

Sri Lanka Army's Prominent Role in Containing the Covid 19 Pandemic; Accentuating on Vaccination and Quarantine Programmes

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Since its inception in 1949, the Sri Lanka army has actively engaged in defending Sri Lanka from both internal and external standpoints. This research paper particularly analyses the prominent role adhered by the Sri Lanka army in battling a very contemporary yet tedious issue; the Covid19 pandemic. Straying away from traditional and conventional military practices, the Sri Lanka army maneuvered an unprecedented military operation to contain the pandemic, all the while reviving life in Sri Lanka. The research paper is particularly fixated on discussing the establishment, evolution and operation of the quarantine and vaccination programs led by the Sri Lanka army. The study further aims to analyse and determine the efficiency of the efforts as exerted by the SL army in battling its invisible enemy; the Covid 19 pandemic. The sources for the research paper were derived from secondary sources. The data and statistics of the guarantine and vaccination centres temporarily established in Sri Lanka, were also utilized in the compilation of the study. The research analyses and determines the contributions made by the Sri Lanka army in subduing the virus within the confines of Sri Lanka.

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