment by directly or indirectly contributing to the environmental conservation and protection. This can be achieved either by financing for the protection and increasing the economic importance of the natural area or by raising the awareness of environmental values among tourists and the local population. Government local bodies collect money directly or indirectly from both, consumer as well as consumer of tourism related services in the form of User fees, taxes on sales or rentals of recreation equipment's, license fees etc. And these funds can be used for further protection, conservation, maintenance, and sustainable development these natural resources. Impact on armed conflict on the tourism of Jammu and Kashmir Tourism which was thought to be the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir has been drastically affected by the evolution of the armed conflict, terrorism. The state which was the favoured situation of the tourists till ninety "s has been deserted of the tourists for an exceptionally long time.*

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