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## Profile - Group Chairman

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*Mr. Dias is an old boy of St Thomas College Mount Lavinia Sri Lanka. He holds a MBA from the University of Lincolnshire, is a Fellow member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, UK, and is an Associate member of the Certified Management Accountants in Australia. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce and Finance from the University of Colombo.*

An Accountant by profession, he has a depth of knowledge in the Banking and Finance industry, Treasury and in General Management. He has worked for blue chip Companies in Sri Lanka, including National Development Bank of Sri Lanka, ANZ Grindlays Bank in Colombo, John Keells Holding and a joint venture Company with the IFC of the World Bank, overseas.

He also has hands on experience in the Hotel/Leisure business while serving in Maldives and in Sri Lanka in various senior positions.

Before his current engagements, he held the positions of Vice president for finance at John Keells Holdings Plc in the Hotels sector, Deputy CEO and Acting CEO at the JV Company in Maldives with the IFC of the World bank, and also has experience as a General Manager of an index/asset fund in Sri Lanka.



# Significant Contributions



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## MALDIVES

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The Country had limited access to Financial Services. It was restricted to few Banks purely present in the Male Mainland. Even the four Banks present in Male catered predominantly to the main sector Tourism in the Country. The other sectors which were insignificant in terms of contribution to the National Economy no or had very limited access to Financial services.

This has been the main bottleneck for other sectors like fisheries to underperform from their potential as an Island Nation.

This project was an initiative of the World Bank put into action by its private funding arm International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Maldives Finance Leasing Company was a Joint Venture Between IFC , NDB and minority local investors from Maldives



## Our Objectives in Maldives

1. To create a legal system for Finance Companies to operate in Maldives. Bring in suitable laws that govern and protect the activities of Finance and Leasing Companies
2. Incorporate a Financial services Company, different from the traditional Banking activities, to cater to the under developed market
3. Create awareness among Entrepreneurs and Businesses about proper book keeping in order to bring in financial discipline.
4. Influence small and medium scale entrepreneurs and businesses to banking and Financial services sector
5. Thereby develop other industries other than tourism sector to balance the National Economy. Eg Development of sectors such as Agriculture
6. To influence businesses to keep financial records in order to obtain Financial support from the banking and Finance sector. Initially groom owners of business to keep proper books of accounts and influence them to get such Financial statements audited by Audit Companies
7. Government of Maldives did not have a methodology to collect revenues from business enterprises and individual till recent times. One of the main problems were lack of information and lack of financial statements/records by such entities to ascertain their financial position. Government proposed a simple mechanism for taxation with the availability of financial information. This was possible with the improved system of accounting and financial reporting by the Companies, entities and individuals. With limited financial reporting the Government had no way of implementing a taxation policy on income previously. This situation has brought financial stability to the state and ability to implement a proper budget and able to plan its financial and fiscal policies. Maldives as a Country has been facing balance of payment issues due to lack of sustainable revenues to its Government. With the above developments the situation is somewhat mitigated but there are issues in implementation and more work needs to be done to in improving the system of collecting revenues.
8. This helped the state to plan and implement a more realistic annual budget
9. Implementation of a revenue collection mechanism by the government
10. Improved economic activity with fiscal and monetary controls by the state. This would pave the way for discipline management of the Economy.

was instrumental in implementing the above project as a startup Company, in partnership with its main promoters IFC and National Development Bank of Sri Lanka.



## SRI LANKA

Soon after the 30 year civil war, Country had a golden opportunity to rise again. Predominantly the North and Eastern provinces of the Country had seen destruction and much was needed to revamp the battered areas.

The destruction in terms of effects on human livelihood and businesses were unmeasurable, hence the approach to proposed solutions were not clear and easily understood.

With aim of creating jobs and initiate development Ranga Dias promoted the following business ventures in the Eastern province soon after the civil war ended in year 2009. The ultimate objective is to promote peace & harmony among communities.



## Centara Resort & Spa Pasikuda

125 room 5 star Beach Resort - Promoter

The project was one of a kind and eventually became one of the best Beach properties around Sri Lanka once completed in year 2013 and managed by International Brand "Centara" it was a livewire for the area. Much needed demand for basic items increased significantly.

More and more Hotels were built around it, construction and associated services, transportation roads and other facilities improved overnight and soon became a busy Tourist hub as you can see today.

## Giman Free Beach Resort

Promoted and Managed by

This is promoted in a small Town called Marnkerni, which was badly hit by civil war. It a small unique Eco-friendly Resort. Employee staff are mostly from the neighboring Villages. This is the only star class Resort between Trincomalee and Pasikuda stretch of beach more than 100km. This provides employment to needy people who do not have access to basic requirements in life.



## Centara Waves

(proposed) - Promoter

Promoter of the proposed 225 key project in Sallaithev Beach close to Trincomalee

Sports City Rangiri Dambulla (proposed) - Promoter and Managed by

100 room Resort with sports academy to promote sports in the area and develop skills of youth

## Gopi Food Ceylon Pvt Ltd

Promoter and Managed by

It is the main Company under the food cluster of the Group. Company manufactures animal feed. With the Eastern province being the largest producer of milk in the Country there is opportunity to improve the Industry. This was understood by the promoter and committed to improve the industry significantly in the medium to longer term.

Currently manufactured cattle feed is not used by the farmers, our Company started manufacturing and promoting a cattle feed that could enhance the Milk production of a particular animal by 100% and which is affordable by the farming community. This will improve financial returns to farmers and more and more farmers would get into the industry. We are creating network of buyers for the produce and are planning to operate a system for collection by way of collecting centers.



# Upcoming Ventures

## British Colonial Plantation History with Excursion to Adam's Peak

Old planter's bungalow have been restored and while maintaining the charm of a plantation bungalow. Tea, rubber and Cinnamon are few of the crops that you will find in the surrounding, with aroma from the tea bushes when you step out to the Tea garden each morning. This reminds you have a History of Tea plantation during British rule and the "Vintage Ceylon Tea"

Organically grown vegetables and fruits are served with natural spring water Bottled in limited quantity in the plantation itself.

Natural habitat for birds and animals are a common attraction throughout the day depending on the season.

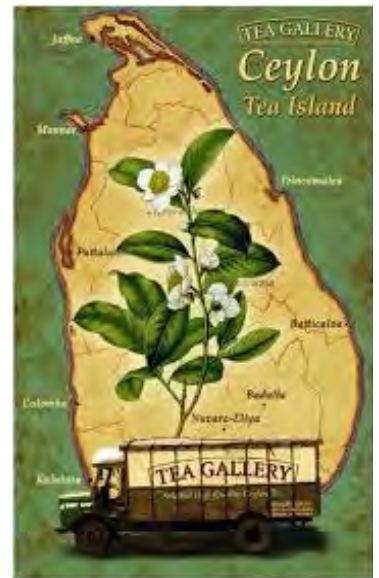
The famous Adam's peak trail though Ratnapura is a must experience excursion as its crosses many jungles and natural water bodies which attracts many guests

## The Location

Ratnapura being one of the hot spots for Natural Gems stones, the promoter of the project envisage to bring in much needed prominence to the district by having an international standard Resort but with our own culture and way of living.

The existing Bungalow of the Degamboda Estate is to be renovated and converted for this purpose in a matter that will not disturb the ancient simple way of life.

Include- traditional fruits- Durian,rabutan,pine apple, magustine, banana





# ALLEY WAY

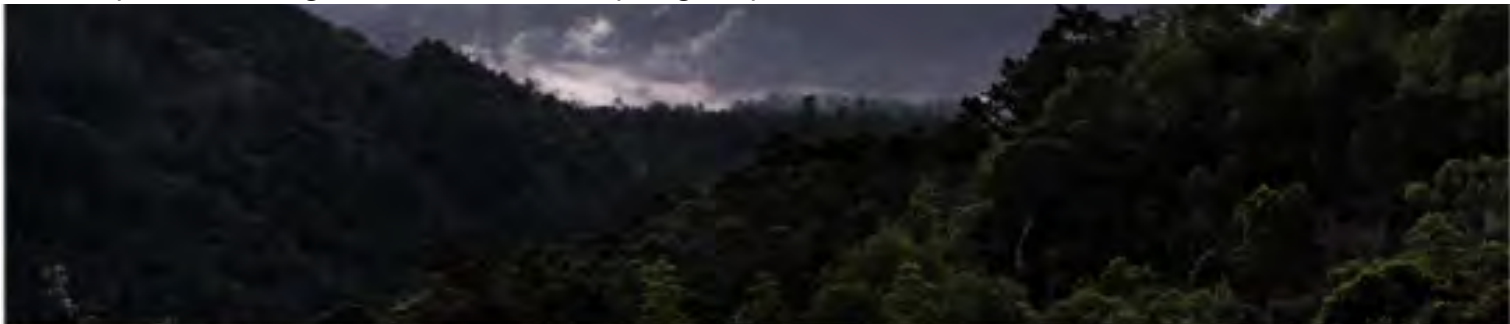
## Background

Sri Lanka's vibrant history is crafted with various facets through the time. Its roots run deep into ancient modes of production and especially of being an essential stop-over in an ever green oceanic trade route connecting Arabian sea to Indian ocean, towards southern China sea. Eventually, Sri Lanka has become a nation of people unified with various socio-cultural trends over the time. Expansion of spice market parallel to silk-route, enthused many trading nations towards this tropical paradise. As a preliminary condition for generous trade hub, different inland trade routes were developed engulfing sea shows in the west to the east and north to the south. Due to harsh geographical patterns in the landscape, bullock-carts trails were formed reaching each corner of the country. This cattle-driven mode of transport has become the highway to the prosperity. Though it was not considered as a joyride for those who have been in the business. These trails build upon gravel have made the cattle as well as the drive exhausted. It has been an enormous struggle to carry the cargo safe towards its destination, avoiding misfortunes that might happen in any moment. Cart-folk sang tunes to ease out the pain and solitude during the ride and today, those tunes are considered as national folk literature in Sri Lanka.



## The Location

Ella is recognized as one of the major tourist destinations in Sri Lanka. From Colombo, it will take nearly 6 hours (210 Km) on Colombo - Batticaloa highway (A4) to reach Ella or if someone travels through Udawalave National park towards Ella it will add 30 more minutes (257km) for the road, which connects through Thanamalwila (A2) towards Wellawaya and entering to A23 Ella - Wellawaya highway towards central hills.





## Message that we carry to Society and Universe

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*Be practical and engage in business activity that can bring good to society. Post war development cannot be measured in words but have to put to practice and to test, which should stand the test of time.*

*Economic and Social development would automatically provide silent answers to many difficult questions and to see the fruits of peace.*

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