

FROM THE EDITOR.....

The new face of Mahanuwara - Mahiyanganaya road with the widened and carpeted surface is breath taking from any viewing angle. The "Daha Ata Wanguwa" or the eighteen bend road well known over several generations, a legend in itself which used to bring awe from travellers, is demurred now. The once hairpin bended pass which drivers took on with high respect for the dangers it presented, has now given way to a luxury highway to be coasted on with much less possibilities of peril. However, though widened, the bends are still there and grades are still steep so due regard to safety is a necessity.

'Progress', what we all desire, in whatever form it is manifested is also the erasure of the past. Though many might say that we can not be living in the past, sticking on to the nostalgic feelings presented by the way things were yesterday, past is the foundation of today and so much relished today will be past tomorrow. The eighteen bend road known in the past by everybody will not be such a daunting or remarkable proposition for our children traversing those stretches in the future, but if they could feel the hardships faced by their predecessors and the cost involved in bringing it to the present state, they would be having a different perception of the things they are taking for granted in the future.

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