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SITUATION OF TOURISM IN RANIKHET WITH EMPHASIS ON ECO-TOURISM: A STUDY IN TOURISM GEOGRAPHY

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ABSTRACT

The land of natural beauty and known as “Abode of Gods” Uttarakhand became the 27th state of India on November 9, 2000. It is bounded by Indo-Nepal border in the east, China in the North (International) and the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. There are very much opportunity for eco-tourism in our state Uttarakhand. There are many spots which can be made appropriate hubs for eco-tourism in the great Himalaya as well as in the Middle Himalaya. Ranikhet is a mid Himalayan town situated in district Almora of newly created Uttarakhand state in Kumaun region. Ranikhet is a nice tourist place from earlier. Sun facing southern slopes of Himalaya, moderate climate and peaceful atmosphere attract the tourists. An attempt has been made in this paper to find out the possibilities of eco-tourism in a mid Himalayan town.

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