

Innovative Training for Military Studies in Sri Lanka

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For a modern military to be effective, it needs to have access to advance science and technological concepts. This study is aimed at identifying the importance of having innovative training for military studies in Sri Lanka. Recent empirical studies hint at the importance of bottom-up innovation, which is the conceptual understanding of this paper. Funding for defence related innovative training is an expensive process, and it is difficult for the Government of Sri Lanka to fund such training. Therefore, alternative methods to uplift innovative military training, which are both economical and effective, should be introduced. The value of innovative training is also shown by taking examples from ancient scholars and why they emphasize on intelligence over brute force to win wars. Innovative training for military studies is needed to show the value of innovative training for the tri-forces in Sri Lanka, which will be productive for the whole country. Data collection was done by distributing a questionnaire among 30 military officers and interviewing 10 senior military officers covering the three forces. The findings reveal that there is a serious need for applying innovative training to maximise the utilisation of human resources. It is recommended to have a proper mechanism to uplift the military personnel mentally, socially and physically through the innovative training for the betterment of Sri Lankan tri-forces.

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