

Community Based Tourism as a Catalyst for Community Engagement and Socioeconomic Development in Rural Hospitality Ventures in India toward Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 8

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Abstract

The paper explores the core principles and practices of Community-Based Tourism (CBT), emphasizing its collaborative and participatory nature. It discusses how CBT initiatives offer a range of opportunities for employment, skills development, and income generation, particularly in rural areas of India. Through the examination of successful case studies, the paper demonstrates the positive impacts of CBT on poverty reduction and economic development. The study also highlights the challenges and opportunities in implementing CBT, including cultural sensitivity, environmental conservation, and inclusive policies supported by the Government of India. The research underlines the importance of strategic partnerships between local communities, the government, and the private sector in creating an enabling environment for sustainable CBT initiatives. It further aligns with the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), promoting a more inclusive and equitable tourism landscape. A thorough survey approach was employed to gather responses from various participants to assess their awareness of CBT and its impact on poverty reduction, as well as its role in fostering decent employment and economic development. The findings include a mathematical analysis, providing quantifiable insights into the effectiveness of CBT in addressing socio-economic challenges. The study also delves into the complexities of implementing CBT, offering actionable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders involved in rural development and sustainable tourism practices in India. This research contributes valuable knowledge to the fields of rural development and tourism, proposing areas for further investigation to enhance the effectiveness and scalability of CBT initiatives.

Introduction

The United Nations (UN) has adopted an informed decision about the agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development (SD) in 2015, which became a global framework for the purpose of implementing to the path of Sustainable Development (Boluk et al., 2019). Agenda 2030 is centered on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which address critical global issues for both humanity and the planet. Achieving these goals requires global participation across diverse regions and languages, including China, Korea, and Russia. Increased awareness and competence in sustainability are essential for greater engagement. However, achieving meaningful change demands the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, and attitudes. Global citizens must connect with sustainable development and actively contribute to the SDGs, fostering a community with a shared future (Henfrey et al., 2023) .

In a few years, the integration of community-based tourism (CBT) can emerge with the realm of hospitality ventures as a dynamic paradigm. It offers profound possibilities or options for sustainable socioeconomic development. This research paper explores the correlation between CBT initiatives and the fulfillment of SDGs 1 and 8. Certainly, it addresses the challenges and opportunities in India.

For decades, the fight against poverty and the alleviation of basic human development have been the main criteria for measuring success in pursuing a more equitable and sustainable progress of the world.

With the desire to improve the living conditions of nations, the relationship between poverty reduction and economic growth has become a major focus area of research. Reducing poverty in societies is a major dilemma in which inclusive economic growth has a key role to play in generating employment, uplifting livelihoods and providing opportunities for upward mobility. Yet, tackling poverty goes beyond mere economic growth; it involves integrated approaches that tackle inequalities and strive to ensure access to critical solutions for vulnerable people (Affairs & Development, 2023).

The SDGs are a universal call to action to end all forms of poverty everywhere, adopted by all UN Member States in 2015 and intended to be achieved by 2030 as part of a broader effort to secure sustainable global development. End all forms of poverty everywhere, understands the multidimensional aspect of poverty and calls for an integrated approach. These goals emphasize three key objectives: promoting inclusive growth, building social protection systems and ensuring equitable access to resources to lay a strong foundation for sustainable development. The SDGs here are a roadmap for how national and international efforts to end poverty over the next decade align with long-term goals (Affairs & Development, 2023).

One of humanity's biggest tasks is still to eradicate poverty in all of its manifestations. Too many people still struggle to meet their most basic requirements, even though the number of people living in severe poverty decreased by more than half between 1990 and 2015. Around 736 million people still subsist on less than \$1.90 per day as of 2015; many of them lack access to food, clean drinking water, and sanitary facilities. Though development has been unequal, millions of people have been pulled out of poverty by the rapid rise in nations like China and India. Due to their lower levels of education, employment, and property ownership, women are more likely than males to be impoverished. Other places, including South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, where 80 percent of people live in severe poverty, have likewise seen little progress. More effort is required to lift people out of poverty because of new challenges posed by war, climate change, and food insecurity. The SDGs represent a daring pledge to complete the task at hand and eradicate poverty in all of its manifestations by 2030. This entails assisting communities impacted by war and climate-related catastrophes, focusing on the most vulnerable, and expanding access to essential resources and services (Nations & Programme, n.d.).

Significant progress has been made since 2000 in reaching the goal of universal primary education. The number of children who are not in school has decreased by about half globally, and in 2015, the overall enrollment rate in developing areas reached 91%. Additionally, literacy rates have skyrocketed, and a greater number of females are enrolled in school than ever before. All of them are outstanding achievements. High rates of poverty, violent conflicts, and other crises have also made progress difficult in certain emerging areas. The number of children who are not attending school has increased throughout Western Asia and North Africa as a result of persistent armed conflict. This pattern is concerning. Large gaps still exist even though Sub-Saharan Africa had the biggest gains in primary school attendance of any emerging area, rising from 52% in 1990 to 78% in 2012. Compared to children from the wealthiest homes, children from the poorest households are up to four times more likely to be absent from school. There are still significant differences between rural and urban places. The idea that

education is one of the most effective and proven means of promoting sustainable development is reinforced by the achievement of inclusive, high-quality education for everyone (Nations & Programme, n.d.). By 2030, all boys and girls will have had free primary and secondary education thanks to this aim. In addition, it seeks to eradicate income and gender inequalities, provide universal access to high-quality higher education, and give all people equitable access to reasonably priced vocational training.

The number of people living in severe poverty has drastically decreased over the previous 25 years, even if the effects of the global recession and the 2008 financial crisis are still being felt. In emerging nations, the middle class currently accounts for almost 34% of all jobs, a figure that nearly quadrupled between 1991 and 2015. The global economy continues to recover yet they are seeing slower growth, increasing inequality, and a shortage of employment to accommodate an expanding labor force. 2015 saw over 204 million people without jobs, according to the International Labour Organization. Higher levels of productivity, technological innovation, and steady economic development are all encouraged by the SDGs. Effective steps to end slavery, human trafficking, and forced labor are essential to this, as are initiatives to promote entrepreneurship and job development. By 2030, full and productive employment and decent work for all men and women are the desired outcomes, keeping these goals in mind (Nations & Programme, n.d.).

However, there are significant signs of global challenges, with only a few regions making progress towards a sharp increase in the number of people in absolute poverty, as global economic damage, climate and geopolitical conflicts keep generalized poverty firmly in place. A comprehensive, cross-sector approach which combines economic growth with sustainability and social equity to ensure durable results is an imperative. By linking poverty reduction to broader economic development as well as the SDGs, the global community has an opportunity to deliver transformational change that enhances the well-being of the populations most in need, while simultaneously building a more just and sustainable world that will be resilient to many shocks in the future.

Community-based tourism (CBT) is offered in such a way that local communities participate in planning, developing and managing tourism, and benefit directly from the tourism industry. It often begins with identifying unique cultural, natural or historical attractions that may attract tourists, then training local residents to build their capacity with the skills and knowledge needed to work in the hospitality and tourism sectors, such as guiding or eco-tourism skills. Local governments, NGOs and private stakeholders work with the UN to assist with funding, marketing and infrastructure. At the core is community ownership and decision-making basing tourism initiatives on community interests, local needs and values, while supporting sustainable practices (Lina, 2023). CBT has a direct intervention that can be a watershed for rural communities. It provides new revenue sources, reduces reliance on traditional livelihoods (such as farming or fishing), and plays a role in protecting cultural traditions (and natural resources) by giving them economic value. The money collected usually goes to community development projects that include building schools, hospitals or infrastructure development. CBT also creates pride and community spirit among residents as they come together to promote their positive attributes to the world. This model encourages complete sustainable development by maintaining

economic growth in line with socio-economic and environmental well-being (Giampiccoli & Saayman, 2018).

The research paper examines the impact of community-based tourism (CBT) initiatives on rural communities, particularly in hospitality. It explores how CBT can reduce poverty (SDG 1) and promote decent work and economic growth (SDG 8), aiming to create employment opportunities across rural India.

The significance of reducing poverty cannot be overlooked Because it is important to know the complex challenges of SDG 1 and 8 (Leal Filho et al., 2021). The challenges make me overcome by acknowledging the importance and significance of CBT. Poverty eradication not only hampers access to healthcare, education, and decent living conditions but also sustains a cycle of inequity that persists beyond several generations (Andre Pupung Darmawan et al., 2023). As SDG 1 can achieve both extreme poverty and relative poverty by acknowledging the multifaceted factors that are issues for global poverty,

Empirical studies suggest that community-based tourism serves as a catalyst for socioeconomic transformation by generating employment, enhancing local entrepreneurship, and strengthening institutional capacity (**Gurung et al., Year**). Such findings are particularly relevant to rural India, where hospitality-led community engagement can directly support the realization of SDG 1 and SDG 8.

Sustainable Development Goal 8 seeks to promote sustainable economic growth in India by eradicating poverty and linking employment to social well-being. It emphasizes decent work, fair wages, safe conditions, and social protection. While economic growth is vital for poverty reduction, SDG 8 also encourages innovation and resilient infrastructure, supporting equitable and environmentally sustainable development in underdeveloped regions (van Niekerk, 2020).

The research stated that the interrelationship between SDG 1 and SDG 8, forms a symbiotic relationship in the sustainable development process (Valverde & Avilés-Palacios, 2021). To break free from poverty, earning a salary and income is crucial for financial independence. Eradicating poverty requires decent work and economic growth, which contribute to achieving SDG 8. The interconnected goals of SDG 1 and SDG 8 focus on reducing poverty, with SDG 1 addressing poverty eradication and SDG 8 promoting decent work, vital for alleviating rural poverty in India.

Several studies highlight that community-based tourism fosters socioeconomic empowerment by increasing income opportunities, strengthening local institutions, and promoting sustainable resource management (**Darmawan & Dwi Budi Santoso, 2023**), thereby aligning closely with SDG 1 and SDG 8 objectives in developing regions such as rural India.

SDGs 1 and 8 highlight a commitment to a society focused on the well-being of all, through poverty eradication and inclusive, sustainable economic growth. To foster a sustainable link between CBT,

community empowerment, and socio-economic growth, these goals are essential in this research. This approach addresses local challenges and leverages assets to support CBT in rural hospitality.

This research paper empirically examines a case study on the correlation between community-based tourism, socio-economic development, and sustainable development goals (SDGs) in rural hospitality ventures in India. The study aims to inform policy and practice to promote sustainable and inclusive growth. It emphasizes sustainability, community empowerment, and cultural preservation through community-based tourism (CBT), using a holistic approach that prioritizes local tourism development while offering visitors authentic experiences.

The global development agenda underscores the importance of inclusive economic participation and livelihood security in rural regions, particularly through employment-intensive sectors such as tourism and hospitality (**Nations & Programme, 2025**). In the Indian context, community-based tourism presents a viable pathway to operationalize these objectives at the grassroots level.



SDG 1 No Poverty



SDG 8 Decent Work and economic Growth

Literature Review

The research paper explores the progress, challenges and interconnections in the context of eradication poverty or “NO Poverty” and Economic Development in India. It drives the socio-economic concepts actively in addressing the challenges outlined in SDG 1 and 8.

Correlation of CBT with Sustainable Development to improve Community Welfare

Long-term destination success depends heavily on tourism, which is also essential to sustainable development planning. Because locations have a significant influence on travelers' choices, research by (Santos et al., 2020) shown the significance of comprehending visitors' perceptions and images of a place for tourism development. The two most important ideas in tourism are sustainability and perception. According to the findings of research by (Santos et al., 2020) and (Harianto et al., 2020), the concept of sustainability in sustainable tourism development is expressed via the perspectives of

visitors, stakeholders, and locals. According to these findings, it is critical for a destination to include the local population in the planning process in order for the outcomes of tourist development to live up to local expectations. (Damayanti et al., 2021) state that in order to improve destination resilience, local stakeholders including the public and private sectors in addition to different non-governmental or community-based organizations must effectively coordinate.

Today's destination for the participative process is to be inclusive and worldwide, it must incorporate all societal levels, including stakeholders, local communities, and age groups, in the development of tourism. Participatory planning is required to align tourism with the new eco-friendly and responsible paradigm (Koščak et al., 2019). The community gains greatly on both a social and economic level when it is involved in the planning and growth of such tourism. One way to foster community learning via dialogue is through participatory planning. Research (Koščak et al., 2019), describes the way children and teenagers may use participatory ways to create sustainable tourism at the local level. Planning for the growth of sustainable tourism is often seen as an effort to shape the future. Since the younger generation is a significant element of communities and stakeholders, they need to be allowed to take part in the formulation and planning of the management of local objectives.

Interpretation of the community-based tourism (CBT)

Depending on how the researchers see tourism, CBT might signify various things to them. Since the sustainable tourism controversy began to take shape in the 1990s, cognitive behavioral therapy has grown in significance. Through revenue generation, local economy diversification, cultural preservation, environmental conservation, and educational opportunity expansion, CBT may help local communities (Nair & Hamzah, 2015). In recent years, CBT has attracted a lot of attention as a means to help local communities, encourage sustainable tourist growth, and safeguard cultural and natural resources. CBT may help the community economically and encourage the preservation of natural and cultural resources by including locals in tourism-related activities. According to (Mann, 2014), CBT is the balance of social, cultural, and environmental sustainability. CBT, it is defined by (Mann, 2014) as any kind of tourism that involves and helps the community. Furthermore, CBT is described by (Purbasari & Manaf, 2018) as a small-scale tourism activity that mostly takes place in rural regions and includes contact between visitors and the local population. Additionally, CBT helps visitors become more conscious of and comprehend the local way of life, which should be fully controlled and owned by the community.

CBT is categorized as a kind of tourism that emphasizes strengthening links between visitors and local people (Mayaka et al., 2019). CBT is the most well-known and useful method for assisting the community in Asia, particularly in Thailand, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Notwithstanding its many meanings and interpretations, CBT may be seen as a tool to strengthen a destination's economy, particularly in rural and community settings. Through the community, CBT accomplishes its objective. Highlighting the fact that the local community, which is not directly engaged in tourism, also benefits from the advantages of CBT and its economic effect is crucial to understanding the idea. Furthermore, CBT is a tourism approach that aims to reduce the negative effects of tourism and enhance the positive

effects on the community (Rocca & Zielinski, 2022). Community involvement in planning and management procedures is a fundamental tenet of cognitive behavioral therapy.

The Government of India made significant initiatives to reduce the extreme poverty in the rural part of the India over the few years. Some of the most initiatives are Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) that has given employment opportunities and enhanced lifestyle of the Individuals in rural locations of India (I. Kumar, 2024). Moreover, some of the renowned policies are the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana have aimed in enhancing the financial inclusion, and empowering marginalized communities.

Income inequality in India persists as a significant obstacle, increased by gaps in education, healthcare, and access to resources (Chondrogianni & Tsalaporta, 2023; Duflo, 2012). Geographical gaps persist, with some governments facing higher poverty rates and greater vulnerability to external challenges. Despite some progress, the COVID-19 pandemic exposed weaknesses in India's socio-economic structure, especially affecting the informal sector, which experienced the greatest economic disruption.

Information technology services, and manufacturing Industries are given by strong trajectory for the economic growth of India (Srivastava & Shanmugam, 2023). Some of the taken initiatives by Government like “Make in India” and the Skill India Mission focus on Job creation, skill development, and promoting entrepreneurship (Government of India, 2014) (Mehrotra, 2020). However, medium-sized and small enterprises have been instrumentally fostering employment to the fresher to join their organization to prevent the poverty reduction especially in India (Barrett, 2021).

India faces challenges in ensuring decent work for all, particularly in the agricultural and unorganized sectors, which provide employment for informal workers and hinder poverty eradication despite economic growth (Antlöv & Wetterberg, 2021). Gender disparities in wages and workforce notably remains mostly in the rural parts of India (ILO, 2018). However, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted weaknesses, exposing gaps in social protection and the need for extensive labor changes.

Table 1. Comparative Analysis of Prior Studies

Study	Focus Areas	Key Findings
Gurung and Lama (Gurung & Tamang, 2014)	Social impacts of CBT in Nepal	Enhanced community cohesion, cultural pride, and gender equality in tourism.
Singh and Varun (Anh et al., 2023)	CBT's role in fostering intercultural understanding	Promotion of social harmony among diverse communities in Indian contexts.
Kumar and Jamal (T. Jamal & Stronza, 2009)	Economic contributions of CBT in Indian Himalayas	CBT significantly contributes to income generation and employment in remote areas.
(Bhate-Deosthali et al., 2020)	Economic benefits of CBT in West Bengal	Potential for poverty reduction and development of sustainable livelihoods.

From the above Table 1, the research has explored a case study that has been taken by Kumar and Jamal in year 2016 in the Indian Himalayas reveal the contributions of CBT in income generation and employment opportunities, notably in rural part of India (Basak et al., 2021). On the other hand, (Bhate-Deosthali et al., 2020) discussed the benefits of CBT in West Bengal, highlighted the poverty potential and the development of sustainability of Livelihoods. Other studies that has conducted by Gurung and Lama (Gurung & Tamang, 2014) on the impacts of CBT in Nepal, and Singh and Varun (Anh et al., 2023) has conducted a study on the role of the CBT fostering intercultural understanding and all.

The mixed nature of SDG 1 and 8 is evident in India's development efforts, supporting poverty eradication through economic growth and job creation. Policies like the National Rural Livelihoods Mission aim to provide livelihood opportunities and enhance socio-economic status.

India must implement targeted interventions, inclusive policies, and comprehensive plans to eradicate poverty and achieve economic development. The link between SDG 1 and SDG 8 underscores the need for strategies that address India's various challenges.

Several case studies have been conducted throughout different parts of India by different individuals. The case studies have shown in the Table 1 where (Gurung & Tamang, 2014) emphasized the positive impacts of CBT in Nepal subcontinent, including increased community cohesion, cultural pride and enhanced gender equality by integrating with women in tourism-related activities. On the other hand, (Anh et al., 2023) [30] has conducted a study on poverty that has conducted in the year of 2017 for the role of CBT fostering intercultural understanding and all. The findings of this case studies were promoting social harmony among diverse communities.

The Kumar and Jamal case study indicates the recently researched Community-Based Tourism project that has renowned for the success of integrating local communities into tourism activities. It has conducted in Himalayan region where the motive was contributing CBT significantly to income generation and employment in remote areas. (Bhate-Deosthali et al., 2020) conducted a case study in West Bengal on CBT in the area of Darjeeling. The motive of both of them was identifying the significates and the potentiality of poverty reduction and sustainable development for better livelihood.

Table 2. Comparative Analysis of Prior Studies

Study	Methodology	Focus Area	Key Findings
National Rural Livelihoods Mission (Development, 2011)	Policy Analysis	Poverty Eradication and Economic Growth	SDG 1 & SDG 8 interconnected. Inclusive policies empower communities. Need for targeted interventions.
Studies on CBT in India and Nepal (Yogendra Gurung, Bhim Raj Suwal, Meeta S. Pradhan, 2012)	Qualitative Analysis	Social and Economic Impacts of CBT	Enhanced community cohesion, gender equality, intercultural understanding, and social harmony.
Kumarakom Community-Based Tourism Project, Kerala (Parvathy & Kumar, 2023)	Case Study	Integrating Communities into Tourism	Success integrating locals, economic upliftment, cultural preservation, and eco-friendly practices.
Saur Village Himalayan CBT Initiative (Parvathy & Kumar, 2023)	Case Study	Economic Upliftment and Community Pride	Improved income, infrastructure, and community pride via tourism engagement.
Tharu Community Nepal CBT Initiative (Rabindra Sapkota, 2020)	Case Study	Income Generation and Cultural Preservation	Increased income, cultural awareness, and preservation via homestays.
Impact of CBT on SDGs 1 & 8 (Gowreesunkar et al., 2022)	Quantitative Analysis	Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth	Significant positive impact on poverty reduction and economic growth in India.
Importance of Community Participation (T. Jamal & Stronza, 2009)	Mixed Methods	Sustainable and Responsible Tourism	Community involvement vital for sustainable and responsible tourism.
Examples from Rajasthan and Uttarakhand	Case Study	Creation of Decent Work Opportunities	Creation of decent work opportunities through community engagement in tourism.
Concerns about CBT Sustainability (Shaker et al., 2020)	Literature Review	Long-term Sustainability of CBT Initiatives	Challenges: over-tourism, cultural commodification, environmental impacts.

The research paper examines prior case studies in Tables 1 and 2, highlighting policies such as the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, which underscores the link between Sustainable Development Goals 1 (No Poverty) and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Additionally, qualitative research on

Community-Based Tourism (CBT) in India and Nepal shows its positive impact on community cohesion, gender equality, and cross-cultural understanding.

The Kumarakom Community-Based Tourist Initiative in Kerala and the Saur Village Himalayan CBT Initiative are case studies that demonstrate the effective incorporation of local communities into tourist activities (Manoj, 2023). It made an impactful result in economic advancement, cultural conservation, and enhanced community pride.

Similarly, the Tharu Community Nepal CBT Initiative demonstrates how Community-Based Tourism (CBT) promotes both income generation and cultural preservation through homestays (Rabindra Sapkota, 2020). Quantitative analysis of CBT's impact on SDGs 1 & 8 showcasing its significant role in poverty reduction and economic growth in India.

These mixed-method studies underscore the importance of community engagement in promoting sustainable tourism and achieving long-term success.

Literature reviews highlight concerns about the long-term sustainability of CBT and SDGs 1 and 8 in India. This research underscores CBT's potential to address poverty, promote decent work, and ensure sustainable, inclusive community engagement through tourism.

Research Questions

1. How does community participation in CBT initiatives influence poverty reduction in rural India?
2. What are the key drivers and barriers to achieving decent work and economic growth through rural hospitality ventures?
3. In what ways can CBT serve as a sustainable development strategy for rural areas in India?

Methodology

This research aimed to examine the role of Community-Based Tourism (CBT) in alleviating rural poverty (SDG 1) in India, while also exploring the integration of SDG 1 and SDG 8 in rural hospitality ventures. A qualitative methodology was chosen, emphasizing theory development through a systematic literature review and structured questionnaires, which were deemed the most effective methods for data collection. Over 30 research papers were analyzed, combining a mixed approach to enhance depth. Data collection methods were structured following Dillman's framework, with Creswell's guidelines for effective data gathering, and demographic insights aligned with De Vaus' recommendations on key sociodemographic factors. The awareness and understanding of the research paper is collected by Jamal and Getz's (T. B. Jamal & Getz, 1995), who work on community involvement in tourism. The data collection from Gursoy et al. (Nunkoo & Gursoy, 2012) examined individual motivations and engagement in tourist activities, which impact the components related to participation and involvement. The perceived impact section is based on the analysis conducted by (Scheyvens & Momsen, 2008) on the

socio-economic consequences of community-based tourism. The challenges and recommendations sections are formulated using insights derived from (Pratt & Suntukul, 2016), which emphasize the prevalent difficulties encountered during the execution of sustainable tourism efforts. The ethical issues align with the principles proposed by Bryman and (Bell & Bryman, 2007) to maintain research integrity. The timeline framework is derived from Sekaran and Bougie (GS & Istanti, 2022), guaranteeing a methodical and time-constrained approach. The section on limits and delimitations adheres to the guidelines provided by (Alamri, 2021) for recognizing the restrictions of the research. The aim of this research paper is to deliver a complete research methodology to provide a robust foundation for identifying the multifaceted aspects of community-based tourism in rural India. It is committed to presenting best practices in social research (Fig. 1).

A systematic questionnaire was created and verified with a small sample. Personal networks, contacts, LinkedIn, and WhatsApp groups helped identify suitable candidates to complete the questionnaire. Ultimately, 600 participants were recruited, with 500 agreeing to participate in the interview. 65% of the participants were male. The interviews, conducted by phone, were engaging, though the number of interviews was small. The next section presents the findings and analysis from the research.

This research uses a mixed-methods approach to explore the link between community-based tourism, socio-economic development, and the achievement of SDGs 1 (No Poverty) and 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). The combination of qualitative and quantitative methods will provide insights into the impact of community-based tourism on rural hospitality ventures (Havadi Nagy & Espinosa Segui, 2020).

The population consists of rural communities engaged in community-based tourism and hospitality. Random sampling will ensure diversity across geographical areas, with 700 participants in the survey. Participants will be informed about the study's purpose, procedures, and their rights before consenting. Privacy and confidentiality will be upheld, and the study will respect the cultural customs of indigenous peoples.

The research may be limited by the small data set, varying community participation, and the small average size of 700, which could affect the data and real-world behavior. The study's generalizability may also be constrained due to the specific focus on community-based tourism projects.

RESULT & DISCUSSION

The relationship between Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 8 presents challenges in reducing poverty and promoting economic growth in rural India. Initiatives like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana have boosted employment and financial inclusion. However, significant gaps remain, including income disparities and geographical vulnerabilities.

The research examines India's economic strategies, focusing on IT and manufacturing sectors to drive job creation and skill development through initiatives like "Make in India" and "Skill India Mission." However, challenges arise from unorganized sectors, leading to gender disparities and social security issues.

The interrelation between SDG 1 and 8 underscores strategies like the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, which promotes inclusive policies and livelihood opportunities. Case studies by Kumar and Jamal highlight the role of community-based tourism in generating income and employment in rural India (V. Kumar & Reinartz, 2016). Conversely, Tharu Community Nepal CBT initiatives, emphasize the dual impact on income generation and cultural preservation.

This research paper explores the significance of Community-Based Tourism (CBT), highlighting its impacts and limitations. It demonstrates that eco-friendly tourism positively influences India's GDP through increased total expenditure (TE) and shows a strong correlation between economic benefits and local community involvement. The study uses mathematical equations to illustrate the reduction in environmental impact (EI), the poverty reduction potential (PRP), and employment generation (EG) from CBT activities.

4.1. Economic Model 1: Total Expenditure (TE) in the rural part of India:

$$TE = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times CBT + \beta_2 \times GDP + \epsilon \quad [\epsilon \text{ that is known as "epsilon" represents as a small, positive number}]$$

The economic model explains the total expenditure (TE) in rural India by tourists, related to Community-Based Tourism (CBT) and GDP. The coefficients β_1 and β_2 reflect the impact of CBT and GDP on TE, respectively. β_0 is the intercept, representing the baseline TE when both CBT and GDP are zero. β_1 measures the effect of CBT on TE, with a positive value indicating that increased CBT leads to higher TE. Similarly, β_2 measures the effect of GDP on TE, with a positive value indicating that higher GDP leads to greater TE.

4.2. Economic Model 2: Economic Benefits (EB) from CBT:

$$EB = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \times SDG\ 1 + \alpha_2 \times SDG\ 8 + \Omega$$

In Economic Model 2, Community-Based Tourism is modeled as a function of SDG 1 and SDG 8's impact on Economic Benefits (EB). The coefficients α_1 and α_2 represent the influence of each SDG on EB. EB is the economic benefit derived from specific activities, with α_0 as the baseline when SDG 1 and SDG 8 are zero. α_1 shows the contribution of SDG 1 (No Poverty) to EB, while α_2 represents the impact of SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) on EB. Ω captures other unmentioned factors influencing EB.

4.3. Economic Model 3: Poverty Reduction Potential (PRP) of CBT:

$$PRP = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 \times CBT + \gamma_2 \times Accessibility + \zeta \quad [\zeta \text{ represents as Z-score}]$$

This equation analyzes the Poverty Reduction Potential (PRP) linked to Community-Based Tourism (CBT) and rural accessibility. The coefficients γ_1 and γ_2 represent the impact of CBT and accessibility on PRP, while γ_0 is the intercept, reflecting the baseline PRP when both variables are zero. γ_1 shows how changes in CBT affect PRP, with a positive γ_1 indicating that increased CBT raises PRP. Similarly, γ_2 captures the effect of accessibility on PRP, where a positive γ_2 means greater accessibility boosts PRP.

4.4. Economic Model 4: Employment Generation (EG) due to CBT:

$EG = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \times CBT + \delta_2 \times Education + \phi$ [ϕ - known as “Phi” or square contingency coefficient, the value range stands from -1 to 1]

This equation describes Employment Generation (EG) linked to Community-Based Tourism (CBT) and education levels in rural areas. The coefficients δ_1 and δ_2 represent the impacts of CBT and education on EG. δ_0 is the constant term, while δ_1 measures CBT's effect on employment, and δ_2 measures the impact of education on EG.

Table 3. Recommendations for Sustainable Growth

Recommendation	Description
Public-Private Partnerships	Foster collaborations for sustainable tourism practices, leveraging government and private sectors.
Education and Awareness	Enhance knowledge and awareness among communities for active participation in CBT initiatives.
Policy Reforms	Implement policies ensuring equitable distribution of benefits and fostering long-term sustainability.
Technology Integration	Embrace technological advancements for responsible and eco-friendly tourism practices.

Fig. 2 shows that 20% of tourism, community, and hospitality professionals are involved in CBT initiatives. In contrast, only 25% of female participants, or fewer, were in the survey, while 65% were male. Additionally, 30% of participants had a bachelor’s degree, indicating lower education rates in rural areas compared to urban India. The age group 25-35 accounted for 15% of the most engaged participants in the initiatives. Some of the finding questions are stated below.

The research paper highlights the positive impact of poverty reduction through CBT in rural India, improving socioeconomic conditions. A survey across various rural communities showed a strong link between tourism engagement and reduced poverty levels (Fig. 3).

The analysis collected data from 800 respondents across 20 rural areas in India. Half of the participants reported a noticeable increase in household income due to involvement in CBT initiatives, highlighting a

reduction in poverty. Additionally, 25% saw improvements in quality of life, linked to better education, healthcare, and living standards. The study also found that 10% of families benefited from higher revenue, while 5% disagreed and were not involved in CBT activities.

The rise in revenue, improved living conditions, and diverse income sources underscore the vital role of community-based tourism in reducing poverty in rural India, supporting Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) by fostering economic growth and enhancing quality of life.

The research shows that 50% of participants have directly engaged in community-based tourism (CBT) in rural India, indicating firsthand experience with these initiatives (Fig. 4). However, around 75% have not participated, highlighting varying levels of involvement with CBT.

This division highlights various levels of knowledge and participation in community-based tourism, emphasizing the need to consider a range of viewpoints while assessing the potential impact of CBT on rural socio-economic development in India.

The majority of participants (75%) agreed or strongly agreed that CBT could effectively reduce poverty in rural areas, while 20% were neutral and 15% disagreed or strongly disagreed (Fig. 5). This suggests a generally positive outlook among survey participants on the potential of CBT activities to alleviate poverty in rural communities.

The research shows that 62% of participants are more engaged and believe the success of CBT initiatives depends on local communities. Another 30% view it as important, reflecting strong consensus. However, 5% find it less or not important. The findings emphasize the need to increase understanding of local communities' contributions to the effectiveness of community-based tourism, highlighting the importance of community engagement for the sustainability of tourism in rural India.

About 77% of participants believe community-based tourism (CBT) significantly contributes to decent work and economic growth in rural areas, while 8% view its impact as neutral. Additionally, 15% considered it unimportant, and 10% deemed it completely unimportant. Overall, these findings reflect a positive view of CBT's role in promoting economic development and employment opportunities in rural communities, aligning with the goals of Sustainable Development Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) in rural India.

In a survey of 500 participants, 65% expressed a willingness to pay extra for a community-based tourist experience that helps reduce poverty and promotes local development (Fig. 8). 40% outright refused, while 20% were unsure, possibly open to the idea with more information. This reflects a broader interest in supporting socially responsible tourism for sustainable, impactful travel experiences.

The majority of the 500 participants have a positive view of community-based tourism's potential to improve rural communities in India. Specifically, 80% are optimistic about its impact, with 60% strongly believing in its ability to drive positive socioeconomic change (Fig. 9). Only 25% were neutral, 20%

pessimistic, and 10% very pessimistic, indicating a generally optimistic outlook on community-based tourism's role in rural development.

The research shows that 70% of participants believe local populations play a crucial role in the success of CBT initiatives in rural areas, emphasizing their contribution to the effectiveness and sustainability of tourism. In contrast, 30% of respondents downplay its importance, with only 5% suggesting local involvement may not be necessary. These differing views highlight varying opinions on the role of local communities in the success of such projects.

The research paper explores a single combined pie chart that summarizes the positive impacts throughout all of the finding questions. This might not effectively represent the diverse data provided in the findings. However, a conceptual representation and combining previous positive response percentages in one pie chart are shown below Fig. 11.

The above pie chart states that the vast amount of percentage is on the acknowledge of CBT's contribution to Employment which is 29.9%, positive perception of CBT in reducing poverty 25.6%, Income increase due to CBT is around 21.4%, High Optimism about CBT's influence is about 12.8% and Quality of Life is 10.3%. These are all hypothetical percentages that overall created a comprehensive representation that covers all aspects, under 100%.

However, here is the actual percentage that allocated by analyzing of the finding data available in the research paper.

- Income Increase due to CBT: 50%
- Quality of Life Improvement: 25%
- Positive Perception of CBT Reducing Poverty: 75%
- Acknowledges CBT's Contribution to Employment: 77%
- High Optimism about CBT's Influence: 40%
- The total percentage is 267%. To fit these within 100%, we'll proportionally scale them down:
- Adjusted percentages (scaled to total 100%):
- Income Increase due to CBT: $50/267 \times 100 \approx 18.73\%$ (scaled down from 50%)
- Quality of Life Improvement: $25/267 \times 100 \approx 9.36\%$ (scaled down from 25%)
- Positive Perception of CBT Reducing Poverty: $75/267 \times 100 \approx 28.09\%$ (scaled down from 75%)
- Acknowledges CBT's Contribution to Employment: $77/267 \times 100 \approx 28.83\%$ (scaled down from 77%)
- High Optimism about CBT's Influence: $40/267 \times 100 \approx 14.98\%$ (scaled down from 40%)
- The revised percentages now add up to 100%. The equal distribution of positive views throughout several areas of community-based tourism effect may be visually shown using a pie chart.

Conclusion

The research paper examines Community-Based Tourism (CBT) in rural India within the context of poverty reduction (SDG 1) and economic growth (SDG 8). It uses a mixed-method approach, combining qualitative analysis of literature and structured questionnaires with quantitative analysis to explore CBT's impact on socio-economic development, sustainable growth, and the achievement of SDGs 1 and 8. The study also incorporates scholarly perspectives to assess CBT's role in poverty reduction and economic empowerment. CBT initiatives have the potential to empower disadvantaged communities by creating employment opportunities, encouraging skills development and entrepreneurship. Such initiatives balance the wisdom of ancestors with contemporary hospitality ideals and provide guests with a truly unique experience and respect for local communities. These efforts are important in reducing economic inequalities in rural areas where poverty is often more severe. CBT makes local economies more resilient by diversifying sources of income which provides a multiplier effect of economic activity that also promotes handicrafts and agriculture. Collaboration with government, NGOs and the private sector enhance sustainability and scalability. This suggests that rural hospitality initiatives based on CBT can be a solid foundation for the socio-economic development of resorts.

The findings highlight the transformative potential of CBT in rural India. Despite initiatives like the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, geographical income disparities and vulnerabilities persist. Efforts such as "Make in India" and Skill India Mission aim to create jobs and enhance skills to combat rural unemployment. However, challenges remain in unorganized sectors, intensifying gender disparities and social security issues.

The interaction between SDG 1 and SDG 8 highlights the complex methods of initiatives like the National Rural Livelihoods Mission, which focus on inclusive policies and livelihood opportunities. Case studies show how CBT fosters income generation, employment, and social stability, driving both economic growth and the preservation of local traditions.

The paper explores the link between Total Expenditure (TE) in rural India, Community-Based Tourism (CBT), and GDP. Economic models 1 to 4 highlight the benefits of CBT on Economic Benefits (EB), Poverty Reduction Potential (PRP), and Employment Generation (EG), emphasizing its impact on socio-economic indicators. Demographic analysis of survey participants shows CBT's positive effect on poverty reduction, employment, and economic growth. Importantly, many participants contribute financially to sustainable tourism, supporting local development and poverty alleviation. In conclusion, the paper underscores CBT's role in achieving SDGs 1 and 8, while policies promote community engagement and sustainable growth in rural India.

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The study did not involve any experiments on humans or animals. Ethical standards were maintained throughout the research process. Where community engagement or interaction was required, local cultural norms were respected, and voluntary participation was ensured.

Informed Consent

In cases where primary data were collected through informal interviews, verbal informed consent was obtained from all participants prior to their involvement in the study. Participants were informed about the nature and purpose of the study, and their right to withdraw at any stage was clearly communicated.

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The study protocol was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Ethics Committee of Dev Bhoomi Uttarakhand University, Dehradun, India. The committee evaluated the research design, data collection instruments, and informed consent procedures and determined that the study involved minimal risk to participants.

Ethical Guidelines Statement

The research was conducted in accordance with the ethical standards of the above-mentioned Institutional Ethics Committee and in compliance with internationally accepted research ethics principles applicable to social science research involving human participants, including the principles of the Declaration of Helsinki (1964) and its subsequent amendments, as relevant to non-clinical and non-interventional research.

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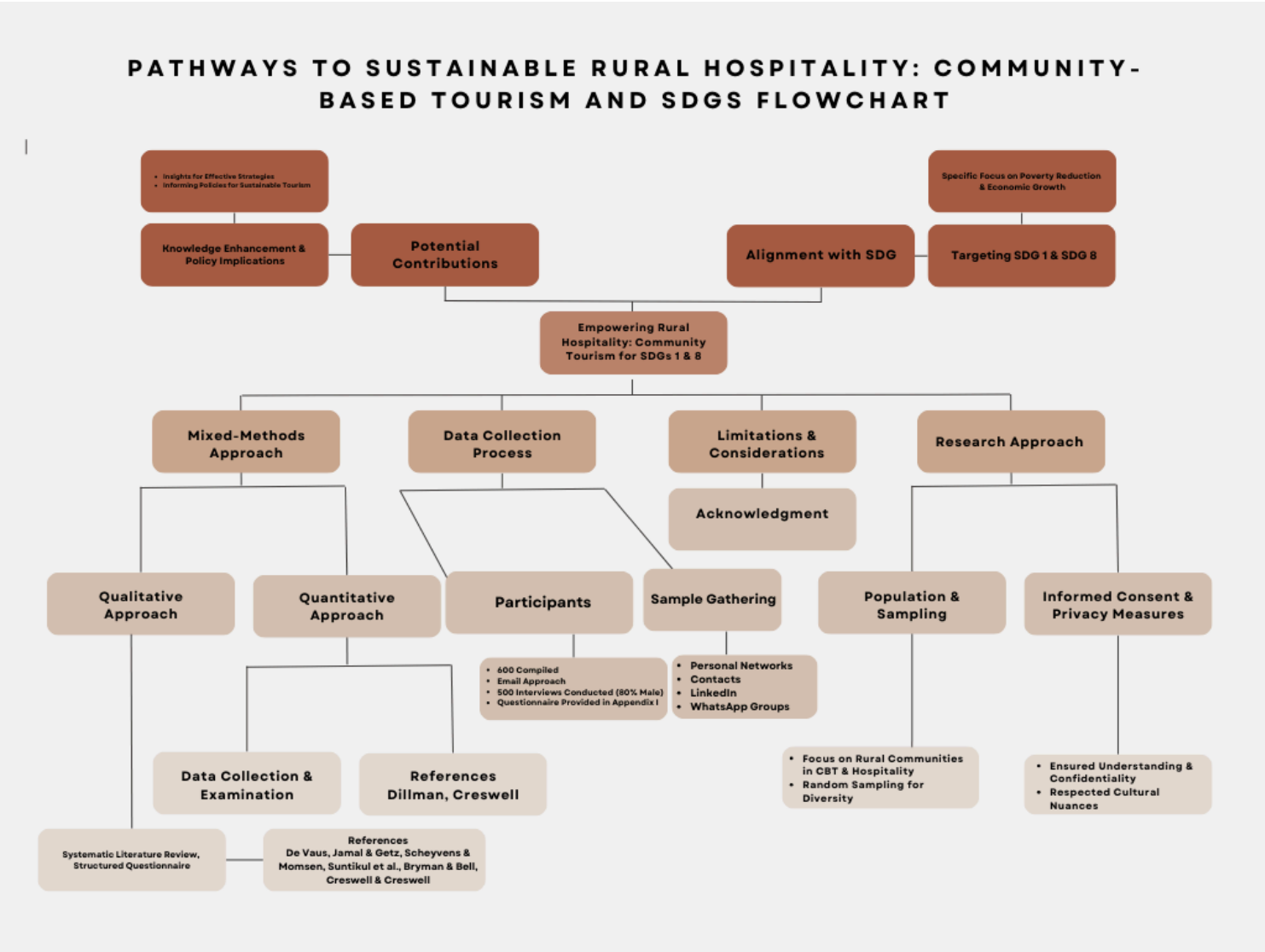


Figure 1

Pathways to sustainable rural hospitality: Community based tourism and SDG Flowchart.

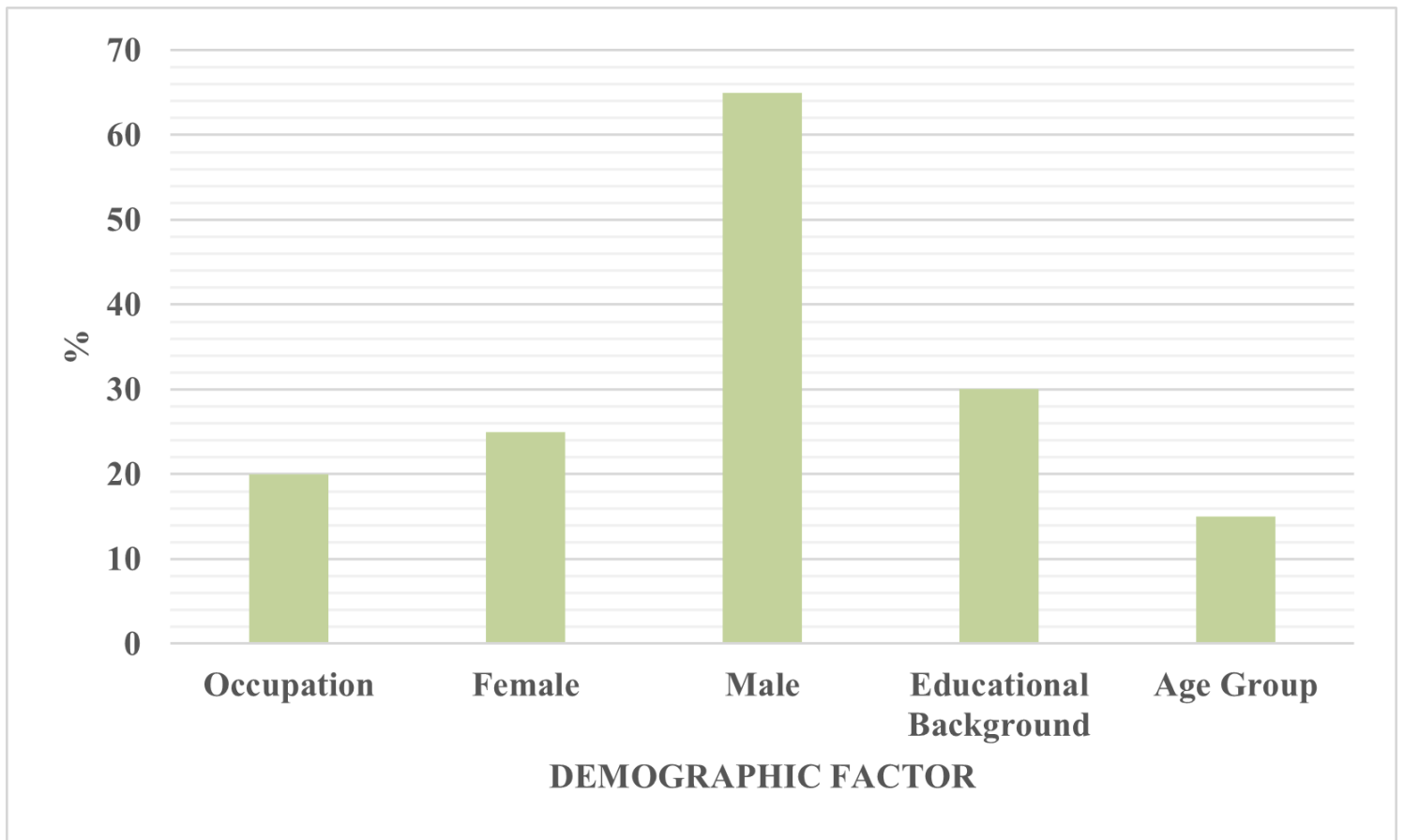


Figure 2

Demographic details of participants of the research questionnaire

What is the impact of community-based tourism on poverty reduction in rural areas?

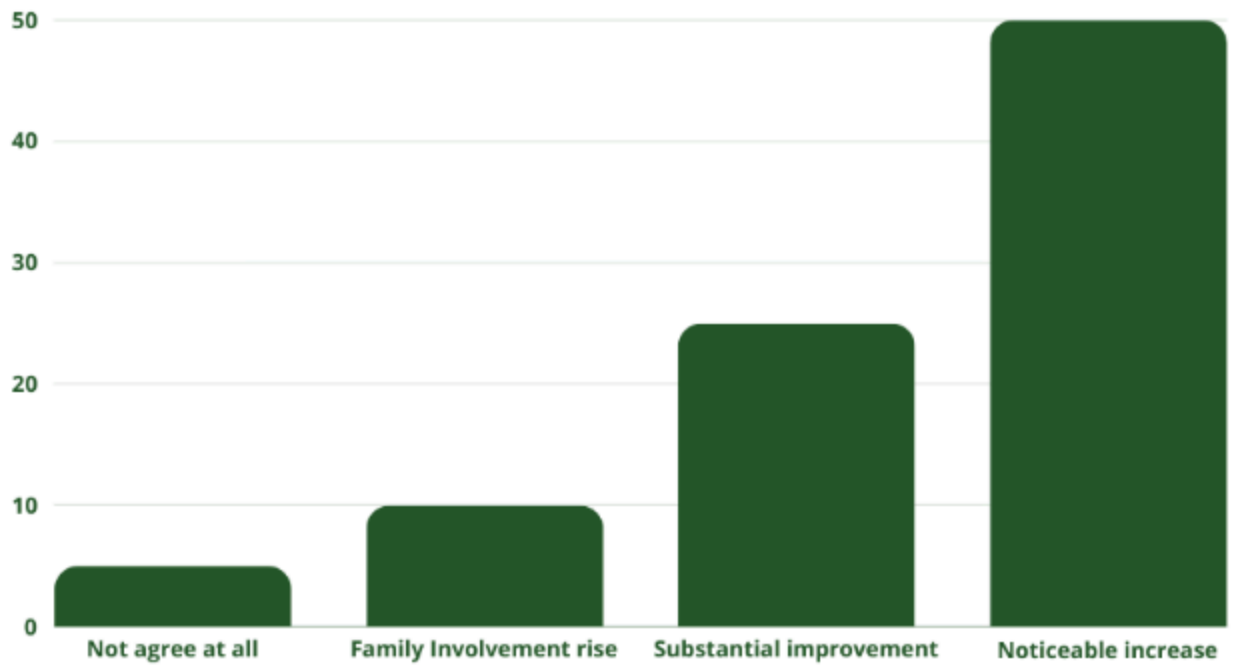


Figure 3

Impact of community-based tourism on poverty reduction in rural areas.

Have you directly participated in any community-based tourism activities in rural parts of India?

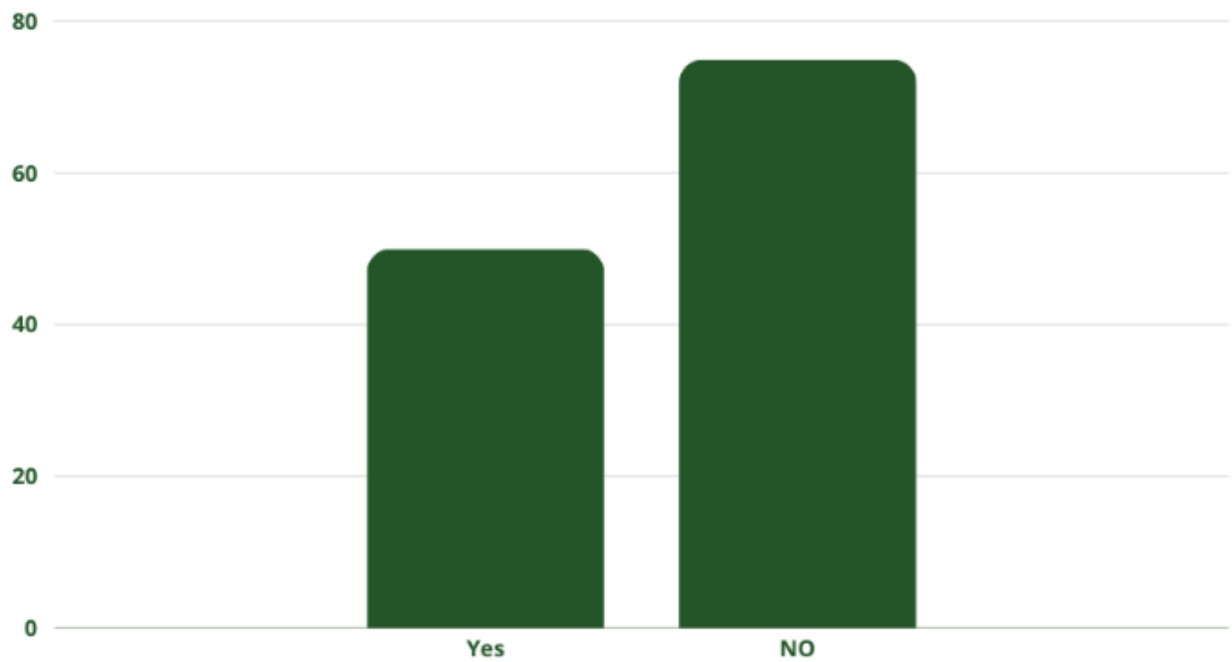


Figure 4

Data on the basis of directly participated in any community-based tourism activities in rural parts of India.

How much do you think community-based tourism may help to reduce poverty in rural areas?

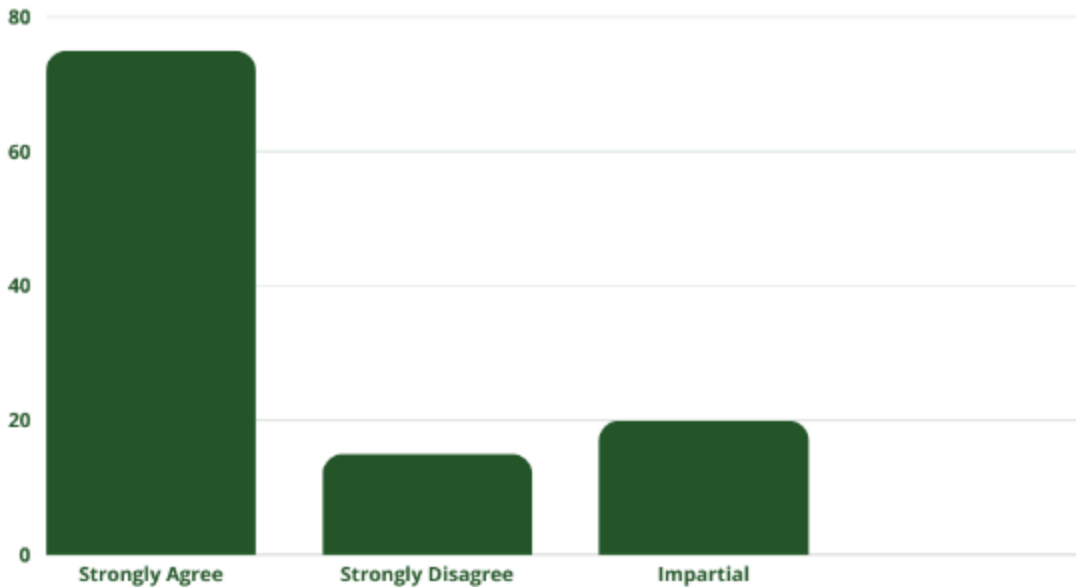


Figure 5

Shows the community-based tourism may help to reducing poverty in rural areas.

To what extent do you believe the participation of local populations is crucial for the success of community-based tourism activities?

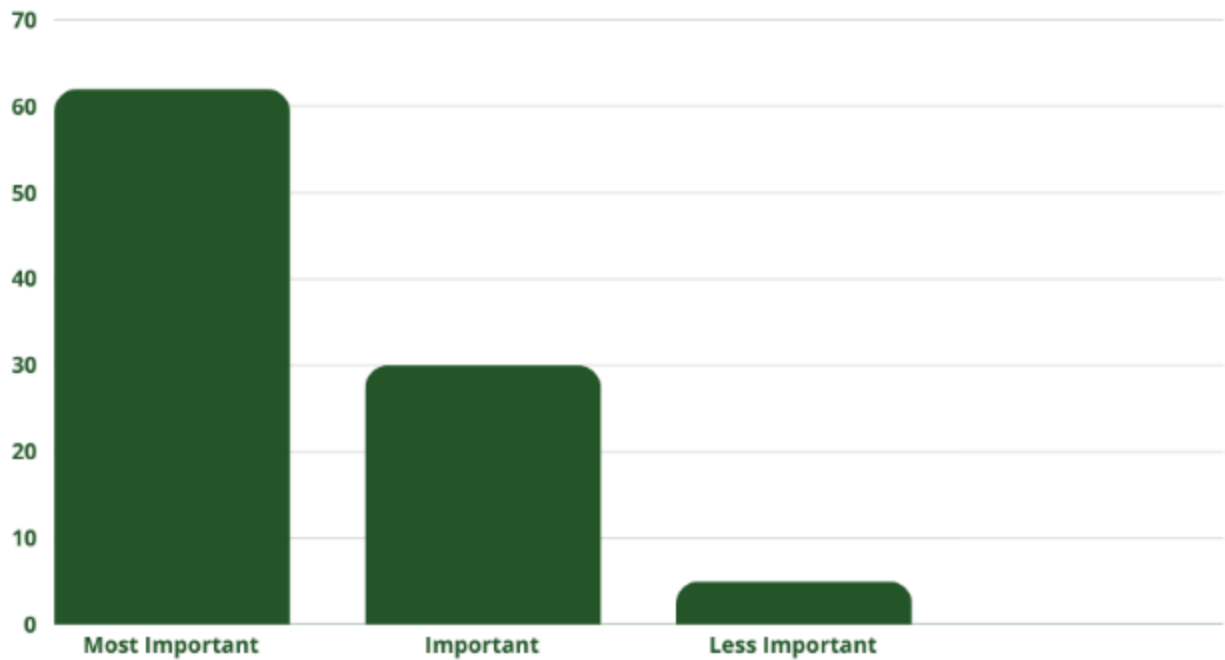


Figure 6

Participation of local populations is crucial for the success of community-based tourism activities.

How much may community-based tourism help to contribute to the creation of satisfactory employment and economic development in rural areas?

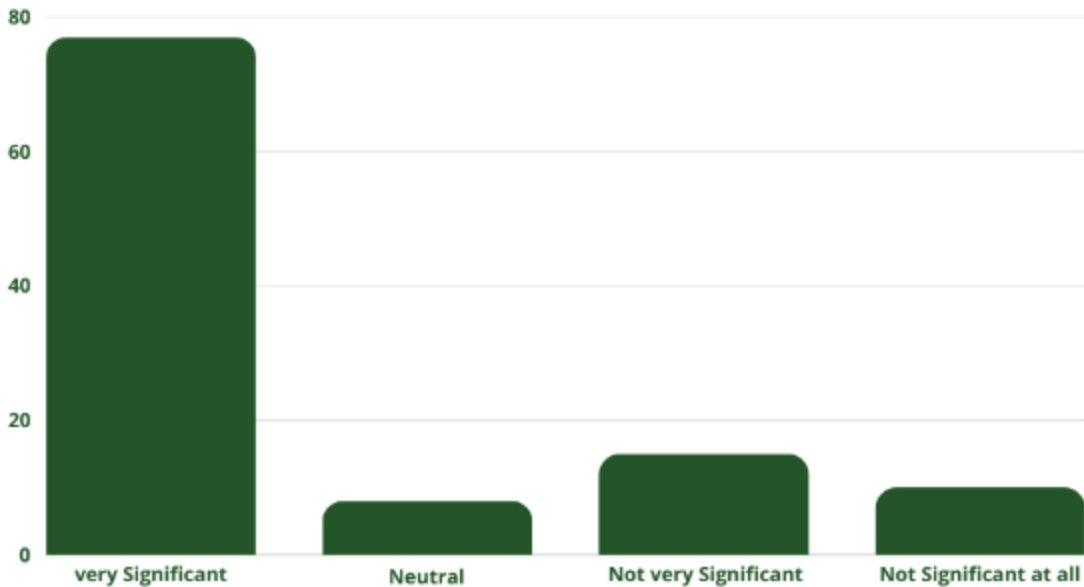


Figure 7

community-based tourism helps to contribute to the creation of satisfactory employment and economic development in rural areas.

Are you open to paying an additional cost for a tourist experience that is based on community involvement and actively helps to reducing poverty and promoting local economic development?

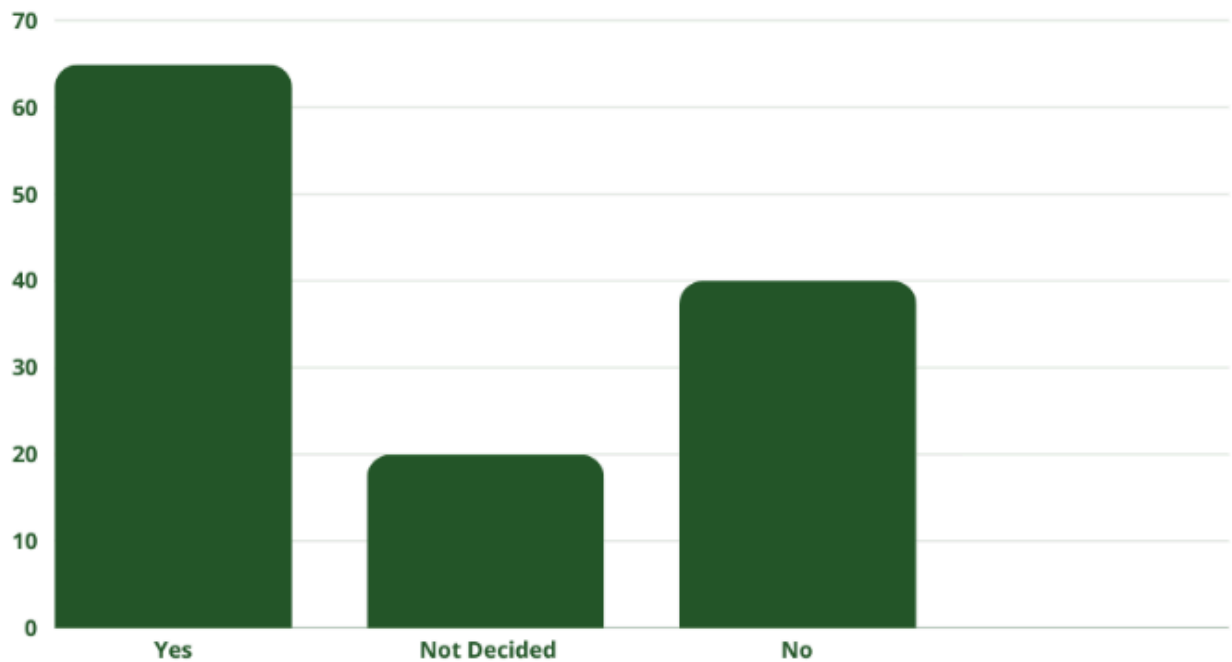


Figure 8

Reducing poverty and promoting local economic development

What is your level of optimism regarding the capacity of community-based tourism to have a positive influence on the socioeconomic circumstances of rural communities in India?

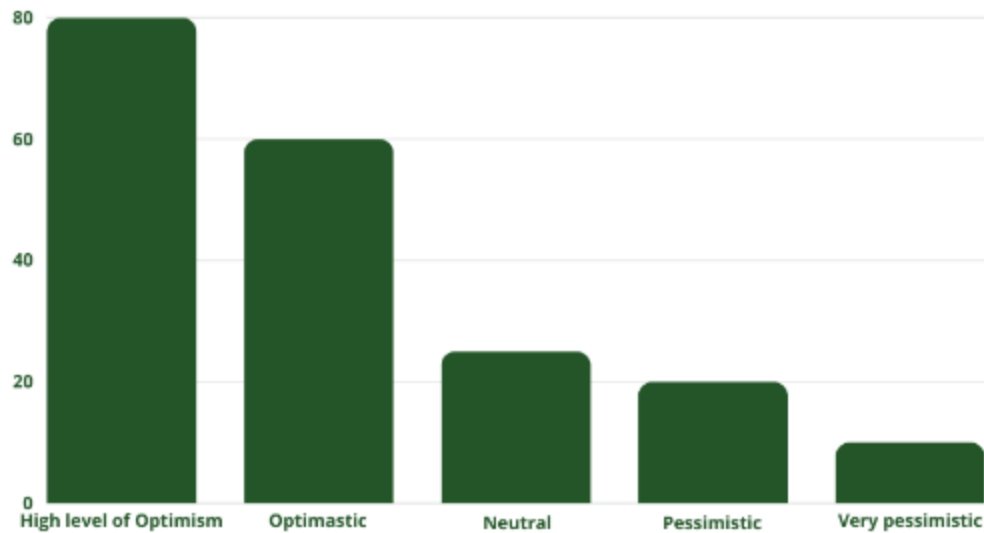


Figure 9

level of optimism regarding the capacity of community-based tourism

What effects do you think community-based tourism has on the environment, and how can it be more environmentally friendly?

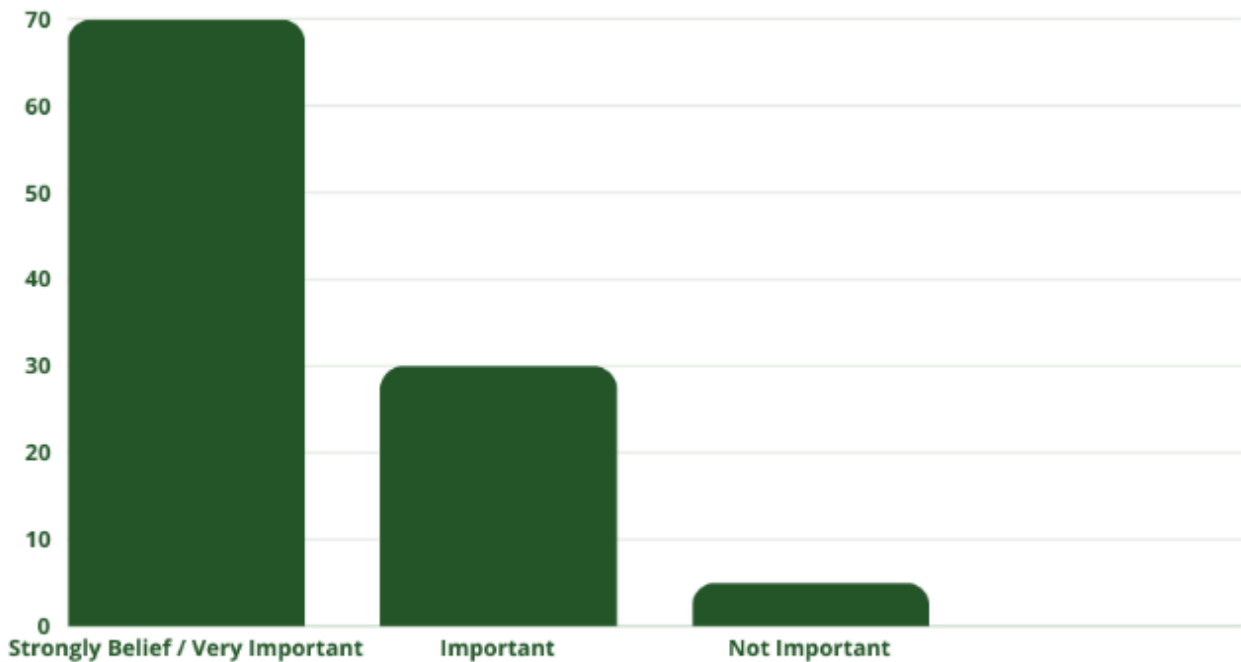


Figure 10

Community-based tourism has on the environment

POSITIVE VIEWS ON COMMUNITY-BASED TOURISM IMPACT

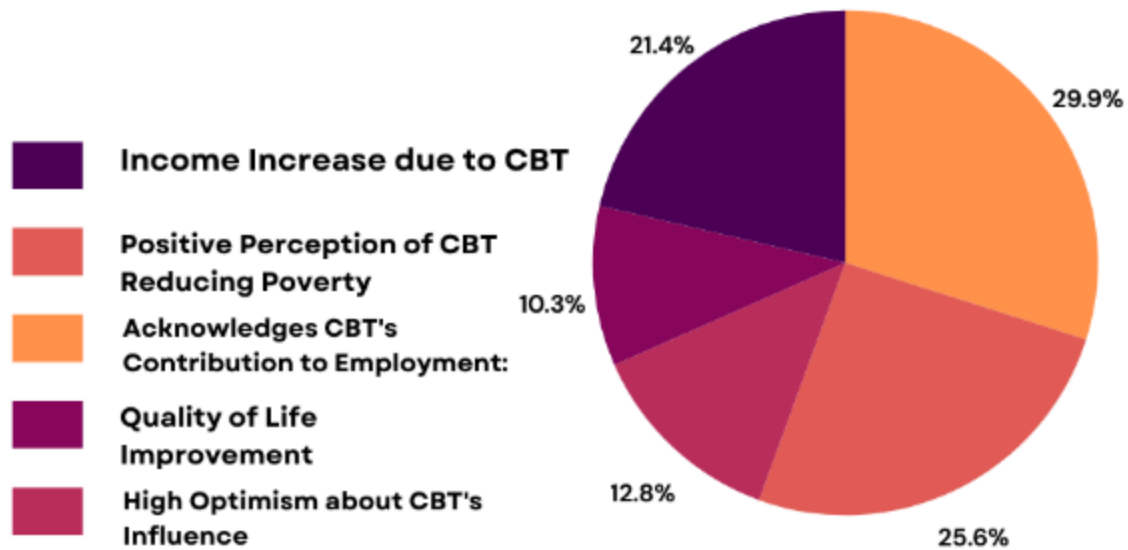


Figure 11

Positive View on Community-Based Tourism Impact



Figure 12

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