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State funeral for Dr. Kulasinghe

COLOMBO : The funeral of renowned engineer Vidyajothi Dr. A.N.S. Kulasinghe will be held at 4 p.m. today at Independence Square, Colombo with full State patronage.

Dr. Kulasinghe's remains will be taken from his Ja-Ela residence this morning to the Open University, where the public will be able to pay their last respects to the engineering genius until 1.15 p.m.

The remains will then be taken to the Institution of Engineers of Sri Lanka building in Colombo, where they will be kept till 3 p.m. to allow the engineering fraternity to pay their last respects.

The funeral procession will leave for the Independence Square at 3 p.m. for the cremation.

Vidyajothi Dr. Kulasinghe was 87 at the time of this death. Joining as an Assistant Engineer at the Colombo Port Commission in 1944, he climbed up the ladder to be its Chief Engineer and then became Port Commissioner.

He was also the first Chairman of the Sri Lanka Engineering Corporation. He also served as chairman of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau.

Wielding his knowledge and



Dr A.N.S. Kulasinghe

experience he constructed the Colombo Port jetty, lighthouse at Chaitiya Road, Colombo using pre-cast concrete and introduced concrete sleepers to rail tracks replacing wooden sleepers.

Founder of the NERD, he introduced new creations to the building construction field. He helped to prop up the fallen Buddha Statue at Maligawila.

He was the genius behind the Pollgolla Dam, the Kalutara Bodhiya, the Mahaweli Maha Seya and numerous other works. These will remain living monuments to his name for generations to come.

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