

TOURISM SECTOR A CHANNEL OF FUTURE PROSPECTS IN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN STATES OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT:

North-east is very much unlike the rest of India. The region of North East which is better known for its mountains, wildlife, tea estates etc. It is an area inhabited by a great number of tribes who speak a hundred different dialects and languages. The infinite variety of its geographic setting, topography, varied flora, fauna, avian life, rare orchids and butterflies, brightly painted monasteries, challenging rivers, the history of ancient traditions and lifestyles, its festivals and crafts make it a wonderful holiday destination. North-East India is the centre of one of the world's richest bio-geographic areas. Tourism has the greatest potential for generating income and employment opportunities in North-East Indian states. This paper makes an attempt to explore the potentiality from North-East Indian states which will maintain a bright prospect of economic and social development in terms of tourism industry in near future.

KEY WORDS: tourism, mountains, wildlife, tea estates.
