
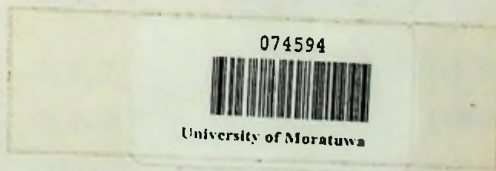


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SYNOPSIS

This study is concerned with the Role of Small Towns in Regional Development in Sri Lanka. The intention of this study is to analyse the Role of Small Towns in the case-study area, and also to formulate some guidelines that will be useful to develop small towns for regional development.

The study is present in five chapters. The first chapter deals with the concept planning, planning regions and the regional development. Further, it will discuss the theoretical basis of town in the context of a region and the analysis of the general pattern of their growth.

The second chapter will analyse the Evolution of Regional Development Planning in Sri Lanka and some influential strategies adapted to regional development.

The third chapter discusses the significance of small towns in the case-study area. It will discuss in detail the definition of "Urban", classification of small towns and their distribution patterns, as well as the role and functions of small towns.

The fourth chapter will deal with the analysis of the case study area, identifying the existing potentials as well as any constraints for regional development.

Finally the fifth chapter will give the conclusion derived from the previous chapters including the case-study, and will also give some guidelines and recommendations for the development of small towns for the purpose of regional development.



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