

**FUNCTIONS OF HINDU INSTITUTIONS IN THE KILINOCCHI DISTRICT: A RESEARCH BASED ON KARAICHI AREA**K.Komina¹

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ABSTRACT

The ancient city of Kilinochchi which is located in Northern Province is one of the Head quarter for administrative. Whether it has multi ethnic people, there are Hindu people in majority level. The Hindu culture is appeared by their culture, cultural values, and the institutions which is based on Hindu culture. The Kilinochchi district has four D.S divisions here. Most number of Hindu people are living in Karachi area. Culture is maintained that peoples of this area according to that many associations are here from the previous to now. Which have the representatives as people that associations are participated as the Hindu institutions in the religious and cultural activities. Generally Hindu institutions do their functions in various ways. The registered and unregistered organizations provide their functions and services for the people and religion with any discrimination. They give the services to children, women, elders, orphans and disabled people. Not only that but also, their services area improve the basic facilities do the religious function based on temples, educational services and economic services etc. We can observe many changes in the functions of these institutions after the war and resettlement compare with previous period. Although, the researches has done according to the Hindu institutions and their functions. The extended researches didn't conduct in this area. Some of the institutions are identified in the Karachi institutions. They are Mahadeva Ashram, Correctional Corporation, Vegetarian Association and Yogar Swamis Thiruvadi Station. According to that the purpose of this research is identify the Hindu institutions of Karachi area, examine their functions and reveal their services Hindu culture of this area and their features. Many qualitative research methods that are used to reach the objective of this research. They are descriptive method, sociological and historical research methods. Questionnaires through the field, discussion and observation data are the primary data sources and books, magazines, essays, internet data and other documents are used for the secondary data. Finally, this research explain the religious and social functions of the Karachi Hindu institutions, their contemporary changes and reasons for the changes. It will be the conclusion of this research.

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