# **Economic Impact of Tourism: A Study of Srinagar Garhwal**

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#### Preface

Tourism is one of the growing industries in the mountains and it is an important source of income and employment for the local people. In Garhwal region of Himalaya over the last decades, tourism has experienced an exponential growth and increased diversification as a fast growing economic sector in Uttarakhand. Tourism has fascinated visitors and pilgrimages from our subcontinent and across the world to visit the region and due to tourism people are getting economic benefits. For local people tourism means valuable economic business opportunities and jobs and State government and Private entrepreneurs are taking it as primary source of revenues and profit.

Srinagar is one of the important halting points for the visitors and pilgrimages those are coming for *chardham yatra* and there are various hotels, local vendors, food outlets and transporters which are operating their services in the entire region and generating good amount revenues especially in the season time. The present work is aimed to assess the economic impact of tourism in the Srinagar region on various hoteliers, local people, transporters and others who are directly or indirectly dependent on tourism.

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This is to certify that Miss Suryanshi Gupta, a regular student of M. A. Final (Economics), of HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar Campus with Roll no-17134305019, has completed her Master dissertation entitled "Economic impacts of Tourism: A Study of Srinagar, Garhwal", under my supervision and guidance . To the best of my knowledge and belief, it is an original piece of work, based upon facts and data collected by the scholar on her own .

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# **DECLARATION**

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# Chapter: 1

#### Introduction

## The economic impact of tourism

Tourism comprises sectors both direct and indirect sectors such as hotels, automobile rental, sightseeing transportation, air transportation, ground passenger transportation, miscellaneous store retailers, travel arrangement and reservation services, amusement services, other general merchandise stores, apparel and accessory stores, recreation services, food services, museums and historical sites, natural sights and bakeries and grain product manufacturing etc.

Tourism creates income and employment directly in the sectors in which expenditure or tourism-related investment takes place and also induces further growths throughout the economy as the recipients spend a proportion of them. The outcome in the form of Income and employment generation is not solely from expenditure by foreign tourists, along with the associated increases in private investment and public expenditure, but also from domestic tourist expenditure, which usually exceeds that by foreign tourists.

The impact of tourism at a national and regional level depends on the existing and potential linkages between tourism and the remaining sectors of the economy. These linkages may be forward and backward, which measure the relative significance of tourism as a supplier /consumer/demander of nationally and/or regionally upstream produced goods and services (Hirschman, 1958). A typical example of backward linkages would be the purchase of local food and fruit by a hotel restaurant or of local furniture to equip hotel rooms. On the other hand, forward linkages would involve, for example, the sale of coach seats to a tour operator who prepares holiday packages for the final consumer (Cai, Leung and Mak, 2006).

Reliable information on the economic impact of tourism is valuable:

- For policy- making
- For planning and macro-management of the economy
- For distributing public sector resources in tourism development
- For internal government processes to secure additional resources for the Ministry of Tourism and the National and Regional Tourism Organizations.

Evaluation of the economic impact of tourism is a complicated task. Understanding the economic impact of the different sectors of the economy requires a method of analysis that allows us to isolate the flow of income in the local tourism economy. This is difficult because of attributing the

proportion of tourist expenditure on goods and services in relation to the total pattern of expenditure by all users of the destinations (e.g. residents, workers and visitors). It is needed to identify the different forms of tourist expenditure and how they affect the local economy. According to **Page** (1995) these include:

- The character of the destination area and its products, facilities and physical characteristics
- The volume and scale of tourist expenditure
- The state of the economic development and economy in the destination
- The scale and kind of the local economy
- The level up to which tourist expenditure circulates around the local economy and is not disbursed on' imported 'goods and services
- Up to what extent the local economy has addressed the problem of seasonality and extends the destination appeal to all year round.

According to Mathieson and Wall (1982), the magnitude of the economic impacts of tourism is influenced by five factors.

- The category of tourism facility and attraction for tourists
- The volume and extent of tourist spending
- The level of economic development in the region
- The extent to which tourist spending is maintained and recirculated in the region
- The extent of seasonality in the region.
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These factors determine whether economic impacts are positive or negative. Tourism gives rise to different benefits and costs and the nature and scope of economic impacts tend to depend on geography and socio-economic structures. By analyzing these factors, it is possible to assess whether the economic impact will be positive or have a unfavorable effect on the economy. In this respect, some of the commonly known economic benefits of tourism are:

- The creation of income for the local economy
- The generation of new employment opportunities
- Improvements to the structure and balance of economic activities within the locality
- The encouragement of entrepreneurial activity.

Economic impact of Tourism can be explained as follow:

## a) The balance of payments

The balance of payments account for a country is a record of transactions during a period of time between residents of that country and the rest of the world. This includes all imports and exports. Governments opt to promote tourism in order to improve their balance of payments. The contribution of tourism to the overall balance of payments of a nation is calculated by working out the difference between the amount spent by overseas visitors in that country and the amount spent overseas by residents of the country.

Leakage is crucial factor in computing the balance of payments. In many cases, foreign exchange generated by tourism activity may not benefit the economy of the destination. Foreign investors in the shape of multinational corporations (MNCs) which control accommodation travel and tour organization receive substantial proportions of tourist spending. Leakage may occur through:

- Repatriation of profits generated from foreign capital investment
- Vertical integration

#### b) Income

As tourism stimulates economic activity in a destination, it assists in improving the overall economic status of a country. The measurement of economic production and nation wealth is gross domestic product (GDP). Tourism can lead to increases in GDP.

#### c) Employment

In tourism sector three types of employment may be generated.

- Direct-jobs is created as a result of visitor expenditure and directly support tourism activity,
   e.g. hotels
- Indirect-jobs is created within the tourism supply sector but not as a direct result of tourism activity.
- Induced-jobs is created as a result of tourism expenditure as local residents spend money earned from tourism.

Several factors influence tourism-related employment patterns. Type of tourist activity has an effect on employment as some forms of tourism are more labor intensive than others. Tourism spending may induce economic benefits which directly benefits the tourism environment. This spending to a greater or lesser extent assists in local economic development.

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Measuring the economic impacts of tourism focus on three areas.

- Economic multipliers and cost-benefit analyses
- Evaluation of opportunity costs
- The role of tourism in economic development

There are significant problems in trying to obtain accurate measures of the economic impacts of tourism. However, several measures can be used to give an overview of the effect of tourism. Multipliers are used extensively to examine the effect of revenue generation from tourism.

## **Multiplier Effect: Concept and application**

The evaluation of the economic impact of tourism from a quantitative perspective can be well understood on the concept of the multiplier. A multiplier is a statistical expression of how much income or employment (depending on whether one is referring to income or employment multipliers) is generated by a certain amount of tourist spending. The multiplier concept is based on the premise that tourist expenditure will inject additional cash flow into the regional economy and increase regional income. It is the ratio between the value of sales, output, income, employment or government revenue generated and the initial change in tourist spending or tourism-related investment. The initial expenditure undertaken by the tourist has not only direct implications for the economy but also a number of indirect and induced effects (Cooper et al., 2008). We can understand it by taking a case of a tourist who spends 100 rupees in a hotel. The direct (or first round) effects of this tourism expenditure are related to the income staying within the destination after subtracting any savings as well as the cost of imported goods and services required by the hotelier to offer their product to the customer. Let it be assumed that this income is equal to Rupees 80. This is then partly spent by the hotelier on goods and services provided by local suppliers (e.g. furniture manufacturers, lawyers, builders), who use this money to fund subsequent rounds of consumption of locally produced goods and services, leading to a further boost of the local economy. Assume that as a result of these indirect effects and extra income of Indian rupees (INR) 50 is generated in the economy. Finally, the initial tourism expenditure creates induced effects associated with the remuneration of local factors of production (i.g. capital returns, entrepreneurial profit, labor wages and land rents), whose owners in turn spend part of their money to consume locally produced goods and services. If these induced effects are assumed to create rupees 30 of local business turnover, then the total impact in the economy is INR 80+INR 50+INR

30=INR 160, leading to a tourism income multiplier equal to 160/100=1.6. Similar calculations can be made to estimate the employment multiplier. In general, the larger the linkages within the local economy and the smaller the leakages and the displacement and/or effects are, the larger the size of the income/employment multiplier is likely to be.

Therefore, it is understood that high multiplier values are more beneficial to the local economy than low values. However, it is necessary to consider both the multiplier value and the aggregate value of the income or employment generation, as it is possible for a high multiplier value to accompany a low value of total income generation, owing, in part, to a low initial level and change in demand. The multiplier values associated with small-scale establishments may be high, owing to the high local content of tourists' expenditure on them, but the value of expenditure on them, both in per capita and in aggregate terms, tends to be low, so that the magnitude of income and employment generated is low. In contrast, the multiplier value associated with expenditure on higher category hotels may be low because of the higher import content of tourists' expenditure, but total income and employment generation is usually relatively high, owing to the high value of tourist expenditure on them.

#### **Economic costs**

#### **Inflation**

Tourism development often creates inflationary effects on local economies, associated with the price of land, property and goods. The increased demand for land increases the price.

### **Opportunity costs**

Opportunity costs relate to the time, effort and money of developing tourism at the expense of other activities or areas of investment. If a government invests in tourism, then the money spent is unavailable for other uses. This may be detrimental to the well-being of local communities. Tourism investment can of course benefit local people through improved infrastructure, services and employment potential. This necessitates a cost benefit approach to the analysis of tourism impact.

### **Dependency**

Heavy reliance on a single industry in any region or country is a risky strategy in the long term. Tourism is considered by many national and local governments as a mechanism to aid the development and regeneration of economies.

As per the World Tourism Barometer of the United Nation's World Tourism Organization international tourist arrivals reached a total of 1.2 billion in 2016. In India, Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) was 8.8 million with a growth rate of 9.7 per cent and Foreign Exchange Earnings (FEEs) was estimated to US\$ 22.9 billion at growth of 8.8 per cent in 2016. FTAs during 2017 were 10.2 million in India, with a growth of 15.6 per cent, while, the FEEs from tourism were US\$ 27.7 billion, with a growth of 20.8 per cent over 2016.

Travel and tourism are one of the fastest-growing industries in the world and backbone of economy in many countries. As one of the world's largest economic sectors, Travel & Tourism creates jobs, drives exports, and generates prosperity across the world. Travel & Tourism which create one in every ten jobs globally, is a dynamic engine of employment opportunity. Tourism provides both direct and indirect employment. Direct employment is provided in the fields like hotels, restaurants, airlines, cruise lines and resorts because the employees are in direct contact with tourists and provide the tourists experience. Employees of firms providing goods and services to direct employment firms such as aircraft manufacturers, construction firms and restaurant suppliers create indirect employment.

Annual analysis of the global economic impact of Travel & Tourism, has shown that this sector has accounted for 10.4% of global GDP and 313 million total jobs, or 9.9% of total employment and 100 million direct employment or 3.4% of total employment, in 2017. The industry also represents about 7% of the total world exports and 30% export of services. It generates more economic output than automobile industry (7.9% of GDP), Mining (8% of GDP), Chemical (9% of GDP). Employment generation is 6times of Automobile,4 times of mining,5 times of chemical and 2 times of communication.

In India the direct contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP was INR5,943.3bn (USD91.3bn), 3.7% of total GDP in 2017 .The total contribution of Travel & Tourism to GDP was INR15,239.6bn (USD234.0bn), 9.4% of GDP in 2017. Tourism is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest foreign exchange earner in India. In 2017 Travel & Tourism directly supported 26.15 million jobs (5.0% of total

employment). In 2017, the total contribution of Travel & Tourism to employment, including jobs indirectly supported by the industry was 9.0% of total employment (41.6 million jobs).

Even before its inception as an independent state, Uttarakhand was already well known for multiple tourist attractions in all over the world especially for its natural scenic beauty. The state has the reputation as one among the top ten tourist preferred state of India. The state has not only witnessed a large number of tourist influxes within the country but also from foreign countries. No doubt tourism is one of the major sources of revenue in the state. It is a popular destination for leisure, recreational, yoga, meditation, wellness, adventure, and religious tourism. Hill-stations like Nainital, Mussoorie, Almora, Kausani, Bhimtal and Ranikhet; Valley of Flowers, Nanda Devi National Park (An UNESCO World Heritage Site); Gangotri and Yamunotri, (the sources of the Ganges and Yamuna) together with Badrinath (dedicated to Vishnu) and Kedarnath (dedicated to Shiva), the *Char Dham* are some of the popular tourist destinations. Haridwar (Gateway of Gods) hosts the Kumbh Mela every twelve years, and uncountable of pilgrims participate in it from all parts of the India and the world. Rishikesh is known as the authenticated yoga center of India and its spiritual environment along with available facilities attracts foreign tourists all over the year. In 2017, 34.72 million tourists visited the state, majority of them are domestic tourists. Although Uttarakhand is important tourist destination in India, percentage share of government expenditure from total expenditure in tourism is meagre 0.61 percent in 2016. Number of Workers in Tourism Industries by Formal/Informal sector in Uttarakhand, in 2009-10 in Tourism characteristic industries was 125866 and in Tourism connected industries was 88383 . Number of Jobs in Tourism Industries by Formal/Informal sector in Uttarakhand, in 2009-10 in Tourism characteristic industries was 136000 and Tourism connected industries was 97609. . The multiplier effect of tourism in income is estimated to be 2.41 without induced effect and 9.57 with induced effect in the national economy. The multipliers of employment are 2.36 and 10.6 respectively. These multipliers are likely to hold good for Uttarakhand also as most of the consumption items of tourists are sourced locally and the magnitude of leakages is minimal.

# **Statement of the Problem**

The regular increase of recreationists and pilgrims in the present study area has provided the status benefits, both social and economic status to the local residents. But no suitable parameter has so far been applied to evaluate the exact benefits; in the terms of economic returns the inhabitants are receiving directly or indirectly from the tourism. Increased road network and communication has

also made Garhwal mountains more accessible than before which, otherwise motivate the dense human settlement even in the serene and placid surroundings.

The economic value of tourism to an economy is often measured by way of estimating its contribution to the national income, employment and tax revenues accruing to an economy. Strictly speaking, in order to estimate the contribution of tourism, one must determine to what extent production, employment and tax revenues generated without tourism. However, this is difficult to determine. This difficulty is because of the paucity of detailed data on marginal productivities, transfer earning of factors or inputs employed in tourism in relation to those in other export-oriented sectors of the economy. In the Indian context, there are no systematic studies relating to the contribution of tourism to national economy, except a few stray remarks ranks of tourism in earning foreign exchanges in relation to other exporting sectors by commodity origin.

# **Thesis Organization**

The dissertation has five chapters and this section provides a brief snapshot of the of each chapter. The first chapter provides introduction to the research theme. The second chapter provides literature review on various studies on economic impacts of tourism and explains the approaches and methods used for that. The third chapter is based on the brief description of the study area. It includes aims and objectives of the study and also discusses the method used in this research - semi-structured interviews, sampling approach, procedure and sample size.

The fourth chapter presents analysis of findings regarding economic impacts caused by development of tourism in the present study area. This chapter presents the findings and interpretation of data gathered through field work. From the respondents in the study area. Further, the fifth chapter draws the conclusion for the tourism development in the study area. The thesis ends with the details of bibliography of secondary sources used to accomplish the present study and annexure of sample questionnaire used for collection of information from respondents.

# Chapter: 2

#### **Review of Literature**

The relevant literature on the topic of research has been reviewed while formulating the research objectives and it would identify the research gap filled up in the form of present study.

The economic impact of tourism means the changes in the economic contribution resulting from specific events or activities related to tourism. "These changes in the economic contribution generate three types of impacts: direct effect, indirect effect and induced effect. The estimation of such impacts requires the development of an economic model" (Dwyer *et al.*, 2010). The main economic models used to measure these effects are: (a) the tourism satellite account (TSA); (b) the input-output model; (c) the social accounting model; and (d) the computable general equilibrium model.

Economists and planners have applied different models and techniques for measuring the economic impacts of tourism on regional, local and national economies.

Tourism satellite account, is an instrument designed to provide a systematic and integrated framework of information on tourism's supply and demand. It is not the most accurate method of measuring the sector's contribution to the added value or gross domestic product (GDP). The basis for the calculation of tourism added value and tourism GDP in the tourism satellite account is the application of the ratio between the added value and the extent to which activities characteristic to tourism participate (UNWTO, 2014). TSA is the theoretical and informative basis for the development of computable general equilibrium models.

Several researchers used tourism satellite accounting (TSA) model in estimating the economic impact of tourism. Some studies, done by Blake et al. (2001), Kuhback and Herauf (2005), Dwyer, Forsyth and Spurr (2007), Smeral (2006), and Ahlert (2007a and 2007b) addressed the issues related to the TSA model.

The input-output multipliers are derived directly from the required coefficients of the matrix based on the input-output information tables. The added value multipliers measure the net change in the

economic activity in each stage of production for assessing the economic contribution (Dwyer and Forsyth, 2010).

Some of the prominent studies that employed input-output model for deriving sectoral multipliers in estimating the economic impact of tourism ware performed by Harmston (1969); Archer and Owen (1971); Liu and Var (1982, 1983) in Victoria; Liu et al. (1984) in Turkey; and Liu (1986) in Hawaii, Andrew (1997) in U.K., Fretchling and Horvath (1999) in Washington, Yan and Wall (2002) in China.

Fletcher (1989), Briassoulis (1991) and Johnson and Moore (1993) showed the usefulness of the I/O analysis in the examination of the economic impact of tourism. However, they also brought to light some serious limitations (such as seasonality problems, intangible social and environmental impacts or more generic methodological issues not limited to tourism field), which was overcame by Zhou et al. (1997).

The social accounting model is another means of estimating the direct and indirect effects as well as the induced effects of tourism on the economy. This model presents a more complete economic structure since it includes inter-institutional transfers (Ferri and Uriel, 2004). Daniels, Normans and Henry (2004) and Oosterhaven and Fan (2006) utilized social accounting matrix (SAM) to estimate household personal income in Charleston, South Carolina in USA and the international tourism impact on Chinese economy respectively.

The computable general equilibrium models (CGE) represent markets of goods, services and factors of production as well as productive sectors and demand groups (households). They incorporate the entire mechanism of the tourism satellite accounts, input-output model and the social accounting matrix, while also incorporating the mechanism to study congestion effects among activities, markets and sectors, and it is possible to estimate the direct, indirect and induced effects through multipliers (Dwyer and Forsyth P, 2010).

Researchers have used computable general equilibrium (CGE) models in tourism economic impact studies in different countries, such as Hawaii, USA, Spain, Australia and some other countries. Some prominent studies are by Adams and Parmenter (1995) and Dwyer, Forsyth and Spurr (2005) in Australia; Zhou, Yanagida, Chakravorty and Leung (1997) in Hawaii; Blake (2000) in Spain. Keynesian model was used by several studies although in less numbers compared to input-output analysis. Eriksen and Ahmt (1999) used this model to study regional tourism effects in Danish

Countries and Vaughan et al. (2000) analyzed the economic impact of tourism in Exmoor National Park, UK.

Since tourism has emerged as dominant economic factor at international, national and state horizon, with its economics and all the advantages, tourism can certainly play a vital role in the development of state of Uttarakhand in general and study area Srinagar in particular. Realizing the importance of tourism in the socio-economic transformation of the region, the planned development of the industry is catching the attention of scholars and researchers from various disciplines, in order to unearth and identify. As a result many research studies have already being done with different approaches and perspectives. However, the study on Uttarakhand tourism especially the socio-cultural & economic impacts of tourism in Srinagar at micro levels are conspicuous by its absence.

Several authors have discussed history, socio-economic conditions, natural resources and cultural ecology of Garhwal region from time to time. The literature contributed by these authors has proved vitally important in documenting the prevailing tourism resources in the study area. Gupta, (2002); Bist,H.(1994)Nigam, (2002); Sati, (2004); Gupta,S.K & Raina, R., (2009), Gill, and Singh, (2013) have provided a broad overview on the tourism development, especially pilgrimage tourism, pattern and its impacts. However, there is a dearth of literature specifically related to the economic impact of tourism development regarding the study area in particular.

Chapter: 3

Study Area and Research Design

## **Study Area**

Srinagar is one of the important towns of Garhwal located in the Pauri Garhwal District of Uttarakhand. It was the capital of Garhwal rulers during 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. It is situated on the left bank of river Alaknanda at an elevation of 579m. It lies between the co-ordinate of 30 13'30 North latitudes and 78 45' 42" to 78 47' 4" East longitudes. The estimated area of the main town is 2.81 sq.km, while recorded area of Srinagar municipality is 7.7 sq. km. Srinagar sprawls in to a spacious valley (8 km. long) with low hills (1500 m.) in the environs and fertile flood plains, and river terraces. It is also an important transit point on the *yatra* route leading to Badrinath, Kedarnath, the Valley of Flowers, Hemkund, Roopkund, Auli etc, inviting pilgrims, tourists, naturalist, scientist and mountaineers from India and oversees. It is also a center of learning, housing a university, National Institute of Technology, Medical College, a polytechnic and industrial training Centre.

### **History**

It is believed that at ancient time a demon named Kokpur lived here. King Satyendra Singh penance here, to get *Sri-vidya* for killing the demon and was successful in doing so. Since then the places was known as Sripur and later it becomes Srinagar. Srinagar acquired a legendary character when religious scriptures: Mahabharat, Puranas and the likes mention its existence. In sixteenth century in 1516 king Ajaypal established the capital of his kingdom and gave the name Srinagar. He shifted his capital to Srinagar from Chandpurgarhi and Devalgadh. It remained under the rulers of Garhwal upto 1803 A.D. Then it was under the control of Gorkha rulers up to 1815 A.D. In 1815 A.D. it came under the British rule and the headquarter was shifted to Pauri in 1840 A.D. Unfortunately Srinagar town was subjected several times to natural calamities like earthquake, flood, feminine etc. Hence the history of Srinagar is a story of development decline, destruction and again reconstruction. It is a point to be noted that this historical town of Garhwal has been destroyed eleven times by flood, earthquake and again flourished. For the eleventh times in the last decade of 19<sup>th</sup> century in 1894 A.D. this town was washed away by the flood in the river Birahi-Ganga. After two years the new town was set up two km away from the old town by the British officers.

Current Srinagar town is a symbol of progressive hill town, having achieved the maximum potential of development. During last three decades the growth and development of Srinagar town

has been tremendous. The growth of population during the last two decades has taken places as much faster rate. The Srinagar town is synonymous with political dynamicity, key educational centers and cultural town of the Garhwal hill. Today's Srinagar is quite different than traditional historical Srinagar town.

## Population of Srinagar-

At the 2011 census Srinagar had a population of 20,115. Males and females constituted 52% and 48% population respectively. Srinagar is the largest city in the Garhwal hills. The change in population of Srinagar can be co-related with history. The survived Srinagar from earthquake, flood and war in 1821 was only conglomeration of a few hundred houses. Then gradually settlement started here and in 1858 the population was 1835, which raised to 2100 in 1881. (Atkinson 1886) In the twentieth century the growth of population in Srinagar occurs at a faster rate in the last three decades. In the twentieth century, it can be noticed that maximum growth of population occurred during the decades of 1971-1981 and 1981-1991. The population of Srinagar as per census from 1901 onwards is presented in the following table.

# **Population of Srinagar**

	Year	Population	
	1901	2091	
	1911	2357	
	1921	2170	
<b>Source: Census of</b>	1931	1519	India
Growth and	1941	1957	Development
of Srinagar vis-à-	1951	2383	vis growth in
<b>Educational</b>	1961	3031	field-
	1971	5566	
In 1901, Junior	1981	9206	High school,
Hospital,	1991	18791	Kalyaneswar
temple, Kalikamli	2011	20115	dharamshala
were built in			Srinagar and it

was developed in to a reasonably good market. In 1941 it was known as town. The development of Srinagar was accelerated by the completion of Srinagar-Pauri road in 1943. In 1955 Srinagar

was declared as Notified Area Council (NAC) and came under District administration of Pauri. Junior high school of Srinagar was upgraded as high school in 1906 and finally became Government Inter College in 1954. In 1955 and 1969, Government I.T.I. and polytechnic college were set up in Srinagar. Most important educational institution, Garhwal University, was established in 1973, in the interiors of Garhwal at Srinagar rather than in a large city. Late shri Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna played a leading role in its formation. The university was renamed in 1988 as the Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University. It was a befitting tribute to the man who struggle all his life for the development of the hills. It was made a Central University in 2009 by the Central Universities Act, 2009. It has two other teaching campuses at Pauri and Tehri towns. It is a residential cum affiliating institution of higher learning with more than 180 affiliated colleges. In the last four decades the university has evolved new dimensions of interface with the people of Garhwal and economic and cultural upliftment of the region. National Institute of Technology Uttarakhand opened in 2010. Srinagar Base Hospital Medical College with MBBS and MS courses having more than 500 students, situated at Srikot about 3 km from Srinagar. One ITI and one Polytechnic along with one B Ed colleges are other educational institutes in Srinagar. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Cadets Training Academy is also operating here. Many pre university schools in the town provide a versatile education system for all round development of students. Literacy rate of Srinagar city is 92.03 % higher than state average of 78.82 %. In Srinagar, Male literacy is around 94.22 % while female literacy rate is 89.51 %. The very existence of these educational institutes has impact on the socio-cultural and economic aspect of the town. The teaching and non-teaching staff members of the university, premier educational institutes of the region, constitute a major chunk of the total population of the town.

#### Accessibility

The nearest airport is the Jolly Grant Airport, Dehradun 120 km away. The nearest railway stations are at Rishikesh and Kotdwara. However, Rishikesh is a small railway station not connected by fast trains. Kotdwara is connected by only a few trains. Haridwar and Dehradun railway junctions, 24 km and 45 km from Rishikesh respectively, have train connections to most of the major cities in India.

Srinagar lies on national highway NH58 that connects Delhi with Badrinath and Mana Pass in Uttarakhand near Indo-Tibet border. Therefore all the buses and vehicles that carry pilgrims from New Delhi to Badrinath via Haridwar and Rishikesh in pilgrim season of summer months pass

through Srinagar on the way to Rudraprayag, Karnaprayag, Chamoli, Joshimath and further north. Rishikesh is the major starting point for road journey to Srinagar. Regular buses operate from Rishikesh bus station to Srinagar. The road distance from Srinagar to Rishikesh is 105 km via Devprayag. Srinagar is also accessible from Kotdwara via Pauri by national highway NH 119. The road distance from Kotdwara railway station is 138 km via Pauri.

#### **Tourism in Srinagar**

Srinagar is considered as well-connected base for many destinations in Uttarakhand. It opens door to many important places in Uttarakhand that further connects to several religious, adventurous and offbeat destinations in the state. Annually lakhs of tourist used to come at Srinagar for transit stay and go to Char Dham yatra especially in season time. The city is also one of the best reflections of the Garhwali architecture, which makes this modern place looks still attached to its rich history. For those seeking an insight into its culture and religious significance, they must visit during the Baikunth Chaturdashi Mela, a 5-day festival, during which, various cultural programmers are also organized. This town and surrounding area is also dotted with numerous temples like Kamleshwar Temple, Keshorai Math, Shankar Math, Maa Raj Rajeshwari Temple in Devalgarh, Kilkileshwar Temple and Dhari Devi Temple etc. As per recent statistics in 2017 around 2 lakhs tourist visited Srinagar.

Table no 1
No of tourist visits

S.N	Name of	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	tourist						
	Destination						
1.	Pauri	107061	65915	42050	65853	71541	74584
2.	Srinagar	329410	120355	80078	84821	38460	197061
3.	Badrinath	941092	497386	150060	366455	654355	471235
4.	Kedarnath	573040	333656	40922	154385	309764	920466

Source: Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board

# **Research Methodology**

### **Aims and Objective**

The study aims at perceiving the present state of tourism development and its implications in the study area. The objectives of the present study were:

- 1. To assess negative and positive impacts of tourism on the economic aspects of the study area.
- 2. To examine the economic impacts of tourism development revealed by the tourists and local people residing in the vicinity of the study area.

# **Hypothesis**

Promotion of tourism is essential for the economic growth of the region, as not many effective alternate economic activities are possible in this region. In this work an attempt has been made to find the major economic impacts of tourism in the study area. The main hypotheses is:-

1. The tourist flow to this area brings economic prosperity to the local residents in key tourist destination.

#### **Research Methodology**

This research has used interviewing method to collect reliable data. Data collection was facilitated by going through the available secondary data sources like printed and web-based materials. Documents on tourism research and related issues were considered in this regard. Interviews were conducted following a written question schedule to guide the flow of discussions.

#### **Study Population and Sample**

The target population for the study consisted of local residents and entrepreneurs in Sri nagar Garhwal. The study has followed convenient and judgmental sampling methods based on the researcher's observation and purpose of the study. The population of the study consists of 30 local people and 30 entrepreneurs.

#### Instrumentation

In this study, a structured interview schedule, using a researcher-administered questionnaire was

utilized. It was ensured that respondents were asked similar sets of relevant questions in the same sequence. The research questions comprised closed-ended questions. All questions were designed and coded to suite the Statistical Package for the Social Science (SPSS) computer program. The analysis of data was presented in the form of frequency tables, frequency percentages and mean calculation.

## Chapter: 4

### **Data analysis and Interpretation**

The economic impact of tourism in any country or region is generally assessed in terms of its contribution to foreign exchange earnings, value addition, and employment generation in the economy and tax revenue to the government. The role of the sector in the development of remote areas constraint by the absence of productive resources or environmental fragility, and its impact in providing improved income and livelihood to the local community are the other aspects usually assessed in qualitative terms. The indirect multiplier effect due to demands generated in other sectors of the economy due to backward linkages of tourists expenditure and induced multiplier effect due to increased income levels of those involved in tourism industry are the other elements of economic impact measurement.

Economic Impact of Hotel Industry: Accommodations generate employment and income to the people of Srinagar, which are visited by a large number of transit tourists. The capacity utilization of most of the hotels primarily depends upon the number of transit tourists and also business clients as it is one of the prominent town of hill. As the number of tourists has been growing quite consistently, the number of hotels, lodges etc. that are being constructed at study area has also been increasing rapidly. With the availability of (better quality of) accommodation at this major halting point, the pilgrims tourists vis-à-vis business tourist have started coming here in large numbers. With the increase in such multipurpose tourists, the hotel industry at study area is also flourishing.

The ability of tourists to enjoy travel or vacation experiences is largely dependent upon the multitude of organizations that collectively supply the goods and services required by tourists. Typically, these include transport both to and within a destination, accommodation, food and drink, entertainment (attractions or activities) and shopping, together with associated services such as insurance and finance. Local social, economic or political structures and developmental needs dictate the nature of tourism supply. Based on the analysis of primary surveys and secondary datasets, this study assesses the costs and benefits of tourism and hospitality industry in the study area.

Table No-Income and employment from hotels in Srinagar

S.N.	Name of hotel	year	No. of	No.	Room tariff	No. of tou	ırist	No. of	Gross Rev	enue
		of est.	rooms	of				employee		
				beds						
						Season	non		Season	non
							season			season
1	Urvashi hotel	1997	33	86	DB Rs	8000-	500-	5	2376000	594000
					1490, EB	10000	1000			
					Rs 500					
2	Hotel Ashirwad	2007	16	32	AC 1800/,	3000-	300-	3	384000	76800
					Non AC	5000	500			
					800					
3	Badrinath	1970	20	110	350/ room,	12000-	2000-	8	460800	92160
	kedarnath				500/hall	15000	5000			
	Mandir samiti									
4	Mukkus	2015	18	36	1500-3500	1000-	500-	10	1944000	388800
	Residency					2000	1000			

5	Sudersan Residency	2002	25	53	DB rs 600, TB Rs 800	2000- 4000	300- 500	3	900000	180000
6	New samart hotel	1998	35	73	1000-2500	3000- 4000	300- 500	8	2520000	504000
7	Saket lodge	2003	18	56	600/room, 1000/hall	2000- 3000	300- 500	2	648000	129600
8	Alpine Lodge	1980	18	36	1500/ac room, 400/ non ac	700- 1000	200- 300	2	1296000	259200
9	Appu Lodge		6	16	300 - 600/ room	700- 1000	200- 300	2	216000	43200
10	GMVN ( Garhwal Mandal vikas Nigam )	1980	46	166	550 - 3800/room	15000- 20000	2000- 5000	21	6624000	1324800
11	New tourist lodge	2002	16	36	500 DB, 800 QD	1500	500	3	1152000	230400
12	Hotel Samridhi palace	2016	7	14	800/ Room	1260	500	3	252000	50400
13	Saisa Guest house	2013	11	24	DB rs 800, QD 600/	2250	600	3	396000	79200
14	Monal tourist lodge	1999	7	16	QD 600/ DB 400	1440	500	1	252000	50400
15	Jai jawan jai kisan lodge	2000	8	16	300/ room	1440	600	5	172000	34500
16	New Monka hotel	2008	15	38	300, 500, 600/ room	3500	1000	2	540000	108000
17	Rajhans hotel	2005	14	28	800/room	2500	1000	5	504000	100800
18	khushi Lodge	2013	7	14	350/ room	1260	500	1	151200	30240
19	hotel sidharth	2008	18	38	1000, 1500/room	3420	1000	12	1296000	259200
20	Ahinsha Guest house	2005	10	24	700, 500/ room	2160	1000	3	360000	72000
21	Hotel Chahat	2010	28	56	2400, 3000, 3500/ room	5040	1500	14	4032000	806400
22	Parachi hotel	1997	32	64	1200, 1600, 2200/ room	5800	1500	16	3456000	691200
23	Hotel Ji inn	2005	24	48	800/ room	4000	1000	4	864000	172800
Total								136	28528000	2135000
		1								

Source:Primary data

\*DB = Double bed, QD= Quad sharing, Gross profit (season) = revenue per day / 100 \* 80, revenue per day /100 \* 20 (Non season)

Table No-Income and employment from hotels in Srikot

SN	Hotel Name	No. of Rooms	No of	Rooms Category	No. of employee	Tariff (Season)	Tariff (off	Gross R	Revenue
	1,000	11001115	bed		omproj co	(2003011)	season)		
							,	On	Off
								season	season
1	Hotel	11	22	DB	1	INR	INR	237600	47520
	Нарру			economy		300/-	500/-		.,,,,
	Home								
2	Ambika	6	12	DB	1	INR	INR	216000	43200
	Guest			economy		400/-	600/-		
	House			j					
3	Madhuvan	9	14	Deluxe(06	2	INR	INR	324000	64800
	Lodge			rooms)/A.C.		500/-	400/-		
	S			Rooms (03		(Deluxe)			
				rooms)		,			
4	Vally Inn	20	40	Semi	1	N.A.	N.A.	576000	115200
				deluxe, Ac					
				& Economy					
5	Hotel	15	34	Semi	4	INR	INR	1080000	216000
	UdayRaj			Deluxe &		1,400/-	1,400/-		
				A.c. Rooms		A.c.	A.c.		
						Room	Room		
6	Hotel	13	30	DB Bed	1	INR	INR	468000	93600
	Pratap			Rooms		600/-	400/-		
7	Rama	40	55	Economy &	3	INR	INR	1440000	288000
	Hotel			Deluxe		600/-	400/-		
						Deluxe	Deluxe		
8	Hotel	20	44	Deluxe &	4	INR	INR	1152000	230400
	Daisy			Ac		1,200/-	700/-		
	-					A.C.	A.C.		
						Room	Room		
9	Hotel	17	30	Deluxe &	3	INR	INR	979200	195840
	Angel			A.C. Rooms		1,000/-	500/-		
						A.C.	A.C.		
10	Pawar	6	14	DB Bed	2	INR	INR	129600	25920
	Guest			Rooms		400/-	250/-		
	House								
11	Pacific	14	32	AC Rooms	3	INR	INR	1008000	201600
	Hotel			& Economy		1,200/-	800/-		
						A.C.	A.c.		
						Room	room		
12	Chandralok	12	24	DB bed	3	INR	INR	432000	86400
	Hotel					600/-	300/-		
13	G.K. Plaza	12	26	DBL Bed	4	INR	INR	345600	69120
						500/-	250/-		
						(Deluxe)			
14	Srikot	18	38	A.C.,	6	INR	INR	2592000	518400
	Castel			Deluxe,		2,500/-	1,800/-		
				Super		A.C.	A.C.		
				Deluxe					

15	Hotel Ganga View	18	38	DB Bed	5	INR 800/-	INR 400/-	777600	155520
	Total				43			14529600	1911746

Source:Primary data

\*DB = Double bed, QD= Quad sharing, Gross profit (season) = revenue per day / 100 \* 80, revenue per day /100 \* 20 (Non season)

Table No-Income and employment from Restaurant in srinagar

Name of Restaurant	year of establishment	Category	No. of sitting capacity	average Daily sales in Rs.	No. of employees working
Dominick Pizza		Restaurant	40	5000	7
Vatika Restaurants	2000	Restaurant	200	20000	15
Veers Food Truck			24	3500	2
Jugrans Restaurant			30-32	3000	5
Kathi Junction	2017	Restaurant	120+Buffet	10000	5
Qaulity Food Café	2015	Restaurant	24+Take Away	5000	4
Amma Bhojnalaya	2016, NOV	Bhojnalaya	30+Take Away	4500	7
Zaika Restaurant and Sweets		Restaurant and Sweets	50+Party Hall	5000	11
Retro Rolls	2017	Fast Food	30	6000	12

Total		605000	68

Source:Primary data

Table No-Employment from Transportation in srinagar

Name of	Year of	Address	No. of vehicle	No. of
Association	establishment		registered	employees
Taxi Association	1995	Opposite Indian	40 Taxi Bolero	40
Srinagar & srikot		post office		
		Srinagar		
Alaknanda	1982	Opposite sainik	350 Max texi	350
Commander union		lodge Srinagar	Bolero	
Srinagar Garhwal		near police		
		station		
Jai Badri kedar	2002	Opposite petrol	100 tata sumo	100
Tata sumo union		pump main road	taxi	
		Srinagar		

Source:Primary data

As per the details furnished above about the hotels, restaurant and taxies stands in the Srinagar region of uttarakahnd it is clearly notable that there are various hotels catering lodging and fooding services and providing employment of the people but GMVN (Garhwal Mandal vikas Nigam) is the main hotelier which is providing highest number of employment. All the hotels are more concerns about season time and on season they used to increase number of employees. There are restaurants in the city but none of them is part of any well-known restaurant chain however these are also source of employments for the locals. On the outskirt of Srinagar two prominent hotels are there. Road Transportation is very crucial part of tourism in the Uttarakhand as it the only medium for travelling here so all the taxies stands generating good amount of revenue out of it and providing good amount of employment for the local people.

Table No-Tax collection from Accommodation and Transportation units in Srinagar and Srikot in Lakh rupees

		TIN	GSTN	LIST-1
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S. NO	Name of Hotel s			2015-10		2016-17		2017-18		2017- 18	(2018- 19) UPTO Septem ber 18
	3			VAT	LUX URY	VAT	LUX URY	VAT	LUX URY	GST	GST
1	Jugra an banqu et badrin ath Road	05LT26 02017	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	3.08	NOT REGI STER	3.8	NOT REGI STER	0.4	NOT REGI TER	
2	Hotel shiv Shakti lodge near Govt. hospit al srikot	05LT26 02030	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	0.37	Registr	ation Ca	ncelled E	By Dealer		
3	IVI top resort Srina gar	05LT26 02018	05AEYPG92 97B1Z0	NOT REGI STER	1.00	NOT REGI STER	1.72	NOT REGI STER	0.44	NRF	NRF
4	Hotel new Alpin e Srina gar	05LT26 02015	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	7.53	NOT REGI STER	2.54	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NRF	NRF
5	Hotel Akan anda inn Agen cy mohal la Srina gar	05LT26 02028	05AXPPS69 32H1ZY	NOT REGI STER	4.02	NOT REGI STER	3.61	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NRF	NRF
6	Hotel B.J. inn Srina gar	05LT26 02026	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	7.64	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI TER	NOT REGIT ER

7	Hotel urvas hi Srina gar	05LT26 02013	05AADPU5 247L1ZC	NOT REGI STER	8.21	NOT REGI STER	1.61	NOT REGI STER	0.35	2.89	10.13
8	Hotel prachi kamle swar Srina gar	05LT26 02032	05ABZPG15 40K1ZNG	NOT REGI STER	6.23	NOT REGI STER	1.27	NOT REGI STER	4.65	NRF	NRF
9	Hotel GMV N Srina gar	05LT26 02001	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	47.01	NOT REGI STER	24.66	NOT REGI STER	7.94	NOT REGI TER	NOT REGIT ER
10	Hotel valley inn srikot	501723 7992	05AAUPN3 115F1ZS	NOT REGI STER	3.03	NOT REGI STER	8.45	NOT REGI STER	NRF	2.52	7.81
11	Hotel shriya nt tapu resort Srina gar	05LT26 02022	05AINPR02 19B1ZN	NOT REGI STER	NIL	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI STER	NRF	13.23	6.41
12	Adithi palace badrin ath marg Srina gar	05LT26 02016	05ACSPP48 68K2ZQ	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NRF	NRF
13	Occas ion payin g guest house Srina gar	05LT26 02020	NOT REGISTERE D	NOT REGI STER	NIL	NOT REGI STER	NIL	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI TER	NOT REGIS TER
14	Hotel Deji Srina gar	501724 2454	05ADXPA7 610C1ZU	NOT REGI STER	NOT REGI TER	NOT REGI STER	3.61	NOT REGI STER	NRF	3.39	8.67
15	Hotel srikot kailas	05LT26 02033	05AWCPM6 366K2Z7	NOT REGI STER	7.22	NOT REGI STER	4.3	NOT REGI STER	NRF	14.49	14.21

	h srikot										
16	Mukk ush reside ncy Srina gar	05LT26 02036	05AAOPB20 59A1ZB	NOT REGI STER	NOT REGI TER	NOT REGI STER	4.58	NOT REGI STER	Ikkap o"kZ dh NwV	28.92	19.28
17	Pacifi c hotel Srina gar	501721 3160	05CJDPB20 59A1ZB	NOT REGI STER	NOT REGI STER	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NOT REGI STER	NRF	NRF	NRF
S.	Name	Tin	GST NO	LIST -2	<u> </u> 2						
S. NO	Name of Taxi Oper ators Regis tered	Tin	GST NO	LIST -2 2015-16	í	2016-17		2017-18		2017-18	(2018- 19) UPTO SEPTE MBER 18
NO	of Taxi Oper ators Regis	Tin	GST NO			2016-17	LUX URY	2017-18	LUX URY		19) UPTO SEPTE MBER

Source: Office ,GST Department,Srinagar Garhwal

Perception of Entrepreneurs and Local Population on Economic Impacts of Tourism

The present study, based on the survey of the local people and entrepreneurs of Srinagar, Garhwal, focused on to understand the economic impacts of tourism in the city. The study is descriptive in nature and the respondents were selected through convenient sampling. A total number of 60 respondents were selected for the study including 30 local people and 30 entrepreneurs. The data were collected using structure questionnaire seeking information regarding the demographic profile, economic impacts and general tourism impacts exist in the city through questions/statement based on a Likert scale. The data collected were then systematically encoded and analyzed using SPSS software.

### **Demographic Profile of Entrepreneurs**

In order to record the "Economic Impacts of Tourism in Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand", a total 30 entrepreneurs were surveyed through structured questionnaire. The demographic profile of the entrepreneurs is provided in the following table:

**Table - 1: Demographic Profile of Entrepreneurs** (N=30)

Variables	Descriptions	Number	Percent (%)
	21-30 years	10	33.3
Age	31 -40 years	10	33.3
	Over 40 years	10	33.3
Gender	Male	26	86.7
Gender	Female	4	13.3

Marital Status	Married	20	66.7
Maritai Status	Unmarried	10	33.3
Duofagaian	Business (Transporter/Hoteliers/	27	90.0
Profession	Restaurants)		
	Below High School	4	13.3
<b>Education Level</b>	High school	21	70.0
	Graduate	05	16.7
	Up to Rs. 20,000	27	90.0
<b>Monthly Income</b>	20,001-40,000	3	10.0
(in INR)	40,001-60,000	00	00
	60,000 – 80, 0000	00	00

Source: Primary data.

It is evident from the above table that 33.3% of the stakeholder belonged to the age group 21-30 years followed by 33.3% belonged to the age group 31-40 years and 33.3% of stakeholder belonged to over 40 years of age. In case of age wise distribution of the sample, the data suggests that out of total 30 stakeholder the majority of 26 (86.7%) were male while 4 (13.3%) were female. In case of marital status distribution of the sample, the data shows that majority 20 (66.7%) of the stakeholder are married and remaining 10 (33.3%) are unmarried. While considering the profession wise distribution, 27(90%) of the stakeholders belongs Business (Transporter/Hoteliers/Restaurants) and 03(10%) stakeholder belongs to other professions like Guides, photographers etc. In case of educational level, the sample was categorized into 'Below High School' with 4(13.3%), 'High school' 21(70%), 'Graduate' with 5(16.7%) respondents while none of the respondents fell under educational qualifications like 'Post Graduate' and 'technical'. The income wise distribution of the sample suggest that, majority of the respondent 27 (90%) were having their monthly income up to Rs. 20,000/- followed by 3(10%) having monthly income between Rs. 20,001-40,000/- and none of the respondents were having an income of more than Rs. 40,001/- per month.

## **Opinion of Entrepreneurs about Economic Impacts**

The next section of the questionnaire examined the entrepreneurs' satisfaction regarding tourism business, their performance, foresightedness towards tourism business and awareness regarding financial assistance schemes by Uttarakhand Tourism in the study area. In order to evaluate the underlying factors the responses were collected on the basis of a 5 point Likert scale and the results are interpreted using mean score following the thumb rule where mean score < 1.5 denotes Not satisfied, means between > 1.5 to 2.5 denote Satisfied to some extent, mean values > 2.5 and 3.5 denote < Satisfied to a moderate extent, mean values > 3.5 to 4.5 < denote Fully satisfied and mean values > 4.5 is for Satisfied to a large extent.

Table- 2: Perception of entrepreneurs on Tourism Business

Factors	Not satisfied	Satisfied to some extent	Satisfied to a moderate extent	Satisfied to a large extent	Fully satisfied	Mean	S. D.
Are you satisfied with	0	0	21	9	0	3.30	.46
your tourism and interrelated business	(0)	(0)	(70)	(30)	(0)		
How do you rate	0	9	21	0	0	2.70	.46
/assess your	(0)	(30)	(70)	(0)	(0)		
performance in tourism business?							
How do you visualize	0	0	0	17	13	4.43	.50
the future scope of	(0)	(0)	(0)	(56.7)	(43.3)	4.43	.50
your business in tourism industry?	(0)	(0)	(0)	(30.7)	(13.3)		
Are you aware of the	0	7	23	0	0	2.76	.43
financial assistance	(0)	(23)	(76.7)	(0)	(0)		
schemes, initiative by							
Uttarakhand Tourism/							
District Industry for							
entrepreneurship promotion?							
promotion:							

Source: Primary Data. Figures shown in the brackets are the percentage of row total.

The above table reveals that majority of the respondents were satisfied to a moderate extent with tourism and interrelated business, financial assistance schemes, initiative by Uttarakhand Tourism and with own tourism business performance since all the factors shown in the table (mean value ranging between 2.5 and 3.5) except one factor i.e. 'visualize the future scope of business in tourism industry' about which most of the respondents were Satisfied to a large extent (mean value ranging between 3.5 and 4.5)

# Perception of entrepreneurs on Economic Impact of Tourism Business

As the present research focuses on to find out the economic impacts of tourism, it becomes essential to understand the entrepreneur perception towards tourism business. The responses of respondents were sought on various aspects of travel business that can motivate them towards the

economic growth of tourism business and services and the responses are presented in the following Table: 3

Table- 3:
Perception of entrepreneurs on Economic Impact of Tourism Business

Entrepreneur Perception	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	Mean	S. D.
Tourism has created	0	0	5	23	2	3.90	.48
jobs for your city.	(0)	(0)	(16.7)	(76.7)	(6.7)		
Tourism development	0	6	5	19	0	3.43	.81
leads to a variety of	(0)	(20.0)	(16.7)	(63.3)	(0)		
restaurants in the area.							
The personal income of	0	6	3	21	0	3.50	.82
local residents has	(0)	(20.0)	(10.0)	(70.0)	(0)		
increased due to							
tourism development.							
Tourism development	0	0	0	30	0	4.00	.00
improves the quality of	(0)	(0)	(0)	(100.0)	(0)		
local services.							
Tourism creates new	0	16	5	9	0	2.76	.89
markets for the local	(0)	(53.3)	(16.7)	(30.0)	(0)		
products.							
There is a variety of	0	4	9	13	4	3.56	.89
shopping facilities in	(0)	(13.3)	(30.0)	(43.3)	(13.3)		
the area due to tourism	` /		, ,	` ′	, ,		
development.							
Due to tourism prices	0	0	0	15	15	4.50	.50
of some things has	(0)	(0)	(0)	(50.0)	(50.0)		
been increased just like	, ,	, ,	, ,		, ,		
property value and							
rental cost etc.							
There is improvement	0	0	0	23	7	4.23	.43
of roads and other	(0)	(0)	(0)	(76.7)	(23.3)		
public services due to							
tourism development.							

Source: Primary Data. Figures shown in the brackets are the percentage of row total.

Again, the responses were collected on a 5 point Likert scale and the results are interpreted using mean score following the thumb rule where mean score < 1.5 denotes Strongly Disagree, means between > 1.5 to 2.5 Disagree, > 2.5 to 3.5 < Neutral, > 3.5 to 4.5 < Agree and > 4.5 is for Strongly

Agree. The above table reveals that majority of the respondents were Agreed about the factors shown in the table (Mean value ranging between 3.5 and 4.5) except two factors including Tourism development leads to a variety of restaurants in the area and Tourism creates new markets for the local products about which most of the respondents were neutral (mean value ranging between 2.5 and 3.5).

# **Perception of Local people on Economic Impact of Tourism Business**

# **Demographic Profile of Local People**

A total 30 locals were surveyed through structured questionnaire. The demographic profile of the stakeholder is provided in the following table:

**Table - 4: Demographic Profile (N=30)** 

Variables	Descriptions	Number	Percent (%)
	21-30 years	11	36.7
Age	31 -40 years	14	46.7
	Over to 40 years	05	16.7
~ .	Male	20	66.7
Gender	Female	10	33.3
	Married	11	36.7
Marital Status	Unmarried	19	63.3
	Business	07	23.3
	Service- Govt. or Pvt.	-	-
	Retired	-	-
Profession	Industrialist	13	-
	Agriculture	10	43.3
	Other		33.3
	Below High School	-	-
	High school	25	83.3
<b>Education Level</b>	Graduate	05	16.7
	Post graduate	-	-
	Technical	-	-
	Up to Rs. 20,000	21	70.0
<b>Monthly Income</b>	20,001-40,000	09	30.0
Withing income	40,001-60,000	-	-
	60,000 – 80, 0000	-	_

Source: Primary data.

In case of age wise distribution of the sample, the data shows that majority 14 (46.7 %) of the locals belonged to the age group 31-40 years followed by 11 (36.7%) belonged to the age group 21- 30 years and 05 (16.7%) of tourist belonged from the age group over to 40 years. While consider gender it is evident from the above table that out of total 30 respondent surveyed 20 (66.7%) were male while 10 (33.3%) were female. In case of marital status distribution of the sample, the data shows that majority 19 (63.3 %) of the respondents are married and rest 11 (36.7%) are unmarried. While considering the profession wise distribution 13 (43.3%) of the local belongs to Agriculture, 10 (33.3%) belongs to other and 07 (23.3%) involved in business. In case of educational level, 'High school 25 (83.3%) with majority', 'Graduate with 5(16.7%)', and rest 'Below High School' 'Post Graduate' and 'technical' with Negligible 0(0%) respondents respectively. The income wise distribution of the sample suggest that, majority of the respondent 21 (70%) were having their monthly income ranging from Up to Rs. 20,000/- per month followed by 9 (30%) having monthly income between Rs. 20,001/- to Rs. 40,000/- and rest categories 40,001-60,000/- and 60,000 – 80, 0000/- shows negligible respondents respectively.

#### **Locals Opinion about the Economic Impacts of Tourism**

In order to find out the perception of local people towards the impacts of tourism, the responses of respondents were sought on the various aspects of developments due to tourism that can also satisfied them to opt and select tourism as a core of economic development along with their social motives. The responses are presented in the following Table: 5.

Table- 5:
Perception of Local on Economic impact of tourism

Economic Factors	То	То	Not	Mean	S.
	great	some	Agree		D.
	Extent	Extent			
The personal income of local residents has increased	7	23	0	1.76	.43
due to tourism development	(23.3)	(76.7)	(0)		
How far can tourism development be helpful in	13	17	0	1.56	.50
generating more employment opportunities?	(43.3)	(56.7)	(0)		

Tourism creates new markets for the local products.	0	25	5	2.16	.37
	(0)	(83.3)	(16.7)		
Has tourism development increased infrastructural	11	19	0	1.63	.49
facilities?	(36.7)	(63.3)	(0)		
How far do you agree that the tourism development has	0	19	11	2.36	.49
increased your standard of living?	(0)	(63.3)	(36.7)		
Tourism development leads to a variety of restaurants	15	15	0	1.50	.50
in the area	(50.0)	(50.0)	(0)		
Local people are being employed in	5	22	3	1.93	.52
Tourism industry.	(16.7)	(73.3)	(10.0)		
Tourism development is resulting in a significant	0	9	21	2.70	.46
consumption of locally produced goods and services.	(0)	(30.0)	(70.0)		
Sale of local handicrafts and souvenirs make a	0	9	21	2.70	.46
significant contribution in the tourism receipts in the	(0)	(30.0)	(70.0)		
Has the development of tourism increased your	6	16	8	2.06	.69
Educational level?	(20.0)	(53.3)	(26.7)		
Tourism is a major source of earning foreign exchange	0	9	21	2.70	.46
to Srinagar, Uttarakhand	(0)	(30.0)	(70.0)		

Source: Primary Data. Figures shown in the brackets are the percentage of row total.

The responses were collected on a 3 point Likert scale and the results are interpreted using mean scores where mean scores < 1.5 denote To great Extent, means between > 1.5 to 2.5 < To some Extent and means > 2.5 to 3.0 < is for Not Agree. The above table reveals that there are outnumbered respondents were agreed to Some Extent since all the factors shown in the table have positive economic impact of tourism in the study area (mean value ranging between 1.5 and 2.5). Moreover, a significant number of respondents are agreed to Great Extent on the factor including Tourism development leads to a variety of restaurants in the area (mean value ranging <1.5) While for the factors including consumption of locally produced goods and services, Sale of local handicrafts and souvenirs and Tourism is a major source of earning foreign exchange most of the respondents were Not Agree (mean value ranging between 2.5 and 3.0).

#### Responses of Locals about the Physical Development

The next section deals with collecting the responses of locals about the physical development in the study area due to the tourism. In order to evaluate the factors the responses were collected on the basis of a 3 point Likert scale and the results are interpreted using mean score following the thumb rule where mean score < 1.5 denotes To great Extent, means between > 1.5 to 2.5 < To some Extent, > 2.5 to 3.0 < is for Not Agree.

Table- 6: Responses of Locals about the Physical Development

Development Factors	To great	To some	Not	Mean	S. D.
	Extent	Extent	Agree		
Health service	13	17	0	1.56	.50
	(43.3)	(56.7)	(0)		
Road facilities	21	9	0	1.30	.46
	(70.0)	(30.0)	(0)		
Shopping facilities	16	14	0	1.46	.50
	(53.3)	(46.7)	(0)		
Entertainment facilities	0	10	20	2.66	.47
	(0)	(33.3)	(66.7)		
Telecommunication facilities/ Information	13	17	0	1.56	.50
	(43.3)	(56.7)	(0)		

Source: Primary Data. Figures shown in the brackets are the percentage of row total.

The above table disclosed that respondents were agreed to great extent regarding the physical development of the city including Road facilities and Shopping facilities due to the tourism that the factors shown in the table (mean value ranging <1.5). Likewise respondents are agreed to Some Extent on the factor including Health service and Telecommunication facilities/Information (mean value ranging between 1.5 and 2.5) except on one factor including Entertainment facilities about which most of the respondents were Not Agree (mean value ranging between 2.5 and 3.0).

#### **Perception of Locals on Negative Impact of Tourism**

As every coin has a two side, so it is essential to understand the negative impact of tourism in the city. In order to evaluate the underlying factors the responses were collected on the basis of a 3 point likert scale and the results are interpreted using mean score following the thumb rule where

mean score < 1.5 denotes To great Extent, means between > 1.5 to 2.5 < To some Extent, > 2.5 to 3.0 < is for Not Agree.

Table- 7: Perception of Locals on Negative Impact of Tourism

Factors	To great Extent	To some Extent	Not Agree	Mean	S. D.
Tourism development has increased the	11	19	0	1.63	.49
leakages	(36.7)	(63.3)	(0)		
Tourism development has increased prices of	16	14	0	1.46	.50
essential commodities	(53.3)	(46.7)	(0)		
Tourism development is responsible for	19	11	0	1.36	.49
increased rate of land.	(63.3)	(36.7)	(0)		
Tourism development offers reduction in local	12	12	6	1.80	.76
ownership	(40.0)	(40.0)	(20.0)		
Tourism has helped in increasing the corruption	12 (40.0)	18 (60.0)	0 (0)	1.60	.49

Source: Primary Data. Figures shown in the brackets are the percentage of row total.

The above table reveals that majority of respondents were agreed to Some Extent that all the factors shown in the table have negative economic impact of tourism in the study area (mean value ranging between 1.5 and 2.5). Moreover respondents are also agreed to Great Extent on the factor including Tourism Development increased prices of essential commodities and Tourism development is responsible for increased rate of land. (Mean value ranging <1.5).

# Chapter: 5 Conclusion and Recommendations -

The study was an attempt to understand and evaluate the economic impacts of tourism in Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand. In order to measure the responses of stakeholders, 60 stakeholders (including 30 entrepreneurs and 30 locals) were surveyed using questionnaire based on Likert scale questions. The findings of the study revealed that, majority of the entrepreneurs were satisfied about the economic impacts of tourism in the city and visualize a bright scope for tourism businesses in the city. It has been noted that the entrepreneurs were aware about the financial assistance schemes and initiatives of Uttarakhand government and Tourism Department and were found satisfied of the performance of their enterprises. Entrepreneurs also opined that tourism has created jobs for the city, increased the income of local residents, improved roads and other public services and also created a new market for the local products. On the other hand, most of the entrepreneurs believed that tourism should be made a year round phenomenon.

Similarly, the local people also believe that tourism development has significant impact on the economy of the city in the form of improved chances for employment and income along with the improvement in basic infrastructural facilities especially the connectivity of the city to other places. They opined that after the completion of the all-weather road the area will certainly receive more quality tourists. However, locals believe that tourism has contributed to a moderate extent in the physical development like health service, shopping and entertainment facilities. As far as the negative impacts of the tourism are concerned, majority of the respondents perceived that tourism has negligible negatives except increased prices of essential commodities and rate of land. The present study could help the government while planning the economic and tourism policy for the Garhwal region and give them proper details of source of employment in Srinagar.

The results of the study show that support of the tourism industry is strong among the local residents of the region. Furthermore, residents not only support the current size of the industry, but are also in favour of its expansion. Despite the overall positive attitude toward tourism, local residents pointed out also negative changes that they perceived as consequences of the impacts of the tourism industry on the region. The most strongly perceived positive impact was the improvement of employment opportunities, the most strongly perceived negative one is increase

in Prices & Infrastructure cost. Tourism development and the related rise in real estate demand may dramatically increase building costs and land values.

Tourism in present study area is developing at a fast rate and providing the opportunities for employment and income generation to the local community members. However, it is extremely difficult to determine the precise number of employees working in different tourism related activities. The reasons can be firstly employment related statistical data is not available and secondly local enterprises related to the tourism sector are reluctant to reveal these statistics because they believe this information is a business secret and should not be shared with outsiders. Most of the employment in the study area is created through hotels, guest houses/lodges, restaurant and other accommodation services, local tour operations, Souvenir and handicraft making and selling businesses, trading of other supplementary products. This is evident from the positive responses of the local residents to the statement "tourism provides desirable jobs to the community members", in addition to this most of the respondents participated in the field surveys were agreed to the statement that tourist inflow increases occupational opportunities for host community. The study further revealed that members of all occupational groups are getting involved in tourism related activities thus benefiting from tourism industry irrespective of their primary occupations. Further the study suggests that tourism development has a significant contribution in the economy and it has brought prosperity to the study region. Also, the majority of the respondents believe that an increase in the number of tourists will improve the income of residents. Irrespective of their age, income and occupation most of the residents were agreed to the statement that tourism in the area have improved the living standard of the local people.

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#### Annexures

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#### **Questionnaire for Local**

Dear Respondents,

I, Suryanshi Gupta, am pursuing M.A. (Economics) at Garhwal University, Srinagar Garhwal. As a part of M. A. economics dissertation Entitled "Economic Impact of Tourism: A study of Srinagar Garhwal, Uttarakhand", I am conducting a survey that investigates your perception about economic Impact of tourism in the study area. Any information obtained in connection with this study that can be identified with you will remain confidential and only group data will be presented. I will be highly indebted for your cooperation in the fulfillment of under given questionnaire.

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#### **General Information of Respondents**

1. Name :

2. Age : (A) Below to 20 years (B) 21-30 years

(C) 31 -40 years (D) Over to 40 years

3. Gender : Male [ ] Female [ ]

4. Marital Status: :(A) Married (B) Unmarried

(C) Any other

5. State & Country of domicile

6. Profession : Business / Service- Govt. or Pvt. / Retired/

Industrialists / Agriculturist / Other

7. Education : Below High School / High school / Graduate/

Post graduate / Technical

8. Monthly Income : a) Up to Rs. 20,000 b) 20,001-40,000

c) 40,001-60,000 d) 60,001-80,0000

#### **Economic Impact**

1. Please tick one option to select Economic Impact of Tourism.

To great	To some	Not Agree
Extent	Extent	

The personal income of local residents has	
increased due to tourism development	
How far can tourism development be helpful in	
generating more employment opportunities?	
Tourism creates new markets for the local	
products.	
Has tourism development increased	
infrastructural facilities?	
How far do you agree that the tourism	
development has increased your standard of	
living?	
Tourism development leads to a variety of	
restaurants in the area	
Local people are being employed in	
Tourism industry.	
Tourism development is resulting in a	
significant consumption of locally produced	
goods and services.	
Sale of local handicrafts and souvenirs make a	
significant contribution in the tourism receipts	
in the area.	
Has the development of tourism increased your	
Educational level.	
Tourism is a major source of earning foreign	
exchange to Srinagar, Uttrakhand	
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## 2. To what extent tourism development is helpful for increasing following facilities?

	To great	To some Extent	Not Agree
	Extent		
Health service			
Road facilities			
Shopping facilities			
Entertainment facilities			
Telecommunication facilities/ Information			

# 3. How far do you agree with the following statements?

	To great Extent	To some extent	Not Agree
Tourism development has increased the			
leakages			

Tourism development has increased prices of		
essential commodities		
Tourism development is responsible for		
increased rate of land.		
Tourism development offers reduction in		
local ownership		
Tourism has helped in increasing the		
corruption		

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### **Questionnaire for Stakeholder**

Dear Respondents,

6. Education

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#### **General Information of Respondents**

1. Name 2. Age	: : (A) Below to 20 years (C) 31 -40 years	(B) 21-30 years (D) Over to 40 years
3. Gender 4. Marital Status:	: Male [ ] :(A) Married	Female [ ] (B) Unmarried
	(C) Any other	
5. Profession	: A) Business (Transpor B) Service- Govt. or Po	ter/Hoteliers/ Restaurants) vt. / Retired

Post graduate / Technical

: Below High School / High school / Graduate/

7. Monthly Income	:	a) Up to Rs. 20,000	b) 20,001-40,000
		c) 40,001-60,000	d) $60,000 - 80,0000$

8. National/regional/local organizations or associations, which you belong to:

1. Are you satisfied with your tourism and interrelated business?

## **Economic Impact**

(i) Not satisfied

(iii)Sa	atisfied to a moderate extent	(iv)	Fully sa	ntisfied
(v) S	atisfied to a large extent			
2. Ho	w do you rate /assess your performat	nce in to	ourism bu	isiness?
(i)	Not satisfied	(ii)	Satisfie	d to some extent
(iii)	Satisfied to a moderate extent	(iv)	Fully sa	ntisfied
(v)	Satisfied to a large extent		-	
3. Ho	w do you visualize the future scope of	of your	business	in tourism industry?
(i)	Not satisfied	(ii)	Satisfie	d to some extent
(iii)	Satisfied to a moderate extent	(iv)	Fully sa	ntisfied
(v)	Satisfied to a large extent			
4. Are	e you aware of the financial assistance	e schen	nes, initia	ntive by Uttarakhand Tourism
Distri	ct Industry for entrepreneurship pror	notion?		•
(i)	Do not know		(ii)	Occasionally come to know
(iii)	Come to know from newspaper		(iv)	Frequently come to know
(v)	Always known to us			- -

(ii)

Satisfied to some extent

- **5.** Entrepreneur Perception on Different Tourism Impacts Exist in the City.
- 1-Strongly Disagree, 2- Disagree, 3- Neither disagree nor agree, 4- Agree, 5- Strongly Agree

Sl	Statements	1	2	3	4	5
No.						
1	Tourism has created jobs for your city.					
2	Tourism development leads to a variety of restaurants in the area.					
3	The personal income of local residents has increased due to tourism development.					
4	Tourism development improves the quality of local services.					
5	Tourism creates new markets for the local products.					
6	There is a variety of shopping facilities in the area due to tourism development.					
7	Due to tourism prices of some things has been increased just like property value and rental cost etc.					

8	There is improvement of roads and other public services due to tourism			
	development.			