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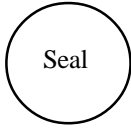
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### Proclamations & C., by the President



GOTABAYA RAJAPAKSA

#### PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE

THE Appointment of a Presidential Task Force on Sri Lanka's Education Affairs in terms of powers vested in His EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT by Article 33 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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Greetings !

Whereas the requirement to modernize primary, secondary and tertiary education sectors in Sri Lanka as appropriate to contemporary needs has been recognized.

And whereas the requirement to employ mechanisms to continue the education sector without any setbacks whatsoever in the context of the coronavirus epidemic situation that has arisen has been noted.

Now therefore, I, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, reposing great trust and confidence in your prudence, ability and fidelity, appoint you the said :-

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as members of the Presidential Task Force on Sri Lanka's Education Affairs, and to execute the below-mentioned tasks:

1. Introduce and implement mechanisms necessary for the proper operation of examination activities and curriculum of students after clearing the backlog of work that has occurred due to recent interruptions to primary, secondary and tertiary education activities.

2. Introduce and implement strategies to conduct student education activities without interruption under the distance education concept during this time period.
3. Identify activities to broaden vocational and skills education opportunities and introduce and implement innovative solutions to improve skills and competencies compatible with the job market.
4. Formulate a programme to expedite new enrollments to universities and expand higher education opportunities by extending distance learning opportunities to such students as well.
5. Introduce and implement training mechanisms, including education techniques that enhance the quality of education sector and direct students to subjects in line with topical requirements.

And I appoint D. M. R. B. Dissanayake Esquire, Secretary of the Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation and N. H. M. Chithrananda Esquire, Secretary of the Ministry of Education as Co-Chairpersons to the said Task Force.

And I further appoint Ms. Deepa Liyanage, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education, Technology and Innovation as Secretary to the Task Force.

And I do hereby authorize the said Task Force to make such inquiries and issue such instructions as required for the purpose of executing the tasks entrusted.

And I do hereby authorize you, the members of the said Task Force, to present to me reports from time to time.

And I do hereby require and direct all public officers and other persons to whom the said Task Force may issue instructions or from whom assistance for provision of services may be requested, to comply with all such instructions, render all such assistance and furnish all such information as may be properly complied with, rendered and furnished on that behalf.

And I do hereby direct the said Task Force to report to me, all cases of delay or default on the part of any Public Officer or Officer of any Ministry, Government Department, State Corporation or other similar institution in the discharge of duties and responsibilities assigned to such public officer or such institution.

Given at Colombo under the Seal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the 31st day of March Two Thousand and Twenty.

By His Excellency's Command,

P. B. JAYASUNDERA,  
Secretary to the President.