

## **ABSTRACT**

This research analyses the impact of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution on the executive presidency and good governance, both of which are controversial and hotly debated topics in Sri Lanka. In doing so, it draws attention to the development of the Executive Presidency in Sri Lanka and also examines the benefits and disadvantages of the powers of the executive president. Throughout this research, several case studies have been discussed in respect of the executive powers of the president in Sri Lanka. It also does a comparative analysis of the powers of presidents in some other countries with those of the executive president of Sri Lanka. This research also draws attention to the principles of good governance and the rule of law, which are affected by the executive powers of the president.

The research is structured under two main chapters: (1) Introduction, which refers to the background, research objectives, symptoms of the research problem, research questions, hypothesis, justification and significance; (2) Literature Review, which addresses the background and history of the executive presidency and powers of the executive president, the impact of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendments to the Constitution on the executive presidency, discussion on theories such as good governance and the rule of law, a comparative analysis of the powers of the president in other countries, as well as advantages and disadvantages of the powers of the executive presidency; a case study presenting some practical examples and several cases showing the powers of the executive presidency; and the conclusion.