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An analysis of the place of Zoroastrian tourist attractions in developing the Iran's tourist industry.

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ABSTRACT

This research aims to analyze the place of Zoroastrian tourist attractions in developing the Iran's tourist industry. For this purpose, indicators were extracted by using a library method, mix method and consult with experts. T-Test and statistical analysis have been used to find the answers for the research questions. The results show that the Zoroastrian tourist attractions normally effect the development of tourist industry in Iran. Regarding the physical attractions, the states of Yazd, Fars, and Kermanshah, respectively, have the highest number, the states of Alborz, Golestan, Qazvin, and North Khorasan have the least number and finally the states of Qom, South Khorasan, Lorestan, Mazandaran, and Hormozgan have no tourist attractions. Also, among the considered places, the Centenarian Fete in Cham village in the state of Yazd has the most significant and the Fire Temple in the state of Kerman has the least effect on developing the tourist industry in Iran. All the chosen attractions are effective on all the criteria of developing the tourist industry except the dungeons of Yazd which have no effect on the criterion of "Injecting Happiness and Delight to the Society".

Keywords: The Zoroastrians, Tourist Industry Development, Tourist Attraction.

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Tourism has been considered as an industry due to its importance. This industry is so benefit that many countries have earned of this law-cost and lucrative industry as much as the oil incomes of Iran. The tourism industry is the third industry that make employment opportunities and capital after the oil and automobile industry (Littlejohn & Watson, 2004). Therefore, many governments, economic officials, and experts have paid more attention to its development in recent decades, and tried to attract global market of tourism industry for their communities. World tourism organization predicts global tourism income will reach 1.6 billion \$ by 2020 (Momenei et al., 2008). The industry, as a global system, accounts for a significant portion of gross worldwide production (Momenei et al., 2008).

According to Nobakht, the twenty-first century is an opportunity to benefit from valuable business opportunities in the services sector, especially tourism. Tourism is one of the world's largest industries that has steal overtaking many ancient industries. Momenei is said that the turnover of the world tourism industry has exceeded the turnover of the industry in this century. In this process, if countries that enjoy the vast tourist attractions reach to a percentage of the turnover of this industry, an annual income of about 20 billion dollars will be created (Momenei et al., 2008). This is significant for economies like the Iran economy and can affect all economic activities but unfortunately, Iran has a low income from this industry while according to the world tourism organization, Iran has the fifth place in terms of natural attractions and the tenth place in terms of historical attractions from all over the world. Nevertheless, in order to achieve such incomes, comprehensive planning and appropriate investments must be made (Momenei et al., 2008).

In addition, Iran has a good potential for religious tourism (Fallahtabar, 2016). For example, one of the aspects that can be considered is Zoroastrian tourism attractions (Hasannejad et al., 2014). Iran is considered as Zoroastrian homesteads in the world (Foltz, 2011). A large group of foreign tourists, and even domestic ones, go to cities such as Yazd, Tehran, Kerman etc. that have more Zoroastrians to be acquainted with this ancient religion, as well as its attractions. Therefore, the handling and development of Zoroastrian tourist attractions in Iran will promote tourism development in Iran, which will naturally lead to economic prosperity (Hasannejad et al., 2014).

Unfortunately, little attention is given to these attractions, and this attractiveness has been neglected despite being worthwhile. The issue is that whether the officials in Iran tourism industry are paying attention to this issue? Do they know which provinces have most and least Zoroastrian tourist attractions? Which Zoroastrian tourist attractions have the most and least impact on Iran's tourism development? Is there any plan to maintain the best one and promote the effectiveness of the least one? Is the attraction of Zoroastrian tourism influential on all the indicators of tourism development? Moreover, what should be done if they are not? Zoroastrian tourism attraction have the most and least effect on which index? What are the strategies for increasing the impact of Zoroastrian tourism attraction on tourism development indicators in Iran?

These questions and issues led to the present research to increase prosperity and income in the industry. Therefore, this research aimed to investigate the effect of Zoroastrian tourism attraction on the tourism development in Iran. This study firstly identifies Zoroastrian

tourism attractions and based on their nature, identifies the impact of these attractions. In this stage, in order to assess the validity of the extracted indexes, seven experts and pundits on branding field and personal branding were consulted. After surveying and evaluating their situation, they will be offered to improve their quality and performance. The main research questions are: (1) From the point of view of Zoroastrian tourists, what indicators do the tourist attractions of a place need in order for that place to be selected as a tourist destination? (2) What is the role of Zoroastrian tourism attractions in terms of role analysis variables? (3) What are strategies to improve the quality of Zoroastrian attractions based on research findings?

1. Background

Related literature is very limited that indicates the importance and necessity of research in this field. Some past investigations are summarized as follows. Marzieh Allahyari Valandani et al. (2015) in an article entitled "Patterns and attractions in religious tourism, a case study: Zoroastrians of Yazd" based on documents and library studies and using GIS technique to study tourism in the province Yazd have paid. The results indicate that Yazd has a good position in terms of tourist attractions, especially historical attractions. Factors such as lack of amenities, lack of infrastructure and lack of familiarity of tourists with the culture of religious tourism, has caused a stagnation in the flow of tourism in the city of Yazd. According to the results, the number of visitors to Zoroastrian antiquities in Yazd is more than other cities in the country, and among the Zoroastrian tourist attractions of Yazd, the fire temple (Atashkade) is in the first priority over the crypt (Dakhme) and other antiquities. Therefore, by attracting private and semi-private investments, tourism, economic and social development can be achieved.

Kheiri et al. (2016) in a paper titled "prioritizing tourism investment in the Zoroastrian villages of Yazd province", examined four Yazd Zoroastrian villages i.e., Rahmat Abad, Mobarake, Cham and Mazrae Kalantar from different aspects to prioritize investment in the tourism sector. Qualitative and quantitative data were used. Firstly, various criteria for investing in rural tourism were determined by technique AHP through literature review and expert's panels. Then local people were interviewed, and quantitative measures were measured through fuzzy TOPSIS method. The results showed that the Mazrae Kalantar village had the highest score (0.73) and was the best village for investment. Rahat Abad, Mobarake and Cham were the next priority for investment respectively.

Momenei et al (2008) in a paper titled "structure and functioning of religious—cultural tourism and the need for integrated management in Mashhad" have been studying how can be reduced the bad effects of religious—cultural tourism in spite of using its benefit. They found that the religious tourists lead to people's voluntary and charitable contributions, job creation, and income growth in Mashhad. Religious tourism also leads to informal settlements and urban management disruption.

Ebrahimzade et al. (2011) introduced Qom as the most important religious base of the Shiite world and the second pilgrimage center in Iran after Mashhad. However, so far has not been able to achieve its true position in attracting tourists, especially in terms of the resilience rate of tourists. The researchers explored the capabilities and functions of tourism in Qom using the strategic planning process, and offered practical strategies for tourism development with emphasis on the religious tourism of Qom. The results show that conservative strategies and aggressive strategies respectively are acceptable strategies for planning the religious tourism of this city.

Hasannejad et al (2014) named Imam Reza shrine as one of the main bases of the Shiite world. Considering its impact on the economy and development of the Mashhad, province and the country, the planners and investors of tourism industry more and more paid attention to it. Using strategic planning tools, while analyzing the strengths, weaknesses, threats and opportunities, they identified and prioritized appropriate strategies to improve and develop investment in this filed. The results showed that the most appropriate way to get out of the crisis and possible challenges of religious tourism in the field of pilgrimage of Imam Reza shrine and develop of potential investment capacity in this filed, is to adopt defensive strategies with an emphasis on addressing weaknesses and possible and existing threats. That the most important and effective defensive strategy that can be used in this process is to "establish an infrastructure for attracting domestic and foreign investment by relevant organizations and institutions".

Rezaie et al (2014) did research titled "an analysis of the strategic planning of tourism of Shiite religions, emphasizing the potential of the ceremonies of MOHARRAM (case study: Taft city)" with the aim of optimal use of the Tasooa and Ashura ceremonies to develop the city of Taft and eliminate the obstacles to the religious tourism of this city, using the SWOT model. They concluded that the proximity to urban centers such as Yazd and the distinctive style of the ceremony, as compared with other parts of the province, are the best strengths of the religious tourism. However, short stays of tourists and the lack of economic benefits of tourism in the city are considered as weaknesses.

Firouzjaeian et al (2014) analyzed the functions of religious tourism and its positive and negative functions in Iran. The results of the research indicate that in the biologic subsystem religious tourism will improve the basic infrastructure in the region, create employment, increase incomes, and improve the economy of the tourism destination cities. In the personality subsystem, the impact of religious tourism on programs and policies is bilaterally this means that sometimes the increase of religious tourism and its related events will lead to the adoption of a policy, and vice versa, sometimes plans to increase the tourists and especially religious tourists, will be approved. Religious tourists influence the social subsystem by increasing the quality of life, increasing the facilities, and increasing social cohesion. Finally, the energy derived from tourism affects cultural subsystem, which cultural shows itself with the phenomenon of cultural transmission and cultural sharing and preservation of values.

Dehshiri (2015) assessed effective factors religious tourism development in Iran. Religious tourism development in Iran will be succeeding if this industry derived from knowledge-

based tourism in terms of structural and functional aspects. The scientific, research and educational approach to religious tourism and the best illustration of the positive consequences of this industry in the national and international society will provide its development.

2. Methodology

This applied research was conducted with a descriptive approach. Its structure is qualitative – quantitative depending on the nature of each step to answer questions and explain the hypothesis, adopt one of the appropriate strategies. The answer to the first question was based on the exploratory nature of the logic of examining the documents and records and taking notes. After studying the available resource and literature, suitable Zoroastrian tourism attraction-related were identified and extracted. In response to the second question, the quantitative approach was used to assess performance of the attractions based on tourists' views.

Data gathering was done through taking notes, close-ended questions, and checklist. Snowball sampling of experts was used in qualitative phase. Simple random sampling with 386 tourists (Cochran rule) was used in quantitative phase. Validity was checked based on literatures, expert panel (triangulation.). The Cronbach's alpha coefficient (0.92) has been calculated for assessing reliability, which is for this research.

Recognition of Zoroastrian tourism attractions through content analysis method was an elementary step of research to analyze the position of Zoroastrian tourism attractions on development of tourism in Iran. In content analysis as a method for data gathering, instead of directly observing the people' behavior or asking questions about, will pay attention to the relationships and the messages. Content analysis, reviews and evaluates letters, memorial notebooks, lectures, articles, laws and any other related document (Dehshiri, 2015). Extracted Indicators through the Zoroastrian religious books and the similar researches for each province of Iran are presented in table (1).

Table 1: Zoroastrian tourism attractions in Iran.

Province	Zoroastrian Tourism Attractions
East Azarbaijan	Zahak Castle, Babak Castle, Atashgah (Fireplace) Or Chartaghi Aghmiun, Gheyz Lar Ghale Si Historical Castle, The Remains of The Atashkade (Fireplace) Of Sasanian Time In The Marand's Khakestari (Gray) Hill
Fars	Sassanid Palace, Castle Of Izadkhast, Gadamgah Atashkade (Fireplace), Dehya Castle, Shapur And Rustam Naghsh, Azarjou And Azarakhsh Atashkade (Fireplaces), Bahman Band Dam, Shiraz Ateshkade (Fireplace), Semikan And Pasargad Atashkade (Fireplace), The Remants Of The Old City In The Northwest Of The City Of Current Firuzabad, Kenarsiyah, Sassanian And Frashband Atashkade (Fireplace), Sassanian Caravanserai In 3 Km South Of Firouzabad Sanssanian Atashkade (Fireplace), Dokhtar (Girl's) Castle, Ancient

City Of Neyshabur, Kazerun And Bozorg (Big) Jare Atashkade (Fireplace), Takhte Jamshid, Estakhr (Swimming Pool) Castle, Estakhr (Swimming Pool) Old Town In 7 Km Of Takhte Jamshid, Bahram Naghsh, Pasargad
Khaje Mountain, Karkuye Atashkade (Fireplace)
Sho Ancient Dam, Carftu Cave in The Caraftu Castle, Zivariye Castle and Hill, Oraman Takht Inscription with Cuneiform In The Hillside Of Zinane
Sassanid Gachbori (Building Plaster) Parts in The Khando Hill of Northeast Takestan
Sare Khoh Sangi (Rocky Mountain Summit) Atashkade (Fireplace), Kohan Dej (Ancient Fortress), Atashgah Mountain, Semirom Sngi Atashdan (Rocky Firebox), Bafran Rostam Castle, Ruined Castle of Nistanak
Rocky Crypt of Wind Village, Sasanian Shapur Inscription
Karaj Zoroastrians Atashkade (Fireplace)
Ospakh Temple
Mehr Azarborzin Atashkade (Fireplace), Hoor Baze Atashkade (Fireplace)
Antiquities of Atashkade (Fireplace) In Zarne, Sam Atashkade (Fireplace), Antiquities of Sarab Kalan City, Ruins of Simre City, Beautiful and Historical Tong Of Bahram Chobine, Remnants Of The Cham Namesht Bridge, Sasanian Chartaghi
Kurosh Palace, Bardak Siyah (Black) Palace, Ardeshir Slope, Khormuj Atashkade (Fireplace), Gurdokhtar Building
Apadana, Shaur Palace, Mizan Band, Arjan Castle, Gondi Shapur University, Shushtar Water Structures, Historical Area of Gondi Shapur, Ancient Enclosure of Lore Andimeshk, Painting on Rocks Of Ejdar Khoung, Sassanian Hormoz Guor (Grave)
Bam Citadel, Old Distric of Gobra Gate, Kerman Atashkade (Fireplace), Zoroastrians Museum of Kerman
Cansir Castle, Shemiran Castle, Alzin Atashkade (Fireplace), Tashvir Atashkade (Fireplace), Sarcham Atashkade (Fireplace)
Sassan Castle, Rostam Abad Cistern, Ruod Khan Castle
Nuoshijan Castle, Kharabe (Ruins) Castle, Choobin Castle, Ganj Name Inscription
Ashkani Temple, Chehel Dokhtaran (Forty Girls) Tower, Lasgerd Castle
Dej And Pasga Castles, Keykavos Tomb, Sassani Palace, Hoosh Kuori Palace, Tagh Bostan, Shahpur Palace, Darush Painting And Inscription On Rocks Of Bisotun Mountain, Painting Of Ashkani Second Mitridat Under The Inscription Of Bistun Hakhamaneshi, Stone Lion Under The Trunk Of Hercules Statue, Painting Of Ashkani Gudarz In The East Side Of Inscription Of Second Mitridat, Painting Of Parti Velgash (Velkhash) Around 400 M Inscription Of Gudarz In Bisotun Hillside, Parti Building In North Of Darush Carving In Bisotun, Shaved Page In The Eastern Side Of Inscription Of Ashkani Second Gudarz In Bisotun Mountain, Faratash (Farhadtash) In Bisotun Hillside, Stones With Pahlavi Line

	Throughout The Village Of Bisotun, Ancient Inscriptions In Bisotun Village With Iran Bastani (Ancient) Line.
Kohgiluyeh and Boyer- Ahmad	Khosravi Tale (Hill), Dehdasht or Shapur Belad (Land) Ancient City, Sassani Atashkade (Fireplace) In Lande Village, Chas Gach Castle In Southwest Of Dehdasht That There Are Three Atashkade (Fireplaces) In It, Gabr Tal (Hill) In Center Of Chram City, Shapur Grave In Dehdasht, Sarvak Tong, Ancient Area Of Kheirabad
Yazd Source: (Rajabi,	Zoroastrian Atashkade (Fireplace) In Kashani Street, Bozorg Darmehr, Gohanbar-Khane Darmehr, Nosh Darmehr, Posht Khanali Darmehr, Tal Darmehr, Buik Kooche (Alley) Darmehr, Elahabad Darmehr, Abshahi Darmehr, Ahmad-Abad Damehr, Aharestan Darmehr, Taft Darmehr (Sardeh District), Taft Darmehr (Rahat-Abad District), Darmehr Taft (Baba-Khandan District), Jafar-Abad Darmehr, Cham Darmehr, Hasan-Abad Darmehr, Hossein-Abad Darmehr, Khorramshahr Darmehr, Kheyr-Abad Darmehr, Rahmat-Abad Darmehr, Koharemshahr Darmehr, Kheyr-Abad Darmehr, Rahmat-Abad Darmehr, Mosra-Abad Darmehr, Mosra-Abad Darmehr, Kalantar Mazrae (Farm) Darmehr, Narsi-Abad Darmehr, Nosrat-Abad Darmehr, Pier-Elias, Old (peer) tower, old master, old (peer) vahman emshaspand (district posht (back) khanali, old (peer) khaje khezr (elah abad), old (peer) sati peer (hotbed of taft nemat abad), old (peer) arghavan, old (peer) kamro, old (peer) hotbed (sarcheshme), old (peer) sarvcham, old (peer) sahh cheragh, old (peer) home (manzel) morad, old (peer) sanjdak, old (peer) vahmand emshasmand, king old (peer sahh) eshtad izad (ardekan), king old (peer shah) teshtar izad (ardekan), king old (peer shah) mehr izad (ardekan), king old (peer shah) teshtar izad (ardekan), old (peer) morad endekan), king old (peer shah) sara khoroh (ardekan), old (peer) morad (ardekan), king old (peer shah) sara khoroh (ardekan), old (peer) morad endekan, king old (peer shah) sarafoddin (mobarake), old health (peer salamt), old (peer) khezr (mari abab), old (peer) belsgar (mari abad), old (peer) kooshak or kooshak sooz (mari abab), old (peer) morad or old man (peer mard) (mari abad), sati old (peer) easadan castle (ghale), old (peer) khaje khezer (kalantar farm (mazrae), old (peer) farm (mazrae), old (peer) rafie abad (kalantar farm (mazrae), old (peer) farm (mazrae), old (peer) farm (mazrae), old (peer) rafie abad (kalantar farm (mazrae), old (peer) sarcheshme) (kalantar farm (mazrae)), old kharman (kalantar farm (mazrae)), old (peer) sarcheshme) (kalantar farm (mazrae)), old (peer) mehr
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Appropriate variables (table 2) for analyzing the tourism attractiveness were extracted referring to available resources and literature.

Table 2: indicators.

Index	code	References					
Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector	Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector can lead to tourism development	Sintayehu et al (2016)					
Providing new entertainment destinations		Masip (2006)					
Increasing the number of tourist destinations	To promote tourism, new tourist destinations must be introduced to tourists.	Lisowska (2017)					
Creating joy and happiness in society	Happiness in a community is an important factor in attracting tourists as well as developing tourism.	Rivera et al (2016)					
Maintaining national customs, managers' attention to the preservation of local attractions	The protection and maintenance of customs and attractions of any country is one of the most important factors in the development of tourism in that country.	Kreag (2001).					
Providing new destinations for leisure and promote passion for travel		Littlejohn et al (2004)					
Increasing the tourist's satisfaction	Increasing the satisfaction of tourists leads to the return of tourists and the introduction of the region by them, which leads to the development of tourism.	Okello & Yerian (2009)					
Increasing demand for travel to Iran	Increasing the demand for tourism leads to the development of entrepreneurship in responding to the needs of tourists, which leads to the development of tourism.	Wardman et al (2004)					
Promoting the tourism brand of Iran	Promoting a city brand in tourism is a winner card in economic and social competitions for tourism development.	Kim & Lee (2018)					
Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management in Iran		Barišić, & Marić (2012)					
Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services	Maintenance and reconstruction of roads and local services is one	Bowitz & Ibenholt (2009)					

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	of the strategies for tourism						
	development.						
Increasing income from the	Increasing income from the	FaladeObalade &					
tourism industry	tourism industry is one of the	Dubey (2014),					
	signs of tourism development	Eeckels et al (2012)					
Developing local hand crafts,	The growth and development of	Upchurch &					
increasing the tourists	handicrafts has an effective role	Teivane (2000),					
	in the development of tourism	Zaei & Zaei (2013)					
Protecting and reconstructing	To achieve the development of	Ismagilova et al					
ancient and historic site	tourism, the protection of cultural	(2015)					
	heritage and their revitalization is						
	of great importance.						
Increasing mutual respect	tourism development led to	Lyons et a. (2012)					
between different cultures	respect between different						
	cultures						
Exchange of cultures and customs	The development of tourism as a	Sheldon & Var					
	cultural phenomenon expands	(1984)					
	the opportunities for cultural						
	exchange between the tourist						
	and the host community. Cultural						
	tourism is the movement of						
	people to visit cultural						
	attractions, which is done with						
	the aim of gaining new						
	information and experience to						
	satisfy cultural needs.						
Rising the indigenous people'	One of the consequences of	Fagence (2003)					
culture	tourism development is raising						
	the level of culture of the local						
	people, which in itself can lead to						
	further development of tourism.						

Seven university professors in the field of tourism management as well as experts in the field of tourism were consulted to assess the validity of the extracted indicators. Therefore, some indexes have been removed and several indicators have been added to the list of indicators. The table 3 shows the final - indexes.

Table 3: Output of expert panel.

Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector
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Providing new entertainment destinations for leisure and promoting passion for travel
Increasing the number of tourist destinations
Creating joy and happiness in society
Maintaining national customs
Managers' attention to the preservation of local attractions
Providing new tourist destinations
Increasing the tourists' satisfaction
Increasing demand for travel to Iran
Promoting the tourism brand of Iran
Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management in Iran
Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services
Increasing income from the tourism industry
Developing local hand crafts
Increasing the incoming tourists
Protecting and reconstructing ancient and historic site
Increasing mutual respect between different cultures
Exchange of cultures and customs
Rising the indigenous people' culture

Source: Research results

The desired table was distributed in the form of a closed questionnaire among 386 tourists (due to being unlimited of the research community) and they were asked to comment on the impact of each of the selected attractions on the tourism development indicators, with a score of 1 to 5 (according to the Likert scale). The collected data were analyzed using t-test. The matrix sample is given in Table 4.

Table 4: Sample matrix

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Rising the indigenous people' culture	Exchange of cultures and customs	Increasing mutual respect between different cultures	Protecting and reconstructing ancient and historic site	Increasing the incoming tourists	Developing local hand crafts	Increasing income from the tourism industry	Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services	Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management in Iran	Promoting the tourism brand of Iran	Increasing demand for travel to Iran	Increasing the tourists' satisfaction	Providing new tourist destinations	Maintaining national customs	Managers' attention to the preservation of local attractions	Creating joy and happiness in society	Increasing the number of tourist destinations		Creating new employment
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3. Data analysis

The results of the following table (t-test) show that all selected tourist attractions affect all the tourrism development indicators. The Yazd cripples is an exception, which only do not affect on the indicator of "Create joy and happiness in society". The table 5 shows tourist attractions numbered 1 to 11 (indicating Yazd Atashkade/Fire Place 1, Yazd Catacombs 2, Chek Chek 3, Yazd Zoroastrians 4, Azargashsb 5, Naghshe Rostam 6, Kerman Atashkade/Fireplace 7, Zoroastrians Museum of Kerman 8, Kermanshah Taghbostan 9, Tehran Atashkade/Fireplace 10, and Sade Cham Celebration 11).

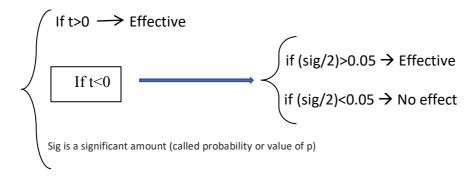
Table 5: The effect of Zoroastrian tourist attractions on tourism development indicators

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Source: Research results

Based on t-test in spss, and Due to the the following instructions:



4. Results.

Considering that Iran is the origin of Zoroastrians in the world, it has numerous tourism attractions from the past to the present time of this religious minority. The present study was conducted to analyze the status of Zoroastrian tourist attractions on the tourism development in Iran. Effective indicators on tourist attractions were extracted using library studies and consulting with experts. Indicators are evaluated and ranked based on their average impact on attractions. The effect of each attraction on indicators is sort in desending order as follow.

Table6: The effect of each attraction on indicator

Zoroastrian									
Tourist	Impact on Indicator								
Attractions									
	The most impact: Increasing								
	incomes from the tourism								
Yazd Atashkade	industry								
(Fireplace)	The least impact:								
	Creating joy and happiness in								
	society								
	The most impact:								
Yazd Caves	Increasing the number of tourist								
Tazu Caves	The least impact:C reating joy								
	and happiness in society								
	The most impact:								
Chek Chek	Increasing mutual respect								
Shrine	between different cultures								
Sillile	The least impact:								
	Indigenous and local								
Yazd	The most impact:								
Zoroastrian	Maintaining national customs								
Museum	The least impact:								
iviuseuiii	Creating joy and happiness in								

	society
	The most impact:
	Preserving national customs
Azargushb Fire	The least impact:
Temple	Creating joy and happiness in
	society
	The most impact:
	Increasing the number of
Naghshe	incoming tourists
Rostam	The least impact:
(Marvdasht)	Creating joy and happiness in
	society
	The most impact:
Temple of	Maintaining national customs
Temple of Kerman	The least impact:
Kerman	Creating joy and happiness in
	society
	The most impact:
Zoroastrian	Maintaining national customs
	The least impact:
Kerman	Creating joy and happiness in
	society
Tagh (Tabat)	The most impact:
Bostan	Increase the number of tourists
(Kermanshah)	The least impact:
	Indigenous and local input
	The most impact:
Temple of	Maintaining national customs
Tehran	The least impact:
	Creating joy and happiness in
	society The most impact:
Sade	Maintaining national customs
Celebration	The least impact:
(Cham)	Indigenous and local
Source: Research res	

Source: Research results

Interesting point is that among the 19 indicators of tourism development, "maintaining national customs", is affected mostly and "creating joy and happiness in society" is affected leastly. Indicators that had a weak effect on the attraction were shown in the table 6. It was determined based on the average of the tourism development indicators for each attraction and based on:

2-3.5: Weak indicators3.51-4: Medium Indicators4 <: acceptable Indicators

Table 7: Indicators that had effect on the attraction

Tourist Attractions	Weak indicators	Medium Indicators	acceptable Indicators
Yazd Atashkade (Fireplace)	(1) Providing new entertainment destinations (2) Creating joy and happiness in society (3) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (4) Developing local hand crafts (5) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	1) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector (2) Maintaining national customs, managers' attention to the preservation of local attractions (3) Rising the indigenous people' culture(4) Promoting the tourism brand of Iran	(2) Exchange of cultures and customs (3)Increasing mutual respect between different cultures (4)Protecting and reconstructing ancient and historic site
Yazd Catacombs	(1) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector (2) Creating joy and happiness in society (3) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (4) Developing local hand crafts (5) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	reconstructing roads and local services (2) Maintaining national customs (3) managers' attention	
Chek Chek	(1) Developing local hand crafts (2) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	(1)Developing local hand crafts, increasing the tourists(2) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism	(1)Maintaining national customs(2) Exchange of cultures and customs(3) Increasing mutual respect

		management in Iran	between different cultures(4) increasing the tourist (5)Increasing income from the tourism industry
Zoroastrian Museum Of Yazd	(1) Creating joy and happiness in society (2) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (3) Increasing demand for travel to Iran (4) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	society (2) Maintaining and	
Azargashsb Atashkade (Fireplace)	(1) Providing new entertainment destinations (2) Creating joy and happiness in society (3 Developing local hand crafts (4) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	(1)Providing new entertainment destinations (2) Creating joy and happiness in society (3) Developing local hand crafts (4) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management in Iran	
Naghshe Rostam	(1) Creating joy and happiness in society (2) Developing local hand crafts	(1) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector(2) Providing new entertainment destinations(3) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services(4) Maintaining national customs, managers' attention to the preservation of local	Increasing income from the tourism industry(3)Promoting the tourism brand of

		all and the section of	
		attractions(5) Exchange of	
		cultures and customs(6) Rising	
		the indigenous people' culture(7)	
		Increasing mutual respect	
		between different	
		Cultures(8) Protecting and	
		reconstructing ancient and	
		historic site(9) Increasing the	
		tourists satisfaction(10)	
		Increasing the number of	
		tourist destinations	
	(1) Providing new entertainment	(1)Maintaining national customs	
	destinations (2) Creating joy and	(2) Exchange of cultures and	
	happiness in society (3)	customs(3) Rising the indigenous	
	Maintaining and reconstructing	people' culture(4) Increasing	
	roads and local services (4)	mutual respect between	
	Developing local hand crafts (5)	different cultures(5)	
	Improving the structure of	Protecting and reconstructing	
	tourism and tourism	ancient and historic site(6)	
Kerman Atashkeade (Fireplace)	management (6) Managers'	` '	
	attention to the preservation of	increasing the	
	local attractions (7) Increasing	tourists(7)Increasing income	
	the tourists' satisfaction (8)	from the tourism industry(8)	
	Providing new entertainment	Promoting the tourism brand	
	destinations for leisure and	of Iran(9) Increasing demand	
	promoting passion for travel (9)	for travel to Iran(10)	
	Creating new employment	Increasing the number of	
	opportunities in the tourism	tourist destinations	

	sector.		
Museum Of Zoroastrians In Kerman	(1) Providing new entertainment destinations (2) Creating joy and happiness in society (3) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (4) Increasing demand for travel to Iran (5) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management (6) Managers' attention to the preservation of local attractions (7) Increasing the tourists' satisfaction (8) Providing new entertainment destinations for leisure and promoting passion for travel (9) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector	(1) Maintaining national customs (2) Exchange of cultures and customs (3) Rising the indigenous people' culture (4) Increasing mutual respect between different cultures (5) Protecting and reconstructing ancient and historic site (6) Developing local hand crafts, (7) increasing the tourists (8) increasing the tourist (9) Increasing income from the tourism industry (10) Promoting the tourism brand of Iran	
Taghbostan Kermanshah	(1) Creating joy and happiness in(2) Developing local hand crafts(3) Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management	(1) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector (2) Providing new entertainment destinations (3) Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (4) Maintaining national customs(5) Maintaining and	(1) increasing the tourist(2) Increasing income from the tourism industry(3)Promoting the tourism brand of Iran

		reconstructing roads and local	
		services (6) Exchange of cultures	
		and customs (7) Rising the	
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		indigenous people' culture(8)	
		Increasing mutual respect	
		between different cultures	
		(9) Protecting and reconstructing	
		ancient and historic site(10)	
		Increasing demand for travel	
		to Iran(11) Increasing the	
		tourists satisfaction(12)	
		Increasing the number of	
		tourist destinations(13)	
		Providing new destinations for	
		leisure and promote passion	
		for travel	
	(1) Providing new entertainment	(1) Maintaining national customs	
	destinations (2) Creating joy and	(2) Exchange of cultures and	
	happiness in society (3)	customs(3) Rising the indigenous	
	Maintaining and reconstructing	people' culture (4)Increasing	
	roads and local services (4)	mutual respect between	
Tohan Atashkada (Finantasa)	Developing local hand crafts (5)	different cultures (5) Protecting	
Tehran Atashkade (Fireplace)	Improving the structure of	and reconstructing ancient and	
	tourism and tourism	historic site (6) increasing the	
	management (6) Managers'	tourist (7)Increasing income from	
	attention to the preservation of	the tourism industry (8)	
	local attractions (7) Increasing	Promoting the tourism brand of	
	the tourists' satisfaction (8)	Iran (9) Increasing demand for	

	Providing new entertainment destinations for leisure and promoting passion for travel (9) Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector		
Sadeh Cham Celebration	(1) Developing local hand crafts	(1)Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (2)Maintaining and reconstructing roads and local services (3)Protecting and reconstructing ancient and historic site(4)Increasing demand for travel to Iran(5)Increasing the tourists satisfaction(6)Increasing the number of tourist destinations(7)Improving the structure of tourism and tourism(8)management in Iran	(1)Creating new employment opportunities in the tourism sector(2)Providing new entertainment destinations(3)Creating joy and happiness in society(4Maintaining national customs(5)Exchange of cultures and customs(6)Rising the indigenous people' culture(7)Increasing mutual respect between different cultures(8) (9)increasing the tourist (10)Increasing income from the tourism industry Promoting the tourism brand of Iran

After data analysis, seven tourism experts consulted again for providing strategies for indicators that were affected weakly by attractions. It should be noted that since some strategies overlap with more than one indicator, mentioning a strategy/strategies for each item separately is avoided.

Table 8: the strategies and suggestion

Tourist Attractions	strategies and suggestion
Yazd Atashkade (Fireplace)	Creating a rotary motion bar in the fire room to watch the fire and the installed boards, creating permanent exhibitions with live music, play videos about the Zoroastrian custom and celebrations, diversify the hall by placing religious tables and photographs about the Zoroastrians. creating permanent exhibitions of Zoroastrian crafts and sell Iranian and foreign books about Zoroastrian religion, providinning a brief brochure on the history of fire temples, establishing Zoroastrian tourism guides in the fire temple to explain and answer tourists' questions, holding Zoroastrian customs and celebration symbolically.
Yazd Catacombs	Turning Khile into traditional residences, turning khile into handicraft stores, allocating khile to schematic dolls to show the custom of making Dakhme, hiring more personnel to create safety and health, and develop escalators and telecabin, holding real and symbolic Zoroastrian celebrations, entertaining facilities such as camel, safari, horseback riding and more
Museum Of Zoroastrians In Yazd	Creating new advertising methods emphasizing green tourism, holding symbolic and real Zoroastrian celebrations, using Zoroastrian tourism guides to explain and answer questions, creating handicraft stores, traditional food stores, etc.
Azargashsb Atashkade (Fireplace)	Creating handicraft stores, performing Sassani kings' theaters, setting up entertainment facilities such as camel, safari, horseback riding and etc
Naghshe Rostam	Holding Nowruz celebrations and local competitions on-site, visits with camel riding or horse riding, sale and training of the local craft
Kerman Atashkade	More introduction, providing catalogs for introducing buildings, establishing Zoroastrian tourism guides on-site for

(Fireplace)	answering questions and explaining the building, collaborating of Zoroastrian officials with the Cultural Heritage Organization, holding handicraft exhibitions, providing traditional food and customs, Adding live programs as live museums, symbolic and real performances of Zoroastrian events, provision of traditional clothes for taking photos, increasing working hours
Museum Of Zoroastrians In Kerman	More introduction, providing catalogs for introducing buildings, establishing Zoroastrian tourism guides on-site for answering questions and explaining the building, collaborating of Zoroastrian officials with the Cultural Heritage Organization, holding handicraft exhibitions, providing traditional food and customs, Adding live programs as live museums, symbolic and real performances of Zoroastrian events, provision of traditional clothes for taking photos, increasing working hours
Taghbostan Kermanshah	Holding celebrations and theaters related to the coronation of the Sassani kings, selling and teaching the regional handicrafts
Tehran Atashkade (Fireplace)	More introduction, providing catalogs for introducing buildings, establishing Zoroastrian tourism guides on-site for answering questions and explaining the building, collaborating of Zoroastrian officials with the Cultural Heritage Organization, holding handicraft exhibitions, providing traditional food and customs, Adding live programs as live museums, symbolic and real performances of Zoroastrian events, provision of traditional clothes for taking photos, increasing working hours
Sade Celebration (Cham)	Selling, training and displaying of Zoroastrians and natives handicrafts
Chek Chek	Creating handicraft stores, traditional Zoroastrian food stores, meeting standards, and implementing innovative designs.

It is important to mention that most above-mentioned solutions are affected by sympathetic, expert, and professional managers. The main result of this research according to table (1) is that apart from the centenary celebratin that was held in the village of Cham (Yazd), the rest of the studied attractions affect relatively the indicators of tourism development in Iran. Its generalization to all the Zoroastrian tourism attractions in Iran. The main hypothesis of the research (i.e. the effect of Zoroastrian tourist attractions affect on the tourism development in Iran) is approved.

Among the provinces of Iran, Yazd, Fars, Kermanshah have the most Zoroastrian tourism attractions, and Alborz, Golestan, Qazvin and North Khorasan have the lowest Zoroastrian tourism attractions. In adition, Qom, Mazandaran, Lorestan, Hormozgan, and South Khorasan have no Zoroastrian tourism attraction. All selected attractions affect tourism development indicators, except for the Yazd cripples, which only do not affect on the indicator of "Create joy and happiness in society". Another interesting point is that selective attractions have had the most impact on the "Maintaining national customs" and had the least effect on the index of "creating joy and happiness in society". Another finding of this research is that the celebration of the Sadeh (Cham) and fire temples of Zoroastrian Kerman had the highest and least impact on the tourism development in Iran respectively.

Based on the findings, it was found that indicators of "Creating joy and happiness in society", "Developing local hand crafts", "Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management", are weak-affected indicators. These are common in nine attractions out of 11 attractions and have the highest degree of repetition

Among the indicators that are moderately affected by attractions, the index of "increasing the number of tourism destinations in Iran" is seen in all the attractions. Among the acceptable indicators, "Increasing the number of incoming tourists" and "increasing incomes from the tourism industry", have the highest degree of repetition.

Comparison with previous research.

Marzieh Allahyari Valandani et al. (2015) in their research concluded that factors such as lack of amenities, lack of infrastructure and lack of familiarity with the culture of religious tourism has caused a stagnation of tourism in Yazd. According to the results, the number of visitors to Zoroastrian antiquities in Yazd is more than other cities in the country, and among the Zoroastrian tourist attractions of Yazd, the fire temple (Atashkade) is in the first priority over the crypt (Dakhme) and other antiquities. Therefore, by attracting private and semi-private investments, tourism, economic and social development can be achieved. However, in this study, the celebration of the century that is held in the village of Cham Yazd has the greatest impact on the development of tourism in Iran. Also, among the nineteen indicators of tourism development, the index of "development of handicrafts, indigenous and local" had the least effect on tourism development, which fix this shortcoming requires management, planning and efforts of national and provincial officials and Zoroastrian community.

5. Conclusion

Today, historical -religious tourist attractions have played an effective role in rebuilding the life of cities throughout history and today. The growth and development of many cities has been rooted in the historical and religious function of those cities and sometimes has given these cities a global status and role. According to the results of this research, that most of the Zoroastrian tourist attractions in Iran, act poorly in creating joy and happiness in society. Therefore, it is necessary gor the Cultural Heritage Organization and relevant sectors to be more active and creative in this field through holding real and symbolic celebrations, creating recreational facilities such as motorcycling, camping, horseback riding, safari, performing live music etc. This can bring the spirit of enthusiasm and joy for tourists.

Considering that among the 11 studied attractions, Kerman fire temple had the least impact on tourism development in Iran It is appropriate that the Zoroastrian Association of Kerman, which is responsible for this attraction, take serious measures to overcome this problem. It can be done through more effective communication with the Cultural Heritage Organization, further introducting the fire temple to both domestic and foreign tourists, proving catalogs for introdusing the building, the establishment of the Zoroastrian leaders and Zoroastrian tourist guide in the fireplace to answer questions and explain the building, holding handicrafts exhibitions, presenting traditional foods and customs, adding live programs as live museums, symbolic and actual Zoroastrian events, providing traditional clothes for taking photos, increasing working hours, and etc.

Also, considering that among the 11 studied attractions, 9 ones has a weak impact on indices of "Developing local hand crafts", "Improving the structure of tourism and tourism management", It is recommended to the Cultural Heritage Organization, Handicrafts and Tourism Organization to provide help in setting up handicraft stores in or around these attraction. It is also evident that the creative, professional, and specialist leaders must manage such organs.

Tours, especially combined tours that use religious, natural, recreational and historical tourist attractions simultaneously, is a good opportunity to take advantage of the tourism capacities and introduce the tourist attractions of Yazd.

Strengthening Efforts to introduce the city's tourist attractions and creating symbols for the city as well as branding and defining the role of tourism for this city are suggested for developing tourism in Yazd.

Providing a coherent and coordinated program and integrated management in all sectors of the tourism sector by providing the necessary infrastructure and preparations to attract tourists can be effective on the development of tourism in Yazd and then Iran.

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