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## **Evaluation of Role of Surrounding Areas in Small Cities Development (Eig Shabestar)**

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### **Abstract**

Popular view of the development in the past ignorant to the distribution of special possibilities and under-constructions in different grounds in proportion with special capabilities of each region has formed present face of central cities. On the other hand, because of the problems such as savings arising from scale of possible attention and presentation of services and possibilities for each one of rural areas is not possible in action that will cause severity of communications between surrounding rural areas with central city for removing economic, social and service necessities. In present research we have tried to determine place and role of

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surrounding areas concerning with city and its development, with the use of environmental , economic , social and physical powers present methods which results in safe communication of surrounding areas with Shabestar. In this research, analytic method is descriptive–analytical using SWOT model, we tried to know the existing state of affairs, operations and actions and also possibilities and limitations of Shabestar and its surrounding area. Acquired results from data analysis have shown the role of surrounding areas in Shabestar development.

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