

SECTION I  
THE ROLE OF PERIODIC CENTRAL PLACES ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN SRI LANKA  
(WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE HAMBANTOTA DISTRICT)

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In Sri Lanka, Periodic Markets (or Periodic Central Places) are becoming an increasingly evident feature of the rural economy. Presently, more than 500 Periodic Central Places are functioning, of which 21 are located in the Hambantota District.

This study reveals that this traditional institution has contributed significantly to the process of rural development in the Hambantota District. It also highlights the necessity for Periodic Central Places to be organized on a more rational economic basis. Such an institution could play a distinct role in Spatial development, especially in rural areas.

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