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Abstract

Use of drugs is a menace that has spread far & wide both locally & internationally that threatens both mental and physical wellbeing of individuals and has transferred in to an economic, Social & political issue for which finding an end solution seems almost impossible. Sri Lanka has been given a special place in international drug smuggling due to its physical location. Colombo has become the main victimized city due to these striking factors. Therefore identification of spacial distribution of drug menace and physical social & economic factors were the main objective of the research.

Colombo city area of Colombo district in western province which consist of 55 Grama Niladhari divisions has been used as the research area for achieving this objective. Primary data have been collected having selected narcotic drugs addicts in this research area under the stratified sampling method. More ever, previous convictions report of the narcotic units of the Department of excise & police have been used as secondary data and analysed using quantitative & qualitative analysing methods. Special distribution of drug menace in Colombo city has been identified utilizing the said analysing methods and risk zones and schools with respect to narcotic drugs has been clarified. An extensive examination has been conducted on physical, economic and social factors which affect the special distribution of the drug menace of the Colombo city. Further extensive special study has been done in underworlds activities which has created a considerable impact on spread of drug related activities.

Attention has been drawn on identification of risk areas, measures to be taken to prevent spread of drug menace centred in these areas and the measures which should be taken to grab the contribution of these areas for development activities and composition of government policies via this research.

Key words - Drug usage, Spatial distribution, Drug menace, Risk zones, Social factors