

The Legacy of Kamini Meedeniya Vitarana shines on, after the year that passed.

Ruk Rakaganno, the Tree Society of Sri Lanka remembers our former President, by commencing the project that was dear to her heart. The 'Suduwelipotha Forest Restoration Project' initiated by her vision, has become a reality today. Supported by John Keells Holdings, the project commenced this month in Kamini Vitarana's memory.



Mrs Kamini Meedeniya Vitarana, who almost single handedly initiated the Proposed Project of Restoration of 50 acres of forest land, in the Suduwalipotha Forest in Kalawana DS division. on behalf of Ruk Rakaganno .is seen admiring this forest environment Feb. 2020 Photo credit Dushy Perera, President Ruk Rakaganno.

Mrs V (as we would affectionately refer to her) has etched an indelible mark in our lives. Mrs Kamini Meedeniya Vitarana stood as tall as the trees around her - deep rooted in her passion for the ENVIRONMENT whilst spreading the fruits of CONSERVATION.

It is difficult to capture the essence of Mrs Vitarana in a few words because she was an amazing Lady- even now when we think of all her attributes of tenacity , determination, perseverance and passion for whatever work she undertook it never ceases to amaze us!

Furthermore, she offered the shade of her kindness, compassion & generosity to many. (especially to less fortunate women)

Indeed it was an honor and a privilege to have associated with her during the last decade of her colorful life - a beautiful tapestry woven of many diverse & impacting threads.

Mrs. Vitarana, we at RukRakaganno hope to continue weaving the legacy you left behind.

May the trees you so loved & the trees we hope to plant offer you their leaves of PEACE & PRAISE.

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Suduwelipotha Forest Restoration Project
Kalawana Forest Range

Total area of Restoration – 20 Ha (50 Acres)

Project Owner – Department of Forest Conservation
Project Implementer – Ruk Rakaganno
Project Sponsor - John Keells Foundation

(In memory of Kamini Meedeniya Vitarana, former President of Ruk Rakaganno)

Date of Commencement - April 2021

Proposed Date of Completion - March 2024



On WorldEnvironment day, 6th June 2021, John Keells Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ruk Rakaganno.(the organization who Kamini Vitarana headed for many decades) to fund a reforestation project of 50 acres of land in Suduwalipotha in the buffer zone of Sinharajah Rain Forest, a World Heritage Site. As a tribute to Kamini Meedeniya Vitarana, (9th Nov 1928 - 28th July 2020) Ruk Rakaganno has dedicated this Forest Restoration project to her.

Next Ruk Rakaganno virtual event; A commemorative lecture for another environmental and design personality, Laki Senanayake, (who designed the symbolic Ruk Rakaganno logo), Will be delivered by Architect Ismeth Raheem on FLORA ZELANICA-the study of Sri Lanka's flora by Europe's most eminent botanists and scientists in the 17th and 18th century-on Sunday 15th

August 2021 at 6 pm on Zoom. For further inquiry please contact
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