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| Journal Name: | Archives of Current Research International |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_ACRI_122609 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | A comprehensive coverage of Sngo Iha or Mendok rgyaspa: the ethnic flower festival of Ladakh, India |
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| <p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p> | <p>This manuscript provides a comprehensive review of the ethnic flower festival of Ladakh, India - a time-tested tradition that has been at risk of being abandoned or practiced on a limited scale due to modernization and religious restrictions. As such, this study addresses an important gap in the literature and offers valuable insights for reviving and preserving this significant cultural practice. The manuscript can also makes a valuable contribution to the understanding and preservation of cultural heritage in the face of modernization - a critical concern for scholars, policymakers, and development practitioners working in diverse cultural contexts around the world. Balancing Economic, Institutional, and Contextual Considerations"</p> | |
| <p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> | <p>If any modification were to be considered, one possibility could be to rearrange the order of the title elements, such as: "The Ethnic Flower Festival of Ladakh, India: A Comprehensive Coverage of Sngo Iha or Mendok rgyaspa"</p> | |
| <p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p> | <p>The abstract provided is comprehensive and covers the key aspects of the study. It effectively summarizes the research objectives, methodology, and the significance of the ethnic flower festival of Ladakh. However, there are a few minor suggestions that could further strengthen the abstract:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide more context on the Ladakh region 2. Expand on the challenges facing the festival 3. Highlight the research approach more explicitly 4. Emphasize the study's contributions more clearly <p>Here is a suggested revised abstract that incorporates these minor improvements: "The current study provides a comprehensive review of the Sngo Iha or Mendok rgyaspa, the ethnic flower festival of Ladakh, India - a remote, high-altitude region known for its unique cultural traditions. In the face of modernization and religious restrictions, this time-tested festival has been abandoned or practiced on a limited scale, necessitating urgent efforts to revive it. Using a qualitative, ethnographic approach, the researchers conducted semi-structured interviews with 19 festival organizers and 42 prominent villagers, complemented by a review of 76 previously documented resources. The findings reveal how this annual celebration marks a transformative moment when Ladakh's barren landscapes blossom into a vibrant tapestry of colors, offering a unique glimpse into the region's rich traditions and the resilience of its residents. The study underscores the festival's multifaceted benefits, including its contributions to the sustainability of Ladakh's culture, environment, economy, and holistic development. Additionally, the research highlights how reviving this overlooked tradition could provide a significant boost to the region's tourism industry. As one of the few empirical studies documenting this festival, the current work lays the foundation for future research that can further explore the cultural, environmental, and socioeconomic dimensions of this endangered community practice."</p> | |
| <p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> | <p>Yes</p> | |
| <p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p> | <p>The comprehensive nature of the inquiry, the use of robust mixed-methods, the grounding in relevant literature, the practical relevance, and the empirical approach collectively indicate that this manuscript is likely to be scientifically robust and technically sound. The findings from this study can contribute valuable insights to the understanding and preservation of threatened cultural traditions in the face of rapid change.</p> | |

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| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form. | Better to use recent sources. Some sources are very old. Some the old citations that identified during the review includes Francke, A. H. 1900, Francke, A.H., Ribbach, S., and Shawe, E. 1902, Khan, K. S. 1987, Parkes, P. 1987, Phuntsog, S. 1999, and Shakspo, N. T. 1995. Please try to use recent studies | |
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