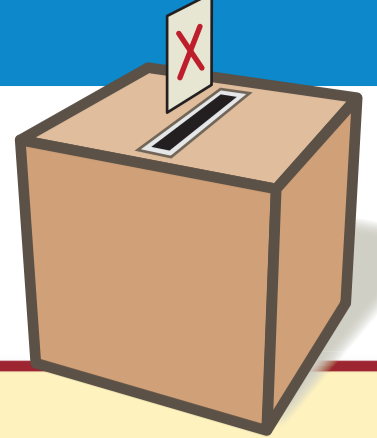


■ Cross-section of views of Mayoral candidates

Colombo MC, cynosure of all eyes



LG ELECTION-2011



The last segment of the local government election 2011 is just round the corner, all major parties are at the peak in their propaganda campaigns. Colombo Municipal Council is the cynosure of all party leaders and they have fully strengthened their propaganda work in the city since CMC is the most important local body in the island.

The Mayoralty of the CMC is a prestigious and well-respected position in addition to the powers and privileges it entails as the first citizen or the father of the city.

The CMC has produced high calibre politicians of all political parties and three of the yesteryear national leaders, S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike J.R. Jayewardene and Ranasinghe Premadasa started their political careers as ward members of the CMC.

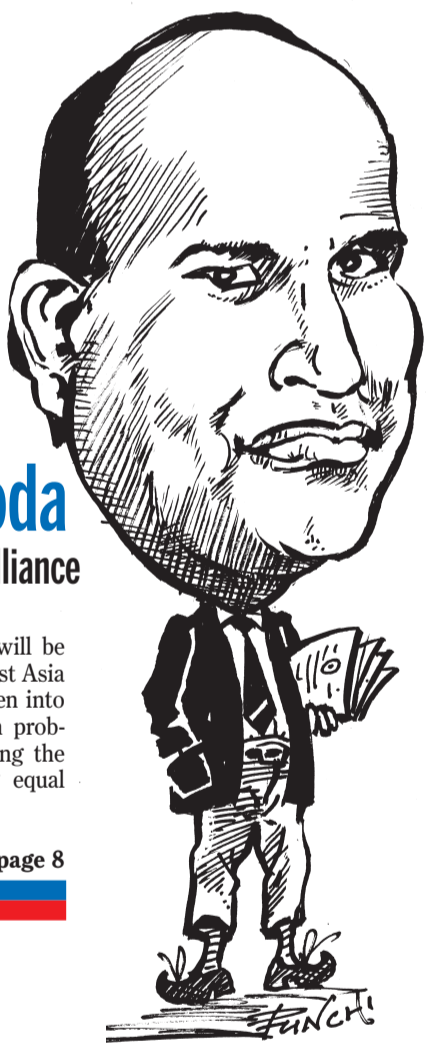
The Sunday Observer contacted the five Mayoral candidates of CMC and their brief comments are as follows:

Milinda Moragoda

- United People's Freedom Alliance

Under my stewardship the CMC will be developed as a model city in South East Asia where no party politics would be taken into consideration in addressing common problems of ratepayers while strengthening the inter communal harmony providing equal opportunities to all.

Full interview on page 8



UNITED PEOPLE'S FREEDOM ALLIANCE



- **Name:** Milinda Moragoda
- **2000:** Entered Parliament as a National List MP under United National Party

- **2001-2004:** Cabinet Minister of Economic Reforms, Science and Technology
- **2004:** Re elected as a member of Parliament from Colombo West electorate under the UNP
- **2009:** Joined UPFA and appointed Minister of Justice
- **2010:** Unsuccessfully contested General Election 2010

UNITED NATIONAL PARTY



- **Name:** A.J.M. Muzammil
- **1970:** Started active politics under J.R. Jayawardene in Ratnapura electorate

- **1988:** Involved in politics with Ranasinghe Premadasa in his Presidential Election campaign
- **2006:** Contested PC elections and elected as a member
- **2009:** Re-elected to Western Provincial Council polling highest among minority community candidates
- **2011:** Resigned from PC to contest CMC Mayoralty

JANATHA VIMUKTHI PERAMUNA



- **Name:** Sunil Watagala
- **1984:** Started active politics
- **2002:** Elected Member of CMC
- **2004:** Elected Member of Western Provincial Council

DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S FRONT



- **Name:** Mano Ganeshan, Party Leader
- **1999:** Started active politics
- **2001:** Elected as a member of Parliament from the party
- **2010:** Unsuccessfully contested General Election in Kandy district

SRI LANKA MUSLIM CONGRESS

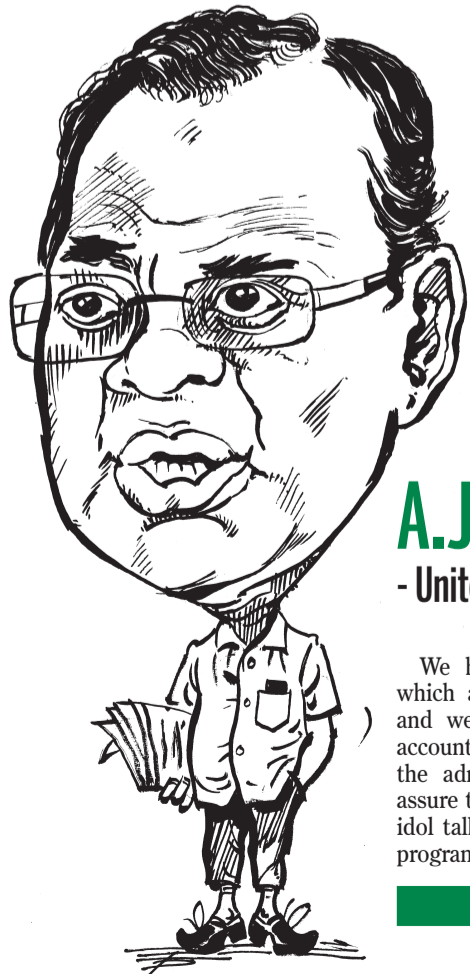


- **Name:** Mohamed Shafeek Rajabdeen
- **2002:** Contested CMC election and elected as a member

Mohamed Shafeek Rajabdeen

- Sri Lanka Muslim Congress

My main aim is to streamline the CMC administration providing equal opportunity to all communities while addressing the housing problem of 80 percent of Muslims who live in shanties with numerous difficulties.



A.J.M. Muzammil

- United National Party

We have presented a progressive plan which addresses the most pressing issues and we will establish transparency, fiscal accountability and financial responsibility in the administration of the Council and I assure that it is not merely a set of ideals or idol talk but a practical and implementable program.



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Mano Ganeshan

- Democratic People's Front

When I become the Mayor of CMC on October 8, the world will look at our capital as a cosmopolitan city with multi-ethnic representation.

