



Institute of National Security Studies

Security Salon on

**“INDIA, CHINA AND THE THREAT OF C.B.R.N. WEAPONS; A FORECAST
ANALYSIS MAPPING THE THREATS TO THE REGION”**

Press Release

The Institute of National Security Studies (INSS), the premier think tank on national security established under the Ministry of Defence, Sri Lanka hosted a virtual Security Salon on “India, China, and the threat of C.B.R.N. Weapons; A forecast analysis mapping the threats to the region” on Wednesday, 31th August 2022 from 1400 hrs to 1530hrs (IST) via Zoom. The chair for the event was Major General B K G M L Rodrigo RSP psc IG, Commandant, Defence Services Command and Staff College; representing General Kamal Gunaratne (Retd.) WWV, RWP, RSP, USP, ndc, psc, MPhil the Secretary, Ministry of Defence The Guest Speaker for the event was Dr. Sanath De Silva, Senior Lecturer Department of Strategic studies, Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. The moderator of the event was Rear Admiral D. C. Gunawardena RWP**, RSP, VSV, USP, nswc, psc, hdmc, Director (Communications and Publications) and Acting Director-General, INSS. The audience comprised of Ministry officials, policymakers, researchers, representatives from academic institutions, Sri Lankan armed forces and Sri Lanka Police.

Dr. Sanath De Silva delivered a brilliant presentation on the current understandings of regional nuclear players and the threat atmosphere presented with C.B.R.N. developments in the region. The significance of nuclear deterrence and nuclear conflict management was eloquently described by the guest speaker, sharing both conceptual and pragmatic narratives. The question-and-answer session was moderated by Rear Admiral D.C. Gunawardena brought forth an interesting array of perspectives into the issue; engaging the audience with professionals and

practitioners in the field. The discussion was later followed by the concluding remarks by the Chair of the Event, Major General B K G M L Rodrigo presenting his valuable remarks on the timely discourse. The discussion provided valuable strategic and policy suggestions to generate a pertinent forecast analysis, mapping C.B.R.N. threats to the region.