



Opinion

The Seychelles and its Island Neighbours: Jawaharlal Nehru's Vision for Global Cooperation resonate on a global scale

by Dr. Srimal Fernando

Barat Mata (also known as Mother India.) In his first address, Prime Minister Shri Jawaharlal Nehru stated, "A new star rises, the star of freedom in the East, a new hope comes into being, a vision long cherished materializes" After gaining independence from British rule in 1947, India entered a swiftly evolving global arena characterized by chang-

ing political alliances and power structures. As the inaugural Prime Minister, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru played a crucial role in defining the country's foreign policy during this uncertain time. He focused on maintaining India's sovereignty and independence while also striving to establish positive relations with other nations. He was a pivotal figure in the economic development of India, advocating for import substitution and the advancement of the heavy industries sector. Furthermore, he played a crucial role in the establishment of various academic institutions, including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the Indian Institute of Technology. Nehru understood the critical role these island nations played in India's foreign policy and actively pursued initiatives to enhance bilateral relations. His diplomatic efforts towards the Indian Ocean island nations exemplify India's commitment to fostering strong ties. Nehru's endeavors to cultivate diplomatic relations with these countries significantly bolstered India's influence and presence in the region. Nehru's contributions to shaping India's foreign policy towards the Indian Ocean Islands remain relevant and serve as an inspiration for future generations.

Jawaharlal Nehru Legacy and The Seychelles

Jawaharlal Nehru was a prominent Indian leader who played a crucial role in India's struggle for independence from British colonial rule. He was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi and worked tirelessly to achieve India's freedom through non-violent means. Nehru eventually became the first Prime Minister of independent India and played a key role in shaping the nation's foreign policy and development. Nehru believed in the importance of building strong relationships with other nations, while the Seychellois people have worked hard to create a harmonious society

where diversity is celebrated. Nehru's legacy as a leader who fought for the rights and freedoms of his people serves as an inspiration to countries like the Seychelles, which have also faced their own struggles for independence and self-determination. Both Nehru and the Seychelles have shown resilience and determination in the face of adversity, and their perseverance has led to significant achievements in their respective paths to progress. Nehru and the Seychelles may come from different backgrounds, but they both share values of democracy, equality, and freedom. Their stories serve as important reminders of the power of unity, collaboration, and perseverance in achieving positive change for the betterment of society. By learning from the experiences of leaders like Nehru and the Seychelles, we can work towards building a more just, peaceful, and prosperous world for future generations.

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Mauritius, The Maldives and Sri Lanka

In Mauritius, Nehru is revered for his role in fostering close ties between India and the island nation.

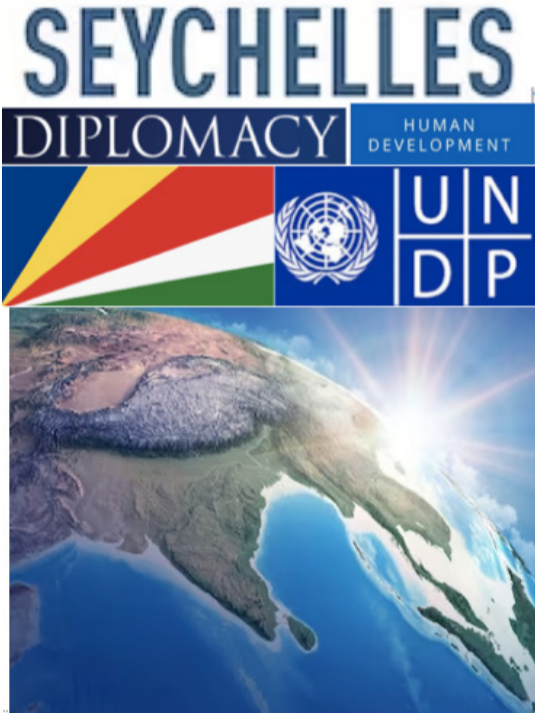
In the Maldives, Nehru's legacy is celebrated for his advocacy of non-alignment and his efforts to promote peace and cooperation among nations. Nehru's commitment to democracy and pluralism resonated with many Sri Lankans, who continue to uphold these values today.

Nehru's vision for Indian Ocean Region

Jawaharlal Nehru's legacy transcends borders and continues to inspire people in the Indian Ocean region and beyond. His dedication to democracy, pluralism, and peace has left a lasting impact on the countries of Sri Lanka, Mauritius, and the Maldives. Nehru's vision of a united and prosperous Indian Ocean region remains relevant today as these nations strive to build a better future for their citizens and contribute to global peace and stability.

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NOTICE NO. 2 OF 2024

FINAL NOTICE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP ACT, 2020

NOTICE DIRECTED AT

1. Companies, including overseas companies, registered under the Companies Act;
2. Associations under the Associations Act;
3. Partnerships under the Civil Code of Seychelles Act; and
4. Resident agents of the entities (for a company or association this means the Secretary, and for a partnership this means a partner).

These entities fall under the oversight of the Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU), acting as the Competent Authority under the Beneficial Ownership Act, 2020 (as amended) (BO Act).

The FIU reminds all relevant entities and their resident agents of their legal obligation to maintain and submit accurate and up-to-date beneficial ownership information. Compliance is mandatory, and failure to meet the deadline will result in penalties, as outlined below.

WHAT YOU MUST DO

1. Maintain a Register of Beneficial Owners
 - o As required by section 5 of the BO Act, entities must maintain a register of beneficial owners at their resident agent's principal place of business in Seychelles.
 - o The information in the register must be accurate and current.
2. Upload information to the Beneficial Ownership Database
 - o Under section 5(6) of the BO Act, resident agents must upload beneficial ownership information to the Beneficial Ownership Database within 14 days of creating or updating the register of beneficial owners.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLIANCE

The deadline for compliance is **November 4th, 2024, at 11:59 PM.**

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply by the deadline will result in penalties of up to SCR 150,000 (One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Seychelles Rupees) for each instance of non-compliance.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For detailed guidance on beneficial ownership reporting, visit: <https://seychellesfiu.sc/bo-reporting/>

For inquiries or assistance, contact: supervision&compliance@fiu.sc

Issued by: Financial Intelligence Unit
Date: October 23rd, 2024



NOTIS NIMERO 2, 2024

NOTIS FINAL POUR ASIR KONFORMITE AVEK LALWA 'BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP' 2020

NOTIS I APLIK POUR

1. Bann lakonpanyen, enkli lakonpanyen aletranze ki anrezistre dapre Lalwa Lakonpanyen (Companies Act);
2. Lasosyasyon anba Lalwa Lasosyasyon (Associations Act);
3. Partenarya anba Lalwa Kod Sivil Sesel (Civil Code of Seychelles Act); e
4. 'Resident Agent' sa bann antite; pour lakonpanyen ek lasosyasyon; sa i vedir zot sekreter, e pour partenarya; sa i vedir en partener. Dan sa notis tou pou ganny apele 'Sekreter'.

Sa bann antite i tonm anba sirveyans Younit Lentelizans Finansyel (FIU), dan son kapasite konman lotorite konpetan anba lalwa 'Beneficial Ownership, 2020', parey in ganny amande (lalwa BO).

FIU pe fer rapel tou sa bann antite relevan ek zot Sekreter, ki zot annan lobligasyon legal pour gard e soumet lenformasyon presi e azour lo zot bann propriyeter benefisyel. Konformite avek sa bann lobligasyon i mandatwar, e bann ki manke ou refize pour respekte dat limit ki pe ganny mete dan sa notis pou ganny penalize parey in ganny define anba.

KI OU BEZWEN FER

1. Gard en rezis propriyeter benefisyel
 - o Parey i preskrir anba seksyon 5 lalwa BO, bann antite i oblize gard en rezis propriyeter benefisyel ki enkli kot ladres prensipal pour biznes zot azan rezidansyel dan Sesel.
 - o Lenformasyon dan rezis i bezwen presi e azour.
2. Soumet lenformasyon lo platform data (Beneficial Ownership Database)
 - o Anba seksyon 5(6) lalwa BO, bann Sekreter i oblize soumet lenformasyon lo platform data dezinyen anba lalwa BO dan 14 zour ki rezis in ganny kree ou sanzman in ganny fer lo la.

DAT LIMIT POUR KONFORMITE

Dat limit ki FIU in mete pour konformite avek sa bann lobligasyon i le **4 Novanm 2024, 11:59 diswar.**

PENALTI POUR SA KI PA KONFORM AVEK LALWA

Nenport antite ek Sekreter ki an defayans avek lalwa apre dat limit pou resevwar penalty finansyel ziska 150,000 roupi (san senkant mil roupi) pour sak lenstans non-konformite.

LENFORMASYON ANPLIS

Pour gidans detaye lo ki mannyer pour raport lo lenformasyon propriyeter benefisyel, vizit: <https://seychellesfiu.sc/bo-reporting/>

Pour kestyon ek lasistans, kontakte: supervision&compliance@fiu.sc

Pibliye par: Financial Intelligence Unit (Younit Lentelizans Finansyel) (FIU)
Dat: 25 Oktob 2024