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***Shattering the Fear of Evil and Diseases
As Redeemed the Nation from Terrorists
The Hero is in Action Today
With the Vision to Protect the Motherland***



Sri Lanka Army Manufactures an Automated Disinfection Machine

An automated hand disinfection machine manufactured by the Sri Lanka Army Research Analysis Projection and Development Branch was introduced to His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Presidential Secretariat on 06 July 2021 by General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) representing the new inventors with Brigadier Sudath Udayasena Director (overlooking) Sri Lanka Army Research Analysis Projection and Development Branch.

The cost-effective machine produced by the Sri Lanka Army can store four litres of disinfectant liquid, and capable of sterilizing the hands of 600 people automatically for forty-eight hours after charging.



MoU to Revive Para Sportsmanship

Intending to revive the field of Para Games and develop sports skills among Para Sportsmen, both in civil sector and tri-services, the Ministry of Sports has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Sports Development and the National Paralympic Committee of the National Sports Council. Hon Minister of Youth and Sports, Namal Rajapaksa through his Ministry has allocated a sum of Rs 47 million for this exclusive purpose with the objective of raising the sports standards of para sportsmen in future within a short spell, targeting forthcoming Para Games, Paralympics and other international and local tournaments.

With the Hon Minister of Youth and Sports Namal Rajapaksa, General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chairman of National Sports Selection Committee, Member of National Sports Council, Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO), Mr Amal Edirisuriya, Director General of Department of Sports Development and Lieutenant Colonel L R T D Herath (Retd) President of National Paralympic Committee inked the MoU at the office of the National Sport Council, Colombo 7 on 14 July 2021.





*Exceptionally-Skilled 200 More
Air Mobile Candidates Graduated*





Inducting well-trained 4 Officers and 196 Other Ranks of the Reserve Strike Force, the state-of-the art Air Mobile Training School (AMTS) at Nikawewa under command to 53 Infantry Division Headquarters adorned ceremonial garbs on 28 July 2021 for the undergraduates who completed the intensive training under Air Mobile Training Course No-23 at the school premises, amidst the greetings and best wishes extended in an eventful formal ceremony, which was dignified by the glorious presence 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) upon the request of Major General S U M N Manage WWV RWP RSP psc General Officer Commanding, 53 Infantry Division adhering to the strict health guidelines.

Awarding to Air Mobile badges to the Officers and Other Ranks who successfully completed the course was done by the chief guest and the guests of the event. The laurels and certificates to the best undergraduates were awarded by the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the

Army. Second Lieutenant M D B N Madusanka of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment was awarded as the Best Student of the Course while Corporal Madusanka A H S of Sri Lanka Light Infantry become the Best Shooter. Corporal Jayantha P G W of Sri Lanka Light Infantry was adjudged as the Best Physically-Fit Soldier exhibiting the extreme rare gesture of excellence.

In line with the ceremony the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army laid the corner-stone for the proposed Air Mobile Training School Headquarters building and commissioned the new Fighting in Built-up Areas (FIBUA) model village. He witnessed candidates' newly-acquired skills displayed. Meanwhile he commissioned the newly-constructed 'Zero Wind' 200m Firing Range and witnessed a demonstration of skills of shooters in the Air Mobile Brigade.

Officers including Colonel P S S Sanjeeva RSP psc, Commander Air Mobile Brigade, Lieutenant Colonel M A D R Mangala, the Commandant of the AMTS and Other Ranks participated in the event.



Holiday Bungalow for the Mechanized Infantry Heroes

“Mech Breeze”, the newly-constructed holiday home in Diyatalawa for the members and their families of the Mechanized Infantry Regiment (MIR) was declared open by General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) at the invitation of Major General S S Waduge RWP RSP USP ndu psc, Colonel of the Regiment and Commander Army Training Command.





This long-felt need for MIR members consists of 6 luxury rooms with all modern furniture and facilities. The entire construction was completed by technically-qualified MIR troops with their manpower utilising regimental funds. Commander, Security Forces (Central) Major General

H M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu, Chairperson Mechanized Infantry Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch Mrs Nelum Waduge, members of the Mechanized Infantry Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch, Senior Officers and Other Ranks graced the event by adhering to stipulated health guidelines.



Donation to Suppress COVID-19



A large consignment of vital life-supporting medical devices, equipment and accessories to control the spread of COVID-19 was gifted by the laity at US-based Dharma Vijaya Foundation and Buddhist Viharaya to General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) on 01 July 2021.

The founder of the organisation, Ven Dr Walpola Piyananda Nayake Thero, Chief Sangha Nayake for the US adjoined the event held at Sri Lanka Army Headquarters.

The medical devices, comprised of telemetry monitors for BP/HR pulses, Oxygen with leads, 10 ltr Oxygen concentrators, Pulse Oximeters, values around US \$20,000.

New DG at Civil Security Department Pays Courtesy on Army Chief



The newly-appointed Director General of the Civil Security Department Major General N R Lamahewage (Retd) RWP RSP ndu paid a courtesy call on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19



Outbreak (NOCPCO) on 15 July 2021. General Shavendra Silva during the brief interaction with the new Director General extended his best wishes for the new appointment and expressed optimism on continuing roles of the Civil Security Department for the greater benefit of the country.

Cordial Meetings



Sportsmen and women who are tipped to participate for the forthcoming 32nd Olympic Games 2020 in Tokyo from 23 July to 8 August 2021 together with the 1st Army Officer participating as a referee were called on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) and received guidelines, encouragement and blessings on 09 July 2021.

The team comprised of Chairman, Olympic Committee, Mr Suresh Subramaniam, Chairman, Firing Team, Mr Pradeep Edirisinghe, Ms Tehani Egodawela (Air Rifle Shooting) and Mr Niluka Karunaratne (Badminton) shared a few thoughts with the Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel D M T C Dassanayake of Sri Lanka Army General Service Corps is the first Sri Lanka Army Officer to serve as a Referee in the firing events in forthcoming 32nd Olympic Games 2020 making Country and Sri Lanka Army proud.



His Excellency Tareq Md Ariful Islam, the new High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka paid a courtesy call on General Shavendra Silva WWV RWP RSP VSV USP ndc psc MPhil Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army and Head of the National Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO).

Long rooted diplomatic relationship between the two nations and the tri forces training programmes were included in the discussion.

New Chief of Staff Pays Courtesy on Army Commander



The new Chief of Staff in the Army, Major General Priyantha Perera 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) on 15 July 2021.

After extending his best wishes on Major General Priyantha Perera's elevation to the new office Commander of the Army exchanged a few thoughts about the 'Way Forward Strategy 2020-2025' and structural provisions to improve Officer trainings and career progression.

Army Seva Vanitha Ladies Celebrate 37th Anniversary

The alternative 'Mother Care' wing of the organisation, the Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) marked its 37th Anniversary on 12 July 2021. Series of programmes organised in line with the event took place at the Army Headquarters under the instructions 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO).

Army Seva Vanitha Unit President, Mrs Sujewa Nelson together with few executive members, including Mrs Shyamala Bandara, Vice President-ASVU, Mrs Sumali Madola, Secretary-ASVU, Mrs Shyamini Kotuwegoda, Assistant Secretary-ASVU, Mrs Deepa Handunmulla, Public Relation Officer-ASVU, Mrs Nelum Waduge, Assistant Public Relation Officer-ASVU and Mrs Chama Wanasingha, Project Officer-ASVU presented the maiden copy of the 'Mehewaraka Asiriya' magazine to General Shavendra Silva, Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army.

Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army extended his heartfelt congratulations to the ASVU's 37th Anniversary thanking the outstanding services that the ladies have been rendering for the benefit of great warriors, family members and civil staff in the organisation for so many years.





Heroes Reviving the Suffering Beaches

Sometimes she is silent. Sometimes she turns into evil. But she is extremely sensitive. Therefore, a tiny thing could make her uncomfortable. She is passing her time of grief bearing all silently. There will be a day that she answers all these questions. That would be a day that we all tear. The story going to relate is none other than the story of the Goddess of Ocean around the island. The discussion of the beaches ones again came into discussion with the pollution made by the X- Press Pearl ship which carried the number of chemical containers and wrecked near the Colombo harbour devastating the NorthWest and southern shores.

The ship registered under the Singapore Shipping Company carried 1,486 containers, including 25 tons of nitric acid which can be used in the manufacture of fertilisers and



explosives, other chemicals, cosmetics and low density polyethylene pellets when it departed the port of Hazira on 15 May 2021 arriving off Colombo on 19 May 2021. The fire escalated 9.5 nautical miles North West of the Colombo Port. The environmental report which was submitted by the team of specialists working on Marine Pollution in University of Georgia headed by Prof Jena Jumbuckn in 2015 reveals that Sri Lanka ranked the 5th place among the countries who are affected by Marine Pollution. The Marine Biologists predict this situation may change with this incident. As per the report, 1.59 metric tons of unmanaged garbage is dropped per annum now.

With the intention to win the world leaders' attention on marine environment, the United Nations had proposed a mandate in 1992 at Rio De Genairo Earth Summit and declared 08 June as the World Marine Day. This concept was initially suggested by International Centre for Marine Development and Ocean Institute of Canada. However the wrecked X- Press Pearl has made a serious damage. In case the metal is mixed with the sea water, it challenges the survival of sea bacteria. Also, the situation strongly impact negatively on all ocean creatures including sea snails, star fish, and sea corals. The pollution on sea bed may develop further with the chemical mixture of the wrecked ship. The live corals die as a result of high rate pH Water. Death of the small fish specially in their breeding seasons, sea turtles, and developing a harmful seabed for sea creatures are inevitable. Sri Lanka has been named as the 5th among the countries who dump the plastics to sea water. Marine condition may even get worse with the plastics and the chemicals leaked by the ship.

Under such circumstances Sri Lanka Army is the only organisation who intervene to recover the suffering beaches. Sri Lanka Artillery Drone Team, Team of Bomb Disposal, Special team form Corps of 14 Sri Lanka Army Chemical, Nuclear, Bioscientific and Radiant Response accompanied with the troops from Sri Lanka Army Headquarters engaged in the task of repairing the lost beaches form North West to south beaches, upon the instructions 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) and the inspection of Commander, Security Forces (West) Major General H M V L Liyanage RWP RSP ndu and 14,61,58 Divisions utilising the limited resources. The Sri Lanka Army has using the human resource at the crucial hours the ocean required the assistance, adhering the health guidelines to ensure the safety of coastal residents and the people.

This is not the only source where the local beaches get polluted. The nets of fishermen, plastics, and the raw materials abandoned to the sea including sewages caused massive leads. Therefore, it is better to bear in mind that the ocean is not anymore the dustbin of us but the lungs of the earth.



*Lieutenant Dilanka Gunatilake
Directorate of Media*



Strength to War Heroes from Army Seva Vanitha Unit

The Army Seva Vanitha Unit (ASVU) was established for the welfare of deceased, handicapped, and serving War Heroes, their beneficiaries and civil staff. Its 37th executive Anniversary was celebrated on 12 July 2021. In line with the dignified day of the establishment several welfare programmes were implemented by the Army Seva Vanitha Unit.

Army Seva Vanitha Unit gifted Laptops to children of War Heroes. RM Inakshi Kumari daughter of S14D00673 Corporal Ajith Kumara RMA and KM Keshawa Kesan, son of KM Anura Kulasekara a member of the Civil Staff of 14 (V) Sri Lanka Light Infantry received laptops. Another 09 laptops were delivered to children on the recommendation of Regimental Seva Vanitha Branch.

As per the proposal of Mrs Sujewa Nelson President, ASVU, a sumptuous meal was delivered for the first time in respect of 615 Officers, 3198 Other Ranks and Civil Staff (total 3813) serving in the Army Headquarters, Sri Jayewardenepura on account of the 37th Anniversary.



After presenting the maiden copy of the 'Mehewaraka Asiriya' (Glory of Service) pictorial anniversary magazine to the Chief of Defence Staff, Commander of the Army, the copies of the magazine were issued to the Ministry of Defence, all branches of the Army Headquarters, Directorates and Headquarters of other institutes attached to the Sri Lanka Army including Navy, Air Force, Civil Security and Police. The symbolical presentation was made by Mrs Sujewa Nelson President, Army Seva Vanitha Unit.



As a segment of the Anniversary Day, mid-day meals were delivered for 150 indoor patients of Mental Health School in Mulleriyawa by the members of the Army Seva Vanitha Unit.

Sri Lanka Artillery Seva Vanitha Branch



Paralleled to the 37th Anniversary of Sri Lanka Army Seva Vanitha Unit, Sri Lanka Artillery Seva Vanitha Branch donated a laptop computer to the child of S/152001 Lance Corporal Ariyaratne J M in order to facilitate the education on 13 July 2021. The president of the Sri Lanka Artillery Seva Vanitha Branch Mrs Shyamini Kotuwegoda and members graced the event.



With the intention of uplifting the welfare facilities of Officers, Other Ranks and Civil Staff serving under Sri Lanka Artillery and to raise the fund for Sri Lanka Artillery Seva Vanitha Branch, a vegetable cultivation project "Seva Vanitha Green Gunner Poly tunnel" was launched at the Regimental Centre of Sri Lanka Artillery on 02 July 2021. The Commandant of the Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force and Colonel Commandant of the Sri Lanka Artillery Major General K N S Kotuwegoda ndc IG also participated in the event patronaged by the President of the Sri Lanka Artillery Seva Vanitha Branch Mrs Shyamini Kotuwegoda and members.

Sri Lanka Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch



Donating of 05 Wheel Chairs including sets of Chiffoniers for 06 differently abled War Heroes was got underway on 25 June 2021 by Sri Lanka Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch. Also, an event of distributing 21 wheelchairs and 02 artificial legs worth of Rs 700,000.00 was taken place under the patronage of the President of Sri Lanka Corps of Engineers Seva Vanitha Branch, Mrs Shiromi Amarasekara and members.

Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch



Upon the instructions and guidance of the President of Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch, Rs 15,000.00 worth cheque was given away to S/314506 WO II Sampath NDC (differently abled) attached to the Regimental Headquarter Battalion of Sri Lanka Light Infantry to purchase the required materials for the house constructions by the President of Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch Mrs Shiromala Kodithuwakku on 27 July 2021. The financial donorship was provided by Mrs C Gunatilake and members of Sri Lanka Light Infantry Seva Vanitha Branch.

Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch



To check the health conditions of the residents in the Abhimansala 3, Suwasahana Residence, Pangolla, the President of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Seva Vanitha Branch, Mrs Shiromi Bandara paid a courtesy visit on 17 July 2021. The Centre Commandant of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Brigadier D M P D Disanayeke RWP, the Deputy Centre Commandant of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, Colonel L D Perera RWP RSP USP including the Officers and members of Seva Vanitha Branch participated in the event.

Sri Lanka Ordnance Seva Vanitha Branch



A programme of distributing dry rations and other needful to the Ladini Children's Orpahange in Mullaitivu got underway by 7 Sri Lanka Ordnance Corps on 11 July 2021 upon the instructions of the President, Sri Lanka Ordnance Seva Vanitha Branch Mrs Subhashini Dodanthenna Marasinghe. The programme was implimented under the mediation of Ordnance Regiment.

Initiating the Organic Manure Production



In line with the government's concept of building a chemical free agricultural practice in Sri Lanka, a programme of Organic Manure Production was initiated at Sri Lanka Army Farmhouse, Palali under the instructions of Chief of Defence Staff and Commander of the Army with the guidance and supervision of the Commander Security Forces (Jaffna) Major General W L P W Perera RWP RSP ndu.



The inauguration event took place under the patronage of the the Commander, Security Forces (Jaffna) with the determination of producing 3600 tons of Organic Manure required to the Maha Season on 04 July 2021. The instructions and the subject knowledge was provided by Mr Kolitha Wickramasinghe and Mr Jagath Somathunga while the technical equipment was provided by the manager of the Army Farm Mr Weerasooriya Bandara.

Generous Donation



At the request of the Commander Security Forces (Wanni), D M M D Bandara RWP RSP USP 100 dry ration parcels were distributed among the underprivileged families in the Theligu Village, Hochchikulam, Vavuniya with the donorship of Watawala Tea Pvt Ltd on 05 June 2021. The event was coordinated by Senior Brand Manager Mrs Anuradha Dissanayeke and Manager of Watawala Ayur Tea Institute Mr Altaf Yakubi. Commander Security Forces (Wanni), the Divisional Secretary of Vavuniya South Sinhala Division Mr PMAK Kumara as representatives of Watawala Tea Pvt Ltd and members of the Sri Lanka Army participated the event.

Memories of a Visit



Commander Security Forces (East), Major General C D Weerasooriya RWP RSP ndu had an observation visit to the formations under command to the 22 Infantry Division. He visited the Recruit Training School, Thawulwewa and discussed the requirements of the school with the staff. Aftermath he observed the progress of the construction works of 221 Infantry Brigade Headquarters and met the Chief Incumbent of Royal Temple of Gomarankadawala Venerable Ahungalle Siri Seelawisuddhi Thero.

Kilinochchi Apparel Workers Receive COVID-19 Vaccine



Upon the instructions 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) and supervision of Commander Security Forces (Kilinochchi), Major General H P Ranasinghe RWP RSP ndc a COVID-19 vaccination programme was got underway for the staff of Mass Intimates at Veedial and Wanavil on 24 and 25 of July 2021. The General Officer Commanding of 57 and 66 Infantry Divisions were also participated in the event.

The Commander Security Forces (Mullaitivu) Visit Under Command Brigades



The Commander Security Forces (Mullaitivu) Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP visited 64, 68 and 59 Infantry Divisions Headquarters after undertaking the duties on 26 July 2021. The Commander inspected the Brigade training School at Muttiyankaadu and Wasantipuram Recruit Training School under command to 64 Infantry Division. After he observed the facilities and requirements of accommodations of Officers and Other Ranks, the conditions of sentries established at roadblocks including the requirements of 59 Infantry Division. The General Officer Commanding



of 64 Division, Major General K R K K T Bandara RSP USP, General Officer Commanding of 59 Infantry Division, Major General G D Sooriyabandara USP and the General Officer Commanding of 64 Infantry Division, Major General M P Karunarathne IG participated in the event.

Commander SF (West) Makes His Maiden Visit



Commander, Security Forces (West) Major General D G S Senarathya RWP RSP ndu visited the 61 Infantry Division on 09 July after assuming duties. Major General D G Heewage RSP, General Officer Commanding of 61 Infantry Division welcomed the newly appointed Commander, Security Forces (West) in accordance with military formalities. After he attended for a comprehensive briefing which described the respective area responsible with the participation of Brigade Commanders, Commanding Officers and other Senior Officers.

Along the way, Commander Security Forces (West) also visited the Intermediate Care Centre located in Ruhunu National College of Education in Akmeemana at the invitation of Commander of 613 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier K U Kodithuwakku RSP USP psc IG. During the visit, he inspected the Quarantine Centre established in the Faculty of Agricultural University of Ruhuna in Mapalana, Mathara and subsequently, visited the 3 (V) Gamunu Watch as per the day's itinerary.



Commander SF (Central) Visited the Construction Area of New Army Hospital in Pallekele

The Commander Security Forces (Central), Major General H L V M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu participated in inspection tour to 11 Infantry Division after paying the homage to Sri Dalanda Maligawa on 14 July 2021. Meanwhile he inspected the constructions of new Army Hospital complex. This official visit took place along with other Senior Officers including General Officer Commanding of 11 Infantry Division Major General K Liyanage RWP RSP ndu, Commander of 111 infantry Brigade, Brigadier T M R B Rathnayake RWP RSP, Commander of 111 Brigade, Brigadier D A K Dissanayake RWP RSP and unit Commanding Officers.





***O/61672 Lieutenant KWT
Nishshanka PWV***

Immortal Hero Sacrificed Life at Devastated Battle of Punarin...

The ocean waves hugged the shore attempting to melt the mighty rocks widely smiling with the milky foams. The young silver rays of newborn moon covered the village shinning the young leaves fluttering in the silent night. The time of the childbirth was around 1124 hrs on 21 September 1971. Before the midnight hours a young cry of newborn baby heaped the hearts of child expecting parents. Kariyawasam Wickramarachchilage Tilak Nishshanka was born rejoicing the family ones again in glee, being the second child to Mr Kariyawasam Wickramarachchilage and Katugampalage Punyasiri Dayawatie lived in Wellampitiya, suburbs of Capital. The young Tilak Nishshanka had a cheerful young day under

the shelter of his beloved parents and relatives. His acts of bravery were exhibited since his young days, but parents would never know what the destiny had stored in his life.

With the completion of the age to learn the letters, he was entered to DS Senanayake Collage in 1977 for his further studies. Hinting the good sign of dazzling future, he was mastered in both of his studies and extra-curricular activities representing various sports teams including Rugby and Soccer teams in school, embedding his name in the list of young athletics of the school play teams. Mr RIT Alas, his principal at the time where student Tilak Nishshanka studied, understood that the child's sign of bright future. Gleaming in the old golden days, he raised his voice. "Tilak Nishshanka was an excellent student in the school. It was hard to say that he was excellent in sport rather studies particularly. But for sure he was genius in both. He often succeeded in the tasks he was entrusted by me or some teacher at the school. Therefore, he won the hearts of the staff not only the teachers who taught him but others". He was one of the prefects after he entered to Dhamma education to Sri Vijaya Dhamma School and never missed the Katina (Holy Pooja of Robes during the Rainy Season) of Temple. Apart from that he was a leading candidate of every competition of public speaking events, drawings, and writings. His drama ones won the first place of Dhamma School Drama Coemption in 1987.

He had a special inborn talent for drawings. Young Tilak Nishshanka was the only artist of Vesak Pandol made by the temple in 1988. Head Principal of the Dhamma School and Registrar and Chief Adikarana Sangha Nayake, Thorapitiye Ananda Thero recollecting his memories on the Tilak Nishshanka said that the young lad had shown his talents in various ways since the day he admitted to the Dhamma school. He had gained prestige to the Dhamma

school winning many competitions of debates, singing, and drawings. "His 45 feet long Pandol what he made all of us surprised. His statue was erected in our Temple premises to motivate our younger generation to follow his path."

When he was in grade 06, he joined the Cadet Team in the school in 1983 and became a Sergeant in 1990 of the same team. He succeeded into this position due to his talent in troops controlling and leadership. Meanwhile, he achieved best results in GCE O/L with 05 Excellent Passes and 3 Credit Passes. He selected Commerce Stream for his GCE A/L and with the completion of the last task of education, he decided to join the Sri Lanka Army with the persistence to save the nation from the brutal terrorism escalating at the time on 07 September 1990 as an Officer Cadet. He was the best shooter in his intake defeating all the other competitors after getting the training from the Pakistan Military Academy. He passed out from the Military Academy as a Second Lieutenant in 1991 and posted to the Fleet of Warriors named 3 Gajaba Regiment under the Officer No O/61672 and launched his national duty towards the nation as a Platoon Commander. His talent to lead the men in the fearsome battle was often praised by the followers.

He had portrayed his talent in tactical wisdom leading men in fearsome battles against LTTE at Wettalakarni, Palali, Elephant Pass and Magadal Battles and led many operations including Wickrama-I, Wickrama-II, Balawega in Northern areas. He determined to protect Punarin Camp in 1991 from the LTTE terrorists as it was one focal centre of operations. Terrorists had attacked the base in isolation over years with the intention of capturing it but failed. On 11 November 1993 around 0130 hrs a rain of rapid bullets reached the base unexpectedly where Lieutenant Nishshanka and his troops were deployed. Before the sharp counter

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fire of Lieutenant Nishshanka's Team, the terrorist had to withdraw their attempt.

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Knowing the danger of hour, Lieutenant Nishshanka realised there is no option rather continuing the fire until the terror ceased He moved ahead encouraging the troops facing the counter fire fearlessly. Suddenly an enemy bullet pulls through his right hand and leg. Before the laments of beloved troops, he moved ahead with the wounded hand and leg with the soul cherished perseverance. He determined to destroy the enemies protecting his own troops. Without giving a second thought of his life, he took

his gun and pulled the trigger so sharp targeting the line of enemies approaching towards them. Soon he realized that the bullets of his gun were already ran out. Within few minutes he noticed the devastation occurs in case this enemies reached to his troops. He took his grenade, in the side pockets, removed the pin and jumped towards the approaching enemies knowing that saving own troops is better than falling into the hands of enemies as a brave lion. His beloved troops saw the scattering pieces of their beloved leader who sacrificed to save their lives in the fog of smoke wetting their eyes with the tears of respect.

Upon the exceptional gallantry exhibited in the individual act of bravery by Lieutenant Nishshanka in order to secure the lives of own troops neglecting the interest towards the own life was awarded Parama Weera Vibhushanya and promoted to the rank of Lieutenant from 2/Lieutenant. His service is yet remains unforgettable during the peak of the list of fallen War Heroes.



*From the book of Uththamachara
published by Sri Lanka Army*

Inspection Tour

Commander Security Forces (Central) Major General H L V M Liyanage RWP RSP ndu had an inspection tour to the 7 Sri Lanka Army Military Police and 8 Sri Lanka Army Military Police on 21 July 2021. After addressing the Officers and Other Ranks. Commander provided the solutions for the administration requirements.



Commandant SLAVF Inaugurates Construction of the Entrance at the New Headquarters



Major General K N S Kotuwegoda ndc IG Commandant, Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force laid the foundation stone for the long felt need of new Headquarters premises for Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force on 02 June 2021, by cutting the first sod of soil for the new entrance amid the Senior Officers at the auspicious hour. The Deputy Commandant, Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force Major General J D C D Jayasinha KSP KSV participated the event.

With the consecution of the entrance at the Sri Lanka Army Volunteer Force Headquarters, the pride and the gallantry of having 140 long history generating unforgettable War Heroes, world winning sportsmen and unforgettable characters undoubtedly increases.

Home from the Army



Under the instructions of Commander Security Forces (Kilinochchi), donating a constructed house for underprivileged family in Krishnapuram Village was taken place on 05 July 2021. The house constructed upon the financial donorship of 573 Infantry Brigade and manpowered by 9 Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment. Commander Security Forces (Kilinochchi) Major General H R Ranasinhe RWP RSP ndc graced the event of charity with his valuable participation.

“Hasalaka Gamini Kularathne entered into the History as the first War Hero who awarded the Parama Weera Vibhushanaya for his supreme sacrifice at the crucial Alimankada incident of the country's war records”



Hasalaka War Hero Commemorated



The 30th commemoration of late 'Hasalaka Hero', Corporal Gamini Kularatne of the 6 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment (SLSR), who made the supreme sacrifice for the country on 14 July 1991 to prevent an enemy bulldozer running into the Elephant Pass Army garrison, held at the Gamini Kularatne Memorial at Elephant Pass, on 14 July 2021.



The event, organised under the guidance of the General Officer Commanding, 66 Infantry Division Major General DAP Disanayeke RWP RSP USP ndu IG and supervision of Commander 662 Infantry Brigade Colonel HAC Liyanage RWP RSP psc was headed by the Commander Security Forces (Wanni) and Colonel of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Major General G M H D Bandara RWP RSP USP.





Air Mobile Training Course-23

Air Mobile Training Course 23 was initiated at the Air Mobile Training School (AMTS) at Nikawewa under command to the 53 Division Headquarters with 58 undergraduates. A training demonstration of the event took place on 07, 08, and 09 July 2021 at the Air Force Camp, Hinguragoda with the supervision of General Officer Commanding, 53 Infantry Division Major General S U M N Mange WWV RWP RSP psc.

Donation from Heroes

Upon the guidance and the supervision of General Officer Commanding, 65 Infantry Division Major General D M T Disanayake RSP USP and under the supervision of Commander, 653 Infantry Brigade Brigadier G H S Fonseka USP psc, a programme of distributing dry ration parcels for the victimised families by the COVID-19 travel restrictions was held on 23 June 2021 at the Kirioddusudan. The charity event was headed by Commander Security Forces (Wanni) Major General D M H D Bandara RWP RSP USP. The event organised by 24 Gajaba Regiment and funded by the Second Coffee International.



Distributing Mid Day Meals

On account of the Posen Poya Day dry ration parcels were given away for the underprivileged families resided in Chunnakam, Uduwil Inuwil, Kareinagar, Chullipuram, Channakeyi, Sillayi and Thyiadi by the troops of 511, 513 and 515 Infantry Brigades on 24 June 2021.



Achieving Flying Colours

Undergraduates of Special Infantry Operation Course-No 71 conducted by Sri Lanka Army Training School passed out on 22 June 2021 at the school premises. The Non Commissioned Officers



of 23 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, S/367340 Sergeant Gunarathne Bandara B W S RSP, S/375890 Corporal Rathnayake R M N P, S/373523 Lance Corporal Dharmakeerthi U G A I, S/379202 Lance Corporal Pradeep Kumara W K J, S/376358 Amarasinghe H G M N, S/382583 Priyantha D M A, S/383817 Chandima W G K, S/384244 Aberathne M G K B and S/38509 Sandakelum AM participated the course. The best student of the course was S/ S/375890 Corporal Rathnayake R M N P.

Excess Revenue Generation Project



Upon the concept of Commander Security Forces (Kilinochchi) and the guidance of the General Officer Commanding, 57 Infantry Division, several excess revenue generation projects including agriculture, fisheries industry and bee farming have launched in order to uplift the living conditions of economically unfavourable community in the under command area.

Under the distribution programme fruit and vegi plants were distributed among 15 selected poverty-stricken families by 7 Sri Lanka Light Infantry Regiment, 9 Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment and 9 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment. Releasing fingerlings on the same day to the regional reservoirs, seasonal tanks in Arukulam and Vishwamadu where 52 fisheries families are resided. The project was done by 7 Sri Lanka Light Infantry Brigade and 6 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, under the supervision of the Commanders of 571, 572 and 573 Infantry Brigades.

Community Welfare Project

Distribution of cooked mid-day meals and dry ration parcels for the underprivileged families in the area responsible to the 56 Infantry Division took place on 15 June 2021. Commander of 563 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier K P A Perera RSP and Officers and Other Ranks participated the event.



Donations for Religious Places



As per the instructions and the guidance of General Officer Commanding, 65 Infantry Brigade Major General D M T Disanayake RSP USP and the donorship of Mr Sonders of Canada dry ration parcels were distributed among the temples affected by the existing COVID-19 restrictions of the country.

Royal Temple, Atambagaskada, Pannannada Temple Pirappan Maduwa, Selalihini Sri Sidhhartha Maha Viharaya, Selalingama, Sri Sudarmarama Nunery, Nandimithragama Sujatharama Nunery and Sri Bhodhimaluwa Temple, Kokeeliya were among the recipients.

Law of War Revealed from Mahabharatha



Many parties entered the war do not aware the existence of the Law of War. The history of the war is older as the birth of the planet. Therefore, the Law of War is also seemingly old. No warrior must injure or kill a warrior who already surrendered was even known by the military heads of the ancient times. They had made aware their troops on this special law significantly. With the gradual expansion of the law over many years, it has converted to a powerful law which could impact solemnly to a state, country or world today. Kurukshetra War, revealing in the Mahabharata is the finest example to prove the existence of the Law of War in ancient times.

The War of Kurukshetra

Kurukshetra War, also famous as the Mahabharata War, is one of the

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largest wars of history, as described in the epic poem of Hinduism, Mahabharata. The battle was a rising conflict because of the struggle of dynasty succession between the two groups of cousins, popularly known as Kauravas and Pandavas. Their traditional centre of the governance was Hasthinapuram which was ruled by Kauravas dynasty. Kauravas never involved Pandavas to the governance although lived in the same palace. The group of 06 cousins fought the Kurukshetra War for the throne of Hastinapur, and the War involved several prominent ancient kingdoms participating as the allies for the different groups. The master of the combat was Arjun from Pandavas and his adviser was Lord Krishna of Brindawan.

All the peace dialogues were exchanged through Lord Krishna.

Kauravas has greater respect towards this divine spirit of Brindawan. As soon the hope of the peace fall, the both Kauravas and Pandavas were ready to war and located in their traditional battlegrounds while the dates reaching closer to the war.

Rules Set Out by the Kurukshetra War

The supreme Commanders of both the rival sides met before the beginning of the Kurukshetra War and framed "rules of ethical conduct". Many of the memovers were kith and keens of each. The Kaurava Army, represented by Bhishma (Commander), Donacharya, Thripacharya, Duryodan whereas the Pandava Army was led by Arjuna, Sahadev, Nakula, Satyaki, Shikhandi, Abhimanyu, Virata and Drupada. Dhrishtadyumna was the supreme Commander of the Pandava army. The discussion was headed by the Bhishma, the Commander of the Kaurava as he was the most senior of the both teams. The parents of the princes were also participated with their friend Lord Krishna. Accordingly, they set out the following rules before the battle.

- The war is between two parties of humans. Therefore, nonhumans such as Gods, divine spirits, devils and such forces are not allowed to involve the war.
- The war exists until one party completely defeats, and another party marks the victory.
- Fighting must only begin after the sunrise and end precisely at sunset.
- When the war concludes for the day, a warrior of the one party can meet the relatives of the rival party at night and such shall not be harmed.
- The warrior who surrenders, injured and becomes the war prisoner and will then be subjected to a war prisoner's protection.

- No warrior can attack any woman in such case identified womanhood during the battle.

- Leaders always fight with leaders. The rival soldiers are prevented to attack the leaders of the battle.

- Only one warrior can attack the other single one. No groups can attack individual people.

Protection and Violations of the Law of War

During the 7 day war between the Kauravas and Pandavas, Lord Krishna was appointed as an fight inspector to protect the first rule came into agreement. The deadliest war soaked the grounds in blood marked the incidents of both violations and protections of the enacted rules. During the battle a devil came into the battle making a great loss to the Kauravas. At the same evening the Kauravas interrogated the Pandavas for breaking the war rules. It was revealed then that a Pandavas prince had led a family with a female demon after escaped from Hastinapuram with the permission of the mother and the devil appeared in the battle was their son as he is belonging to Pandavas.

In another corner Kauravas killed isolated son of Arjun with a group attack. Prince Bheema of Pandavas, had cut the abdominal of the warrior who had dragged Queen Daupadee from hair and washed her hair back who was resting outside of the battlefield. Commanding Warrior Aswamanna of Kauravas slaughtered many young children during the last day of the battle. By the 7th day all the Kauravas had left their lives by the battle between relatives and friends. Finally, the Hastinapuram was taken by Pandavas and they ruled the kingdom with peace. As soon the battle marked end Lord Krishna departed to Brinda Wood where he used to live.

“The duty of the warrior in the battlefield is performing the entrusted duties accurately. It is not necessarily to know the result of the war by the warrior. Perhaps the warrior had died already when the result comes. But the warrior shall determine to perform his duties in the battlefield as instructed”

Preaching Bhagawath Geeta

The armies awaited until the sign of war declared and facing each other. Arjuna was in a dilemma and he felt weak and sickened at the prospect of killing his entire family including his teachers and playmates. Arjuna turned to Krishna for divine advice and teachings. Krishna advised him of his duty. Since making the Arjuna understand was ultimate difficult Lord Krishna appeared with his

divine figure and preached Bhagavad Gita, one of the most respected religious and philosophical texts in the Hindu religion. The epic story is built with the conversation forms between Arjuna and Lord Krishna, Krishna reminded him that this was a war between righteousness and unrighteousness, and it was Arjuna's duty to support the cause of sin.

Arjuna: Tell me my friend, what is the duty of a warrior in the battlefield?

Lord Krishna: The duty of the warrior in the battlefield is performing the entrusted duties accurately. It is not necessarily to know the result of

the war by the warrior. Perhaps the warrior had died already when the result comes. But the warrior shall determine to perform his duties in the battlefield as instructed.

Present Situation of the Law of War

The Law of War accepts the requirement of war at the time where there is no space for peace. Even though there are some accepted rules and guidelines in the subject because the several parties are avoiding and affected by such act of war. Recently imposed Geneva Convention is

playing a key role of the progressive development of the war. The Hague and New York is also vital. The impact of the United Nations is also significantly important. Adhering these laws and rules assure the wellbeing of humanity. Prohibition of chemical weapons, unaccepted traps, explosives, assuring the security of the cultural heritages in the areas, protection of civilians, abolishing of arbitrary attacks and security of prisoners of war are some of them.



Colonel MPP Perera
SLAPC



Providing Facilities

Newly building 02 accommodations on behalf of the Officers and Other Ranks serving under command to the 53 Infantry Division was declared open on 10 July 2021 by General Officer Commanding Major General S U M N Mangae RWP RSP psc. The buildings are consisted with 08 rooms for Officers and 18 rooms for Warrant Officers and Sergeants.





Helping When In Disaster

The troops of 11 Division Headquarters and 112 Infantry Infantry Brigade upon the instructions of Security Force Headquarters (Central) launched operation to save the victims of the landslide occurred in Keenagama, Bandarawela in Badulla District due to the adverse rain.

Assisting the Flood Victims

Upon the instructions and the guidance of Commander Security Force Headquarters (West), 8 Gemunu Watch, Sri Lanka Pioneer Corps and 14 Gemunu Watch provided the relief facilities for the flood victims of Godigamuwa, Bulathsinhala, Molkawa, Galle, Neluwa, Kukuleganage, Paragoda. The community welfare event was carried out under the inspection of General Officer Commanding, 61 Infantry Division and Commander, 611 Infantry Brigade.



Uplifting the Living Conditions of the Civil Community



A programme of distributing 600 chickens as 20 per each family to uplift the living conditions of 33 economically underprivileged families in Kiran, Siththadi, Unnachchiya and Wellaweli areas was taken place on 26 June 2021. The programme was supervised by the Commander, 231 Infantry Brigade, Brigadier V M N Hettiarachchi RWP RSP and the participation of Unit Commanders of the area and Other Ranks.



The Last Request

As I remember, it was the first week of May in 2009. We had reached the final countdown of the battle against LTTE. Sri Lanka Armed Forces were able to limit the terrorists to area around 2 square kilometers in Wellamulliwaikkal and Nandikadal Bay. Many civilians were still detained by LTTE under their control using them as a human shield, therefore we had to select a careful way to reach them without harming the civilians. I was a Lieutenant Colonel at the time commanding to 17 Gemunu Watch which was newly established for Wanni Humanitarian Operation. I was the first Commanding Officer to this newly established battalion. Although

my battalion is comparatively poor with the needful ration, uniform and the equipment, yet established fairly good lead in the battlefield. Strategically important Paranthan Junction was also captured by my battalion under command to the 58 Division on 01.01.2009. The morale of our team was high. The only hope blooming in the hearts of the Officers and the soldiers was the end of evil war with the greater perseverance.

At the time my battalion was moving towards the Wellamulliwaikkal Village which was the last identified enemy location. LTTE had built a huge soil bunt attaching Nanadikadal Bay covering the only entrance to the

village. The route was pretty open and less with the natural concealments, Therefore my battalion was an easy prey to LTTE snipers and other heavy weapon attacks of the counter party. This huge soil bunt had to be crossed over anyhow to enter the last enemy location, therefore taking soil bunt under control was important as a initial stage of entrance. As there were many civilians taken as a human shield, the air and artillery assistance were not wise to be obtained. The situation had become severely complicated. Since the superiority had passed the orders to assure no harm to single civilian who are under the LTTE custody, the responsibility on our shoulders

was quite heavy. The attack to the soil bunt therefore should have done in a new way leaving the traditional tactics aside for a while.

Reaching to the soil bunt under the condition of less natural coverings was a challengeable task. The path we selected to move had been already trapped by various landmines by the enemy. My troops marched ahead carefully taking the soil bunt as a cover while facing the enemy attacks. However, before all these difficulties, my troops were able to reach 150 meters towards the soil bunt that LTTE had made. LTTE had made 3 meter trench just after the soil bunt risking the day march. Accordingly, everything was planned to lead the operation at night fall taking the cover of owl light. Accordingly, it was scheduled to capture a small part of the soil bunt.

There were handful number of Officers in my Battalion with its soon establishment and some platoons were commanded by Sergeants. I made the forward plan for the attack summoning my all Officers, Sergeants team leading Corporals and decide to divide the task among the several teams. One team will undertake the power of a part of soil and the other

team would assure the power around the nearby areas crossing the soil bunt from the area captured by friendly forces. A temporary ladder, wooden bridges were made to climb the huge soil bunt although it was hard and risky.

After planning the attack, we enjoyed a tea. While I was enjoying the tea, the team Sergeant Pushpakumara, the leader of the C Team slowly reached me in fearsomely and obediently said that he wishes to enjoy a Cigarette with me. As per the military discipline, smoking before Officers by soldiers were strictly prohibited. Surprising the other soldiers and Officers, I shared a cigarette with him. Braking the silence, after passing a few smoke rings form cigarette Sargent firmly said "Sir, I will break this soil bunt however Sir !" I wished him patting his upper back, as I knew he is a brave and smart soldier.

The team 3 launched the attack at 0300 hrs and after a deadly and decisive combat, my soldiers were able to capture a part of the soil bunt. Soon after, I received a phone call form Captain in charge of C Team saying Sargent Pushpakumara is in serious condition as he caught for a LTTE clemo. Although the attack

was successfully carried out, Sargent Pushpakumara and few of my soldiers sacrificed their lives during the battle.

Sri Lanka Army was able to conclude the brutal terrorism on 19 May 2009 and I was happened to visit Sargent Pushpakumara's house on my way back home during my first vacation after concluding the battle. I informed that I was the Commanding Officer of their head of the house. His wife, still in grieve by the loss of her beloved husband, welcomed me holding their only daughter with tears. The young daughter in her age beginning to read and the sorrowful face of his wife brought me an nostalgic feeling for not understanding that his wish to share cigarette was his last request. I hopelessly looked at the baby girl laughing at me showing her shiny baby teeth.



Major General Keethi Kottewatta
*Director General – Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Director of Psychological Operations
Sri Lanka Army Headquarters*

Memories of the Anniversary Day



The 1st Battalion of Sri Lanka Army Pioneer Corps which is also known as the oldest Battalion in the Sri Lanka Army, celebrated its 62nd Anniversary prioritising the traditional Buddhist rituals adhering to the health guidelines of the country. The almsgiving ceremony was held offering floral tribute to the fallen War Heroes commemorating their commendable service. The donation of needful items for the underprivileged families affected by COVID-19 were held in line with the Anniversary.

Heroes Dedicated to Suppress COVID-19 Virus



Under the supervision of Security Forces (Jaffna) a Vaccination Programme with second dose of Sinopharm got underway on 03 June 2021 covering Jaffna District. This community health event took place at vaccination centres established in Jaffna, Chankanai, Chavakachcheri, Karaweddi, Kopai, Nallur, Point Pedro, Sandilippayi Thellippaleyo and Maruthankeni by 4 Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps with the assistance of Public Health Inspectors of the area.



Upon the instructions and guidance 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) the essential medical devices for the Intensive Care Units treating for COVID-19 infectees in serious conditions donated by Sri Lanka American Union were officially handed over to the Director of Regional Hospital, Andapana, Kamburupitiya on 29 June 2021. The Commander of 613 Infantry Brigade Brigadier KU Kodithuwakku RSP USP psc IG headed the event.



On the mediation of Sri Lanka Army, a vaccination programme for civilians in Vavuniya District under command to Security Force Headquarters (Wanni) was implemented at V/Gamini Maha Vidyalaya on 07 July 2021 with the assistance of health authorities in the area.

More than 1000 civilians above 60 years of age resided in Vavuniya Town, Vavuniya Town (North), Rambakulama and Wairapuliayankulam Grama Niladhari Divisions received their COVID-19 jab.



Generous Donation to Temples

A programme of delivering dry ration parcels worth of Rs 3500.00 among the Buddhist Temples in Batticaloa and the 22 needy families in Punkuda, Erawur in the area responsible for 4 Gemunu Watch was got underway on 02 July 2021 under the supervision of Commander, 231 Infantry Brigade Brigadier V M N Hettiarachchi RWP RSP. The General Officer Commanding of 23 Division Major General K A N N Koswatta RWP RSP ndu graced the event with his patronage.



Meaningful Programme

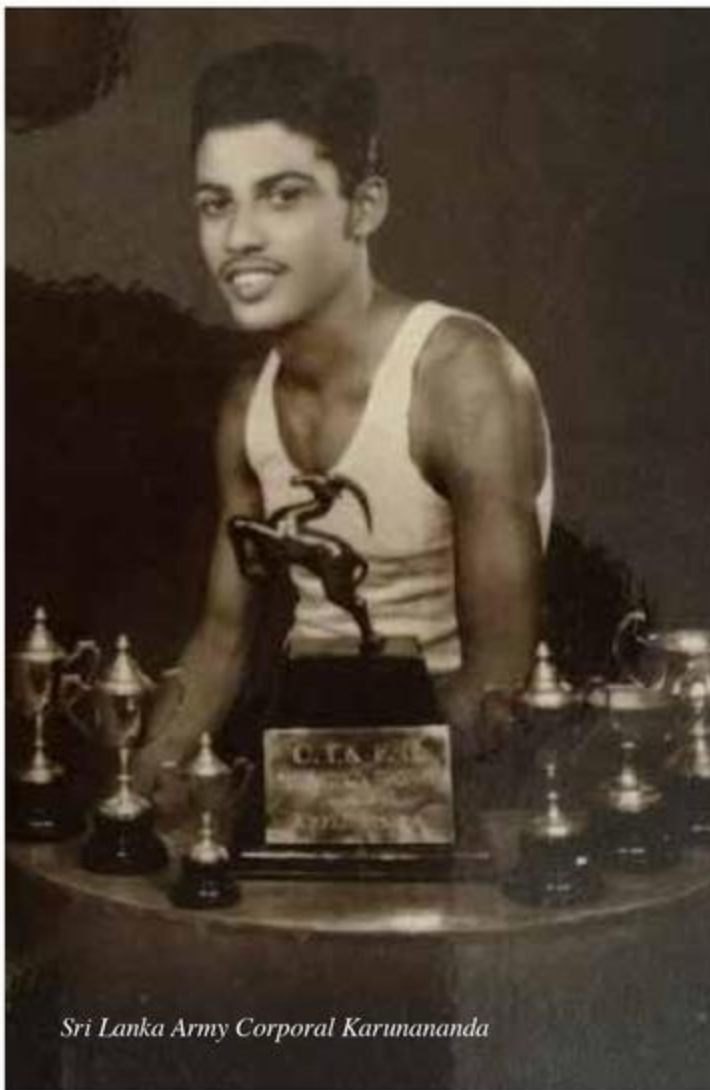
With the sole purpose to educate the military knowledge of junior Officers serving in 19 Gemunu Watch and 12 Sri Lanka Light Infantry under command to 59 Infantry Division, conducted a programme themed on Map Marking, Voice Procedure and Practicing of Decision Making Process on 12 and 14 July 2021 under the patronage of General Officer Commanding of 59 Infantry Division Major General G D Sooriyabandara USP.



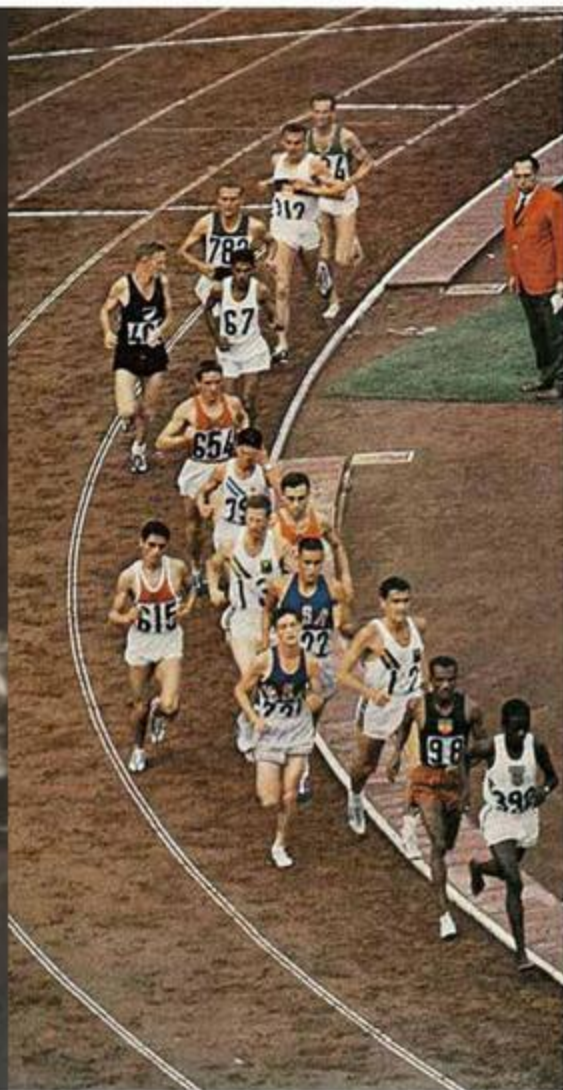
Step to Cultivation



Upon the instructions of Colonel Commandant of the Sri Lanka Army General Service Corps, Major General C K Handunmulla and with the fully backing of State Ministry of Plantation a turmeric seed cultivation programme in 5 acres in the 01 Sri Lanka Army General Service Corps (SLAGSC) Detachment at Kuttigala was initiated on 04 July 2021. The programme was held under supervision of Captain H G J C Kumara and Lieutenant Colonel C S Demuni Commanding Officer 1 Sri Lanka Army General Service Corps.



Sri Lanka Army Corporal Karunananda



Sri Lankan Corporal who Taught the World to See the Silver Line in the Dark Cloud

With the upcoming Olympics, the image of a Sri Lankan Sportsman who kept his name imprinted in the Olympics history in golden letters although defeated is flashing into memories. That excellent sportsman is none other than Corporal Ranathunga Karunananda of Sri Lanka Army who represented the country for in the Tokyo Olympics in 1964 for 10,000 Marathon event.

Accordingly, Corporal Karunananda had to face the run with the world

class sportsmen represented the United States, Australia, Tunisia. Soon after the initial sign to start Corporal Karunananda without considering his sickness moved ahead with the bunch of sportsmen. He ran using his maximum strength with the sportsmen who are double in his sizes.

Yet he continues his journey in the same speed he started the race while the other sportsmen mark the end making Corporal Karunananda the

last who completed the marathon. With the start of 20 round world famous USA runner Billy Mills completed the run with 28 minutes and 17.6 seconds being the Gold medal owner. Even though the second and third places were already won, Corporal Karunananda is still determined to complete remaining 4 rounds while the others had given up the run. Accordingly, he continued his run as the same speed with the soul embedded perseverance and consistency. The audience at the



Corporal Karunananda patriating in the 10,000 Marathon, Tokyo Olympics in 1964.

beginning looked at him in strange manner as he yet continues while all the others had given up the run with the selection of 1,2,3 places. Some in the audience began to laugh at Corporal Karunananda during his first round.

When he was entering to his second round the whole audience has turned to a sudden scilence. Tiny wave of applause was beginning to raise form

corners of the audience and turned to a huge supportive wave for Corporal Karunananda crying "Come on Ceylon" aloud. After competing all due rounds Corporal Karunananda entered the audience. USA runner Billy Mills, who won the 1st place wished him and said that Corporal Karunananda deserves the first place.

However, with this incident Corporal Karunananda was able to convey

a message to Japan who fall being the victim of World War II. The Japanese authority entered Corporal Karunananda's story into Japanese textbooks highlighting his persistence bring a pride for his motherland Sri Lanka.



*Lieutenant Duminda Senarath
Directorate of Media*



Educating Troops on Proper Upkeep of Discipline and Welfare



Upon the mediation 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) and the supervision of Security Forces Headquarters (Wanni) Major General D M H D Bandara RWP RSP USP, addressed troops on “The Importance of Upkeeping the Discipline and Welfare Facilities” at Security Force Headquarters (Wanni) and 21 Infantry Division on 04 July 2021. The lecture was conducted by the Sri Lanka Army Executive General WASS Waansinghe RSP USP ndu and head of the Directorate of Provost Brigadier A L Ilangakoon. 838 Officers and Other Ranks serving in the Wanni area participated in the event.



Unit Visit



Commander Security Forces (Wanni) and Centre Commandant of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment Major General D M D H Bandara RWP RSP USP addressed the troops serving under command to 561 Infantry Brigade Headquarters on 11 July 2021. Officers including the General Officer Commanding of 56 Infantry Division Major General A A D N S P Dunuwila RWP RSP USP, Commander of the 561 Infantry Division Brigadier R M P S B Rathnayake and Other Ranks participated the event.

Inaugurating Tamil Language Course

With the purpose of improving the Tamil Language Proficiency among the Non Commissioned Officers serving in the units controlled by 59 Infantry Division under command to Security Force Headquarters (Mullativu) Tamil Language Course-No 45 initiated at the Brigade Headquarters on 07 July 2021. The inaugural session headed by the General Officer Commanding, 59 Infantry Division Major General G D Sooriyabandara USP. Officers including Commanding Officers and Other Ranks of the units participated in the event.



Memories of a Visit



General Officer Commanding, 65 Infantry Division Major General D M T B Disanayeke RSP USP visited the Infantry Brigade headquarters under command to the 65 Infantry Division on 11 July 2021. 651 and 652 Infantry Brigades and inspected during his visit. Prioritising a deep rooted military traditions, a guard turnout was offered to him by the troops of 10 Sri Lanka Light Infantry and 19 Sri Lanka Light Infantry.



Platoon Support Weapon Course Initiated for Senior NCOs



Upon the instructions of Directorate of Training, Platoon Support Weapon Course was Initiated for Senior NCOs with the participation of 58 students from 09-14 July 2021. The event inaugurated with welcome speech with the patronage of the Commandant of the Infantry Training School, Brigadier P S K Sanjeeva RWP RSP USP. The Commandant stressed that the best students receive opportunities to follow the advance course conducted in abroad by various counties.

Housing Dream Came True



Marking another forward step of the housing project initiated in respect of the underprivileged families in Jaffna region a newly constructed house for Mrs Thushikanthan Anjanathevi resided at Vampiyanpattu (South), Maradankeni was given away on 10 July 2021 by Commander Security Forces (Jaffna) Major General W L P W Perera PWP PSP ndu. The Officers and Other Ranks participated for the event of charity.

Shade from Heroes



A needy family in Mayilwanapuram village under command to 14 Sri Lanka National Guard received a newly constructed house by the hands of the Commander Security Forces (Kilinochchi) Major General HR Ransinghe RWP RSP ndc on 13 July 2021.



Refurbished Fleet of Vehicles and Equipment Ready to Army Use

Unserviceable fleet of vehicles, and damaged generators and water pumps after the service of Security Forces (Jaffna) were turned serviceable within a short period of time upon the instructions of Major General W L P W Perera RWP RSP ndu, Commander Security Forces (Jaffna) by 4 Sri Lanka Army Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (SLEME).

Those serviceable vehicles and equipments were distributed among the relevant units on 18 July 2021 before the Commander, Security Forces (Jaffna). General Officers Commanding 51, 52 and 55 Infantry Divisions, Officers and troops were also present at this event of distribution.

New Constructions Declared Open



A long-felt requirement of 4 Sri Lanka National Guard members was declared open on 24 May 2021 by, the Unit Commanding Officer Major S M P Bandara. Other Ranks Dinning Club, Armory, Flag Hosting Square and Front Entrance were newly added to the infrastructure of the unit.

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Sri Lanka Army Base-Mullaitivu was based on the city being a strategic strength to the all areas in East covering Elampil, Mulliyaweli, Pudukudurippu, and Wellamulliwaikkal acting as the 25 Infantry Brigade in isolation combatting against the most deadliest terrorism- LTTE who worked for a narrow intention built on the fake history over three decades taking innocent lives of thousands civilians in the area. The two Battalions of 9 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment and 6 Sri Lanka Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment accompanied with the support and service battalions and Police were deployed in duty. Turning the base location into own reward, the brutal LTTE terrorists launched continuous attacks to the base on 18 July 1996. Before the escalating fire over heads, 44 Officers, 1125 Other Ranks fought fearlessly to secure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country sacrificing their lives. 13 years after the tragedy, the brave Sri Lankan Army was able to free the nation from extremist terrorism ones again adding a value for the scrupulous sacrifice of sons of the nation.

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Mullaitivu War Memorial Revered with Flowers

(18.07.1996-18.07.2021)



The commemoration of the fallen valorous War Heroes of Mullaitivu Attack received the floral tribute at the war memorial located at Mullaitivu on 18 July 2021 in line with the 25th Anniversary of the incident. Centre Commandant of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, and Commander Security Forces (Wanni) Major General D M H D Bandara RWP RSP USP, Centre Commandant of Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment and the Commander Security Forces (Mullaitivu) Major General S P K A Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP graced the event along with the participation of General Officer Commanding, 68 Infantry Division Major General K R K T Bandara RSP USP Commander, 591 Infantry Brigade, Commanding Officers of 9 Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment and 6 Sri Lanka Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment, Officers and Other Ranks.



Sri Lanka Signal Corps Assists Covid-19 Vaccination

The technological assistance to update the information of COVID-19 vaccine holders and the human resource for the successful implementation of COVID-19 vaccination programmes in Colombo, Kalutara, Gampaha and Kandy, Kurunegala, Tangalle, Galle and Jaffna was got underway with the assistance and dedication of Lieutenant Colonel S D Kotalawala RSP, Commanding Officer of Sri Lanka Signal Corps, technical Officers and Other Ranks, adhering to the existing COVID-19 health restrictions prevailing in the country. The programme was carried out with the intervention of Major General P A J Peris, Chief Signal Officer and Commander of the Sri Lanka Signal Corps, under the direct supervision of Brigadier KC Prathaapsinghe Director Information Technology.

The data feeding process has expedited enabling to vaccinate a large number of public within short duration of time With the contribution of the Sri Lanka Army.



Community Education on Organic Manure

Under the supervision of 643 Infantry Brigade, 13 Sri Lanka National Guard launched an community education programme on Organic Manure production at the 13 Sri Lanka National Guard premises.

Commander 643 Infantry Brigade Brigadier K P T De Silva RSP psc and Commanding Officer II of 13 Sri Lanka National Guard Major K N C De Silva, the Director of Agriculture and Research Institute in Oddusudan, Mr K Keerthiharan and Agrarian Officer in Muthiyankaddukulam and residents in the area participated the event.

Laying the Foundation Stone



The foundation stone for the newly constructing house for Raveendra Ranasinghe Ruwangama in Thanthirimale in the area responsible to 212 Infantry Battalion under command to 21 Infantry Division got underway following the auspicious time on 11 June 2021 by Major General W R M A Rathnayake RWP RSP ndu General Officer Commanding, 21 Infantry Division. The financial donorship was provided by Mr Rasith Manathunga upon the request of the Commander of 212 Infantry Battalion.

Generous Donation for Civilians



On account of the Poson Full Moon Poya 300 luch parcels were distributed among the economically unfavoured residents in Selvapuram under the supervision of General Officer Commanding, 51 Infantry Division.

Successful Achievement with Flying Colours



L/C Sameera R V S N S/653325 of 3 Sri Lanka Army Medical Corps presently serving in Ranawiru Sewana, Ragama Prosthetics and Orthotics Lab administrated by Directorate of Rehabilitation represented Sri Lanka and participated to the CAT III course conducted by Cambodian School of Prosthetics and Orthotics in Phnom penh Cambodia.

Ranawiru Sewana, Ragama Prosthetics and Orthotics Laboratory is the pioneer establishment on producing artificial arms and the surgery tools for the differently abled tri forces, police and civil security officers including special need civilians.

Ranawiruwa Extends Heartiest Best Wishes for the New Appointments



**Major General
A A I J Bandara RWP RSP
USP ndu**
assumed the office as the Director
General (Infantry) of
Sri Lanka Infantry Brigade Branch
on 30 July 2021



**Major General
H L V M Liyanage RWP
RSP ndu**
assumed the office as the
Commander Security Forces
(Central)
on 30 July 2021



**Major General
T J Kodithuwakku RWP
RSP ndu**
took over the office as the
Commander Security Forces
(Jaffna)
on 19 July 2021



**Major General
A P I Fernando RWP RSP
USP**
took over the office as the
Centre Commandant, Sri Lanka
Mechanized Infantry
on 21 July 2021



**Major General
D G S Senerathayapa RWP
RSP ndu**
took over the office as the
Commander Security Forces
(West)
on 08 July 2021



**Major General
M K S Silva RWP RSP ndu**
took over the office as the Master
of the Ordnance at Ordnance
Master General Depot
on 19 July 2021



**Major General
A K G K U Gnanarathne ndc psc**
took over the office as the
Centre Commandant, Sri Lanka
Commando Regiment
on 29 July 2021



**Major General
U D Wijesekara RWP RSP
USP reds psc**
took over the office as the General
Officer Commanding, 54 Infantry
Division
on 28 July 2021



**Major General
M K Jayawardane RWP RSP USP psc
ndu**
took over the office as the General
Officer Commanding,
55 Infantry Division
on 23 July 2021



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W B W M R S P Aluwihare RWP
RSP**
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Officer Commanding, 22 Infantry
Division
on 19 July 2021



**Brigadier
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took over the office as the Centre
Commandant, Sri Lanka Infantry
Training School
on 21 July 2021



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U P R Weerakoon WWV RWP
RSP USP**
took over the office as the General
Officer Commanding, 64 Infantry
Division
on 07 July 2021



Brigadier
G K I Withanachchi
took over the office as the
Brigadier (Admin/Quart), Security
Force Headquarters (Central)
on 08 July 2021



Brigadier
P A M Peris RSP psc
took over the office as the
Commander, Armored Brigade
Headquarters
on 19 July 2021



Brigadier
J M L Jayasundara RWP
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Brigadier (Coord), Security Force
Headquarters (Wanni)
on 15 July 2021



Colonel
W A U S Wanasekara RWP USP
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Commander, 652 Infantry Brigade
on 16 July 2021



Colonel
A M A Abesinghe RWP RSP
USP psc
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Commander, 622 Infantry Brigade
on 17 July 2021



Colonel
D K R A N Silva RSP USP psc
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Colonel (GSO I), Security Force
Headquarters (Kilinochchi)
on 08 July 2021



Colonel
K G K Ariyadasa RWP RSP
took over the office as the
Colonel (Coord), Security Force
Headquarters (West)
on 08 July 2021



Colonel
K A D N R Kannangara RSP IG
took over the office as the
Commandant, School of Artillery
on 08 July 2021



Colonel
D S Horawalavithana WWV
RWP RSP psc
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Colonel (Coord), Security Force
Headquarters (Jaffna)
on 29 July 2021



Colonel
C P Wickramaratne RSP USP
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Colonel (Coord), Security Force
Headquarters (Wanni)
on 10 July 2021



Colonel
S M S Samarakoon
took over the office as Senior
Civil Coord, Security Force
Headquarters (West)
on 19 July 2021



Lieutenant Colonel
F Joseph USP
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Centre Commandant, Sri Lanka
Engineer Corps
on 17 July 2021



Lieutenant Colonel
P S K Ranathunga Gamage
RSP psc
took over the office as GSO I
(Ops) Security Force Headquarters
(East)
on 05 July 2021



Lieutenant Colonel
H K L S Silva
took over the office as the
Commandant, Engineer Services
Central Workshop
on 05 July 2021



Major
M A J M Perera RWP RSP psc
took over the office as the
Commanding Officer, 7 Sri Lanka
Sinha Regiment
on 04 June 2021



Major
Makavita RWP psc
took over the office as the
Commanding Officer, 12 Gajaba
Regiment
on 16 July 2021

An Opening



Newly constructed Officers' Mess of 23 Vijayabahu Infantry Regiment was declared open by General Officer Commanding Security Forces (Mullaitivu) Major General Sisira Pilapitiya RWP RSP USP on 09 July 2021 before the Officers and Other Ranks including Lieutenant Colonel ABS Athukorala RWP Commanding Officer of the unit.

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Teachers Receive Covid-19 Jab form the Army Hospital



In line with the island-wide national vaccination programme implemented on the directive of His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces Gotabaya Rajapaksa and coordination of Sri Lanka Army Seva Vanitha Unit, a vaccination programme for western province teacher community was launched on 12 July 2021 at Army Hospital, Colombo.

Accordingly, a large number of teachers jabbed under the programme. Hon Prof GL Peiris, Minister of Education, together with a few Ministers 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 Operations Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) visited the vaccination programme.

Hon Susil Premajayantha (MP), State Minister of Education Reforms, Open Universities and Distance Learning Promotion, (Dr) Mrs Seetha Arambepola (MP), State Minister of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation and Prof K Kapila Perera, Secretary to Ministry of Education also participated to witness the event.



The Unseparated Humanity

Due to the existing COVID-19 restrictions, the senior citizens of North and East faced difficulty on their Pension Day. Sri Lanka Army—the world's most humanitarian military assisted them to draw their charitable allowance providing the transport facilities proving once again that their hearts are abided to secure the civilians when in need without boundaries.

