ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF TOURISM:  
CASE STUDY OF MUSSOORIE

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ABSTRACT: In the dramatic impacts of tourism in the developed world which has improved, and often provide the necessary example, for developing countries to follow. Tourism obviously has advantage as a contributor to economic development that has other activities might not have. But this is only one side of the coin. Beside tourism is also held responsible for climate change at number of destinations. Scientists have proved that there are continuous changes in the climate due to green house effect and tourism also contributes in it in the form of movement of people to destinations through automobiles and other means of transport. The continuous growth in the population and number of hotels at the destination is result in to loss of habitat to many animal species. Due to overuse of the place in the form of frequent walking by tourists to a place result in degradation of that area like in mountain areas it result into naked peaks. The tourists leave the garbage that causes pollution. All these impacts at the destinations are a matter of concern particularly for the researchers. The tourism development in India, too, is not free from such impacts. The study involves the assessment of environment impacts of tourism on the famous hill destination of Uttarakhand (India) i.e. Mussoorie.

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