

## **Present trends of social background of indigenous people (Vadda people in Dambana)**

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Approximately 370 million indigenous people live in the world and 70% of the live in Asian countries. When we consider the community in Sri Lanka “URUWARIGE” VADDA PEOPLE that are centralized in Dambana area is very important at present. Sri Lanka has 4312 Vadda people in 312 families. The main objective of this research is to identify the present trends of indigenous people and how change their social background. The research method used here is primary and secondary data. The primary data collected for this research using case studies, questionnaires, interviews, deep discussions and field observation. According to study there are three main places that Wadda people live in Dambana. There are Dambana junction, Dambana school area and Dambana tourism area. Within analyzing of data collected through the study, it can be identified that the social background of the area in Dambana School has changed by 25% and, 90% changed of society in Dambana tourism area. Social background in Dambana junction has changed between 50% - 55%. The research shows a cultural change is also happened with social change. As a result of this conversion, religion, language, customs and marriage patterns also have changed. The study conclude that social background in Dambana junction and tourism area rapidly and society in Dambana school area is changing. The Wadda community in the area like to adapt to normal society and socialization.

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