



This issue of *Journal of Tourism Studies (AJTS)* is unique in its diversity of articles. *AJTS* has continued to make serious efforts to understand the varied aspects and issues related to the study of tourism. Scholars have strengthened this publication with the support of high quality articles. The efforts of reviewers have helped to enhance the quality of the articles submitted for publication. We are very grateful to all authors and reviewers for helping *AJTS* to become well known to the travel and tourism academic community in our country. The scholarly contributions featured in this issue range across varied areas such as ecotourism, sustainable tourism, wild life tourism, infrastructural determinants and hospitality sector in India. All the articles have given a better insight and learning in tourism.

Sherry Abraham and C Rajesh Kumar in their article, "A Study on the Prospects and Potential Threats to the Hospitality Industry in India" focus on the key trends that are set to emerge in the hospitality sector in the country over the next decade. The study has focused on sustainable tourism in India. Nabanita Khuntia and Jitendra Mohan Mishra in their article, Economic and Environmental Aspects of Sustainable Tourism Development - A Conceptual Study trace the evolution and issues faced by sustainable tourism in the economy and in the environment. The paper thus highlights the facts about sustainable tourism with reference to the environment and the economy.

"Impact of Tourism on Livelihoods", by Anjali Aggarwal and Govind Tiwari draws the attention on wild life tourism. The main aim of the study is to identify the changes brought about in the lives of villagers who have sold their land to resort and lodge owners. "Prospects of Ecotourism Development in Ganderbal District of Jammu and Kashmir", by Iqbal Ahmad Bhat and Shyju P J highlights the tourism potential of unexplored areas in the Ganderbal District, which have immense potential for ecotourism development.

"Infrastructural Determinants of Tourism in India", by Suraj V Ayyapan, Santhosh Kumar P K and Jerlin Jose highlights the

different types of infrastructure that may influence the tourism demand in India.

On behalf of the Editorial board, I sincerely express my gratitude to the authors and reviewers for their valuable contributions to this issue of AJTS. We look forward to the encouragement, constructive criticisms, and support of academicians, researchers and professionals in our incessant effort to strengthen the discipline of tourism studies.

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