PREFACE

The theme underlying the present work arises out of the research scholar's keen interest in travelling and related behaviour. Jest for wander and treading the maiden territory and environment has ever been hunting my mind from the early childhood and the project I have embarked upon is the natural outcome of the same urge in me. Further, if the movement or circulation has been the moving spirit behind Geography, the field of tourism constitute the epitome of the same spirit. Tourism begins with the age old dictum 'no movement, no life' and the process is an unending one. From wanderer, explorer, crusader, conquerer and pilgrim, man has ultimately decided to turn as tourist in the modern sense to be added and welcome as an old-turned new phenomenon to field of Geography. Geography indeed has been benefited a lot by travel, travellers and travelogues. Interest in tourism and recreation seem suddenly to have exploded upon the Geographical scene and Geographers are now turning their attention to it. The present work is a humble effort in the same direction.

The Allahabad Division which I chose for tourism study hardly needs any introduction or elaboration. This region abounds in natural, cultural and historical attractions and may become the hub of tourists activities in Uttar Pradesh. The present study seeks to devise ways and means on traversing which the people of the region may experience the taste of development.

Whole research study is divided in to seven chapters and deals elaborately the prospect of tourism development in agriculture dominant economy. The first chapter clarifies the introduction of the Tourism Geography, second chapter deals with the Geographical background of the study area. In the third chapter description of major tourist places of the region is given elaborately. In the fourth chapter, factors of Tourism Development of the study area has been analysed. Fifth chapter describes the role of tourism policy in the development of tourism in Allahabad
Division, while sixth chapter is devoted for the extensive analysis of relation of Tourism Development in the study area. The last chapter deals with the existing problems of the region and planning for the better development of tourism in general and socio-economic condition of the region in particular.

It is hoped that this research work will fill the gap in the literature of tourism of Allahabad Division and is expected to be useful for travellers, Planners, administrators and in research studies for tourism.

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