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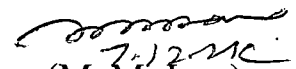


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I have a great pleasure in forwarding the thesis of Miss Iyatta Maharana, M.A. (Geography), entitled "*Economic Benefits and Conservation Linkages from Tourism Development in the Sikkim Himalaya*" for the degree of **DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN GEOGRAPHY AND APPLIED GEOGRAPHY**.

This is to certify that the research work presented in the thesis is original and taken by her under our supervision at the GBPIHED, Sikkim Unit and Department of Geography and Applied Geography, North Bengal University. I recommend that she has fulfilled all the requirements according to the rules of the University of North Bengal and the Institute regarding the works embodied in her thesis.


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