

THE SRI LANKA INDIA SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA INDIA SOCIETY, HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER 2022, AT 5.30 P.M, AT THE “LOWER CRYSTAL BALLROOM”, TAJ SAMUDRA HOTEL, COLOMBO 03

PRESENT: The High Commissioner (Patron)
Mr. Kaushlendra Kumar (Counselor, Indian High Commission)
President Mr. Kishore Reddy (in the chair) and 42 other members of the Society

1. NOTICE

The notice convening the meeting was taken as read.

2. CONDOLENCES

Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to the members who passed away since the last Annual General Meeting.

3. EXCUSES

The Secretary announced that the following members had informed their inability to attend the meeting and they have requested that their absence be excused:-

4. PRESIDENT WELCOME ADDRESS

The President welcomed the Chief Guest, the Vice Patrons, Executive Committee members and the Members of the Society who were present at the Annual General Meeting and thanked the members for re-electing him as the President of the Sri Lanka India Society and having confidence on his contribution.

The President congratulated the newly elected Executive Committee. He also thanked all members for their enthusiastic participation across the board for all events of the Society to make all the events a grand success.

The President said that he would work towards digitalization of the Society's communications with the members to be carried over as early as possible.

The President declared that the 75th Independence Anniversary of Sri Lanka to be celebrated with the participation of all stakeholders.

The President informed that, after few years of not having a full calendar of events due to covid and other factors, next year the Society will be planning many events in discussion with the Executive Committee.

5. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting for the year 2020/21 held on 25th November 2021, were taken as read. The Minutes were unanimously approved on a proposal of Mr. A.A.M. Illiyas P.C. seconded by Mr. K. Jayakumar.

6. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for the year 2021/22 was tabled by the Hony Secretary Mrs. A. Kailasapaillai. Mr. T. S. Prakash proposed that the report be adopted and it was seconded by Mr. K. Jayakumar, and accordingly the Annual Report was unanimously adopted.

7. AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, copies of which had been circulated, was taken as read.

The Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022, were approved on a proposal of Mr. S. Renganathan, seconded by Mr. Sumit Law.

8. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The Vice Patron Mr. Thilak De Zoysa, Pro-tem Chairman, proposed the name of Mr. Kishore Reddy, from the chair, to be the President for the year 2022/23. Mr. Kishore Reddy was declared President of the Society for the year 2022/2023 and chaired the meeting as President.

9. ELECTION OF OTHER OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Secretary announced that the following members have been nominated for the respective posts by the Executive Committee and as there were no other nominations the President declared that the following are elected uncontested to the respective posts:

President	Mr. Kishore D. Reddy
Vice Presidents	Dr. A. Kandasamy Mr. S. Renganathan Deshabandu Mr. K. Jayakumar
Secretary	Mrs. A. Kailasapillai
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Chathuri Ranasinghe
Treasurer	Mr. Sarravanan Neelakandan
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. S. Shameer
Editor	Mr. Sumit Law

10. NOMINATION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Hony Secretary announced that in terms of 6(i) of the Constitution following members have been nominated by the Executive Committee and they were declared duly elected to the Executive Committee:

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| 1. Mr. Sanjay Baid | 6. Mr. R. Rajinikanth |
| 2. Mr. Sanjay Jain | 7. Mr. Sandeep Gopal |
| 3. Mr. T. S. Prakash | 8. Dr. Srinivasan Vadivelu |
| 4. Mr. Manoj Kumar Gupta | 9. Mr. Santosh Menon |
| 5. M. Basheer Ahamed | 10. Mr. Jatindar Biala |

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1. Mr. Dinesh Weerakkody
2. Dr. Lohitha Samarawickrema
3. Mr. H. Manil Anthony Jayesinghe
4. Mr. Kishaan Kanag-Isvaran

11. ELECTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Hony Secretary stated that 14 nominations have been received by Registered Post for posts of 10 vacancies in the Executive Committee. Following the election held today, the following 10 members were declared as elected to the Executive Committee for the period of 2022/2023:

1. Mr. Dubsy P. Kanagaratnam
2. Mrs. Yamuna Ganeshalingam
3. Mr. A.A.M. Illiyas, P.C.
4. Mr. K.C. Vignarajah
5. Mr. Gamini Gooneratne
6. Mr. Rusiripala Tennakone
7. Mr. D. S. K. Pathirana
8. Mr. M. Samuel Saju
9. Mr. Praveen Viswakumaran
10. Mr. K. Gnanakanthan

12. ELECTION OF VICE PATRONS

On a proposal from the President, the three (03) Vice Patrons of the Society, namely Mr. Tilak de Zoysa, Mr. Chandra Schaffter and Mr. Kumar Nadesan, were unanimously e-elected as Vice Patrons of the Society for a period of 3 years in terms of Article 5(iii) of the Constitution of the Society.

13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Messrs Aiyar & Company, Chartered Accountants, were unanimously re-appointed as the Auditors of the Society on a proposal of Mr. A.A.M. Illiyas P.C, seconded by Mr. K. Jayakumar.

14. ADDRESS BY THE PATRON

The High Commissioner delivered the Patron's address. The High Commissioner appreciated activities and events conducted by the society as combined effort of two countries.

The High Commissioner insisted the importance of building network and relations among two countries to promote tourism establish friendliness.

The High Commissioner also wished Office Bearers and all members of society for the successful forthcoming year.

15. VOTE OF THANKS

The vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary.

The President invited all those present to join for tea and refreshments.

Abirami Kailasapillai
Hony. Secretary