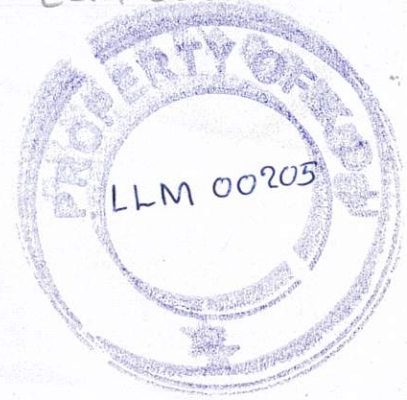


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**A LEGAL STUDY ON CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN CYBER
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ABSTRACT

Child sexual abuse in cyberspace presents a pervasive and evolving challenge within Sri Lanka's legal landscape. This study examines the effectiveness of existing legal frameworks in combating cyber-enabled sexual exploitation of children. The objectives are to identify the existing national laws aimed at safeguarding children from online sexual exploitation, to evaluate the strength of these laws against online child sexual abuse and compare them to international standards, and to suggest changes to Sri Lankan law that could provide comprehensive legal protection against child sexual abuse in cyberspace. Through a comprehensive review of statutes, case law, and international standards, the research evaluates the adequacy of current laws in defining and penalizing these offenses. Special attention is given to law enforcement practices, judicial responses, and victim protection measures. Additionally, the study analyzes the role of technology in facilitating and combating online child sexual abuse, proposing recommendations for legal reforms and policy interventions. By critically assessing these aspects, the study aims to contribute to safeguarding mechanisms and policy development aimed at protecting children from cyber-related sexual exploitation in Sri Lanka.

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