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UOU/Research/ Tourism /2023/01

DATE: 08/11/2023

PROFORMA FOR THE WRITING Ph. D. THESIS REPORT

- 1- Name of the Candidate Mr Rajeev Semwal, Registration No. 19202407".
- 2- Subject: *Tourism*
- 3- Name of the Doctorate Degree: Ph. D.
- 4- Title of thesis : topic "A Study of Tourists Staying in Rural Homestays in Uttarakhand"
5. Name of the examiner with full postal address: *Prof. Ranbir Singh, Dept. of Tourism and Hotel Management, Central University of Haryana. , Mahendergarh*

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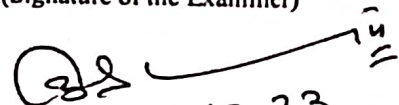
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Detailed Report of Ph.D. thesis ( Regd. No. 19202407 )

1. General and critical appreciation of the thesis:

The chapters have been arranged in a systematic manner and quality of the candidate's research work as well as contents are above average. A good topic selection i.e. "A Study of Satisfaction of Tourist Staying in Rural Homestays in Uttarakhand"

Introductory part has covered all the concepts for fundamental clarity. Objectives of the study are very clear and have been selected after detailed literature survey. The proper statistical tools have also been applied.

Analysis of data was done by applying the appropriate tools, and presented in tables effectively. Findings of the study are useful and acceptable. Limitations are also well defined and justified.

The researcher presented his work in understandable language. The report of the research work done in the thesis is of high quality and it has been followed by bibliography.


2. Positive aspects of the thesis indicating the good points therein:

- Scheme of the chapters in the thesis is systematic.
- Review of Literature has been done in detail and is updated.
- To attain the objectives and to test the hypothesis, an adequate research methodology has been adopted.
- Analysis of the data is in systematic manner and has been presented effectively
- The sampling technique is effective. The statistical tools have been applied to find out the objectives.
- Conclusions are appropriate and convincing.

3. Negative aspects, if any:

NIL

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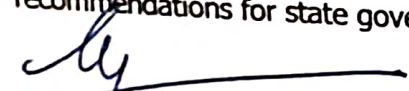
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## A Brief Report

The research findings of the present research thesis are useful for further improvement in the home stay operation and its research findings may be circulated to all major stakeholders. The researcher made efforts to cover the major Home stay units running in the 6 districts of Uttarakhand state and based upon the surveys of the identified samples, useful results have been drawn. However, before the thesis is considered for publication, the following points may be taken into consideration;

- 1-Making wide coverage of the tourism development in India and the world what the researcher has summarized in the beginning of the thesis ( first 25 pages) may be avoided as the research work is on Home stay not on the growth and development of India's Tourism industry
- 2- Similarly the researcher is advised not to concentrate what the rural tourism of Uttarakhand state offer rather the main focus of the researcher should be what nature and scale of Home stay tourism is going on in the state and how a specific district's Geography and social and cultural milieu made the concerned district a leader or looser in the Home stay operation
- 3- Rather to explain the Home stay operation guidelines and procedure for Home stay registration in the Uttarakhand state, the researcher was expected to identify the shortcomings of the existing procedure and what best modus operandi can be adopted to make the Home stay operation hassle free as well making them different from fake home stay units.
- 4- The researcher was expected to develop a site map of the home stay locations in each district wherein maximum home stay units may be projected rather providing a site map of Uttarakhand state showing the physical boundary of the surveyed districts (page 89) which shows the casual attitude of the researcher
- 5- With regards to the Expert opinion that the research scholar has taken the views of the experts through online zoom meeting. However, it was not elaborated how the researcher had identified them and on what basis he categorized them "Expert", what was their experiential background and expertise to call them "Expert"? This must be elaborated in detail
- 6-In Chapter 3<sup>rd</sup>, there was no need to explain the conceptual meaning of research methodology (page 80 -89) rather the researcher was expected to elaborate in detail the research methodology that he adopted in each district. The research is writing a thesis not a text book.
- 7- The research missed to mention the number of samples that were undertaken in a specific home stay unit of a district. Merely mentioning the number of 290 samples needs to be explained about the number of samples the researcher had surveyed in each unit of a district so that the research findings may be utilized for the promotion of home stay tourism in the district concerned accordingly.
- 8- Conclusion part needs further improvement as the researcher was expected to propose recommendations for state government, Home stay operators and tourist separately

  
S.C. Bagri

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