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ABSTRACT

The paramount object of all military training is to ensure success of any kind of operations. With the ever changing security dynamics of the internal as well as external environment, training focus should also be changed in order to face challenges effectively. Thereby as leaders in the armed forces, officers of Sri Lanka Army (SLA) need to be professional, proficient and ready to act efficiently as per the situation arisen. Hence, 'Infantry Young Officers Course (YOC)' has been formulated to enhance the theoretical and practical knowledge on tactics, platoon weapons and develop endurance of the newly commissioned officers, who will step into the command generation as a platoon commander. Presently, training schools of Army Training School (ATS), Infantry Training Centre (ITC) and Commando Regiment Training School offer YOC to young officers of Sri Lanka Army. However it can be seemed that due to some lack of factors in training modules of YOC which affect to professional development of young officers. Therefore this research study focused to explore the gaps in SLA young officers' training modules and identify factors for improvement and contribute to the overall development of YOC training modules in the SLA. Hence, it can be given the impression that there are some factors such as practical training, time management and quality of equipment must be further improved in order to enhance quality of YOC as develop professionalism of young officers through the YOC.