

About Lohaghat

Lohaghat, a municipality, is situated 13 km from the district headquarters, Champawat. The nearest airport is Pithoragarh, 62 km away, while the nearest station is Tanakpur, which is a 2-hour drive away. The town is located on the national highway connecting Aadi Kailash and Kailash Mansarovara. Lohaghat exemplifies the true meaning of "Devbhumi", as nature enhances it with all of its beauty in the form of magnificent landscapes and spirituality. At an elevation of over 6000 feet, a maximum temperature of 30 °C makes it a well-deserved hill station. The sky-touching cedar belt enhances the beauty of the town and the pollution-free environment is conducive to health. The town has the privilege of having the must-visit Adwaita Ashrama, "The Mayawati", managed by Ram Krishna Mission and run on the principles of Navya Vedanta propounded by Swami Vivekananda, which adds to the spiritual atmosphere. The town had the distinction of hosting Swami Ji in 1901 and the serenity and spirituality of the site compelled him to build the Center to disseminate spirituality. Lohaghat welcomes visitors for meditation, birdwatching, trekking, sightseeing, Himalaya Darshan and also boating. More than that, one can become lost in the forest around the town. The Koli Dhek Lake at Lohaghat, Gurudwara Reetha Sahib, Lake Shyamataal, the famous temples like Devidhura, Golu Devta temple, Balleshwar temple, Hingla Devi temple and the tea garden at Champawat are the main attractions of the town.

In the first month of November, the temperature drops to 6 °C at night in Lohaghat. The climatic conditions require woollen clothes or good-quality fleeces in the backpacks to visit the place.

About College

The largest affiliated college to the Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora, Swami Vivekananda Govt. P G College Lohaghat was established in 1979. The college has witnessed all-round progress, with a robust infrastructure and various courses running in the faculties of arts, science, commerce, and education. The college has its eminence in curricular and extracurricular spheres in and around the region.

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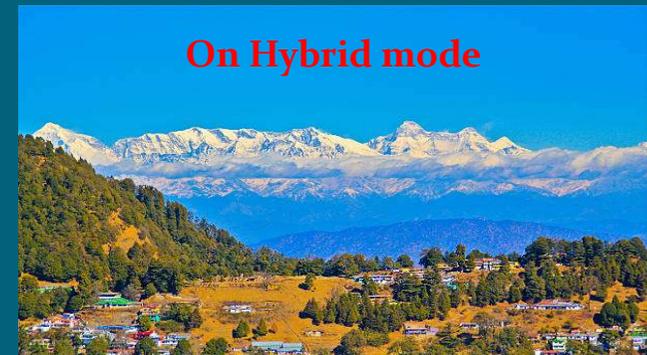
National Seminar

On

Impact of Tourism on
infrastructure, Art-Culture
and Environment in
Himalayan States of India

"06-07 November 2025"

On Hybrid mode



Organized by

Department of Sociology
SVGPG College, Lohaghat, Champawat
(Uttarakhand)

Convener/ Organizing Secretary

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About the Seminar

The word tourism itself thrills us. In this fast-paced life, whenever we get a little time, we set out to explore new places. Lovers of peace and nature are always drawn towards mountains, forests and snow. Generally, when we talk about tourism, the Himalayas automatically come to our mind.

In the past few years, nature wreaked havoc in Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, badly impacting both infrastructure and tourism. Such disasters raise questions about the plan of action of the states to prevent such incidents. Also, there are questions about the preservation of the art and culture of the tribes living here and the impact of tourism on them.

Today, it is necessary that the growing tourism in the Himalayan states be developed in an organized manner to minimize environmental damage. The integration of tourism with art and culture would help preserve the artistic and cultural heritage while also providing economic opportunities to the local population, making them more aware of environmental protection and enabling their active participation in it.

Objectives of the Seminar

❖ The proposed seminar aims to address the issues related to over-tourism in the Himalayas, environmental and infrastructural problems, as well as strategies for managing waste and preserving cultural heritage through keynote speeches, panel discussions, and research presentations.

❖ It is believed that this seminar will aid in fostering tourism in the Himalayan states in India in a more organized manner and will offer essential recommendations to the planners and state authorities for strengthening the environmental, cultural and infrastructural policies.

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Sub-Themes of the Seminar

- Sustainability (Integration of environmental, Social, Humanitarian and Economic Goals)
- Community Engagement in Tourism
- Impact on Cultural Heritage
- Economic Benefits to the Community
- Infrastructure Developments in the Himalayan Region
- Over Tourism & its Impact
- Tourism: a Cause for Natural Disasters
- Positive Impact of Tourism
- Negative Impact of Tourism
- Sustainable Tourism Planning
- Capacity Building through Tourism in the Himalayas.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Tourism in the Himalayas
- Tourism and its Impact on Climate Change in the Himalayan Region
- Pilgrimage Tourism and Modern Tourism
- Economic Development and Employment Generation Through Tourism in the Himalayan Region
- Waste Management Challenges in Himalayan States
- Inappropriate forms of Tourism Developments
- Socio-Economic & Cultural Benefits to the Local Community through Tourism.
- Tourism and its Impact on Biodiversity
- Skill Development for Tourism in Himalayan States

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Faculty Members- Rs. 800
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Important Dates

Last Date of Abstract Submission
30th September 2025
Last Date of Full Paper Submission
10th October 2025

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The participants are requested to send a full-length original paper (Max. 3000 words) along with the abstract (300 words), 4 to 6 keywords and 10-20 References in

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- 2- Selected Full Length Papers will be published in a special issue of a reputed Peer-Reviewed Refereed Journal with an ISSN. (Nominal Charge of Rs.1000)