



# NewZ Lanka

## Newsletter of the New Zealand Sri Lanka Foundation Incorporated

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### From the President ....

It is new era for community participation and dreams for unity among New Zealand Sri Lankans. We at the Foundation always take pride in delivering to the community well organised events free of politics. As the eighth elected President of the New Zealand Sri Lanka Foundation, I am committed to maintaining the high standards of quality of service to our community. During our term (July 06 – July 07) we seek to engage with our membership to find out how we can serve the community better with balanced projects from all ethnic communities living in New Zealand. It is our dream to raise funds for a Sri Lankan Community Hall to be used by all Sri Lankan ethnic groups in Auckland.

All good things brought to you by the Foundation in the past term under the leadership of Lionel De Silva and his dynamic committee was well received and we thank them all and their families for the support in all our events. We wish Lionel De Silva, Lal Fernando, Percy Perera, Sohan Cooray & Farry Fernando from the previous committee a well deserved rest, but strongly encourage them to stay close at hand for any advice and help we may need.

Let me introduce our dynamic new committee starting with our Vice President, Manjula Walgampola. She has been with the committee of Foundation for over four years in various capacities. She brings with her a wealth of experience in organizing gala events, her specialty being table and hall décor. Our Secretary, Emmanuel Fernando is new to the Foundation, but has a lot experience in organizing big cook-ups and with City Council procedures. Our Treasurer, Nalar Mohamed is an entrepreneur in small businesses and is a financial accountant. He has assured us that he will streamline our accounts, budgets and other procedures.

We are fortunate to have within our committee three founder members that include two past presidents of the Foundation. Anne Perera, our first President and founder member, is well known as the person who steered this organisation at most difficult of times and instilled politics free values and equality to all Sri Lankan ethnic communities. Sarath Pannila's expertise is in arts & crafts. We saw some excellent shows and events like the TM Jayaratne and Arts & Craft Festival during his term as president in year 2003.

Asoka Basnayake, also a founder member has been a tremendous asset to the foundation with her background of guiding new migrants to settlement programmes, employment and communications. She has taken the role of editor for the "NewZLanka" our quarterly newsletter. Radhini Sabanayagam is our graphics artist and sub editor and shows great enthusiasm and spirit. Rohan Jayasuriya is another dynamic new member who shows great promise. His expertise will be in the logistics area of organizing sports and fun. Puvanakumar has been a great asset for the foundation. He has been the rock, supporting us at all events with his great flair for "Magic".

You have elected yet another dynamic and enthusiastic executive committee to take the Foundation forward. It was wonderful to see most of you at the Mid Winter Dinner Dance held at the Coral Reef Restaurant on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006. We hope to continue our strong working relationship with the Badminton Club. It is providing an excellent service to our community through its dedicated organizers. We hope to encourage greater participation in this sporting activity.

We always believe in working together with other like-minded organisations to ensure harmony on matters that will build trust. Multi-ethnic unity is our priority for the Foundation. We respectfully ask your unreserved and wholehearted support and co-operation by letting us know what you would like us to do for you in terms of events that will satisfy all audiences of age, gender and ethnicity.

Omar Fahmy

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### Next Event: Foundation Day

Our next Foundation day get-together will be held on **Saturday 28 October 2006 at 7.00pm at Our Saints Church community Hall, 19 Banff Avenue, Epsom.**

Please bring a plate to share with friends of the foundation. We strongly encourage all life members to be present. Introduce your friends to the Foundation family so feel free to bring any others as this is not a members only event like all our other activities.

### Calendar of Events:

**Saturday 28 October 2006** Foundation Day. 7.00 pm at the Our Saints Church Hall, 19 Banff Avenue, Epsom

**Saturday 18 November 2006** Sri Lankan Market Day at the Wesley Community Centre Sandringham Road Extension, Sandringham.

**Sunday 31 December 2006** New Years Eve Dinner dance – LankaNite'06. Venue to be confirmed in the next newsletter

## Mid Winter Dinner Dance...

Foundation held our annual Mid Winter Dinner Dance on the Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at the Coral Reef Chinese Restaurant in Beach Road, City. The event was quite different to what we have had before. Although the date was slightly past “mid winter” the weather was still chilly and there was a hint of spring only in the magnolia flowers that formed table décor at the fabulous venue. We had a Latin band playing lively music and a DJ with a selection of popular Baila music ranging from CT and MS Fernando to the Gypsies.



*Children performing at the Mid Winter Dance*

The food was great and although it was different, everyone enjoyed the scrumptious Chinese menu. A special effort was made to provide a meal that could cater to most tastes by providing a menu that could be enjoyed by anyone.

Requests for Halal and Vegetarian food were accommodated to the delight of people with special dietary requirements. Tickets were priced very reasonably so many people could bring their families, enjoy a good meal and dance.

As always, the event was well organized and most participants sent us messages and gave positive comments about the dinner dance. Some of the comments received were:

- That was a well organized event.
- Good venue, good food and good music!! There had been lot of positive feed back from the people, and I am sure everybody had a fantastic night.
- Thank you for organizing a wonderful dinner dance. It was very well organized.
- Thank you specially for organizing special vegetarian meals for me. Thanks a lot for that.
- All in our table were talking of what a fantastic evening it was
- You and your new committee has done an awesome job in organising the mid winter dinner dance.
- The food was delicious, the music was classy.
- Selection of baila was perfect as it kept the tempo up through out the night.
- As per my opinion, people got value for money.
- Hope the events in the future will be as exciting or even better than the mid winter dance.

“Foundation” wishes to thank all our sponsors who provided sponsorships in various ways, everyone who helped to make the event a success and all the participants who attended. We hope that you all enjoyed the event.

## Burgher People of Sri Lanka...

Growing up in Sri Lanka as a Burgher girl was at times a bit confusing. Being considered different culturally & generally looking a bit different from the majority of Sri Lankans made identity issues a bit more difficult for a young girl. But now being a matured woman in her 40's I celebrate my identity and my cultural diversity.

When I was in Sri Lanka working in the hospitality Industry I had to time and time again explain to Foreign visitors my cultural identity as they saw me as different from the mainstream population of Sinhalese, Tamil, Moors and Malays. As time went on, I developed an easier way to explain my ancestry & explained my cultural mix as a well blended cocktail that looked and tasted great!

Ancestry on my Father's side of the family was of Portuguese origin and on my Mother's side of the family was of Dutch, British and Irish – quiet a cocktail mix! Now married to a Sri Lankan Sinhalese, living in New Zealand bringing up my New Zealand born 4 children in another culture, I get asked interesting questions from my children. I think the cocktail has just got more ingredients added to it and blended a bit more. All I can say is the result of this blending creates humans with great insight into every culture and creates a sound, tolerant and colorful adult.

Sri Lanka's Burgher population is on a decline but the contributions Burghers have made to Sri Lankan culture will remain. Such contributions can be seen in the Baila music most enjoyed in Sri Lanka and lace making which began as a domestic pastime of Burgher women, which is now a part of Sinhalese culture too. Even certain foods, such as Love Cake, Bol Fiado, ijzer koekjes and frikkadels have become an integral part of Sri Lankan national cuisine.

Burgher culture is a rich mixture of east and west, reflecting their ancestry. The Burgher community is the most Westernized of the Ethnic groups in Sri Lanka. Most of them wear Western clothing. Burghers are not physically homogeneous; it is possible to have a blond, fair-skinned Burgher, as well as one with a very dark complexion and black hair. Fair skinned and dark –skinned children can even appear as brother and sister in the same family of the same parents. Burghers share a common culture rather than a common ethnicity. While the older generations of Burghers tried to dismiss the obvious Asian side of their ancestry, many younger Burghers today value this variety in their heritage.

Most Burghers are Christians, the majority being Catholics or Presbyterians, although Lutheran and Jewish denominations are not unheard of. The Mother tongue of the Burghers is English, but historically other languages were spoken by the community, in particular the Sri Lankan Indo-Portuguese, a Creole language based on Portuguese and Sinhala.

Burgher communities thrived under British rule as most Burghers were educated and fluent in English. Burgher Engineers, Doctors and other professionals played a key role in managing Sri Lankan Railways. But the situation changed after Sri Lanka's independence in 1948. The new government gave prominence to the Sinhala language which was made the official language. As the Burghers did not speak Sinhalese, there were a few job opportunities for them and many of them moved overseas.

The mass migration split families. Due to the subsequent Socio-political changes Burghers were slowly marginalized in Sri Lanka.

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Today only about 34,000 Burghers are left in Sri Lanka. The current percentage of Burghers in the Sri Lankan population is less than 1%. The highest concentration of Burghers is in Colombo (0.72%) and Gampaha (0.5%). There are also similar, significant communities in Trincomalee and Batticaloa but due to conflict in those areas during 2001 census, figures are not available. The world population (mostly in Sri Lanka, Australia, The USA and the UK) is probably no more than 100,000.

The Tsunami was a terrible disaster for nearly 4,000 Burghers living in the Eastern town of Batticaloa. More than 150 people perished and many others lost their properties and livelihood, mainly around the Dutch Bar area.

**History of Burghers in Sri Lanka:** The Portuguese arrived in what was known then as the Island of Ceylon, in 1505. Since there were no women in the Portuguese navy, the Portuguese Sailors married local Sinhalese and Tamil women, This practice of intermarriage with local people was encouraged by the Portuguese, not only in Ceylon, but also in other Portuguese colonies, such as Macau in China and Malacca in Malaysia.

When the Dutch took over in 1653, they expelled the Portuguese. However, they permitted stateless persons of Portuguese-Jewish descent and of Portuguese-Sinhalese-Tamil ancestry to stay. As a result, Burghers with Portuguese names are likely to be of either Jewish or of mixed Portuguese-Sinhalese-Tamil ancestry.

During the Dutch period colonial operations were overseen by the VOC or Dutch East India Company. Virtually all Burghers from this period were employees of the VOC. The Voc employed not only Dutch Nationals, but also enlisted men from Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Austria. It is therefore not unusual to find ancestors from these countries in many Burgher family trees.

It was during the Dutch period that the term "Burgher" was first coined to denote people of mixed European, and Asian descent. It comes from the Dutch word Burger meaning "citizen" or "resident". People of mixed ancestry were not allowed citizenship of the country of their European fathers, nor of their Asian mothers. A compromise was found whereby they would be citizens ("Burghers") of the towns of their birth.

When the British took over in 1796, many Dutch people chose to leave. However, a significant number chose to stay, mostly those of mixed descent. One condition of their being allowed to stay was that they had to sign a Treaty of Capitulation to the British. Many Burghers can find their ancestors names in this treaty. At the time of the British conquest, there were about 900 Burgher families residing in Ceylon, concentrated in Colombo, Galle, Matara and Jaffna.

Until the early 1900, as well as English, many Burghers also spoke a form of Portuguese Creole, even these of Dutch Descent. It is now only spoken in parts of the coastal towns of Trincomalee and Batticaloa. Most of its vocabulary is from Portuguese, but its grammar is based on that of Tamil and Sinhalese.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, many Burghers left the Island and emigrated to Australia (where there is an area of Melbourne known as "Little Ceylon"), the USA and Great Britain.

### **FAMOUS BURGHERS**

\*Jamie Durie

\*Geoff Jansz

\*Michael Ondaatje – Author of English Patient

\*Christopher Ondaatje, former athlete and Philanthropist

\*Des Kelly, Musician in Australia

\*Douglas Meerwald, Deceased, big band singer

\*Cliff Foenander, deceased –leading musician

\*Pieter Keuneman, Sri Lankan Politician

\*Koo De Saram, Sri Lankan Tennis star

\*Michael Vondort, Sri Lankan cricketer

\*Graeme Labrooy, Former Sri Lankan cricketer

\*Fredrica Jansz, Sri Lanka Journalist.

\* Carl Muller – author of many books on Burghers

**Jacqueline Bernadette Samaratunga** (Maiden Name:

Peris – Mother's maiden name: Corner)

Glendene, West Auckland

Research Information and statistics sourced from Wikipedia

**Editor's note:** For those interested, Carl Muller has written several novels on Sri Lankan Burghers some of which are available at the Auckland City Library in Central City. Some of the titles are "Jam fruit tree," "Yakada Yaka" and you can search under the authors name in the library collection for a complete list.

### ***Interview with Mary Taylor – a true friend of Sri Lanka...***

Many of our readers would have heard of Mary Taylor. She is a lady who has contributed to our beloved motherland Sri Lanka as no other New Zealander has. I thought that her contribution to the relief of the damage done by the Boxing Day Tsunami has been well documented in media, the Foundation website and her documentary screened recently. However, when I met her, I felt that we were probably only aware of only a fraction of the contribution made by this wonderful lady to our country. Many of us worked tirelessly to collect funds for tsunami relief in Sri Lanka. A lot of us would never have imagined the support offered by the average New Zealander to a country which has not even been heard of by some of them. New Zealanders gave generously but the tireless effort of Mary has not been surpassed by only a few, as far as I know.



I wanted to find out what makes her tick and how and why she did what she has done for our people.

At first glance Mary is no different to your average Kiwi friend when you meet her. A pleasant, charming lady of pleasant disposition, she could be just another Kiwi one meets. However, I felt that she is more caring than most. She has a genuine love for Sri Lanka and its people and I was keen to find out what motivated her to do what she did. When she opened her door to let me into her beautiful

home full of treasures from all over the world, I had only an inkling of it.

Her home by the sea in the Auckland suburb of Point Chevalier towers literally is a few meters above the ocean. The waves that lapped just below where we sat looking into the horizon was so similar to the Indian ocean that we could have been sitting in Hikkaduwa, Ahangama or Trinco. When I asked her why she was so passionate about her project, she simply told me, that if it happened here, it could have been her and that is obviously what motivates this lady. She has put herself in the shoes of others and has walked a long way to help people from a country that she has fallen in love with.

Mary's love affair with Sri Lanka started in 1991 when she visited the island on business to buy tea for a leading supermarket chain. She had the intention of buying and packaging tea to get tea of a superior quality. She had not intended to visit the country again at that point and has been organizing food tours to Indonesia before that. However, after her visit, she wanted a different destination and she selected Sri Lanka not only because it had a unique cuisine but also because it had not only tea but was fascinated with the ancient cities, jungles, colourful fish and bird life which New Zealand does not have. Sri Lankan crafts, gems, textiles and silks were other attractions. Then around 2001, she started organizing food tours to Sri Lanka during which tourists made their own tea from tea gardens around Nuwara Eliya, attended cooking classes from Chef Pubilis of Mt Lavinia Hotel; watched how cinnamon bark is prepared in small islands in Madu Ganga, a river down south and visited ancient cities and jungles. I forgot to mention that Mary is a food writer who is extremely knowledgeable and keen to find out more about Sri Lankan food.

When the tsunami struck, a few of her friends wanted to know how they can help. Mary thought of ways of helping but she wanted all the money they collected to go to people who were affected. Like all of us, she didn't want money to go into the hands of corrupt politicians or get swallowed in administration costs. On a subsequent visit, she met Merrill J Fernando, the Chairman of Dilma who has set up a charitable organization and saw the work done by the MJF Foundation. She was reassured that by working with MJF Foundation, she could be assured that the money would directly reach the people affected.

Thus, the "project Oru" was born. Mary selected the remote fishing village of Welipatanvilla in the West of Hambantota where all the fishing boats belonging to the local fishermen were wiped out by the relentless tsunami. She raised funds in New Zealand by organizing fundraising meals using Sri Lankan food and promoting them to her friends and other interested people. Some of her friends helped by hosting these events in their houses. His Worship the Mayor of Auckland Dick Hubbard and Mayoress Diana Hubbard were two of the many people who supported her. All the money collected reached the fishermen who built their own boats. Every cent reached them without being swallowed up in administration costs and Mary personally visited Welipatanvilla. It was also closer to her heart as the project did not cause any environmental harm. She raised sufficient money to build hundred boats or Oru.

Initially, she was keen for the fishermen to at least reach the stage they were before. However, her dream was for them to reach better standards of living. She told me that they did not have much before the tsunami and it was her dream for them to use the tsunami as an opportunity for development and she worked with Oxfam to give the fishermen of Welipatanvilla a head start to reach heights that they did not have before. This

gave birth to her idea of "Project Ice" – her next dream. Now she is working on getting portable ice plants housed in "three wheelers" that would enable fishermen to transport their catch to the selling outlets without waiting for the middleman and adding more value their product. The Foundation, has been working with Mary on this project and you can read more details on our website about how we have worked together.

Mary's love for the people of Sri Lanka was evident. She had tears in her eyes when she spoke of the tsunami disaster and she was talking about how many men in the East coast survived while the women drowned as they could not swim and were restricted in their movements because of the clothes they wore. Maybe her next project will be a swimming project for women. She has that kind of vision and commitment.

The Foundation has been working with Mary on the Ice project. Our president Omar visited the site this year while he was on holiday in Sri Lanka and checked on the progress of the project and was very impressed with what is being done.

I marveled at the energy and commitment of this wonderful woman with a compassionate heart who has worked tirelessly to not only attempt at restoring what a group of people from a country that she loves had lost but also help them go beyond that.

While we sat facing the ocean, so calm and peaceful, nursing our cups of delicious Ceylon tea, I marveled at the contribution this charming New Zealander has made to a group of people whose lives had been changed forever thousands of kilometers away from the same ocean that came tumbling inland. I bid goodbye to her feeling so privileged that I met this true friend of Sri Lanka.

**Exclusive Interview by Asoka Basnayake**

## **Career Opportunities with the New Zealand Police...**

New Zealand Police is opening its doors to recruit more police officers from Asian ethnicity. NZ Police is one of the government agencies which has introduced an Ethnic Strategy to its policy framework. It also has formed an Asian Advisory Board in addition to Maori and Pacific Advisory Boards.

Police classifies ethnicity such as Sri Lankan, Indian etc as "Asian" so this is a good opportunity for people interested in a career in the Police force. Police officers are trained in the Police College in Wellington and recruits are paid while in training.

A seminar for interested people will be held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7 p.m at the Mt Albert War Memorial Hall, 751-773 New North Road, Mt Albert. To register, please call 0800 new cops or 0800 639 2677.

**Published at the request of Jessica Phuang, Asian Liaison Officer, Auckland City District, NZ Police**

## **Upcoming Event**

### **Sri Lankan Market Day...**

NZSLF is making arrangements to hold a Sri Lankan Market Day to support members of our community who are interested in self employment or income generation projects. This event is going to be held at the Wesley Community Centre grounds on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of November from 10 a.m until 2 p.m.

The aim of the “Foundation” is to promote Sri Lankan arts and crafts, food and offer Sri Lankan entrepreneurs an opportunity to market their products to the greater Auckland community.

There will be no charge for non commercial stalls held by Sri Lankans but a nominal donation is suggested. For commercial enterprises a reasonable stall fee will apply.

There are Auckland City regulations that need to be adhered to for all food stall holders. Details can be obtained from the organisers.

NZSLF will make arrangements to publicize the event and this is a wonderful opportunity for members of the Sri Lankan community to familiarize New Zealanders with our talents. There is no restriction to what you could display. It could be crafts and handmade items, Sri Lankan products or services. We encourage you to use the following format when you submit your expression of interest.

Name of Individual / Organization:

Contact Telephone:

Contact Email:

Contact Address:

Classification: Type of stall: Food / Craft /SL Products Services / Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_

If you are interested in having a stall, please let us know via email [nzslf@nzslfoundation.com](mailto:nzslf@nzslfoundation.com) or by contacting any committee member by phone.

## Current News from Lanka Business Online

### ***Sri Lanka's Dialog Telekom moves into television services...***

October 02, 2006 (LBO) – Dialog Telekom has picked up a radio and television frequency license, which gives them the edge to rollout a host of infotainment services ranging from television to mobile phone services. A unit of Telekom Malaysia, Dialog picked up the frequency by acquiring a 90 percent stake in Asset Media (Pvt) Ltd for 325 million rupees, the telco said Monday.

Asset Media's promoters – Nihal Seneviratne Epa and Lasantha Milroy Pieris – will retain a minority 10 percent stake. A greenfield operation, Asset Media also comes with its own broadcasting studio, a free-to-air and pay tv license. The digital convergence, also known as quadruple play or four-play, allows Dialog to offer cable television, broadband, fixed-line and mobile telephone services.

The strategic diversification into the television broadcasting allows Dialog to move into digital terrestrial broadcasting, direct to home or DTH and mobile television services, its CEO Hans Wijayasuriya said. The investment, he said, keeps pace with global dynamics of convergence where communication and media technologies merge with telecommunication services.

Ten months ago, Dialog moved into the broadband market by picking up a network operator MTT. The company also has a CDMA (code division multiple access) license, which allows Dialog to offer fixed line telephone services using cheaper mobile technologies. Dialog's CDMA operation, through its fully owned subsidiary – Dialog Broadband Networks – is due to start next January.

In August, Dialog became the first in South Asia to commercially launch third generation mobile services or 3G, giving customers the facility for high speed web browsing, video streaming, online games, music and movie downloads.

Sri Lanka, which became the first South Asian nation to start mobile services, when Celltel Lanka began operations in 1989, now boasts over 4.28 million subscribers, according to Central Bank figures.

Dialog Telekom, dominates the industry with over 2.75 million subscribers, followed by Mobitel Lanka, Celltel Lanka Ltd, Hutchinson. The telecom regulator is in the process of selecting a fifth operator.

### ***Sri Lanka cuts tariffs by 70% on duty free Indian imports from September...***

Sept 25 (LBO) – Sri Lanka has slashed tariffs by up to 70 percent on top imports like cement imported duty free from India, under a trade deal with the neighbouring country. Sri Lanka's bilateral trade deal with India allows for a phasing out of tariffs over an eight year period, for goods that are not on a sensitive list. Under the trade deal, tariffs are to come down to not less than 70 percent of the general customs duty rate this year, to be completely removed by 2008.

“The new tariff schedule has already been published as a Revenue Protection Order last week and the new tariff changes have taken effect from September 16,” C S W Jayatilake, Director General of Sri Lanka Customs, told LBO on Monday. For imports of finished goods from India, tariffs will drop from 28 percent to 8.40 percent and from 2.5 percent to 0.75 percent for industrial raw materials and machinery.

For semi-processed raw materials, tariffs will come down from 6.0 percent to 1.80 percent and for intermediate inputs with domestic production, from 15 percent to 4.50 percent. The tariff phase on Indian imports would cover about 2000 goods, including petroleum products, motor cycles, cement, paper products, onions, lentils, among others. The phasing out of tariffs has been due since April, but was pushed back due to procedural delays in Parliament.

India has lowered all trade barriers with Sri Lanka as agreed under the Indo-Lanka free trade agreement in 2003, except for 400 odd goods on its negative list. India is among Sri Lanka's top trading partners, importing 1.4 billion dollars worth of Indian goods last year, while the neighbouring country bought up 560 million dollars in local goods. Sri Lanka's top exports to India include copper and copper products, vegetable oil, spices like pepper, tea, rubber products, tiles and machinery parts.

### ***New royalty scheme to give Sri Lankan artistes greater copyright protection...***

Sept 25 (LBO) – Sri Lankan song writers and other artistes are hoping a new licensing and royalty scheme being drawn up will help protect their creative work and prop up earnings. Local artistes have banded together to form ‘collective societies’, on the lines of similar groups in the United Kingdom, to represent the rights of Sri Lankan artists.

“These collective societies will act on behalf of the artiste and enter into agreement with parties such as broadcasting stations, talent committees and even companies who deal in music over the internet,” Bobby Boteju, Director of the Sri Lanka Performing Rights Society, told LBO in an interview.

The proposed scheme will cover music, lyrics, performances, photographs and even websites, acting on behalf of all members in the collective society, Boteju explained. Any television or radio station or broadcaster

wanting to use the creative material for commercial purposes, will have to apply for a licence and pay a tariff for each broadcast. A fee structure is currently being thrashed out, but suggested rates are 100 rupees per song, per year for broadcast on television and 20 rupees for radio broadcasts.

“The misuse of a license will be fined a sum of 500,000 rupees or a six month jail sentence. Penalties will be doubled for repeated misuse.”

Sri Lanka's music industry is worth about Rs. 1.3 bn, 70 percent still dominated by Sinhala music, though 20 percent of that is pirated, a running battle between local artistes, labels and pirates. Other organisations like the Outstanding Song Creators' Association (OSCA) and the Sri Lanka Creative Value Protection Society have also joined the planned scheme.

Under Sri Lanka's Intellectual Property Act, it is a criminal offence to keep or sell copies of copyrighted musical works and films without authorisation from copyright holders.

Monitoring violations however could be the scheme's undoing, with societies lacking the manpower and resources to keep track of all their artistes broadcasts. “It takes a lot of man power, equipment and money to set up an independent monitoring group to monitor all the stations in Sri Lanka. What is feasible for the time being is to let the broadcasting stations record a log itself,” Boteju says.

“I have seen my album being sold on the pavements of Colombo. It is something one cannot avoid in such a country. But I do get my royalties from the original album sales in Sri Lanka and abroad,” Iraj Weeraratne, a Sri Lankan music producer, said.

**By Gayan Ratnayake (LBO)**

### ***In lighter vein...***

#### **Two Cows**

**SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. State takes one and gives it to someone else.

**COMMUNISM:** You have two cows. State takes both of them and gives you milk.

**NAZISM:** You have two cows. State takes both of them and shoots you.

**CAPITALISM:** You have two cows. You sell one and buy a bull.

**PURE SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes them and puts them in a barn with everyone else's cows. You have to take care of all the cows. The government gives you as much milk as you need.

**BUREAUCRATIC SOCIALISM:** You have two cows. The government takes them and puts them in a barn with

everyone else's cows. They are cared for by ex-chicken farmers. You have to take care of the chickens the government took from the chicken farmers. The government gives you as much milk and as many eggs as the regulations say you should need.

**FASCISM:** You have two cows. The government takes both, hires you to take care of them, and sells you the milk.

**DICTATORSHIP:** You have two cows. The government takes both and shoots you.

**PURE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbours decide who gets the milk.

**REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY:** You have two cows. Your neighbours pick someone to tell you who gets the milk.

**ANARCHY:** You have two cows. Either you sell the milk at a fair price or your neighbours kill you and take the cows.

**FEMINISM:** You have two cows. They get married and adopt a veal calf.

**TOTALITARIANISM:** You have two cows. The government takes them and denies they ever existed. Milk is banned.

### ***We need you to tell us what you would like to see in “NewZLanka”...***

NewZLanka has been published from the inception of the “Foundation”. We have strived to maintain a high quality throughout our existence but feel that it needs to be even better.

We need you to let us know of what you would like to see in our newsletter to make it even better. You, the reader would be the best person to offer us that feedback.

Please send us your feedback by email on [nzslf@nzslfoundation.com](mailto:nzslf@nzslfoundation.com)

What would you like to read about in our newsletter?

About new developments for migrants in general in New Zealand

Updates from Sri Lanka

About Sri Lankan New Zealanders and their success stories

About Sri Lankans in other parts of the world and their stories

Interviews with interesting people

Any other suggestions:

Would you like us to introduce the following in the future?

Youth related issues

Women's issues

Political issues

Any other suggestions

**Editor**

Views expressed in articles are those of the contributing authors and may not necessarily reflect the views of the NZSLF

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