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Sri Lanka is currently facing many transitions: economic, epidemiological, demographic, technological and social. The world economy too is evolving, with technological progress, economic crises and social upheavals demanding more and alternative economic analyses. Both these factors make it imperative for economists in Sri Lanka and overseas, among the academic community as well as practitioners, to focus on economic research and its dissemination. The Sri Lanka Journal of Economic Research (SLJER), the international journal of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists, seeks to fulfil this mandate.

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