

How to avoid scams and cybersecurity breaches?

In the recent past, the media airwaves have been awash with news of data breaches suffered by large local corporations, affecting and highlighting



the privacy of personal data of many unsuspecting Australians. Indeed, cybersecurity is the hot topic on everyone's mind as every man, and his grand mother, tries to figure out how to navigate the information overload that accompanies any major news cycle these days. I have received many questions which ultimately breakdown to this. How can I avoid scams & breaches? ... The short answer is that you can't.

Now before panic sets in or you give up all together, there are certainly ways to combat and mitigate future breaches. However, as it stands, within our current digital environment, an individual cannot confidently say, "Yes! I can avoid this". This is akin to asking, how can I avoid climate change? It is already happening and as is the case with the actions to manage our environment, there is an onus on our leaders, government, private enterprise, media & our regulatory institutions to create a better environment where our actions mean more.

This is a prevalent issue affecting you and your loved ones on a daily basis, on a deep level. For example, most people are now aware of 4 major breaches in the last month or so - Optus, Medibank, Woolworth MyDeals and Energy Australia. But did you know that in just the last 2 months, the following companies suffered similar data breaches, that we know of - Microsoft, Australian Federal Police, Vinomofo, Uber, Fremantle Football Club, TicTok, LastPass, DoorDash, Facebook and WA Health. There is some silver lining for the data we have already lost. Not all your data is really of any use due to fragmentation or has long-term relevance (i.e., credit cards expire). Crucially, key items such as your passport or bank card can be cancelled or renewed. Here are 10 tips to stay cyber safe:

- 1. Do not open suspect emails / text messages. Delete them & block the number.
- 2. Use a throw-away email with minimal details for non-critical accounts (Try https://haveibeenpwned.com/ to check for breaches).
- 3. Keep a variety of passwords & pins and update them. Try for at least 8 characters with a combination of numbers, uppercase & symbols.
- 4. Invest in a good anti-virus software and firewall at home.
- 5. Use a VPN, especially when using a public computer

- 6. Do not post your identification details in public forums like social media.
- 7. Use password managers (Chrome, Apple Keychain etc.) which actively check for compromised password and notify you.
- 8. Beware of investing in smart home devices without fully understanding how they work.
- 9. Do not reveal information if you don't know a person well. Always ask for identification and if unsure, give yourself time to check validity before engaging further.
- 10. Regularly check your bank statements and contact your bank & seller, if any suspicious activity.

Australia haemorrhaged \$33 billion in FY20/21 from reported losses due to cyber crime and its getting worse. So put in the effort to make sure you don't join this statistic in future.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

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Today I take you to a place that is of prime importance to the history of the nation. It is to the place where the Indian Prince Vijaya and his rebellious friends arrived in Sri Lanka from India. This is supposed to be the beginning of the Sinhala clan of our nation.

Vijaya was a rebellious son of a provincial King in India who was a problem to the King and he wished to get rid of the son and his notorious friends by extradition. He made his son and his friends leave the country in a ship. He wished to see his son reach a safe place somewhere on the planet but away from his kingdom. He made sure the ship was well stocked with all necessary food stuff and other material needed for their existence.

It was a time when the ships sailed using the sails with the help of the wind. It is said that the ship that carried Vijaya and the friends faced many hardships in the sea and the ship was badly damaged and that they had to throw most of the goods they had with them into the sea to make the vessel light to prevent it from sinking.

However, without knowing where they were floating they allowed the nature to decide their destiny. That is how the shipwreck floated to the west coast of Sri Lanka. Vijaya and his friends were happy that they saved their lives. Observing that there was no human habitation around and not knowing where they landed, they relaxed on the beach to go get over the tiredness and fell into a deep sleep.

When they awoke they were looking at each other in surprise as the sand was of bronze colour. When they looked around they knew that the beach was bronze in colour. Then, from the language they spoke, they identified the bronze sand as "THANBRAPANNI".

Vijaya, the prince extradited from India became the fist Sinhalese King in Sri Lanka. The place where he landed is a key landmark in our history. Over time, "THAMBRAPANNI" has become THAMMENNAWA.

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Annual General Meeting

Sri Lanka Sports Association of Qld Inc.

Date - 27 November 2022

Time - 5pm

Place - Garden City Library

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Travel Diary

සියල්ල ඇරඹෙන්නෙ වූවුම්බා නගරයෙ වෙසෙන මාගේ හොදම මි්තුරෙක් නවීන ෆොවීල් රතයක් මිලදී ගැනීමෙන් අනතුරුවයි. වසරකට සාමානායෙන් අපහට දිගු නිවාඩු ලැබෙනුයේ අපේල් මාසයේ ඊස්ටර් නිවාඩුව සහ දෙසැම්බර් මාසුයෙ නත්තල් නිවාඩුවයි. අප මූලික සැලසුම් වූයේ ඊස්ටර් නිවාඩුව අලලා රෝඩ් ට්ප් එකක් යාමටයි. ඒ සදහා විවිධ ස්ථාන යෝජනා වුවත් අප සියල්ලන්ගේම සිත් ගත්තේ සිම්සන් කාන්තාරයේ පිහිටි පොපෙල්ස් කෝනර් (ක්වීන්ස්ලන්ත, දකුණු ඔස්ටේලියානු සහ නොදර්ත් ටෙරටරි පාත්ත තුනම් හමුවන මායිම) දක්වා යන අභියෝගාත්මක ගමනයි. අනතුරුව අපහට ගමනට අවශා දුවය සහ නවාතැන් ගන්න ස්ථාන කල්තබාම වෙන් කර ගැනීමට සිදුවූයේ ඒ වනවිට මාස 7 පමණ වූ මා දියණියත් ගමනට සහිභාගී වූ නිසායි. අවශා කලමණා ලැයිස්තු සැකසීමේදී, කාන්තාරයේ සහ ජන ඝනත්වය අඩු පුදේශ කරා යන ගමනක් බැවින් දින <mark>ග</mark>නණාවකට සැහෙන පරිදි ජලය, කල්තබා ගතහැකි හෝ ක්ශ්ණිකුවූ පිසිය හැකි ආහාර, හදිසියකට පුයෝජනවත් වියහැකි කුඩාරමක්, ගෑස් ලිපක්, එස්කියක්, පුථමාදාර කට්ටලයක්, හදිසියකදී වාහනයට අවශා ටූල්ස් වැනි දෑ මෙන්ම විශේෂයෙන්ම දුරකතන <mark>සංඥා</mark> නොමැති පුදේශයන්හිදී භාවිතයට ගතහැකි චන්දීකා දුරකතනයක් කුලී පද්නම මත ලබා ගැනීමටත් අප සැලකිලිමත්වුනා.

<mark>හ</mark>ිමිදිරියේම ආරම්භකල අප චාරිකාවේ පලමු සැලසුම්කල නවාතැන වූයේ කුනමුල්ලා නගරයයි. ඒ දක්වා යන ගමනේදී මතිකයේ සනිවුහන්වන ම්ගසලකුණක් ලෙස සනිටුහන් වන්නේ සෙන් ජෝර්ජ් නගරයයි. අයස්කාන්තවූ මේ නගරයට ඒ හරහා ගලා යනු "බලෝන් ගංගාව" එක් කලේ පුදුමාකාර වූ නිස්කලංක බවක්. කෙමෙන් කෙමෙන් කනමුල්ලා කරා පුවිසෙත්ම අපහට නිරීක්ශණය වූ ඒ රානී ආකාශයේ විචිතුවත් බව දවසේ විඩාව නිවන්න සමත් උනේ එම නගරයේදී අපහට නෑමට ලැබුන ජලයේ තිබූ ඒ තරමක් වූ අපුසන්න සුවදද අමතක කරවමින්. කනමුල්ලා සිට අප ඊලග නවාතැන වල ඉන්මින්කා දක්වා ගමන් මගේදී තාර සහිත මාර්ගයන්හි සිට රලු මාර්ග දක්වාත්, එදිනෙදා අපහට හමුවන කාර්යබහුලවූ මීනිසුන්ගේ සිට අප්මණ සැහැල්ලුවකින් හා වඩාත් සුහදශීලී ලෙස දිව්ගෙවන මිනිසුන් හමුවන අහබු කෝපි කඩ දක්වාත් ඉතාම ඉක්මනින් පරසරය වෙන වුනා. හිරුබැස යන්නට මත්තෙන් නවාතැනට ලගාවූ අපේ ඊලග පියවර උනේ "අවුට් බැක්" සංචාරයකදී සිරිතක්ව පවතින නගරයේ අවත්හලෙන් ඉතා රසවත්ව පිසගත් "බීෆ් ස්ටේක්" සමගින් බී්ර වීදුරුවක් තොලගෑමයි. ඒත් සමගම අවත්හුලේදී හමුවූ අපවත්ම ගමත් කල කිහිප දෙනෙක් සමග ඊලග දිනයන්හි ගමන් මග, කාලගුණය ආදීවූ තොරතොරු හුවමාරු කර ගන්නත් අප අමතක් කිලේ නෑ. එම කතා බහ ඔබේ සුහද බව වර්ධනය කරන්න <mark>ඉවහ</mark>ල්වන්නක් මෙන්ම මෙයාකාරයේ ගමන් වලදී අත්තර්ජාලයෙන් ඔබට ගුහනය නොවන ඉතාම මැතකාලීනම ගමන් මගෙහි සිදුව ඇති වෙනස්කම් වැනි <mark>වට</mark>්නා දත්තද ලබා දෙන්නෙ ඔබ් නොදැනුවත්වමයි. ඉනමින්කා කරා ලගා වීමේදී දකුණු ඕස්ටේලියාව හා <mark>ක්</mark>වීන්ස්ලන්තය යා කෙරෙන සීමාව පහු කිරීමත් මතක් කල යුතුමයි. ගමනේදී අප තරමක් අපහසුතාවයට පත්වූ එක් කරුණක් වූයේ දිවා කාලයේදී තරමක් ඉහල යන උශ්ණත්වයට සාපේක්ශව දිගු වේලාවක් එක් දිගට ධාවනය නිසා නිතරම වාහනයේ ට්යර් පුෙශර් ඉහල යාමයි, අනෙක් කාරණාව නම් කෙටි විවේකයක් සදහා රථයෙන් බසින අපගේ මුහුණ වසා ගන්නට එන මැසි සේනාවන්ගේ තර්ජනයට අප ලක්වීමය.

නැවතත් දකුණු ඕස්ටේලියානු මායීම හරහා ගමන් කර බර්ඩ්ස්ව්ල් නගරයට ලගාවූ අප හට දැනගන්නට ලැබුණේ යම් හේතූන් නිසා බර්ඩ්ස්ව්ල් සිට පොපෙල්ස් කෝනර් බලායන ගමන් මග තාවකාලිකව වසා ඇති බවයි. එයින් නොසැලුන අපි, එදින හා ඉන් පහුදිනයන් සිම්සන් කාන්තාරයේ වැලි කදු තරණයෙන් ගතකලෙමු. ෆෝ වීල් රථ ධාවනයේ කෙල පැමිනි බොහෝ පිරිස් එහෙදී අපට හමුවූ අතර ආධුනික වූ අපහට ඔවුන්ගේ දැනුමෙන් සත්කාර කිරීමට ඔවුන් නොපසුබට වූනා. අඩු පීඩනයකට ටයරයන්හි පීඩණය අඩු කල කල්හි ඉතාම සියුම් වැල්ලෙන් සරිත වූ කාන්තාර වැලිකදු, අකමැත්තෙන් උවද රථයන්ට තමාතරණයට ඉඩ සැලැස්සුවෙ අකමැත්තෙන් මෙන්ය.



ඉන් අනතුරුව එලඹියේ, නැවත බිස්බන් දක්වා වෙනත් මගක් ඔස්සෙ ලගාවන චාරිකාවයි. මෙහිදී ක්විල්පී නගරය අපගේ මීලග නවාතැන වුනා. මෙම නගරය වඩාත් පුචලිතව ඇත්තේ ඕපල් නැමති "සෙම් පෙශස්" පාෂාණය අදවනවිටත් කැනීම් වලින් හමුවන නිසාමයි. ක්විල්පී හි අප රාතීයේ අප නවාතැන් ගත් "ලේක් හවුඩුමන්" අසබඩ කැම්පින් සදහාම වෙන්වූ "ද ලේක්" නවාතැනත් මතක් නොකරම බැරි ස්ථානයක්. ගින්නේ පිලිස්සූ මස්, වැව හරහා හමායන සුලං රොද, නොඉදුල් අකාශය රනින් සරසමින් බැස යන හිරු අපේ විඩාව සොරා ගත්තේ අපටත් නොදැනීමයි. ආරම්භයෙදීත් මා සදහන් කල පරිදිම මෙම ගමන් මග පුරාම රාතී කාලයන්හිදී අපට මනරම් වූ තරු රටාවන්ගෙන් සෙවණ දෙන ලද්දේ අලෝකයෙන් දූශිත නොවූ වචනයෙන් විස්තර කල නොහැකි තරමේ විචිතුවත්, අහස් තලයයි. අපගේ මීලග නවාතැන වූ චාලිවිල් නගරය මා ඉහතින් සදහන් කල රාතී ආකාශය නැරබීම සදහාම "ආකාස නැරබුම් මැදිරි සංකීණයක් තනා තිබෙනයුරු දුටු අප ඒ වෙත ඇදී ගියේ නිරායාසයෙන්මයි. පසු දින, ඉර අවරට යන්නට මත්තෙන් නැවතත් සුපුරුදු බිස්බන් පරිසරය හා අප මුසු වූයේ අත්දැකීම් ගොන්නක් හා මතක ගබඩාවක් එක් කර ගනිමින්.

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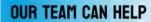
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Multiculturalism: Why Acknowledgement Matters?

The daily routines of Sri Lankans are dependent on the enormous effects of multiculturalism on the island. Not many of us can escape the cravings for a cup of tea with biscuits or refrain from using the many Portuguese, English or Tamil words embedded in the Sinhalese language. Neither can we avoid garbing ourselves in a sarong, eating the many dishes contributed by the communities or avoid taking a step to the beats of Baila. The effects of multiculturalism are all around us, but as a community we are often blinded to them. Many often question the benefit of understanding these concepts, yet others question the agenda behind the dissemination of information about multiculturalism. Our perspective as Third Culture Children is that many of us growing up away from Sri Lanka have been questioning our cultural identity and place in the world our entire lives. Yet we received no satisfactory answers. As migration out of Sri Lanka continues at alarming rates, there will be many more children seeking to understand their cultural identity. A realistic understanding and acknowledgement of multiculturalism and the uniqueness that it brings to the Sri Lankan community may help build a genuine sense of cultural identity around which future generations can cohere.

People often ask, "What inspires pride about your country?" As it stands, there is very little to which young Lankans, in Sri Lanka and abroad, can associate with in order to inspire a sense of pride in their cultural identity. Acknowledging and accepting Sri Lanka's multiculturalism may fill this gap and provide an inclusive idea around which we could inspire meaningful pride.

Acknowledging and becoming secure in an identity of multiculturalism may also be economically beneficial. For instance, Malaysia has successfully overstated its diversity, thereby attracting tourists seeking cultural experiences from around the globe. Countries such as Australia embrace and even promote the presence of cultural diversity benefitting both in terms of tourism and global impact. Therefore, acknowledging multiculturalism may help Sri Lanka capitalise on one of its most historic strengths.

Acknowledging multiculturalism will also help address the wounds resulting from decades of ethnic conflict by providing common ground for various communities upon which to bond. When we truly understand that the Kandy Perahera, Avurudu, Eid, Pongal, Christmas, and Diwali are not separate but shared experiences existing only because various communities contributed to their creation, it becomes difficult to "other" our fellow Sri Lankans.

Ethnic segregation and disharmony have often been weaponized for various political agendas throughout Sri Lanka's history and embracing multiculturalism and understating our connections will provide an avenue through which to transcend and challenge the effects of half a century of divisive politics. Moreover, acknowledging multiculturalism will also help to redress the historical alienation of so many communities who have all contributed to the living food, culture, fashion, music, and languages landscapes of SL.

Finally, embracing the reality of multiculturalism in Sri Lanka will have a multitude of benefits and help individuals with Sri Lankan connections to truly value the satisfaction of being connected to this beautiful country.

Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera Among Randika and Jerome's many interests is a deep passion to understand Sri Lankan history and culture.





UQ Prof Udantha Abeyratne and University team in major breakthrough

Pfizer has acquired University of Queensland (UQ) startup ResApp Health Limited. ResApp, an ASX-listed company, has developed simple and inexpensive smartphone technology to accurately identify respiratory diseases based on cough analysis. Put it simply, it can diagnose COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses by listening to someone cough.

The technology records a patient's cough on a smartphone and analyses sounds and simple symptoms, such as a runny nose, to diagnose and measure the severity of a range of chronic and acute diseases, including asthma, pneumonia, bronchiolitis, croup and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The UQ technology was developed by (Sri Lankan) Associate Professor Udantha Abeyratne and his UQ team. Dr Abeyratne said that they worked closely with paediatricians and respiratory physicians to develop the diagnostic technology. "When I open up my lungs, open up the airway, that is what I call an 'information super highway', so I wondered whether it's possible to use cough sounds, advanced signal processing and AI technology to pick out features," he said. "From the very beginning, I had a big vision to develop scalable, cheap technologies to diagnose pulmonary diseases all over the world – not only in remote sub-Saharan Africa, but even in developed urban cities like New York and Brisbane."

Dr Abeyratne said the smartphone technology was developed in consultation with medical practitioners.

The technology has received global awards and recognition.

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එංගලන්තයේ, වෛදා ඇතස්ටා නිරෝශනී විජේසිංහ,බුස්බේන් නුවර,නිමල් සේදර ,ආචාර්ය කුමාර දිසානායක,ආචාර්ය නිමල් විජේසිරි,සුජාතා අබේසිංහ, ඉන්දුමති අධිකාරි,මේල්බින් නුවර



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Darshan Dharmaraj

Award winning Sri Lankan actor Darshan Dharmaraj passed away at the age of 41, according to family sources. He wonBest Actor Awards at several Film festivals in Sri Lanka for his portrayal as ex-LTTE cadre in Asoka

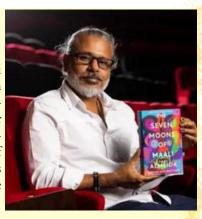
Handagama's movie Ini Avan (2012), Machan (2008), Ira Handa Yata (2009), Matha (2012), Spandana, No Address (2015), Aloko Udapadi

(2017) and Tsunami (2020) are some of the popular Sri Lankan movies he has starred in. Dharmaraj was born in Rakwana and completed education at St. John's Tamil College.

https://ceylontoday.lk/2022/10/03/darshan-dharmaraj-no-more/

Booker Prize

The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida by Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka has won the Booker prize for fiction. The judges praised the "ambition of its scope, and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques".



Neil MacGregor, chair of the judges for this year's prize, said the novel was chosen because "it's a book that takes the reader on a rollercoaster journey through life and death right to what the author describes as the dark heart of the world". And there the reader finds, to their surprise, joy, tenderness, love and loyalty," he added. The judges were unanimous in their decision to award the prize to Karunatilaka, according to the chair.

Receiving his prize, Karunatilaka addressed the people of Sri Lanka in Tamil and Sinhalese. He summarised what he said in English: "I write these books for you... Let's keep sharing these stories."

Karunatilaka has become the second Sri Lankan-born author to win Booker Prize, following Michael Ondaatje, who won in 1992 with The English Patient.

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Ashley Chandrasinghe - Cricketer

Victoria has unearthed yet another prodigious batting talent with 20-year-old Ashley Chandrasinghe bursting on the scene with a first-class century on debut. The left-hander played an innings of tremendous poise and patience against Tasmania on a Hobart green top that will have national selectors taking note. Having made just one run from his first 49 balls, Chandrasinghe carved his way to a brilliant 119 not out from 333 deliveries. Despite being on debut, there were no signs of nerves on 98 when Chandrasinghe drove straight down the ground to bring up his century.

Ashley is of Sri Lankan Ancestry (see wikipaedia). https://www.foxsports.com.au/cricket/domestic-cricket/sheffield-shield/ cricket-australia-sheffield-shield-victoria-vs-tasmania-ashley-chandrasinghescores-century-on-debut/news-





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Saralanga 2022

Saralanga, the annual cultural festival of the Sinhala Association of Qld (SAQ) was held last month at St. John's Anglican College Auditorium on October 1, 2022. Its primary objective is the preservation and promotion of the Sinhala language and Sri Lankan culture within the Sri Lankan community in Queensland. The Saralanga concert is held every year with two objectives, the first is to promote Sri Lankan traditional arts and culture among new generations of Australians having Sri Lankan heritage and share with the Australian multicultural community, and the other is to showcase the creativity of the Sri Lankan community in Queensland.

It has continued for 28 years except in 2020 and 2021 when Covid intervened. The Saralanga 2022 cultural festival included wonderful performances by Sri Lankan sons and daughters, their creative skills developed in the community stage, combining the dancing traditions of Sri Lankan Upcountry, Lowcountry, Sabaragamuwa with Indian, Malay, Portuguese and Latin American. Although 23 performances including dancing, singing and drama, trained by dance institutes or individuals, were included in this year's Saralanga, the excellence of the concert was shown by the fact that all of them were presented in a well-planned manner. It must be said that the selfless dedication and contribution of more than 10 choreographers led to its success. The youngest child who participated in a dance in the show was 4 years old. It is with humble pride that we say that Saralanga 2022, which performed not only singing, playing and dancing, but also compering, was a truly cultural concert that demonstrated the real goals of the show.

Wipula Dharmasooriya











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1 November 2022 - Melbourne Cup

The 2022 Melbourne Cup race time is scheduled for 3pm AEDT on Tuesday, November 1. Whether you are at home, in the office, in a restaurant or anywhere in the world, you will be glued to the TV when the Melbourne Cup race is on. Even those who do not believe in horse racing stop whatever they are doing to watch the Melbourne cup. Hope you will make a few dollars at least in the office sweep!

11 November - Remembrance day

Every year on Remembrance Day at the cenotaph at Anzac Square, you will hear a bugler play the Last Post and those gathered there will pause for a minute's silence in honour of the fallen. Many will also wear or place remembrance poppies. Wherever you are in Australia, you will stop whatever you are doing at 11am for one minute to honour the fallen in fighting for their country.

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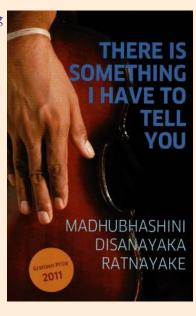




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BOOK REVIEW: There is Something I Have to Tell You by Madhubhashini Disanayaka Ratnayake

The 2011 Gratiaen Prize winning novel is an examination of the complex socio-political aspects of Sri Lanka over the past few decades. Through a web of characters drawn from various social strata ranging from aristocratic upper class, the poor servant classes, rural intelligentsia, rural business class, leftist movement in the sixties and seventies headed by Oxford educated lawyers, the restless and sometimes violent youth movements and the village temple, the author very skilfully narrates the sociopolitical fabric of Sri Lanka. Janu is the son of George Sama-



rawickrama, a successful, British educated lawyer who is also a member of the Sama Samaja Party from a Walawwa (feudal mansion) in Bulankulama near Anuradhapura. Upali, the son of domestic helper of Janu's grandmother at the Walawwa in Veyangoda befriends Janu when he goes to Veyangoda for school holidays.

Upali's family who were in Bulankulama breaks down as his father is sent to the lunatic asylum after losing his mind doing leftist politics. Upali and mother were brought to Janu's mother's ancestral Walawwa in Veyangoda to start a new life. Upali finds out that his father is in the lunatic asylum only after he came across some letters his mother had and loses faith in those around him in the process.

Janu's mother passes away to cancer when Janu was still a young boy. After the death of Janu's mother, Upali and his mother return to Bulankulama. A teacher at the local school, takes Upali under his wing by providing books and other materials and his son Kamal becomes an inseparable companion to Upali. The teacher's son Kamal (the narrator in the book) becomes an inseparable companion of Upali who treats him as his elder brother. Anila who lives close by to Janu with her parents and uncle used to play and spend time with Janu. After his mother's death, Janu drifts away and becomes a loner. Anila's uncle is a Sinhala nationalist.

The book weaves through these characters and many more, varying from traditional music lovers to those who like western music, interaction of Burgher and Tamil characters with the Sinhalese, strong Sinhala nationalists to liberal socialists amidst the 1983 ethnic violence and 1989 social upheavals over a generation to provide the reader with an examination of the social and political fabric of Sri Lanka at the time.

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Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

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	November 2022	
05	Thesatta Nana Puja	Goodna Temple
05	Gala Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankan Association
05	Sinhala Movie: "Ginimal Pokuru	Sinhala Assn of Qld
06	සංකලන	Private
12	Hantane Nite	University of Peradeniya Alumni
13	Maroons Charity Walk 2022	Old Anandians' Asso-
19	Special Pooja & food stall in aid of Mental health medicine to Sri Lanka	Goodna Temple
26	Fellowship Dinner	Colombo Medical
26	Siri Samanthabhadra Maha Thero	Private
27	SL Sports Asso. of Qld - AGM	SLSAQ
27	IInd Show - Movie	Agricola
	December 2022	
03	Musical Event: Wassana Sihine	Goodna Temple
03	Christmas Function	Silver Fawn Club
10	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Year's Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club
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21	RMOBAQ Charity Walk	Richmond Mahinda Old Boys Association
28	Deshabimani Geetha Prasangaya 2023	SL Buddhist Monastery
	February 2023	
10	Valentines dinner dance with Infinity + Wasthi	YES Entertainment Brisbane
11	Musical show in aid of Qld Buddhist Vihara building fund	Goodna Temple
12	Valentine's Day Have-A-Chat Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
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25	SANGAYANA: Charity Karaoke	Private
March 2023		
04	"The News" Musical Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
11	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
11	Marines Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment
18	Prathiba 2023	Sri Lanka Arts Circle
	April 2023	
15	Bak Maha Ulela: Sinhala & Tamil	Sinhala Asso.of Qld

Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

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June 2023

17 BNS Concert

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
06 Nov	Himaya Anuradha / Sameera Samarasinghe
13 Nov	Ananda & Nayana Samarathunga / Mihika Samarathunga
20 Nov	Jayantha Weerasekara (JW) & Seetha Vithana / JW
27 Nov	Kanthi Wijesoma / Kasun Karunaratne
04 Dec	Lakmini Keerawella / Kasun Karunaratne



Australia Day 2023 Grants -Applications Close Monday 7th November

National Australia Day Council's (NADC) Australia Day 2023 Community Events Grants program are now open.

To check eligibility, read the grant guidelines and apply for a grant, visit <u>australiaday.org.au/2023-grants</u> and if you have any questions, email <u>grants@australiaday.org</u>.

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
02 Nov	"Yovun Sandella' - Janaka & the team / Mithila Wanigathunge
09 Nov	Thisara, Chathurika & Darshika / Thisara Pathirennehelage
16 Nov	Kasun, Pulastha & Dushan/ Kasun Karunaratne
23 Nov	Kumarasinghe Dissanayake / Sandun De Silva
30 Nov	Sameera & Guest / Sameera Samarasinghe
07 Dec	"Yovun Sandella" - Janaka & the team / Mithila Wanigathunge

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