Community-led and homestay-based ecotourism has spread widely across India ... not necessarily always in its true spirit though. One of the pioneers in Uttarakhand, Manohar Singh Manral, talks to Ashish Kothari about his vision for linking livelihoods and conservation through such responsible tourism. Manralji runs Eco Harryman’s homestay and helped start Pawalgarh Prakriti Prahari (www.pawalgarh.org), a group of mostly local youth who integrate ecotourism, livelihoods and conservation. Conversation on 6.2.2020, in the context of the Uttarakhand Birding Festival, 7-9 February 2020.

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