
APPRECIATION

Mr. Shiral Kumarasiri Dahanayake *Divisional Forest Officer*

Mr. S. K. Dahanayake was born in Parakandeniya, Imbulgoda, Gampaha (WP), on the 17th June 1952. He obtained his primary and secondary education at Bandaranayake Maha Vidyalaya, Gampaha and then entered Katubedda University to follow the NDT course in 1973.

He had joined the Government Clerical Service and served in the Department of Agriculture and Forest Department until the latter part of 1977.

On 05th November 1977 he has been selected as a probationary Forest Ranger of the Forest Department and posted to Haputale Range, which was his first working station. Thereafter he had worked in Upper mahaweli and Panwila Reforestation Projects until the end of 1980. where he had shown his competences in planting activities. Later he had been appointed as a Range Forest Officer for Wattedegama and Kandy Division.

He had been promoted as a Forester on the 01st of January 1989 and transferred to Nuwaraeliya Division. Subsequently, he held this post in Ampara, Kandy and Puttlam. Finally, he had been promoted as the Divisional Forest Officer of Puttlam Division. which post he held till his retirement on the 17th June 2012. Mr. Dahanayake has demonstrated his management capabilities well as the DFO of Puttlam. He had completed 35 years of remarkable long Government Service behind him at the time of his retirement. 'Shiral' was his popular name among the Forest Department friends. Shiral was a keen sportsman and ardent cricket lover.

After retirement he was the Managing Director of a fashion clothing business owned by his family in Colombo. He was fully engaged in this business till his untimely demise leaving his beloved wife and two children.

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