



Vesak Reflections

‘Vesak’, the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is a sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world. It was on such a day some 2600 years ago that Prince Siddhartha was born. It was also on such a day some 35 years later that Ascetic Siddhartha attained Enlightenment as Gautama Buddha.

Gautama Buddha, spent the next 45 years showing the path to ending the un-ending cycle birth – decay – death (Samsara), a teaching, that today, continues to guide over 400 million people worldwide.

In Sri Lanka, Vesak is celebrated by religious ceremonies and decorative edifices constructed to depict the various milestones of Prince Siddhartha, Ascetic Siddhartha and Gautama Buddha.

It is said that Ascetic Siddhartha spent much time in solitude, deep in meditation reflecting upon the way out of the cycle of Samsara. In contrast, today, we see a world in which random and inconsequential information inundates us, via so called ‘smart’ devices. How then, do we avoid external distractions and be mindful? (Sathi). How do we find the solitude and time to reflect on ourselves, to look inwards and see truly who we are?



In a world which is increasingly driven by an insatiable thirst for wealth and sense pleasure, Gautama Buddha’s first sermon, the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta provides us a middle path. A path that offers the opportunity to seek happiness (Sukha) that is independent of and un-attached to the

material world. That path has at its heart the Four Noble Truths.

The instant and unconsidered communication via social media has created the perfect echo chamber of our own ignorance (Avijja). Alternatively, social media has given rise to diminished self-esteem driven by comparison to perceived perfection of others, both outcomes entrenching the view of self (sakkāya-diṭṭhi) .

Thus, we are perhaps unwittingly being pulled away from the realisation of seeing the true nature of things.

Perhaps, on this Vesak day, we can contemplate setting up some guardrails, to protect ourselves from the inundation of wrong views and influences (Mithya Drushti), to give ourselves some time and space in which we can seek the Right View (Samma-Dhitthi) - the first step of the Noble Eightfold path.

Gautama Buddha, after over four decades of unsurpassed guidance away from the unsatisfactory nature of existence addressed the monks once more: (Mahaparinibbana-sutta) "Behold, O monks, this is my last advice to you. All component things in the world are changeable. They are not lasting.

This message uttered in the month of May 543 BC on a full-moon day, known as “Vesak”.

Mahinda Gunewardena

Sandella Completes 25 Years

Sandella Radio Program of the Sri Lankan Group of Radio 4EB completes 25 years on 26 May 2023.



Driven by the desire to include youth in radio programming, the then committee of the Sri Lankan group sought the approval of the 4EB management for an extra programming slot. After a couple of unsuccessful attempts, Radio 4EB Board approved the extra time slot of 10 pm to 11 pm on Tuesday for the Sri Lankan Group. The first Sandella program went on air on 26 May 1998.

The first couple of programs were presented jointly by the existing programmers and panel operators. Then a schedule was prepared giving mainly the existing programmers the opportunity to present at least one program before introducing the newcomers to take over. Over the next few months over 50 voices would have been heard on Sandella, many of them in the 15-35 year range.

Soon, Sandella became a platform for the youth to get introduced to radio and try out new things indeed. Over the months that followed, a program called “Kangaroo Deshaye Sita” was broadcast from the studios of Radio 4EB on Sandella and aired in Sri Lanka through a collaboration with Hiru FM.

Three cheers to the youth.

Courtesy: Convenors Report 1998/99

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Bak Maha Ulela - 2023

"The Sinhala Association of Queensland (SAQ) held traditional Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebration – 2023 (Bak Maha Ulela) on Sunday 16 April 2023 at Mount Crosby Sports Grounds which was attended by more than 1200 people.

Management committee of the SAQ started this event by the lighting of the oil lamp and boiling milk the traditional way using a brand-new



clay pot as a symbol of prosperity. The overflowing of the boiling milk is considered to bring good luck for the entire Sri Lankan community. Thereafter, the traditional milk rice and variety of traditional sweetmeats were served to all attendees symbolising unity amongst all with no boundaries.

Anointing heads with oil is another ritual that is not missed by Sri Lankans. A blend of herbs and oils was anointment by the senior Members of the SAQ to both young and not to young.

After these celebrations, traditional Avurudu games commenced. Some of these games included marathon running, placing the eye on the elephant - (aliyata asa thabeema), eating buns the fastest (banis



kema), pillow-fight – (kotta pora), egg passing, breaking the pots – (Kanamutti bindeema), sack race, fancy race and so on! A very high participation for the events showed the enthusiasm among attendees, especially the kids and younger age groups. SAQ would like to thank all volunteers

who helped to organise and conduct these sporting activities in a timely manner.

This year, a high number of invited guests attended the festival, and their presence made it more special and we are grateful for their attendance. The invited guests included Hon Milton Dick, MP, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, Hon Shayne Neumann, MP Member for Blair, Hon Charis Mullen, MP, State Member for Jordan, Hon Jessica Pugh, MP, State Member for Mount Ommaney, Hon James Madden, MP, State Member for Ipswich West,

What's on in Brisbane

Some selected events:

May 5 6:30 to 8:30 pm Brisbane Comedy Festival
The Tivoli, 52 Costing Street, Fortitude Valley



Dilruk Jayasinghe "Heart Stopper" is an apt title for Dilruk Jayasinha's new show, given that last year, one of his arteries tried to hit the breaks on his heart.

May 6 - 21 Brisbane Street Art Festival

Get ready to look up — a huge citywide street art festival is taking over the city

Hon James Martin, MP, State Member for Stretton, Cr. Greg Adermann, Councillor for Pullenvale Ward and Anton Swan, Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland.



SAQ was able to provide free lunch and dessert for all attendees with the help of well wishers who provided all delicious dishes. Special thanks to food committee who helped us to organise a smooth service on the day.

With the help of volunteers, sponsors, Brisbane City Council and Mount Crosby Cricket Club, SAQ was able to present the venue more attractive by installing more than 20 stalls and beautiful stages and providing live music. It was a good opportunity for sponsors to showcase their business among Sri Lankan community while the event became more colourful with their presence.

Thank you all sponsors whose support made the event a success.

SAQ would like to thank all volunteers who helped us in numerous ways to help make this event successful.

Finally, Sri Lankan community has been a part of our story since the beginning and needed your presence when we celebrate Sinhala and Tamil New Year. SAQ appreciates that you were a part of our celebration and thank you for your attendance and participation.

Ruwan de Silva

President, Sinhala Association of Queensland

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Sri Lankan Paralympians Excel in Brisbane

As the President of SLSAQ (Sri Lanka Sports Association of Queensland), I am pleased to share that we had the honour of hosting and supporting three participants and Coach of the Sri Lankan Paralympic team during their visit to Brisbane, Australia to participate in the Australian Open Para Athletics Championships 2023, held at Queensland Sport and Athletics centre Nathan.

With the generous support of our member associations and the local community, we organized a successful fundraising campaign to provide accommodation and food for the Sri Lankan Paralympic team during their stay in Queensland. The response from the community was overwhelming, and we are grateful for their support in making this endeavour a success.

The Sri Lankan Paralympic team individual achievements:
Dinesh Priyantha:

- F46 – Javelin Throw; Paralympic Gold Medal and New World Record 2021 Tokyo, Achievement 67.79 meters
- F46 - Australian Open Para Athletics Championships 2023, Gold Medal.

Samitha Dulan

- F44 - Javelin Throw Paralympic Bronze Medal. Tokyo 2021
- F44 - Javelin Throw Australian Open Championships 2023, Silver Medal

Palitha Bandara

- F42 -Shot put Throw Silver Medal – Asian Games 2018- Indonesia
- Silver Medal Discus Throw Commonwealth Games at Birmingham 2022.
- Shot Put, Australian Open Paralympic 2023, Fifth place

Coach: Pradeep Nishantha for Dinesh Priyantha and Samitha Dulan.

Coach: Prabath Danushka Perera for Palitha Bandara.

We believe that inclusivity and support for athletes with disabilities are essential in promoting diversity and equality in sports. The opportunity to host and support the Sri Lankan Paralympic team was a testament to our commitment to these values, and we are grateful to everyone who contributed to the fundraising campaign and made this initiative possible.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the member associations, community members, and individuals who supported our fundraising efforts and made a positive impact on the Sri Lankan Paralympic team's visit to Brisbane, Australia. It is through such collective efforts that we can foster a more inclusive and supportive sports community for all athletes, including those with disabilities. Thank you for your support!



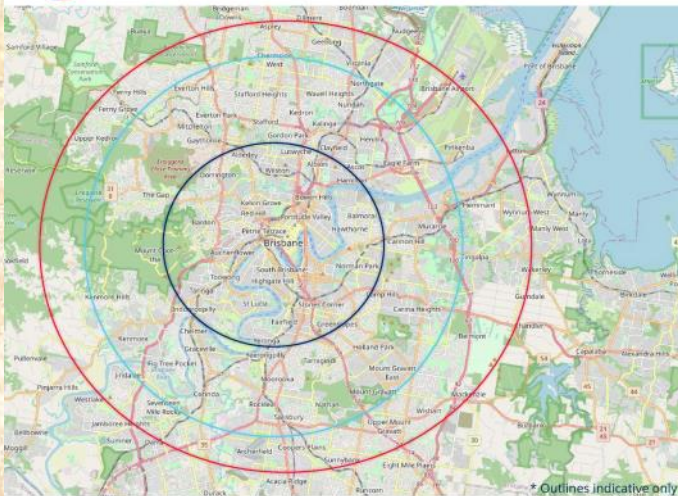
It's wonderful to hear that the team was treated to a tour of the Gold Coast, shopping, and received cash and personal gifts for their families. Anula Costa expressed gratitude on behalf of the Sri Lanka para team to Hon Consul Mr. Anton Swan and SLSAQ President Sunil Gooneratne for their support in looking after the team's needs. It's heartening to know that the community stepped up and did a great job in ensuring the team's well-being. It's also commendable that Mr. Anton Swan hosted a dinner for the para team at his residence, showcasing their achievements and providing a special gesture of appreciation.

Finally, the President of SLSAQ, farewelled Good-Bye to the Para Team at the Brisbane International airport.

Sunil Gooneratne



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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

DAMBULLA

Dambulla is among the famous places in Sri Lanka, 146 km away from the capital city Colombo and located in the Central Province, 72 km north of Kandy. It is popular among the Buddhist pilgrims. The key thing that comes to our mind with the mention of Dambulla is the famous Dambulla Cave, which is supposed to be a unique cave housing a pagoda and a large number of Buddha statues.



This cave dates back to the time of King Walagambahu.

This cave was turned to a great place of worship by King Walagambahu. It is amazing how he had the vision to build a temple in the cave to last this long to remember him. Even to this date, Sri Lanka receives a substantial income from tourists visiting this place in large numbers. It is appropriate to mention here of the water drop falling from the cave rock roof nonstop from the time the cave was found. This water drop is collected in a pot and used for religious ceremonies of the temple.



Dambulla is seen from the famous rock fortress Sigiriya. They must be talking to each other in a language that we yet do not know. Most of the tourists going to the key tourist attraction Sigiriya come to see the Dambulla cave temple as well.

Anyone would tend to link the name “Dambulla” to King Walagambahu. But it is not so. Before it turned out to be a temple cave, the jungle around it was full of “DAMBA TREES”. Damba is a wild tiny fruit the birds feed on. At that time, people have called it “DAMBAGAS LENA”. After King Walagambahu made the cave a temple, people who were surprised of the water drop moving upward and dripping down began to call the place “DAMBAULLA” mixing the two names “Damba” and “Ulpotha” (spring). Over time “Dambaulla” turned to be called “Dambulla”.

Dr. Nimal Sedera

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



ANZAC and the Sri Lankan Warriors

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



From L to R: Hirantha Ranasinghe (SLN), Uditha Liyanage (SLA), Viraj Lokupitiya (SLA), Kanaji Wijesekera (SLA), Maj. Gen.Milinda Peris (SLA - Presently serving as the vice Chancellor of the in KDU in Sri Lanka), Ranjith Gunasekera (Retd SSP-SLP), Kelum Udagepola (SLN), Col Rick Maher (President RSL), Palitha Satharasinghe (SLAF) , Jayantha Pathirikorale (SLAF) and

Dr. Kalum Udagepola

Secretary, Sri Lanka Ex-Servicemen Association of Queensland



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Raigam Tele'es Awards

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Category	Person	Tele-drama
Best Actor	Jagath Chamila	Manikkawatha
Best Actress	Umali Thilakaratne Volga Kalpana	Pithru Manikkawatha
Best Director	Ananda Abeynayake	Pithru
Best Supporting Actor	Mayura Perera	Manikkawatha
Best Supporting Actress	Nayomi Thakshila	Adungira
Best Singer	Sashika Nisansala	
Best Teledrama		Manikkawatha
Most Popular Actor	Uddika Premaratne	Paradige
Most Popular Actress	Dusheni De Silva	Paradige
Most Popular Teledrama		Paradige

For full details please see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47nkDhF7buU&t=63s>

My Mother

My mom was like a flower in our garden, beautiful and full of life. Her presence brought colour to our lives and joy to our hearts.!!

Just like a flower needs sunlight, water, and nutrients to grow, my mom needed love, care, and attention to flourish. She was always there, nurturing us with her warmth, guidance, and support.!!

She was like a rose, delicate yet strong, with thorns that could prick but never harm. She would protect us from any danger, shield us from any storm.!!

As we grew older, her petals started to wilt, and her stem began to bend. Her leaves started to fall, and her fragrance began to fade. But her love remained as strong as ever, even in her weakened state.!!

We knew that it was our turn to care for her, to nourish her with our love and support. And just like a flower that blooms again after a season of rest, my mom would rise again, refreshed and renewed.!!

Mom may have been like a flower, but she was so much more than that. She was our rock, our beacon of hope, our source of inspiration. And even when she is no longer with us, her memory will forever bloom in our hearts.



Nemi de Silva

Nemi De Silva is Year 9 student at Brisbane State High School. She is interested in writing, debating, music theatre and drama.

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Multiculturalism, Ceylon and World War 2

With ANZAC day celebrations in April, we have focused on Ceylon's role in World War 2 as it is a topic that is not discussed frequently. From the Easter Sunday Raids to the soldiers fighting on various fronts, from Prisoners of War to the pilots who flew to defend Ceylon, Ceylonese people have prominently featured during World War 2 to defend the islands.

Amée Jonklaas was a female Ceylonese Pilot who helped the war effort by flying and transporting warplanes at a time when very few women outside the USSR were allowed to fly planes. A war widow, she flew and transported planes all over the British isles during her time in the RAF.



A Bristol Blenheim Mark IV of No. 11 Squadron RAF, takes off from Racecourse airfield, Colombo, Ceylon. (Dickson (S/L), Royal Air Force official photographer, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons)

Leonard Burchall, the Canadian pilot who was patrolling the waters off the coast of Ceylon in 1942, on return spotted a vast Japanese Fleet approaching Ceylon. Despite the risk to his life he held out in the air long enough to radio Ceylon informing them of the impending Japanese invasion. Shot down and strafed by bullets which killed his comrades, he survived horrendous conditions as a prisoner of war. However, it was his forewarning that provided Ceylon the time necessary to prepare its defences, doubtlessly saving many lives when the Japanese bombing raids ensued on Easter Sunday. He

later served as an election observer in Sri Lanka in 1994 and is often known as the "Saviour of Ceylon".

Imperial Japan which had invaded unimpeded up to Burma was repelled in Ceylon during the famous Battle of Ceylon on Easter 1942 which is a story unto itself. This pivotal moment in the war is largely ignored in Sri Lankan history.

The Malay community, prominently and proudly represented in the Ceylonese Fire Brigade, was integral in the protection of Colombo during the bombing raids. It was their tireless efforts building fire-breaks and firefighting that prevented fires from burning down Colombo altogether. Many Ceylonese Malays also served as soldiers throughout Ceylonese history.

The RAF pilots of Ceylon, such as centenarian Chelliah Kanagasabapathy, was one of the first Ceylonese to fly missions on the Western Front, bombing German Submarines. Rex de Silva flew bombing escort missions on the Western Front, a deadly and dangerous role during World War 2.

These individuals were from a range of cultural, religious, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds and the thread connecting them was their willingness to join the war effort in defence of Ceylon.

Some readers may remember bomb shelters, some of which remain to this day scattered around the island. Others may remember stories about Japan Jabara or hiding lamps at night for fear of bombing raids.

Sri Lankan history is full of stories describing the activities on the island during WWII, which have been sadly ignored due to the many political narratives. It is to the detriment of the younger generation that these stories have disappeared from the public consciousness, further alienating the youth who often have no reference for Sri Lanka's place in global historic events.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

Carnival of Cricket 2023

The Carnival of Cricket 2023, event was a huge success with a total of 12 teams participating, including cricket clubs, making it an exciting and competitive tournament.

We were honoured to have Cr Angela Owen as Chief Guest and our own Hon Consul Mr. Anton Swan as Guest of Honour for the ceremony.

Furthermore, we had our food truck Café 299, catering for players & visitors.

Sri Sumangala was declared as winners for the school trophy for the 3rd time.



The Winning Team: Sri Sumangala College

Winner Schools: Sri Sumangala - 105 / 4 – 7 overs-won by 21 runs.

Runner up Schools: Ananda – 84 / 3 – 7 overs

Winner Clubs: Vikings – 66 / 3 – 6.5 overs – won by 1 run

Runner up Clubs: Wolf Pack – 65 / 5 – 7 overs

Schools:

Best Bat : Nalin De Silva - Sri Sumangala

Best Bowler: Dilruwan Perera - Sri Sumangala

Best Fielder : Vidu Jagoda Arachchi - Ananda

Clubs:

Best Batsman: Marlon Kavinda - Vikings

Best Bowler: Geeth Fernando – Wolf Pack

Best Fielder: Saveen Nanayakkara - Vikings

Sunil Gooneratne

President Sri Lanka Sports Association

Botanica: Contemporary Art Outside



Botanica: Contemporary Art Outside is returning to the City Botanic Gardens between 12-21 May 2023, 5-10pm. This year will see ten large-scale installations, ranging from sculpture and projections through to augmented reality and interactive creations that will once again transform the gardens into an outdoor gallery.

Attend an "AfterDark Art walk" or complete the children's discovery trail and enjoy performances, drinks at the outdoor bar and the selection of food trucks available each evening.

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With a focus on sustainability, the 2023 event has seen artists respond to the theme "Tread Softly" which considers a millennium of human influence by reflecting on our natural environments.

Courtesy: <https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/things-to-see-and-do/whats-on-and-events/botanica-contemporary-art-outside>

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 බුදු බව ලබා සත හට දම් දෙසන්න ට
 උරුවෙල් දනව්වේ බෝ මැඩ විය පිහි ට



සුර නර බඹුන් ඉසිපතනේ මුළු දුන් දා
 සතර අරිය සත දම්සක් දෙසු බෙ දා
 මතුනුති දහම් උල්පත මහ ගහක් හ දා
 අදටත් එය ගලයි - ගැඹුරුයි - රසයි ස දා

මිනිසකු ලෙස ඉපිද මිනිසත් බවෙන් මී අ
 නිවනට වන්න යායුතු මහ කියා දි අ
 පන්සාලිස් වසක් ලෝ මෙහෙවරෙහි යෙ අ
 වැඩියේ පිරිනිවන් කුසිනාරාවේ අ

වෙසක් මහට පුබුදින මල් එකතු කො ට
 අහස උසට පිදුවත් මදි මුනි සදු ට
 මගේ බසින් බුදු ගුණ කඳ පවසන් ට
 ඇහැක් වෙද අපවැනි පුහුදුන් අය ට

ඇල්ෆ්‍රඩ් වටපුළුව



ඇල්ෆ්‍රඩ් වටපුළුව විශ්‍රාමික විදුලි හා යාන්ත්‍රික ඉංජිනේරුවෙකි. කවි හා සාහිත්‍යය කෙරෙහි ඔහු තුළ ඇති ඇල්ම ඔහුගේ විශ්‍රාම ජීවිතය ක්‍රියාශීලී කරයි.

App of the Month - myGov

myGov, is the official app for logging onto and it makes dealing with the government easier.



You can use this app to:

- securely sign in to myGov on your mobile with a myGov app PIN, fingerprint recognition or face recognition
- easily view and manage your myGov Inbox messages

If your myGov Account is linked to Medicare, the users can add the following to the Wallet in the app:

- Electronic Medicare card
- International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate and
- Concession Cards

Appreciation: Colvin (Collin) Silva

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ඔහු නමින් කොලින් විය. ආදරේට අප ඔහු ඇමතු වේ කොලියා කියායි. මා සමග කුඩා කල සිටම එකට උගත් ඔහු කොස්ගොඩ අවට මුහුදේ නැමට ගොස් සිටියදී පසුගිය මාර්තු 6 දින අවසන් ගමන ගියේය. කොලියා දශකයකට වැඩි කලක් බ්‍රිස්බේන් අවටවූ Forest Lake හි පදිංචිව සිටියේකි. ලංකාවේ තම සොයුරන් සහ නැසියන් බැලීමට ගොස් සිටියදී ඔහු මේ අවාසනාවට මුහුණ පෑවේය.

කටුවාපිටිය ගමේ සොයුරන් පස් දෙනෙක් ගෙන් සමන්විත පවුලක බාලයා වූ ඔහු, කුඩා කල සිටම ක්‍රීඩා මෙන්ම උගෙනීමේදී දක්ෂතා පෙන්වුවේකි. මීගමු මාරිස්ට්‍රේටුවේ උගත් ඔහු නොයෙකුත් අන්තර් නිවාස ක්‍රීඩා උත්සව වලට සහභාගී වුවේකි ලෙසට පාසලේ කවුරුන් දන්නා වර්තයක් විය. දෙවන පංතියේ සිට මා ඔහු ගැන දැන සිටියත්, පසුව 6 ශ්‍රේණියට 11 වසර දක්වා අප දෙදෙනාම එකම පංතියේ වූ බැවින් අප අතර මිතුරු වැඩි විය.



ඔහු නවසීය හැටේ දශකයේ අපොස සාමාන්‍ය පෙළ විභාගයට ජීව විද්‍යා - උද්භිද විද්‍යා අංශයෙන් පෙනී සිට ඉංග්‍රීසි ඇතුළුව විශිෂ්ට සමාර්ථයන් ගණනාවක් ලබා උසස් පෙළ වෛද්‍ය විද්‍යාව හදාරීමට සුදුසුකම් ලැබුවේකි. එහෙත්, ඔහුගේ පවුලේ තීරණයක් මත 11 වන වසරේදී ඔහු ගණිත විෂයන් හදාරීම ආරම්භ කළේය. එකල සාමාන්‍ය පෙළට උද්භිද විද්‍යාව වැන්නක් හදාරුවේකි, උසස් ගණිතය සහ ව්‍යවහාරික ගණිතය මුලින්ම 11 වන වසරේ පටන් ගැනීම මහමෙරක් තරණය කිරීමක්

වැන්නකි. කෙසේ හෝ කොලියා 1972දී ජේරාදෙණි සරසවියට ඇතුලත් වූයේ ඉංජිනේරු විද්‍යාව හදාරීමටයි. සෑම වනාවකම සරසවියේ විභාග එක්වරම සමත්වූ ඔහු 1975දී සිවිල් ඉංජිනේරුවෙක් ලෙසින් සුදුසුකම් ලබා, රැකියා ලොවට පා තැබුවේය.

නිරතම අව්‍යාජ සිතහවකින් මුළු සරසා ගන්නා කොලියා, ගමේත්, පාසලේත්, සරසවියේත්, සමාජයේ ඕනෑම තැනකත් කවුරුන් ඇලුම් කළ ආකර්ශනීය වර්තයක් විය. කෙනෙක් ඔහුගෙන් යම් උදව්වක් ඉල්ලුවේ නම් ඒ තැනැත්තාට උදව්ව කිරීම වෙනුවෙන් අන්තයටම ගොස් තමන්ගේ කාලයත් මුදලත් වැය කළේය. මීගමුවෙන් ඇත පැති වල විසූ මිතුරන් මීගමුව පසු කොට යන අවස්ථා වල කොලියා හමුවීමට ඔහුගේ ගෙදර පැමිණ එහි නැවතී ගිය අවස්ථා මා ඕනෑ තරම් දැක ඇත්තෙමි. වර්ගවාදී කළබල අතරතුර කටුනායක ගුවන්තොටුපොල හරහා තම අධ්‍යාපනික කටයුතු සඳහා පිටරට යෑමට නොහැකිව සිටි නොයෙකුත් දුටු මිතුරන් ඔහු තම නිවසෙහි ඉදුම් හිටුම් දී පරිස්සම් කොට ගුවන් තොටුපොළ වෙත ගෙන ගොස් ඇරලූ වනා එමටය.

සරසවියෙන් ඉවත් වූ පසු වාරිමාර්ග දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව ජල සම්පාදන සහ ජලාපවාහන මණ්ඩලය වැනි රජයේ ආයතන වලදී ඔහු කලක් සේවය කළේය. පසුව මැද පෙරදිග සහ ඇමෙරිකාවේදී ඔහු කාලාන්තරයක් රැකියා කළේය. නවසීය අනුව මුල භාගයේ ඕස්ට්‍රේලියානු අවපාතයන් සමග ඔහු සිය බිරියත් සමග NSW වෙත සංක්‍රමණය වූයේය. ඔහු, එකල අවුරුදු ගණන් රැකියා නොමැතිව වේලි වේලි සිටි අප මිතුරන් අතරින් ඉතා ලෙහෙසියෙන්ම Sydney Water හෙවත් එහි ජල පිරිපහදු මණ්ඩලයේ ඉංජිනේරු රැකියාවක් අත් පත් කරගත් දක්ෂයෙකි.

2010දී පමණ ඔහු තම පුතුන් දෙදෙනාගේ අධ්‍යාපනය වෙනුවෙන් සිය බිරිඳ වන අනෝමාත් සමග කුවින්ස්ලන්තයට සංක්‍රමණය විය. එතැන් සිට, තමාට හැකි සේ තම ගේ දොර කටයුතුද බලා කියා ගනිමින් පසුගියදා අවසන් ගමන යන තෙක් ඔහු විශ්‍රාම සුවයෙන් කල් ගත කළේය.

ඕස්ට්‍රේලියාවේ ජීවත් වුවද, කොලියාගේ හිත සෑම විටකම තිබුණේ තම මව රට වන ලංකාවේයි. ඔහුගේ මුතුන් මිත්තන් පවා ජීවත්වූ ඔහුගේ ගම වන කටුවාපිටියට ඔහු බෙහෙවින්ම ආදරේ කළේය. කුඩාකල සිටම ගමේ පල්ලියේ වනාවත් සහ නොයෙකුත් කටයුතුවල යෙදුනු ඔහුට, ගමත් පල්ලියත් ඔහුගේ ඇට මිදුළු තෙක්ම කාවැදී තිබිණ. 2019දී කටුවාපිටිය පල්ලිය වෙත එල්ල කෙරුන ත්‍රස්ත ප්‍රහාරයෙන් මියගියවූවන් සහ සදාකාලිකව අසරණ වූවන් අතර කොලියාගේ නැයින් සහ මිතුරන්ද විය. එම ත්‍රස්ත ප්‍රහාරය ඔහුව කුසිත කළේය. නොයෙකුත් අවස්ථාවලදී විරෝධතා රැළි වල සැතපීම ගණන් සුවද ඔසවාගෙන ඔහු ඇවිද්දේ ඒ අසරණයින්ට සාධාරණයක් වෙනුවෙනි.

කවදත් සාධාරණය වෙනුවෙන් පෙනී සිටි කොලියා, අද දුක් කරදර නොමැති ජීවිතයක ඇතැයි සිතා මම මගේ සිත සනසා ගන්නෙමි.

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බ්‍රිස්බේන් ලාංකික ප්‍රජාවේ දරුදැරියන් හට අවුරුදු 30 ට වැඩි කාලයක් නර්තන ශිල්පය පුරුදු පුහුණු කරවූ, දක්ෂ, ප්‍රවීණ නැටුම් ආචාර්ය වරියක් වශෙන් කටයුතු කල ප්‍රභා සෝමමාලා මහත්මියගේ විශේෂවෙන් පසුගියදා බ්‍රිස්බේන් වල ලාංකික සමාජය මහත්සේ කනගාටුවට පත් ව සිටි අයුරු අප දුටුවෙමු.

අද වන විට බ්‍රිස්බේන්හි ලාංකික නරුණියක්, යෞවනියක් යම් මට්ටමක හෝ නර්තනයෙන් දැනුමක් ලබා සිටී ද, ඒ අයගේ මුල් ආරම්භය බොහෝ දුරට ප්‍රභා සෝමමාලා නැටුම් ආචාර්ය වරිය වෙතින් ලබා ගන්නා විය හැක.



ප්‍රභා වසර 30 අධික කාලයක් සිය දක්ෂතාවය, හැකියාව උපයෝගී කරගෙන බ්‍රිස්බේන් සමාජයේ වාර්ෂිකව ඉදිරිපත් වන සංස්කෘතික ප්‍රසංගය වන කේවින්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමය සංවිධානය කරන 'සරලාංග' හා ෆෝරස්ට් ලේක් ශ්‍රී ලංකාරාමයට අනුබද්ධ කලාකවය ඉදිරිපත් කරන 'ප්‍රතිභා' ප්‍රසංගය වෙනුවෙන් නොකඩවා ඉතාමත් අලංකාර නර්තන අංග සිය දරුවන්හට පුරුදු පුහුණු කරවා ඉදිරිපත් කර එම ප්‍රසංග වර්ණවත් කල හැටි සඳා අපේ මතකයේ ඇත.

උඩරට, පහතරට, හරත හා බෙර වාදන පිලිබඳව ප්‍රභාගේ අපූර්ව වූ දක්ෂතාවය විස්තර කිරීමට අපට නර්තනය ගැන දැනුමක් නොමැත.ඒවා එතරම් මනරම් නර්තනයන් වේ.ඇය නැටුම් ආචාර්ය වරියක් පමණක් නොව, දක්ෂ නැටුම් ශිල්පිනියකි. එහෙත් බ්‍රිස්බේන් අප එම දක්ෂතා එතරම් දැක ගැනීමට වසනාවන්තයෝ නොවුන.

අපේ ලංකික අනන්‍යතාවය කැපී පෙනෙන ලෙස සම්භර අවස්ථාවල වල බහුසංස්කෘත ප්‍රසංගය වෙනුවෙන් අපූර්ව නර්තනයන් ඉදිරිපත් කල අවස්ථා අපේ මතකයේ ඇත.

ප්‍රභා සතු ව තිබූ නර්තන හැකියාව මෙන්ම, ඇය ප්‍රදේශයේ විභාගස්ථාන වලට සම්බන්ධ වී ආගමික කටයුතු වලට දායක වීම අත් සියලුම ලංකික කාන්තාවන්ට ආදර්ශයක් වුවාය. දානමය, වස් පිංකම්, වෙසක්, පොසොන් වැනි විශේෂ අවස්ථාවල දී ඇය මුලිකත්වය ගෙන කටයුතු කලේ ගරුතර ස්වාමීන් වහන්සේලාගේ ආශීර්වාදය ද ලබාගෙනය.

ඇය වචනයේ පරිසමාප්ත අර්ථයෙන්ම හෙළ සිරිත් විරිත් අගයන, ගරු කරන, අනුගමනය කරන කාන්තාවක් වුවාය. ප්‍රභා පුද්ගලික හෝ සමාජීය උත්සවයකට සහභාගී වෙන සෑම විටකම උඩරට ඔසරියකින් සැරසී පැමිණෙන්නට අමතක නොකලාය. හෙළ සිරිත් විරිත්,වාරිත්‍ර වාරිත්‍ර නර්තනයේ දී මෙන්ම සමාන්‍යය ජීවිතයේදී ද යොවරදවා , නිවැරදිව අනුගමනය කරන්න ඇ පසුබට නොවුවාය. යම්කිසි කෙනෙක් සිරිත් විරිත්, වාරිත්‍ර වාරිත්‍ර අනුගමනය කරන්න මැලි වේ නම් ඇය එයට තදින්ම විරුද්ධ වන්න ද කිසිසේත් මැලි වුවේ නැත.

ඇය කේවින්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමයේ සංස්කෘතික ලේකම්තුමිය ලෙස වසර දෙකක් කටයුතු කල අතර, එම සංගමය මගින් ඉදිරිපත් කරන 'සිංහල අවුරුදු උත්සව' වලට සහභාගී වී 'රබන් වාදනය' කරමින්, 'පොල් අතු වියන' වැනි අවුරුදු ක්‍රීඩා වලට සහභාගී වී සතුටු වූ අයුරු අප කේසේ අමතක කරමිද?

එසේම, බ්‍රිස්බේන් වල තිබෙන තවත් ප්‍රජා ආයතනයක් වන ශ්‍රී ලංකා සංගමය වෙනුවෙන් ද ප්‍රභා සිය හැකියාව තුලින් සිය දායකත්වය ලබා දීම අගය කල යුත්තකි.

බ්‍රිස්බේන් 4th ප්‍රජා ගුවන් විදුලියේ ශ්‍රී ලංකික කංඩායමට සම්බන්ධ වී අප සමග සඳැල්ල' වැඩසටහන ඉදිරිපත් කර ආකාරය අසන්නන්ගේද ප්‍රසාදයට ලක් විය.

අපේ ශ්‍රී ලාංකික ප්‍රජාවට විවිධ අයුරින් සිය දක්ෂතා තුලින් ඉමහත් සේවයක් කල ප්‍රභා, අපි ඔබට නිවන් සුව ප්‍රථනා කරමු

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Address: 23 Foster Street,
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Estimated attendance: 800+ visitors.

Program: Job Expo, Dress for Success, Free Food/ Coffee/ Gelato for attendees, Panel discussions, Free Workshops, and various activities including:

- Advice and tips on how to establish, operate, and finance a successful small business in Australia.
- How to translate your overseas experience to the Australian workforce landscape.
- The opportunity to get one-on-one advice from the local and state governments, industry representatives, and successful migrant small business owners.
- One-on-one workshops on how to write your resume, cover letter and how to prepare for an interview.
- The chance to network with other migrants and employers.

We believe this event would be of interest to people within the community and would really appreciate it if you would be able to help spread the word about Career Connect by sharing the flyer attached.

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VENUE - Upper Community Hall,
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27th May 2023
(From 6.00PM to 11.30PM)

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EVENT STRUCTURE

Eight selected abstracts by a qualified panel of academic and industry engineers will be invited to present their work on the day. The presentation duration will be 10 minutes maximum for each. The best research engineer of the year will be selected from the presentations by the qualified panel of academic and industry engineers. There will also be 1st and 2nd runner-up awards.

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.

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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RESCHEDULED to 11th June 2023



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24TH SATURDAY AT 6.00PM
24 JUNE 2023 ACACIA RIDGE STATE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Monthly News Digest: April 2023

01	Sri Lankans continue to hold unfavourable views of all political party leaders	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Sri-Lankans-continue-to-hold-unfavourable-views-of-all-political-party-leaders/44-746970
01	Dilmah Tea threatens to quit Australian supermarkets in cost dispute with major retailers	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Dilmah-Tea-threatens-to-quit-Australian-supermarkets-in-cost-dispute-with-major-retailers/44-746969
03	The Future is female?	https://island.lk/the-future-is-female/
04	Prof. Sunil Ariyaratne appointed chancellor of Visual & Performing Arts University	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/O48SbMerSLcLqH9iANQ4
06	President appoints new Chairman and members to Public Service Commission	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89620/president-appoints-new-chairman-and-members-to-public-service-commission-
07	Sri Lanka FX Reserves Jump to \$2.69 Billion in March on IMF Aid	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/UAmwmxDXgbBnmRN0w0CB
07	Priyani Soysa: Renowned Professor Emerita of Paediatrics passes away	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89646/priyani-soysa-renowned-professor-emerita-of-paediatrics-passes-away
11	Local Govt election postponed for second time	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89713/local-govt-election-postponed-for-second-time
13	Netball World Cup squad announced	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/6IiQkSXqmBUjgibc4OQZ
17	Expressway revenue exceeds Rs70-mn during the past48 hours	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Expressway-revenue-exceeds-Rs-70-mn-during-past-48-hours/108-257694
18	Forbes lists Sri Lanka as one of 23 best places to visit in 2023	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Forbes-lists-Sri-Lanka-as-one-of-23-best-places-to-visit-in-2023/108-257719
18	National Transport Commission (NTC) to do away with semi-luxury bus service after May	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89852/ntc-to-do-away-with-semi-luxury-bus-service-after-may
20	Sri Lanka GDP outlook slashed as economy struggles to recover	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/iQpcyRcG3c0PhcWLncn2
20	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/iQpcyRcG3c0PhcWLncn2	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/NTC-digitalized-GPS-bus-tracking-systems-introduced-Minister/108-257826
21	Hambantota Port breaks new ground in RO-RO transshipment	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Hambantota-Port-breaks-new-ground-in-RO-RO-transshipment/108-257905
21	Sri Lanka's headline inflation drops in March 2023	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Cc6NDdDn5mRBEPPhvFNZ
22	SLPP appoints new Chairman	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/89980/slpp-appoints-new-chairman-
22	Sri Lanka to build South Asia's largest logistics complex in Port of Colombo	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Sri-Lanka-to-build-South-Asia-s-largest-logistics-complex-in-Port-of-Colombo/26-747606
24	Sudden power outage in several areas of Colombo	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90039/sudden-power-outage-in-several-areas-of-colombo
24	Exclusive immigration counters for foreign travellers arriving at BIA	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90038/exclusive-immigration-counters-for-foreign-travellers-arriving-at-bia
24	Rs. 316 bn tax revenue collected in first quarter of 2023 - IRD	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90042/rs-316-bn-tax-revenue-collected-in-first-quarter-of-2023-ird
28	Colombo inflation significantly eases in April 2023	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90135/colombo-inflation-significantly-eases-in-april-2023
28	Sri Lanka increases duty-free allowance for expatriate workers	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90119/sri-lanka-increases-duty-free-allowance-for-expatriate-workers
28	Central Bank of Sri Lanka releases its Annual Report for 2022	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/90111/central-bank-of-sri-lanka-releases-its-annual-report-for-2022
28	Sri Lanka beats Ireland by an innings and 10 runs	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Sri-Lanka-beat-Ireland-by-an-innings-and-10-runs/108-258346
29	Parliament passes IMF deal	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Parliament-passes-IMF-deal/26-747844
30	Saroja Sirisena wins UK diplomat of the year	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/230430/columns/saroja-sirisena-wins-uk-diplomat-of-the-year-518514.html

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

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.
21	Annual Old Boys Cricket Match	Richmond Mahinda OBA
25	Best Research Engineer Competition	IESL Qld Chapter
27	Engineers Nite	IESL Qld Chapter

June 2023

03	Poson Festival: Mihindu Sangamitta Perahera & Mihintalagala Display	Forest Lake Temple
03	Misty's Dinner Dance	SL Ex Servicemen's Association
10	Vesak Celebrations at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
11	Sinhala Movie: Sinhabahu	IESL Qld Chapter
17	BNS Concert	Aradhana Ent.
18	Anniversary Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
24	දිගු ගමනක කෙලවර Musical Show by	Private

July 2023

22	Ranwala Balakaya	Sathsara Entertain.
22	Our Lady Madhu Feast	Sri Lankan Catholics
29	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple

August 2023

26	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertain.
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September 2023

23	Hollywood Night Dance	Silver Fawn Club
30	Saralanga	Sinhala Association

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
28,2	Annual Katina Ceremony and Dana	Forest Lake Temple

November 2023

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

December 2023

09	Christmas Celebration	Silver Fawn Club
16	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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Brisbane Writers Festival 2023

Marion Taylor Opening Night Gala

Wed 10 May 2023
Shehan Karunitalaka
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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
07 May	Sugee Kannangara/ Wimal Kannangara
14 May	Kanthi Wijesoma/ Kasun Karunaratne
21 May	Samanmal Gunaratne/ Samanmal Gunaratne
28 May	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
04 Jun	Sam Fernando/ Sam Fernando

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
03 May	"Yovun Sandella" / Kasun Karunaratne
10 May	Dhanushka Bandara & Guest/ Dhanushka Bandara Prema Weerawardena and Team/ Niraj Kariyawasam
17 May	Lalith Keerthiratne, Sameera Samarasinghe/ Sameera Samarasinghe
24 May	Kumarasinghe Dissanayake and Guest / Sandun de Silva
31 May	Janaka & Anuki/ Kasun Karunaratne
07 Jun	Prema Weerawardne and Team/ Niraj Kariyawasam, Sameera Samarasinghe

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