

---

# Editorial

## **National Science Foundation - Taking the Country Forward Through Science and Technology**

**As National Science Foundation (NSF) stands on the threshold of its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, this special issue of ‘VIDURAVA’ focuses not only on the past, but also on the future. Volume 35 for the October-December 2018 period turns back the pages of time to the beginnings of NSF, the predecessors of which were Natural Resources Energy and Science Authority (NARESA) and National Science Council (NSC) and dwells on the rich and unparalleled history of this unique institution and its role of “taking the country forward through science and technology”.**

**With the basis for major breakthroughs in science and technology in the world being a questioning mind fuelled by curiosity, ‘VIDURAVA’ paves the way for men, women and children to think beyond the routine and mundane.**

**The goal of the Magazine being to take science to the people, over the years that is what ‘VIDURAVA’, published as a quarterly in all three languages of Sinhala, Tamil and English, has been doing.**

**In keeping with its mandate, this issue of ‘VIDURAVA’ too has wide and varied topics – from ‘Technological Skills to Win the World’ to ‘The Secret of Becoming a Successful Science Teacher’ which may coax children to think in this direction, for what better role models are there than teachers.**

**The other topics are ‘The Need to Make Science Popular and Take to the People’; ‘Scientific Research in a Developing Nation’; ‘Science for Evidence Based National Policies’ and much more. The science teacher’s way of popularizing science through dramas, viridu, songs, acting and stories is very interesting and could be used as a model, adapted to suit different areas of the country, to catch them young and enthrall school children about the wonders of science.**