A Case Study of Major Issues and Sustainable Solutions to Mountain Tourism in the Capital of Himachal Pradesh, Eternalindia

Abstract

Major initiative required for sustainable mountain tourism is the formulation of a long-term policy clearly delineating the role of tourism is expected to play in the overall development of the hill region. The policy should be developed on the basis of comprehensive appreciation of the value of environmental resources in the hills. One of the essential facts in planning and development of mountain regions is the fact that mountains are inherently weak and fragile, having meager tolerance for human intervention, particularly for the resource consuming activities that interfere with their cybernetics and inbuilt anti-repair system. It should be recognized that Shimla like many hill stations built by the British in India, is a precious national heritage. It is high time that the municipal corporation and the state government attach utmost priority to ensure appreciation of the value of environmental resources. Only planned development based on research and well conceived sustainable tourism policy, respecting limits of growth and involvement of local people can promise desired results in the realms of ecology and economy.