

**A STUDY ON  
ENTREPRENEURIAL DISPARITY BETWEEN  
TAMIL AND MUSLIM ENTREPRENEURS  
IN THE BATTICALOA DISTRICT**

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## ABSTRACT

Entrepreneurship is the business risks in the hope of making profit by the people. It depends on various traits like innovation, technical skill, risk taking, decision making and perseverance, and personal background like family business background, experience and educational level, and institutional support etc.

Study were conducted to find out whether these traits, personal background and institutional support lead to disparity in growth among different communities in the Batticaloa district. It was decided to compare two ethnic groups namely Tamil and Muslim in the Batticaloa district to ensure the fact.

Fifty sample were randomly selected from each ethnic group and questionnaires distributed. The data were analyzed using the statistical program called SPSS, and analysis shows that the success of the entrepreneurs depends on some of the traits like, innovative, technical skill, risk taking, decision making and perseverance, personal background and institutional support and also ability of the entrepreneurial traits, and level of personal background and institutional support vary from ethnicity to ethnicity.

The innovative, risk taking and decision making traits in the entrepreneurial traits mainly contributed to the disparity in entrepreneurial traits between Tamil and Muslim entrepreneurs. Though the technical trait doesn't influence much in the disparity in trading among the Tamil and Muslim entrepreneurs, it is an important trait in the entrepreneurial success.

The experience and family business background also contributed to the disparity in personal background among these ethnic groups. The family business back ground took main part in the disparity in growth of trading among these ethnic groups.

The institutional support also contributed to the disparity in trading among the Tamil and Muslim entrepreneurs.

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