

Astro tourism is growing rapidly in India.
With respect to Dark Sky Reserve in Ladakh
discuss the prospects of Astro tourism
(750 words)

Dark Sky Reserve is a design-
-ation given to a place that has policies
in place to ensure that a tract of land
has minimal artificial light interfer-
-ence:

Dark Sky Reserve is established
at Hanle in Ladakh by ~~IAA~~ by
Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA),
Bengaluru.

Significance of Dark Sky Reserve

- ① It will promote astro-tourism
in the region and around the
Dark Sky Reserve.

- ① It will encourage villagers to provide homestay to tourists so that visitors can stay
- ② Villagers will be trained to help visitors with astronomical observations.
- ③ It will have ripple effect in the other areas in the form of ecotourism, wildlife exploration.
- ④ ex. Visitors can explore adjoining Changmang wildlife sanctuary
- ⑤ It will have activities to help in boosting local tourism and the economy through interventions of science and technology.

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Challenges

- ① Namke dark reserve is situated at higher altitudes, so it is not accessible to young teens
- ② Tourism may endanger natural landscape of the region.
- ③ Tourism in the region may hamper nature wildlife to take its course of actions.

Astro tourism is its nascent stage in India. So measure can be taken to ensure responsible tourism by sensitising the people across the regions.

The Astro tourism inculcate minds of children towards STEM.
At the same time it spur the economic and social well being of local people.