

## **Beyond the ‘Daily chores’**

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This research is conducted with the purpose of exploring the reasons which have caused the Sri Lankan women to penetrate the conservative line of thought through expatriate employment and other professional avenues. My study is based on the expatriate women and also the employed Sri Lankan women in different spheres holding both high and low positions.

In my investigative analysis, several issues have been identified pertaining to the employed women in Sri Lanka.

The first such issue is the critical plight of the married women employed in Middle East as house-maids despite the social, vocational and financial insecurity. The next issue at focus is the dearth of Sri Lankan women who’ve reach higher footholds in their career. The views of several Sri Lankan female employees and employers who represent different social and professional calibers are considered in this respect.

Furthermore, the statistics obtained from the relevant authorities regarding the employed women in Sri Lanka also are incorporated when reaching a conclusion. As the last issue elaborated in this research, the impact of marriage on the women’s employment is analyzed with the observations from the marriage proposals published in local newspapers.

Conclusively, the looming economic pressure is identified as a superseding factor in expatriation of women while the tendency of women being educated with relatively less qualifications to suit the job market is viewed as a disturbing factor for their professional advancement. At the present context, the significance of marriage as a determining factor for the women’s employment is almost nonexistent unlike in the past.

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