

Our responsibilities in tourism

Objective

1. To understand the importance of tourism for individual and economic purposes.
2. To understand excess human activities related to tourism can have adverse effects on the environment.

Background

Tourism is beneficial to both the tourists and the people associated with the trade. Tourists undertake travel for recreation, aesthetic satisfaction, appreciation of beauty, culture and for religious purposes. Health tourism and adventure tourism are becoming popular. Tourism brings prosperity, employment and professional progress to tourist spots. It also promotes understanding between people of different regions. But excess human activities cause damage to the environment and put pressure on civic amenities of tourist spots and places.



Methodology

1. Choose a tourist place preferably close to your locality.
2. Find out when and why it is visited by tourists.
3. How do local people benefit from the tourist activity?
4. Find out the adverse effects on the local people and the environment.
5. Collect the above information through personal observation, interview of local people and other sources such as newspapers, magazines and the media.

Conclusion

We jump up and down when we see the beautiful nature. That's why we recognize

hills and plains, steams, springs, canals, waterfalls, seashores, gardens, buildings and constructions as tourist places. But all these tourist places are becoming pollution centres. Let's recognise what should we do to avoid this situation.

- Don't throw plastic covers, papers, glasses and waste here and there in the tourist places, keep them in a bag and throw it in the dust bin only.
- Don't write anything on walls and trees.
- Urinate in the toilets only.
- We waste the water and electricity in the hotels where we stay in the tourist places. Don't switch on the fans to dry the clothes in rooms.
- Don't fill the tourist places with crowd. Let's develop our surroundings as tourist places.
- Don't damage the plants and trees and don't pluck the flowers in the gardens of tourist places.

Write a report of the activities you carried out and present it in your class.

Follow -up

1. The report may be sent to the tourism department, environment ministry and local Panchayat with a request to take preventive measures.
2. Students can be asked to write poems, articles or paint on the theme "Man versus Nature".

