

# Annual Report

Law & Society Trust

2017



"All of our institutions, political and social, and our sense of moral purpose are grounded in one value i.e. the respect for the sanctity of human life. We must all resolve to restore respect for this value if we are to reconstruct a society and a future of which we can all be proud."

Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam

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## Message from the Executive Director ▶

2017 was another year of missed opportunities and bitter disappointment in the country. The Government largely failed to capitalise on the mandate it received in 2015 to enable political reforms that would substantively enhance democracy, human rights and social justice. Instead, we witnessed the grand promises for a new constitution—which was supposed to provide justice and equality for all—fade away as the Government proved unable and/or unwilling to press home on the process, particularly after the release of the Steering Committee's Interim Report in September 2017. Similarly, the transitional justice process was limited to superficial statements at international fora, with pronouncements by the Government about its commitment to advancing reconciliation in the country, but without implementing the basic steps—one being a roadmap—for the overall process. At the end of 2017, the Government was only able to establish one of the four proposed reconciliation mechanisms—the Office on Missing Persons.

The Government's attempt to push through its agenda for economic reforms, which has been shaped by international financial institutions, met with continuous resistance from various sectors of society. At various points during the year, there were organised struggles led by students, workers, farmers and others who utilized collective platforms to oppose the violation of rights as a result of the proposed economic reforms. This situation was compounded by the delays in promised political, institutional and legal reforms as well as redress measures, which increased the frustration of victimised and marginalised communities, paving the way for ethno-nationalist forces to gain ground and build up movements aimed at shoring up political capital for the next round of elections.

Despite all of these challenges, the Law & Society Trust attempted to sustain and influence the reforms agenda by working with diverse organisations and collectives, both locally and internationally. LST has strengthened its research agenda under three strategic priority areas: Law and Society; Law and Economy, and Law and Governance. Moreover, we leveraged our research to advocate for policy and legal reforms as well as to strengthen broader social movements, particularly in their efforts to improve social justice and protect human rights in the country.

LST also attempted to facilitate opportunities for ground-level community organisations and social movements to directly engage with national policy makers and international human rights mechanisms. This was done by increasing their awareness of policy issues and legal issues, and building their capacities in advocacy work. LST was instrumental in initiating and facilitating a number of broad civil society networks to advocate for the constitutional reform process, ESC rights and land rights. The People's Alliance for Right to Land (PARL), Action for Peoples' Constitution and the ESCR Collective in Sri Lanka are a few networks that played a significant role in 2017.

With the addition of several new donors to support LST's work, the organisation's stable financial position is a significant gain and bears testimony to the professionalisation of systems and operations across various units. It also reflects on the improved effectiveness of its substantive interventions. The continued support of key donors like *Diakonia*, *Ford Foundation*, *CCFD Terres Solidaire* and *CAFOD* deserves special mention. The addition of new partnerships with the *National Endowment for Democracy*, *American Jewish World Service*, *UN Democracy Fund* and a new partnership established at the beginning of 2018 with *We Effect* are all significant relationships fostered during the year.

2017 was also a year of tragedy for LST. In August 2017, our Head of Research, Vijay K. Nagaraj, passed away in a car accident. Vijay was instrumental in reshaping the strategic direction of LST and was the brain behind the multiple research projects initiated in 2017. LST will always remember Vijay's contributions to the organisation and the passion with which he dedicated himself to multiple causes in the country.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the leadership provided by our former Executive Director, Dinushika Dissanayake, who left LST at the end of 2017 to take up a position at Amnesty International. It goes without saying that her leadership put the organisation on a strong footing, which will allow us to confront the innumerable challenges and struggles in the coming years.

Sandun Thudugala  
Executive Director (acting)

## About the Trust ►

The Law & Society Trust (LST) is a not-for-profit organisation engaged in legal research, advocacy and human rights documentation.

Our aim is to use rights-based strategies in order to promote and protect human rights, enhance public accountability and strengthen respect for the rule of law. LST has built strong networks in different communities by implementing effective programmes, engaging in advocacy based on sound research and operating consistently in democratic spaces wherever they exist in order to strengthen institutions, promote equal access and uphold good governance through honesty, transparency and persistent inquiry.

The interventions mentioned above have included rights education, advocacy, skills training and engagements with community-based organisations, duty bearers at the district and national levels, judges, lawyers and opinion leaders. The organisation also focuses on awareness raising with respect to human rights, dissemination of information on critical aspects of its work, and network and coalition-building at a national and international level. The knowledge gained through these efforts has shaped the strategies and approaches adopted in all of LST's programmes.

LST was founded in 1982 by the late Dr. Neelan Tiruchelvam under the Trusts Ordinance. It was subsequently incorporated in 1992 under the Companies Act No. 17 of 1982 and given Registration

No. N(A) 211. LST has since re-registered as required by law under the new Companies Act No.07 of 2007.

### Vision

*"A Society which upholds human rights and dignity for all, free of social injustice and violence; through research, documentation and advocacy, hold executive, legislature, judiciary, public and media accountable."*

### Mission

*"To promote the full realization of the rule of law, justiciability of rights and public accountability by effectively engaging in research, documentation and advocacy"*

### Goals

1. *To be a leader in national level policy and legislative changes;*
2. *To be a change maker in perceptions, attitudes and traditions which affect rights;*
3. *To be a space maker for human rights discourse;*
4. *Effective accountability with good governance, transparency, equality and social justice;*
5. *To empower and build the capacity of rights holders;*

## Board of Directors ▶

LST's Board of Directors meets once in two months.

They are:

1. **Mr. Chandra Jayaratne (Chairman)**
2. Prof. W.I. Siriweera (until January 2017)
3. Dr. G. G Usvatte-Aratchi (until June 2017)
4. Mr. G.J.T. Alagaratnam, PC
5. Dr. Shivaji Felix
6. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya
7. Dr. Farzana Haniffa (from June 2017)
8. Ms. Anushya Coomaraswamy (from April 2018)
9. Mr. Tissa Jayatilaka (from May 2018)

## COMPANY SECRETARY ▶

The Company Secretaries of the Trust is Secretarius (Private) Limited.

## AUDITORS ▶

The Auditors of the Trust are appointed annually by the Members of the Trust at its annual general meeting. The Auditors for the year 2017 were KPMG.

## Staff ▶

### Senior Management Team (as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017)

- Dinushika Dissanayake - Executive Director (until December 2017)
- Sandun Thudugala - Head of Programmes – Acting Executive Director from January 2018
- Vijay Nagaraj - Head of Research (from May 2016 to August 2017)

### Programme and Research Staff

- Programme Manager - P.M. Senarathne
- Senior Researcher – Vidura Munasinghe
- Research Officer - Anushka Kahandagama
- Research Officer - Prashanthi Jayasekara
- Programme Co-ordinator - Jegan Prakash

### Publications

- Editor (In-House) - Dilhara Pathirana

### Library Services

- Librarian and Information Officer - Harshani Connel

### HR and Admin

- HR and Admin Officer - Janaki Dharmasena

### Finance Unit

- Head of Finance and Administration - Hasara Fernando
- Accounts Assistant - Prasanna Gajaweera

### Office Assistant

- K. Elankeswari

**LST in 2017** ►

**Major outcomes in 2017**



Implemented 6 major research projects on labour and poverty, reforms to the Land Development Ordinance, operations of criminal justice system, participatory democracy and local government authorities, women's perspective of social security and Samurdhi and on war affected women with disabilities in Sri Lanka.



Produced 12 publications, policy briefs and position papers on issues related to human rights, reconciliation and post war economic justice, land and natural resource governance, reforms on the criminal justice systems and constitutional reforms.



Provided the leadership for the public discourse on constitutionalisation of economic, social and cultural rights in Sri Lanka and facilitated collective civil society processes in advocating with International Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Universal Periodic Review processes.



Provided legal, advocacy and campaign support for more than 14 community struggles on land rights through People's Alliance for Right to Land (PARL)



Facilitated the processes of issuing around 6500 land permits for families in conflict affected areas in collaboration with Provincial Land Authorities.



Developed capacities of 1000 community leaders in 4 Provinces to engage effectively with local government authorities to ensure community voices being heard in local level development planning

**Research and programme highlights** ►

**Research geared to provide an evidence base for national policy making**

**Rule of Law - Research project - Under a Microscope: An enquiry into the Everyday Workings of the Sri Lankan Criminal Justice System**

In 2017, the criminal justice reform project involved a number of aspects, including creating contacts and conducting discussions with stakeholder practitioners to generate conversations around reform issues and the reform agenda, piloting a court observation programme, extensive research into transitional justice and sexual violence cases. The strategy involved creating contacts with stakeholder institutions, such as the Bar Association of Sri Lanka, the Prisons Department, the Office of the Chief Judicial Medical Officer, and the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka. Discussions on reform issues and the reform agenda were held with a variety of people, including provincial bar associations, legal practitioners, women's organisations, human rights activists, judges, and former State Counsel. A court observation programme was piloted in the Magistrates' Court of Colombo to observe the happenings of court on a day-to-day basis. There were two significant reports prepared for publication. The first titled "The Politics of Criminal Justice Reforms in Times of Transitional Justice" and the second titled "A Snapshot of the Criminal Justice System: Building a Picture through Sexual Violence Cases in the Court of Appeal".

**Labour, work and poverty research**

Research work started in late 2016 on 'Informal Labour' was continued and by the end of the year a paper titled 'Reimagining labour and resistance in the Neo Liberal Era' was prepared. A labour conclave was organized with the participation of local and foreign activists and academics on 27<sup>th</sup> November in order to broaden the dialogue on precarious labour which had been initiated previously. A working draft of the aforesaid research paper was presented at this event and Dr. Vagisha Gunasekara and Rakhi Segal responded to the paper. Furthermore, two panel

discussions were also organized at the labour conclave. Dr. Vagisha Gunasekara, Padmini Weerasooriya and P. Logeswari were panelists at the discussion on the topic of 'Women's unique vulnerability in the face of new labour arrangements'. Rakhi Segal (NTUI-India), Sylvester Jayakody (CMU) and Kesara Kottegoda (CBEU) took part as panelists at the discussion on 'Challenges ahead of Trade Union movement'.

### Women's perspective of Samurdhi and social security

Research project was implemented in collaboration with Surya women's network in Batticaloa. The research intends to investigate the experiences of women about poverty, economic conditions and their experiences in obtaining the services of the social security schemes implemented by the state during the war and after the war. Key outcomes of the research project are the,

- Development of a framework on how social policy, in particular social protection schemes like Samurdhi, can account for gendered harms resulting from the war, and complement economic reparations thus furthering economic justice for women.
- Development of a participatory methodology and process to document the links between social protection, economic justice and women's lived realities and deepening understanding of women's rights groups and community-based women's rights activists of social protection policies and gendered economic justice.

The final research findings were presented on 28th December in Colombo. 16 participants from Batticaloa attended the event, including interviewees, Suriya staff and representatives of other women's organisations and networks from Batticaloa.

### A Study of War-affected Women with Disabilities in Sri Lanka:

This research, a collaborative project of LST and Western Sydney University, drawing upon disability-inclusive methodologies of co-creation, development and engagement, maps the lived experiences of women with disabilities living within the war-affected areas of Sri Lanka.

The research entailed a four-stage process that significantly focused on building the research capacity of women with disabilities and their advocates, enabling their participation in the project as expert knowers of the interstice of gender and disability under transitional arrangements. Spanning a period of more than 12 months of fieldwork, the outcome of the research is a clear set of recommendations to advance the rights of women with disabilities in law, policy and institutional practice.

### Land Development Ordinance: Key Concerns and Ideas for Reform

This paper was prepared based on a research on key issues which arose from land rights awareness programs and case conferences conducted in Ampara, Mannar and Trincomalee Districts. This paper outlines and reprises some of the key issues and problems regarding the Land Development Ordinance (LDO) and its implementation. Despite significant changes in the political economy of land use and regulation, the LDO remains pertinent. The paper notes that notwithstanding changes in administrative practice over time, there are long standing concerns as well as recommendations for reform of the LDO that warrant urgent attention.



## Advocating for policy, legal and systems reforms

### Constitutional reforms and economic, social and cultural rights

In 2016 LST initiated a broader network of around 120 organizations (Action for People's Constitution) to advocate for the inclusion of economic, social and cultural rights as fundamental rights in the new constitution. Engagement with the Government on this during 2017 has been a bit of a challenge due to the lack of commitment and transparency from the Government towards the constitutional reforms process. But LST has continued ground level awareness creation with national and international advocacy for this.

In 2017, Law and Society Trust and Movement for Land and Agriculture Reform (MONLAR), on behalf of the Action for People's Constitution had organized a series of meetings with Provincial level Civil Society Organisations (CSO) leaders on the current situation of constitutional reforms process and our engagements in following places. Each meeting attended by CSO leaders representing each province and we had around 600 participants in total.

### Facilitating civil society participation in International Human Rights Mechanisms

Sri Lanka got reviewed by International Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in 2017, LST has engaged in collective civil society processes in submitting the civil society report for the Universal Periodic Report and for the International Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. LST has also played a key role in UPR pre sessions held in Sri Lanka to brief foreign diplomats on the human rights situation in Sri Lanka. Final recommendations from the CESCR have captured more than 40% of the recommendations we have made in our civil society report. (Annex 1: Report on ESCR Advocacy in Geneva)

### Supporting community struggles on land rights

LST has been the convener of People's Alliance for Right to Land (PARL), which is a national network with more than 30 national and community level organizations from 2016.

During the year PARL has worked with 14 communities affected by large scale land acquisition for security, infrastructure development, tourism and industrial agriculture projects. These 14 includes Palali and Jaffna in Jaffna District, Mullathivu, Kilinochhi, Trincomalee and Sampur, Pasikudah in Batticaloa, Paanama in Ampara District, Siyambalanduwa in Monaragala District, Colombo port City Project, Uma Oya in Bandarawela, Yan Oya project in Anuradhapura, Matara, Kalpitiya and Mannar.

PARL has established linkages between these community struggles for them to build one strong campaign against land grabbing in Sri Lanka. Supporting leadership development, awareness raising on rights, documentation and sharing of information about their issues and providing legal assistance are some of the support given by PARL for these community groups.

LST has also supported these communities to raise their issues in international human rights forums such as ICESCR, UPR, UNHRC and International Tribunal on Evictions.

### Provide legal awareness and facilitate linkages to resolve land disputes

In 2017 LST conducted training programs for community leaders, government officials and local lawyers in Musali, Muttur, Kalpitiya and Lahugala DS divisions. Around 150 Government officers and community leaders were trained through these programs.

Training programs were conducted in collaboration with Provincial Land Commissioners, who participated in all the training programs and conducted certain sessions. Training needs were identified during the initial consultations with communities. The following are some of the topics discussed at training programs. Subsequently Provincial Land Commissioners and

Divisional Secretariats in 3 areas have started their own initiative of conducting village level community awareness raising programs. During the year, 19 Community awareness programs were conducted for the community leaders with the participation of 6744 people.

These training programs have provided the necessary knowledge for community members as well as for the government officers to resolve land issues in their areas. As a result of these training programs, 6656 people have initiated the process of applying for the legal documents for their land (permits).

Local government officers such as Grama Niladharis, land officers and colonization officers are the first engagement point for the community with the Government. Their role in resolving land issues is critical. Almost all the government officers who have participated in the program have indicated increased knowledge on the legal frameworks and on circulars. This has helped in increasing their efficiency in addressing the issues of the people.

#### Advocating for fair and equitable land governance system

One of the main components of the project was to create common platforms for the community members to sit with all the relevant Government officers (Provincial land commissioners, local level land officers, Grama Niladharies, Police, officials from forest conservation department etc.) and to present their problems to them. These forums were named as case conferences and during the project LST organized 3 case conferences in Musali, Muttur and Lahugala.

As a result of case conferences Divisional Secretariats and Provincial Commissioners of Land have initiated a 'land kachcheri' process – which is the formal process for issuing land permits for the people. 6656 people have applied for land permits so far and Provincial Land Commissioners' offices in North and East Provinces have selected 6273 of them to issue land permits. This is one of the major achievements, because this is the first time most of these people who have been living and cultivating these land for generations are getting legal ownership for their land. Building on the learnings and findings from village and provincial level consultations, trainings, case

conferences and land kachcheries LST has compiled with key policy recommendations, especially targeting the Land Development Ordinance

These recommendations were presented during an advocacy meeting organized with Provincial and National level land Ministry officials in Anuradhapura. A meeting was also organized with the Secretary of the Land Ministry to present these recommendations, where there was a positive response to them.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of August, LST in collaboration with PARL organized a People's Land Convention, which brought together more than 150 community members, groups affected by land grabbing, civil society actors, academics and Government officers to discuss the current situation of land rights in Sri Lanka and future policy and legal reforms.

## Library and Information Services ►

### Library ►

In 2017, the library started a proper updating system for both LST publications and library reference books. The library created a new database to keep updating the value of the new arrivals to the library as LST fully catalogued and valued LST library publications in 2016. In addition, LST started a new registering system and a database to maintain its publications stock from 2017 onwards.

The library collection developed considerably during the year from both purchasing and donations. All publications have been catalogued in both soft and hard versions. The library is now able to provide our information service throughout the country and even outside of the country through digital information systems.

<https://www.lstlanka.org/library/>

### Publications ►

#### State of Human Rights 2016

The State of Human Rights for the year 2017 (covering the year 2016) contains seven chapters which provide critical commentary and analysis on significant developments relating to human rights protection and promotion in Sri Lanka.

This volume of the SHR which is edited by Dr Dinesha Samararatne carries the standard chapters - the overview of the state of human rights (chapter 1) and an assessment of the judicial interpretation of fundamental rights during the year. (Chapter 2)

The other chapters are: Constitutional Reform (chapter 3) by Dr Harini Amarasuriya, the Rights of Persons with Disability (chapter 4) by Azra Jiffry and Binendri Perera, From Protection to Deregulation: Whither labour Laws in Sri Lanka by Lakmali Hemachandra and Ramindu Perera (5), the Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka by Uween Jayasinha and the Right to Information by Sankitha Guneratne.

Subsequent to editing, reviewing and compilation of the report, it was sent to be printed in mid Dec 2017. The publication will be available to the public Mid Jan 2018.

#### Situation of Human Rights

The SHR celebrates 25 years in publication in 2018. The first volume was published in 1993.

In mid-2017 LST appointed a Guest Editor, Dr Sumudu Attapattu, who has a long association with the SHR, from its inception and in the early years of its publication, to assist and give direction to the Review edition of the SHR which will be published in Dec. 2018.

In July 2017, there was a meeting to conceptualize and structure the 2018 volume of the report which year marks its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The editors and ED decided to structure it in two parts – a historical section which includes an evolution of human rights in Sri Lanka and a review section which covers issues relevant to Sri Lanka such as constitutional reform, right to liberty, Judicial protection of human rights etc.

#### LST Review

The LST Review is a quarterly publication of legal education on contemporary socio-legal matters and human rights issues.

The Review during this period was co-edited by Thiagi Piyadasa and Juanita Arulanathan with guidance from Head of Research, Vijay K. Nagaraj.

There were 4 issues published from March. 2017 to Dec 2017.

The first issue for March 2017 covers the theme The Law and Politics of Land. The articles are: A Failing Search for Justice, Fairness and Equity in Eminent Domain by Deanne Uyangoda, Ermiza Tegal and Iromi Perera; Interrogating National Development: A Critical Geographical Perspective by Dr Nalani Hennayake; Land Rights by Bhavani Foneseka; Land Bank: The Government's Guise in Setting the Stage for Large Scale Land Grabs by PARL; Mega Development Projects by Nillasi Liyanage and Sindhu Ratnarajan and a response by Andi Schubert to a review of the movie 'Maya' carried in a previous issue.

The second issue of the LST Review is dedicated to the memory of Judge C.G Weeramantry. It carries the following articles: The Language of the Law by Dinushika Dissanayake, The Roman Catholic Church and Human Rights in International Law by Fr. Noel Dias; C.G. Weeramantry and Sri Lanka's Human Rights Challenges by Kalana Senaratne and Creative in Theory, Conservative in Practice? Justice Weeramantry in the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka by Sanjayan Rajasingham.

The double issue of the Review for the month of Dec is centered round Law Reform and includes articles on the Inland Revenue Act , the proposed Counter terrorism law , a film review on Frangipani and tributes to Vijay Nagaraj.

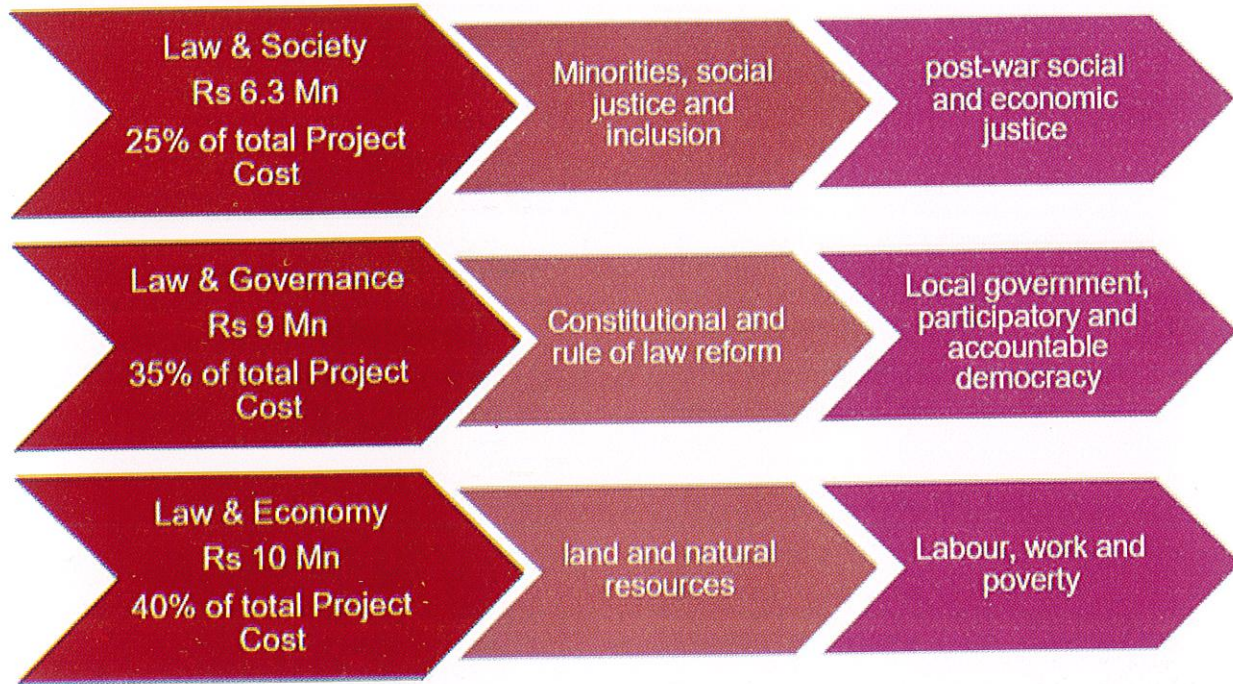
**Following is the list of publications done by LST in 2017**

- Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2016 (English and Tamil)
- Voice and Perspectives of Communities affected by Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology: A Briefing Paper (English and Sinhala)
- Biting the Bullet: Demilitarising Economic Relations in Post-War Sri Lanka (Commentary)
- Land Development Ordinance: Key Concerns and Ideas for Reform (LST Policy Paper)
- The Politics of Criminal Justice Reforms in Times of Transitional Justice (LST Report)
- Prosecuting War-Related Rape & Sexual Violence Against women in Sri Lanka: Lessons from Feminist Perspectives (LST Interceptions)
- South Asian Judicial Barometer
- The State of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Sri Lanka: A Joint Civil Society Shadow Report to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- A snapshot of the Criminal Justice System: Building a Picture through Sexual Violence Cases in the Court of Appeal
- LST Review – Vol. 27, Issue 341 December 2016 – Querying the Law
- LST Review - Vol. 27, Issue 342 March 2017 - The Law and Politics of Land

- LST Review - Vol. 28, Issue 343 June 2017 - The Law, Society and the Legal Profession: Judge C.G. Weeramantry



Performance vis-à-vis Strategic Plan Implementation ►

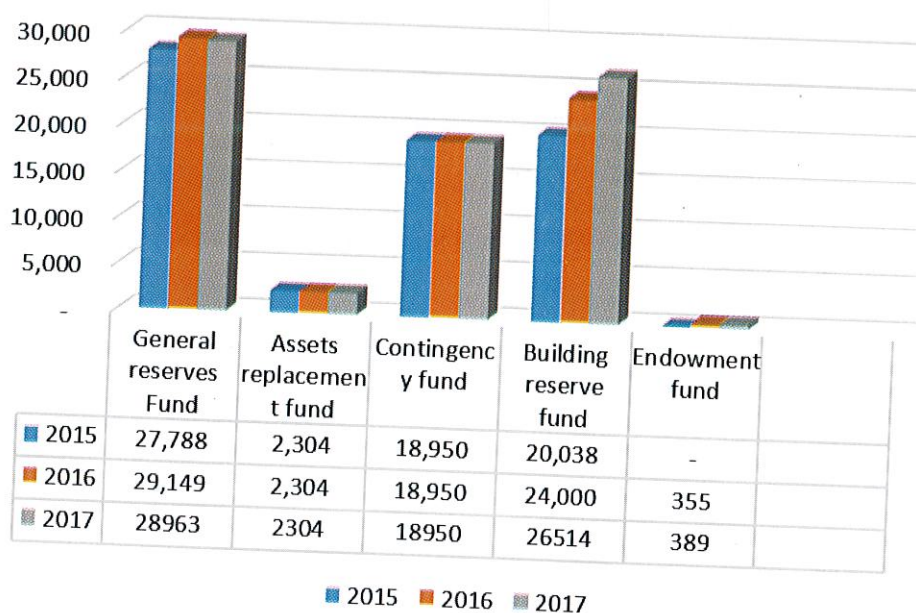


Strengthening Financial Reserves and Sustainability ►

	2015	Percentage increase //(decrease) year on year	2016	Percentage increase //(decrease) year on year	2017	Percentage increase //(decrease) year on year
<b>Reserves</b>						
General reserves Fund	27,788	4%	29,149	5%	28963	-1%
Assets replacement fund	2,304	-	2,304	-	2304	-
Contingency fund	18,950	-	18,950	-	18950	-
Building reserve fund	20,038	-	24,000	20%	26514	10%
Endowment fund	-		355	100%	389	10%

\*Amounts shown in Thousands

**Movement in Reserves** ►



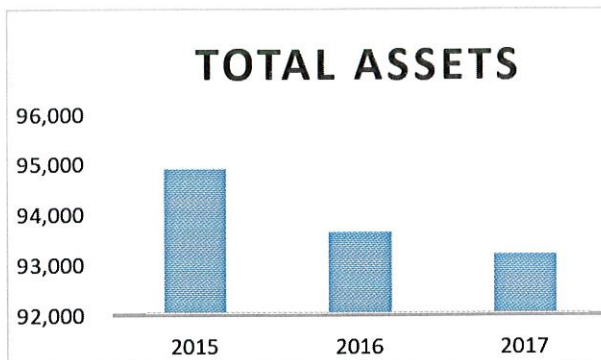
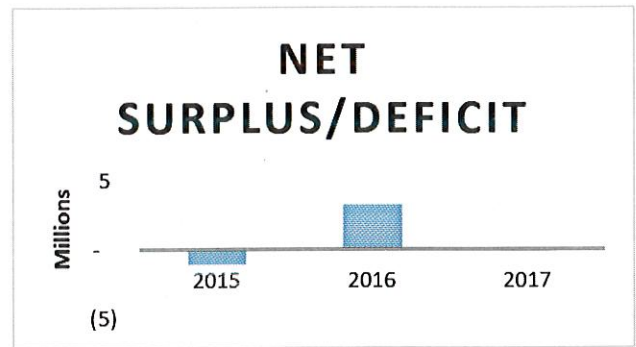
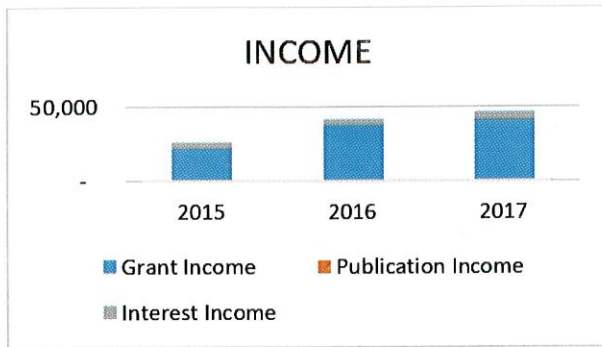
**Financial Highlights** ►

\*Amounts shown in Thousands  
\*0% is due to the minute (Rs 13792/-) per year on decrease.

	2015	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year	2016	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year	2017	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year
<b>Income</b>						
Grant Income	21,892	(-36%)	37,292	70%	41,920	12%
Publication Income	220	(-10%)	399	81%	239	-40%
Interest Income	4,190	(-34%)	4,176	*0%	4,516	8%

	2015	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year	2016	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year	2017	Percentage increase / (decrease) year on year
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(1,167)	(-112%)	3,461	374%	(-186)	(-105%)*
Total Assets	94,903	16%	93,639	(-2%)**	93,202	0%***

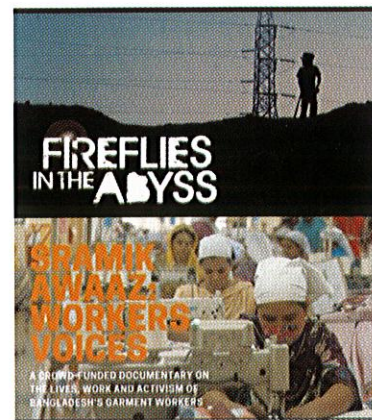
\*\*2% Reduction in 2016 is due to advance receipt of Restricted Funds received in 2015 for utilizing in 2016 Projects  
\*\*\*105% Reduction 2017 is due to net off of 2016 Gain consisted LKR 2.6 Mn Valuation gain from Library books and 2017 1 Mn Unexpected Funeral cost and Death Compensation of LST Employee  
\*\*\*\*0% is due to the minute Rs 165,000/- Year on year increase



## Visual Snapshots ►



Land Kachcheries to provide land permits for landless in Vavuniya district



Labour and Poverty Symposium



Citizens' Forum meeting in Badulla



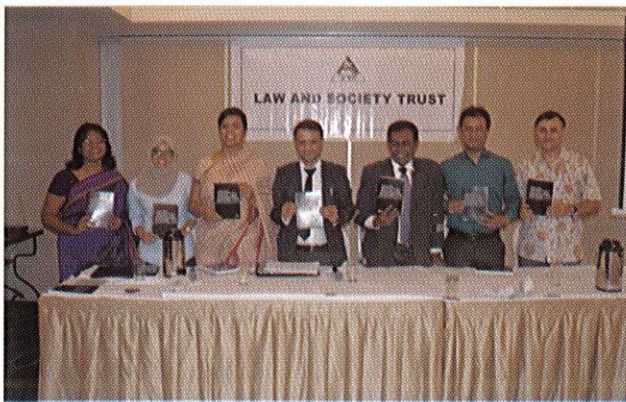
Provincial level monitoring meeting with land officers in Eastern Province



The Law's Gender: Entanglements and Recursivities" - A talk by Prof. Neloufer de Mel & Dr. Dinesha Samararatne.



Panel Discussion on Constitutionalising Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.



Launch of the South Asia Judicial Barometer (SAJB)



Peoples' Convention on Right to Land

**Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Sri Lanka**  
*What is the current reality?*  
A side event organized on the occasion of the UN CESCR 61st session

Maison des Associations - Salle Zastie Sedou  
Rue de Savoises 15  
Geneva, Switzerland  
6 June 2017  
h. 18.30 - 20.30

Light refreshments will be served  
English only

**Speakers:**

- Sandun Thudugala - Law and Society Trust
- Pracheep Watigasuriya - National Fisheries Solidarity Movement
- Methyampillai Jayasek - National Fisheries Solidarity Movement
- Shreen Saroor - Mannar Women's Development Foundation
- Dhanushka Rajarathnam - Equal Ground
- Anuratha Rajarathnam - Surya Women's Development Foundation

**Moderator:**  
Piri Darooka - PWESCR

In English, Sinhala, Tamil & Urdu

# #Justice for PAANAMA

**Join us!**  
#Colombo | June 14 | 10am  
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