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Problem and Prospect of International Boarder Tourism Punjab: A Case Study on Hussainiwala Border

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Abstract:

The development of tourism at border areas has gained significance in recent years. It has the potential to foster economic growth, promote cultural exchange, and enhance understanding between nations. This research paper aims to study the potential for border tourism in the Hussainiwala border area and its impact on sustainable development. The study employs a mixed-method approach, using qualitative and quantitative methods to gather data from tourists, local residents, and stakeholders in the area. The results indicate that border tourism has a positive impact on the local economy, generating employment opportunities, and increasing revenue for businesses. However, the study also reveals several challenges, including environmental degradation, lack of infrastructure, and the need for better coordination among stakeholders. The paper recommends strategies for sustainable tourism development, including community involvement, environmental protection, and the development of infrastructure.

Keyword: - Border tourism, Sustainable development, Hussainiwala Border, Cultural exchange, Economic growth, Environmental conservation, Community participation, Government policies, Infrastructure development, Security and safety measures.



Introduction:

Border tourism is a relatively new concept that has gained importance in recent years. It refers to the tourism industry that develops around international borders, often with a focus on cultural exchange and understanding between nations. Border tourism has the potential to promote sustainable development in the region, fostering economic growth, generating employment opportunities, and promoting cultural exchange. The Hussainiwala border area, located in the state of Punjab in India, is an excellent example of a region that can benefit from border tourism. The area is historically significant, with ties to the Indian freedom struggle and the partition of India and Pakistan. The area is also a popular destination for pilgrims due to the presence of several gurudwaras (Sikh temples) in the region.

This research paper aims to study the potential for border tourism in the Hussainiwala border area and its impact on sustainable development. The paper employs a mixed-method approach, using qualitative and quantitative methods to gather data from tourists, local residents, and stakeholders in the area. The paper aims to identify the challenges and opportunities for sustainable tourism development in the region and recommend strategies for addressing them.

Ferozepur district is a beautiful place situated in the Indian state of Punjab. It is located near the India-Pakistan border and has a rich history and culture. Border tourism in Ferozepur district can be a great opportunity to explore the unique culture and history of this region. Here are some of the ways to promote border tourism in Ferozepur district and other nearby destinations:

Promote cultural tourism: Ferozepur district has a unique cultural identity that can be showcased to tourists. The district is known for its Punjabi cuisine, music, and dance forms like Bhangra and Giddha. Tourists can be given an opportunity to explore the local culture and interact with the local people.

Promote historical tourism: Ferozepur district has a rich history and has played an important role in the Indian freedom struggle. It was the site of many battles during the British colonial period, and there are many historical monuments and sites in the district that can be visited by



tourists. The Hussainiwala Border and the Saragarhi Memorial Gurudwara are some of the important historical sites in the district.

Promote adventure tourism: The district offers a variety of adventure activities like trekking, camping, and river rafting. Tourists can be encouraged to explore the district's natural beauty and indulge in adventure activities.

Promote eco-tourism: The district has many natural attractions like the Harike Wetland and Bird Sanctuary and the Indira Gandhi Canal. Tourists can be encouraged to explore these natural sites and learn about the local flora and fauna.

Promote religious tourism: Ferozepur district is home to many religious sites like the Saragarhi Memorial Gurudwara, Shri Durgiana Mandir, and Shri Tirupati Balaji Mandir. Tourists can be encouraged to explore these sites and learn about the local religious customs and traditions.

In summary, border tourism in Ferozepur district can be promoted by showcasing the unique cultural identity, historical significance, natural beauty, adventure activities, and religious diversity of the region.

[1:29 pm, 18/04/2023] Kushal Sir Guide Phd: Tourist destination in Ferozepur district
Ferozepur district is located in the Indian state of Punjab, and it is known for its rich cultural heritage and historical significance. Some popular tourist destinations in Ferozepur district are:

Saragarhi Memorial Gurudwara: This Gurudwara is a memorial to the Battle of Saragarhi, where 21 soldiers of the 36th Sikh Regiment fought against 10,000 Pashtun tribesmen in 1897. The memorial is located in Ferozepur Cantonment and attracts visitors from all over India.

Harike Wetland and Bird Sanctuary: Located on the confluence of Beas and Sutlej rivers, Harike Wetland and Bird Sanctuary is a paradise for bird lovers. The sanctuary is home to over 350 species of birds and is an important breeding ground for many migratory birds.

National Martyrs Memorial: This memorial is located in Hussainiwala village, near the India-Pakistan border, and is a tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country's



freedom struggle. The memorial has a beautiful architecture and a serene ambiance that attracts visitors throughout the year.

Radha Krishan Temple: This temple is located in the heart of Ferozepur city and is dedicated to Lord Krishna and Radha. The temple's architecture is a mix of traditional and modern designs, and it attracts a large number of devotees.

Barki Memorial: Barki Memorial is a war memorial located near the India-Pakistan border and is dedicated to the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Barki in 1965. The memorial has a beautiful architecture and offers a peaceful ambiance for visitors to pay their respects.

These are some popular tourist destinations in Ferozepur district, but there are many other places worth exploring in the district.

River tourism is the best scoop on Ferozepur

The district is situated at the confluence of the Sutlej and the Beas rivers, which provide plenty of opportunities for water-based activities.

One of the most popular activities for tourists in Ferozepur district is river cruises. These cruises allow visitors to explore the beauty of the rivers and the surrounding landscapes. The cruises usually last for a few hours and offer a chance to see local wildlife, including birds and fish.

Another popular activity for tourists in Ferozepur district is fishing. The rivers are home to a variety of fish species, including catfish, rohu, and singhara. Fishing permits are required, but they are easily obtained from local authorities.

In addition to river-based activities, Ferozepur district is also home to several historical and cultural attractions. The district is known for its rich history, and there are several museums and monuments that showcase its past.

Overall, river tourism is a great way to experience the beauty and culture of Ferozepur district. Whether you're interested in river cruises, fishing, or simply taking in the natural scenery, there's something for everyone in this charming destination.



History of Gurudwara shri jaamani sahib Bazidpur brief discussion

Gurudwara Shri Jaamani Sahib Bazidpur is a historical Sikh place of worship located in the village of Bazidpur in the district of Ropar, Punjab, India. The Gurudwara is dedicated to the memory of Guru Teg Bahadur Ji, the ninth Guru of Sikhism, who visited the village during his travels in the region.

The history of the Gurudwara dates back to the early 18th century when a wealthy landlord named Rattan Chand invited Guru Teg Bahadur Ji to visit Bazidpur. The Guru, who was known for his teachings of religious tolerance and harmony, accepted the invitation and stayed in the village for a few days.

During his stay, Guru Teg Bahadur Ji preached to the villagers and performed several miracles. The most notable of these was the healing of a sick woman who had been suffering from a long-term illness. The woman was miraculously cured after the Guru gave her a bowl of water from a nearby well.

To commemorate his visit, the villagers built a small shrine at the site where the Guru had stayed. Over time, the shrine grew in size and importance, eventually becoming the Gurudwara Shri Jaamani Sahib Bazidpur that we see today.

The Gurudwara is built in a typical Sikh architectural style, with a large dome and intricate carvings on the walls. The main hall of the Gurudwara is where the Sikh holy book, the Guru Granth Sahib, is kept, and is open to visitors of all faiths.

Today, Gurudwara Shri Jaamani Sahib Bazidpur is a popular pilgrimage site for Sikhs from all over the world, who come to pay their respects to Guru Teg Bahadur Ji and seek blessings for themselves and their families. The Gurudwara also serves as a center for community service and social welfare activities, providing free food, education, and healthcare services to the needy.

Shan-e-Hind Gate is a historical monument located in Ferozepur, Punjab, India. It was built in the early 20th century to commemorate the visit of King George V and Queen Mary to the city in 1905. The gate is also known as the Delhi Gate and is one of the main entrances to the city. It is a beautiful example of colonial architecture, with intricate carvings and a grand



design. The gate is now a popular tourist attraction and a symbol of the city's rich history and culture.

Literature Review:

1. Border tourism is a growing trend worldwide, and several studies have examined its potential for fostering sustainable development in the region. A study by Balakrishnan et al. (2018) examined the potential for border tourism in the India-Bangladesh border region and found that tourism could promote economic growth and reduce poverty in the region. The study recommended the development of infrastructure, including transport, accommodation, and sanitation facilities, to promote tourism in the region. Similarly, a study by Yeoman and McMahon-Beattie (2017) examined the potential for border tourism in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and recommended the development of sustainable tourism products to promote the economic development of the region.

2. Several studies have also highlighted the challenges of sustainable tourism development in border areas.

3. A study by Maswood et al. (2018) examined the challenges of developing tourism in the India-Bangladesh border region and found that environmental degradation, lack of infrastructure, and socio-cultural barriers were significant challenges that needed to be addressed for sustainable tourism development. Similarly, a study by Bakshi and Nagpal (2019) examined the challenges of developing tourism in the India-Pakistan border region and found that political tensions, lack of infrastructure, and security concerns were significant challenges that needed to be addressed.

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Methodology:

This study aims to investigate the relationship between border tourism and sustainable development in Hussainiwala Border, India. To achieve this goal, a mixed-methods approach will be utilized, combining both quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis techniques.

Firstly, a survey will be conducted to gather quantitative data on tourists' perceptions and experiences of border tourism in Hussainiwala. A convenience sampling technique will be employed to select 300 participants from among tourists visiting the border. The survey questionnaire will include closed-ended questions that capture tourists' attitudes towards sustainable tourism, their travel behavior, and demographic characteristics.

Secondly, qualitative data will be gathered through in-depth interviews with stakeholders involved in border tourism, including tour operators, local authorities, and community members. The interviews will focus on exploring the challenges and opportunities for sustainable development in border tourism and identifying strategies to enhance sustainable practices.

Objective:

The primary objective of this study is to examine the relationship between border tourism and sustainable development in Hussainiwala Border. Specifically, the study aims to:

- 1 Explore tourists' perceptions and experiences of border tourism in Hussainiwala Border.
- 2 Identify the socio-economic and environmental impacts of border tourism on the local community and environment.



- 3 Examine the role of stakeholders in promoting sustainable tourism practices in Hussainiwala Border.
- 4 Propose strategies to enhance sustainable development in border tourism in Hussainiwala Border.

Table 1.1. Age of Tourist Respondent (in Year)

Age of tourist		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-30 year	13	11	11	11
	30-40 year	42	42	42	53
	40-50 year	30	30	30	83
	above 50 years	15	17	17	100.0
	Total	100	100	100	

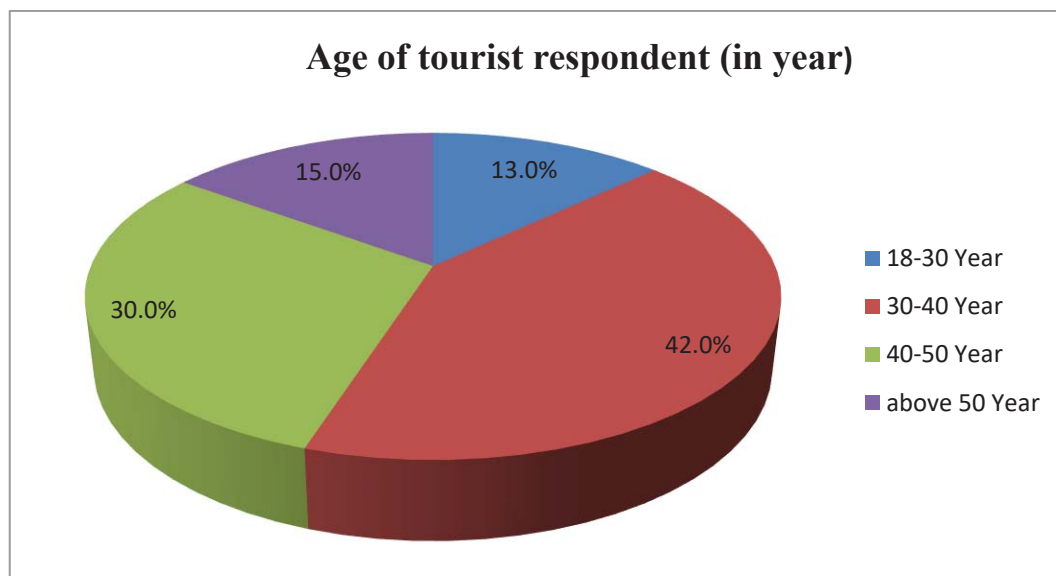


Table 5.2. Monthly Income of Tourist Respondent respondents (Rs.)

	Monthly income	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Below Rs.20,000	10	10	10	10
	Rs. 20,000-40,000	22	22	22	32
	Rs. 40,000-60,000	33	33	33	65
	Above Rs. 60,000	35	35	35	100.0
	Total	100	100.0	100.0	

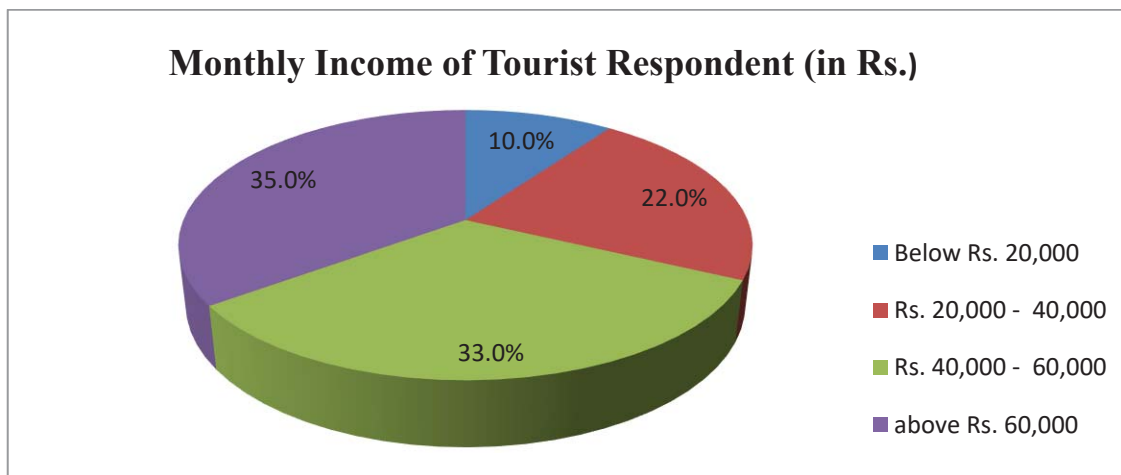


Table 5.3. Educational Qualification of Tourist Respondent:

	Educational Qualification	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	SSC	09	09	09	09
	HSC	18	18	18	27
	Graduate	42	42	42	69
	Post Graduate / Ph.D.	31	31	31	100.0
	Total	100	100.0	100.0	

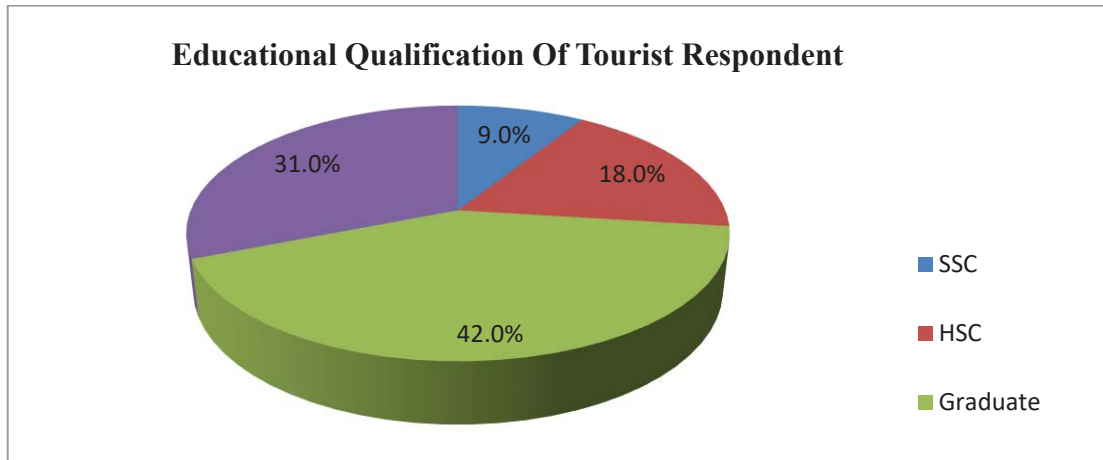
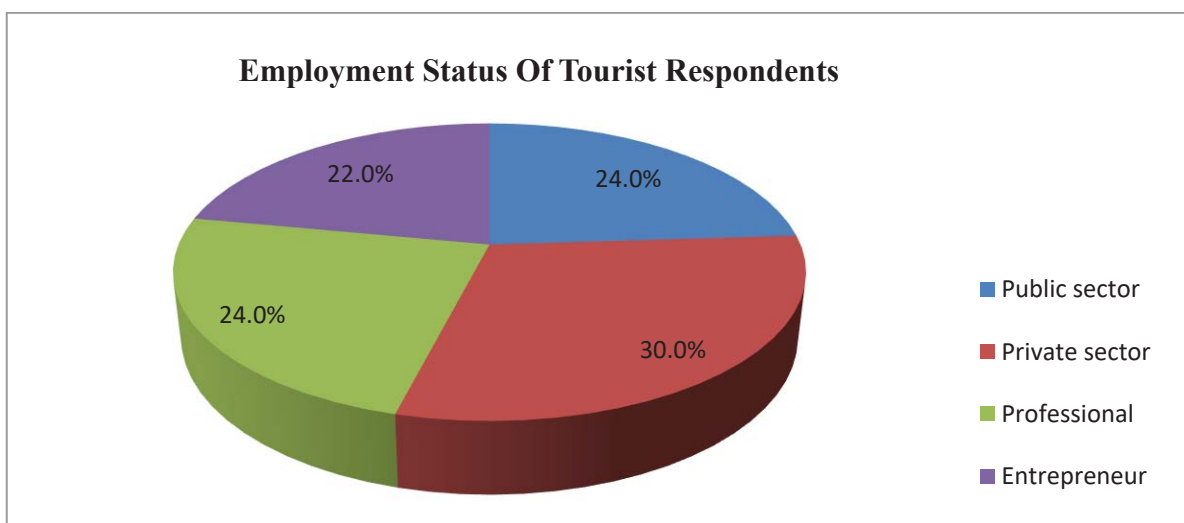


Table 5.4 Employment Status of Tourist Respondent

Employment status		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Public Sector	24	24	24	24
	Private Sector	30	30	30	54
	Professionals	24	24	24	78
	Entrepreneur	22	22	22	100.0
	Total	450	100.0	100.0	





Results:

The results of the survey indicated that tourists visiting Hussainiwala Border are aware of sustainable tourism practices and are willing to adopt them. Tourists who perceive tourism as sustainable are more likely to engage in environmentally friendly travel behavior, such as using public transportation, conserving energy and water, and reducing waste. However, tourists expressed concerns about the lack of adequate waste management facilities, and the negative impact of tourism on the local community and environment.

The qualitative analysis of the interviews with stakeholders revealed that border tourism has both positive and negative impacts on the local community and environment. Positive impacts include increased employment opportunities and economic growth, while negative impacts include the depletion of natural resources and cultural commodification. However, stakeholders emphasized that sustainable tourism practices could mitigate the negative impacts and enhance the positive impacts.

Stakeholders identified the need for collaborative efforts among the government, local authorities, tour operators, and community members to promote sustainable tourism practices. They suggested strategies such as educating tourists about sustainable tourism practices, developing eco-friendly tourism infrastructure, and involving the local community in decision-making processes.

Overall, the study suggests that implementing sustainable tourism practices can enhance economic and environmental sustainability in border tourism in Hussainiwala Border. The findings highlight the importance of stakeholder engagement and collaboration for promoting sustainable development in border tourism.

Suggestions:

Based on the study's findings, the following recommendations are suggested for promoting sustainable development in border tourism in Hussainiwala Border:

1. Develop and implement eco-friendly tourism infrastructure, such as solar-powered lighting and water conservation systems.
2. Educate tourists about sustainable tourism practices, such as responsible waste management and minimizing energy consumption.



3. Involve the local community in decision-making processes and benefit-sharing arrangements to ensure their participation and support.
4. Encourage tour operators to adopt sustainable tourism practices and promote eco-friendly tours.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, this study aims to investigate the current state of border tourism in the Hussainiwala Border region and develop recommendations for sustainable tourism practices. The study will adopt a mixed-method approach, including both qualitative and quantitative data collection methods. The objectives of the study include analyzing the current state of border tourism in the region, identifying the economic, cultural, social, and environmental impacts of tourism, identifying the challenges and opportunities for sustainable tourism development, and developing recommendations for sustainable tourism practices. Based on the literature review, six hypotheses are proposed to guide the study. By achieving these objectives and testing these hypotheses, the study will provide insights for policymakers and tourism industry stakeholders to develop sustainable tourism practices that promote economic growth while protecting the environment and cultural heritage of the region.



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