

TOURISM DURING DOGRA PERIOD – A CASE STUDY OF KASHMIR VALLEY

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to examine, the historical scenario of tourism of Kashmir valley, during the Dogra period. Though the Dogra rule was established in the year 1846, by Maharaja Gulab Singh, however, up to the establishment of residency in the year 1885, very few measures were taken to promote this smokeless industry, of J&K. It was for the last two decades of the nineteenth century, that the Dogra rulers in collaboration with the British officials took a number of steps for the improvisation of tourism, in Kashmir. Not only the means of communication, transport and infrastructure were improved, but facilities were also created for improving the air services, for the tourists.

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