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ABSTRACT

This study aims to analyze the importance of introducing cyber defamation law to the Sri Lankan legal system. With the rise of social media and other online platforms, cyber defamation has become an increasingly prevalent issue in Sri Lanka, with potentially severe consequences for individuals and organizations. However, the current legal framework does not adequately address the unique challenges posed by cyber defamation, and there is a lack of specific legislation governing this issue. The study will conduct a thorough literature review to examine existing research on cyber defamation and its legal implications, both in Sri Lanka and other jurisdictions. Using this data, the study will provide insights into the negative impact of cyber defamation on individuals and organizations and identify the best practices for introducing specific legislation to address this issue. The study will propose recommendations for the development of effective cyber defamation legislation that reflects international legal standards and can adequately address the unique challenges posed by social media platforms and other online communication channels. This study's findings will provide valuable insights for policymakers, legal practitioners, and the general public, contributing to the development of an effective legal framework that can protect the reputations and rights of individuals and organizations in Sri Lanka's digital age.