

## **The Life of Sri Lankan Refugees A Paradigm Shift**

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The Sri Lankans have been living in India for the last 20 years. They belong to the North East part of Sri Lanka which is predominantly Tamil speaking. They had been discriminated while they were in Sri Lanka and flee from them to seek refuge in Tamil Nadu, India. However, apart from leading a life free from bombing and shooting, the refugees continue to suffer. Education, health and basic living is a struggle for them. This paper examines the lives of the refugees in the camps in Tamil Nadu in the life of them living in a culture which is different from their yet, very similar. This is a an attempt to explore their lives and the effects of mixing of cultures. The paper will be title. The life of the Sri Lankan Refugees – A paradigm shift.