

Planning Dolukanda , Arankale and Sulugal Rajamaha Viharaya as creative tourist attractions

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Dolukanda, Arankale and Sulugal Rajamaha Viharaya are historical valuable cultural sites in Kurunegala district and especially Dolukanda is a biodiversity hotspot. The main objective of the research is to plan Dolukanda, Arankale and Sulugal Rajamaha Viharaya as creative tourist attractions. I focused about the importance of these sites. Specially biodiversity value of Dolukanda and Archeological value of Dolukanda, Arankale and Sulugal Rajamahaviharaya And also I focus on introducing new tourism concept to the tourism industry. It means legend base tourism. Because in Sulugal Rajamaha Viharaya. There is a legend known as Sulugulu puwatha the story of sulugulu upaska rala and maliyadewa maharahath thero. For my research methodology I had a discussion with chief monk of Dolukanda monastery and chief archeological officer of Arankale archeological site. Chief Monk of Sulugal Rajama ha viharaya and also I used questioners to the randomly selected people and popular people in those villages as secondary data I used books about these sites magazines like "Sri Lanka is a treasure Island". Observing this I found what the reasons for less tour attraction for these sites are and what the weaknesses in these sites are. Specially not proper accommodations, no proper infrastructure facilities specially accessibility. No proper knowledge about these sites among people. As solutions for these problems and methods for planning Dolukanda, Arankale and Sulugalrajamaha viharaya sites. I have suggested several suggestions. Those are making awareness programs among people about these sites. Take the government and suitable authorizes supports to develop the infrastructure facilities in these sites. Establishing notices about the importance of these sites. Specially about the importance of biodiversity in Dolukanda. Finally I suggested make an official website about these sites to promote these sites among local and foreign people.

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