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ABSTRACT

The Internet or most commonly referred net is one of the most amazing inventions of human race. The Internet can be known as a kind of global meeting place where people from all parts of the world can come together & share information.

Castells define network as “Network is a set of inter connected nodes. Nodes may be relevance to the network”. (Castells, 2009, p.19). The benefits people can reap by using the Internet is massive.

Due to the rapid expansion of the Internet common mass get the assistance of Internet more and more in to their day to day life. Another significant feature of the internet is not only it has abundant of rewards; it also consists of plentiful of disadvantages also. Advent of the internet create a new path to the criminals to commit crimes. Traditional laws were not adequate to curb these complicated crimes. Hacking, virus, Identification theft, unauthorized access to the restricted information, Trojan, are some of so called sophisticated cyber felonies. The internet is a global network, so its regulation could not be left to the one country or an institute, collaborative effort is a must for prevent the internet crime. US department of Commerce. (Castells, 2009, p113)

This research studied the Sri Lankan Cyber laws and international laws about cyber space and cybercrimes. Further it proposed a mechanism on curbing the internet crimes. Major limitation identified on this research was lack of effective law to protect Human rights in the cyber space in Sri Lanka. Objectives are refer cyber laws in Sri Lanka and studied selected cases related to cybercrime in Sri Lanka. Further it Suggest new solution to protect the human rights through the malicious usage of the Internet.

Key words: Internet, Cyber Crime, Net Work, Information, Human Rights