

## **Trends and Challenges in cybercrime in Sri Lanka**

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New media is a term meant to encompass the emergence of digital, computerized, or networked information and communication technologies in the later part of the 20th century. Most technologies described as "new media" are digital, often having characteristics of being manipulated, networkable, dense, compressible, interactive and impartial. The Internet is known as a kind of global meeting place where people from all parts of the world can come together & share information.

According to Hens,Reyns and Fisher they define **“Cybercrime refers to any illegal activity that occurs in the virtual world of cyberspace” (Hens, Reyns and Fisher-2011).**

This research studied the Sri Lankan Cybercrimes and legal background about cybercrimes. In this research studied selected cases relating to cyber crimes in Sri Lanka. We examined the situation, evidence. In Sri Lanka there have been four main acts which used in cybercrime prevention. I content analyzed these acts.

In Sri Lanka there is a challenge in preventing cybercrime. The growth of network-based crime has raised difficult issue in respect of appropriate balance between the needs of those investigating and prosecuting such crime, and the rights of users of such networks. Increase the awareness about new media literacy is one way to minimize cybercrimes. And Sri Lankan legal system needs to be modified.

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