

# Work Camp 2007

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Traveling has been mostly associated with recreation, and its educational dimension is often overlooked. This camp shall engage the participants in thematic research and create a culture of “learning while traveling”.

### **Objectives of the Camp:**

- Promotion of Langtang area as a major tourist destination among students and other youth
- Develop culture of “learning while traveling”.
- Expose the participants on different issues and relate it to theoretical knowledge

### **Outcomes**

- Reports/ Documentary/photographs on different thematic issues.
- Participants familiarize with different life skills like team work, travel management
- Exposure to Himalayan society and geography
- Inculcation of “learning while traveling”.

### **Overview of the sight**

Langtang (Longitude 85 33’ 98.4” E, 28 12’ 47.4” N) lies along the Langtang river to the northern Himalayan range near the border with Tibet in the central region of Nepal. It represents a meeting point between Indo-Malayan and Pale arctic realms and holds a rich biodiversity. (DNPWC 2002)

### **General attraction:**

#### **Geographic Features**

Alpine Landscapes, Glacier, Glacier Lakes, Pasture Land

#### **Society and Culture**

Tibetan Culture, Unique Cremation

#### **Flora and Fauna**

Some of the species like Snow Leopard, Musk Deer, Red Panda, Himalayan Tahr, Himalayan Marmot, Pika, Common Langur, Impeyam, Pheasant, and Eagles can be observed.

### **Modalities of the Camp**

#### **Before Camp**

- Half day workshop on thematic issues
- Orientation about the Himalayan Culture and trekking
- Formation of groups based on themes
- Registration of names of participants at DNP

## **During Camp**

- Observation
- Recording of activities and dairy writing
- Photography and documentary shooting
- Formal and informal interaction with locals
- Intra group sharing

During the camp observational and unstructured interview methods mainly will be used according to requirement felt by the researchers (participants)

## **After Camp**

- Report from each thematic group
- Documentary and photographs
- One day seminar for information sharing

## **Themes**

- **Climate change**

Climate Change is one of the most threatening tribulations for ecosystem. The impact of climate change is observable in every topographic condition. The mountain region of Nepal has been facing many adverse effects of climate change. Melting of glaciers, Glacier lake outburst floods, low productivity, grazing land degeneration are notable ones. So the researchers on this theme are expected to observe impacts of climate change in Langtang National Park and its impact in mountain tourism.

- **Tourism Pro's and con's**

Tourism has always been cross cutting issue which brings both positive changes and negatives consequences. Mountain areas of Nepal are popular destinations for travelers all over the world. Tourism not only brings economic prosperity but also leads to cultural amalgamation and loss of indigenous identity and cultural practices. Environmental impacts of tourism cannot be overlooked. In this research the researchers on this theme are expected to observe these positives and negatives of tourism in Langtang National Park and explore opportunities.

- **Socio- Cultural practices**

Every cultural practice has its distinctive importance in resource mobilization and social integrity. The research team will try to document and find out the interrelation between Cultural practices with the resources mobilization and resource generation along with its significance in environment, wildlife and natural resources conservation. Tibetan lifestyle and as mentioned earlier unique cremation are few of lot aspects of mountain culture that researchers in this theme are expected to investigate.

- **Wildlife and Natural Resources**

Langtang National Park is naturally very rich with many species of flora and fauna situated within its frontier. In this theme the research team will try to find the role and extent to which national park has helped in protection of wildlife and natural resources.

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### **Itinerary:**

This is total of 10 days research tour.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
Day 1	Kathmandu to Syaphrubeshi
Day 2	Saphrubeshi to Lama Hotel
Day 3	Lama Hotel to Langtang valley
Day 4	Langtang valley to Kyanjing Gumpa
Day 5	Kyanjing Gumpa
Day 6	Kyanjing Gumpa to Langtang valley
Day 7	Langtang valley to Lama Hotel
Day 8	Lama Hotel to Syaphrubeshi
Day 9	Syaphrubeshi
Day 10	Syaphrubeshi to Kathmandu

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