

# **A Sociological Analysis on Effects of Social Institutions towards the Education of Children with Disabilities in Sri Lankan Education System**

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Education has become a very important social institution in today's social life. This study aimed the research problem of 'What are the effects of social institutions towards the education of children with disabilities in Sri Lankan education system?' The main research objective is to identify the nature of effects of social institutions towards the education of children with disabilities in Sri Lankan education system. A school which teaches students with disabilities separately, has been selected as research field. Interviews have been conducted with students with disabilities in the school, teachers from the school staff, one parent or a guardian of these students and officers who are responsible for the education of children with disabilities to collect primary data. Education is a field that expands skills, knowledge and personal limitations. But at present, many people have misinterpreted the accurate meaning of education as it's only targeting at passing the examinations. The final outcome is due to the institutionalized hostel education, majority of the students in the field have distanced from their families and losing the motivation for continuing their studies. The charity model aiming the concept of 'Karma' and justify the dissimilarity among people rather than considering social diversity. It is important to pay attention for approaches about rights and social structure rather than welfare and individual approaches. Economic institution in super structure affects to education institution in infrastructure. When providing resources structural political-economic issues influence negatively as Sri Lanka is still a developing country. Even though there is a positive contribution from education to enhance capacities of children with disabilities, they are marginalized and excluded in some instances because of negative impacts which they have to face within those interrelated social institutions.

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