



SLIMFA Inauguration



The Sri Lanka-India Media Friendship Association (SLIMFA) was inaugurated on 29th May 2024 at the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC) in Colombo during a gathering of Sri Lankan journalists who had visited India on familiarization trips or other visits funded by the Government of India.

📍 Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo | 📅 29th of May, 2024



The executive board (EXCO) was elected from a pool of volunteers at the inaugural executive committee meeting of the association.

📍 Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo | 📅 10th of June, 2024

KEY CLAUSES OF THE SLIMFA CONSTITUTION

OBJECTIVES

- TO PROMOTE EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEDIA FRATERNITY
- TO FURTHER ENHANCE AWARENESS OF CONTEMPORARY
- TO FOSTER RESEARCH AND WRITING ON INDIA-SRI LANKA
- TO PROMOTE NEW IDEAS TO ENHANCE P2P TIES
- TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

MEMBERSHIP

THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WILL INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF MEDIA WHO HAVE BEEN TO INDIA ON FAMILIARISATION VISITS OR OTHER GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED PROGRAMMES IN PAST.

PATRON

HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO SRI LANKA

EXECUTIVE BOARD

THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF THE OFFICE BEARERS WHO ARE DULY ELECTED AT AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE SRI LANKA - INDIA MEDIA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION.

THE ELECTED EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT AGM.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH ITS OWN RULES, SUB COMMITTEES AND PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING ITS AFFAIRS.

OFFICE BEARERS

- PRESIDENT
- VICE PRESIDENT
- SECRETARY
- ASSISTANT SECRETARY
- TREASURER

ADVISER

HEAD OF PIC WING OF THE HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA WILL BE THE EX-OFFICIO ADVISER OF THE EXCO.

QUORUM OF THE EXCO

EXCO QUORUM WILL BE 50% OF THE STRENGTH OF THE BOARD (6), 3 OFFICE BEARERS AND THE ADVISER.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SLIMFA WAS ADOPTED AT THE EXCO HELD ON 27TH JULY 2024

The Kick-Off - 'Media Matters: Sharing Experiences on Election Coverage'



The inaugural event of the Sri Lanka-India Media Friendship Association (SLIMFA), titled 'Media Matters: Sharing Experiences on Election Coverage,' was organized with the participation of Raj Chengappa, Group Editorial Director of the India Today Group, as the keynote speaker.

Editors Roundtable



An Editors Roundtable discussion was organized by SLIMFA and chaired by the Patron and High Commissioner of India, H.E. Santosh Jha. The roundtable included editors and columnists from leading dailies in Sri Lanka, representing English, Tamil, and Sinhala media.

📍 ITC Rathnadeepa, Colombo | 📅 17th of August, 2024



A panel discussion on election-related matters was also held during the event, with esteemed panelists including Mr. Raj Chengappa, leading columnist Mr. Saliya Weerakon, investigative journalist Ms. Dirlukshi Handunetti and civil society representative Mr. Rohana Hettiarachchi. The session was moderated by Prasad Dodangodage, Director of News at Sri Lanka's National Broadcaster.

📍 Taj Samudra, Colombo | 📅 17th of August, 2024

Media Interaction with Visiting Indian Journalists



SLIMFA organized an informal interaction for its members and other guests with visiting Indian journalists. The event was attended by the Deputy High Commissioner of India in Colombo, Dr. Satyanchal Pandey. The interaction featured an exchange of views between Mr. R.K. Radhakrishnan, Senior Associate Editor at Frontline, Ms. Pallavi Ghosh, Senior News Editor at CNN News 18, Ms. Pragya Kaushika, News Editor at Times Now, and Mr. Nitin Mahajan, Chief Operating Officer of Tehelka. The session was moderated by SLIMFA EXCO member Santosh Menon.

📍 Taj Samudra, Colombo | 📅 11th of November, 2024

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE ASSOCIATION;

President : Mr. Nisthar Cassim
 Vice President : Mr. Shehan Baranage
 General Secretary : Ms. Gagani Weerakoon
 Asst. Secretary : Mr. M. G. Chiran Jeewanantha Dharmasena
 Treasurer : Mr. A. A. M. Rifthi Ali

EXCO Members:

Mr. Susitha Fernando, Mr. T.P.G. Dinesh de Alwis, Mr. Riyas Haris, Mr. Tharaka Wickramasekera, Mr. Prasad Dodangodage, Mr. Santosh Menon