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### \*PROJECT: IMPACT OF HUMAN ACTIVITIES ON ECOSYSTEM AND VICE-VERSE WITH REFERENCE TO SIKKIM HIMALAYAS

Researcher: M. K. Bhasin Department of Anthropology University of Delhi Delhi, 110007 India

#### Sponsored by: Man and Biosphere Programme of UNESCO

This research project has been completed, and a research report will be forthcoming in a later Himalayan Research Bulletin. For more information, contact Dr. Bhasin.

#### \*PROJECT: THE SACRED COMPLEX OF KATHMANDU

An Approach to Study Religion and Civilization of the Himalayan Kingdom.

Researcher: Makhan Jha Department of Anthropology Ranchi University and Centre of Himalayan Studies

In this research project the researcher aims to study nearly 394 existing Hindu temples of Kathmandu; 19 Buddhist temples; 38 Buddhist <u>Chaityas</u> and <u>Stupas</u> and about 364 Buddhist <u>Vihars</u>, besides hundreds of animistic shrines of the city of this Himalayan Kingdom. Thus, an attempt will be made in this research project to study the origin, function, structure and organization of these sacred centres of different religions, on one hand, and the impact of the ecology of the valley region, nature and extent of patronage of the sacred centres belonging to various sects/traditions, on the other. Finally, the researcher also aims to examine how Hinduism-Buddhism and Animistic continuum have strengthened the civilizational solidarity of this Himalayan Kingdom.

#### \*PROJECT: THE SACRED COMPLEX OF SWAMBHUNATH

Researcher: Drone Prasad Rajaure Department of Anthropology Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur, Kathmandu

A Study in Buddhism-Hinduism continuum (under the guidance of Professor M. Jha, Department of Anthropology, Ranchi University, Ranchi, India).