

## ABSTRACT

Family unit is the basic component to form the entire structure of the society. Providing the protection to each family unit of the country is a paramount duty of the government. Therefore it is a duty of the all law enforcement authorities to protect the family unit with utmost priority. This study basically focuses for explore the legal perspective of the prevention of domestic violence in Sri Lanka through critically analyzing the PDVA. (To identify for the hindrances which militate against the practical application of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act)

This study focuses on identifying the hindrances which militate against the practical application of the prevention of domestic violence Act and fulfill the need of identifying the solutions in the Sri Lankan criminal justice system. It is expected to grant all exclusive rights and entitlements to the victims who are subjected to the domestic violence and prevent further violence as well.

This research argues that due to the lack of proper mechanism setup and lack of resources sustained in country like Sri Lanka should try to run the prevention of domestic violence Act concurrence with the other existing frame works and setup of parallel relevant other laws. This research try to identify the cognizable potential viabilities to the PDVA by arguing the defects of the established mechanism setup of the PDVA and explore feasibility to run with collaboration of witness and victim protection Act and in ultimately identify the effective legal reforms to achieve the same by militating against the identified hindrances by using the quantitative and qualitative research as well.

Research well founded that lacuna and the loop holes of the existing prevention of domestic violence Act per se and identified the urgent necessity of bringing the Act in to the practicality answering to those gray areas while reviewing the Sri Lankan Act and with comparative study engaged. And while examining the problematic areas, the research presents number of solutions in view of enhancement of the victim's rights and entitlements, running through the integrated approach with existing parallel laws. Aiming the protection of victims of domestic violence, this study endeavor to propose certain measures to be introduced to the criminal justice system of Sri Lankan legislature with special reference to the prevention of domestic violence Act and getting account the comparative analysis with the regional jurisdictions and future development of the field of prevention of domestic violence.