

AN ANALYSIS ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION- 2010 SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BATTICALOA DISTRICT

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Last parliamentary election was identified with the low level participation of the voters. This was identical rather than other elections in the past. In a democratic country, political participation is very important and in the develop countries, political participation of the citizens are very high. This study aimed to identify the reasons for the lack of participation of voters in the last parliamentary election. Political participation of the people is required the political awareness of the people. This study has the hypothesis that lack of political awareness of the Batticaloa people has caused the low level participation in the last parliamentary election. It used the data that was the information based on statistical measures and opinions and attitudes of the people. That is why quantitative and qualitative methods were used to analyze data. Primary data was collected from direct observation, Questionnaire, Interview and Discussions. Secondary data was collected from Reports and records, Publications and Official documents. This research proposed the ways to enhance the political participation of the people through the election behaviors.

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