

# The Sri Lanka India Society

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022/2023

We take pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Society for the Year 2022/2023.

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

The Life Membership stands as 838 while we have 12 Corporate Members (as at 31/03/2023). During the period from April 2022 to March 2023, 17 new Life Members joined the Society.

The following Senior Members are Hony. Life Members:-

- Mr. Tilak de Zoysa
- Mr. Manik Perera
- Mr. Chandra Schaffter

### 2. PATRON

The Patron of our Society is His Excellency The High Commissioner for India in Sri Lanka. His Excellency has actively participated in our functions and encouraged the Society in its activities.

### 3. VICE PATRONS

Mr. Tilak de Zoysa, Mr. Chandra Schaffter and Mr. Kumar Nadesan are the Vice Patrons of the Society.

### 4. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee consisting of the following members was elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and the Committee managed the affairs of the Society during the period under review:

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| <b>President:</b>       | Mr. Kishore Reddy   |
| <b>Vice Presidents:</b> | Dr. A. Kandasamy<br>Mr. S. Renganathan<br>Mr. K. Jayakumar, J.P |
| <b>Hony. Secretary:</b> | Mrs. A. Kailasapillai   |
| <b>Asst. Secretary:</b> | Ms. Chathuri Ranasinghe   |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>       | Mr. Sarravanan Neelakandan                                      |
| <b>Asst. Treasurer:</b> | Mr. S. Shameer  |
| <b>Editor:</b>          | Mr. Sumit Law   |

**Immediate Past President (ex officio):**

Mr. Rohan Tudawe (until 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021)

**Indian High Commission's Representative (ex officio):**

Mr. Kaushlendra Kumar

**Other Executive Committee Members:**

Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody  
Dr. Lohitha Samarawickrema  
Mr. H. Manil Jayasinghe  
Mr. Kishaan Kanag-Isvaran  
Mr. Dubsy Kanagaratnam  
Mrs. Yamuna Ganeshalingam  
Mr. A.A.M.Illiyas, P.C  
Mr. K. C. Vignarajah  
Mr. Rusiripala Tennekoon  
Mr. Gamini Gunaratne  
Mr. D.S.K. Pathirana  
Mr. Samuel Saju  
Mr. Praveen Viswakumaran  
Mr. K. Gnanakanthan  
Mr. Sanjay Baid  
Mr. Sanjay Jain  
Mr. T.S. Prakash  
Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta  
Mr. M. Basheer Ahamed  
Mr. R. Rajnikanth  
Mr. Sandeep Gopal  
Dr. Vadivelu Srinivasan  
Mr. Santosh Menon  
Mr. Jatinder Biala



## 5. ADMINISTRATION

The office address of the Society is at HQ Colombo (Level 4), No. 464A, T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10.

The Executive Committee meetings are being held monthly on the first Thursday of each month (unless it is changed due to reasons beyond our control) at the Taj Samudra Hotel. We must place on record our appreciation and gratitude to the Management of the Taj Samudra Hotel for making a function room available on a monthly basis for our Committee Meetings and for providing refreshments free of charge.

## 6. ACTIVITIES DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW

Notwithstanding the various challenges faced by the country during the period under review, the Society held all of the flagship events such as the Mahatma Gandhi Oration which is held on the Gandhi Jayanthi Day in October, Dinner to Celebrate the Independence Day of India and also the Dinner to celebrate the Republic Day of India and the Independence Day of Sri Lanka.

### 6.1 *DINNER TO COMMEMORATE INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY HELD ON 15/09/2022*

The Independence Day of India was celebrated in grand style by the Society on 15th September 2022 at the Taj Samudra Hotel. His Excellency Ranil Wickremesinghe, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka graced the event as the Chief Guest and delivered the keynote address. His Excellency Gopal Baglay was the Guest of Honour. The event was attended by Ministers, Members of Parliament, Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Invitees of the Indian High Commission, Members of the Society, dignitaries and guests. The Society notes with appreciation the efforts of Mr. Kishore Reddy, Chairman of the organizing committee, who was ably supported by Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody, Dr. A. Kandasamy, Mrs. Yamuna Ganeshalingam, Mrs. A. Kailasapillai, Mr. T. S. Prakash and Mr. Sarravanan Neelakandan in organizing this event.

### 6.2 *MAHATHMA GANDHI ORATION ON 05/10/2022*

Mahathma Gandhi Oration 2022 held on 5th October 2019 at BCIS Auditorium at BMICH with the collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. VInya Ariyaratne, President of the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement, who delivered the Gandhi Oration titled 'Relevance of Mahatma Gandhi in Contemporary Times'. Speeches were delivered by H.E High Commissioner and President of the Society. The Chief Guest, H.E High Commissioner, Honourable Speaker, Ministers, MPs, other High Commissioners and the Ambassadors are also invited

### 6.3 *DINNER TO COMMEMORATE INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY OF SRI LANKA ON 31/03/2023*

The Dinner to commemorate the Republic Day of India and Independence Day of Sri Lanka was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at Taj Samudra Hotel. The Guest of Honour was His Excellency The High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka. The Chief Guest was Hon. Kanchana Wijesekera, Minister of Power of Energy of Sri Lanka, who delivered the keynote address. Speeches delivered by His Excellency High Commissioner of India and the President of the Society.

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## 7. A BIG THANK YOU

We profusely thank:

- Our Patron His Excellency Mr. Gopal Baglay, High Commissioner for India in Sri Lanka for his guidance and support.
- Dr. Vinod Jacob, Deputy High Commissioner (former) for India in Sri Lanka who has graced our functions and supported the Society during the year under review.
- Mr. Kaushlendra Kumar, Counselor, who is represented the High Commission on our Executive Committee, for his spontaneous support and advice.
- We are also grateful to all our sponsors and donors, without whose support, our activities during the year under review would not have been so successfully carried out.
- The Taj Samudra Hotel and its Management and Staff for their generous support to the Society.

In conclusion, we thank all our members for the co-operation and assistance extended to us during the year under review.

**FOR AND BEHALF OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF  
SRI LANKA INDIA SOCIETY**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Abirami Kailasapillai".

**(MRS). ABIRAMI KAILASAPILLAI**  
*HONY. SECRETARY*

10<sup>th</sup> October 2023