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US imposes sanctions on two more SL military officers



US Secretary of State, Antony Blinken has designated two Sri Lankan officials for their involvement in gross violations of human rights under Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriation Act, 2021.

The two officials are: 1) Chandana Hettiarachchi, a Sri Lankan naval intelligence officer, for his involvement in gross violations of human rights, namely, the flagrant denial of the right to liberty of at least eight "Trincomalee 11" victims, from 2008 to 2009. 2)

Sunil Ratnayake, a former Staff Sergeant in the Sri Lanka Army, for his involvement in gross violations of human rights, namely the extrajudicial killings of at least eight Tamil villagers in December 2000.

This law provides that in cases where there is credible

information that officials of foreign governments have been involved in a gross violation of human rights or significant corruption, those individuals and their immediate family members are to be designated publicly or privately and are ineligible for entry into the United States.

Secretary Blinken statement says that & The designation of these two Sri Lankan individuals is not the only action we are taking in support of accountability for gross violations of human rights in Sri Lanka. In further recognition of Human Rights Day 2021, the Department designated 12 officials of foreign governments under Section 7031(c) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriation Act, 2021. In 2020 US also imposed sanctions on Sri Lanka's chief of army staff, Lt Gen Shavendra Silva, for war crimes committed at final stages of the conflict against the Tamil Tigers in 2009, where thousands of Tamil civilians were killed. The US travel ban against Silva and his family marked the first time any of the leading suspects in the mass killings have been held accountable on the world stage.

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5 quick tips for your first trip since the beginning of the pandemic



(NC) If you're fully vaccinated, you probably feel that you have held back long enough and can't wait to start travelling again. After all, you're in great need of new memories and new photos of the family having fun together outside the home.

If you are going to travel, here are a few quick tips to help you in your preparations:

1. Be sure that the entry requirements at your destination will not be an issue.
2. Carry your proof of vaccination with your passport during travel.
3. Stop your mail and all deliveries so that it doesn't look like no one's at home.
4. Be sure to have the documentation you need if you're travelling with children.
5. Make sure your travel insurance covers itinerary modifications in case things change suddenly at your destination.

Since it's always good to plan for any eventuality, keep in mind that your return to Canada

might involve taking a COVID-19 tests, which can add to the cost of your vacation. Also, it's important to remember that changes in travel restrictions are unpredictable during the COVID-19 pandemic and travel still exposes you to greater risks. Get all the information you need, register your trip and find out what is needed to return to Canada at travel.gc.ca.

4 tips for staying healthy this winter



(NC) Most of us are venturing out of our homes more often this winter, with schools and offices reopening. This means it's important to do everything we can to stay healthy for an enjoyable season. Here are some tips to remember:

1. Eat a balanced diet.

What we put in our body fuels us and helps protect us. Even though the holidays and hibernating on the couch during weekends can tempt us to reach for processed snacks, balance out indulgences with more nutritious foods. Fresh fruits and veggies are available throughout the season, so be sure to take advantage of them, and remember to include whole grains and lean proteins.

2. Get enough exercise.

Moving our bodies is great for boosting immunity and mood. Whether you prefer the gym or walking around the block, the key is to have regular physical activity. If you're just starting out or don't know what to do in the cold, try something new like snowshoeing or ice skating.

Try partnering up with a friend or family member to get some quality time together and maintain motivation.

3. Visit your doctor.

Many of us have neglected regular checkups and doctor's visits during the pandemic. But staying on top of these can make sure you're healthy and able to fight off colds and viruses.

Check that your vaccines are up to date, that any bloodwork required is being done and that you have a time booked for your physical. Don't forget to make appointments with specialists, like your therapist or dermatologist.

4. Drink fresher water.

Canadian private and public drinking water supplies are generally of excellent quality. Whether it's supplied by a municipal system or a private water well, water can carry contaminants that are harmful or cause the water to taste off. Use a DIY at-home test kit from My Water Quality to make sure your water is pure. Simply follow the instructions and use the courier service that is included with the testing kit to ship your sample to an accredited laboratory. An easy-to-read report card will arrive within five to 20 days and provide you with all the results. Find more information at mywaterquality.ca.

HIGH TIME FOR USA AND UK TO LIVE UP TO THEIR COMMITMENTS

By: Thambu Kanagasabai

The recent meeting of Tamil National Alliance (TNA) with the United States "[US] State Departments second rank officials provides a welcome relief and hopes kindling opening and as a light at the end of the tunnels of accountability, justice and reconciliation for the Tamil people.

US, as a sponsor of the all important UNHRC Resolution of 30/1 and other Resolutions particularly its own Resolution 413 initiated by the US Senate on May 18, 2021 and now referred to the Foreign Relations Subcommittee is expected to be passed as a Congress Resolution sooner or later.

In this respect, US shoulders the major responsibility and obligation to infuse life and soul to those Resolutions and uphold accountability and justice to the Tamil people who are victims of alleged genocide committed by the Sri Lankan Governments through its Sinhala majority security forces since 1956.

Denial of accountability and justice with an entrenched culture of impunity in Sri Lanka corrodes and strikes at the roots of the principle of rule of law making mockery of the judicial system. When accountability is ignored and discarded, the consequences inevitably result in the loss of faith and confidence in the judicial procedure and State's law enforcement machinery while leading to encouraging the criminals to pursue their criminal career leaving the victims of crimes to live with lingering feelings of anger, desperation, frustration and thirst for revenge against the perpetrators of those crimes.

Sad to state for Sri Lanka, human rights accountability and justice are matters of anathema scorned, despised and ignored by the Government machinery. Past history would confirm the sickening truth of impunity when only a handful of security personnel have been convicted for the alleged genocidal crimes committed against the Tamils. Adding insult to injury, Sri Lanka which has rejected all the UNHRC Resolutions passed since 2012 Resolutions sponsored by the US is also threatening to withdraw its membership in the UNHRC. As rubbing salt to the wound, the ficking Professor of Law and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. G. L. Pieris who was earlier campaigning for human rights and propagating extensive devolution to the North and East provinces along with the former President Chandrika Bandaranaike has now somersaulted with a 360 degrees U-turn by rejecting any third party or foreign involvement in dealing with Sri Lanka's human rights violations.

Thus, the Government has frankly admitted and confirmed its full reversal and withdrawal from upholding accountability and justice through international or internal judicial mechanisms. The US State Department after the meeting with the Tamil delegation tweeted that "US joins Sri Lankan Tamil people in search for lasting peace and full voice in deciding their country's future".

The Assistant Secretary of State Ms. Lu underscored "Human rights being central to the US foreign policy." In the meantime, United Kingdom's Foreign and Commonwealth Department Office in their updated Assessment Report on Sri Lanka from January to June 30th 2020 raised "Continued deterioration of human rights in Sri Lanka which they make as one of their priority countries" [Released on January 25, 2021]. The Office condemned the following among others:-

- [1] Proscription of Tamil and Muslim community groups.
- [2] Restrictions on memorialization events, even arresting those who attended the recent memorial functions.
- [3] Increased surveillance and intimidation of human rights activists by security forces.
- [4] Use of PTA for number of arbitrary arrests.
- [5] Obstructing accountability in a number of emblematic human rights cases. [Pardoning of a convicted murderer of death row. Duminda de Silva]
- [6]. Appointing convicted individuals to lead independent institutions.
- [7] Extra-judicial killings.

Incensed and outraged by the statement of the United States and the United Kingdom, the bending Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka, G. L. Pieris has burst out with his usual parrot statements by declaring that "No outsider will be allowed to interfere in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka". but without initiating any internal investigative mechanism for the human rights violations. Earlier President Gotabaya Rajapakse also stubbornly declared "That his Government will not allow anyone to interfere in the internal affairs of this country". This Sri Lanka's defiant and adamant stand including its outright and contemptuous rejection of International Community & #39;s involvement including UNHRC & UN Resolutions along with the US Senate Resolution 413 which was proposed on May 18, 2021 allows for the time to come for the world community of nations who believe in accountability, justice and rule of law to consider taking initiatives and appropriate individual actions to vindicate their faith and resolve for the sustainment of accountability and justice in Sri Lanka.

Undoubtedly, the US State Department's statement has forthrightly given priority and empathetically stressed the importance of human rights and accountability being the central of United States foreign policy.

United State's Resolution 413 against Sri Lanka places an unshakable and a firm indispensable commitment on it to pursue this matter without any hiccups and initiate appropriate steps to enforce and implement its commitments in those Resolutions without giving any room for possible cajoling and hoodwinking promises and deceptive undertakings of Sri Lanka which is carrying a tarnished record in these matters.



As such US cannot simply throw overboard its dominant role in the world stage as a Super Power wielding the powers, wherewithal and resources to protect and preserve human rights in the world.

The Tamils, victims of repression and genocidal killings amounting to genocide since 1948 have waited far too long for accountability and justice with their wounds festering and still remain unhealed. Sri Lanka having closed the doors for any foreign involvement, US and UK shoulder the prime and foremost responsibility and obligation to assert their roles to uphold accountability and justice wherever and whenever they are threatened.

Any failure to do so will undoubt tedly open the possibilities of rise and growth of militancy and recurrence of internal strife encouraging human rights violations while making the recommendation of recurrence in the Human Rights Resolutions meaningless, irrelevant and frivolous.

United Kingdom which was the colonial ruler of Sri Lanka [Ceylon] owes a much more heavier burden and obligation to redress and remedy the long standing and growing grievances of Tamil people which have been multiplying since independence in 1948. In this respect, the Report of Foreign and Commonwealth Office is applauded and breathes fresh air and hopes by its frank and forthright assessment of Sri Lanka for the first half of 2020.

President Gotabaya Rajapakse's statement on November 24, 2021 to the public is alarming and is an ominous sign of entrenchment of the Rajapakse family dictatorial rule. In his statement, he "Threatened to abolish all rights of those who are shouting, if that is what you ask for I will give it to you." By this daring and open threat, he has only revealed his ulterior motive and intention to hold on to power come what may and even undemocratically without any popular backing. In this respect, United State & #39;s non-invitation of Sri Lanka to attend the Democratic Summit on 8th and 10th of November 2021 convened by US President Joe Biden is a timely fitting action heralding the beginning of United State's serious commitment and assertion to uphold accountability and Justice in Sri Lanka.

The recent cancellation by the Scotland Yard to provide training for the Sri Lankan Police Force is another proper step to remind Sri Lanka of its duty to uphold accountability and justice. It is a beacon of hope for the traumatized Tamil people who have been clamouring for accountability and justice for the genocide committed against them by Sri Lanka's Sinhalese security forces since independence from the British in 1948.

Besides, the USA has recognized Tamils as people who are a distinct race and as a Nation with their own language, traditions and culture possessing 3000 years of history. It is also high time for USA and UK to recognize the war crimes, crimes against humanity committed against the Tamil people as genocide in view of the mountain of evidences collected and recorded by the UN Special Rapporteurs, Human Rights High Commissioners and Human Rights Organizations including Special Tribunals.

Eighty Millions Tamils living all over the world hope that USA and UK as champions of democracy and human rights will not waver and shrink from their solemn duties, responsibilities and undertakings to implement their commitments and Recommendations made in the UNHRC and UN Resolutions. It need not be stated that accountability takes precedence over reconciliation to make it meaningful, realistic and genuine.

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Home sales reached a new record for the month of November



Home sales reached a new record for the month of November and the average selling price also reached a new all-time high. New listings were down substantially compared to last year for all market segments – further highlighting the inherent supply issue across all home types in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

GTA REALTORS® reported 9,017 home sales through TRREB MLS® System in November 2021 – 3.3 per cent above the November 2020 result, setting a new record. In contrast, new listings were down by 13.2 per cent year-over-year, with double-digit declines for low-rise home types, and condominium apartments.

Governments at all levels must take coordinated action to increase supply in the immediate term to begin addressing the supply challenges of today, and to work towards satisfying growing demand in the future. The GTA remains the primary destination for new immigrants, and is at the centre of the Canadian economy. For far too long governments have focused on short term band aid policies to artificially suppress demand.

Current market activity highlights decisively that these policies do not work, and unless governments work together to cut red tape, streamline the approval processes, and incentivize mid-density housing ongoing housing affordability challenges will escalate.

On this point, we commend the City of Toronto for moving forward with initiatives to facilitate the creation of more mid-density home types, including their current consultations on options to encourage more multiplex development across the city said TRREB President Kevin Crigger.

The MLS® Home Price Index composite benchmark was up by 28.3 per cent year-over-year in November 2021. The average selling price for all home types combined was \$1,163,323 – up by 21.7 per cent compared to November 2020. A key difference this year compared to last is how the condo segment continues to lighten and experience an acceleration in price growth, particularly in suburban areas. This speaks to the broadening of economic recovery, with first-time buyers moving back into the market in a big way this year. The condo and townhouse segments, with lower price points on average, will remain popular as population growth picks up over the next two years, said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

Brace for snow by winterizing your home



(NC) It's no surprise that Canadian winter weather can be unpredictable. That's why it's good practice to ensure that you — and your home — are ready for whatever rolls in with the cold temperatures. With the Farmer's Almanac calling for above-normal levels of rain and snow this year, make sure your home is ready by following these three tips:

- 1. Check your furnace.** Make sure your furnace is in good working order by booking a furnace inspection before the coldest part of winter hits. Wait times can be longer as we get deeper into the season, and that's the worst time to make do without. Regular maintenance and inspections can save you money in the long run.
- 2. Insulate doors and windows.** Keep the warmth in by installing or replacing weather-stripping or weather-strip film. When you turn your heaters on, ensure your baseboards are clean and test each one to see that they're working properly. Heat rises, so start with the basement first.
- 3. Empty exterior pipes.** Water expands in the cold, so when severe cold snaps hit, pipes can be at risk of bursting. To avoid having your water pipes freeze and burst, empty all exterior taps, and shut off the valves until next spring. With these tips, you're well on your way to protecting your home. But if anything happens, insurance providers like Belairdirect will be there to support you along the way with 24/7 claims service and digital tools that make submitting and tracking a claim as simple as uploading photos. Learn more at belairdirect.com



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Is this Country Sinhala Buddhist?

By C.V. Wigneswaran

Someone asked me three questions; A. The majority of this country are Sinhala Buddhists. What is wrong in calling this country Sinhala Buddhist? B. You welcomed certain aspects of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's policies. Yet you oppose the 20th Amendment which clothes him with power to carry out his policies. Why? C. You are on record as a person wanting peace and reconciliation in this Country. Why have you started on the wrong foot? You have already been branded as an extremist, separatist and a friend of terrorists. How are you going to retrieve the respect and goodwill that you have lost in recent times?

My responses were: I thank you for these questions.

They are very comprehensive to answer yet topical. Let me deal with them one by one.

A. Is this Country Sinhala Buddhist? Reply:

This country at one time in History was majority Buddhists. But the Country was never Sinhala Buddhist. Those who received Buddhism into this Country were the Tamils. Devanampiya Theesana was certainly a Tamil. His father was Mcotha Sivan. The Westerners who wrote our History did not realize that the Sinhala language and the Sinhala people came in much later in History. Almost a thousand years after introduction of Buddhism into this Island did the mixed language called Sinhala come into being. Sinhalese are those who spoke the Sinhala language.

Nowhere have those who spoke Pali been called Sinhalese. They were Tamils who spoke Pali. In any event when this Country was divided into 3 or 4 kingdoms the Citizens were of those Kingdoms. They were not identified as Tamils and Sinhalese as we do today.

In recent times there is a new language being formed in Chennai in Tamil Nadu. It might be called Tamilish. They speak Tamil interspersed with lots of English words. And that language is very popular in TVs, Films, Radios and at various public meetings. Soon with a Tamil background English will be spoken or with an Anglo Saxon background Tamil will be spoken. And that would take the form of a new language. The Sinhalese language came about by speaking the Tamil and Pali languages interspersed with each other. Tamil with Pali or Pali with Tamil. Even certain Dialects contributed to the formation of the new language called Sinhalese in the 6th and 7th Centuries after Christ (Anno Domini). So to speak of this Country being Sinhala Buddhist is erroneous. Original Buddhists throughout the Country were Demala Baudor Tamil Buddhists. There were noays

Sinhalese then. Thus Dushta Kaamini was a Tamil Buddhist while Ellalan was a Tamil Saivite. All this certainly will sound crazy to many Sinhalese who have been conditioned to believe otherwise. We now have many historical evidences which confirm that those who received Buddhism into this Island were Tamils. There was no Sinhalese language at the time of arrival of Buddhism. I have suggested the formation of a Commission to probe into this and write a true history of this Country. Simply because the majority in this Country are Sinhala Buddhists does not give the right to call the Country Sinhala Buddhist. The North and East have been majority Tamil speaking areas throughout history. They jettisoned Buddhism at some stage of our history. May be because of the rise of the Bakthi Cult in South India which split over into the North and East of this Country.

This Country had been blessed with five Shivalingams from pre historic times. The Naguleswaram at Kirmalai in Jaffna District; The Thiruketheswaram in Mannar District; The Thirukoneswaram in Trinco District; The Thondeswaram in Matara District at Dondra and Munneswaram in Chilaw.

Until 100 years ago Negombo, Chilaw and Puttalam Districts were majority Tamil speaking areas. When I went to my friend's house in Negombo as a boy the parents spoke to me in good Tamil. I found even later the grandparents of modern day Sinhala Catholics there spoke Tamil and used the Tamil Bible at Services. Their old time deeds were in Tamil.

The miracles performed by Saivite holy men among Hindus must have attracted the Tamil Buddhists back to Hinduism in the early days. Even in recent times it were the miracles performed by Sai Baba which attracted many Buddhists towards him. Therefore the areas in the North and East to which our Sinhalese brethren were only brought in recent times under the guise of colonization and other means must not be termed Sinhalese areas. North and East have been traditionally Tamil speaking areas. Now Buddhism does not exist in those areas. Islam, Christianity and Hinduism are the religions of the North and East. Not Buddhism.

How could you then call the entire Country as Sinhala Buddhist? The Country came together as one Country only in 1833 under the British. The Jaffna kingdom was not Buddhist. Therefore we must allow North and East to be secular while you call the other seven Provinces Sinhala Buddhist. If you want or in the alternative make the entire Country secular. If majority in numbers must be considered, the majority in the North and East have always been non Sinhala Buddhist. Certain Sinhala areas in Amparal District were added for Political reasons. But by and large the North and East are non-Sinhala Buddhist areas. Therefore this Country being referred to as Sinhala Buddhist is factually wrong.

B. Why do you oppose 20th Amendment?

Reply: Supporting good aspects of an administration does not mean we must help to corrupt such administration to indulge in anti-social activities in the future. Power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely said Lord Acton. This is true unless the Head of administration has a religious background like Sita's father King Janaka. He was a saint at heart but an administrator by profession. Such People would never act against the interests of any human being however much they may be clothed with power and authority.

In this respect the present President has a lot of minus points. (1) He has a military background. Therefore by nature he cannot brook any opposition. He is used to commanding and others carrying out his commands. Democracy would suffer under him. (2) He belongs to a political family which has taken over from the Bandaranaiques the whip hand with regard to governance. He would consider himself divinely brought to power to do as he pleases. Twentieth Amendment would clothe him to jettison democracy to the dustbin. All in the name of the people! (3) He is already conditioned to believe this Country is Sinhala Buddhist which it is not. He would go on to do much mischief and harassment in the North and East clothed with so much of power wanting to transform Non Sinhala and Non-Buddhist North and East into Sinhala Buddhist areas. Though he would be committing genocide by his acts he would not bother much about it because majority Sinhala Buddhists of other seven Provinces would support him. (4) He is a suspect in the eyes of the UN as having been connected to the war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide committed during the War which ended on 18th May 2009. He would do everything to save himself and his acolytes with so much of power reposed in him.



I have referred only to the present incumbent. Absolute power in the hands of any other person too could lead to corruption and dictatorial tendencies which is not healthy to a democratic public life. 20th Amendment seeks to get rid of the checks and balances placed on the executive presidency. If 20th Amendment is passed there would be dictatorship in Sri Lanka for a long time. There could be no doubt about it. For example I will not be able to write like this. Next day I would be gone!

C. Are you an extremist, separatist and a terrorist?

Reply: By nature I cannot be an extremist, separatist nor a terrorist. I love humanity. I love all beings. There are no White and Blacks, Westerners and Easterners, Chinese and Indians, Sinhalese and Tamils in my perception. They are all humans. But I also love Truth. Anyone prevaricating Truth, deceiving the people, stating diabolical lies raises my wrath.

Who is an extremist?

When you think you are in the middle and I am found to speak against your views I am an extremist, right or left. Am I not? The Sinhalese and even some Tamils (mainly such Tamils were in the TNA) have set down a view that this Country is Sinhala Buddhist and that both Sinhalese and Buddhism must receive special status. I have started questioning that view. Therefore I am now called an extremist. The moment it is proved North and East were never Sinhalese and that Buddhism was jettisoned centuries ago by

the Tamils, then I become the norm and the Sinhala Buddhists and their Tamil acolytes become extremists. So the word 'extremist' depends on the stand point from which I am looked at from. Then the word 'separatist' if used against me it is by those who have a conditioned mind already. They think this Country has always been Sinhala Buddhist. Any attempt to question that view would be perceived as divisive and separatist. I ask them to look at it this way. When you go by train on the Yari Devi you would notice the passengers to the North starting to talk in Tamil quite loudly after they leave Medawachya even if Sinhalese officers are in the Train. This is because the Tamil speaking feel they are on Tamil ground. They were mum earlier during their journey because they were on Sinhala soil.

Despite all the colonization and attempts to change the Demography of the North and East by successive governments the dominant language in the North and East is Tamil. In 1958, 1977, 1983 Tamils affected by the pogroms in the South were sent to the North and East. They were considered Tamil areas. Tamil might be spoken by Hindus, Muslims, Christians and even Buddhists today in the North and East. Why? Because the separation between Sinhala speaking areas and Tamil speaking areas is already a fact.

The Tamil speaking areas have continued to be Tamil speaking from Pre - Historic times. So, to say I am trying to separate the North and East from the rest of the Country is a misnomer. What I am trying to do is to give legal status to a situation that already exists. I am not trying to separate the North and the East from the rest of the Country. North and East are part of this Island but they have existed separately with their own language, religions, culture, way of life, climate, topography and so on. They are separate though part of the Island. I want the Country to remain as it is, but to do both those who occupied the North and East with powers so that the Southerner would not commit further genocide in the North and East. Already that is what has happened in this Country.

Steady and continuous genocide! The Tamils were throughout this Island. My young days were in Kurunegala and Anuradhapura. My father also worked in Kandy and Tangalle. We used to travel with our father to Mahiyangana and Teldeniya sixty five years ago. We were chased out in 1958 and thereafter. Now the successive Sinhala majority Governments are trying to change the demography of the North East wanting to make North and East Sinhala

Buddhist. So any one who objects to such attempt by the Sinhala majority Central Governments is called a separatist by those who are conditioned by this false idea that this Country is Sinhala Buddhist. Who is a Terrorist?

As I have many a time asked "Was Keppetipola Dissawe a Terrorist or a Hero?" If he was a hero, all those who fought the Government of Sri Lanka after 1983 from among the Tamils were heroes and not terrorists. The activities of the Tamil youths was a reaction against State Terrorism. So there are worse terrorists among the Sinhalese than among the Tamils. The Sinhalese Politicians must stop referring to Tamils and Muslims as Terrorists. They indulge in anti-Tamil and anti-Muslim activities and if the Tamils and Muslims react the latter are called terrorists!

So one man's terrorist is another man's hero. I am neither extremist nor separatist nor terrorist. I am questioning the wrong perceptions among the Sinhalese in order to carry them too to find a solution to the Tamil speaking people of the North and East.

I certainly want reconciliation in this Country. How would reconciliation be possible if the Sinhalese stand outside a well and shake hands with us who are at the bottom of the well? Surely you must bring us back to even ground and we should shake hands on terra firma if reconciliation is to come!

My statements and activities are directed towards the Sinhalese for them to come out of their false perceptions such as this Country is Sinhala Buddhist, the archaeological Buddhist findings in the North and East are those of the Sinhalese, that Sinhalese is an ancient language existing in Sri Lanka from the time Buddhism was introduced, that Tamils are recent immigrants from outside the Island, that North and East were Sinhala speaking areas before the Tamils came from outside and so on. It might be difficult to decondition the Sinhalese who have been fed with false information so far by a single individual like me. But I am happy to note that Sinhalese

Youth are taking to the Study of their history impartially. One such person phoned me and said "Sir I wanted to kill you! But on a study of our past I am reluctantly compelled to agree with you".

That is the spirit I am expecting from my Sinhalese brothers and sisters, sons and daughters. They will retrieve the good will I have lost in recent times according to you. Justice C.V. Wigneswaran is a Sri Lankan Tamil lawyer, judge, politician and Member of Parliament. He is also leader of the Tamil People's Alliance and the Tamil People's National Alliance.

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India's Harnaaz Sandhu Brings Home Miss Universe Crown After 21 Years

Before Harnaaz Sandhu, only two Indians have won the title of Miss Universe - actors Sushmita Sen in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000.



Sandhu was born in the village of Kohali in Gurdaspur district, Punjab, close to the city of Batala, to parents Pritampal Singh Sandhu and Rabinder Kaur Sandhu.[1] Her father is a realtor and her mother is a gynecologist, while she also has an elder brother named Harnoor.[1] Sandhu was raised in a Jat Sikh family.

In 2006, the family moved to England, before returning to India two years later and settling in Chandigarh, where Sandhu grew up.[1] She attended Shivalik Public School and the Post Graduate Government College for Girls, both in Chandigarh. Prior to becoming Miss Universe, Sandhu was pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

New Delhi: India's Harnaaz Sandhu is the new Miss Universe, 21 years after Lara Dutta won the title in 2000. Ms Sandhu represented India today at the 70th Miss Universe 2021, held in Eilat, Israel.

The 21-year-old from Punjab claimed the crown edging out Paraguay's Nadia Ferreira and South Africa's Lalela Mswane.

Ms Sandhu was presented the crown by Andrea Meza, former Miss Universe 2020 from Mexico.

Before the Chandigarh-based model, only two Indians have won the title of Miss Universe - actors Sushmita Sen in 1994 and Lara Dutta in 2000.

On being asked what advice she would give to young women on how to deal with the pressures they face, a composed Ms Sandhu said, "The biggest pressure the youth of today is facing is to believe in themselves, to know that you are unique and that's what makes you beautiful. Stop comparing yourselves with others and let's talk about more important things that's happening worldwide."

"This is what you need to understand. Come out, speak for yourselves because you are the leader of your life, you are the voice of your own. I believed in myself and that's why I am standing here today," Ms Sandhu said with aplomb.

Ms Sandhu, who started her journey in pageantry at the age of 17, has previously been crowned Miss Diva 2021, Femina Miss India Punjab 2019 and was even placed in the Top 12 at Femina Miss India 2019.

She has also worked in Punjabi films like "Yaara Diyan Poo Baran" and "Bai Ji Kuttange".



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Ontario is recruiting 100 international entrepreneurs to start or grow businesses in regions outside of the Greater Toronto Area that have been hit hard by pandemic job losses through the Entrepreneur Stream of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program (OINP).

This initiative will create more local jobs in a variety of sectors including information technology, life sciences, and tourism while bringing new investments to cities and towns often overlooked by entrepreneurs.

Through this two-year project, international entrepreneurs will be able to purchase or start new companies, hire local workers and drive economic growth in their new communities.

As we continue to build back better, we want people across Ontario – no matter where they live – to find rewarding, well-paying careers in their communities, said Monte McNaughton, Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

Our government is working for workers and spreading the jobs and opportunities that entrepreneurs bring to every corner of our province, not just our big cities.

Each entrepreneur who is selected will be required to invest a minimum of \$200,000 into their business – generating at least \$20 million for Ontario's economy. The project will prioritize applications from entrepreneurs looking to start or grow their business outside of the GTA, especially in communities hit hard by job losses resulting from COVID-19.

Although the Entrepreneur Stream of the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program was initially established in 2015, only two nominations have been made to date. To improve this program, this project will better support entrepreneurs that apply and help connect them with business opportunities that best fit them.

In 2021, over 100,000 immigrants have been granted permanent residency status by the federal government. Only 8,600 were nominated through the Ontario Immigrant Nominee Program. To better fill critical labour shortages and drive economic growth, Minister McNaughton has called on the federal government to double Ontario's allocation in 2022. Immigrated to Canada 50 years ago, and I am a proud Canadian Citizen.

Many years ago, with the help of the Ontario government I started one of my businesses that has grown into a successful enterprise. I want to congratulate the Minister on announcing this new project today that will help many more i

Ontario Helping More Immigrants Start and Grow Businesses



international entrepreneurs start businesses like mine, create new jobs in small communities and settle in Ontario.
Says Kacee Vasudeva, CEO, Maxtech Innovations

Through the entrepreneur project, applicants will be able to be nominated for permanent residence once their business has been operating in Ontario for 18-20 months.

According to - Claudia Hepburn, CEO, Windmill Microlending, Increasing immigration numbers is essential to Ontario's recovery post-COVID-19.

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