

SRI LANKA
Gam Udawa 89
 EXHIBITION
 AT MAHIYANGANAYA 23rd JUNE - 3rd JULY
 COMMEMORATING THE 11th ANNIVERSARY
 OF THE VILLAGE REAWAKENING MOVEMENT

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It is an annual festival participated in with almost religious fervour by the Sri Lankans. Every year people of all walks of life belonging to all communities make their pilgrimage to it not only to commemorate the founding of a noble movement which has infused new life and zest to sleepy villages throughout the country, but also to spend an evening in leisure and wholesome entertainment rich in culture and education.

Gam Udawa Exhibitions held annually to commemorate the launching in 1978 of a special village development programme known as Gam Udawa (Village Re-awakening) has become an annual feature eagerly looked forward to by the people of Sri Lanka. Designed to international standards, the Exhibition provides an exposition of Sri Lanka's cultural and historical heritage, her recent industrial and agricultural progress through many exhibits as well as song, drama and pageants. It is also a bargainer's paradise where consumer goods manufactured by government and private sector establishments are sold at vastly reduced prices in a multitude of stalls. Above all the Exhibition depicts the main features and the progress of the Village Re-awakening Movement since its beginning with the development of the backward village of Badalgama in the North Central Province of Sri Lanka.

Its high standard has made the exhibition a big draw among the many foreign tourists who visit Sri Lanka at this time of the year. This Exhibition is a unique event which brings together the people of our multi-racial and multi-religious society with a variety of lifestyles and weaves them together into a kaleidoscope of colour and variety. Thus it gives the visitor, specially the foreign tourist, the rare opportunity of meeting Sri Lankans of various walks of life along with their family members.

Sri Lankans in whole families are drawn to this Exhibition from all corners of the country. They have now come to love this fine opportunity for enjoyment, relaxation and education which comes their way only once a year. Come June 23rd, all the people shed their petty differences be they political, racial, social or class, and mingle in the pleasantly landscaped Exhibition Grounds beautifully



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lighted up in a myriad of coloured jets. On an average a lakh of people have come daily to witness the Gam Udawa Exhibitions held in the previous years in different parts of the country.

This year the Gam Udawa 89 Exhibition is held in the historic city of Mahiyanganaya in the Uva Province. Mahiyanganaya is blessed by a visit of Lord Buddha whose teachings have become a faith and a way of life to the vast majority of the people of Sri Lanka.

An undeveloped area of 45 acres in Mahiyanganaya has been developed with all infrastructure facilities to form the Exhibition Complex. Like in previous Gam Udawa Exhibition sites, the infrastructure of the Mahiyanganaya Gam Udawa 89 Complex too will be used for a public utility purpose after the Exhibition.

One of the main purposes of holding the Gam Udawa Exhibition is raising funds to boost the human settlement programmes under the Gam Udawa Movement, which aim at raising

the quality of life of the poor and the disadvantaged by provision of housing and other basic facilities like drinking water, roads, pre schools, community centres etc.

During the eleven years of its progress, the Gam Udawa Movement has achieved astounding progress in housing. During the six year period from 1978 to 1984, 153,000 housing units were built. The Million Houses Programme launched in 1984 has progressed as expected and will be completed by the end of 1989.

In the process Sri Lanka made her mark internationally when the United Nations declared 1987 as the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless on a proposal made by none other than the architect of the Village Re-awakening Movement, His Excellency Ranasinghe Premadasa, the then Prime Minister and Minister of Local Government, Housing and Construction of Sri Lanka. Now as Head of State of the country, being elected as the Executive President at the Presidential Election in December 1988, he is determined to

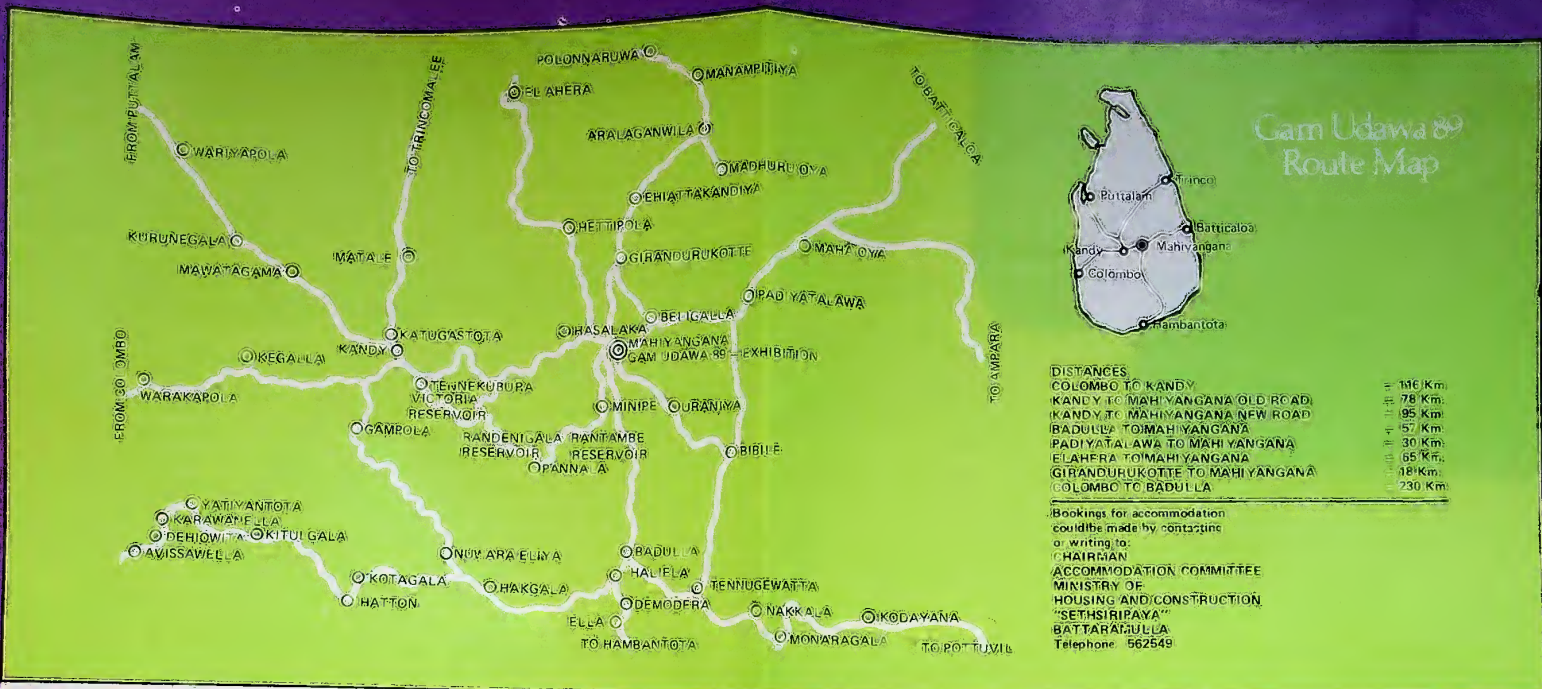
carry forward his crusade of housing development until the achievement of the goal of Shelter for All by the Year 2000 - another target set by the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements (HABITAT) on a proposal made by His Excellency R. Premadasa.

The Eleventh Anniversary of the Village Re-awakening Movement therefore assumes added importance as it is commemorated at a time when the person who pioneered it has been exalted to the highest position in the country by a popular mandate of the people - a recognition by his people of the services he has rendered to the country during the past eleven years and an endorsement of a New Vision of development and a New Deal for the people he placed before the country at the elections.

And now, impelled by a great concern for the welfare of the poor, President Ranasinghe Premadasa has launched a crash programme to alleviate poverty which still afflicts a large section of the population. It is a two-year programme known as "Janasaviya" meaning giving strength to the people. It has been designed to give each family a package of assistance amounting in value to Rs. 2500 per month for two years to families whose income is less than Rs. 700 per month at present.

While a part of this amount will be for consumption to improve their nutrition and health, the other part goes as compulsory savings which at the end of the two years will amount to Rs. 25,000. This will be a capital for the family to set itself up in self employment or a productive enterprise and extricate itself from the grip of poverty through self-reliant development.

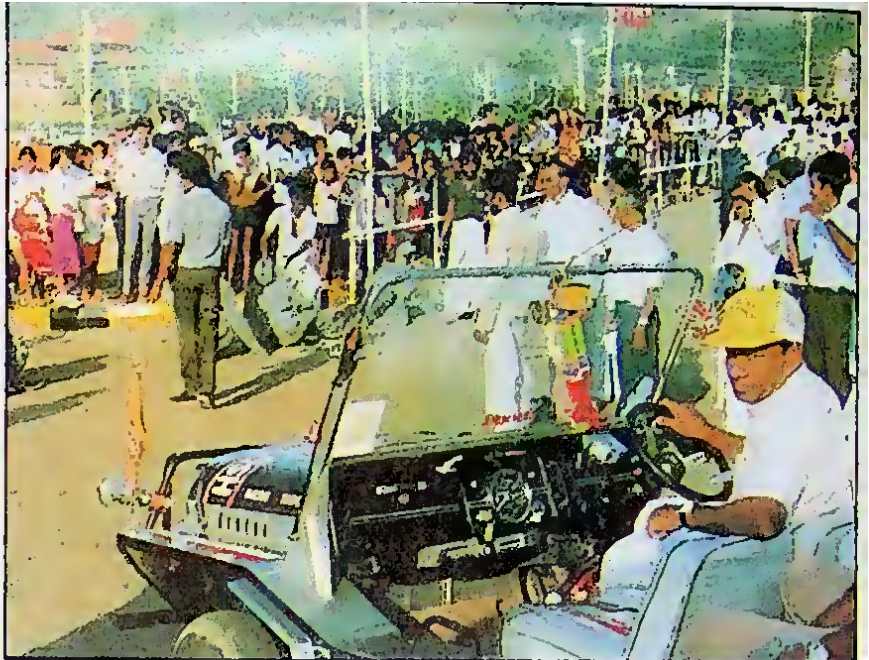
The task of carrying forward the President's vision of Shelter For All By the Year 2000 has now fallen on the shoulders of Hon. B. Sirisena Cooray who succeeds the President's former portfolio of Housing and Construction. Mr. Sirisena Cooray has been a tower of strength to the President in his human settlements programmes during the past eleven years working behind the scene. And now assuming direct responsibility of the tasks of housing development he no doubt has a big challenge ahead.



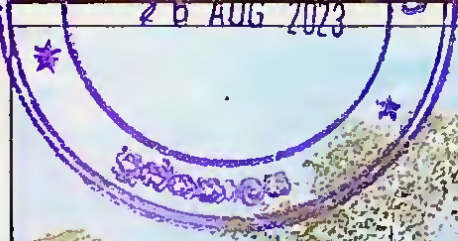
GAM UDAWA '89 - VIP ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

Hotel/Rest House/Guest House	Address	Tel.No.	No. of Rooms	Accommodation Rates			Meal Rates
				Single	Double	Triple	
1. Hotel Chalet	No. 32, Gregory Road, Kandy.	08 - 24353	32	RO RS. 250 BB RS. 300 BD RS. 375 AL RS. 475	RS. 273 RS. 355 RS. 505 RS. 705	RS. 300 RS. 450 RS. 675 RS. 875	Breakfast - RS. 50 Lunch - RS. 75 Dinner - RS. 100
2. Hotel Hilltop (**)	200/21, Bahirawakanda, Peradeniya Road, Kandy. Reservations: Aitken Spence Hotels Ltd., 315, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 2, 547161, 26767	08 - 24162 08 - 23892	57	RO RS. 250	RS. 250	RS. 325	Breakfast - RS. 45 (all charges) Lunch - RS. 80 + 10% service Dinner - RS. 95 charge
3. Hotel Suisse	No. 30, Sangarajah Mawatha, Kandy.	320831	100	RO RS. 500 BB RS. 545 Single occupant	RS. 520 RS. 610	Suite RS. 825 RS. 915 RS. 720	Breakfast - RS. 50, 10% S.C. on. Lunch - RS. 100 all rates Dinner - RS. 110, 30% discount for 3 or more occupants.

4. Hotel Titanka Kandy.	3, Sangamitta Mawatha, Kandy.	08 - 22000 08 - 25497 08 - 32429	65	RO Rs. 180 + 10% S.C.	Breakfast - Rs. 40 + 10% S.C. Lunch - Rs. 60 + 10% S.C. Dinner - Rs. 70 + 10% S.C.
5. Hotel Topaz (2*)	Anniewatte, Kandy	08 - 24150 08 - 23062	70	RO. Single/Double Rs. 400	Breakfast Rs. 50 Lunch Rs. 90 Dinner Rs. 100
	McLarens Holiday Resort Ltd., 123, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 4.	581191 to 581194			
6. Hotel Tourmaline	-- do --	-- do --	30	RO. Single/Double Rs. 600	Breakfast Rs. 50 Lunch Rs. 100 Dinner Rs. 110
7. Hotel Janaki (2*)	Janaki Hotel (Pvt). Ltd. 40/1, Deveni Rajasinghe Mawatha, Kandy.	08 - 24261	55	Single Double RO. Rs. 250 Rs. 250 BB. Rs. 290 Rs. 330 AI. Rs. 450 Rs. 650 Extra Bed - Rs. 80	Breakfast Rs. 50 Lunch Rs. 90 10% SC on all rates.
8. Mahaweli Reach Hotel (2*)	35, Siyambalagastenne Road, Kandy.	08 - 32062/3	50	Single Double Triple RO. Rs. 330 Rs. 330 Rs. 385 BB. Rs. 374 Rs. 418 Rs. 517 HB. Rs. 473 Rs. 616 Rs. 814 FB. Rs. 561 Rs. 792 Rs. 1078	Breakfast Rs. 44 Lunch Rs. 88 Dinner Rs. 99
9. Queens Hotel	Dalada Veediya, Kandy.	08 - 22121 08 - 32079	100	Single Double Triple BB. Rs. 170 Rs. 225 Rs. 340 HB. Rs. 280 Rs. 445 Rs. 670 FB. Rs. 365 Rs. 615 Rs. 920	Breakfast Rs. 50+10% SC Lunch Rs. 75+10% SC Dinner Rs. 100+10% SC
10. The Citadel	124, Srimath Kuda Ratwatta Mawatha, Kandy.	08-25314/5 08-32085	93	Single Double Triple Suite RO Rs. 660 Rs. 660 Rs. 750 FB. Rs. 440 Rs. 1320	Breakfast Rs. 50 Lunch Rs. 90 Dinner Rs. 110
	Reservations: Keels Hotel Management Services Ltd. 130, Glennie Street, Colombo 2.	20862 21101-10 27206-8			
11. Rest House, Peradeniya.		08 - 88299	12	Rs. 125/- per room 10% SC on all rates	Breakfast Rs. 25 Lunch Rs. 35 Dinner Rs. 45
12. Dunhinda Falls Inn	Bandaranayake Mawatha, Badulla.	055 - 2406	11	Rs. 75/- & 150/- per room Special Rooms - Rs. 300 each 5 Nos.	Breakfast Rs. 20 Lunch Rs. 35 Dinner Rs. 35
13. Eagle Nest Holiday Inn	159, Lower Street Badulla.	055-2301	14	Double Room Rs. 150/- Family with 4 beds Rs. 300/- Double Special Rs. 175/-	Lunch Rs. 25 Dinner Rs. 25
14. River Side Inn,	Lower Kings Street, Badulla.	055-2090	08	Rs. 150/- per room Full Board Rs. 300/-	Lunch Rs. 22/50 plus Dinner Rs. 22/50 10% SC.
15. Rest House, Badulla.		055-2299	11	Rs. 60/- per room	Lunch Rs. 35 Dinner Rs. 35



Union Temple at Karasikanda



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