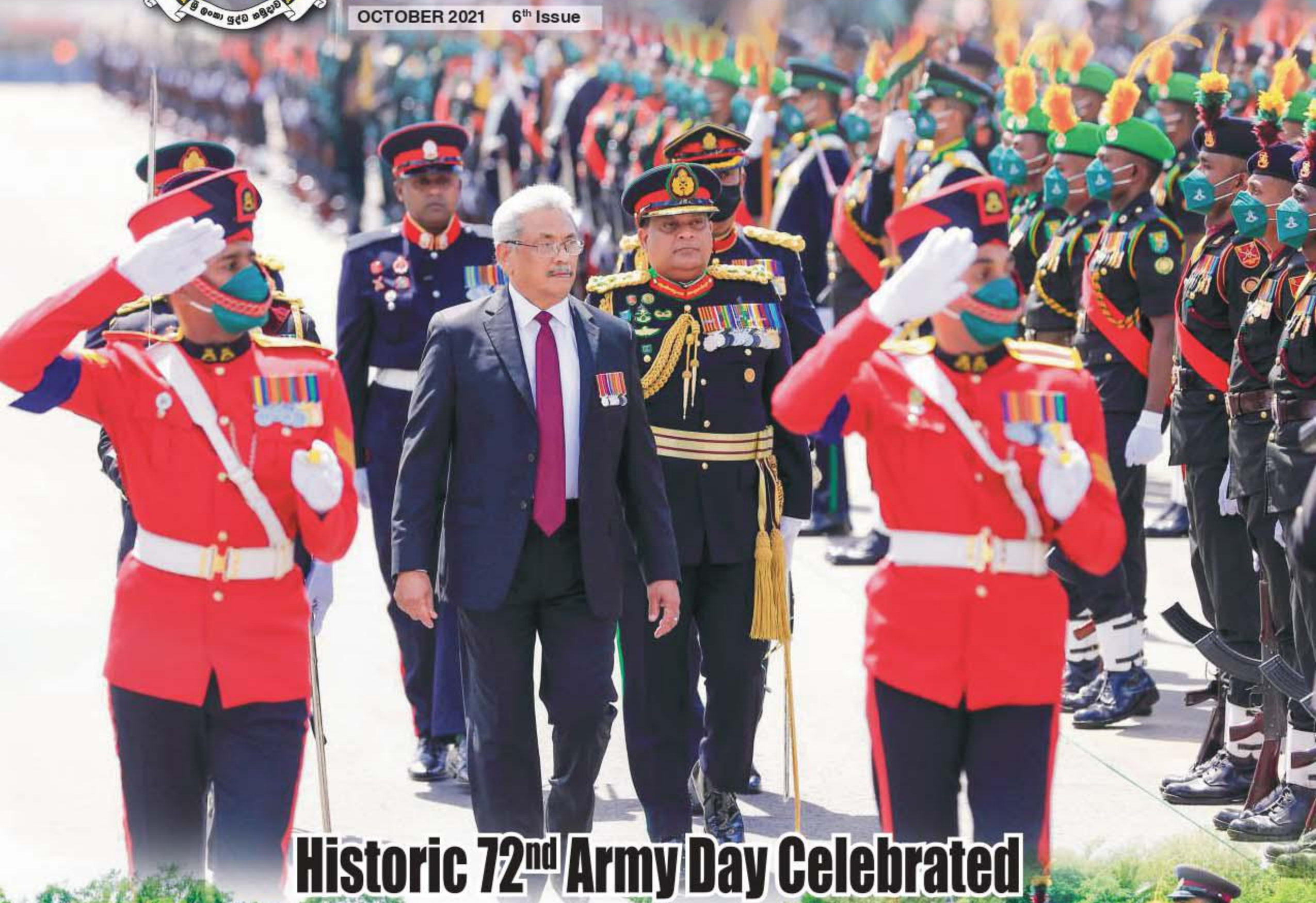


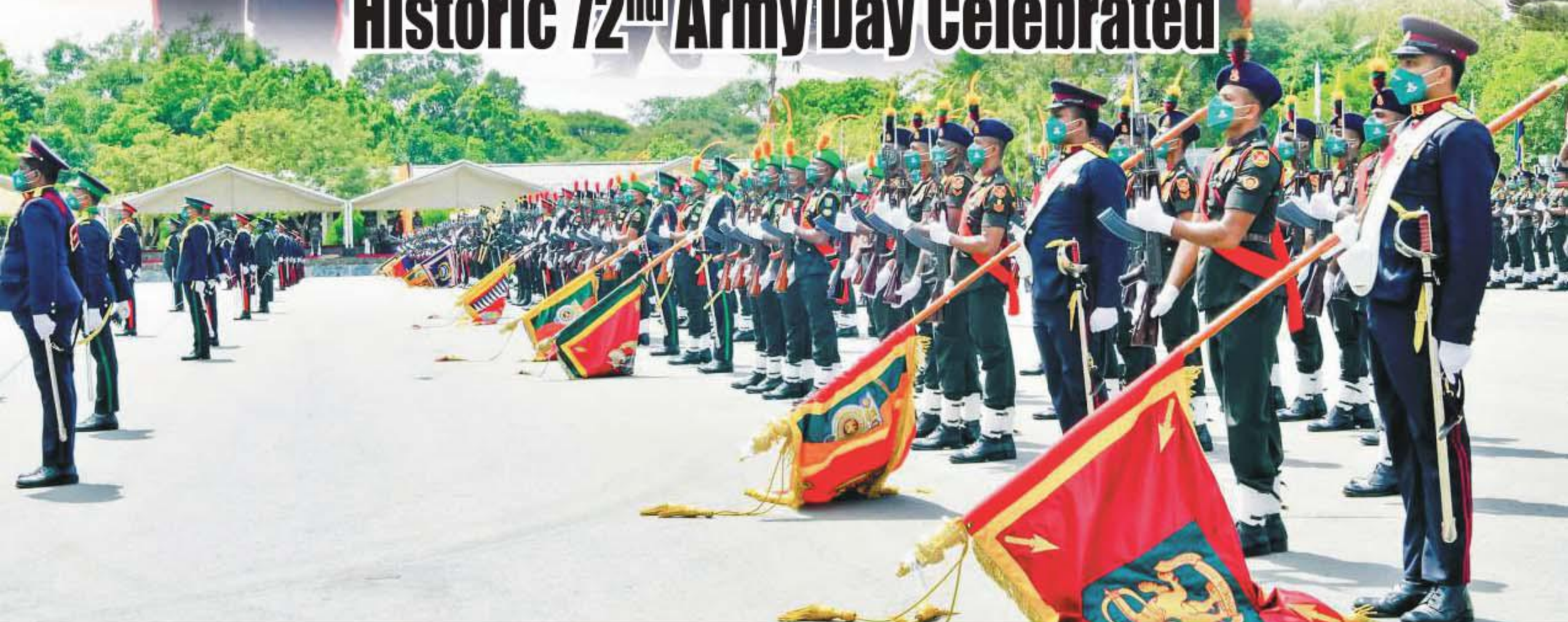


RANAVIRUWA

OCTOBER 2021 6th Issue



Historic 72nd Army Day Celebrated



New Facility Building Complex for Gajaba Regiment...



His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka inaugurated the three storey administrative building complex erected upon the conceptual guidance of Colonel of the Regiment of Gajaba Regiment in parallel to the 72nd Army Anniversary Day.

Opening the Gotabaya Rajapaksa Cricket Stadium...



Marking the final highlight of the Army Anniversary Day's chain of ceremonies His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka declared open and vested the newly-done 'Gotabaya Rajapaksa Cricket Stadium'.

Series of Celebrations on Account of Army Anniversary Day with the Chair of Army Commander...



The initial segment of invoking the noble blessing to Sri Lanka Army and respective Regimental Flags.



Participating the Flag-Blessing Ceremony at Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiya, Anuradhapura.



Flag-Blessing Ceremony at the historic Kirivehera Temple premises and Kataragama Dewala premises in Kataragama.



The special Christian Mass was held at All Saints' Church, Borella in parallel to the Army Anniversary Day.



The sacred Abishekam Pooja of Hindu tradition was held at Mayurapathi Sri Badrakali Amman Kovil, Colombo 6 to mark the Army Anniversary Day.



Special Islamic prayer session to bless the 72nd Army Anniversary was held at Jumma Mosque, Colpetty, Colombo 03.



The commemoration of the fallen War Heroes who sacrificed their lives for the national security and territorial integrity was held at the War Heroes Memorial, Battaramulla.



All night pirith chanting ceremony organised at Sri Lanka Army Headquarters on the occasion of the Army Day.



Gajaba Regiment Proudly Celebrated its Anniversary...

A colourful celebration glittered the Regimental Centre of Gajaba Regiment in Saliyapura on the Regimental Day (on 14 October 2021). The Colonel of the Regiment, General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army graced the special ceremony amidst the eye-catching military parade and salute offered by 42 Officers and 520 Other Ranks representing all the Battalions to the visiting Colonel of the Regiment.

Aftermath Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army paid the floral tribute to Late Major General Vijaya Wimalaratne in appreciation of his sincere effort to form and develop the Gajaba Regiment under his visionary approach.

In addition, he further recollected the sincere instructions and guidance given by founding Father of the Regiment Major General Vijaya Wimalaratne gratefully as the Commanding Officer of 1 Gajaba Regiment when he was a Second Lieutenant, during his troops address.



Also, he did not forget to pay his due respect and appreciation for all the Officers and Other Ranks including Platoon Sergeant Jayasundara for their meticulous service rendered for the wellbeing of the Regiment and the Nation.

General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army marking another milestone of the history of Gajaba Regiment at their 38th Anniversary graced the event as the Chief Guest adding a pride to the Keterians. The glorious pride of the Regiment has reached to its apex with the production of present Commander of the Army who became the first Commander of the Army, Chief of Defence Staff and the first General produced by the Gajaba Regiment.

The state-of-art Officers' Mess Building which was erected fulfilling the accommodation facilities of the Officers serving in the Gajaba Regimental Centre was also declared open by the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army in line with the Anniversary.





GLIMPSE OF THE SRI LANKA ARMY COMMANDER'S VISIT TO RUSSIA...





General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) visited Russian Federation at the invitation of the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Land Forces, General of the Army Oleg Salyukov on 25 October 2021.

The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army was warmly welcomed amidst the highest honours, presented in recent times.



Russian Army Presents Grand Military Honours to Sri Lanka Army Commander...

The formal and elegant Guard of Honour parade with four squads of the Russian Land Forces together with a Russian Army Band offered the grand military honours to the visiting military dignitary from Sri Lanka.

Aftermath the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army paid floral tribute to the widely-reputed monument at Alexandrovsky Garden of Moscow Kremlin where the much-respected 'Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier' stands.

After laying a floral wreath, the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army was invited to pay visit to the nearby Armoury Museum of the Moscow Kremlin which is regarded as a place of elegant calm in the often hectic city of Moscow.

During the stay in the Russian Federation, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army visited the Moscow Higher

Combined Arms Command School and met its Commandant, Major General Roman Binyukov, Division Commander of the 4th Guards Tank Division in Naro-Fominsk and the Commandant at Mikhailovskaya before he visited the Military Artillery Academy, Military Medical Academy and several other places of military and tourist importance.

The visit of Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army was declared at the invitation of General of the Russian Army, Oleg Salyukov who visited Sri Lanka in February 2020.

Sri Lanka Army Commander Invited to the Moscow Higher Combined Arms Command School...



The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army visited the Moscow Higher Combined Arms Command School on 25 October 2021 during his visit to the Russian Federation.



The Moscow Higher Combined Arms Command School is a higher military educational institution of the Russian Armed Forces, formed in December 1917 as the 1st Moscow Revolutionary Machine Gun Officers' School which later became the Higher Combined Arms Command School in Moscow. The school is designed to train Commanding Officers and Military Engineers with higher professional education to conduct fundamental and applied scientific research aimed at solving the problems of strengthening the country's defence capability improving the professional education of military personnel.

Russian and Sri Lankan Army Chiefs Revitalised Bonds of Goodwill Recalling Historic Relations...



Elevating the prevailing bonds of military cooperation to new heights and ushering in a new rays of hope for improvement in the mechanical and technical spectrum of interests, the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army engaged in a comprehensive exchange of views on wide-ranging matters of mutual interests with Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Land Forces, General of the Army Oleg Salyukov at his Moscow Office.

During the cordial discussions the both military leaders recalled the cherished memories of historical roots of both countries thriving for many centuries and gratefully acknowledged the Russian government's generous and timely technical and mechanical support, lent to Sri Lanka when the country was faced with separatists' threats of division before May 2009.

Sri Lanka Army Commander Visited St Petersburg's Artillery Academy...

Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army landed in Russia at an invitation of his Russian counterpart, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Land Forces, General of the Army Oleg Salyukov and engaged in a visit to Saint Petersburg-based prestigious Mikhailovskaya Military Artillery Academy, which uses professional expertise of scientists, constructors and budding professionals in order to groom junior Officers of artillery, small arms and artillery science on 28 October 2021.

The purpose of this visit of the delegation was to absorb its relevance and importance to the growth of Artillery techniques in the Sri Lanka Army.



Engaging in a Visit to St Petersburg's Historic Fortress and Ornately Rich Cathedral...



The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army visited the looming yellow Cathedral tower and star-shaped fortifications of the Peter and Paul Fortress of Russia's St Petersburg which boasts a long history, lying adjacent to the Mikhailovskaya Military Artillery Academy on 28 October 2021 together with the spouse Mrs Sujeewa Nelson President Army Seva Vanitha Unit.

Indian Army Chief Welcomed at AHQ amid Military Honours...



The Chief of Indian Army Staff General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC who paid a visit to Sri Lanka at the invitation of his Sri Lanka's counterpart, General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) was warmly welcomed amid the series of military formalities to the Sri Lanka Army Headquarters, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte on 13 October 2021.

The purpose of the visit of the Chief of Indian Army Staff is to strengthen the existing bonds of friendship and military cooperation based on mutual interests and understanding.

During the cordial meeting the both military giants recalled the historic relations that have nurtured between the two Nations over generations and memories during the 1987 deployment of Indian Peacekeeping Forces in Sri Lanka, in which the Chief of Indian Army Staff served as a ground Commander in the mission against LTTE violence in Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu and Wanni areas.



Glimpse of Indian Army Commander's Visit...



Paying a courtesy call on His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.



The Chief of Indian Army Staff paying a courtesy visit to Honorable Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.



The Chief of Indian Army Staff, having a courtesy meeting with the Secretary Defence, General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd) WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil.



The Chief of Indian Army Staff paying tribute to fallen Indian Peacekeeping Force (IPKF) War Heroes.



Worshipping the Temple of Tooth in Kandy



The Chief of Indian Army Staff gifting simulators for the Driving Courses conducted at the Army Service Corps Training School at Tisawewa, Anuradhapura.



Participating in the Special Banquet.





New Building for Troops Relaxation at Dambulla...

The Strikers Bay, a newly erected building for rest and relaxation of Army personnel serving in the 53 Infantry Division Headquarters at Inamaluwa Dambulla under the recently raised 1 Corps (Reserve Strike Force) Headquarters at Kilinochchi was inaugurated by General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army gracing the event as the Chief Guest on 21 October 2021.

The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army who arrived the premises at the invitation of Major General H P Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndc Commander, 1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army and Major General S U M N Manage WWV RWP RSP psc General Officer Commanding, 53 Infantry Division was warmly welcomed following the series of military formalities.



Guiding Star Extended Congratulations for Prestigious Journey Ahead...



Eight Senior Brigadiers who just promoted to the rank of Major General with the approval of His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces on the recommendation of General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army had the rare privilege of receiving their new rank insignias from the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army on 9 October 2021 at the 'Home of Keterians' in Saliyapura.

Major General Priyantha Weerasingha of Sri Lanka Army Ordnance Corps (SLAOC) Director General Ordnance Service, Major General Anil Illangakoon of Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police (SLCMP) Commander, Forward Maintenance Area-Mullaitivu, Major General Robin Jayasooriya of Military Intelligence Corps (MIC) Director General Military Intelligence, Major General Sanjaya Fernando of Gajaba Regiment (GR) Commandant, Institute of Peace Support Operations Training Sri Lanka (IPSOTSL), Major General Rohitha Aluvihare of Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment (VIR) General Officer Commanding, 58 Infantry Division, Major General Dinesh Nanayakkara of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment (SLSR) Military Liaison Officer, Ministry of Defence, Major General Lasantha Rodrigo of Sri Lanka Artillery (SLA) General Officer Commanding, 66 Infantry Division and Major General Chandana Wickramasinghe of Gajaba Regiment (GR) General Officer Commanding, 52 Infantry Division received the blessing of their guiding force. Extending best wishes for their future endeavours in the career, General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army congratulated all eight Senior Officers on their achievement and shared a few views with them before enranking.

Commander Assured Army Cooperation to Farming Communities in Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu...



A representative group of farmers of different farming associations in both Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts met General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) during his formal visit to Kilinochchi and Mullaitivu Districts on 17 October 2021 and forwarded their pressing agricultural issues. Replying the farmers, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army assured the cooperation for their cultivation projects.



Historic Day for the Home of Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment...

The state-of-the-art Parade Ground established at the Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment premises, which is originated under the motto "Nothing is beyond endurance for one who excels" in 1988 at Boyagane was declared open by General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army who graced the ceremonial event of magnitude spirit amidst the series of military formalities with the participation of Colonel of the Regiment Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP and troops.

Aftermath, the Chief Guest paid the floral tribute to the War Commemoration established in memory of the Fallen War Heroes of the Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment who were posthumously awarded the Parama Weera Vibushanaya (PWV) for their supreme sacrifice for the wellbeing of the Nation.



Commander of the Vijayabahu Regiment presents a memento to the Commander of the Army to commemorate his visit

Memories of Courtesy Visits...

Military Adviser of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany based in New Delhi, affiliated to Sri Lanka, Captain Gerald Koch together with a delegation paid a courtesy call on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army at the Army Headquarters on 4 October 2021.

The delegation was composed of Mr Olaf Malchow, Deputy Ambassador, Lieutenant Colonel Jan Cihar, Deputy Defence Attaché and Ms Dharini Daluwatte, Political and Protocol Officer.



The Defence Attaché of the Embassy of Israel in New Delhi, affiliated to Sri Lanka, Colonel Assaf Mahler paid a courtesy call on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army on 5 October 2021 at the Army Headquarters.

During the interactions, the Israeli Defence Attaché shared thoughts on bilateral cooperation and the understanding between both Nations for so many years. The brief but cordial meeting culminated with exchange of mementos.



His Excellency Mr Akira Sugiyama, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in the Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka paid his farewell call on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army on 19 October 2021 at Army Headquarters.

During this cordial meeting, he thanked Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army for close cooperation and support given to him during his tenure.



Indian Delegations Met Sri Lanka Army Commander...



Soon after the departure of the Chief of the Indian Army Staff, a team of undergraduates studying at National Defence College in India visited Sri Lanka on 18 October 2021.

The Indian delegation team headed by Major General Harry B Pillai met General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army at the Army Headquarters extending their goodwill strengthening the deep rooted diplomacy between the two Nations.



Tribute from the Regiment...

The Colonel Commandant of Regiment of Sri Lanka Artillery Major General K N S Kotuwegoda ndu IG assumed the office as the 36th Deputy Chief of Staff of Sri Lanka Army on 08 September 2021 at the Army Headquarters. Troops of the Sri Lanka Artillery Regiment extended their tribute to Major General K N S Kotuwegoda ndu IG organising a tea party celebrating his promotion on 25 September 2021 with the participation of Officers and Other Ranks.



Memories of an Unforgettable Day...



Mrs Sujeewa Nelson President, Army Seva Vanitha Unit awarded a special memento to Mrs Veena Naravane President Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation after she enjoyed the refreshment organised by the Army Seva Vanitha Unit together with the senior members of the Unit. At the same time, Mrs Veena Naravane President Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) shared her thoughts with the members of the Army Seva Vanitha Unit.



The Indian Army Chief's spouse Mrs Veena Naravane President, Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) was engaged in a formal visit to Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) at the Army Headquarters on 13 October 2021.

To coincide with her visit Sri Lanka Army Seva Vanitha Unit in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Armoured Corps Seva Vanitha Unit (SLAC SVU), chaired by Dr Harshani Bothota launched a donation of Tablet PCs to 15 children of Sri Lanka Armoured Corps (SLAC) families who continue their online studies. Similarly, 5 permanently injured War Heroes residing at the Attidiya Mihindu Seth Medura and their personal attendants were also gifted Tablet PCs and smart mobile phones at the same occasion in recognition of their dedicated service rendered to protect the country.



Memorable Visit to Abhimansala...

General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army after invoking the blessings on Army Flags at sacred Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi visited Abhimansala - 1' (Wellness Resort) at Anuradhapura and interacted with those handicapped War Heroes who fearlessly stood for the country's sovereignty, territorial integrity as a member of the Army and intimately inquired into their well-being, progress in therapeutic treatment in details on 09 October 2021 together with Mrs Sujeewa Nelson President, Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) in line with the 72nd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army.

At the same time, every handicapped soldier was awarded a gift parcel from Mrs Sujeewa Nelson President, Army Seva Vanitha Branch (ASVU). An inmate skilled in arts awarded a creative wooden art work to the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army at the same occasion. The Commandant at 'Abhimansala 1' awarded a special memento to Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army and President Army Seva Vanitha Unit on the same occasion. Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army also made all War Heroes happy by posing for a group photograph before his departure. Aftermath Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army participated in the special banquet organised by Army Seva Vanitha Unit. Senior members of the Army Seva Vanitha Unit were also participated in this charity event.

Sri Lanka Armoured Corps Seva Vanitha Branch...



Under the guidance of the Chairperson, Sri Lanka Armoured Corps Seva Vanitha Branch, Dr (Mrs) Harshani Bothota donated Artificial Foot Orthosis (AFO) device to a special needy child of Lance Corporal Senarathne U G C K of the 6 (Rft) Regiment Sri Lanka Armoured Corps on 24 September 2021.

The symbolic donation to Lance Corporal Senarathne U G C K was done by the Chairperson, Sri Lanka Armoured Corps Seva Vanitha Branch.

Sri Lanka Signal Corps Seva Vanitha Branch...



To coincide with the International Children's Day (01 October 2021), the Sri Lanka Signal Corps Seva Vanitha Branch gifted dry ration packs and other essentials among the Children at the Jayanthi Child Development Centre, Borella with the coordination of Colonel Commandant, Sri Lanka Signal Corps on 10 October 2021. 16 kids at the age range of 1-5 years in this Jayanthi Child Development Centre, Borella were benefited by this programme. The event was conducted with the participation of the Chairperson Mrs Sajeewani Peris and senior members of the Sri Lanka Signal Corps Seva Vanitha Branch.

Sri Lanka Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch...



Members of the Sri Lanka Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch gifted 103 dry ration packs to the Civil Staff of the Sri Lanka Army serving in Colombo area and suburbs on 11 October 2021 as a welfare measure. The event was held at the Sri Lanka Engineers camp at Mattegoda in the presence of the Sri Lanka Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch Chairperson and members. Several Senior Officers attended the charity event.

Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch...



In line with the 32nd Anniversary of Sri Lanka Light Infantry, laptops and tab computes were distributed among the children of troops who continue their studies online under the prevailing COVID-19 situation following the instructions of Colonel of the Regiment, Sri Lanka Light Infantry and the coordination of the President, Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch on 23 October 2021.

Officers and Other Ranks participated in the event.

Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch...



Mrs Dharshani Liyanage signed an official document and accepted her new office as the new Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch during a simple ceremony at the Sri Lanka Sinha Regimental Centre at Ambepussa on 11 October 2021, succeeding Mrs Shiromi Bandara, former Chairperson of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch. Few Senior Officers, members of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch also attended the inaugural occasion.

Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police Seva Vanitha Branch...



The Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police Seva Vanitha Branch considering hardships of its members who were affected by COVID-19 gave away relief dry ration packets and household items on 10 September 2021 with the objective of easing their financial burdens. The event was organised under the guidance of Colonel Commandant of the Regiment of Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police and Mrs Inoka Illangakoon, Chairperson and senior members of the Sri Lanka Corps of Military Police Seva Vanitha Branch were present in the charity event.

Corps of Engineer Services Seva Vanitha Branch...



Mrs Deepika Prashanthi Chandrasena, assumed office as the new Chairperson of the Corps of Engineer Services Seva Vanitha Branch on 11 October 2021 signing the official documents to mark the acceptance of the new office in a simple ceremony succeeding former Chairperson of the Corps of Engineer Services Seva Vanitha Branch Dr Mrs Niroshani Ganegoda.

Corps of Agriculture and Livestock Seva Vanitha Branch...



Mrs Shanthi Abesekara assumed duties as the first President of newly established Corps of Agriculture and Livestock Seva Vanitha Branch on 17 October 2021.

Jaffna Troops to Build Three More Houses...

Jaffna troops laid foundation stones for two more new houses for selected low-income families, in Jaffna on account of the 72nd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army under the instructions of Major General T J Kodithuwakku RWP RSP ndu, Commander, Security Forces (Jaffna) marking another successful phase of the Housing Project for under privileged families in the area on 08 October 2021.



Sri Sathya Sai International Organisation and the Chairman of the 'Thyagi Charitable Trust' Mr V Thyagendran volunteered

to sponsor these constructions which are implemented under the supervision of General Officer Commanding of 51 and 52 Infantry Division.

The two houses are being constructed in Sanguveli and Chandrapuram areas for Mrs Rajakumari Dayaparan and Mrs Nagamadi Saraswathie. Troops of 9 Sri Lanka Light Infantry and 4 Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment provide much-needed manpower and technical expertise for the construction work under the supervision of the Commanders of 511 and 523 Brigades.

56 Infantry Division Making Housing Dream a Reality...

Celebrating the 72nd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army, newly constructed house for economically unfavoured family resided in Bogeswewa village was vested to Mrs J M S Jayalath on 25 September 2021. The constructions were implemented under the guidance of Major General D M H D Bandara RWP RSP USP, Commander, Security Forces (Wanni) and mediation of Brigadier U U K L S Perera RWP RSP USP psc, General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division under the supervision of Brigadier K P A Perera Commander 563 Infantry Brigade. The manpower was provided by 7 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment.



The coordination for the house was done by Major General (Rtd) A M R Dharmasiri ndu psc and the financial donorship for the charity event was provided by Mr Dammika Artigala, Chairperson of Lanka Motor Vehicles. Commander, Security Forces (Wanni), General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division, Commander 563 Infantry Brigade, Mr Dammika Artigala, Chairperson of Lanka Motor Vehicles Officers and Other Ranks participated in the event.



Former SF HQ (Kilinochchi) Turned to an Operational Headquarters of the 1 Corps of the Army...

Kilinochchi-based Headquarters of the newly raised 1 Corps of the Sri Lanka Army that would constitute a large mobile reserve as the key striking force, capable of executing emergency operations under trying circumstances or against irregular adversaries for the betterment of the Nation, was ceremonially opened on 17 October 2021 during a formal inauguration amidst the military formalities.

The 1 Corps of the Sri Lanka Army was raised upon the instructions of General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army upon the mediation of Sri Lanka Army Training Command in line with the 'Way Forward Strategy 2020-2025'. It is headquartered in Security Force Headquarters (Kilinochchi).

Major General H P Ranasinghe RWPRSP ndc Commander, 1 Corps accompanied Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army after extending a warm welcome.





Historic 72nd Army Day Celebrated

The 72nd pride Anniversary of prime protectors of the prestigious Nation was held on 10 October 2021. His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces graced the ceremony of grandeur as a prestigious Officer of the Gajaba Regiment.

His Excellency Gotabaya Rajapaksa the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka joined the ceremony which filled with festive spirits amidst the series of military formalities and fluttering multi-coloured Army flags as the Chief Guest of the Ceremony at the invitation of General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO).





Expressing his thoughts, HE the President recollected his memories on how he performed his sincere service being attached to the Sri Lanka Signal Corps, Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment and lastly to the Gajaba Regiment and emphasized his contribution to select the Saliyapura as a suitable location to establish the Gajaba Regimental Centre as a forefront member of the valorous Regiment. He extended his pleasure toward the massive infrastructure development that the Regimental Centre has acquired within a short period. Also, he mentioned that the experiences he gained from the Gajaba Regiment as a Military Officer paved his way to be a successful leader becoming the Executive President of the Nation.

The Chief Guest declared open the newly established Parade Ground at the Gajaba Regimental premises and observed the noble ceremonial parade filled with festive spirit and valour. The parade was consisted of 94 Officers and 712 Other Ranks who represented the 25 respective Battalions of the Regiments that adorned with Presidential and Regimental colours.

HE the President appreciated the service rendered by the troops of Sri Lanka Army as a forefront force of the National Development. He further added that the colourful and eye-catching parade offered signifies the pride and professional quality of the military career. General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd) WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil Secretary to the Ministry of Defence also participated in the event together with the dignitaries.





1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army Raised at Saliyapura...

The landmark unification of Reserve Strike Divisions, Special Operations Forces was marked during a formal ceremony at Regimental Centre premises of the Gajaba Regiment at Saliyapura as promulgated in the Army Commander's 'Way Forward Strategy 2020-2025' for the organisation on 17 October 2021.

The inaugural raising ceremony was graced by General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd) WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil Secretary, Ministry of Defence and State Ministry of National Security and Disaster Management as the Chief Guest at the invitation of General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army. The raising of the 1 Corps of the Sri Lanka Army with its motto, "Swift, Vigour, Bravery" was marked pinning the insignia on the troops by the Chief Guest together with the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army and the Adjutant General. The official website of the 1 Corps which will be operational from its Headquarters at Kilinochchi was also launched in line with the pride establishment of 1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army.

This newly-raised 1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army is composed of the troops of the 53 Infantry Division, 58 Infantry Division, Commando Brigade, Special Forces Brigade, Air Mobile Brigade, Infantry Brigades and a few other arms under the leadership of 1 Corps Commander Major General H P Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndu with the intention to serve as an active military reserve formation, available to address unforeseen situations or exploit sudden opportunities and maintain their military skills and readiness while operating on an on-call basis from the main military force.



Although the Sri Lanka Army has been maintaining Reserve Strike Force and Special Operation Forces independently in the past, this is the first time where the combined type of highest tactical fighting formation is established as 1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army under one command to counter the contemporary security dynamics, natural disasters, man-made catastrophes, epidemics, terrorist threats or any other national emergencies in the military history.

The Army Commander's visionary 'Way Forward Strategy 2020-2025' for the Army spelled out that " Sri Lanka Army shall maintain a highly adaptable Reserve Force ready to undertake diversified contingency tasks as a force of deterrence for the protection of the Nation which is to be aptly grouped with combat, combat support and combat service support elements to spearhead combined and joint operations as necessary".





Heroic Home of Keterians Glittered with 38th Anniversary of the Gajaba Regiment

The 38th Anniversary of the prestigious home of Keterians- the Gajaba Regiment took place on 14 October 2021 at the Regimental Centre in Saliyapura following a series of ceremonial events. General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army graced the event of heroic spirit as Chief Guest.

The colourful parade that consist of 42 Officers and 520 Other Ranks representing all the Battalions of the Gajaba Regiment offered a colourful Guard Turnout and Guard of Honour salute to the Indian Army Chief.

Mrs Sujeewa Nelson, the President of Army Seva Vanitha Unit warmly welcomed the Mrs Veena Naravane President, Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA) offering her a colourful flower bouquet. Aftermath adding the memories to the festive moment, General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army appeared for a photo together with General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army and the Senior Officers of the Gajaba Regiment. Also, a sapling was also planted in memory of the occasion.





During the event Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army has introduced gold medalist of the Paralympic games, Warrant Officer I Dinesh Priyantha to General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army. A special memento was gifted to him in memory of the special occasion. Major General Rajiv Thapar Training Command, Major General Vikarant Naik, Colonel Mandeep Singh were also participated in the event.



New Recruits Passed Out from Wasanthipuram...



439 new recruits who completed their preliminary military training passed out on 07 June 2021 at Recruit Training Centre, 14 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment at Wasanthipuram and 13 Sri Lanka National Guard, Muthiyankaddikulam. The recruit training at 14 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment in Wasanthipuram was conducted under the fullest supervision of General Officer Commanding, 64 Infantry Division under command to Security Forces (Mullaitivu). Brigadier D P J C Jayawardana USP Commander, 641 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier K T P De Silva RSP psc 643 Infantry Brigade coloured the event with their participation. These recruits were trained under the first phase of enlisting 35000 recruits to the Sri Lanka Army.

Recruit Training Begins at Thawulwewa...



The 5th Recruit Training Course was initiated at Recruit Training School at Thawulwewa with the participation of 288 recruits enrolled to the Sri Lanka Army under the enlistment programme of 35000 recruits for the Sri Lanka Army upon the conceptual layout of Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army on 4 October 2021. The inaugural troop address was conducted by Colonel P K R P Jayasinghe RWP RSP USP, Commander, 223 Infantry Brigade.



Large Carbonic Fertiliser Stock Ready for Dry Season...



The Security Force Headquarters (East) troops-produced carbonic fertiliser stock of 86, 961 kg, to fulfil the agricultural requirements of Maha (Dry) season handed over to the Ceylon Fertiliser Company Limited (Lak Pohora) by Major General C D Weerasooriya RWP RSP ndu Commander, Security Force Headquarters (East) on 26 October 2021. The General Manager of Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited, Mr R A P Perera thanked the Sri Lanka Army for its initiative and symbolically accepted the stock.

General Officer Commanding 23 Infantry Division, Brigadier General Staff, Brigadier Admin and Quartering, Regional Managers of Eastern Province and Polonnaruwa District - Ceylon Fertilizer Company Limited were also present at the occasion.



Cafeteria for Troops of 12 Infantry Division...

The newly constructed Cafeteria in the 12 Infantry Division under the fullest guidance and supervision of Major General R A D P Ranawaka RWP RSP USP ndc, General Officer Commanding, 12 Infantry Division was declared open and vested to the troops on 29 October 2021 following the auspicious hours.



17 Gemunu Watch Provided Life Support...

A bulk of dry ration parcels were gifted targeting the economically underprivileged families resided at J/17 Velanei South, J/21 Sarawanei West, J/54 Karampan West, J/56 Narataneyi North/West, J/60 Puliyankudal in Kaits, Jaffna under command to 17 Gemunu Watch on 30 September 2021.

SF HQ (East) Gifts a House to a Deserving Lady...



The Security Force Headquarters (East) marking the Army Anniversary Day on 8 October 2021 handed over one more new house built by the troops of the Security Force Headquarters (East) to a civilian in Muthuwella area in Welikanda. The house, built by Army troops of 9 Field Regiment of Sri Lanka Artillery (SLA) under the 233 Brigade was vested to the disabled lady, Mrs K P Damayanthi during a simple ceremony, headed by Major General C D Weerasuriya RWP RSP ndu Commander, Security Forces (East).

The required labour for the constructions was provided by the troops of the Sri Lanka Army and the funds for raw materials have been allocated by the "Mihindu Niwahana Fund" a social service organisation on the initiatives taken by the Security Force Headquarters (East). The opening ceremony of the house was attended by General Officer Commanding, 23 Infantry Division, Colonel Wasantha Hewage, Commander, 233 Infantry Brigade, Lieutenant Colonel Dinesh Wanigasekara, Commanding Officer, 9 Field Regiment of Sri Lanka Artillery, troops and civilians living in the area participated in the event.

Afforestation Project Launched on Army Day...



The troops in the Security Force Headquarters (Mullaitivu) and under command formations planted 1600 'Kumbuk' saplings in the area to be in line with the island-wide campaign to plant 10000 'Kumbuk' saplings in parallel with the 72nd Army Anniversary. Accordingly, the 'Kumbuk' saplings were planted with the close supervision of Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP, the Commander Security Forces (Mullaitivu) with the participation of the Commanders, Officers and Other Ranks of the respective establishments.

Re-defining the Meaning of World Children's Day...



Vegetables, fruits, sanitizers and face masks were gifted for the inmates of "Siri Sanga Bo Orphanage" Ambewela, Bandarawela by the sponsorship of Pizza Hut, Bandarawela with the coordination of Civil Affairs Office, Security Forces (Central) celebrating the World Children's Day on 1 October 2021.



The community welfare event was implemented under the mediation of Major General H L V M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu Commander, Security Forces (Central) and Colonel of the Regiment, Sri Lanka National Guard.

Donation from Lions Club...



The Lions Club of Mount Lavinia gifted a stock of medical accessories for use at Panagoda Army Hospital on 22 October 2021 to expand facilities for the ongoing Army vaccination drive at Bodhirajaramaya, Panagoda. Brigadier General Staff, Colonel Coordinating of Security Force Headquarters (West), few Lions Club members including President and Secretary attended the event. The stock consisted of face shields, sanitizer cans, facemasks, personal protective kits and powdered gloves.



Contribution of the Sri Lanka Army to Boost Up Vaccination...

With the uprising of the Covid-19 pandemic around the world, scientists and medical experts are highly committed to finding a solution to eradicate the Coronavirus or at least to minimise its spread by strengthening the human immune system which will help to reduce the death toll and further transmission of the virus. After a strenuous struggle of medical experts throughout the globe, finally found out a vaccination as a solution, for the time being, to reduce the death rate. With this many countries focus their attention on manufacturing different kinds of vaccines which followed by the vaccination drives in countries all over the world.

In the Sri Lankan context, the 1st vaccine consignment consisted of 500,000 AstraZeneca Covishield vaccines that arrived from India as a donation on 28 January 2021. This consignment gifted by the Indian government was received at the Bandaranaike International Airport with a brief reception, graced by HE the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and HE the High Commissioner of India Mr. Gopal Baglay, strengthening the friendship and bilateral ties among the two nations.

On the following day, (29 January 2021) immunisation programme of Sri Lanka was inaugurated under the direction of the HE the President and the medical experts in the frontline of the COVID-19 prevention battle. According to the reports of the Epidemiology Unit of Ministry of Health in Sri Lanka on 29 January 2021, the vaccine has been given to 5286 frontliners of the Covid-19 battle at the National Hospital of Sri

Lanka (1886), Colombo North Teaching Hospital (803), Colombo South Teaching Hospital (781), Army Hospital (600), Army Camp Panagoda (400), for Children in Lady Ridgeway Hospital (382), Base Hospital, Homagama (190), Base Hospital, Mulleriyawa (108) and Infectious Disease Hospital (80).

Presently, the vaccination programme is operating in several centres located in different parts of the country giving Covishield, Sinopharm, Sputnik - V, Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Further, with the invaluable commitment of the medical experts of tri-forces, Public Health Inspectors and all the employees in the health-related entities, Sri Lanka was able to reach a milestone by fully vaccinating 50% of the population of the country.

In a critical atmosphere with the widespread of the virus throughout the country, Tri-forces of Sri Lanka provide their fullest and fervid commitment towards vaccine the people of the nation under the direction of HE, the President and the leadership of Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO).

Sri Lanka Army, as a disciplined and efficient resourceful organisation in the country, commenced a vaccination programme on 29 January 2021 at the Army Hospital Colombo. Medical experts and medical staff of the Sri Lanka Army extended their hands to the vaccination programme by vaccinating the Parliamentarians, Judges, and foreign diplomats.



Free Trade Zone Vaccination

A medical team of the Sri Lanka Army utilised its resources and commenced providing vaccines to the employees at free trade zones in different areas of the country. The programme went in full swing, and it immensely helped to keep up the economic stability in the country by immunizing the workforce.

24 Hours Vaccination Centres

They did not stop only by doing the above. Broadening the avenues to expedite the vaccination programme, with the leadership of the Commander of the Army, Director-General Army Health Service, Director Army Health services, and the Director of Sri Lanka Army Preventive Medicine and Mental Health commenced operating the 24-hour vaccination centres. The Army medical staff is carrying out their duties enthusiastically in these vaccinating centres, shouldering the responsibility of healing the national requirement, no matter whether it is day or night.

The 1st 24-hour Vaccination Center was started at the Viharamahadevi Park. Subsequently, another centre was opened to the public at Diyatha Uyana, joining the mission of eradicating the invisible enemy from the country as the Protectors of the Nation.

Islandwide commitment

The Army expanded its non-ending contribution towards the country with the commencement of operating vaccination programmes with the help of Army medical experts in the Army hospitals at Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Panagoda, Mullaithivu, Minneriya, Diyathalawa, and Anuradhapura under the supervision of the Security Force Headquarters.



Mobile Vaccination Drive

During the vaccination programme, it was found that certain elderly are not in a position to reach the vaccination centres due to various difficulties. As a solution, the Colombo Municipal Council started a mobile vaccination programme on a small scale. With the hope of strengthening the said process, as the head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of Covid-19 outbreak, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army introduced a highly effective and efficient mobile vaccination drive around the country utilising the medical experts of the Army. The programme is highly effective and immensely benefitting not only the elderly but also people with different disabilities.

To date, the Sri Lanka Army was able to immunise the people of our nation with five (05) kinds of vaccines as follows: Pfizer 1st dose - 37605, Pfizer 2nd dose - 191206, Astrazeneca Covishield 1st dose - 181015, Astrazeneca Covishield 2nd dose - 267460, Sputnik 1st dose - 129, Sputnik 2nd dose - 97, Moderna 1st dose - 3378, Moderna 2nd dose - 1050, Sino Pharm 1st dose - 628,256 and Sinopharm 2nd dose - 55,4027.

Still, the medical experts, doctors, PHIs, medical staff, health workers and medical staff of the Tri-forces are in the fields, contributing by committing their service, time and energy selflessly for the betterment of the nation and praying to save the breaths of the people for a better tomorrow.



*By Captain Nisal Rukshan
SLSR
Directorate of Media*

SF (Mullaitivu) Gifts a House...



Houses built on behalf of Mr Sesunadan Susawari at Jayapuram-North under command to 663 Infantry Brigade and Mr Amaladas Francise at Verawil, Punarin were vested to them by Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP Commander, Security Forces (Mullaitivu) on 09 October 2021. The interior for the both houses and condiments were also gifted during the same event. The manpower for the house constructions was provided by 11 Gajaba Regiment and 2 Sri Lanka National Guard. General Officer Commanding, 66 Infantry Division, Commanding Officers of 11 Gajaba Regiment, 2 Sri Lanka National Guard including Officers and Other Ranks participated in the event.



The house erected in Bhagawaththa, Baduragoda area under command to 141 Infantry Brigade with the financial donorship of "Sewanak Wemu Foundation" (Shelter for Head Foundation) was warmed to the beneficiaries under the patronage of Commander, 141 Infantry Brigade on 21 October 2021.

Paddy Store Complex Installed at Kantale...



To be in line with the concept "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" a paddy store complex that could store and dry 1000 killoes paddy was erected as per the conceptual layout of Brigadier H A P P K Hewawasam Colonel Commandant, Sri Lanka Army General Services Corps with the manpower of Sri Lanka Army General Services Corps Detachment in Ella, Kantale under the fullest supervision of Major W R S P Prasanna, Officer Commanding Sri Lanka Army General Services Corps Detachment. The paddy store complex was declared open by Lieutenant Colonel C S Demuni, Commanding Officer Sri Lanka Army General Services Corps on 2 October 2021.

223 Infantry Brigade Repaired a Roof...

Troops of 223 Infantry Brigade repaired the roof of Mrs Kaneshan Janeshwari's house which was recently damaged by the adverse weather of the monsoon season. She had furnished her request to the Sri Lanka Army. The humanitarian assistance was provided under the instructions of Colonel Wasantha Hewage RWP RSP Commander, 223 Infantry Brigade. After fulfilling the requirement the house was vested to the owner resided at Wakare.



Troops Assisted to Take Mahaweli Water to Kantale Water Purification Plant...

22 Infantry Division constructed a sand bag bund to take water from Mahaweli River to Kantale Water Purification Plant as per the request made by National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Kantale.



4 GW Troops Installed Drinking Water Facility at Batticaloa...

Considering the humanitarian need for access to drinking water, a new drinking water scheme was installed at Pulleyar Kovil premises by the troops of 4 Gemunu Watch in Batticaloa area and vested to 125 families resided at Rajathureinagar, Batticaloa fulfilling their long standing need easing the burdens. Commander, 231 Infantry Brigade, Commanding Officer, 4 Gemunu Watch, Officers and Other Ranks participated in this charity event.





Keterians Commemorate 38th Anniversary

The Chronicle of the Glorious Gajaba Regiment

One of the prestigious Regiments of the Sri Lanka Army; the Gajaba Regiment, which carries 38 years of legacy and been awarded the Regimental colours and the Presidential colours commemorates its 38 anniversary on 14 October 2021 at the Regimental Centre of the Gajaba Regiment in Saliyapura, Anuradhapura.

The Gajaba Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army joining the annals of Sri Lankan contemporary military history as the Regiment which produced the majority of Wanni battlefield Commanders who led the triumphant battle to drive away terrorism from the motherland. In the post-conflict scenario, Gajaba Regiment troops contributed extensively to the betterment and peaceful co-existence of the country. Presently, the Regiment

consists of 16 Regular Units and 8 Volunteer Units with a total of 25 Battalions under the motto "Unity is Strength".

The Gajaba Regiment was named after the Sri





Lankan great warrior the King Gajaba the First. The name of the heroic king “Gajaba” was the first to propose and it was conceded. He was a highly belligerent and hostile warrior in the history of Sri Lanka which meant the one who had arms as strong as an elephant. Chronicles of King Gajabahu creating strength and morale required for soldiers to approach the victories.

The 1 Battalion the Gajaba Regiment was established on 14 October 1983 by amalgamating the 1st Rajarata Rifle Battalion and 1 Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment as per a decision taken by the Army Headquarters due to the ethnic conflicts that prevailed during that time in Sri Lanka. One of the meticulous War Hero Major General Vijaya Wimalaratne was honoured as the founding father of the Gajaba Regiment and he was a Lieutenant Colonel who was enabled to establish an impressive juncture in the annals of the Gajaba Regiment history unfolding the first Commanding Officer of this Infantry Battalion.

Gajaba illustrates the pride of all members of the Army family and also about the extraordinary victory achieved by all its War Heroes. Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Defence Secretary General Kamal Gunaratne (Rtd) WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil and General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) are proud products of the Gajaba Regiment and it is the only Regiment that has been accoladed its prestigious name by eliciting a President, two Defence

To honour these valiant troops 04 Parama Weera Vibhushanaya, 03 Weerodhara Vibhushanaya, 65 Weera Wickrama Vibhushanaya, 774 Rana Wickrama Padakkama, 3919 Rana Sura Padakkama, 12 Vishishta Seva Vibhushanaya, 682 Uththama Seva Padakkama gallantry awards have been awarded to heroic Officers and Soldiers of the Battalion.



Secretaries and an Army Commander to the motherland. The present Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil

became the Commander of the Army on 18 August 2019. He is one of the courageous leaders who has accomplished many gallantry awards to the organisation. He was worthy to achieve Weera Wickrama Vibhushanaya (WWV), Rana Wickrama Padakkama (RWP) and Rana Sura Padakkama (RSP) while he was serving as a second Lieutenant in the Army.

Besides, this Regiment subsidised more than 48 major operations during the period of brutal terrorism which prevailed in Sri Lanka till the end of the humanitarian operation. The Gajaba troops have made an eternal record in history by contributing to the operations; Vadamarachchi, Thrividha Balaya, Akunu Pahara, Jayasikuru, Sathjaya, Rivierasa and many more. A total of 175 Officers and 4075 Other Ranks of the Gajaba Regiment sacrificed their lives during the humanitarian operation and 180 Officers and 4030 Other Ranks were injured. To honour these valiant troops 04 Parama Weera Vibhushanaya, 03 Weerodhara Vibhushanaya, 65 Weera Wickrama Vibhushanaya, 774 Rana Wickrama

Padakkama, 3919 Rana Sura Padakkama, 12 Vishishta Seva Vibhushanaya, 682 Uththama Seva Padakkama gallantry awards have been awarded to heroic Officers and Soldiers of the Battalion. On 16 January 2007, the then President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka HE Mahinda Rajapaksa awarded the President's colours and the Regimental colours to the Gajaba Regiment.

The evolution of the Gajaba Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army saw its birth in a decisive era when the country required young brilliant heroes with courage, dedication, and commitment with an apparent sense of discipline and professionalism. This prestigious and exceptional Infantry Regiment silently but majestically marches forward into the future to discharge the duties and responsibilities to the nation and the Army selflessly and in a disciplined manner.



*By Lieutenant Manohari Katugampala
SLAGSC
Directorate of Media*

Recruit Training Course at Vidaththalpalai Begins...



The recruit training course that comprised with 233 youths from Sinhala, Muslim and Tamil communities began at the Battalion Training School at Vidaththalpalai, Jaffna on 7 October 2021. This recruit training course was implemented in line with the 'Army Way Forward Strategy 2020 - 2025' of Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army.

233 youths from Sinhala, Muslim and Tamil communities in North and East were qualified for the recruitments in 2021 under the guidance of Major General T J Kodithuwakku RWP RSP ndu, Commander, Security Forces (Jaffna) with the intention to produce physically and mentally fit professional soldiers who have the courage to face the challenges. Brigadier M G W W M C B Wickramasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc General Officer Commanding, 52 Infantry Division conducted the opening address and the Brigade Commanders of 521, 522 and 523 Brigades, Staff Officers of Security Forces (Jaffna), Chief Instructor of the Battalion Training School, Commanding Officers of under command Battalions and Instructors of the Battalion Training School were also present at the inauguration.

12 Division Gifted Tablet PCs...

The 12 Infantry Division under the supervision of the Major General R A D P Ranawaka RWP RSP USP ndc General Officer Commanding 12 Infantry Division bought 11 tablet computers valued at 400,000.00 and gifted them to most deserving selected students resided in the under command areas of 12 Infantry Division to facilitate their studies on 10 October 2021 marking the celebrations of the Army Anniversary Day. The financial donorship for the charity was extended by Mr Jayantha Jayaratna, an expatriate resident in Australia. The charity event was took place at 12 Infantry Division Headquarters premises with the chair of General Officer Commanding, 12 Infantry Division.



Oxygen Concentrator Gifted to Thelippalai Hospital...

Major A A S S Kumara RSP USP, Commanding Officer of 4 Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps, officially handed over the Oxygen Concentrator donated by the American Sri Lanka Foundation for the use of COVID-19 patients who are under indoor treatments upon the instructions of Major General T J Kodithuakku RWP RSP ndu Commander, Security Forces (Jaffna) and Coordinating Officer for National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak on 5 October 2021.



'Sandahiru Seya' Pinnacle Opened for Public Veneration...

The motorcade carrying the "Sacred Pinnacle" and the 'Crest-Gem' of the Sandahiru Stupa opened for devotees worship covering Hambantota and Monaragla under command to 12 Infantry Division from 4 to 7 October 2021. In line with the same event the "Sacred Pinnacle" was opened for public veneration on 5 October 2021. The event was successfully held by the troops of 122 Infantry Brigade, 23 Gajaba Regiment and 3 Sri Lanka National Guard under the guidance of Major General R A D P Ranawaka RWP RSP USP ndc General Officer Commanding, 12 Infantry Division.



52 Infantry Division Gifted School Books on Army Day...

To coincide with the Army day, troops of the 522 Infantry Brigade under the 52 Infantry Division of the Security Forces (Jaffna), together with 15 Gajaba Regiment troops gifted stationery packs for 45 students learning at Venerable Madihe Pannaseeha Sinhala and Hindu Mixed School in Puttur, Jaffna on 8 October 2021. Major General T J Kodithuakku RWP RSP ndu, Commander, Security Force (Jaffna), General Officer Commanding, 52 Infantry Division, Officers and Other Ranks participated in the event.



SR Regiment Donated Dry Rations...

50 dry ration parcels each worth Rs 2550.00 were distributed for 50 economically underprivileged families in Panama, Potuwil area under command to Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment with the participation of Officers and Other Ranks of the Regiment on 22 September 2021. The financial donorship was extended by Mr Gemunu Perera, the Owner of Bevista Hotel, Arugambe.



Valuable Support to Suppress COVID-19...

100 essential parcels were gifted by Father Edward, the head priest of Jaffna Christen Church for the inmates of Intermediate Care Centre with the coordination of Security Force Headquarters (Wanni) on 10 September 2021.



56 Division and SR Regiment Vested a House...



A new house constructed with the coordination of Major General A A D N S Dunuwila (Rtd) RWP RSP USP and Mr Ajith Rambukkana under the guidance of Major General U U K L S Perera RWP RSP USP psc General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division with the manpower 16 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment together with the supervision of 561 Infantry Brigade was warmed to a deserving widow Mrs Sanjiwani Kumuduni resided at Vinnanakulam, Kanagarayankulam in line with the Army Anniversary on 3 October 2021. The financial assistance for the house constructions was extended by Mrs Sujiwa Dasanayeke resided in Australia and her relatives in Sri Lanka. Officers, Other Ranks and Mr Ajith Rambukkana participated in the event.

Cornerstone for Another New House...



The cornerstone was laid for the newly building house on behalf of Mr Govinda Shantha Wadiwel resided at 218/D Shratkulam Gramaseva Division in Vavuniya with the financial donorship of Most Venerable Ududumbara Sobhitha Thero, the Chief Incumbent of International Vipassana Meditation Centre under the coordination and supervision of Brigadier A M S Premawansa, 562 Infantry Brigade on 24 October 2021. The manpower for the construction was extended by 15 (V) Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment.

Water Purification Machine Installed at 4 SLNG...



A long felt requirement of the Officers, Other Ranks of Regimental Centre including the Sports and Drill Teams of 4 Sri Lanka National Guard was fulfilled with the establishment of Water Purification Machine to the 4 Sri Lanka National Guard within a short period of time. The sincere generosity for the task was extended by Mr Achala Udana Perera in Galahena with the coordination of Lieutenant Colonel S M U Bandara, the Officer in Charge, Sports Team, Sri Lanka National Guard. The opening of the newly established Water Purification Machine was symbolically marked by Lieutenant Colonel S M P Bandara, Commanding Officer 4 Sri Lanka National Guard on 1 October 2021 amidst the religious blessings.



Retrospect ; The Love of a Father

Father's love of a brave war-hero retrospects at the road-block brought tears.

It was after a calm weekend that reportedly increased the numbers of Covid-19 infected military personnel (Navy) across the country which brought a little risk to the lives of the general public.

He was an innocent father who has gifted a brave soldier to the motherland. It is a story of father's love to his departed son during the Humanitarian Operations that ran nearly 30 years in North and North East in the country. His son was a young Captain, a brave soldier who has born by written death in his eyes.

While traveling towards the nearest supermarket, this father has seen three stars that are shining

on my shoulders which made recollect his son's photo frame as a live stream of his son made supreme sacrifice for the nation. Stepping to the supermarket, father hears son's voice, remembering how he asks sweets more than before 17 years.

Having kept a sparkling sorrow feeling in his heart, father brought five yoghurt and a bar of chocolate which were most favourite sweets of his fallen war-hero son.

After purchasing all the items to bring home, he hung sweet parcels separately on the handle of his old-model motor bike. He slowly came towards his home along the road where our road-block was functional.

Father reached to our place by his bike and I saw one of my soldiers who was standing at the

Y-junction waves his signaled to him to pass the way that leads to his house. Father slowly stopped the bike at a side of the road and got down and stepped towards the temporary placed shelter where I was sitting well equipped in personal protective equipment (PPE).

I asked him to stop maintaining social distance as we always practice to devoid of Corona infection. Keeping the parcels on the small table, father opened his lessened voice that penetrated our hearts with profound sorrow filling eyes in tears.

"I remembered my son, the Hero of my world".

Telling his son's heroic story, he offered us hopefully wrapped sweets with father's love that sprang after nearly to a two-decade were found

alive though he has already lost his beloved son. I brought some sweets to my sons, he uttered.

I noticed that he tried to hide his sad memories but his feeble eyes were unable to permit a little time before he returns saying "Budu Saranai mage puthe..." (May the Lord Buddha bless you all my son!) This country is protected just because of these brave sons who were suffering but covered in uniforms, he further uttered and then stepped towards his bike.



*The short story by
Captain Chaminda Liyanage SLAGSC
Directorate of Media*

Long Standing Need at Thadiyamaleyi Fulfilled...



Fulfilling a long standing requirement in Thadiyamaleyi Grama Niladhari Division, water purification machine established at No 63, Thadiyamaleyi Village was declared open by Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP, Commander, Security Forces (Mullathivu) on 12 October 2021. The manpower for the constructions was provided by 13 Sri Lanka National Guard with the allocations of Sri Lanka Army. General Officer Commanding, 64 Infantry Division, Commander, 643 Infantry Brigade and Commanding Officers of 13 Sri Lanka National Guard graced the opening ceremony.

SF (Jaffna) Educated Public on Organic Manure Production...

An education programme on producing chemical free manure was held at Security Force Headquarters (Jaffna) under the patronage of Directress of District Agriculture Mrs Sakila Banu on 5 October 2021 giving a boost to the Government's Organic Fertiliser Production Process as per the directions of the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army. The troops of the area were made aware on the organic manure production and technology through this lecture.



New Colonel Commandant of Sri Lanka Army Women's Corps Assumed Duties...



Commander, Security Forces (Wanni) Major General C D Ranasinghe RWP RSP assumed duties as the 20th Colonel Commandant of Sri Lanka Army Women's Corps on 18 October 2021 at Regimental Headquarters, Borella.

He was welcomed to the Regimental Headquarters amidst the military formalities including Guard Turnout, Guard of Honour mounted by the Regiment.

Beach Clean Up on Army Anniversary Day...



To coincide with the 72nd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army, 12 Sri Lanka Light Infantry, 24 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, 19 Gemunu Watch and 5 (V) Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment troops under command to the 591 Infantry Brigade and the 593 Infantry Brigade of the 59 Infantry Division of the Security Forces (Mullaitivu) carried out a coastal belt cleaning project from Wadiduweg to Kokilai upon the intention of Major General G D Sooriyabandara USP and the supervision of Colonel H T W Vidyananda RWP RSP USP Commander, 593 Infantry Brigade. Marine pollutants, such as plastic waste and polythene were removed from the beach with the support of tractors of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Mullaitivu.

Blood Donation Campaign at Kilinochchi Army Hospital...




A blood donation campaign was held at Sri Lanka Army Hospital, Kilinochchi in parallel of the Army Anniversary with the participation of 100 troops of 57 Infantry Division on 10 October 2021. The event was organised upon the request of Director Sri Lanka Army Hospital, Kilinochchi following the instructions of the Security Forces (Mullativu).

Celebrating the Army Anniversary Day...



In line with the 72nd Army Anniversary on 10 October 2021 a Shramadana Campaign was organised by Logistic Command Headquarters, Kosgama to clear the area at Government Regional Hospital, Salawa following the intention of the Commander, Logistic Command Headquarters with the participation of all Officers and Other Ranks.



“I am looking forward to explore good stories related to the Army to enhance their moral” Says Veteran Movie Director ‘Chandran Ratnum’

Chandran Ratnum is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Asian Film Location Services Pvt Ltd and he was the Ex-Chairman of Lion Air as well as the Chairman of the Asian Aviation Centre (Pilot Training Academy) in Ratmalana. Also he has hosted numerous Hollywood Movies for their location shoots in Sri Lanka. World renown film director Steven Spielberg once referred to Chandran Ratnum as

“Our most valued friend in the far east”. The Film which was directed by Chandran Ratnum “Road from the Elephant Pass” was a finalist award winner at the New York International Television and Film Awards Festival which was held in the year 2011. Also the film “The Common Man” which directed by him won the Best Picture, Best Film Director and the Best Actor Awards in the Madrid Film

Festival and the bronze medal in the feature films category at the New York Festivals International Television and Film Awards. Chandran Ratnum started his career in the Movie Industry in early 1956 with the world famous Hollywood movie “The Bridge on the River Kwai.” which was shot in Sri Lanka. However the main intention of this interview with him is to give a summary to our readers about the untold stories and interesting incidents which happened on the movie set while filming the 'Bridge on the River Kwai'. It was further learnt that Chandran Ratnum has an intention to do movies in

future, about the the true stories of the Army which will enhance the moral of the security forces in Sri Lanka.

Question :- How did you get the opportunity to join the Film Crew of "Brigade on the River Kwai" which was shot in Sri Lanka in 1956 ?

Answer :- In early 1956, one of the friends of our family, a pioneer in the industry of tourism, Don Liyanage drove into our home and introduced my mother and myself a very good looking young man. He was a combination of Burt Lancaster and Richard Burton in their haydays. At that time our home was at Barons Court in Guilford Crescent. They were interested in renting our annex for 6 months. My mother showed no interest, but during the conversation I understood that he was a film maker. So I took my mother aside and persuaded her to rent the annex.

He moved in with his beautiful young girlfriend Doris. This young man was non other than Eddie Fowlie. He was the property master of a film about the World War II that was to be made in Ceylon based on a french novel by 'Pierre Boulle' titled "La Pont de la Rivier Kwai" (Bridge on the River Kwai). I was exited by the fact that a genuine international film maker was with us. I have been always fascinated with the movies and also highly motivated to be of service to my neighbours. However with these constant visits, Eddie and I develop a friendship which turned into a job on the film as a Prop Man. So we began to create props and turned an old bus with all the known and possibly unknown elements that may or may not be needed for the shoot. Anticipating the Directors requirements was the key to this exercise.

As we got closer to the start of shooting, I was asked whether I could move to Kithulgala, where

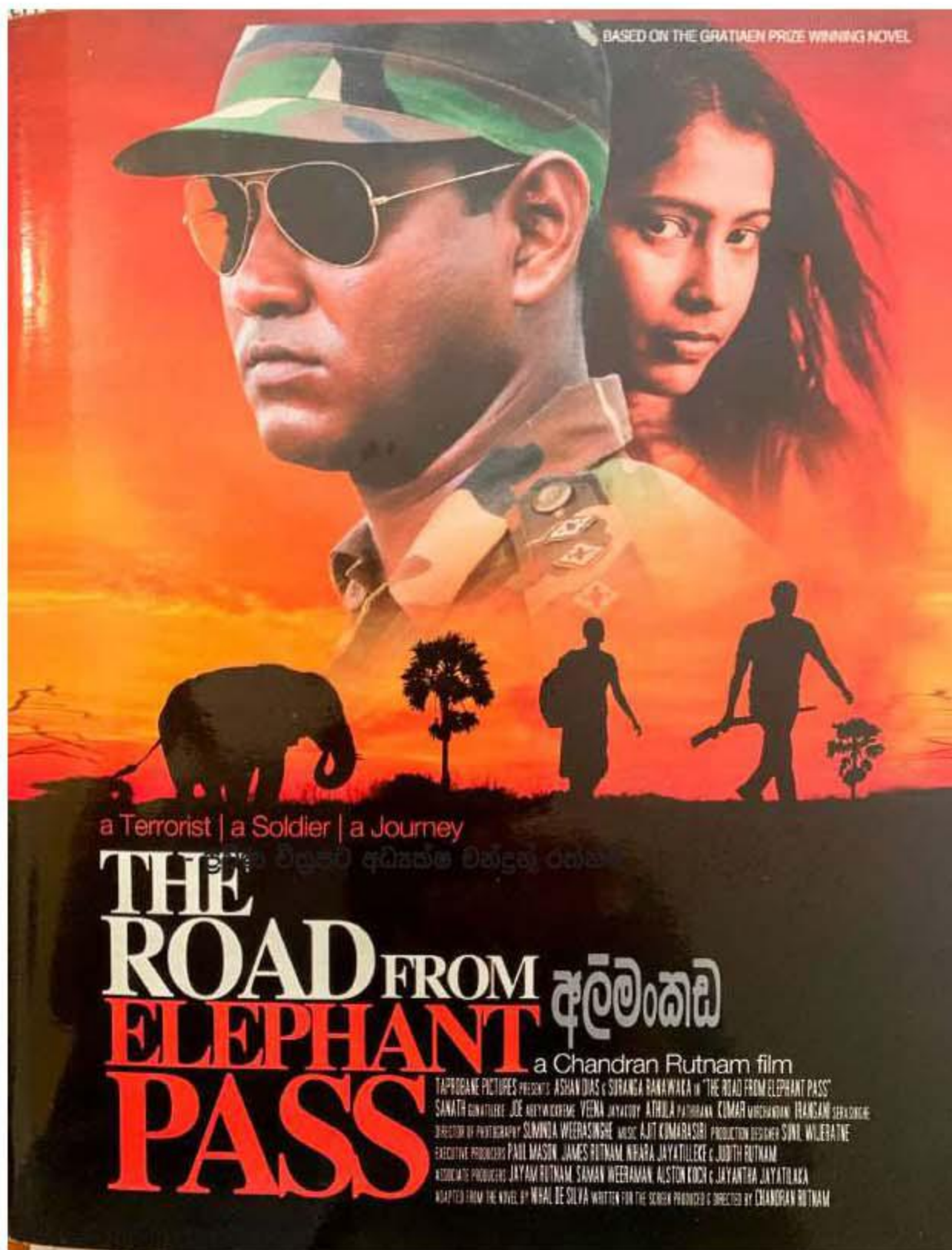
the bridge was being built as a daily employee, since I had no experience in the business. Of course I said I would. I was informed that I will get a weekly wage but would have to find my own accommodation. I was okay with that and found a mat in a small hut occupied by a lovely village couple with ten year old son. I was given a room and a mat to share with the boy. It would only take me ten minutes to the 'Movie Set' and that was fine by me. I studied the script and work harder to assist Eddie and his assistant Tom Early. They were two excellent professionals with a great deal of experience. The shooting of the "Bridge on the River Kwai" ran from October 1956 to May 1957. I worked with the film crew from the first day to the last.

Question :- Can you mention about any interesting incidents which happened on the movie set, while shooting of that film ?

Answer :- There are numerous interesting incidents that occur during the production of a film. Everything does not always go the way it is planned. The most conspicuous incident was the failure to blow up the bridge on its first attempt. This was due to, one of the five cameramen who were supposed to switch his camera on and then proceed to the safety of a dugout where he had to switch on a light that showed that he was safe. Well, this cameraman, in the excitement of the moment forgot to switch on. Therefore the command was not guaranteed that the cameraman was safe and therefore did not execute the blow up. The train came on to the bridge and proceeded to cross



Chandran Ratnum with renowned Hollywood film Director Steven Spielberg



the bridge and banged against a generator and toppled over. The situation was rectified and the bridge was blown up perfectly, as planned on the next day.

Question :- It's a fact that the movies like "Bridge on the River Kwai" were made based on the World War II. Simultaneously it's noticeable that several countries have a post war literature and they produce lots of movies based on it. But here in Sri Lanka it's unable to see that kind of a trend. So according to your opinion, what is the reason behind this ?

Answer :- I am sure that there are numerous interesting stories that took place during the war

but most of our filmmakers are interested in making movies of the sordid subjects of rape, poverty and controversies that are accommodated by the NGO's. Boodee Kirthisena made an interesting movie on the war.

Question :- Number of movie theaters in the country were shut down due to the current Covid 19 Pandemic. Accordingly nowadays most of the producers have negative aspects of spending money for a movie, because they think its an unprofitable business. So what are your views regarding this aspect ?

Answer :- Movie going is a habit that cannot easily be discarded.

Of course the pandemic has affected the attendance. However, the experience of going to the cinema with your family or your girlfriend will never fade away. The answer in my opinion is to privatise the cinema halls and liberalise the import of films and let the local films compete with the foreign films for attendance. That is the only way that the quality and the standard of our films would improve and face the world market as well. The film business is an industry. It must be treated as such. This is the only country in the world where the film industry is an utter failure. This must be rectified.

Question :- What is the responsibility of the National Film Corporation to enhance the Film Industry in Sri Lanka ? Are they doing it right now ?

Answer :- To answer your question directly. No! They are not doing it right and they have never done it right. Like I said, the film business is an industry and must be under the Ministry of Industries. The National Film Cooperation must be a Regulatory body only. Leave the business of making and exhibiting films to the stakeholders. There is a place for culture. There are ways of addressing that as well.

Question:- The youth, those who have skills in acting, does not have a proper and professional film School in Sri Lanka to develop their skills, what are your views about this ?

Answer :- Yes! That is a shame. I conducted classes with members of the film industry in Digana some years back. Unfortunately we were unable to continue.

However, I am planning to establish a Film school in Colombo in the very near future.

Question :- Also you have directed an Army related movie based on the famous novel "Road from the Elephant Pass" Do you have an idea of doing more films which are based on Army related scripts in future ?

Answer :- The war and the Army was only the backdrop for the human story of "The Road from

Elephant Pass". It was the story, so well written by Nihal de Silva that got me interested and excited enough to make a movie. If I find another good story that I like, I shall do it. Moreover I must mention that the Sri Lankan Army gave us their fullest cooperation and also assisted us with the explosives scenes when we were shooting our movie "Road from the Elephant Pass". However we are looking forward to exploring good stories relating to the Army's activities after

the war. Also I feel that a good subject to look into the Army's participation in the vaccination programme during the pandemic which is creditable. In fact I have already sent my commendation to the Commander of the Army personally.



*By Lieutenant Duminda Senarath SLAGSC
Directorate of Media*

Unveiling the Newly Constructed War Heroes Memorial at 5 SLNG...

The newly constructed War Heroes Memorial at 5 Sri Lanka National Guard Headquarters premises in Thanthirimale with the manpower of all the Ranks of 5 Sri Lanka National Guard to commemorate 83 War Heroes who fearlessly fought and made supreme sacrifice to preserve the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country declared open following the auspicious hours by Major General H L V M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu Commander, Security Force Headquarters (Central) and Colonel of Regiment Sri Lanka National Guard placing a floral wreath before the monument on 15 September 2021. The supervision for the constructions was provided by Major M V Feranando Unit Commanding Officer, Sri Lanka National Guard.





Army Recruit Training School-Puttlam

Basic military training sets the tone of any Army and stabilises the norms that soldiers will follow throughout their career. The training is the first step in the process of learning what it means to be a soldier in an Army. The conversion from civilian life to military life will potentially be the most rewarding experience of a person's life. The consequence of becoming a soldier consists of evolving physically fit, self-confident, self-defence, devotion, dedication, receptive and able to tackle anything that comes his or her way. Identifying the tasks, conditions and standards derives training realism.

The Sri Lanka Army Recruit Training Centre located in Puttlam is such a prestigious training institution that produces skilful soldiers for the protectors of the Nation. This military establishment was recently boosted on the directions of the General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) following the recommendations of the Directorate of Training enabling it to admit a large number of recruits at a time for training. At present with limited facilities available, the Army Recruit Training School-Puttam has undertaken the training of two recruit courses with the capacity of six hundred recruits. Troops are being trained under two categories of basic recruits and professional recruit courses before being posted to

their units to expand their ability to command and to qualify them to achieve the goals of the organisation.

Victory in service is the ultimate objective of any military training as it is the key function of military service within the fields of community welfare and contingency alertness, disaster management, nation-building to deal with all types of emergencies to protect the motherland. The first consideration is the discipline and that too, of the highest order. Since the two courses have been scheduled for period of three and four months which has both day and night packages including physical exercises, drill, weapon training other field exercises and lecture sessions. The regular sessions of the day begin at dawn with physical exercises and it moves through the entire day until dusk.

DISCIPLINE

Disciplinary training should ensure that the soldier would nevertheless continue the execution by exercising his judgment and applying what he has been taught. Although theoretical instructions supply correct ideas and maintain interest and purpose which are not obtainable otherwise. Yet it cannot replace practical training. Therefore, once the drill has been learned with precision, every exercise irrespective of the size of the unit should require the shape of a manoeuvre against an imaginary outlined or represented enemy.

Getting training in the military is not an easy task. Certain fundamentals of training which they find essential and most important application in war should be ingrained in a soldier's mind as to be considered routine matter when the opportunity arises for their employment. All training should be directed toward producing self-reliant leaders. It is impossible to design fixed forms or to give specific instructions that will cover possible situations. Performance-oriented quality training emphasises performance and is paced with the soldier's needs. It always insists on preparation, presentation, practice and performance.

Since the enlistment day, they are entitled to get a handsome salary with many welfare facilities including uniforms, medical (including family members), loan facilities, recreational packages with hotel accommodations, foreign tours etc. In addition to that, they will be given foreign courses where some of them are allowed to work on United Nations peacekeeping programmes entitling them to get very attractive remuneration packages.

All members of the armed forces enter the profession at the ground level whether they are from any career they are thrust into an organisation whose culture is shaped by the demands of warfare and are significantly different from anything they have previously experienced. At the same time, they are confronted with a myriad of new tasks that they must learn to be valued members of the team. It is said that eternal vigilance must be backed by a striking power and foolproof system of defence which can be developed only through proper military training.



*By Lieutenant Manohari Katugampala
SLAGSC - Directorate of Media*

Ranaviruwa Extends Heartiest Wishes for the Newly Appointed Officers



Major General H L V M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu
assumed duties as the Commandant
Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force
on 05 October 2021



Major General H P Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndc
assumed duties as the Colonel of the Regiment
1 Corps of Sri Lanka Army
on 18 October 2021



Major General P J P Gamage RWP RSP ndc
assumed duties as the Quarter Master General
Quarter Master General Branch
on 01 October 2021



Major General M K S Silva RWP RSP ndu
assumed duties as the Commander
Security Force Headquarters (Central)
on 04 October 2021



Major General C D Ranasinghe RWP RSP
assumed duties as the Commander
Security Force Headquarters (Wanni)
on 04 October 2021



Major General P M L Chandrasiri WWV RWP RSP ndu
assumed duties as the Director
General Infantry
Director General Infantry Branch
on 05 October 2021



Major General D M K D B Pussalla RWP RSP
assumed duties as the Adjutant General of
Adjutant General Branch
on 29 October 2021



Brigadier S R B Aluvihare RWP RSP ndu psc
assumed duties as the General
Officer Commanding
58 Infantry Division
on 04 October 2021



Brigadier B K G M L Rodrigo RSP psc IG
assumed duties as the General
Officer Commanding
66 Infantry Division
03 October 2021



Brigadier A H L G Amarapala RWP RSP ndc psc
assumed duties as the Director
Directorate of Psychological
Operations
on 21 October 2021



Brigadier M Mayadunna RWP USP
assumed duties as the Director
Directorate of Veteran Affairs
on 04 October 2021



Brigadier M P K Madurapperuma RWP USP psc
assumed duties as the Centre
Commandant
Corps of Sri Lanka Engineers
on 07 October 2021



Brigadier W W M P W W B R Palamakumbura RWP RSP
assumed duties as the
Brigadier (GS)
Security Force Headquarters
(Mullaitivu)
on 05 October 2021



Brigadier C A Rajapaksa RSP
assumed duties as the
Commandant
The Institute of Peace Support
Operations Training Sri Lanka
(IPSOTSL)
on 27 October 2021



Colonel H T W Vidyananda RWP RSP USP
assumed duties as the Commander
593 Infantry Brigade
on 05 October 2021



Colonel D N C Serasinghe RSP USP
assumed duties as the Commander
653 Infantry Brigade
on 27 September 2021



Colonel K M C S Kumarasinghe
assumed duties as the
Colonel (GS)
Security Force Headquarters (East)
on 24 September 2021



Lieutenant Colonel H G J T Perera RSP
assumed duties as the General
Staff (Coord)
Security Force Headquarters
(Mullaitivu)
on 06 October 2021



Lieutenant Colonel R K M S Kulatunga RSP USP psc IG
assumed duties as the
Commanding Officer
4 Sri Lanka Rifle Corps
on 30 September 2021



Lieutenant Colonel G A D Alwis RSP psc
assumed duties as the General
Staff Officer I Directorate of Staff
Duties
on 22 October 2021



Major W C Samarasinghe RSP USP psc
assumed duties as the
Commanding Officer
1 Commando Regiment
on 05 October 2021



Major U G S Wijenayake USP psc
assumed duties as the
Commanding Officer
1 Field Engineer Regiment
on 24 September 2021



Major N T C S Nallaperuma RWP RSP psc
assumed duties as the
Commanding Officer
24 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment
on 01 October 2021



Major S I Prasanna RSP USP psc
assumed duties as the Commanding
Officer
14 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment
on 25 October 2021

All Night Pirith Chanting at Jaya Maha Pirivena Hinguraggoda...



With the intention of invoking the noble blessing to eradicate the COVID-19 virus from the island and the world, all night pirith chanting and alms giving ceremony was held at Jaya Maha Pirivena in Hinguraggoda with the mediation of Major General T M Aberatne RSP Lsc Commander Forward Maintenance Area (East) at the instructions of Commander Security Forces (East). The Commanding Officer and the troops of 3 Sri Lanka Army Ordnance Corps organised this religious event.

A man's face and shirt are covered in numerous yellow sticky notes with handwritten text and drawings. The notes include phrases like "TAKE A BREAK", "OFF LINE", "STOP!", "TAKE CARE", "CAMERA", "BREATH", "\$\$", "zzzz", "WORK", "HOME", "LOVE", "HEART", "CHECK", "UNLOCK", "CAMERA", "BREATH", "TAKE CARE", "HEART", "CHECK", "UNLOCK". Some notes have drawings of a house, a bed, a dollar sign, a heart, and a checkmark.

Busy People

Busy people have many goals in their life. They include everything into their 'To do list' without inquiring its priority unlike the productive people.

Busy people undertake any task that comes to them. Their to do list is filled with number of important and less important tasks. They attempt to do all at once but at the end a little is accomplished compared to the productive people. Can you retain any of the knowledge reading seven books at once? Having so many goals at the same time only slower your speed than reaching each goal one by one at a time.

Busy people say yes for everything. They think that it gives a good expression to the receiver that



s/he is capable enough of doing something. They do not think of the time they are investing or check whether the task is fallen under their subject or not. Remember constant working only develops the stress at the end of the day.

4. Get things done just in time

Busy people consume lot of time to complete a task. Imagine you are getting ready to go on a trip. How long will it take you to pack your bag? It will take considerable time but never end until the day you are departing from your home. But if somebody forced you to do something within the set out deadline, it leads to immediate actions.

5. The to do list

Busy people will have number of things more than 20 items included in their to do list. Every time a task or a goal comes, they include it to the list having no filtering. It only loads your list with unnecessary targets which make no success at the end of the day. However to overcome this challenge ask yourself what my highest priority is when you prepare your list.

6. Poor use of Technology

Busy people keep using the same old Technology. They do not open for the changes. Also time is having less importance in their lives as the tasks are getting collected into their lists. Busy people do not invest in technology.

Productive People

1. Have priorities

The productive people do not enter everything into their list, but they have priorities which they make according to their master plan. They know very well that the things cannot be done at ones but takes time.

2. Categories goals

Productive people priorities their tasks according to their

priorities as mostly important or urgent and less important or not urgent. If you want to pass the next exam, it should be in your priorities, without any distraction. Do not let any other subjects to affect your priority at the time you prepare for it. Keep higher priority. Once you completed your high priority tasks and then you can move to your next task on the list. Also, the productive people do not act as a mad dog welcoming all from their gates. They filter them one by one accordingly their target. Ones the filtering is done, each one is taken to be achieved as their plan.

3. No Yes for everything

Productive people do not say yes at once they hear. They give their thought to it before they say Yes, or No. Famous Martial Artist Bruce Lee ones said that height of cultivation is always runs with simplicity. This literally means that having less targets makes your journey easy. When you say yes for everything what you do, you are fulling your schedule with tones of unnecessary things spending your valuable time which is not going to be supportive for your success. It does not take you to your goals rather take you away from your goals. Therefore, learn to shut the door for distractions.

4. Set out unrealistic deadlines

In fact, the productive people set out their own deadlines. They master themselves that they must finish the task within the given period. The method forces you to finish the task without consuming a much time enabling you to move to the next goal in your schedule.

5. To Do List

The list of productive people is not included with many things. It is often filled with two or three things for a day. If one is done they moves the next. If they couldn't accomplish a task they do not wait for the same task. They move to the next task without wasting time. The missed thing will be done or carried out when they have an opportunity.

6. Use High Technology

Technology plays a key role in the lives of productive people. They value the time and they make use of their time effectively. Always these productive people upgraded with the modern technology to ease their tasks. Yes of course it is successful. Investing in technology brings them a successful end.



By Captain Lakmali Kudaligama SLAGSC
Directorate of Psychological Operations

Life Support for Courageous Family...



To coincide with the 72nd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Army, troops of the 19 Sri Lanka National Guard along with villagers in Dagampitiya area, took an initiative to repair a house of a needy family, resident in Dagampitiya, Kelanigama in Ginigathena area. Accordingly, the newly-repaired house was formally warmed to the beneficiary, Mrs Mangala Kumari by Brigadier D A K Dissanayake WWV RWP RSP Brigade Commander, 112 Infantry Brigade on 10 October 2021.



COMPUTER FONTS, COVER DESIGN AND PAGE LAYOUT

S/ 752158 WO11 Senarathna GC - 3 CES

S/ 753797 Cpl Kumarasinghe MGAM - 11 CES

S/ 754676 L/Cpl Lakshilina WR - 11 CES

RANAVIRUWA ADDRESS

Ranaviruwa
Directorate of Psychological Operations
Army Headquarters
Sri Jayawardenepura, Kotte, Sri Lanka.

EMAIL

dtepsyops@army.lk
ranaviruwa@yahoo.com

TELEPHONE

+ 94 011 2993076

ARMY MICRO

51445/51446

PUBLICATION

Directorate of Psychological Operations
Sri Lanka Army



SUPERVISION

Brigadier AHLG Amarapala
RWP RSP ndc psc



ADVISOR

Lieutenant Colonel D M M Dissanayake
RWP MIR



RANAVIRUWA EDITOR

Lieutenant Colonel Sujith Chaminda
Edirisinghe
SLAGSC



ENGLISH TRANSLATOR

Captain K V N Lakmali
SLAGSC

‘Mitra Shakthi’ Final Mock Attack Successfully Concluded...

The final mock demonstration of the largest-ever joint Exercise conducted in Sri Lanka ‘Mitra Shakthi VIII’ that ushers in revitalised bonds of friendly goodwill and strong cooperation between the Sri Lanka Army and the Indian Army got underway on 15 September 2021 in the presence of General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC Chief of the Indian Army Staff as the Chief Guest and General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army at Army Training School (ATS) in Maduru Oya.

A contingent of 120 soldiers of the Indian Army, headed by Colonel Prakash Kumar Commanding Officer and an equal number of troops from Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment of the Sri Lankan Army, commanded by Major Mahesh Pathiraja participated in the 8th edition of the Exercise ‘Mitra Shakthi’ on 3 October 2021. Major General S U M N Manage WWV RWP RSP psc General Officer Commanding, 53 Infantry Division functioned as the Exercise Director with the Deputy Director of the Exercise, Brigadier P N Godellwatta on the guidelines given by the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army.

Colonel Girish Godial, Colonel John Daniel and the Lady Officer Lieutenant Colonel Zulage Meera of the Indian Army participated as observers to the two-week long Exercise ‘Mitra Shakthi’ where Army personnel of both Nations exhibited their tactical level operations at the sub-unit level in an international counter-insurgency manoeuvre and counter-terrorism environment amid crossfires, backed by armoured tanks, buffels and helicopters of the Sri Lanka Air Force.

General Manoj Mukund Naravane PVSM AVSM SM VSM ADC and General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil closely watched the near 40-minute Exercise with intense enthusiasm as respective troops went into action torpedoing enemy hideouts during the mock exercise.





Familiar Target at Unfamiliar Field

The Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Sri Lanka Army who visited the Russian Federation at the request of Russian counterpart Commander in Chief of the Russian Land Forces, General of the Army, Oleg Salyukov was invited to the Home of the Elite, 4th Guards Tank Division, near Moscow which is usually known as the 'Constant Readiness' Division, one of the Russian Army's Elite Armoured Divisions. He received a rare opportunity to check high tech weapons manufactured by the 4th Guards Tank Division.