

## **Value Consensus and Early Marriage: With Special Reference to Kumpurupity South Division in Trincomalee**

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### **Abstract**

In this 21<sup>st</sup> century, social values seem to be diminishing in all communities. Social values are very essential aspect that helps human for live their life in normalcy, but today it has been falling down. There are various reasons for it in various cultures. In SriLanka, improved technology and mass media, impacts of modernization and globalization, existence of freedom and other open access affect to reduce values from them. These causes generate many social problems as murder, abuses, school dropouts, and early marriage. This paper focused on issues of weakens values and immeasurable impacts of early marriage. According to these aspects this research entitled “Early Marriage as a Diminishing Value Consensus” a special reference on Kumpurupity South Division in Trincomalee District. The main objective of this study is to identify the value consensus which, exists in the community and explaining the causes of diminished values. This research has been specifically focused on early marriage, which is one of the impacts of diminishing values. The type of research is descriptive and variables are measured with qualitative and quantitative analysis. Primary data were collected through structured questionnaire with open, closed statements. Using snowball sampling methods, 12 samples were identified and investigation, evaluation, and intensive observation methods had processed for data collection. It has been analyzed through Excel statistical package and this study dealt with functionalism theory. The study disclosed that values are decreasing than the past because of the impacts of rapid usage of modern technological devices, urbanization, and globalization. Further, the respondents of the research area have accepted that the people have a lesser amount of attention on values. Moreover, early marriage which is identified as a problem of diminished value affects deficiently in the community (research area). It has created social disorders among people and instability among social units. In addition to that physical and mental problems also have discovered. Particularly, lacking values produce unhealthy situations within and among communities.

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