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Message from Commander of the Army



It gives me immense pleasure to send this message on the occasion of inaugurating the Army War College Symposium 2023. I would like to congratulate the Army War College (AWC) for being able to conduct its annual Battalion Commanders' Symposium, consecutively for the second time. It is gratifying to witness that AWC, one of the premier military training establishments of the Sri Lanka Army, has been able to transform a challenge into an opportunity, thus opening the avenues by conducting it in the form of a hybrid meeting where the resource personnel, as well as the participants, will be able to attend the conference in person or virtually via Zoom platform.

The theme of the conference, namely the "Influence of Fifth Generation Warfare (Perception and Information) and Challenges for Military in the Sri Lankan Context" is very timely and of great significance for deliberation in expert panels of this conference which would broaden the knowledge and the professionalism of the participants. The nexus between Information Warfare and Perception change in this situation is an emerging threat that is developing into a significant future global challenge for the security forces especially because it has powerful effects that can pose a significant future risk in terms of becoming two powerful future weapons of mass destruction.

I hope the eminent panels of this symposium will be able to discuss many facets of fifth-generation warfare as well as its influence and challenges for the military in the Sri Lankan Context. Therefore, I am glad that AWC is setting an example for all other military training establishments in Sri Lanka in this regard. I hope this year's Symposium will produce significant outcomes and I wish the Army War College Symposium 2023 all the success.

H L V M LIYANAGE RWP RSP ndu
Lieutenant General
Commander of the Army

Message from the Commandant - Army War College



I am delighted to send this message as the Commandant with my best wishes to all resource personnel of the panels and the participants on this significant occasion of inaugurating the Army War College Symposium 2023. I would also like to congratulate the faculty members, permanent staff, and the team for continuing the tradition of organizing this grand event consecutively for the second time despite the emerging challenges in the country.

This year's symposium theme: "Influence of Fifth Generation Warfare (Perception and Information) and Challenges for Military in Sri Lankan Context" focuses on the military strategies in support of formulating military guidelines as core concepts and it, further, suggests that 'perception' and 'information' in the fifth generation warfare should always go hand in hand. Therefore, this conference would undoubtedly become a vital forum to discuss an area of study that has a direct bearing on the development interests in the Sri Lankan context.

I am glad that the Army War College, under the direction and personal guidance of the Commander of the Army as well as the far-reaching support and collaboration from the Army Headquarters, has succeeded in the endeavour to hold this symposium in the form of a hybrid meeting in order to augment the specialized knowledge of the officers with related areas of professional interest.

I hope this Symposium will produce a significant outcome that will be achieved through the dynamic forums blended with the guidance and knowledge of eminent speakers together with the experience of the participants. Further, the symposium outcome will also be compiled and published at the conclusion, so that the researchers will be able to link with the AWC library and proceed with their valuable reference studies for the benefit of the nation.

I wish that the Army War College Symposium 2023 will enhance the 'wisdom' of all the participants to serve the country for a better tomorrow.

UKDDP UDUGAMA RWP RSP USP ndc psc
Major General
Commandant Army War College

OUTLINE OF SESSIONS

DAY ONE: 11 DEC 23

OPENING SESSION

Time	Activity
0830 - 0845 hr	Arrival of the Invitees
0845 - 0850 hr	Arrival of the Chief Guest
0850 - 0856 hr	Official Endorsement of the AWC Symposium by the Chief Guest
0856 - 0902 hr	Documentary Video AWC
0902 - 0910 hr	Welcome Address by the Comdt AWC
0910 - 0925 hr	Opening Remarks by the Chief Guest
0925 - 0930 hr	Introduction to Keynote Speaker
0930 - 1000 hr	Keynote Speech by Mr Nilanthan Niruthan
1000 - 1005 hr	Appreciation of the Keynote Speaker
1005 - 1030 hr	Networking with Refreshments

SESSION ONE

Fifth Generation Warfare and Challenges for State (from Military to Political Security)

Session Chair: Maj Gen MGWWMCB Wickramasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc

Time	Activity
1030 - 1032 hr	Introduction Clip to Session 1
1033 - 1035 hr	Introduction to Session Chair/ Moderator
1036 - 1051 hr	Session Chair's Remarks
1052 - 1055 hr	Introduction to Speaker 01
1056 - 1121 hr	Session 01 Speaker 01 - Brig SP Wickramasekara RWP RSP USP psc (Evolution of Modern Warfare and Significance of Fifth Generation Warfare)
1122 - 1125 hr	Introduction to Speaker 02
1126 - 1151 hr	Session 01 Speaker 02 - Maj Gen DKSK Dolage USP psc (Dynamics and Influence of Fifth Generation Warfare and Challenges)
1152 - 1227 hr	Q & A and Closing Remarks
1228 - 1230 hr	Appreciation of the Resource Personnel

SESSION TWO

Critical Technologies and Its Impact

Session Chair: Mr Indika De Zoysa

Time	Activity
1400 - 1402 hr	Introduction Clip to Session 2
1403 - 1405 hr	Introduction to Session Chair/ Moderator
1406 - 1421 hr	Session Chair's Remarks
1422 - 1425 hr	Introduction to Speaker 01
1426 - 1451 hr	Session 02 Speaker 01 - Mr Boshan Dayaratne (Emerging Technologies, Advance Application Tools and Effects Across Domains)
1452 - 1455 hr	Introduction to Speaker 02
1456 - 1521 hr	Session 02 Speaker 02 - Mr Varuna Jayalath (Perceived Changes in Sri Lankan Operation Environment and Challenges)
1522 - 1557 hr	Q & A and Closing Remarks
1558 - 1600 hr	Appreciation of the Resource Personnel

DAY TWO: 12 DEC 23

SESSION THREE

Military Strategies in Support of Formulation of Military Guidance/ Policy Making

Session Chair: Maj Gen W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc

Time	Activity
0800 - 0802 hr	Introduction Clip to Session 3
0803 - 0805 hr	Introduction to Session Chair/ Moderator
0806 - 0821 hr	Session Chair's Remarks
0822 - 0825 hr	Introduction to Speaker 01
0826 - 0851 hr	Session 03 Speaker 01 - Lt Col Thushara Kathriarachchi (Rtd) SLAWC LLB Attorney-at-Law (Global Best Practices, Probable Guidelines and Legal Implications)
0852 - 0855 hr	Introduction to Speaker 02
0856 - 0921 hr	Session 03 Speaker 02 - Col KVP Dhammika USP ptsc (Planning Consideration to Develop Military Strategy/ Application for Emerging Security Landscape)
0922 - 0957 hr	Q & A and Closing Remarks
0958 - 1000 hr	Appreciation of the Resource Personnel

SESSION FOUR

Leadership and Decision Making in Complex Operation Environment

Session Chair: Prof Thushara Lanka Weerawardane

Time	Activity
1030 - 1032 hr	Introduction Clip to Session 4
1033 - 1035 hr	Introduction to Session Chair/ Moderator
1036 - 1051 hr	Session Chair's Remarks
1052 - 1055 hr	Introduction to Speaker 01
1056 - 1121 hr	Session 04 Speaker 01 - RAdm YN Jayarathna (Rtd) RWP RSP USP ndu psc (Evolving a Joint Approach for Decision Making to Enhance Capabilities of Military)
1122 - 1125 hr	Introduction to Speaker 02
1126 - 1151 hr	Session 04 Speaker 02 - Maj Gen SA Kulatunge RWP RSP VSV USP psc (Responsibilities of Different Stakeholders and Enhancing Capabilities, to Face Complex Environments)
1152 - 1227 hr	Q & A and Closing Remarks
1228 - 1230 hr	Appreciation of the Resource Personnel

SESSION FIVE

Perception for Sri Lankan Military

Session Chair: Maj Gen GVDUA Perera (Rtd) RWP RSP VSV USP USAWC psc

Time	Activity
1330 - 1332 hr	Introduction Clip to Session 5
1333 - 1335 hr	Introduction to Session Chair/ Moderator
1336 - 1351 hr	Session Chair's Remarks
1352 - 1355 hr	Introduction to Speaker 01
1356 - 1421 hr	Session 05 Speaker 01 - Brig PCL Gunawardhane RWP RSP psc (Lessons Derived from Modern Dimensions of Perception Change in Relevant to Sri Lankan Experiences and Role of Military)
1422 - 1425 hr	Introduction to Speaker 02
1426 - 1451 hr	Session 05 Speaker 02 - Air Cdre VTS Sirimanne USP ndc psc (Complex Operation Environment and Challenges in Command to Achieve Cohesion)
1452 - 1527 hr	Q & A and Closing Remarks
1528 - 1530 hr	Appreciation of the Resource Personnel
1531 - 1535 hr	Closing of the AWC Symposium 2023

Biography



Keynote Speaker

Mr Nilanthan Niruthan
Director Centre for Law and Warfare

Nilanthan Niruthan currently serves as the Director of the Centre for Law and Warfare. He is a defence analyst and international scholar on global and national security. His writings have covered diverse issues like hybrid warfare, maritime piracy, human shields, space warfare, military technology and urban insurgency for publications like the Johns Hopkins Journal of International Affairs and the Columbia Journal of International Affairs. He is a regular commentator on television and radio on security matters, having appeared on international platforms like WION and Al Jazeera. He is also a visiting lecturer at the National Defence College, the highest seat of military education in Sri Lanka.



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SESSION ONE

Fifth Generation Warfare and Challenges for State
(from Military to Political Security)

Biography



Session Chair

Maj Gen MGWWMCB Wickramasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc **Director General General Staff - Sri Lanka Army**

Major General Chandana Wickramasinghe RWP RSP ndu psc MA (IR) is presently holding the offices of Director General General Staff (DGGS) and Colonel of the Regiment – Mechanized Infantry Regiment of the Sri Lanka Army. He enlisted in the Sri Lanka Army as an Officer Cadet in 1989 and was trained at the Sri Lanka Military Academy (SLMA), and subsequently at the Indian Military Academy. Major General Chandana Wickramasinghe has held a number of key appointments during his illustrious military career in Command, Staff and Instructor capacities.

Prior to being designated as a Commanding Officer, he got international exposure by serving as a Senior Staff Officer (Personal) at the Administration Branch (U 1) at the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti from 2007 to 2008. Later on, he was assigned to the Gajaba Regiment as Staff Officer 1 Administrative. Subsequently, he held the appointments of Colonel General Staff of 22 Infantry Division in Trincomalee, Brigade Commander of the 511 and 224 Brigades in Jaffna and Trincomalee, and General Officer Commanding, 51 and 52 Infantry Divisions in Jaffna. In addition, he has held a number of appointments in the media field as the Military Spokesman at the Ministry of Defence, Director of Media of the Media Centre, Ministry of Defence and Director Media of the Army Headquarters from December 2019 to March 2021. Further, he held the appointments of Assistant Military Secretary, later Military Secretary at the Military Secretary's Branch, and Adjutant General of the Army Headquarters.

The senior officer has completed a Masters in Arts (International Relations) at the University of Colombo. Further, he has followed National Security and War Studies from National Defence University of the Republic of Korea and has obtained language proficiency in the Korean National Standard. Major General Chandana Wickramasinghe was awarded honorary citizenship in Nonsan City, Republic of Korea and is a recipient of the 6th Asia's Education Leadership Award in Singapore. In addition, he has served as a visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Colombo, Kotelawala Defence University, and Defence Institute for Training and Education in the Maldives and Defence Services and Command and Staff College in Sri Lanka. The senior officer is academically interested in International Relations discipline, in that he conducts lectures on Military, Strategic, International Security, Emotional Intelligence, Management and administration studies. In recognition of his academic excellence, he was posted to the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University as the first Research Coordinator in the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies, and subsequently elevated to the appointment of Dean of the same faculty.

He also presented a number of research papers to academia and participated in many academic symposiums and conferences. This vastly experienced Senior Officer, had conceptualized and initiated a novel concept in the Civil- Military Relations domain by introducing a CIMIC Park in Jaffna to strengthen trust and confidence among civilians and military, which has led to raising the bonds of existing Civil-Military Cooperation (CIMIC) to new heights with much acceptance from Civil Society and the Army. In addition, he has excelled at rugby and is also a recipient of a 1st Dan Black Belt in Taekwondo. He has participated in the 2nd World Cadet Games titled, "Ecuador 2014", as a Team Manager and a Trainer. He is the present chairman of the Army Rugby Committee.

Major General Chandana Wickramasinghe, who has a plethora of qualifications and experience counting over 34 years of loyal and dedicated service to the Motherland, is also a recipient of Rana Wickrama Paddakama and Rana Sura Padakkama two times respectively for his brave acts. He is presently reading for Mphil/Phd in International Relations discipline at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University on "21st Century Power Competition in the India Ocean and Sri Lanka's Security".

Biography

Evolution of Modern Warfare and Significance of Fifth Generation Warfare



Speaker 1

Brig SP Wickramasekara RWP RSP USP psc **Military Adviser - Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to UN**

Brigadier Sumal Prasanga Wikramasekara RWP RSP USP psc after his primary and secondary education from Mahanama College Colombo, Joined the Sri Lanka Army on 24th July 1992 and was commissioned on 13th October 1994 from Pakistan Military Academy. After being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, he was posted to the Commando Regiment Sri Lanka Army.

He is a versatile Officer with more than 30 years of unblemished career records and has contributed to the Army and the nation in different capacities in Command/leadership, Staff and Instructor domains whilst displaying the highest level of professionalism, loyalty and integrity. Before posted to Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to UN as the Military Adviser, he was holding the appointment of Chief Instructor of the Army War College Buttala Sri Lanka.

His major academic achievements includes Bachelor of Arts degree obtained from Pakistan Military Academy, Masters in Military Science obtained from Bangladesh University of Professionals. Masters of Defence studies obtained from University of Kalaniya Sri Lanka, Post graduate diploma in International Relations obtained from Bandaranayke Center of International Studies Sri Lanka, passed Staff College - Army Command and Staff College Sri Lanka, and passed Staff College - Defence Services Command and Staff College Bangladesh.

Besides the courses of training he followed in Sri Lanka, he has participated in the "Flash Style Military Exercise" with US SEALS at Sri Lanka, Exercise "Mithra Shakthi" with Indian Special Forces and Exercise "Silk Road" with Chinese armed forces. He followed Defence Service Command and Staff course in Bangladesh as he achieved 3rd in order of merit during Army Staff College Sri Lanka. In addition, he has followed Young Officers' Course in Pakistan and became the second amongst the allied students. Further, he has followed Ghatak Course in India, Company Commanders' Course in China, Jungle warfare course in Malaysia, Jump Master and Airborne Operation course in Pakistan, Canopy relative work course in UK, Wingsuit course in Dubai and Operation Law course from High commission of UK in Sri Lanka.

Recently, he completed the Defence Attaché Orientation Course with distinction conducted by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. He represented Sri Lanka at the International Anti Hijack Seminar held at Beijing China in 2014.

Brigadier Sumal Wickramsekatra is a good sportsman who has excelled in many sports fields as a player as well as an official. He was a member of college first XV rugby team during his school tenure. Further, he has taken part in many national and international parachuting competitions. He is a proud recipient of Army colours for Parachuting. Presently, he serves as the secretary of the Army Parachuting committee. He was the officer in charge of the Commando Regiment Rugby team which made many victories during 2014 to 2017. He also a recipient of Army Commanders' commendation medal for the service he rendered to Sri Lanka Army in 2023.

He is proficient in both the Sinhala and English languages and possesses sound knowledge of MS Office. His interest includes reading, music, movies and wildlife explorer. He is a practicing Buddhist. He is a caring lifelong partner to his wife Vishwa Rajaguru and a visionary father to their three daughters.

Biography

Dynamics and Influence of Fifth Generation Warfare and Challenges



Speaker 2

Maj Gen DKSK Dolage USP psc
General Officer Commanding - 59 Infantry Division

Major General Kapila Dolage was born on 03 April 1971. On completion of primary education at Sir James Peiris Maha Vidyalaya, Nanuoya and secondary education at Royal Collage, Colombo, he joined the Sri Lanka Army on 09 January 1990. He successfully completed the basic military training at Sri Lanka Military Academy (SLMA), Diyatalawa, and was commissioned to the Corps of Engineers on 15 June 1991; he was bestowed with the 'President's Medal' awards to the 'First in Order of Merit' and the 'Sword of Honour' awards to the 'Best All Round Officer Cadet'.

During his long service, he served in the operational areas in the capacities of Battalion IO, Adjt, Sqn Comd, and Bn CO in both Combat Engr role and Inf role. Whilst serving in the regiments in field, he took part in major counter insurgency operations conducted in North and East provinces. Also, he has been employed in several extra regimental Comd, Staff and Instructional appointments. Some of the important appointments are, SO 2 (Mil-Trg) at SLMA, GSO 2 and 1 (Ops and Trg) at SFHQ, Jaffna, GSO 2 (Overseas Trg) at Dte of Trg, Senior SO (Personnel) at UN Military Force HQ in Haiti, Col Comd's Secretariat, Col GS at ARTRAC, DS at DSCSC, Chief Instructor at Officer Career Development Centre (OCDC), Comd 571 Inf Bde and Director Training at AHQ and presently serving as the GOC 59 Inf Div. He was decorated with a number of service medals for dedicated service and 'Uttama Seva Padakkama' for unblemished service.

His professional career has been shaped by a number of local and abroad military training and education courses. Some of the important local courses are, Fd Engr Course, YO (Inf) Course, Bn IO Course, Unit Acct Offr Course, and IHL & HR Course and Defence Advisor's course. Foreign courses are, YO (Engr) Course in Pakistan, RSO Course, COBD Course in India and Master's programme in the USA. He is a graduate of Army Comd and Staff College in 2004 and Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College in 2006.

His academic qualifications include: Masters in Def Studies from University of Kelaniya, in 2005, Post-Graduate Diploma in Defence and Strategic Studies from University of Malaya, in 2006, and Master of Arts in Security Studies (Civil-Military Relations) from Naval Post Graduate School, California, in 2016.

Whilst serving at ARTRAC, OCDC and Directorate of Training, he contributed to the study, plan, and implementation of military educational courses for officer career development. He has been conducting lectures on International Relations and Strategic Studies in military training establishments. He is married to Mrs Lilanthi and blessed with a daughter and a son.



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SESSION TWO

Critical Technologies and Its Impact

Biography



Session Chair

Mr Indika De Zoysa
Strategic Adviser/ Vice President
Huawei Technologies Lanka Co (Pvt) Ltd

Mr Indika De Zoysa is a seasoned, vibrant and result oriented professional with 30 years of rich experience covering Digital, ICT solutions, marketing, innovation, development, integration and market development with prestigious organizations.

Mr Indika is the Strategic Adviser /Vice President at Huawei Technologies Lanka Co (Pvt) Ltd. In this role Indika is responsible for strategic and policy initiatives across all the business units of Huawei Sri Lanka. Prior to this role Mr Indika provided leadership to the Enterprise business group of Huawei Sri Lanka. Before joining Huawei Mr Indika was the Senior Consultant at ICT Agency of Sri Lanka. At ICTA Indika was responsible for providing leadership to its team of managers and staff to drive Country's Vision of "Transforming Sri Lanka towards a Creative Knowledge- Based Society through digitally empowered citizens".

Mr Indika worked at Intel Corporation as the country Business Manager – Sri Lanka for 15 years. During this period Mr Indika was responsible for executing all Intel programs and drive sales of Intel products & ramping newer technologies. Apart from these core responsibilities Mr Indika maintained relationships with the Sri Lankan Government and relevant authorities. Prior to Intel, Mr Indika was working for Hemas Pharmaceuticals as a Product Manager.

Currently, he serves as a member of Presidential Task Force on Digital Economy, Education Transformation and also a member of the Standing Committee on Accreditation & Quality Assurance for Higher education Sector in Sri Lanka.

Furthermore, Mr Indika is the Chairman of Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS), Vice Chairman of ICT Skills Council of Sri Lanka, Council Member of the Computer Society of Sri Lanka, Board Member of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce (CCC) and Board Member of the LK Domain Registry for Sri Lanka.

He is a past student of Dharmaraja College Kandy and he was a sportsman during his school time. In school, Mr Indika has represented Rugby, Hockey, Cricket, athletics and Table Tennis. For Rugby and Hockey Mr Indika has won college Colours. Mr Indika was a college prefect and deputy house captain as well.

He is qualified in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing and MBA from SMC University - Switzerland. Currently Mr Indika is reading for Doctor of Business Administration in University of Kelaniya.

Biography

Emerging Technologies, Advance Application Tools and Effects Across Domains



Speaker 1

Mr Boshan Dayaratne
Group Director/ CEO - CICRA Holdings

Mr Boshan Dayaratne has over 25 years of experience in senior management in various industries such as sports, garments, diversified business conglomerates, and education. He holds an MBA in Marketing from University of Colombo, and Bachelor of Commerce (Special) degree, also from the University of Colombo. Mr Boshan is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM-UK) and has a Diploma in Sports Science from the Hungarian University of Physical Education.

Currently, he is the Group Director / CEO of CICRA Holdings, a diversified group that specialized in cyber security training, consultation, and software development. He is recognized as a renowned keynote speaker in the field of cyber security. Since, 2013, he has been invited by the United States Pacific Command to address the Pacific Senior Communicators annual event, which attracts senior military officials from 28 nations in Asia and the Pacific region. His focus has been on responding to cyber security and disaster recovery.

Under Mr Boshan's leaderships, CICRA conducts cyber security training at the annual Cyber Endeavor Program of the Multinational Communication Interoperability Program (MCIP) of the US Pacific Command.

Mr Boshan was also appointed as a Board Member on Cyber Security for the US – Malaysia Command and Control Interoperability Board for bilateral discussions.

Mr Boshan is also a Non-Executive Board Director of Regional Development Bank (RDB) and sit in the Board Integrated Risk Management Committee and Board Audit Committee.

Mr Boshan is also actively involved in various professional organizations. He serves as the Board Member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC- Sri Lanka), the Founder Chair of the Cyber Security Center of Excellence of SLASSCOM, Board Member of Inaugural Cloud Security Alliance (CSA) – Sri Lanka Chapter and past Board Member of Sri Lanka Association of Software and Service Companies (SLASSCOM). He is the immediate past President of the MBA Alumni Association, University of Colombo and past Chairman of the Royal College Union Skills and Career Guidance Centre.

Furthermore, Mr Boshan has shared his knowledge and expertise as a visiting faculty member of the MBA Program of the Management & Finance Faculty of the University of Colombo. Mr Boshan is also Sri Lanka ranked number 1 tennis player in year 1993/94.

Biography

Perceived Changes in Sri Lankan Operational Environment and Challenges



Speaker 2

Mr Varuna Jayalath

Country General Manager - Dell Technologies, Sri Lanka and Maldives

Mr Varuna Jayalath is an executive leader and a technologist who do carry industry experience over South Asia, Indo China, and Pacific countries. He carries over 24 years of practice, while advising, architecting, consultation and running business operations across geographies. He has been leading a multitude of professionals from different countries while engaging in various industry verticals such as Telecom, Manufacturing, Banking and Finance, Defence and Government.

Mr Varuna Jayalath is currently employed as Country General Manager for Dell Technologies, encompassing Sri Lanka and Maldives while dual hatting Telecom Evangelist role for Asia Emerging Countries. He has held various leadership roles in Dell Technologies prior to the current role. Prior to the current organization, he was the Leader for Asia Emerging Countries in technology while serving Hewlett- Packard. He held a managerial role prior to that serving for DMS Electronics in Sri Lanka.

He is a Chartered Electronics engineer and a Chartered IT professional. Further, he is a member of various industry professional bodies. He carries a master's in strategic finance, while his engineering education was from Engineering Council UK and from University of Moratuwa. In addition to the academic accolades, he holds a multitude of industry certifications including Master Accredited Systems Engineer for Storage systems.

Mr Varuna Jayalath does function as a voluntary visiting lecturer for leading Universities and contributes to various academic exercise on voluntary basis. He does love reading, armature photography, electronics, and hiking.



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SESSION THREE

Military Strategies in Support of Formulation of Military Guidance/ Policy Making

Biography



Session Chair

Maj Gen W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc General Officer Commanding - 24 Infantry Division

Major General Wipula Chandrasiri is a well-known and a renowned personality in the field of military as well as among other higher officials. His commendable and dedicated service as a Military Officer and an academician has been highly recognized by local and foreign scholars.

Major General Chandrasiri joined the Sri Lanka Army as an officer 14 July 1989 and has held important appointments in the Army such as Officer Instructor in Sri Lanka Military Academy - Diyatalawa (2001-2003), General Staff Officer (Ops/Trg) 2 in SFHQ (E) - 2005, Staff Officer 2 (Investigation) in Military Secretaries Branch Sri Lanka Army Headquarters - (2006-2007), General Staff Officer 1 (Ops) in SF HQ (J) - 2009, Commanding Officer 16 Regiment Sri Lanka Artillery (Toppigala) (2009-2011), Directing Staff at Defence Services Command and Staff College (2011-2014), Chief Instructor Officer Study Centre - Sri Lanka Military Academy - Diyatalawa (01 Nov 2014 to 15 Jan 2015, Chief Instructor - Officer Career Development Centre - Buttala (16 Jan 2015 to 31 August 2017), Brigade Commander 241 Brigade Akkaraipattu (02 Sep 17 to 10 May 2019), Dy Comdt Ranaviru Sevana Ragama, Brigadier Coordinator - National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID 19 Outbreak - Rajagiriya, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Administration) - Kotelawala Defence University, Ratmalana, General Officer Commanding - 24 Infantry Division.

He has obtained Diploma in English Level III, Diploma in Psychology & Counselling, National Diploma in Training and Human Talent Development, Diploma in Management of Olympic Sport Organizations - 2021/2022, Diploma in Conflict & Peace Studies - 2021/2022.

Some of the local courses he has followed during his military career are Local Arty YO's Course, Unit Intelligence Officers Course - 1994, IHL x HR Instructor Course Sri Lanka 2003, Army Command and Staff Course in Sri Lanka - 2004.

He has followed foreign courses such as YO's Course in India - 1993, SATA Course in India - 1995, Radar Course in USA - 1998, UN Platoon Course in Nepal - 2000, Advance Gunnery Course in India - 2003, Military Observers Course in Bangladesh - 2007, Legal Aspects in Civil Military Coordination in USA - 2019.

This senior officer has officially engaged in Overseas Study Tour in Pakistan - 2004, Overseas Study Tour in India - 2012, Overseas Study Tour in Indonesia - 2013, Overseas Study Tour in Philippines - 2014, and Instructor Exchange Programme Army War College in India - 2016 and he has visited Thailand, Singapore, Japan, USA, Qatar, Oman, Greece, France, Switzerland, Malaysia, and Egypt for official purposes. He has also been the UN Military Observer in Sudan - 2008.

He has been an energetic sportsman and has got great achievements in John Tarbet Meets, National School Games, all Island School Meets, National Athletic Championships, National Sports Festival, National Athletic Championships, SAF Games, Colombo, and Army Athletic Championship. He has also represented Basketball, cricket and baseball teams of Joesph Vaz College, Wennappuwa, and was Collage Sports Captain as well. He has represented Cricket and Basketball teams of the Regiment of Sri Lanka Artillery and Sri Lanka Military Academy in Rugby and Basketball teams. In addition to those, he has held the appointments of the Chairman, Sports Council - KDU and Chairman Army Badminton.

This brave senior officer is a proud product of both St Maries College, Negombo and St Joseph Vaz College, Wennappuwa. He is married to married to Janitha Fernando and blessed with two daughters and a son. He is settled at Negombo with his family. At present, he is serving as the General Officer Commanding , 24 Infantry Division.

Biography

Global Best Practices, Probable Guidelines and Legal Implications



Speaker 1

Lt Col Thushara Kathriarachchi (Rtd) SLAWC LLB Attorney-at-Law Head - Department of Criminology General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Lieutenant Colonel Thushara Kathriarachchi is a Senior Lecturer and the present Head of the Department of Criminology, Faculty of Criminal Justice General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. She obtained her LLB (honours) degree from the Open University of Sri Lanka and holds a LLM from the same university. She is an Attorney-at Law and a life member of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka. She also holds a Master's Degree in Management (Defence Studies) from the KDU where she was placed First in Order of Merit of the batch and holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights from the University of Colombo. She holds a higher diploma in Conflict Resolution from the Bandaranaike Center for International Studies. She is currently reading for her PhD at the Open University of Sri Lanka in Transnational Organized Crimes.

Being a proud product of Visakha Vidyalaya Colombo, she started her career as a Commissioned Officer in the Sri Lanka Army, placing herself as the Best All-round lady officer of the batch in 1995. As a young officer, she was trained at the Indian Army Education Corps Training Centre in 2003. She has Commanded three Battalions of Women's Corps during her twenty year tenure in the Army, the highest number of Battalions ever to have commanded by a lady officer of Women's Corps, pioneering the raising of the 7th Battalion of Women's Corps in Jaffna in 2010. She is the present legal advisor to the Sri Lanka Army Ex-service Women's Association.

She has a considerable number of publications in the field of Law, as an academic, and was a member of the Board of Peer Reviewers of the INSS Journal for years 2022 and 2023. She has got a sound educational background with LLB (Hons) (OUSL), LLM (OUSL), MSc in Defence Studies (KDU), PgD in Human Rights (UoC), Diploma in Conflict Resolution (BCIS), and presently reading for PhD in Transnational Organized Crimes. Her field of research interest includes the areas such as Organized Crimes, International Humanitarian Law, and Conflict resolution. She has academically published six paper publications at KDU IRC from 2020- 2023. As a milestone in her academic career, it can be mentioned the occasion that she was awarded the first in order of merit at the MSc in Defence Studies, KDU. She retired from the military service in 2015 on completion of 20 years and currently she is an Attorney-at-Law.

Biography

Planning Consideration to Develop Military Strategy/ Application for Emerging Security Landscape



Speaker 2

Col KVP Dhammika USP ptsc
Director Defence Cyber Command and Information Warfare Centre
Ministry of Defence

Colonel Priyantha Dhammika, born on 5th August, 1972, is a distinguished military officer whose journey from academia to military leadership has been marked by excellence and commitment.

He was educated at Isipathana College, Colombo 5, Colonel Dhammika not only excelling academically but also showcasing exceptional leadership qualities. In 1991, he held the prestigious positions of School Deputy Head Prefect and Games Captain, providing an early glimpse into the leadership prowess that would define his future.

In 1993, Colonel Dhammika joined the Sir John Kothelawala Defence University as a Service Cadet. His academic pursuit laid the foundation for a distinguished career in military engineering, culminating in the attainment of a Bachelor of Science degree in Defence Electronic Engineering. Following his basic military training at the Sri Lanka Military Academy, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1997, marking the commencement of his illustrious military career with the Sri Lanka Signal Corps.

Through numerous technical and military courses, he showcased a dedication to continuous improvement, a commitment underscored by securing the first position in order of merit in the Junior Command Course.

He holds an MPhil in Electronic and Telecommunication Engineering from the University of Moratuwa, an MSc in Military Technology from Savitribai Phule Pune University, and a qualification from the Defence Services Technical Staff Course (PTSC) at the Military Institute of Technology, Pune, India. As a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, Sir John Kothelawala Defence University, Colonel Dhammika contributed not only to military circles but also to academia, emphasizing the intersection of military technology, communication, and cybersecurity.

As a researcher, he held the appointment of the Head of Radio and Electronic Wing at the Centre for Research and Development 2014-2016, Colonel Dhammika spearheaded numerous groundbreaking projects. His tenure was marked by the development of military drones, Virtual Reality (VR) Parachute Jump Training Simulator, and Radio-Controlled Improvised Explosive Device (RCIED) Jammers. These initiatives showcased his visionary approach to harnessing technology for military applications.

He is a Chartered Engineer of the Institute of Engineers India and a proud member of the Cloud Security Alliance's Sri Lankan Chapter, Colonel Dhammika actively contributes to global discussions on security and technology. His illustrious career includes serving as a Radar Technical Officer at the Artillery Brigade during times of military crisis, saving millions for the country. As a Military Liaison Officer at the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (Bentiu, July 2013 - July 2014), Colonel Dhammika contributed to international peacekeeping efforts.

Colonel Dhammika currently serves as the Director, Defence Cyber Command, and Information Warfare Centre at the Ministry of Defence, Sri Lanka. Additionally, he holds the position of Sri Lankan Pillar Coordinator for Cyber Security, Critical Infrastructure, and Technology for the Colombo Security Conclave. His multifaceted contributions reflect a commitment to excellence, innovation, and safeguarding national security in the cyber age.



ARMY WAR COLLEGE
SYMPOSIUM 2023

SESSION FOUR

**Leadership and Decision Making in
Complex Operational Environment**

Biography



Session Chair

Prof Thushara Lanka Weerawardane
Dean - Faculty of Engineering
General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Professor Thushara Lanka Weerawardane, a distinguished academic in the field of Electrical and Telecommunications Engineering, who is serving as a Senior Lecturer and presently holds the position of Dean at the Faculty of Engineering at the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. Graduating from the University of Moratuwa with a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering in 1998, he went on to earn his M.Sc. in Communication and Information Technology (CIT) and completed his Ph.D. in Wireless and Mobile Communication at the University of Bremen, Germany.

Following the completion of his advanced studies, he embarked on his career as a Lecturer/Scientist at both the University of Bremen and the University of Hamburg-Harburg in Germany from 2004 to 2012. Professor Weerawardane is a Research Scientist, having collaborated with major multinational companies such as Nokia Siemens Networks on international industrial projects during his tenure abroad. His work focused on developing innovative access technologies for 3rd and 4th generation mobile communication systems, resulting in several distinguished patents and research publications in his name. He is an accomplished author, with numerous contributions to journals, articles, and books, earning him multiple Best Conference Paper Awards.

In 2012, Professor Weerawardane returned to Sri Lanka and joined Sir John Kotelawala Defence University as a Senior Lecturer, continuing his academic and research pursuits. Throughout his tenure, he assumed various administrative roles, including Head of the Department and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. Additionally, he served as the Managing Director of CARE Technology (Pvt.) Ltd., the private arm of the Institute of Combinatorial Advanced Research & Education (KDU-CARE) of KDU, where he held the position of Director of KDU-CARE.

Beyond his academic endeavors, Professor Weerawardane has actively contributed to the industry, holding key positions such as CEO and Director in several companies with a workforce exceeding 1500 employees. He played a pivotal role in co-founding a BOI-approved Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Facility that adheres to WHO, EU-GMP, and US-FDA standards. Professor Weerawardane also led marketing and management teams in various Construction and Marketing companies at both national and international levels. His wealth of industry and academic experiences has been instrumental in developing numerous industrial projects, contributing to scientific research and fostering the academic pursuits of M.Phil. and Ph.D. candidates.

Biography

Evolving a Joint Approach for Decision Making to Enhance Capabilities of Military



Speaker 1

RAdm YN Jayarathna (Rtd) RWP RSP USP ndu psc
Former Chief of Staff, Sri Lanka Navy and
Chief Hydrographer/ International Consultant for the United Nations

Rear Admiral YN Jayarathna retired from the Sri Lanka Navy in 2022 on reaching mandatory retirement age of 55 after an illustrious, battle decorated and unblemished career span of over 35 years. At the time of his retirement, he was the Chief of Staff and the Chief Hydrographer of the Navy, concurrently holding the appointment of the Joint Chief Hydrographer to the Government.

On retirement his expertise was secured by the United Nations and is an International Consultant to the UNODC on Undersea Cables and Maritime Intelligence.

He holds two Masters Degrees from the University of Kelaniya for Defence Studies (2001) and University of Goa, India for Hydrographic Surveys (2003). He is International Hydrographic Organization's Category 'A' Qualified Hydrographer with vast knowledge and experience on oceanic and maritime matters. He has authored several articles for publications on topics covering geo-politics to marine science research and is a regular visiting lecturer for the Think Tanks, Staff Colleges, and the National Defence College.

He speaks widely on contemporary geo-strategic maritime issues and the oceans and regularly write to printed media and think-tanks on matters maritime. Please follow his profile in LinkedIn for his presentations, writings, and newsletters.

Biography

Responsibilities of Different Stakeholders and Enhancing Capabilities, to Face Complex Environments



Speaker 2

Maj Gen SA Kulatunge RWP RSP VSV USP psc Chief Field Engineer - Sri Lanka Army

Major General Shewanth Kulatunge RWP RSP VSV USP psc is a proud product of Royal College Colombo. He enlisted in the Regular Force of the Sri Lanka Army on January 20, 1989 as an Officer cadet. After completing basic military training at Sri Lanka Military Academy Diyatalawa, he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and posted to the Corps of Sri Lanka Engineers on January 19, 1991.

During his illustrious career, Major General Shewanth Kulatunge, who presently holds the appointment of Chief Field Engineer of the Sri Lanka Army, has held many key command, staff, and instructor appointments. Some of the key appointments held by the senior officer are General Officer Commanding – Engineer Division, General Officer Commanding - 23 Infantry Division, Brigade Commander - 522 and 232 Infantry Brigades, Commanding Officer - 1 Field Engineer Regiment, Director - Directorate of Research Concept and Doctrine AHQ, Director - Directorate of Plans AHQ, Colonel GS - 22 Division, Colonel MS - MS Branch AHQ, Chief Instructor - Sri Lanka Military Academy, and Chief Instructor - Sri Lanka School of Military Engineering.

In addition to the appointments mentioned above, Major General Shewanth Kulatunge made substantial contributions to enhancing military and diplomatic relations with throughout his two-year term as Minister Counsellor Defence at the Sri Lankan High Commission in Pakistan. In addition to his other noteworthy accomplishments, significant contributions were also made by him to the pursuit of global peace while serving as a staff officer at the Headquarters of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), during his illustrious military career, he has followed many local and overseas training courses, programmes, and visits. Significant amongst them is the Master of Arts in Strategic Security Studies at the National Defence University in Washington DC, USA, from where he earned the distinction of Distinguished Graduate, awarded to the top 10 percent of the graduating class. Having also acquired a Master of Science in Defence Studies from the University of Kelaniya, he possesses an illustrious academic heritage.

Major General Shewanth Kulatunge is a decorated Army officer who has received the 'Rana Wickrama Padakkama' and the 'Rana Sura Padakkama' for his valor in the face of the enemy. He has also received the 'Vishishta Seva Vibhushanaya' and the 'Uththama Seva Padakkama' for his outstanding, distinguished, devoted, and immaculate service to the nation.

Major General Shewanth Kulatunge is also a keen sportsman who has received Army, Defence Services, and National Colours for practical pistol shooting and most recently was a member of the Defence Services Golf team that represented Sri Lanka at the world military games in California, USA.

Major General Shewanth Kulatunge is presently the chairman of the Sri Lanka Army Basketball Committee. The senior officer is married to Mrs. Varuni Kulatunge and is blessed with a daughter.



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SESSION FIVE

Perception for Sri Lankan Military

Biography



Session Chair

**Maj Gen Udaya Annesly Perera (Rtd) RWP RSP VSV USP USAWC MSc (Ind)
MSc (USA) NDU-CT (USA) psc (SL) psc (Ind)
Senior General Manager/ Group Head of Administration, Brandix Apparel Ltd**

Major General Udaya Perera is a well-known personality and a renowned character in the fields of Military, Foreign Service and Higher Education. His commendable and dedicated service of 36 years as a Military Officer, Diplomat and an Educator was highly recognized by local and foreign scholars.

Major General Udaya Perera joined the Sri Lanka Army as an officer in 1981 and has held strategically important appointments such as Commandant Defence Services Command and Staff College, Commander Security Forces Jaffna and Killinochi, Director General Military Intelligence, Colonel of the Regiment of Sri Lanka National Guards and the Gajaba Regiment, Director Military Operations during the most crucial period of 2006 to 2009, Director Training, Director Infantry and the Commander of the elite Air Mobile Brigade.

He obtained two master's degrees and four post graduate diplomas on the subjects of Defence, Strategic Studies, Management, Social Sciences, Leadership and Counter Terrorism from US Army War College, University of Madras, National Defence University USA, Devi Ahinya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore India, Defence Services Staff College India and Army Command and Staff College, Sri Lanka (affiliated to University of Kelaniya). He is a recipient of prestigious Lifetime Alumni Membership Award from the US Army War College and Commandant's Honours from Army Command and Staff College for leadership and academics. He was the first international fellow and only Sri Lankan to receive Alumni Membership award from the US War College. Maj Gen Perera was elected as the President of the US Army War College International Fellows Union in the year 2012 and received a certificate of recognition from the Senate of Pennsylvania for fostering friendship and goodwill. Major General Perera was the first serving military officer to be appointed as a Deputy High Commissioner and served in Malaysia from April 2009 to June 2012.

He has served as a Consultant Director - Spectrum Trainers and Consultants and as a visiting lecturer to Kothalawala Defence University, University of Kelaniya and Bandaranayake International Diplomatic Training Institute. He is also a resource person to Colombo School of Business and Management, Post Graduate Institute for Medical Officers, Royal College for Defence Studies - UK, Defence Services Command and Staff College - Mirpur, Bangladesh, Defence Services Command and Staff College - Sri Lanka, National Defence College - Turkey, Centre for Excellence Defence Against Terrorism - Turkey, Sri Lanka Military Academy, Army Training School - Maduruoya, Officer Career Development Centre Buttala, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), Geneva Centre for Security Studies and National Defence College, Sri Lanka. His academic paper entitled "Defeating Terrorism through a Politico-Military Strategy: The Sri Lankan Experience" was accepted by Business School, University of Navara and International University of Japan (IUJ), as a specimen to successfully resolve a complicated and complex situation in the business environment.

Major General Udaya Perera, is presently serving as the Senior General Manager/Group Head of Administration, Brandix Apparel Ltd. He is married to Thelma and blessed with a daughter and a Son.

Biography

Lessons Derived from Modern Dimensions of Perception Change in Relevant to Sri Lankan Experiences and Role of Military



Speaker 1

**Brig PCL Gunawardhana RWP RSP psc
Director Research Concept and Doctrine - Sri Lanka Army**

Brigadier PCL Gunawardana RWP RSP Psc is presently serving as the Director of Research, Concepts and Doctrine at AHQ. He is a proud product of Rahula College - Matara and he joined Sri Lanka Army as an Officer Cadet with Intake 35 on 02 January 1991. After successful completion of military training, he was commissioned on 28th August 1992 and was posted to the 6th Battalion the Gemunu Watch. He has served as a platoon commander, company commander and operation and training officer with his battalion mainly in North and East until he got his first ERE appointment in 2002.

During his 33 years of illustrious military career, he held a number of staff, instructional, command and United Nations Peace Operations appointments in various capacities. Some of the key appointments he held as a staff officer included General Staff Officer -2 (GSO 2) (Operations/Training) at 52 Infantry Division Headquarters, General Staff Officer -1 (GSO 1) (Operations/Training) at Security Forces Headquarters (East), Staff Officer-2 (Career planning) at Military Secretary's Branch of the Army Headquarters, Staff Officer-1 (Grievances) at Military Secretary's Branch of the Army Headquarters, Colonel General Staff at 68 Infantry Division Headquarters and Brigadier General Staff at 1 Corps.

In his instructional appointments, he served as an Officer Instructor of the Sri Lanka Military Academy and a Directing Staff and Chief instructor of the prestigious Defence Services Command and Staff College has groomed officer cadets and several hundred middle grade officers to the Sri Lanka Military.

In command assignments, he was the 2nd in Command of 7th Battalion the Gemunu Watch during the last phase of humanitarian operations in 2009 and later he became the Commanding Officer of 7th Battalion the Gemunu Watch in 2011. Thereafter, he commanded 622 Infantry Brigade before he assumed duties as the Chief Instructor (Army) at Defence Services Command and Staff College.

In 2008, he was assigned as the operation and CIMIC officer of 8th Sri Lankan Contingent to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and also he served as the Deputy Chief of Military Personnel Officer at Force Headquarters, MINUSTAH from 2014 to 2015. Further, he was fortunate to serve at United Nations Headquarters in New York as the Military Planning Officer in the Department of Peace Operations from 2017 to 2020.

Apart from local training, he has also followed few training courses in overseas such as Infantry Young Officers' Course in Pakistan, Battalion Support weapon Course in India, Junior Command and Staff Course in Bangladesh, UK MOD sponsored Joint Operation Planning Course and Defence Services Staff Course in India. Further, he holds a master's degree in Defence Studies from University of Kelaniya, a master's degree in Defence and Strategic Studies from University of Madras, India and a Diploma in International Relations.

Brigadier PCL Gunawardana is decorated military officer with two different types of gallantry medals, namely Rana Wickrama Padakkama (RWP) and Rana Soora Padakkama (RSP) for his distinguished service. He is married to Athula and blessed with a daughter and a son.

Biography

Complex Operation Environment and Challenges in Command to Achieve Cohesion

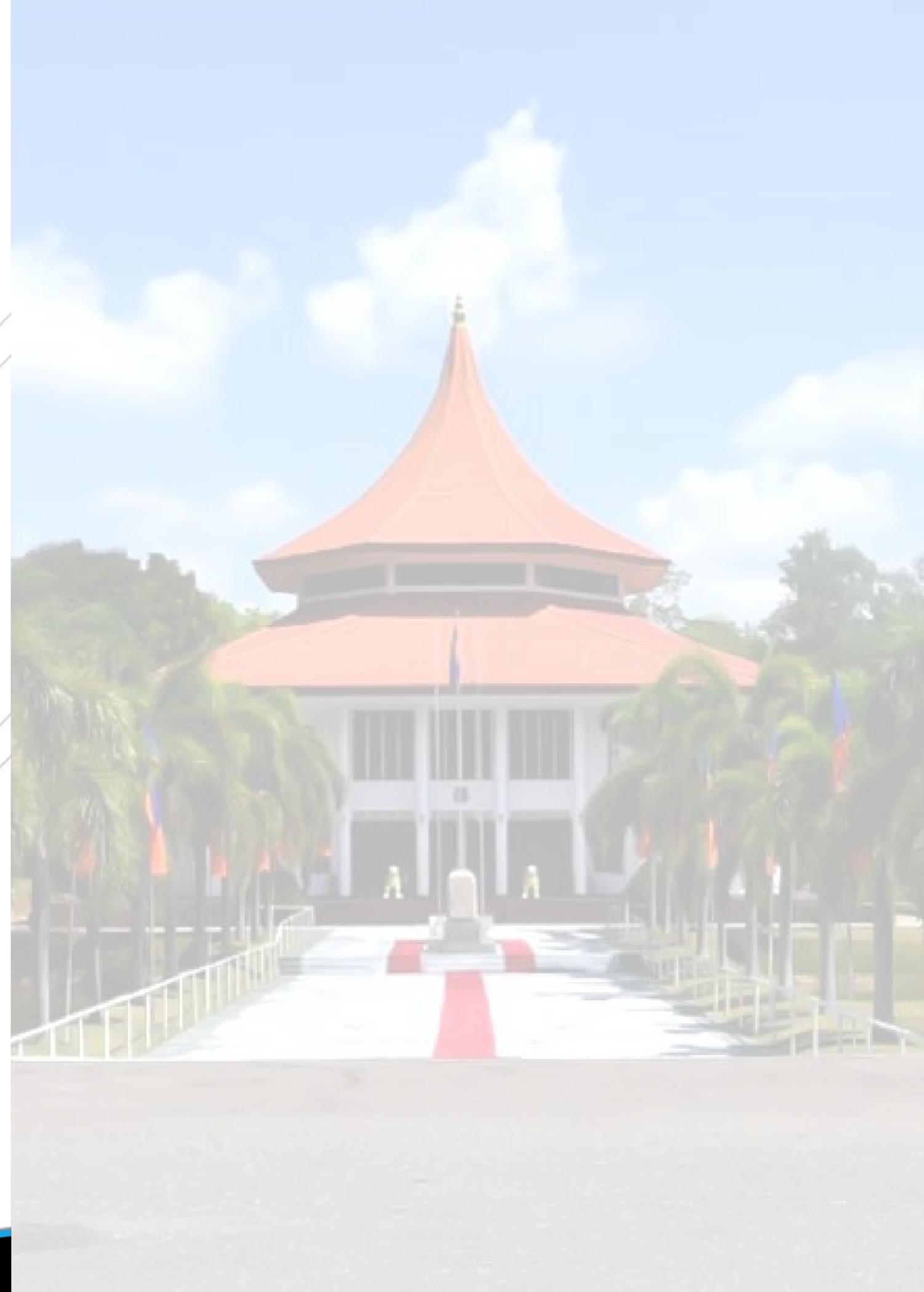


Speaker 2

Air Cdre VTS Sirimanne USP, MCR, MPM, MDS, PgD (IR), LLB, ANDHRM, Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, Commissioner for Oath, MIM (SL), Chartered Member CIPM, Member BASL, ndc, psc Provost Marshal - Sri Lanka Air Force

Air Commodore Thushara Sirimanne had his education from Ananda College Colombo. He joined Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) in 1993 and elevated himself to the Rank of Air Commodore through merit and unblemished service. The officer graduated from the National Defence College and Defence Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC) and qualified with “ndc” and “psc.” Further, he successfully completed the Defence Attaché Orientation Course and many other local military courses. He has also followed the Defence Management Course in India, Commanding Officer’s Orientation Course in India and Regional Seminar on the Legal Aspects of Combating Terrorism in Cambodia. For the unblemished conduct and operational service, he was awarded with the Uththama Sewa Padakkama along with another 11 service medals. He has held number of Command, Staff and Instructional appointments during the last 30 years of his service career such as Staff Officer appointments at SLAF Headquarters, Directing Staff at DSCSC, Commanding Officer SLAF Station Weerawila, Director Accents Administration at Directorate of Administration, SLAF Headquarters, Director Doctrine and Policy Development at directorate of Planning, SLAF Headquarters and presently he is holding the appointment of Provost Marshal at SLAF Headquarters.

The Officer earned Masters’ Degree in Conflict Resolution from University of Colombo (with merit pass), Masters of Public Management from Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration and Masters of Defence Studies from University of Kelaniya. Apart from that, he has completed Bachelor of Law Degree (LL.B) from Open University of Sri Lanka, Post Graduate Diploma in International Relations from Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) with merit pass, Advanced National Diploma in Human Resource Management from National Institute of Business Management with merit pass and presently reading a Master of Philosophy Degree at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. Further, he is a legal professional qualified as an Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oath. The Officer is holding memberships of professional institutions such as Member of Institute of Management of Sri Lanka (IMSL) Member of Bar Association of Sri Lanka and Chartered Member of Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) of Sri Lanka. Further he has been contributing his professional services for the Bandaranaike Centre for International Relations (BCIS), Colombo, DSCSC and Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) Sri Lanka as a Research fellow and Research Supervisor. He has authored and published many research papers and journal articles and also presented at many international and local forum including Colombo Air Symposium and National Defence College Symposium.



“Fifth Generation Warfare” (5GW) is a concept used to describe the latest evolution in the nature of warfare. It is not a well-defined term with a universally accepted definition, but it generally refers to a form of warfare that goes beyond traditional military means and includes elements of psychological, political, economic, and social warfare.

The relationship between Fifth Generation Warfare, social engineering, and new technology is intertwined. The use of advanced technologies provides tools for conducting information warfare, cyber attacks, and other non-traditional methods. Social engineering exploits the vulnerabilities in human psychology and societal structures, aiming to shape public opinion and influence decision-making.

In summary, Fifth Generation Warfare is a concept that reflects the evolving nature of conflict in the contemporary world, where traditional military means are complemented by a range of non-traditional tactics, with a strong emphasis on information warfare, social engineering, and technological innovation.

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