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**Abstract:** Stupas are indispensable feature of any Buddhist temple in Sri Lanka. According to the history, Anuradhapura was one of the main kingdoms in the Country. It was the center of Theravada Buddhism for many centuries and now named as a UNESCO world heritage site. All the kings who ruled Anuradhapura built Stupas and paid their gratitude to the Buddhism and the lord Buddha. Massive developments in the field of technology have helped people to accumulate more information than in the past. In contrast, smart phones have become more popular all around the world. As mentioned in the e-marketer website, 4.55 billion people used a mobile phone in 2014. People use android applications to gather and disseminate the information. Present android applications are attractive and more informative. However, the application developers pay less attention to develop heritage based applications. This paper discusses the importance of introducing an android application for the Stupas in Anuradhapura. This application contains all the details about the Stupas in Anuradhapura with an audio narration. It also helps to identify exact locations of each and every stupas in that region. Moreover, share option will help to disseminate the information with a message and images. Paper will also discuss the importance of the application in the field of tourism.