

A study on the impacts of culture tourism for the residents lives in Anuradhapura district

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Tourism industry is a fast developing industry in the current world. This industry mainly depends on the cultural and natural attractions. Among them, cultural attractions include the traditions, aesthetics, folk arts, religions and etc. In Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura is the famous city for culture tourism. There are lots of cultural attractions in the area based on religious places. Therefore, every year a large number of local and foreign visitors come to Anuradhapura district. This study is investigated the impacts of cultural tourism for the residents' lives in Anuradhapura district. The researcher has used 40 residents as the sample. And, questionnaires and interview methods have used to collect primary data. This is a qualitative study and data analysis is done through the word and excel softwares. Data representation was done through the graphs, charts, tables and maps. According to the findings, the researcher has identified some of good impacts such as increasing the residents' income, businesses, development of the infrastructure facilities, etc. As well as, there are some of bad impacts such as environmental pollution, social problems, and cultural problems. At the end of the study, the researcher gives some of recommendations to mitigate the bad effects and increase the good effects with the improvement of the culture tourism industry.

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