

Heritage Management Issues of *Pidurangala* Beritage Site.

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Pidurangala is a heritage site, which is situated very close to *Sigiriya* world heritage site. *Pidurangala* has a direct link with king *Kashyapa* and the *Sigiriya* kingdom. Though *Sigiriya* is a world heritage site and a famous tourist attraction, *Pidurangala* is not much popular as a heritage site among visitors. The main objective of this study was to identify the heritage management issues of *Pidurangala* and secondary objective was to introduce a proper heritage management plan to attract visitors. The research problem was “what are the issues related to heritage management in *Piduranagala*?” Both primary and secondary sources were used to collect data. Printed media (books) and electronic media (internet) were used as primary sources and field observation was used as the secondary source. There were many issues related to heritage management in *Pidurangala* site. No proper site interpretation, cleaning and maintenance issues, inadequate infrastructure and sanitary facilities, vandalism are some major problems. It is important to avoid these issues and rearrange the site. A proper management plan can be introduced using the following steps:

1. Welcoming the visitors and fulfilling their requirements
2. Defining the value of the site
3. Proper maintenance
4. Prevention of vandalism
5. Visitor management

Greeting of the guests, establishing infrastructure facilities, introducing proper a security system, gardening and landscaping, introducing a signage system, developing secondary attractions are some recommendations for a proper heritage management plan for the *Pidurangala* heritage site.

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