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Celebrating Poson

The Poson poya day became a historically significant day for Sri Lankan Buddhists because it was on a Poson Full Moon day, over 2000 years ago, in the 3rd century BC, that Buddhism was introduced to Sri Lanka. Emperor Asoka of India chose his son Mahinda, who was an Arahant, to lead the mission to establish Buddhism in Sri Lanka. For the mission to be a success, the Emperor wisely waited for the presence of an intelligent ruler in Sri Lanka, so the ruler may understand the Buddha's deep Dhamma. As an open and clear mind is necessary to understand the depth of the Buddha's teaching, it is useful to see how Arahant Mahinda assessed the ruling King in Sri Lanka, King Devanampiyatissa, before delivering Dhamma sermons to him.



The King was engaged in a game of hunting when Arahant Mahinda met him at the royal park in Mihintale. Arahant Mahinda caught the King's attention by calling him by his first name, against royal protocol, and had the following conversation with him. Some regard this to be the first intelligence test recorded in history!

Pointing to a tree nearby the Arahant asked the King:

"What name does this tree bear O King?"

"The tree is called mango."

"Is there yet another mango tree besides this?"

"There are many mango trees."

"Are there any trees other than this mango tree and other mango trees?"

"There are many trees, Sir, but those are not mango trees."

"And are there, besides other mango trees and those trees which are not mango trees, yet other trees?"

"There is this mango tree Sir."

Having found the King to be suitable, Arahant Mahinda taught him the Buddha Dhamma and established the Bhikku Sasana in Sri Lanka, with royal patronage. The King declared Buddhism the state religion. Today Sri Lanka is considered the home of Theravada Buddhism.

Although understanding the Buddha's teachings intellectually is important, it is practicing the Noble Eight-Fold Path that leads to the end of suffering. A meaningful way of paying our homage to Arahant Mahinda and celebrating Poson would be to do just that.



Piyasiri Maddugoda

Before migrating to Australia, Piyasiri Maddugoda was with the Sri Lanka Scientific Service as the Additional Conservator of Forests and the Director of Community Forestry Project. Fully retired now, he lives on the Gold Coast.

Nawroos Naeem Elected Director of Radio 4EB

Nawroos Naeem was elected a Director of the Ethnic Broadcasting Association of Queensland (EBAQ), commonly known as Radio 4EB, at the AGM held on 16 May 2021.

An accomplished broadcaster, Nawroos is a programmer with the Radio 4EB Sri Lankan Group and served as the convener of the Group in 2012/13 and 2013/14 after holding several positions before that.



He was also the President of Sinhala Association of Queensland (SAQ) for several years.

An accountant by profession, Nawroos holds the position of Financial Controller in a large multinational organisation.

In addition to his professional roles, Nawroos is a talented lyricist who has written several songs and a graphic designer. The design for this newsletter is one of his creations.

Dæhæna congratulates Nawroos on his election as a Director of EBAQ and wishes him well in this challenging role.

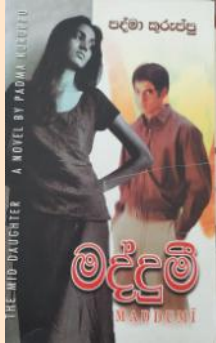
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Book Review: 'මද්දුම්' පද්මා කුරුප්පු

1905 දී සයිමන් ද සිල්වා විසින් රචිත 'මිනා' නව කතාවෙන් ආරම්භ වූ අපේ සිංහල නවකතාව අද වන විට ඉතා දීර්ඝ ගමනක් පැමිණ ඇත. විවිධ වූ තේමාවන් ඔස්සේ විවිධ ලේඛකයන් ගේ නොයෙක් නවකතාවන් අපේ නවකතා කේන්ද්‍රයට මේ වනවිට එකතු වී ඇත.

ඒ අතරින් මෑතකදී රසවිඳීමට ලැබුණු පද්මා කුරුප්පු නම ලේඛිකාව ගේ 'මද්දුම්' නවකතාව මගේ සිත් ගත්තේ හේතු කිහිපයක් නිසාමය. 70 දශකයේ සියනැ කෝරළයේ ගමක ජීවත් වූ වරිත කිහිපයක් වටා ගෙනී ඇති 'මද්දුම්' නවකතාව එක හුස්මට කියවා රසවිඳිය හැකි සරල බස් වහරකින් නිර්මාණය වූ අපූර්ව නව කතාවකි.



දැනට ප්‍රංශයේ ජීවත් වන කතුවරිය සිය පලමු නවකතාවෙන් ම ඇයගේ ප්‍රතිභාව කදිමට පාඨක අපට වටහා ගැනීමට ඉඩ සලස්වා ඇති බවයි මගේ හැඟීම. විශේෂයෙන් ගම්බද පවුල් තුළ තිබෙන්නාවූ අන්‍යෝන්‍ය බැඳීම, සමගිය, එකමුතු කම, වැඩිහිටියන්ට සැලකීම වැනි ගති ලක්ෂණ මෙහි ප්‍රධාන වරිත වන මධුරි, ලොකු මාමා, පොඩි මාමා තුලින් කදිමට නිරූපනය කිරීමට කතුවරිය සමත් වේ. එමෙන්ම ගමේ පවුල් වල ආච්චම්මා අති විශේෂ වර්තයකි. ඇය තම දරුවන් මෙන්ම දරුවන් ගේ දරුවන් ද රැක බලා ගනිමින් දැඩි සෙනෙහසකින් ඔවුන්ට ආදරය දැක්වීම ලංකික අපට හුරු පුරුදු දෙයකි.

"ආච්චම්මා නිදිය ගන්න. මොනවටද රැ නැගිට ගෙන කරදර වෙන්නේ.."
 "නෑ...මටත් නින්ද යන්නේ නෑ. කෝපි ටිකක් බොන්න හිතූණා.."

තම මිනිසිරි විභාගය වෙනුවෙන් රැ නිදි වරමින් පාඩම් කරනවිට ආච්චම්මාද අවදියෙන් සිටීම තුලින් පාඨක අපට මතු කර දෙන්නේ අපි ද දන්නා කියන පොදු ආච්චම්මා කෙනෙක් නොවේද?

අපේ කතා නායිකාව මධුරි සදලතා විජේසේකර පාසැලේ කැපීපෙනෙන ශිෂ්‍ය නායිකාවක් වූවාය. ගුරුවර ගුරුවරියන් ගේ ආදරය දිනාගනිමින්

පාසැලේ ඉගෙනීමේ කටයුතු වලට මෙන්ම ක්‍රීඩා, සාහිත්‍යය සමිති වල නිලතල දැරූ ඇයට ඉතා හිතවත් මිතුරු මිතුරියන් පිරිසක් ද සිටි අතර ඒ අතරින් තමාට ඉතාමත් ගැලපෙන පාසැලේ ක්‍රීඩා කණ්ඩායමේ නායක පසිඳු සමග ආදර සම්බන්ධයක් ඇති කර ගැනීමට කතුවරිය ඉඩ සැලස්වීමෙන් කතුවරිය මෙම නවකතාවේ රසය ඉහල මට්ටමකට ගෙන ඒමට සමත් විය. එහෙත් එම ආදරය බොලඳ පාසැල් ප්‍රේමයකට වඩා එහා ගිය ආදරයක් බව කදිමට කතුවරිය විසින් පැහැදිලි කර ඇත.

"පුදුම ආදරයක්නෙ. කොහොමද මධු සතියකට සැරයක්වත් හම්බවෙන්නෙ නැතුව ඔයාල ආදරය කරන්නේ..."

"ආදරේ නියෙන්නෙ හිතේනෙ. ඒකට හම්බ වෙන්න ඕනෙම නෑනෙ. ඊටත් අපි තාම ඉගෙන ගන්න ලමයි."

තම දෙමාපියන් ගෙන් ආදරය, රැකවරණය මෙන්ම තම ජීවිතය ගෙන යෑමට අවශ්‍යය ගෙවල් දොරවල්, වතු පිටි කොපමන ලැබුනත් සුරාවට ඇබ්බැහි වූ ලොකු මාමා අන්තිමේදී මරනය වැලඳ ගන්නේ ඔහුගේම නොසැලකිල්ල නිසාය. මේ පිලිබඳ කොතරම් අවවාද, උපදෙස් දුන්නද ඉන් පලක් නැති බව කතා නායිකාව අන්තිමේදී පසක් කරගෙන ලොකු මාමා වෙනුවෙන් දුක් වන ආච්චම්මා සැනසීමට තීරනය කලාය.

මෙම නවකතාව මානව ගුණධර්ම වලින් පරිපූර්ණ නවකතාවක් ලෙස හැදින්වීමට මෙය කදිම උදාහරණයකි.

ආනන්ද සමරතුංග



ආනන්ද සමරතුංග ක්වින්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමයේ වසර කිහිපයක් සභාපති වශයෙන්ද, 1995 සිට 4෭ වෙනුවිදුලියේ වැඩසටහන් සම්පාදක වරයෙක් හා නිවේදකයෙක් වශයෙන් කටයුතු කරයි.

Obituary

ආර්. එම්. විමලාවතී, බ්‍රිස්බේන් හි පදිංචි කුමාරසිංහ දිසානායක ගේ දයාබර මෑණියන් වූ ද , දිල් රුක්මි මායදුන්නේ ගේ දයාබර නැන්දනිය වූද, අමරු පුතණුවන්ගේ දයාබර මිත්තණිය වූද, ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ බුත්තල විසූ ආර්. එම්. විමලාවතී මාතාව අවුරුදු 74 ආයු වළඳා අභාවප්‍රාප්ත වූයෙන් ඒ පිළිබඳ අවසන් කටයුතු මැයි මස 31 වෙනි දින ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේදී සිදුකරන ලද බව සංවේගයෙන් දැනුම් දෙමු.

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World Blood Donor Day

The World Blood Donor day 2021 will be celebrated on 14 June. It commemorates the birthday of Austrian Karl Landsteiner, the founder of modern blood transfusion.



George doing his 250th donation

Blood donations in Australia are under the auspices of the Australian Red Cross, now named Lifeblood. It takes only one hour to give blood, but it could save someone's life. Posters at the centre indicate that each donation saves 3 lives. You may be able to donate Blood, Plasma or Platelets and your blood type determines the best form of donation. Those who have certain antibodies such as Malaria are also permitted only Plasma or Platelet donations. Blood has a short shelf life (roughly 6 weeks). Therefore, donations throughout the year are needed to meet the needs of the patients. Donations can be done every 12 weeks. The extraction takes 10-15 minutes but the visit to the ARC Blood Bank may last up to an hour including pre-donation questionnaire and a consultation with a nurse. Plasma can be donated every 2 weeks and Platelets can be donated every 7 days to a maximum of 24 times a year. For both, the extraction takes about 45 minutes.

Many Australians are regular donors. I had the privilege of meeting a Queenslander who had notched up 650 donations, a true legend. All donors experience a sense of great satisfaction by helping fellow humans. Please call Australian Red Cross Blood Donor Service (Lifeblood) on 131 495 and take that step. More information at <https://www.donateblood.com.au/>.

George Somasundaram

George Somasundaram is a retired Accountant who donates his time as a JP, Meals on Wheels and other voluntary activities.

Conference on 'World Peace Through Spirituality'



Presenters & Representatives of Religious Institutions of the Conference

An international conference on the theme 'World Peace Through Spirituality' was successfully held at the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery (SLBM) on 26 May 2021, with the participation of over 100 delegates. This conference organised by SLBM under the leadership of Venerable Wategama Dhammawasa Nayaka Thero, was a truly multicultural event with representatives from leading religions delivering speeches in the presence of a cross cultural audience. The delegates of the conference consisted of those representing Sri Lankan, Vietnamese, Thai and Tibetan Buddhist Temples as well as Hindu, Catholic and Islamic Institutions in Queensland.

Leading Buddhist Monks from Sri Lanka, Singapore, USA and Canada joined the conference via Zoom. The Keynote address was delivered by Venerable Ajahn Brahmawamso Mahathera via Zoom who amongst other matters elaborated as to how we should inspire ourselves during the difficult times.

Ajith Wickramaratne

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ඔබ දන්නා, අපි නොදන්න, තිරය පිටිපස්සේ ඇතිවන රසවත් සිද්ධීන්, බෙදා හදා ගැනීමේ උත්සාහයක් හැටියට මෙම කොලම ඔබට විවෘතයි. සමහර වෙලාවට මේ අතරේ ඉතා අනුවේදනීයවූ, දුක්මුසු කතා බහත් තියෙනවා. කතාවේ මුණ ගැහෙන, ඒ කාටවත් උපහාසයක්, අපහාසයක් නොවන විධියට, අපි ලියමු.



Re-birth of MonaLisa මොනාලිසාගේ නැවත ඉපදීම

ලෝක පුජිත චිත්‍ර ශිල්පියෙකු වූ ඉතාලි ජාතික Leonardo da Vinci විසින් වර්ෂ 1504 දී සිතුවම් කරණ ලද, ඉතාලියේ FLORENCE නගරයේ ධනවත් ව්‍යාපාරිකයෙකු වූ Francesco del Giocondo ගේ රුමත් බිරිඳ Lisa del Giocondo ගේ බව කියැවෙන උඩුකය සිතුවම, ලෝක ප්‍රකට 'මොනාලිසා' සිතුවම ප්‍රංශයේ Louvre කෞතුකාගාරයේ තිබී හිටි හැටියේ අතුරුදන් විය. මේ සුප්‍රසිද්ධ හොරකම සිදුවූ දින වකවානුව හරියටම කියනව නම්, ඒ 1911 වර්ෂයේ අගෝස්තු 21.

සොරකම සිදුවී දින ගණනකට පසුව, සිතුවම කෞතුකාගාරය තුළ නොමැති බව වටහා ගත් නිලධාරීන්, ප්‍රංශ පොලිසිය සමඟ මෙම සොරකම පිළිබඳ සොයා බැලුවද කිසිදු හෝඩුවාවක් සොයා ගත නොහැකි විය. මේ හේතුවෙන් නැතිවුණු සිතුවමට ලැබුණු ප්‍රසිද්ධිය අතිමහත් විය. ඉන්පසු කාලාන්තරයක් පුරාවටම එම සිතුවම පැවති තැන තිබුණේ හිස් තැනකි. ප්‍රතිපලය වූයේ, එතෙක් කල් කිසිදාක සිතුවමක් නැරඹීමට නොගිය මිනිසුන්ගේ සිට බාල, මහළු බොහෝ පිරිසක් මෙම හිස්තැන බැලීමට කෞතුකාගාරයේ නරඹන්නන්ගේ පෝලීමට එක්වීමයි.



මොනාලිසා

මෙලෙසින් අවුරුදු දෙකක්ම ගෙවී ගියේය. 1913 වසරේ දෙසැම්බර් දිනයකදී මෙම 'මොනාලිසා' සිතුවම ගැන ඉතාලියේ FLORANCE නගරයේ පිහිටි කුඩා ප්‍රමාණයේ කෞතුකාගාරයකට ඔත්තුවක් ලැබිණි. එනම් සිතුවම තම කෞතුකාගාරයට මිලදී ගත හැකි බවය. FLORANCEහි තිබෙන කෞතුකාගාරය වෙත සිතුවම රැගෙන ආයේ නගරයේ හෝටලයක සේවයේ නියුතු වෛර්වරයෙක් විසිනි. වාසනාවකට මෙන් මෙම සිතුවමට ඒ වනවිට කිසිදු හානියක්වී නොතිබිණි. මෙම සොරකමට සම්බන්ධවූ වෛර්වරයා Vincenzo Peruggia, කලක් Louvre කෞතුකාගාරයේම සුළු සේවකයෙකු ලෙස සේවය කළ ඉතාලි ජාතිකයෙකි. පසුව, කුමක් හෝ හේතුවකට කරමින් උන් රැකියාව ඔහුට අහිමි විය.

මේ කියන දවසේදී, Leonardo da Vinciගේ 'මොනාලිසා' සිතුවම මුල් පිටපත තැන්පත් කර තිබුණු කෞතුකාගාර කුටියට, Vincenzo Peruggia ඇතුල් වූයේ කෙළෙසින්දැයි කවුරුවත් දැන සිටියේ නැත. Peruggia පසුව කී ලෙසින් නම්, එදා දිනයට කෞතුකාගාරය වසා දැමුණු පසු, ඔහු තමා සන්තකයේ සුරැකිව තිබුණු කෞතුකාගාර සේවක නිල ඇඳුම ඇඳගෙන රාත්‍රී වැඩ මුරයට එන සේවකයින් සමග, සේවකයින්ට වෙන්වුණු දොරටුවෙන් කෞතුකාගාරය තුළට පිවිස ඇත. පසුව, ඉතා උපක්‍රමශීලීව 'මොනාලිසා' සිතුවම එල්ලා තිබුණු කුටියටවී, අනෙක් සේවකයින් සියල්ලන්ම නික්ම ගොස්, තමා පමණක් එතැන ඉතිරි වෙන තෙක් කල් මැරුවේය. එකල වර්තමානයේ මෙන් නවීන අනතුරු ඇගවීම් නලා පද්ධති තිබුණේ නැත. ඒ නිසා ඔහුට සොරකම වඩාත් පහසු විය. ඔහුට කරන්නට තිබුණේ සිතුවම එල්ලා ඇති තැනට ගොස් එය එතැනින් ගලවා ගැනීම පමණකි. ඉන්පසු, ඔහු ලගම තිබුණු

පියගැටපෙළ දෙසට ඇවිද ගියේය. කිසිවෙකුත් නොසිටි ඒ පියගැටපෙළේදී සිතුවම එහි රාමුවෙන් ඉවත් කරගත් ඔහු, ඒ කැන්වසය රෝල් කොට ඔතා, තමා ඇඳ උන් සුදු ලෝගුවක් සහිතවූ නිල ඇඳුම තුළ සගවා ගත්තේය. කිසිවෙකුටත් නොදැනෙන්නට කෞතුකාගාරයට ඇතුළු වූ දොරටුවෙන්ම නිරූපත්‍රිතව පිටවීමට සමත් විය.

ඉතා අහභිහකම් වලින් පෙළුණු Peruggia, මෙම සිතුවම සොරා ගැනීමෙන් අනතුරුව මෙය සොයාදෙන්නෙක්ට විශාල න්‍යාය මුදලක් ලබා දේවී යැයි සිතා, එය එසේ වුවහොත් නැවත තමා විසින්ම ගෙනගොස් කෞතුකාගාරයට බාරදී එම න්‍යාය මුදල ලබාගැනීමේ අටියෙන් මෙම සොරකම සිදුකොට තිබිණ.

පසුව, සිතුවම රැගෙන ඔහු නැවතත් තමන්ගේ උපන් රටට එනම් ඉතාලියට ගියේය. FLORENCE නගරයේ තමාට ලඟම තිබුණු කලා කෞතුකාගාරයේ හිමිකරු වූ Alfredo Geri හමු වෙන්නට ගියේය. Leonardo da Vinci සිතුවමක මුල් පිටපතක් තමා සතුව ඇති බවත්, එය මේ රටට අයත් සිතුවමක් වීම නිසා එහි වටිනාකම තවත් වැඩි බවත්, සාධාරණ මුදලකට එය මේ කලාගාරයට ලබා දෙන්නට තමා කැමති බවත් දැන්වූයේය.



Vincenzo Peruggia

“මට විශ්වාස නෑ ඔය නියෝජන ඇත්තම සිතුවමද කියලා, කොහොමටත් මට ඒක පරීක්ෂා කරලා බලන්න ඕන...”
“මේක ඇත්තම මුල් පිටපත නම් අපි මේකට සැහෙන මුදලක් ගෙවන්න කැමතියි...”
ඔහු Peruggiaට කීහ. සිතුවම එක් දිනකට ඔවුන් ළඟ තබා යන්නට Peruggiaව කැමති කර ගත්තේය.

කෞතුකාගාර හිමිකරු සිතුවමට සැහෙන මුදලක් ගෙවන්නට පොරොන්දු වූ නිසා සතුටටත් නොසන්සුන් බවටත් පත් Peruggia එම යෝජනාවට දෙවරක් නොසිතාම එකඟ වූයේය.

Peruggia කෞතුකාගාරයෙන් පිටව යන සැනින්, Alfredo Geri නොපමාව පොලිසියට මේ බව දැනුම් අතර, Peruggia ඉක්මනින්ම පොලිස් අත්අඩංගුවට පත් විය.

'මොනාලිසා' සිතුවම, පෙර පරිදිම Louvre කෞතුකාගාරයේ තැන්පත් කෙරුණු පසුව, එහි ජනප්‍රියත්වය දෙගුණ තෙගුණ විය. යලි හමුවුණු 'මොනාලිසා' බලන්නට ඇදී එන නරඹන්නන් ගණන සිසුයෙන් ඉහළ ගියේය.

මේ අයුරින් යලි තැන්පත් කොට ඇත්තේ 'මොනාලිසා' මුල් පිටපත නොව ව්‍යාජ එකක් බවත්, මුල් පිටපත තවමත් සොයා ගන්නට හැකිවී නැති බවත් සමහරු කීහ. ඒ පිළිබඳ වාද විවාද කෙරිණ.

කොටින්ම කිවහොත් එය ලෝකයේ වඩාත්ම ජනප්‍රිය කලාකෘතිය බවට පත් විය.

'මොනාලිසා' ඒ සා විශාල ජනප්‍රියත්වයක් ලැබීමට වගකිව යුත්තේ අත් කිසිවෙක් නොව, එය සොරාගත් Peruggia ය.

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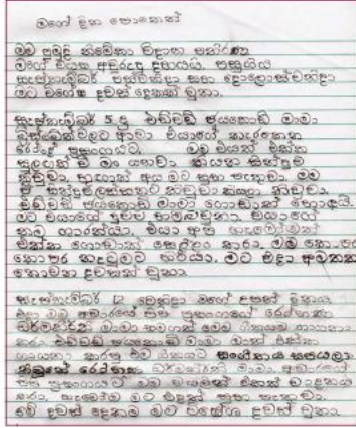
Where they are now....

My Life Now

I, in 2009, I wrote an article to the Dāhæna newsletter about my experience singing and dancing in the Edward Jayakody concert that year. It was a very memorable time for me.

Over the past 15 years, many children and young adults have contributed to Dāhæna.

This is a new series that highlights their life and progress.



Pumudi's article in October 2009

It is 2021 now and I am turning 22 years old this year. I graduated from Mansfield State High School in 2016, after which I completed my first year in Pharmacy at the University of Queensland. However, I had a change of heart and changed into Architecture. As someone who is passionate about the built environment, arts, and science, I believed that architecture was a perfect fit for me. I am currently completing a Bachelor of Design, majoring in Architecture at the Queensland University of Technology.

Since 2009 I am still in touch with my musical side. I still participate in events like Prathibha, Saralanga and Paduru Sajje, where I sing, play violin and dance.

In recent years I have also been developing my artistic skills. My paintings and drawings include, but are not limited to, portraits, landscapes and abstract pieces. My artwork can be viewed on my Instagram page @pumudinimeka_art.



About two years ago I joined the SAQ Youth (Sinhala Association of Queensland Youth), first as Vice-President, then as President and now as Social Media Coordinator. I have made a few close friends through this and have met many other Sri Lankan youth in Brisbane and have also had the chance to collaborate with them.



Reflecting from when I was 9 years old, it is amazing to see how many more children and youth are involved in our cultural concerts and events. In the future I would love to stay connected to the Sri Lankan community in Brisbane through organisations, art and music.

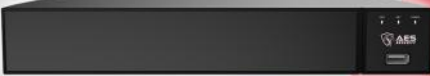
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We invite articles from those under 25 years to be featured in the newsletter in Youth Corner and Kids Corner. We plan to follow his/her progress sometime down the track as you may see in the article on this page. Please make it 400 words or less and send to the editor at newsletter@4ebsrilankan.org by the 20th of the month.

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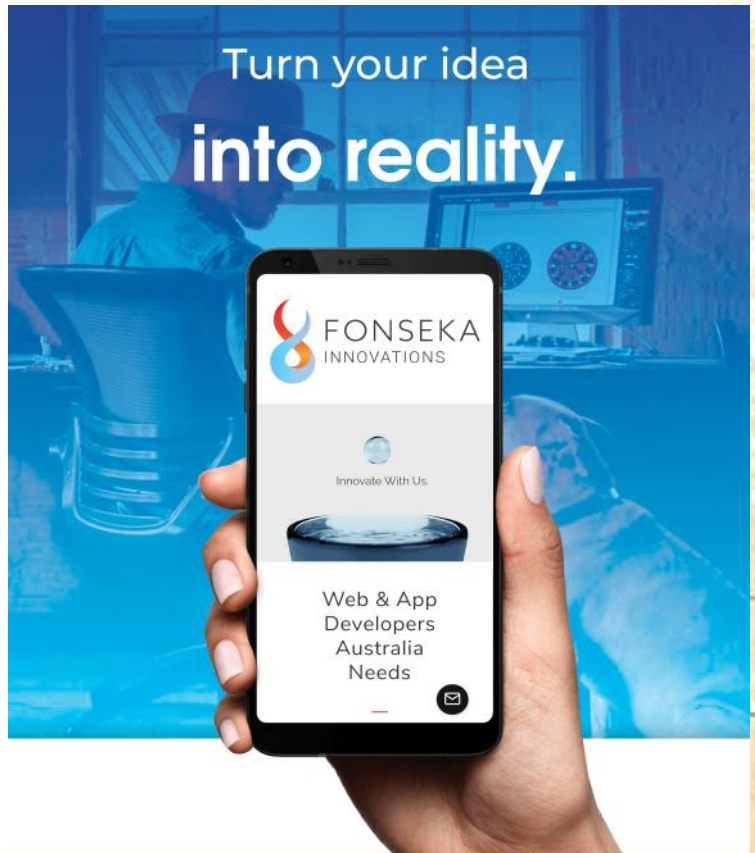
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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka: How Gileemale got its Name

Gileemale is a village in the Ratnapura Assistant Government Agent (AGA) division. This is a village that is well known for the cultivation of betel. Chewing betel leaves was a common tradition among the people of the county and the betel leaves played a prominent role in the culture of the country. A sheaf of betel was offered to receive people as a special mark of respect. This practice is carried on to date, and betel is offered as a respectful feature of invitation. For instance, even in modern Sri Lanka, wedding invitations to near and dear are done presenting betel. Betel plays a prominent role in spiritual and religious work in our country. "Deheth" is an important part of all alms offered to the monks. In offerings to gods, betel forms an important part. Then in Ayurveda treatment, some medications are served wrapped in betel leaves. Further, in country life, chewing betel is an act of leisure and pleasure.

Sinhala language is rich in "Idioms". "Gileemaeth etha datha suddo" meaning "that there are people with white teeth free from betel stains even in Gileemale".

There are two stories linked to the formation of the name "Gileemale". I hope to discuss only one story here.

It is linked to finding the pathway to "Sri Pada", the Adam's peak. According to the legends and history it was during the time of King Nissankamalla of Polonnaruwa, the foot print placed on the mountain top now called "Sri Pada" was discovered. The story is that the Angels were picking flowers from the King's garden regularly to be offered to the Lord Buddha's foot print on the mountain top. The guards caught the angels and they gave the information of the Lord Buddha's footprint on the mountain top and pledged to drop flowers from the sky showing the pathway to the mountain top.



With this news the King immediately instructed the soldiers to follow the flowers and reach this holy place. They were at last successful in their tedious mission. In the area now known as Gileemale the soldiers found difficulty in detecting the dropped flowers as they were sunk into the wet ground. So the area where the flowers were sunk to the ground (mal giluna bima) was called "Gileemale". It is recorded that later the King Nissanamalla himself climbed the mountain to venerate the footprint of the Lord Buddha.

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2021 Queensland Battle of the Maroons

Following cancellation of last year's game due to COVID-19, the 10th annual Queensland Battle of the Maroons (QBoM) was held on Saturday, 8 May at Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Ground, Wacol. A crowd of more than 50 enjoyed a day of traditional Sri Lankan tunes, great food, and a cricket match of the highest calibre between Ananda and Nalanda, in what was no doubt a spectacular day to remember!



The winning team and their supporters

After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Nalanda posted 136/9 in the allotted 35 overs. In a keenly contested chase, Ananda reached the target in 32.5 overs with 5 wickets to spare. For his 5/22

off 5 overs, including the first ever hattrick in a QBoM match, Vidu Jagoda Aarachchi from Ananda was judged the best bowler of the day. Meanwhile, for his unbeaten 72 runs and 2/26 off 7 overs, Ananda's Rakith Senanayake was adjudicated the best batsman and man of the match.

With this result, the overall tally stands at 6-4 in favour of Nalanda after they had won the previous encounters in 2018 and 2019 in two very tight games.

We thank all those who attended on the day and supported the event. Special thanks to Nalanda OBA of Queensland, sponsors, MC, match referees, umpires, scorers, groundsman and everyone else who contributed their time, expertise and labour to make this event a huge success.

Old Anandians Association of Queensland

Ranaviru Upahara Pooja

Commemorating and invoking blessings to fallen Heroes (Soldiers, Sailors & Airmen plus STF & Police of Sri Lanka) who paid the Supreme Sacrifice and others who sacrificed their limbs to end the 30 year-long war, Ranaviru Pooja alms giving was held on Saturday, 24 May 2021 at the Forest Lake, Buddhist Temple in Queensland. The memorial was held under the auspices of the Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen and the Police Association of Queensland.

This occasion was graced by the Patron and Hon. Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland, Mr Anton Swan, OAM.



Jayantha Pathikirikoale

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The month of June

June is believed to be named after the Roman Goddess Juno, the wife of Jupiter, the supreme God in Roman mythology. Juno is the patron Goddess of marriage.

Another belief is that the month's name comes from the Latin word iuniores which means "younger ones".

There are several significant days in June. They are World Environment Day (5th), World Day against child labour (12th), World Blood Donors Day (14th), Global Wind Day (15th), World Music Day and World Refugee Day (20th) and World Day to combat Desertification and Drought (17th). While UN Public Servants Day is marked on the 23rd, the famous English tennis tournament Wimbledon is played during the month of June.

The full-moon day in June is of great historical and religious significance to the nation of Sri Lanka. It marks the advent of Buddhism in Sri Lanka in the third century BC. 'Poson poya' commemorates the arrival of the Buddha's disciple, Arahant Mahinda, son of Emperor Asoka.

In 2021, June 11 marks the Feast of the Sacred Heart, a devotional practice of the Catholic church highlighting "God's boundless and passionate love for mankind".

In Australia, National Reconciliation Week, marked from 27 May – 3 June draws the nation's attention to the rights of the Aboriginal people who have inhabited this land for over 60,000 years. The week is framed by the anniversaries of two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey - the successful 1967 Referendum (27 May) and the High Court Mabo decision (3 June). The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2021 is 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action'.

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05	Balasingham elected to NZ Rugby Board	http://www.dailymirror.lk/sports/Balasingham-elected-to-NZ-Rugby-Board/322-211276
06	Sri Lanka suspends all arrivals from India	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/73608/sri-lanka-suspends-all-arrivals-from-india
06	PM Mahinda Rajapaksa elected as Chair of ADB's Board of Governors	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/73597/pm-mahinda-rajapaksa-elected-as-chair-of-adbs-board-of-governors
07	Peradeniya University's virus killer face mask goes into production	http://counterpoint.lk/peradeniya-universitys-virus-killer-face-mask-goes-production/
07	DIG Bimshani removed from assigned duties	https://www.themorning.lk/dig-bimshani-removed-from-assigned-duties/
08	Inoculation of Sinopharm vaccine gets underway	http://www.dailymirror.lk/caption_story/Inoculation-of-Sinopharm-vaccine-gets-underway/110-211569
08	State Vesak festival cancelled	https://www.themorning.lk/state-vesak-festival-cancelled/
12	Leave home according to last digit of NIC	https://ceylontoday.lk/news/leave-home-according-to-last-digit-of-nic
12	Islandwide travel restriction in effect from today	https://www.themorning.lk/islandwide-travel-restriction-in-effect-from-today/
12	Kusal Janith to captain Sri Lanka's ODI squad for Bangladesh tour	http://www.adaderana.lk/sports/8668/kusal-janith-to-captain-sri-lankas-odi-squad-for-bangladesh-tour
13	Government imposes COVID-19 restrictions	http://www.ft.lk/top-story/Government-imposes-COVID-19-restrictions/26-717827
13	Kusal Perera named new Sri Lanka ODI captain; Karunaratne, Mathews, Chandimal dropped	https://www.espncrio.com/story/ban-vs-sl-2021-kusal-perera-new-sri-lanka-odi-captain-dimuth-karunaratne-angelo-mathews-dinesh-chandimal-dropped-1262942
18	Supreme Court finds several clauses of Port City Bill inconsistent with Constitution	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/73937/sc-finds-several-clauses-of-port-city-bill-inconsistent-with-constitution
17	Island-wide travel restrictions from Friday (21 May)	http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Island-wide-travel-restrictions-from-Friday/108-212141
18	Army-improvised COVID-19 Hospital set up at Seeduwa	http://www.dailymirror.lk/print/front_page/Army-improvised-COVID-19-Hospital-set-up-at-Seeduwa/238-212172
20	Shammi Silva elected uncontested as President of Sri Lanka Cricket	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/73995/shammi-silva-elected-uncontested-as-president-of-slc
20	Colombo Port City Bill passed with amendments	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74006/colombo-port-city-bill-passed-with-amendments
20	Sanjay Rajaratnam approved as new Attorney General	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74010/sanjay-rajaratnam-approved-as-new-attorney-general
21	State-owned hospitality ventures to be restructured	https://www.themorning.lk/state-owned-hospitality-ventures-to-be-restructured/
22	National Vesak Festival cancelled	https://www.themorning.lk/national-vesak-festival-cancelled/
24	Islandwide travel restrictions extended until June 07	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74096/islandwide-travel-restrictions-extended-until-june-07
25	Susal beats Mongolian FIDE Master in Asian Chess Tourney	http://www.dailynews.lk/2021/05/25/sports/250088/susal-beats-mongolian-fide-master-asian-chess-tourney
26	Bangladesh records maiden series win over Sri Lanka	https://www.espncrio.com/series/sri-lanka-tour-of-bangladesh-2021-1262340/bangladesh-vs-sri-lanka-2nd-odi-1262346/match-report
28	Govt to provide Rs. 5,000 allowance from June 02 to the needy	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/74203/govt-to-provide-rs-5000-allowance-from-june-02
30	Renowned artist Laki Senanayake passes away	http://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Renowned-artist-Laki-Senanayake-passes-away/108-213049

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Sri Lanka Arts Circle Brisbane Proudly Presents
30 th PRATHIBHA SANDYAWA , CULTURAL SHOW

Saturday 3rd July 2021
5.00 pm

Lighthouse Community and Event Centre
65 Woogaroo Street , Forest Lake 4078

Tickets - Adults \$20 / Children (over 10 yrs) \$10
Contact - Chaminda Hewage - 0430876233 / Vimukthi - 0452203719

Financial Contributions to support COVID-19 pandemic situation in Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka High Commission welcomes financial contributions from Sri Lankan community organizations, well-wishers, and friends of Sri Lanka living in Australia to support Sri Lanka's efforts towards fighting the current surge of "COVID - 19 pandemic situation in the country. Interested donors could make their financial contributions via **two** channels:

- 1. The special account opened at the Corporate Branch of the Bank of Ceylon under the account name "ITUKAMA COVID-19 HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FUND".**

For Bank Transfer:

Bank Name:	Bank of Ceylon
Bank Account No:	85737373
Bank Code:	7010
Corporate Branch Code:	660
Swift Code:	BCEYLKXLKR

For Online Donation :
Those who are interested in making online donations are kindly requested to log into the following website of the Presidential Secretariat of Sri Lanka in order to make donations.
<https://www.presidentsoffice.gov.lk/index.php/covid-19-fund/>
- 2. Via direct bank transfers to the official account of the Sri Lanka High Commission in Canberra.**

Bank Name:	ANZ Bank, Manuka Branch ACT
Bank Account Name:	Sri Lanka High Commission No 01 Account
Bank BSB:	012984
Bank Account No:	004427941
Swift Code:	ANZBAU3M

Please indicate the donor's name as the reference details and inform the Sri Lanka High Commission in Canberra by e-mail admin@slhcaust.org after completing the above banking transaction. An official receipt will be issued in this regard and the relevant donations will be transferred to the "ITUKAMA COVID-19 HEALTHCARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY FUND" through the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka.

For inquiries in this regard, please contact the Sri Lanka High Commission in Canberra via Phone:+61-423074672 or E-mail: admin@slhcaust.org.

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Canberra
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THE OLD ANANDIANS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC.



Fire & Spice

DINNER DANCE

SOLOZ & DJR&R

FT. UPAMALIKA KARUNASENA & CHARITH MARTINO

31ST JULY 2021

WATERLOO BAY LEISURE CENTRE

241, Tingle rd, Wynnum, Qld 4178
6.30 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Dress Code - Smart Casual BYO

Tickets - General - \$50 / Kids -\$25
Contact - UPAMALIKA - 0421752103

Grand buffet By Fire and Spice
Entrees Mains and desserts

Sri Lankan Events Brisbane

June 2021

19	Annual Sil Program for Children	Goodna Temple
20	OAAQ Annual General Meeting	Old Anandians
26	Poson Festival, Mihindu, Sangamitta Perahera, Mihintalagala Display	Forest Lake Temple
26	Poson Sil Program	Gold Coast Buddhist Centre
26	Poson Pinkama	Goodna Temple
26	Poson Sil Program	Goodna Temple
27	Bus Trip to Sirromet Valley	Silver Fawn Club

July 2021

03	Prathibha – A Cultural Show ; Sri Lankan Food Festival	Sri Lanka Arts Circle/ Forest Lake Temple
17	OAAQ Blood Donation Drive	Old Anandians' Assn.
17	Sinhala Movie: Miss Jenis	Sinhala Assn. of Qld
24	Vas Aradhana	Goodna Temple
25	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
25	Christmas in July	Silver Fawn Club
31	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple
31	Dinner Dance	Fire & Spice

August 2021

8	President's Cup Cricket Tournament	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
28	50th Anniversary Celebration	Silver Fawn Club

September 2021

18	Musical Show with Local Talent: Aware Pipi	Private
19	Have a Chat & Food Fair	Silver Fawn Club

October 2021

02	Saralanga	Sinhala Assn. of Qld
17	Sri Lanka Day Celebrations	FSOQ
23	Halloween Dance	Silver Fawn Club
23-24	Annual Katina Ceremony & Dana	Forest Lake Temple
30-31	Katina Pinkama	Gold Coast Buddhist Centre

November 2021

6&7	Katina Ceremony - Pirith, Katina Robe Offering and Dana	Goodna Temple
27	Christmas Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans

December 2021

18	Christmas Carols and Function	Silver Fawn Club
19	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Years' Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club

EUROPEAN MASTERPIECES FROM THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, NEW YORK

12 JUN 2021 – 17 OCT 2021: Gallery of Modern Art, Southbank

<https://www.qagoma.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibitions/european-masterpieces>



URGENT COMMUNITY APPEAL

IMMEDIATELY REQUIRE HOSPITAL BEDS



FSOQ with its member organizations has secured 350 electrically operated hospital beds from Queensland Health. We are seeking your support to bear the shipping cost

Intensive Care Units (ICU wards) of Government Hospitals treating Critical COVID Patients in Sri Lanka

Each container with 60 beds costs \$3,000. So please donate for a bed or more at \$50 per bed.

FEDERATION OF SRI LANKAN ORGANISATIONS OF QUEENSLAND, INC.

BSB: 484-799 • Account No: 50-654804-0

Account Name: Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations Queensland Inc.

Deposit reference; BEDS / Your name Followed by email to

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Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
06 Jun	Lakmini Keerawella, Himaya S.W.A/ Kasun Karunaratne
13 Jun	Sugee Kannangara/ Wimal Kannangara
20 Jun	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
27 Jun	Kuamarasinghe Dissanayake/ Janaka Weerasinghe
04 Jul	Nimal Wijesiri/ Samanmal Gunaratne, Sameera Samarasinghe

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
02 Jun	Mithila Wanigathunge and Youth Team/ Mithila Wanigathunge, Achira Samarathunga
09 Jun	Prema Weerawardena/ Niraj Kariyawasam
16 Jun	Lalith Keerthirathna/ Sameera Samarasinghe
23 Jun	Harsha Perera/ Niraj Kariyawasam
30 Jun	Janaka Dassanayake, Manjari, Chathura/ Thisara Pathiranehelage
07 Jul	Mithila Wanigathunge and Youth Team/Mithila Wanigathunge, Achira Samarathunga

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