

CONSTITUTIONS : **EVOLUTION OR CIRCUMSCRIPTION**



THE CONSTITUTION



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Structure

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Constitutional History of Sri Lanka

1833

The Colebrooke Commission Reforms

1931

The Donoughmore Reforms

1947

Soulbury Constitution

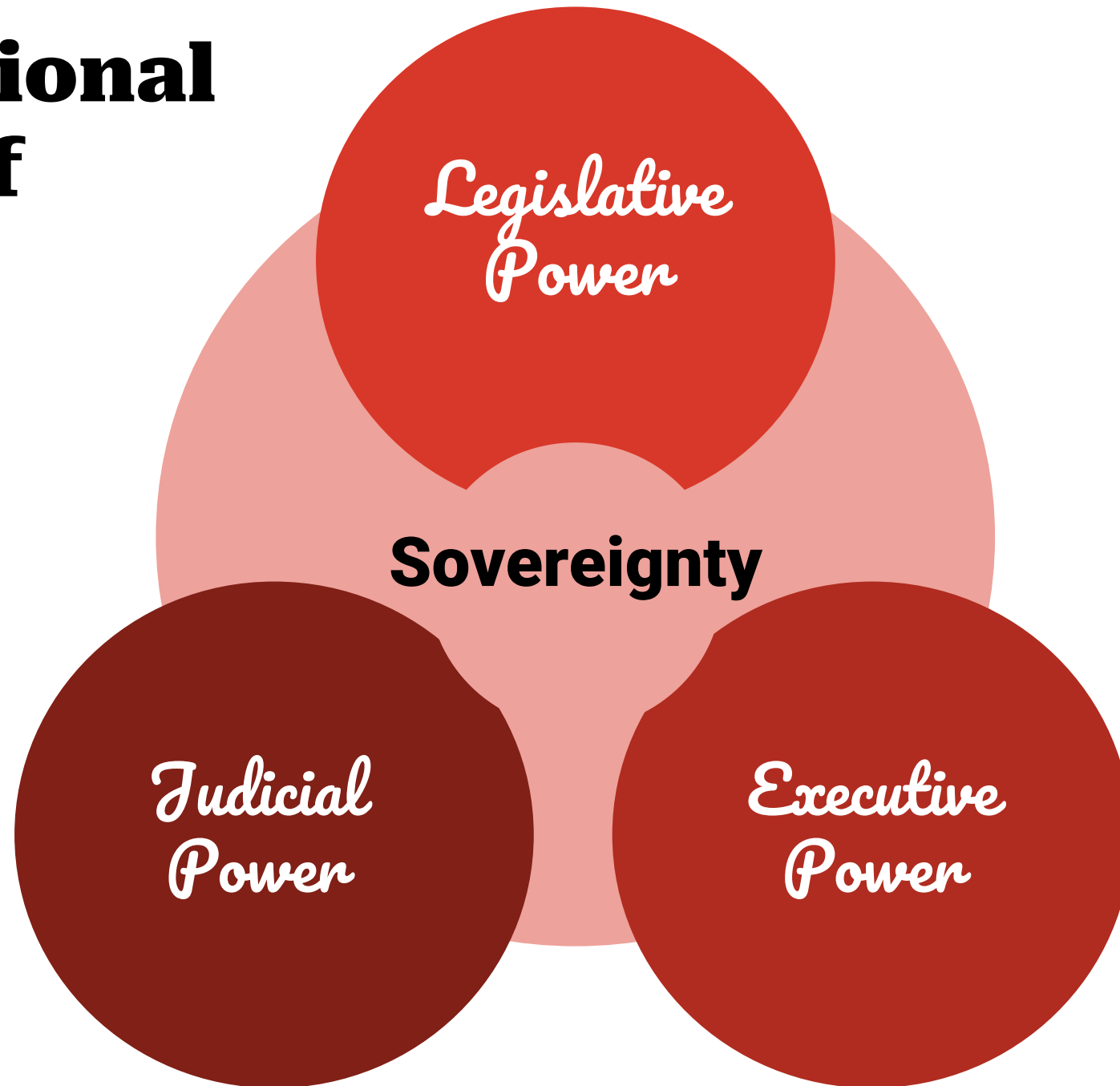
1972

1st Republican Constitution

1978

2nd Republican Constitution

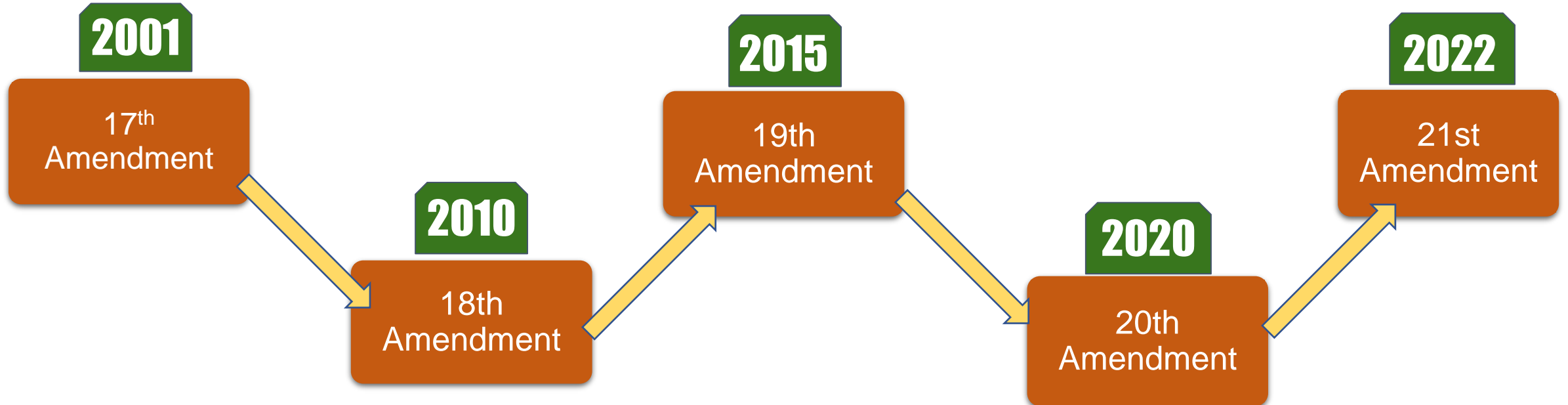
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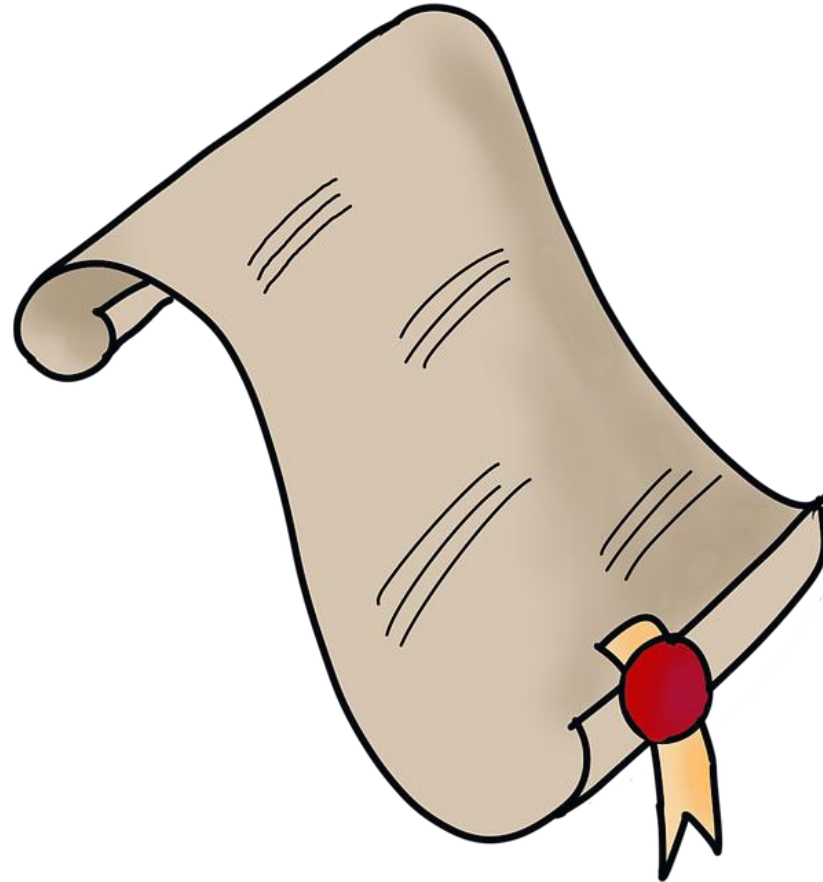
(Amendments to the Present Constitution)

Decentralizing concentration of power in the Executive Presidency



Centralizing concentration of power in the Executive Presidency

Written Constitutions V. Unwritten Constitutions



As expressed by Professor M P Jain in 1979

“Even the best of paper Constitutions may break down if not worked in the right spirit and even a bad Constitution may result in good government if worked in the right spirit.

Human failure and not inherent defects in the Constitution pose the greatest danger facing the young democracies in Asia...”



Concluding Remarks