

The Psycho-Social Impacts of Divorce: With Special Reference to Kalmunai Tamil Divisional Secretariat Area

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Abstract

Marriage is one of the universal social institutions of mankind in almost all the societies of the world, both uncivilized and civilized. Majority of the people enter into marital relationship at an appropriate age in their own way. Though majority of the people enter into wedlock, there is no guarantee that their marriage would ultimately end in success. Many marriages end in failures and divorce. The rate of divorce is rapidly increasing in the above said area in many ways. It's posing a serious social and psychological problem. Divorce is the dissolution of the tie of marriage. Therefore, divorce is the turning away of partners from each other. It is truly a complete true from the way of life the couple had so far. The term divorce is different from separation and desertion which is not one and the same and the difference between them must be understood. The main objective of this study is to explore increasing divorce rate in the study area. The other objective of this study is to formulate strategies to prevent this issue in the study community. Methodology of this research were analytical, explanation, and descriptive. Data for the research was collected from primary and secondary sources. Interviews, questionnaires were used as primary data, books, magazine, documentations, essays and newspaper articles were used as secondary data. Accordingly, random information was gathered from the families living in this area, officials of the village and, Samurdhi Development Officers. Further information was also gathered from organization and societies from the area of study. This study found that the children and woman were victimized due to this divorce, and they faced several problems both psychologically and socially. Further children and woman were identified as most vulnerable groups due to this dissolution of marriage ties. So this study has to be extended in future in order to find mitigation measures for diminishing this dilemma.

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