



Sinhala and Tamil New Year

Most countries in the world celebrate January 1st as the day a New Year is born. However, there are some other countries that adopt different calendars. For Sri Lankans, the month of April is generally regarded as the dawn of the traditional New Year. This is the period farmers reap their harvest from paddy cultivation, and fresh seedlings for the next cultivations are grown in hundred thousands acres of land across the country showing patches of greenery everywhere. Vegetables and fruits are available in plenty, flowers in bloom.



Aluth Avurudu was something we used to look forward to, both as children and even as adults. This was the occasion where everyone enjoyed the festivities steeped in tradition.

Traditionally, the much-awaited New Year is welcomed by lighting firecrackers at the auspicious time. Before commencing the bigger events, there is a neutral

period (Nonagathaya) during which time people visit temples and engage in religious activities. At the next auspicious time on the 13th of April, lighting of the hearth is done to prepare milk rice which symbolises prosperity. Traditional Avurudu table has, in addition to Kiribath, a collection of sweetmeats such as Kavum, Kokis, Aggala and many more along with banana which is another colourful addition that decorates the meal table. The first meal of the New Year is taken at the next auspicious time, after lighting the traditional oil lamp. Everybody at home joins to enjoy the feast!

In the past fun games such as Pancha and Olinda Keliya and playing of Rabana were among the highlights of the celebration. These events certainly provide opportunities for people of all ages to interact together and enjoy the occasion. In addition, the whole village gets together and organises a series of outdoor events that include many traditional games. Children look forward to taking part in fun games such as eating buns, placing the eye on the elephant, tug of war, pillow fight, to name a few.

Another important feature of the New Year is to visit relatives and friends and renew their friendship. Before that, people pay respect to their parents and elders at home offering betel leaves. This is a significant feature that helps to strengthen the mutual relationship with all those around us.

We, who live away from our country, too have several New Year events, in Southeast Queensland, organised by the Sri Lankan societies and temples. Sri Lankans are eagerly waiting to take part in these events and enjoy the day. Children specially get a glimpse of rituals and traditions we used to follow back in Sri Lanka.

Wish you all a very happy New Year!!!



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Puthandu

Puthandu, also known as Puthuvarudam, and the Tamil New Year, is the first day of year on the Tamil calendar, traditionally celebrated as a festival by Tamil Hindus. The festival date is set with the solar cycle of the lunisolar Hindu calendar, as the first day of the Tamil month Chittirai. It falls on or about 14 April every year on the Gregorian calendar.



The day is observed as a family time. Households clean up the house, prepare a tray with fruits, flowers and auspicious items, light up the family puja altar and visit their local temples. People wear new clothes and children go to elders to pay their respects and seek their blessings, then the family sits down to a vegetarian feast.

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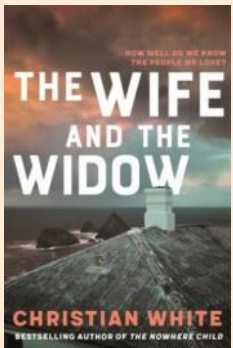
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Book Review: The Wife and the Widow by Christian White

"The Wife and the Widow" by Australian author Christian White is a gripping psychological thriller.

The story follows two women, Abby and Kate, who are both connected to an island where a murder has taken place.



Kate's husband, John, whom she believes to be away at a work conference in London has in fact gone missing on the remote island of Belport off the coast of Melbourne, where the family has a summer holiday home. In truth, Dr. John Keddie has not been to work at the Centre for Palliative Care in three months. So where was he going? How was he spending his days? Who was he with?

Kate is desperate to find out what happened to John.

However, upon arriving on Belport, Kate discovers that her husband's past is shrouded in secrets.

Abby is a local resident of Belport and a mother of two teenagers. Abby's husband Ray is behaving strangely, and Abby can't help but wonder if it has something to do with the body that has been discovered on the island.

After all, while rare, Abby has witnessed Ray's violent streak. The local Cop investigating the death is a friend, so Abby must keep a lid on the alarming discoveries she's made at home.

As the investigation unfolds, both women are forced to confront dark secrets from their past and present as well as the secrets and lies of the island's inhabitants.

The narration is written in a unique dual perspective, alternating between Kate and Abby's viewpoints. The characters are well-developed and complex, with each one hiding their own secrets and motivations.

White's writing is masterful, creating a sense of unease and tension that permeates the entire novel. The island's isolation and eerie winter gloom adds to the suspense.

The book explores themes of guilt, grief, shame and fear and the secrets we keep from those we love and the unspeakable things we are willing to do for those we hold dear.

"The Wife and the Widow" is a must-read for fans of psychological thrillers.

It's a gripping, well-written, and expertly crafted novel that will keep you guessing until the very end.



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Nimandra works in the oil and gas industry, enjoys reading and dabbling in a bit of writing.

Former Speaker Joseph Michael Perera Passes Away

Former Speaker and Minister Joseph Michael Perera passed away at his home yesterday. Perera who had been ill for some time, passed away at his Ja-Ela home.



He was 81 years. Perera first became a Member of Parliament in the by-elections of 1976 and held was a Deputy Minister, Minister and retired as the Speaker.

Courtesy: <https://www.dailynews.lk/>

Samantha Abeydeera appointed as the C.E.O of Brisbane Transport

Samantha has been appointed as the C.E.O of Brisbane Transport, preparedness of the transport infrastructure for 2032 Olympics. Well done & Congratulations Samantha.

Courtesy: eLanka.com.au



Daehaena Columnist Vasu Vasudevan Passes Away

Regular contributor to Daehaena, Vasu Vasudevan, passed away on Wednesday 22 March 2023 in Mylapore, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India.



He was a loving husband to Sujatha, a role model to his two boys Jaidev and Jayram and daughters-in-law Emma and Thamayanthi and a hero to his two grandsons Avi and Rohan.

He was ever so ready to contribute to Daehaena at very short notice. We will miss him.

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Easter 2023

Every year, Easter has two significant celebrations – Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Unlike Christmas, these dates change from year to year – based on the lunar calendar. This year, Easter will be commemorated on Good Friday 7 and Sunday 9 April. However, many churches will start Easter celebrations one week earlier on Palm Sunday, which leads to the term ‘Holy Week’.



Easter can mean different things for different people – for some, it’s an opportunity to spend time with loved ones but for others, Easter means much more. Easter is the epitome of the Christian faith, representing rebirth and renewal as we remember the death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus

Christ. In the Christian calendar, Easter Saturday is the day between death and life, despair and joy. Easter Saturday follows Good Friday, where the greatest sacrifice of love was on display. It’s a day of grief and darkness when life feels stuck, and our hope is stalled. But Easter Sunday is the day hope comes alive again.

After he died, Jesus was taken down from the cross and his body was placed in a dark tomb. It was sealed up and guarded from the outside. All of Saturday, Jesus’ followers felt devastated, afraid, disappointed, uncertain and hopeless. But Jesus is “The Light that shines in the darkness” (John 1:5, NIV). The darkness of Good Friday did not overcome the light of God. Because there was a resurrection. Jesus brought hope and light into the darkness of his death by rising again on the third day – Easter Sunday. The Bible says in the first light of day some women went to Jesus’ tomb, expecting to anoint his dead body, as per their custom. They walked the path that led to his tomb feeling pretty hopeless. But, as it turned out, their path was one of hope, because Jesus had risen. Instead of finding Jesus’ body, they saw an angel, who said, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” (Luke 24:5-6). In their moment of heartache, the women approached Jesus and, by coming back to life, he offered them hope. After the 14th century, a marble plaque is placed over the tomb to protect it from further damage caused by flocks of pilgrims to the site. Today, Jesus assures us that we can do likewise. In our heartache, we can approach him in prayer and receive his hope.



Easter customs and traditions

Understanding more about the Bible’s Easter story may help you understand some of the traditional Easter customs we enjoy today. Hot cross buns, traditionally eaten on Good Friday, carry the symbolism of the cross on which Jesus died. The spices inside the bun represent the spices used on his dead body when he was placed in his tomb. Another popular Easter tradition is, of course, to enjoy chocolate eggs. The egg itself is shaped like the tomb stone that rolled away from where Jesus was buried. And the traditional hollow inside of the egg represents his tomb being empty – as he had risen back to life. The Easter Bunny even carries a connection to the true meaning of Easter. Jesus’ resurrection after his death offers us new life. Bunnies came into the picture as a symbol of Easter due to their connection with the message of new life.



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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

PALAGALA

This article series has been on for a long period. I take great pleasure in doing this article as the feedback is that many read it. These stories are not my original findings. They are the wealth gained by reading the work of other people. Stories in our history becomes his or her story.

This month, I write how a village in the Anuradhapura got its name "PALAGALA". Palagala is now a Pradesheeya Sabha in Anuradhapura. Almost all the names of villages and places in and around Anuradhapura are linked to some King that ruled from the Anuradhapura Kingdom.



This naming is linked to the famous King Dhatuseena who built the mighty Kalaweva reservoir. He considered Kalaweva as his wealth.

When the tank was under construction, the King took pleasure in visiting the place so often and spent time with the hardworking

people. He saw to it that all necessary facilities were extended to the people that sweated in building the tank.

One day, when the King visited the site it was the lunch time. Many were seated on a vast flat rock. He walked among the people and looked at the food they were having and noticed lots of green leaves (mellum) served with rice. He was happy that the food served was nourishing. Looking around the place, the King saw several edible plants naturally grown around the rock.

The King commented "meka palagalakne" happily. From that day people identified the rock as "Palagala" and the village was called "Palagala". Today the Provincial Council is also identified as "Palagala".

Dr. Nimal Sedera

Dr. Nimal Sedera is a journalist, poet, motivational speaker and an author of over 70 books.



Veteran Singer and Musician Sanath Nandasiri Passes Away



Veteran singer and musician Professor Sangeeth Nipun Sanath Nandasiri has passed away on 28 March at the age of 81.

One of the iconic singers in Sri Lankan music, Nandasiri is also a music director and composer who has received several awards for his compositions in a career spanning more than six decades.

He also served as the Chancellor of the University of the Visual and Performing Arts in Sri Lanka.

Nandasiri, who first appeared on Sinhala Radio at the age of 13 in 1955, was also the playback singer of over 30 popular Sinhala movies including Ahas Gauwa, Duleeka, Sihina Lowak, Pembara Madhu and Senasuma.

Sanath Nandasiri has received several awards for his compositions in a career spanning more than six decades.

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Ramadan

Around the world, almost two billion Muslims are currently observing the holy month of Ramadan. This means Muslims will be waking up before dawn to eat and drink in order to fast during the day. After sunset, families end their fast with the evening meal called 'iftar' before attending night prayers.



Fasting during the month of Ramadan comprises one of the five central tenets or 'pillars' of Islam, along with 'Shahada' – one's intention to practise Islam, 'Salah' or prayer, 'Zakat' or charity, and 'Hajj' – pilgrimage. By fasting, Muslims abstain from eating and drinking

(even water) to refocus their attention on the remembrance and worship of God. Beyond perceptions that, for example, fasting provides health benefits or allows Muslims to experience the pangs of hunger, which may indeed be secondary benefits, Muslims fast, primarily, as an act of obedience to God, as instructed in the holy Quran.

Since Muslims follow the lunar calendar, the holy month of Ramadan changes each year; this year's Ramadan began approximately 10 – 12 days earlier than last year's. Muslims around the world are then able to experience fasting in different seasons over many years.

Like all good things, the month of Ramadan too must come to an end and culminates in the festival of 'Eid-al-Fitr' which symbolises the reward for completing the month of fasting. On this day, Muslims don their best attire and participate in the communal morning prayer. Thereafter, they spend time visiting friends and family while sharing special foods.

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ANZAC and the Sri Lankan Warriors

This year too the members of Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen's Association will be marching alongside the service personnel and members of Returned Servicemen's League (RSL) at ANZAC Parade in Kenmore on 25 April 2023.

The traditional Shell Green 2020 T20 cricket match between the Brisbane Lord Mayor's XI and the Army Team will follow at the Brookfield Showgrounds, Brookfield.



Shell Green - T20 Cricket



At around 10:30 the umpires will inspect the pitch and ask the team Captains out to the middle for the traditional coin toss done with a Penny 'two up' style. 2 x armoured vehicles from the 2/14th Light Horse Regiment the Queensland Mounted Infantry will then traverse onto the field and hold ground at either end of the pitch. Mounted Light Horsemen from the Queensland Mounted Infantry Historical Troop (this year with 2 x members of a New Zealand Cavalry Historical Troop) will then lead a contingent of Pony Club members onto the field and deliver the game balls. This act recreates and symbolises the horse muster that took place on the ground site at the commencement of WW1.

The local cricket mad Sri Lankan community provides catering to the event in commemoration of the part played in the ANZAC story by the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps (Tea Leaves). The Commander of the ANZAC Corps, General Birdwood, made 71 of these men his guard and personal escort. By the end of the Gallipoli campaign, only 10 remained. Famously, one of the 'Tea Leaves' refused a Commission offered by General Birdwood so that he could remain a cook. This same chap later catered Lord Birdwood's visit to Sri Lanka some years later. Within a month or so the ANZACs used to boast they made "dinkum" Australians of the "Tea Leaves," who, when away from the General, were to be seen attired as roughly as possible and unshaven, but with a perennial smile on their faces. The local Sri Lankan involvement in this game recognises those brave Sri Lankans who fought alongside the Australians and New Zealanders as fellow ANZACs.

At the conclusion of the match, the Shield is awarded to the winning Captain by the Lord Mayor and the 'Corporal Mathew Hopkins Player of the Match Award' is presented to the 'best on field' by a member of Mathew Hopkins' family. Player's player awards will be presented by the Brookfield Historical Society and recognise the efforts of a member of each team as voted by members of the opposing team.

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The Chinese Connection

Many living Sri Lankans forget that the islands of Sri Lanka have been historically connected to the region that is modern day China. Chinese explorers and traders have formed a vast diaspora, in Malaysia, Singapore, Australia and the Americas, and inevitably in Ceylon.



Placenames such as the Fa Xien Caves (Fa Hien Caves), named after a Chinese explorer, scholar, and monk, Chinese pottery and coinage, and tea itself reveal a long and eventful relationship with China. The Ming Kingdom and the Kingdom of Kotte even fought a brief war. Ceylon's position on the maritime Silk Route made it inevitable that our islands liaised with ancient China. It is

from this rich historical context that the Chinese Community of Sri Lanka descends.

Many members of this fascinating community are descendants of various traders and settlers from China who settled in our islands over time immemorial. Many are also descendants from deportees of Dutch colonies, traders, labourers, and businesspeople who settled in the islands of Ceylon from the 17th Century onwards. It is important to note that Sri Lankan Chinese community originated in several diverse parts of the Chinese mainland and were not homogenous.



The Historical Chinese community of Sri Lanka has participated in many roles including textile traders and dental technicians.

Some readers may recognise the prominence of Chinese dental technicians throughout Sri Lanka and particularly around Colombo. Others may remember the Lucky Stores chain established by the historical Chinese Sri Lankan community.

The familiarity of Chinese foods such as chilli pastes, congees, soups, and fried rice are evidence of the lingering contributions of this fascinating community on wider Sri Lankan culture. Then there is the martial art of China-adi, a close relative of Angampora, thought to have originated in martial arts brought over by Chinese monks to Sri Lanka.

As is often the case with most communities in Sri Lanka, the Chinese community has faced significant adversity and racism. This discrimination was institutionalised in the denial of citizenship to the historical Sri Lankan Chinese community until as recently as 2008. The denial of citizenship rendered this historical Sri Lankan community unable to buy land, vote or travel.

Caught in limbo after being rendered stateless by their home country of Sri Lanka, the effort to obtain citizenship was spearheaded by the spirited efforts of prominent members of this community, such as Chwing-Chi Chang. The passage of the act enshrined the discrimination faced by this community in its very name: The "Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Chinese Origin Act".

Some older readers may remember racist rhymes describing as Chinese salesman. Others may be more familiar with the modern term "Cheena" or the hostility to be directed at this community during the initial phase of the COVID pandemic.

So, the next time you wonder why chicken corn soup, chilli paste, fried rice and chop suey seem familiar to you, or when you wonder why one encounters stores with Chinese names in Sri Lanka, take a moment to remember this community that has embraced the islands of Sri Lanka.



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

RMOBAQ Charity Walk 2023

Richmond Mahinda Old Boys Association of Queensland (RMOBAQ) held a very successful charity walk on Sunday morning on 12 March 2023 at Rocks Riverside Park.

It was a 5 km walk. All the money collected contributed to the scholarship program to support needy and educationally talented school kids, especially in the Galle area of our motherland. This is the first charity walk event organised by RMOBAQ and over 50 people participated. A great breakfast and music were shared with all the attending members. RMOBAQ would like to thank all the participants and supporters.



Sarath Manatunga
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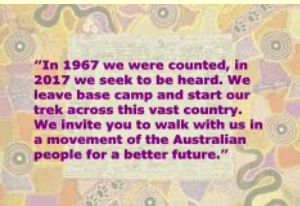
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Referendum on a Voice to Parliament

Australian voters will soon be asked to vote yes/no in a referendum on whether we should have a constitutionally enshrined Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to advise Parliament and the Executive Government on matters relating to Indigenous Australians.

The rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first inhabitants of this land were ignored at federation, when the Australian Constitution mentioned them only to exclude them: stating that the Federal parliament could make laws with respect to



“The people of any race, other than the aboriginal race in any State” (Section 51:26); and regarding the census, that “aboriginal natives should not be counted” (Section 127). This constitutionally enshrined systemic racism was overwhelmingly rejected by Australians at the 1967 referendum.

Indigenous Australians have been advocating to be recognised in the Constitution which now makes no mention of them. They seek more than symbolic words, rather, recognition that can make a tangible difference to their participation in the prosperity enjoyed by most other Australians. Several different formats for recognition have been put forward in the course of discussions about constitutional recognition. The idea for constitutional recognition to enable Indigenous peoples to make recommendations to parliament in respect of laws and policies affecting them, now referred to as the Voice, was first proposed in 2014 by ‘conservative’ constitutional experts involved in the discussions.

For reasons that are complex and multifaceted, Indigenous Australians experience poor life outcomes – lower life expectancy, high unemployment, alcoholism, high rates of incarceration etc. Governments have enacted a succession of policies and programmes in a cycle of purging old initiatives and implementing new ones when outcomes are perceived as not achieved – but with no input from Indigenous people in the design of these initiatives.

The Voice was chosen as the format for constitutional recognition by participants in dialogues that culminated in the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2017. There are dissenting views even among Indigenous people, which is the nature of democracy. Some argue that a Voice that gives advice that parliament is not required to act on, is insufficient to improve Indigenous lives. Those familiar with the logical concept of ‘necessary and sufficient’ may counter that the Voice is necessary even though not sufficient. Others argue that in multicultural Australia, one group should not have special treatment, although most new migrants would recognise that those who lived and cared for this land for tens of thousands of years before British colonisation should have special rights in this land.

The referendum will ask us to vote on a principle that will be written into the Constitution, whether Indigenous people be guaranteed a fair say in laws and policies made about them through the establishment of a representative Voice. Parliament will be responsible for designing the details and enacting them in law. Constitutional recognition will endure, while legislated details can be modified by parliament as and when needed.

Some of the debate is around the lack of detail about the operationalisation of the Voice. The TV reporter Chris O’Keefe has a helpful metaphor: “The government [is] effectively asking Australians ‘do we need a bridge across the Sydney Harbour? Yes or no?’ With the parliament then to decide how many lanes it will have and its design.”

The Voice asks for no sacrifice from Australian voters. It would shatter the hearts of Indigenous people if the referendum votes against it. As people of goodwill, how will we respond?

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Prof. Raj Somadeva Presents History of Sri Lanka

Professor Raj Somadeva, well known Archaeologist from Sri Lanka, provided a glimpse of the history of Sri Lanka at the Sri Lanka Buddhist Monastery, 114, Considine Road, Ellen Grove on 11 and 12 March to a widely appreciative audience.

The presentation on Saturday 11 March was on the undocumented history (pre-history) of Sri Lanka. Tracing the history from the first homo-sapiens and Balangoda Man who is known to have existed 30,000 years ago to the civilisation that existed around 5400 years ago, the audience was left spellbound with the presentation of evidence found after excavation in areas such as Kaltota, Haldummulla and Opanayaka.

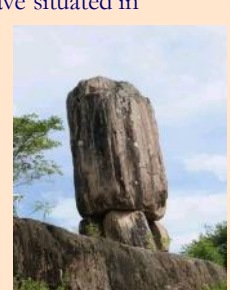


The evidence presented included the evolution of those beings from inefficient hunter gatherers to people who consumed harvested flora material. This transition provided leisure time for the people as collection of flora material for food did not consume as much time as hunting. This leisure made them creators of artefacts that were of high standard. For example heart shaped pendants that were found in excavations were made of quartz with uniform shape and a hole in it indicating that they had the sophisticated tools stronger than quartz.

The presentation also included artefacts such as bird images on rocks in Wellawaya, burial sites in Meemure, earthenware with zero porosity in Wellawaya and many more produced more than 1000 years BC.

On Sunday, the presentation delved further into our history. A “sel lipi” with Brahmi script was found in a cave situated in Tamketiya where the donor describes himself as a Yaksa. The Nagas were depicted with the snake hood behind them to show that they belonged to the Naga clan.

Artifacts found in Ibbankatuwa include a beautiful necklace of beads where some of the beads were imported from India. These date back to the first millennium BC (1000-300 BC), which shows that we were trading internationally at this period.



A megalithic structure which was used as a lighting conductor to save the farmers in the valley below from being struck by lightning. There was also evidence that as far back as 3000 years ago, the ladies used makeup.

What was evident from the lectures was that the people of Sri Lanka discovered advanced methods using natural resources and built structures and were involved with trading with other nations. They were also great craftspeople.

Professor Raj Somadeva is a Senior Professor in Archaeology at the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya in Sri Lanka, and a Senior Fellow of the Sri Lanka Council of Archaeologists.

Professor Somadeva's main field of study is ancient urbanisation in Sri Lanka. He spent six years from 1999 to 2005 in the south and south-eastern part of Sri Lanka to understand the historical development of urbanism in that area which has been described in the national historical chronicles and the lithic inscriptions. During that period he undertook several macro-scale reconnaissance surveys and nine archaeological excavations in the Lower Kirindi Oya basin. The results of the fieldwork were presented to his doctoral degree at Uppsala University as his thesis, The Origins of Urbanism in Southern Sri Lanka.

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ඔබ දන්නා, අපි නොදන්න, නිරය 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 ගැනෙන, ඒ කාටවත් උපහාසයක්, අපහාසයක් නොවන විධියට, අපි ලියමු.



ලොවම හඬවන ඡායාරූප

ලිඛිත සාහිත්‍යය, ඒ කියන්නේ ගද්‍යය, පද්‍යය මාධ්‍යය වගේම නාන්‍යය, රංගනය, සංගීතය, සිනමා මාධ්‍යය යන මේ සියළු කලා මාධ්‍යයන්ට වඩා, චිත්‍රය/සිතුවම් මාධ්‍යය මගින් ඉතා ඉක්මණින්, මිනිස් හදවතට දැනෙන්නට සංවේදීව ආමන්ත්‍රණය කළ හැකි බව, එවන් ලෝක ප්‍රසිද්ධ සිතුවමක් ගැන පසුගිය දිනෙක අපි කතා වුණා ඔබට මතක ඇති. ඉතින්, පුරාතන ඉතිහාසයේ සිට පැවත ආ මෙම කලා මාධ්‍යයන්ට අළුතින් එකතු වූ මාධ්‍යයක් තමයි, ඡායාරූප කලාව. ඡායාරූප කලාව තුළින් ලොව බිහිවුණු, ඉතා සංවේදී, ලෝක ප්‍රසිද්ධ ඡායාරූප තුනක් ගැන විස්තර බෙදා හදා ගන්නට තමයි අද රසකතා කොලම වෙන්වන්නේ.

1. ඉන් පළමුවැන්න, 'The Vulture and the Little Girl' නැතිනම් 'The Struggling Girl' නමින්, ලෝක ප්‍රසිද්ධ ඡායාරූපය, දකුණු අප්‍රිකානු පුවත්පත් ඡායාරූප ශිල්පී (Photo Journalist) Kevin Carter විසින් තම කැමරා කාවයට හසු කරගත්තකි.

1993 මාර්තු මාසයේදී Kevin Carter සුඩානයේ සංචාරයක් කළේය. Ayod ගම්මානය අසලදී Carter විසින් එක්සත් ජාතීන්ගේ ආහාර මධ්‍යස්ථානයක් වෙත ගමන් කරමින් සිටි, ඒ අතරතුර විවේක ගැනීමට මදක් නැවතී සිටි ගැහැණු ළමයෙකු, සහ ඒ අසල සැරිසරණ ගිජුලිභිණියෙකු දුටුවේය.



The vulture and the little girl

කැරුල්ලාට බාධා නොකිරීමට වග බලා ගත් ඔහු, ගිජුලිභිණියා ප්‍රමාණවත් තරම් ළං වන තෙක් බලා සිටි, හැකි හොඳම ඡායාරූප සඳහා ස්ථානගතවූ පසුව ගිජුලිභිණියා එළවා දැමීය. ඡායාරූප මාධ්‍ය ඉතිහාසයේ වඩාත්ම මනඟේදාත්මක ඡායාරූප වලින් එකක් විය හැකි ඡායාරූපයක්, තමා විසින් ඒ මොහොතේ රූගත කර ඇති බව Carter හිනෙකින් වත් නොසිතීය.

මෙම ඡායාරූපය 1993 මාර්තු 26 වැනි දින 'New York Times' හි ප්‍රථම වරට පළ වූ විට, සියදහස් ගණනක් ඇමතුම් ගලා ආයේ මෙම දරුවා දිවි ගලවා ගත්තේදැයි විමසමිනි. ඒ අතරම, ඡායාරූපයක් ගැනීමට පමණක් ඇයව යොදාගත්තේ, දැරියට උදව් නොකළේ යැයි චෝදනාවද එල්ල විය. මෙම ඡායාරූපය සඳහා, 1994දී විශේෂාංග ඡායාරූපකරණය සඳහා වූ Pulitzer සම්මානය Kevin Carter වෙත හිමි විය.

2. දෙවන ඡායාරූපය, 'Terror of War' නැතිනම් 'Napalm Girl' ලෙසින් නම් කෙරෙන මෙම ඡායාරූපය, වියට්නාම/ඇමරිකානු ඡායාරූප මාධ්‍යවේදියෙකු වන Nick Ut විසින් තම කැමරා කාවයට හසු කරගන්නේ, 1972 දී වියට්නාමයේ පැවති යුධ පසුබිමකදීය. The Associated Press (AP) in Vietnam සඳහා සේවය කළ Nick 1972 ජූනි මාසයේ මුලදී, වියට්නාමයේ පැවැති ඇමෙරිකානු සම්බන්ධයක් ඇති සිවිල් යුද්ධය පිළිබඳ වාර්තා කිරීමට Trang Bang නගරයට පැමිණියේ, ඔහු අවතැන්වී සිටින සරණාගතයින් සහ ගුවන් යානා බෝම්බ හෙළන අයුරු ඡායාරූප ගත කළේය.

උතුරු වියට්නාමයට හෙළන ලද නැපල් බෝම්බයක් (napalm bomb) වැරදීමකින් Trang Bang නගරයේ ගම් වැසියන් ආරක්ෂාවට සැහවී සිටි පන්සලකට පතිතවූ අතර, බියට පත් වූ දරුවන්, වැඩිහිටියන්

පිලිස්සුණු තුවාල සහිතව සී සී කඩ දිව යන අයුරු Nick තම කැමරා ඇසින් දුටුවේය. ඔවුන් අතර සිටි නිරුවත් ගැහැණු ළමයෙකු දුවමින් අඬන අයුරු, ඇගේ සම ගැලවී යනු දුටු ඔහු කැමරාව බිම තබා දැරියට වතුර ගෙන ගියේය. ඔහු ඇයව වඩාගෙන තම මෝටර් රථයට නංවාගෙන, ඇය සහ අනෙකුත් දරුවන් රෝහලට ගෙන ගියේය. තම සිරුරෙන් සැලකිය යුතු ප්‍රමාණයක්, තුන්වන මට්ටමේ පිලිස්සුම් තුවාල වලට



The Terror of War

ලක්ව, ඉතා අසාද්‍ය තත්වයේ සිටි අවුරුදු 9 ක් පමණ වූ එම දැරිය, Phan Thi Kim Phuc නමුදු දැරිය, පසුව Nick විසින් ඇමරිකානු රෝහලකට මාරු කිරීමට උදව් කළ අතර, එහිදී ඇයගේ ජීවිතය බේරා ගැනීමට ඔවුන්ට හැකි විය. පුවත්පත්වල පළ වූ, ප්‍රසිද්ධියට පත්වූ මෙම ඡායාරූපය මගින්, යුධබිමේ ඇති ප්‍රචණ්ඩකාරී කම්පනය, හය හතර නොදත් අවිහිංසක දරුවන් කෙරේ බලපාන ආකාරය පැහැදිලි කළ අතර එය වියට්නාම යුද්ධය අවසන් කරන්නට විශාල ලෙසින් බලපෑමක් ඇති කරලන්නට සමත් විය. Nick Ut ගේ 'Terror of War' මෙම ඡායාරූපය 1973 Pulitzer සම්මානය හිමි කර ගත්තේය.

3. තෙවන ඡායාරූපය, මෙම ළමා වයලීන වාදකයා, එවකට 12 හැවිරිදි බ්‍රසීලියානු පිරිමි ළමයෙකු වූ Diego Frazao Torquato වයලීනය වාදනය කරමින් හඬා වැටෙන ඡායාරූපය, 'Sensitive photo of recent history' නමින් වර්ගීකරණය කර ඇත. මෙම ඡායාරූපය ගනු ලැබුවේ, Diego උපන් Rio de Janeiro නගරයේ Parada de Lucas මුඩුක්කු ගම්මානයේ මුල් බැස ගත් දරිද්‍රතාවයේ සහ අපරාධමය පරිසරයෙන් ඔහුව මුදවා ගත්, ඔහුගේ සංගීත ගුරුවරයාගේ අවමංගලය උත්සවයේදී වයලීනය වාදනය කරමින් සිටියදීය. Diegoගේ ගුරුවරයා වූ Evandro João Silva ව 2009 ඔක්තෝබර් 18 දින වීම් අපරාධකරුවන් විසින් ඔහුගේ මුදල් පසුම්බිය මංකොල්ල කැමට ගත් උත්සාහයේදී, ඊට විරෝධය දක්වද්දී වෙඩි තබා මරා දමන ලදී.



Sensitive photo of recent history

වෘත්තීය පුවත්පත් ඡායාරූප ශිල්පී Marcos Tristao විසින් කාවයේ සටහන් කළ මෙම ඡායාරූපය බ්‍රසීලයේ දිනපතා පුවත්පතක 'මෑත ඉතිහාසයේ සංවේදී ඡායාරූපය' යන මාතෘකාව යටතේ ප්‍රකාශයට පත් වූන අතර එය දින කිහිපයකින් ලොව පුරා ප්‍රසිද්ධ විය.

මෙම ඡායාරූපය, මනුෂ්‍යත්වය, ගුරුවෘත්තීය හා සමාජ අසාධාරණත්වය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රබල සංකේතයකි.

Diego බ්‍රසීලයේ ප්‍රමුඛතම TV Globo's Year – End Concert වෙත සම්බන්ධවීමට හැකිවූවද, තම ගුරුවරයාගේ අභාවයත් සමඟ මේ වාසනාව වැඩි කල් නොපැවතිනි. 2010 පෙබරවාරි මාසයේ ඔහු රෝහල් ගත කළ අතර, රෝහලේ ගත කළ පළමු දින කිහිපය තුළ ඉදහිට වයලීනය වාදනය කරමින් වාට්ටුවේ සිටින අනෙකුත් රෝගීන් සතුටු කිරීමට උත්සාහ කළ Diego Frazao Torquato, 2010 අප්‍රේල් 1 වෙනිදා සඳහටම නෙත් පියාගන්නේ, තමා කුඩා කාලයේ සිට පෙළඹු ලියුකිමියා රෝගය උත්සන්නවීමෙනි.

සමන්මල් ගුණරත්න
මෙම සටහන ප්‍රසිද්ධ පුවත්පත්, අන්තර්ජාලය තුළින් ලබා ගත් ලිපි ඇසුරින් නිමවූ බව කරුණාවෙන් සළකන්න

2023 සිංහල අවුරුදු නැකැත් වාරිත්‍ර

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Sinhala Association of Queensland Inc

Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations in Gold Coast - 2023

Organized by GCSLA

30th April 2023 (Sunday) - 8.00am

Southport Labrador Cricket Club, 109 Allied Arundel QLD 4214

All are welcome !

ROYAL - S.THOMAS' - ST. PETER'S - ST. JOSEPH'S

Welcome All

QUAD CRICKET ORIGINATORS ARE BACK

QUAD 2023

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Sunday 2nd April 2023
at D.M Henderson Park,
434 McCullough St,
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Event starts at 9.00am

Family - Friends - Fun - Food - Music - Cricket Event.....

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Please contact us for more information around event and sponsorship opportunities
0421 697 324 | 0433 191 948

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BATTLE OF THE MAROONS 2023

01 April 2023 | 9 am
Wolston Park Centenary Cricket Club
Orford Dr, Wacol QLD 4076

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ARUNELLA - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am

SANDELLA - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm

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13th | May 2023 | 6.30pm

Moreton Bay College (Music Center)
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Online tickets: Auslankatickets.com

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Whites Hill Reserve Cricket Ground
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Date: 22nd & 23rd April 2023
Action starts at 8am

Old Boys School and Open Teams:
Prize Money for Winner and Runner-up
Trophies for the Man of the Match, Best Batsman and Best Bowler in the Final Play off

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TECHNICAL PRESENTATION EVENT

Submit your abstract before **07 April 2023**

"The best research engineer awards will be bestowed upon individuals who demonstrate outstanding examples of innovation through engineering research and application"

DATE MAY 25 2023	VENUE ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA AUDITORIUM LEVEL 9, 540 ADELAIDE STREET, BRISBANE QLD 4000	This is an event where research engineers will be recognised and rewarded for their outstanding innovations.
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EVENT STRUCTURE

If you are a PhD student or a PhD recipient after 2021, a practicing engineer with a research and development role or have implemented innovative solutions for challenging situations in applied engineering projects within the last three years you are eligible to apply for this award. Please email your abstract with less than 400 words to info@ieslqld.org. Your abstract has to effectively present your innovation, which can be related to any engineering discipline, and demonstrate the potential applications of it.

Eight abstracts will be selected and their authors will be invited to present their work on the day. The presentation duration shall be 10 minutes maximum. The best research engineer of the year will be selected from the presentations by a qualified panel of academic and industry engineers. There will also be 1st and 2nd runner-up awards. More information is provided in the event information pack prepared for prospective presenters, which can be found at www.ieslqld.org.

The winners will be announced and presented with awards at the "Engineers' Nite", social event organised by the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL) Queensland Chapter on 27 May 2023 at Unidus Community and Conference Centre, 204, Sherbrooke Road, Willawong, QLD 4110.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY AURECON AND PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE IESL QUEENSLAND CHAPTER

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Admission to the event is free and this is considered a CPD claimable event for the IESL and Engineers Australia members. Delegates should check their individual scheme requirements.

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The Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka
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ENGINEERS' NITE

27th May 2023
(From 6.00PM to 11.30PM)
Unidus Community and Conference Centre
(204, Sherbrooke Road, Willawong, QLD 4110)

Music: **SOLOZ**
Catering: **Thilani Catering, Brisbane**

*A fun-filled and entertaining night for Engineers.
First ever to be staged in Brisbane.
Kids entertainment: Face painting | Magic Show
Pre-dinner drinks (soft and hard) and canapés will be served. No BYO.
Queensland's Best Research Engineers will be announced and awarded at the event.*

Dress: Formal

Tickets:
Adult \$75
Students (University and School) \$50
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ADULT: \$30
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Monthly News Digest: March 2023

02	The Future is female?	https://island.lk/the-future-is-female/
02	Failure to prevent Easter Sunday attacks: Maithri's appeal dismissed with cost	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Failure-to-prevent-Easter-Sunday-attacks-Maithris-appeal-dismissed-with-cost/108-255064
02	President Ranil Wickremasinghe released from 108 lawsuits	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/President-Ranil-Wickremasinghe-released-from-108-lawsuits/108-255063
03	Sri Lanka President opens electric vehicle assembly plant	https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-president-opens-electric-vehicle-assembly-plant-113928/
03	Vega EVX: South Asia's first fully electric supercar approved in Sri Lanka	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/88804/vega-evx-south-asias-first-fully-electric-supercar-approved-in-sri-lanka
04	SLPP decides to sack Prof. G. L. Peiris	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/SLPP-decides-to-sack-Prof-G-L-Peiris/108-255252
07	Rupee strengthens further against US dollar	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Rupee-strengthens-further-against-US-dollar/108-255379
11	Activist Ranitha Gnanarajah wins US State Department IWOC award	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Activist-Ranitha-Gnanarajah-wins-US-State-Department-IWOC-award/44-746202
11	SL in need of institutional reforms to achieve long-term debt sustainability: Prof. Hanke	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top_story/SL-in-need-of-institutional-reforms-to-achieve-long-term-debt-sustainability-Prof-Hanke/155-255642
12	No sense in maintaining 'cents', so out they may go	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230312/news/no-sense-in-maintaining-cents-so-out-they-may-go-514579.html
13	Trains on Main Line delayed due to derailment	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89025/trains-on-main-line-delayed-due-to-derailment
14	Banks lift overseas spending limits imposed on credit cards as dollar liquidity improves	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Banks-lift-overseas-spending-limits-imposed-on-credit-cards-as-dollar-liquidity-improves/108-255776
13	Psychoanalysis examination for Varsity students	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Psychoanalysis-examination-for-Varsity-students/108-255753
16	2022 suffers worst ever economic contraction of 7.8%	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/2022-suffers-worst-ever-economic-contraction-of-7-8/26-746398
17	Lankan scientist behind discovery of superconducting material that could bring total revolution in energy, electronics	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Lankan-scientist-behind-discovery-of-superconducting-material-that-could-bring-total-revolution-in-energy-electronics/44-746437
17	Education Ministry's Teacher Transfer Board dissolved	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89135/education-ministrys-teacher-transfer-board-dissolved
18	Economy's contraction persists in new year	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Economy-s-contraction-persists-in-new-year/26-746481
18	Over 1.1 million Sri Lankans left country in 2022	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/rdXaOyuuM3c1H8PmyFLj
21	IMF injects lifeline for Sri Lanka	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/IMF-delivers-lifeline-for-Sri-Lanka/26-746574
21	Cabinet approval for divestment of govt's stake in SLT and Lanka Hospitals	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89202/cabinet-approval-for-divestment-of-goivs-stake-in-slt-and-lanka-hospitals
24	Sri Lanka to divest 7 SOEs including SLT, SLIC, SriLankan and Litro Gas	https://www.dailymirror.lk/business/Sri-Lanka-to-divest-7-SOEs-including-SLT-SLIC-SriLankan-and-Litro-Gas/215-256444
26	Lanka reaches new heights with first-ever heart-lung transplant	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230326/news/lanka-reaches-new-heights-with-first-ever-heart-lung-transplant-515706.html
29	Tourist arrivals top 100,000 in March marking historic hat-trick post-2019	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Tourist-arrivals-top-100-000-in-March-marking-historic-hat-trick-post-2019/26-746856
30	Activity Based oral English program for Grade 1 launched	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Activity-based-oral-English-programme-for-Grade-1-launched/108-256852
31	Colombo inflation eases to 50.3% in March 2023	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89484/colombo-inflation-eases-to-50-3-in-march-2023

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

April 2023

01	Battle of the Maroons: Ananda Nalanda Big Match	OAAQ and Nalanda OBA
02	Quad 2023 Cricket Family Event - Royal, S.Thomas, St, Peters, St. Joseph's	Old Boys Associations
15	New Year Blessing including Anointing Oil (Hisa Thel gama)	Goodna Temple
16	Bak Maha Ulela: Sinhala & Tamil	Sinhala Asso.of Qld
22,	Carnival of Cricket	Sri Lanka Sports Association
23	Movie: Sinhabahu	IESL Qld Chapter
28-1	Annual Camp	Silver Fawn Club
30	Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations	Gold Coast Sri Lankans

May 2023

06	Vesak Festival - Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
06	Vesak Festival: Special Sermon, Bhakthi Gee and Lantern Display	Forest Lake Temple
13	TM Jayaratne Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
25	Best Research Engineer Competition	IESL Qld Chapter
27	Engineers Nite	IESL Qld Chapter

June 2023

03	Misty's Dinner Dance	SL Ex Servicemen's Association
10	Vesak Celebrations at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
17	BNS Concert	Aradhana Ent.
18	Anniversary Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
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July 2023

22	Ranwala Balakaya	Sathsara Entertain.
22	Our Lady Madhu Feast	Sri Lankan Catholics

August 2023

26	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
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September 2023

23	Hollywood Night Dance	Silver Fawn Club
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October 2023

07	Chamara Weerasinghe Concert	Sathsara Entertain
8&9	Annual Katina Ceremony & Dana	Forest Lake Temple
14	Rukantha+ Chandraleka with Daddy	Yes Entertainment
25	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
22,23	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting &	Goodna Temple

November 2023

07	Melbourne Cup Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
11	Amal and Niroscha Concert	Sathsara Entertain

December 2023

09	Christmas Celebration	Silver Fawn Club
10	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple

January 2024

27	Paduru Sajje	SPUR Qld
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February 2024

04	Picnic/ Car Rally	Silver Fawn Club
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March 2024

09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
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Multicultural Brisbane

QA GOMA: North by North West



'North by North-West' presents recent acquisitions and old favourites from the Gallery's Indigenous Australian art collection, highlighting unique visual threads and continuities that traverse the top half of the continent.

Queensland Museum: Dinosaur Discovery



Both children and adults can get up close and personal with 20 animated, life-size dinosaur models in the return of Dinosaur Discovery: Lost Creatures of the Cretaceous.

Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
02 Apr	Ananda & Nayana Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga
09 Apr	Darshika Kogalahewa & Derrick Fernando/ Dhanushka Bandara
16 Apr	Avurudu Program, Kumarasinghe Dissanayake & Thisara Pathirennelagela/ Sandun de Silva and Janaka Weerasinghe
23 Apr	Anuradha Himaya/ Sameera Samarasinghe
30 Apr	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
07 May	Sugee Kannangara/ Wimal Kannangara

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
05 Apr	"Yovun Sandella" / Dhanushka Bandara, Sameera Samarasinghe
12 Apr	Prema Weerawardena and Team/ Niraj Kariyawasam
19 Apr	Thisara Pathirennelagela & Kanchana Liyanapathirana / Thisara Pathirennelagela
26 Apr	Kumarasinghe Dissanayake and Samanola Wijayarathna / Sandun de Silva
03 May	"Yovun Sandella" / Kasun Karunaratne

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