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**FACTORS INFLUENCING MIGRATION OF WOMEN
FROM SRILANKA TO MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES FOR
FOREIGN EMPLOYMENT WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE
TO TRINCOMALEE DISTRICT**

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Abstract

The research topic “Factors influencing Migration of women from Sri Lanka to Middle East countries for foreign employment with special reference to Trincomalee District” has been selected to conduct this dissertation. While finding the reasons for women migration, the research also attempts to suggest feasible solutions to alleviate the negative impacts of women migration. Independent variables were selected as family issues, economic issues and social issues. Based on the variables represented in the conceptual framework, three hypotheses were formulated. Therefore empirical evidence was analyzed quantitatively and qualitatively. Mainly deductive approach was used as the research approach. Both descriptive and inferential statistics were used in presenting and analyzing the data. The research was carried out with women migrants in Trincomalee district. It was carried out on a sample of 100 women migrants in Trincomalee district. The reliability (Cronbach’s Alpha) of the questionnaire was determined and the questionnaire was reliable. Inferential statistics such as regression and correlations analysis were used to determine relationship between relevant variables. There are eight number of findings made. The most powerful reasons for women migration have been less economic opportunities in Sri Lanka and having no economic advantage of working in Sri Lanka. And also social issues have made the lowest impact on women migration while economic issues have made the highest impact on women migration.

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