



# THE YOUTH FORUM

Leaders for Youth

**SAMAGI JANA BALAWEGAYA**

**INAGURAL  
GATHERING**

At: JETWING COLOMBO 07

From 1.00 pm onwards

Change makers, this is your time!

# Summary of SJB Party Manifesto for Sajith Premadasa's Presidential Campaign

## **Introduction**

Sajith Premadasa's manifesto, presented on behalf of the Samagi Jana Sandanaya (SJS), outlines a comprehensive vision for national development, focusing on economic resilience, social equity, and governance reforms. The manifesto emphasizes creating a social market economy that prioritizes social justice, transparency, and accountability, with a particular focus on youth development.

## **Youth Development**

Youth development is a cornerstone of the manifesto, with detailed plans to enhance education, vocational training, and entrepreneurship opportunities for young Sri Lankans.

### **Education and Vocational Training:**

- **Smart Schools Initiative:** Every school will be transformed into a "smart school," with 100% electricity, water, and digital learning facilities. This is aimed at making Sri Lankan students globally competitive.
- **STEEAM Education:** Prioritization of Science, Technology, English, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics to align with global trends, supported by extensive teacher training and curriculum updates.
- **Foster School Program:** Attract donors to support the establishment and improvement of SMART schools and digital infrastructure.
- **University and Vocational Training Reforms:** Expansion of loan programs to cover private vocational institutions, modernization of curricula, and collaboration with international institutions like IIT/IIM India.

### **Entrepreneurship and Employment:**

- **Support for MSMEs and Startups:** Special emphasis on rescuing and nurturing MSMEs through access to digitization, capital, and training programs. Initiatives like the '18+ Startup Project' will provide loans, mentorship, and resources to young entrepreneurs.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Focus on providing the latest facilities for education and training, alongside facilitating new domestic and foreign opportunities for youth.



## Governance and Social Welfare

### Transparency and Accountability:

- Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI): Introduction of a DPI to improve public service delivery, ensure good governance, and create a cashless society.
- Public Sector Reforms: Overhaul of public services through digitalization, performance evaluation, and anti-corruption measures.

### Social Welfare:

- Healthcare: Expansion of free healthcare, enhancement of the 'Suwa Seriya' Ambulance Service, and the introduction of the 'Husma' program to improve healthcare accessibility and quality.
- Social Protection: A comprehensive overhaul of the pension system, introduction of a universal contributory pension scheme, and targeted social welfare programs for vulnerable populations.

### Housing and Utilities:

- Affordable Housing: Government-led housing schemes for low-income and middle-class families, supported by tax reforms and affordable housing loans.
- Public Utilities: Strengthening the Public Utilities Commission to regulate essential services, ensuring fair and competitive prices.

## Economic Development

### Resilient Economy:

- Social Market Economy Model: Aimed at fostering equitable and inclusive growth while promoting a green economy and environmental sustainability.
- Anti-Corruption Measures: Introduction of strong anti-corruption laws, independent public prosecutors, and digitized public finance management to enhance transparency and accountability.
- Debt Crisis Management: Commitment to fiscal discipline as per IMF agreements while ensuring relief for vulnerable populations and improving the quality of life.

### Key Economic Sectors:

- Agriculture: Modernization of agriculture through smart technology, equitable water access, and support for value-added production. Introduction of the 'Shakthi' rice miller cooperative program and the 'Prabhashwara' network of climate-controlled warehouses to reduce post-harvest losses.
- Industry and Services: Integration of Sri Lanka into Global Manufacturing Value Chains, promotion of e-commerce, and transformation into a logistics hub. A focus on the service sector as a key driver of economic growth.
- MSMEs: Emphasis on rescuing and revitalizing MSMEs, recognizing their role in value addition and employment. Introduction of dedicated loan departments in banks to support MSMEs.



## National Security and Foreign Policy

Security and Law Enforcement:

- Strengthening National Security: Establishment of a National Security Council with enhanced powers, and the creation of an integrated intelligence framework to ensure efficient cooperation between security agencies.
- Judicial Reforms: Enacting legal reforms to prevent executive interference in the judiciary and establishing the independence and efficiency of the justice system.

Foreign Policy:

- Economic Diplomacy: Focus on promoting trade, investment, and tourism through a rules-based order in the Indian Ocean and engaging with regional trading alliances.

## Conclusion

Sajith Premadasa's manifesto is a comprehensive plan aimed at creating a resilient and inclusive economy, empowering youth, enhancing governance, and ensuring social equity and justice. His vision is to lead Sri Lanka towards prosperity, focusing on transparency, accountability, and the well-being of all citizens.



## Event Agenda

	Time Duration	Task/Item	Responsible
01	12.30 pm - 1.00	Arrival of Guests	
	Start		
02	1.00 pm - 1.05 pm	Introduction to the Event	Compère
03	1.05 pm - 1.15 pm	Lighting the Oil Lamp	
04	1.15 pm - 1.20 pm	National Anthem	
05	1.20 pm - 1.25 pm	Welcome Speech	Tharaka Nanayakkara
06	1.25 pm - 1.30 pm	SJB Video + QR Intro	
07	1.30 pm - 2.00 pm	Key Note Speech	Sajith Premadasa
08	2.00 pm - 2.05 pm	Introduction to the Moderator, - Milinida Randeniya	Compère
09	2.05 pm - 3.05 pm	Panel Discussion, - Sajith Premadasa - Harsha De Silva - Eran Wickramaratne - Farman Caseem	Milinda Randeniya (Moderator)
10	3.05 pm - 3.30 pm	Refreshments	
	End		

