

# **The Impact of Citizen Journalism Activity towards the Disaster Situation in Sri Lanka (Especially Regarding Natural Disaster-Floods & Manmade Disasters – Aluthgama & Digana Incidents)**

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Citizen journalism is a communal development medium usage. It's one of a journalism that can be strengthening the democracy of a country. The term 'disaster' also has a variety of definitions as "A very bad accident" that causes great damage or loss of life. Disaster is an event, which threatens a large section of a society with major unwanted consequences. People of Sri Lanka had been working as citizen journalists in period of disasters. The mobile phones became the first priority among the communication system recently. They can upload information to the internet through their own web sites and blogs in new media technology. Recently new media has become a method of interconnection, globalization and interaction. In this research methods such as questionnaire, Interviews, Participatory Observation and document analysis which have been used to achieve these objectives. Primary Sources are Books and Internet. Secondary Sources are research reports, statistical reports, journals, etc. Colombo Galle and Kandy are the three districts selected in order of priority based on Citizens journalism In Each district the random number selected is 50. The whole sample is 150. The main questions which addressed in this research is "Does the citizen journalism have an impact towards reporting, analyzing, disaster situation in Sri Lanka." Citizens use this journalism for democratic usage. But it's not suitable for Sri Lanka. It should develop and control too. With all the findings in this research it indicates that the citizen journalism have a positive significant influence towards the disaster situation in Sri Lanka. Also find out people get early warning messages through citizen journalism as well as how to use them to communicate. In addition how they react after receiving warning messages and information. The citizen does have the common sense to create the ideology to get their citizen proprietorship nowadays. So we develop its Methods & Code of ethics. It should include in Sri Lankan school Curriculum.

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