



DEEPAWALI

Introduction:

Hinduism is one of the widespread religions of the world with many meaningful and valuable festivals enriching its traditions. One such festival is Deepawali, meaning a Row of Lamps. The highlight of the festival is lighting several lamps on a new moon day, occurring usually in the month of November .

Underlying reason for this celebration:

There are a few legendary stories for celebrating this festival. Some stories refer to the return of Lord Rama with his wife Sita and brother Lakshmanan after his victory over Ravana from 14 years of exile on a new moon day. The people in his city Ayothya lit the lamps to welcome them. Yet another story mentions about the return of Lord Krishna after destroying Narakasur. From these mythological stories one can observe that it is a celebration of good or righteousness over evil.

Just as how the light from the lamps remove the darkness in the environment, the inner light lit by the good acts removes the ignorance and evils of the mind By purifying the soul it removes the darkness of the mind which leads to spiritual enlightenment.

Celebration of Deepawali:

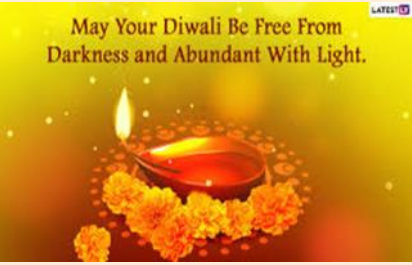


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Deepawali is celebrated primarily by Hindus living in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Fiji, Malaysia, and Singapore. In fact, over a period of time, this festival has become a global celebration where both Hindus and others living all over the world have started celebrating it.

People celebrate by buying new outfits, preparing a variety of sweets and snacks, lighting fire crackers, and getting together

as families and friends enjoying the festivities. Dance, music and fireworks are also a part of the celebrations.

Significance of celebrating Deepawali in modern times:

The demons were defeated by Lord Rama and Krishna . So, this victory is being celebrated. Such evil also exist in our minds. Anger, hatred, jealousy and greed are some examples that make a person choose a wrong path in life. The consciousness and an awareness about the aim of the festival removes all the evils in mind.

It is an unifying celebration where people forget and forgive others and take part with a joy and hope for a better living. No doubt that it refreshes or recharges a person especially in these stressful times.

How can this festival lighten up a life?

Looking beyond the celebrations and feasting, a simple thought of sharing our resources, for example donating money or food to help the needy, to reach out and help those less fortunate people celebrate the festival is a noble act that is needed in our lives. One lamp can light several lamps, similarly each person can bring joy to the lives of several needy people. This is the true spirit of Deepawali.

Conclusion:

This year Deepawali falls on Sunday the 12th November.

Let the joy spread everywhere and peace prevail in our lives. Happy Deepawali to all of you.

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මෙම තත්වයන් යම්තාක් දුරට තුනී කරගන්න මෙහේ ජීවත් වන ජනතාව නොයෙක් සමිති, සංවිධාන වටා එක් රොක් වෙන්න පුරුදු වෙලා තියෙන්නේ එය ලොකු අස්වැසීමක් වෙන නිසයි. එවැනි ප්‍රධාන ප්‍රජා ආයතන ගනනාවකම නායකත්වය ගෙන වසර ගණනාවක් එම ආයතන තුළින් විශිෂ්ඨ සේවාවක් ක්‍රිස්බන් ප්‍රජාවට ලබා දුන් ප්‍රධානතම පහන් 0෭෧ක් පසුගිය දා සියගණනක් ලාංකික ප්‍රජාවගේ සෝ සුසුම් මැද නිව් යෑම

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එපමනක් නොව සිංහල සංගමයේ ප්‍රධානම ප්‍රජා කටයුත්තක් වන 'ක්‍රිස්බන් බක්මහ උළෙල' ආරම්භයේ සිටම සංවිධානය කිරීම හා ප්‍රධාන පුරක වශෙන් කටයුතු කිරීම ධර්මේ පුදුම කැපවීමකින් ඉටු කල හැටි අපේ මතකයේ සදාකල් තැන්පත් වී ඇත.

සිංහල සංගමය මගින් වාර්ෂිකව ඉටු කරන මෙම කටයුතු දෙකට අමතරව, දෙසැම්බර් 31 වැනිදා සියලුම ලාංකීයයන් එකම වහලක් යට සිට කිරිබත් කැල්ලක් රසවිදිය යුතුය යන උදාර පරමාර්ථය ඇතිව, ධර්මේ ගේ අදහසක් අනුව 'ආසිරි' ප්‍රසංගයක් සෑම වසරක් අවසානයේ සංගමය මගින් පැවැත්වීමට කටයුතු සංවිධානය කලේය.

ශ්‍රී ලාංකික දරුවන්ගේ සිංහල භාෂාව දැනුම සමග නැටුම්, නාට්‍යය, කවි, ගීත ගායන හැකියාවන් සංවර්ධන කිරීමට 'ක්‍රිස්බන් සිංහල පාසැල' පිහිටුවීමේ සිට එය නොකඩවා පවත්වාගෙන යෑමට ධර්මේ නිතරම ඇප කැප විමෙන් වැඩ කලේය.

ප්‍රජාවක් තුළ කිසිසේත් වැඩිහිටි අය අමතක කල නොහැකි බවත්, ඔවුනටද මේ ප්‍රජාව තුළ නිසි ඇගයීමක් ලබාදීමටත්, 'වැඩිහිටි එකමුතුව' 80 දශකයේ අග භාගයේදී ඉතා සුලු පිරිසක් සමග වුවද ආරම්භ කරන්න කටයුතු පිලිවෙල විය.

සිංහල සංගමය තුළ මෙන්ම 4eb ගුවන් විදුලියේ ශ්‍රී ලාංකික කංඛායම තුළ ද ධර්මේ රත්නායකයන් ගේ භූමිකාව මෙසේ ලියා කියා නිම කල නොහැක. සාමාජිකයෙක්, නිවේදකයෙක්, තාක්ෂණ ශිල්පයෙක්, වසර ගනනාවක් කංඛායමේ කැදවුම් කරු හා 4eb ආයතනයේ අධ්‍යක්ෂක වරයෙක් වශයෙන්ද අති විශාල සේවයක් ස්වේච්ඡාවෙන්ම ධර්මේ ඉටු කලේ දැඩි කැමැත්තෙනි. වැඩ සටහන සිංහල භාෂාවෙන් පවත්වාගෙන යෑම, විවිධ වැඩ සටහන් ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමට අත් අය දිරිමත් කිරීම, අවුරුදු ෭න්සව විස්තර ප්‍රචාරය එම භූමියේ සිට ගෙන ඒමට ජංගම ප්‍රචාරක රථය එම ස්ථානයට ගෙනයෑම වැනි කටයුතු ධර්මේගේ මුලිකත්වයෙන් ඒ දිනවල සිදු වූ අයුරු අපට මතකය.

එතුමා සමග මෙම කටයුතු වලදී ලතින්ම සිටීමේ වාසනාව ලද මා, එතුමාගෙන් ලද ආදර්ශ, අවවාද කිහිපයක් එතුමාට උපහාර වශෙන් අවසන් වශෙන් සදහන් කරමි.


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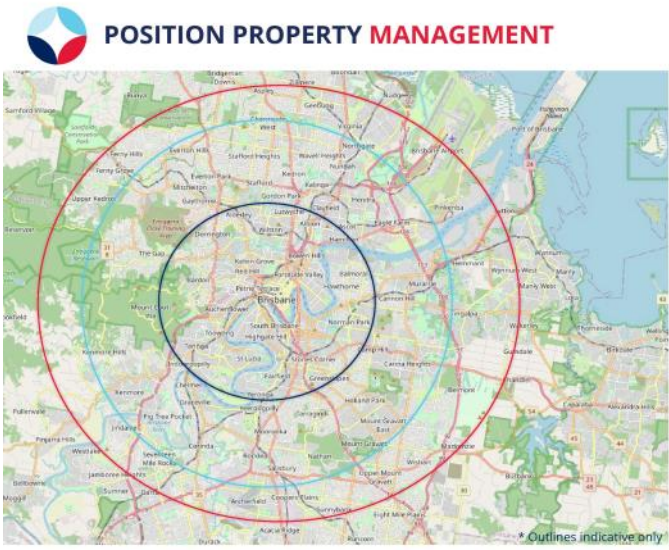
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Sri Lanka Day 2023

Sri Lanka Day 2023, the mega food and multicultural festival organised by the Federation of Sri Lanka Organizations in Queensland (FSOQ) and its member organisations was held for the third successive year on Sunday 15 October at the Rocks Riverside Park with an unprecedented number of visitors. The event showcased and celebrated the cultural heritage and the culinary tastes of Sri Lanka with the wider multi-cultural community in Brisbane. This year's event featured 14 food stalls, one food truck, coffee and ice cream vans and 10 business stalls. In terms of demographics more Australians (non-Sri Lankan) particularly young families attended. The kids' section with jumping castle and face painting corner was always full of people.



The distinguished line up of special guests included, Hon Leanne Linard, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Hon David Crisafulli, MP, Leader of the Opposition, Rt Hon Adrian Shrinner, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Federal Senator Paul Scarr, Jess Pugh, State MP for Mt Ommaney, Brisbane City Councillors Angela Owen and Sarah Hutton, Anton and Bronwen Swan, Patron, FSOQ.



Extending a very warm welcome to invited guests and visitors, Dr Weerawardena, President, FSOQ said 'with the support of our institutional partners and corporate sponsors the event has grown from strength to strength over the last three years'.

'Today, Sri Lanka Day is considered a notable event in the multicultural events calendar in Queensland and a partner of the Brisbane's vibrant city programme.

He acknowledged with gratitude, the funding support of institutional partners, the Department of Multicultural Affairs and the Brisbane City Council. He also acknowledged the support and continued guidance of Jess Pugh, State Member of Parliament for Mount Ommaney and city councillors, Angela Owen, Sarah Hutton, Charles Strunk. Dr Weerawardena thanked the new corporate sponsors who have joined this year; Centenary Memorial Gardens, Top Lenders and American College, bringing much needed funding support.

'In the coming years we will continue to mobilise our community to engage with others who make the multicultural diversity of Queensland' community.

Hon Leanne Linard, State Minister of Multi-cultural Affairs said, 'Sri Lanka Day festival helps celebrate the multicultural diversity in Queensland educating the wider community of the benefits of the multiculturalism brings to our community.

Adrian Shrinner, Lord Mayor of Brisbane noted that 'we are happy to see the Brisbane Sri Lankan community is growing and its community involvement is growing too. Sri Lankan professionals are making a notable contribution to building a better Brisbane and it is a fact that most of the engineers in Brisbane are Sri Lankans.'



Lord Mayor said that 'every year he participates in a friendly cricket match held at the ANZAC Day commemoration at Brookfield where he sees Sri Lankan veterans marching in the parade signifying historical connection the armed forces of two countries had in fighting at Gallipoli.

Lord Mayor also acknowledged the 33 years of continued service of a truly Sri Lanka Hon Consul Anton Swan supported by his wife Bronwen.

Added feature this year was felicitating three community service champions who have delivered an exemplary service to community development, both in Sri Lanka and Australia. They are Bill Deutrom, Jayantha Pathikirikorale and Scott Walker. They received plaques of appreciation from the Lord Mayor. Anton Swan our former Hon Consul for Sri Lanka and the Patron of FSOQ, joined the Lord Mayor in presenting the plaques.

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Baila: A Sri Lankan Folk Music

Baila was the fortuitous creation bringing together the multicultural communities that existed during the time of Portuguese Ceylon. It famously combined the influences of Afro Rhythms, Portuguese violins and guitars, Malay drums, and the Sinhalese, Tamil, and English languages. Evolving out of Kaffringha, the progenitor of Baila, this musical genre is iconic of Sri Lankan culture.



Portuguese arrival in Ceilao (Ceylon) is dated to 1505 and no clear date can be identified when the musical style evolved, but it is safe to say that this means Baila is therefore at least 500 years old. This makes Baila one of the oldest continuous musical styles in Sri Lanka, predating more classical styles of music by centuries.

There are several forms of Baila including Papare and Calypso Baila, Waada Baila and energetic type of music which pits the musical and poetic skills of each singer against each other. Waada Baila artists are often provided a topic around which they must create rhyming verses to a musical backing that plays continually. The poetic skill wielded by Waada Baila singers is truly spectacular and I encourage readers to find clips on YouTube.

Then there is the ever popular Chorus Baila and Baila dancing among the classical forms of this truly Lankan music. The Portuguese word Bailar means “to dance” and this music is an integral part of the Sri Lankan Portuguese Eurasian and Afro Ceylonese community’s dancing culture.

True to its folk roots, Baila music deals with the intricacies of the life of common individuals, as evident in the songs like Race Potha, discussing the damaging effects of gambling, or Muhude Yamu discussing the travails of the life of fisher folk. Similarly the song Asai Bayai and Podi Wijje discusses national issues. Songs such as Kompanya Vidiya by Desmond De Silva discusses multiculturalism and reality of interethnic mixing with reverence and fondness. In doing so, Baila music functions like a time capsule for the sentiments of the population.

Baila exists in English, Sinhala, Tamil and other languages of Sri Lanka and thereby acts as a uniting force amongst communities. It is important to consider that whilst other forms of music have existed in Sri Lanka, none have survived continuously over the centuries to remain intact and in common use across the islands like Baila has. Baila music is ubiquitous in weddings, at celebrations, on road trips, and at family gatherings, bajau’s and sing-songs.



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That a musical style that is over half a millennium old is not considered an international treasure, regarded as historically invaluable and promoted, is the result of years of neglect. Often disparagingly called “Thuppahi Baila” and regarded as an immoral type of music due to its Portuguese origins and references to real life, Baila has often been discounted as an art form, thereby undermining its cultural transmission.

We hope that during our lifetime, this valuable form of music becomes internationally recognised for the invaluable contribution it has made to the tapestry of world music.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

AHANGAMA

Ahangama is a famous place in southern Sri Lanka in Galle on the boundary of Matara District. Habaraduwa, Koggala and Weligama are places around Ahangama. Today, it is a key tourist destination. Ahangama was significantly affected by the Tsunami in 2004.



As it is situated by the sea, the naming is linked to an incident faced by travellers who were coming to Sri Lanka by boat in the olden days. For example, Galle and Dondra and many places in the south were natural harbours for arrivals.

The story is linked to a certain clan of traders coming from India called "Lamba Karna". Lamba Karna meant "Long ears". Even the Lord Buddha is from that clan. So, they were travellers from India and known to have come in a boat made of stone. There would have been some system of making such boats at that time. Boat shaped stone items as archaeological findings are on display at Mihintalawa even today. We can imagine it as a vessel with better safety.

The sail of this ship got damaged on the way and the ship was floating in the area waiting for help. It is said that the passengers prayed to a God by the name "Weeramunday" to save their lives. However, the boat got gradually drifted to the southern sea and they spotted the land. They, in happiness, supposed to have shouted "AANNA GAMA", meaning, there the village. It is believed that the name AHANGAMA came into existence from that day.



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ලාංකේය කතානාද සිනමාවේ පළමු දශකය හැඩගැන් වූ ජනප්‍රිය රංගන ශිල්පිනියක වූ ක්ලැරිස් ද සිල්වා මහත්මිය අභාවප්‍රාප්ත වූ අතර ඇයගේ අවසන් ඉල්ලීම මත පැය 24 ක් තුළ අවසන් කටයුතු සිදු කළ ඇත.



1950 දශකයේ සිනමාවට පිවිසි ක්ලැරිස් බොහෝ දෙනා අතර කතාබහට ලක් වූණේ “මාතලන්” චිත්‍රපටයේ කළ රංගනය වෙනුවෙනි. එහි ගීයක් ද ගායනා කළ අතර නර්තනයක් ද ඉදිරිපත් කළේ සිංහල සිනමාවට නර්තනය මුලින්ම රැගෙන ආ නිලිය ලෙස වාර්තාවක් ද තබමිනි.

1950දී “උමතු විශ්වාසය” චිත්‍රපටයෙන් රංගනයට පිවිසි ක්ලැරිස් “පුදුම ලේලි , අභංකාර ස්ත්‍රී, රමාලතා, මාතලන්, සොහොයුරෝ, පුරුෂ රත්නය, අල්ලපු ගෙදර, සුන්දර බිරිඳ” ඇතුළු 50 සහ 60 දශකයේ තිරගත වූ චිත්‍රපට 28කට අධික සංඛ්‍යාවක ප්‍රධාන චරිතය නිරූපනය කළාය.

මෑත කාලයේදී ඇය “මමයි රාජ හා ධවල පවුර” චිත්‍රපටවලද රභපෑවේ රංගනයට ඇති ආසාව නිසාය.

අනුරාධපුර හෝලි ෆැමිලි කතාසාරාමයෙන් මූලික අධ්‍යාපනය ලැබූ ක්ලැරිස් එවකට පැවැති එස්.එස්.සී. විභාගයෙන් සමත්ව පසුව කලා ක්ෂේත්‍රයට එකතු වූවාය. ඇය මිය යන විට 80 වැනි වියෙහි පසුවූවාය. අවිවාහකව සිටි ක්ලැරිස්ගේ අවසන් කටයුතු නාවලදී සිදු කෙරුණේ ඇගේ අන්තිම කැමැත්ත මතය.

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Veteran Traditional Dancer Rajini Selvanayagam Passes Away

Veteran Sri Lankan traditional dancer Kalasuri, Vishwakala Keerthi Rajini Selvanayagam passed away on 20 October.



She was a renowned professional teacher of dancing who dedicated her life to the propagation and sustenance of unique forms of Sri Lankan dance art.

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**Sri Lanka's Famous Cricketing Cheerleader
Percy Abeysekera Passes Away**

Sri Lanka's legendary cheerleader on the cricket field Percy Abeysekera, famously known as 'Uncle Percy', has passed away at the age of 87.



In September, Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) had presented Rs. 5 million to Sri Lanka's legendary cheerleader as medical assistance.

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එම ජයග්‍රහණය පසුපස ප්‍රධාන පිටුබලය වූයේ දෙමව්පියන්ගැයි සිතමි. සිංහල පාසැල් මෙන්ම වෙනත් වර්ෂයන්හිදී ද නර්තනාචාර්යවරුන් වශයෙන් කටයුතු කළ අයගේ උපරිම සහයෝගය මෙවරද ලැබී තිබුණ බව සත්‍යයකි. එහෙත් දෙමාපිය සහයෝගය හා කැපකිරීම මෙපරිද්දෙන් නොලද්දේනම් මේ තරම් සාර්ථකත්වයට වැඩසටහන පත්වේ යැයි සිතිය නොහැකිය.

පූජා නැටුම්, දේශාභිමාණී ගී, ජන ගී, විවිධ වන්තම් ආදිය ඇසුරෙන් කරන ලද විවිධ නර්තනයන් රැසක් එහිදී වෙදිකා ගත විය. එම සෑම වැඩ සටහනක්ම ආරම්භයේදී දරු දැරියන් දෙදෙනෙකු විසින් සිංහල හා ඉංග්‍රීසි භාෂා දෙකින්ම සභාවට හඳුන්වා දෙනු ලැබීය. ඇතැමෙකුගේ සිංහල උච්චාරණය කිසියම් ඉංග්‍රීසි උරුවකින් යුතු වුවද ඒවා ප්‍රශස්ත මට්ටමක විය.

දරුවන්ගේ හැකියාව හා නිර්මාණශීලීත්වයද අඩුවෙන් තක්සේරු කළ නොහැකිය. දේශාභිමාණී ගීතයට රැඟුමක් ඉදිරිපත් කළ කුඩා දැරිය මෙන්ම බෙර වාදන කංචායමේ සිටි කුඩා හේවිසි කරුවාද ඒ පිළිබඳව කදිම සාක්ෂියකි. මේ සියලු කණ්ඩායම් එකට ගොනුකොට ඔවුන්ගෙන් ලබා ගත හැකි උපරිමය ලබාගැනීමට ක්වීන්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංස්කෘතික සංගමය ලත් විශාල ජග්‍රහණයකි.

Tharushi Wins Asian Games Gold

Sri Lanka's Tharushi Dissanayake (Karunaratne) won gold in the Women's 800m at the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou, China, clocking a time of 2 minutes 03.20 seconds, beating the defending champion Chunyu Wang.



The games, which were scheduled to be held last year, was postponed to this year, amidst the widespread rise in Covid-19 cases in China, though remaining as the 2022 Asian Games.

In a well-paced run, Dissanayake moved through the pack in the final 300m, before overtaking China's Wang down the home stretch.

India's Harmilan Bains finished second with a time of 2:03.75, while Wang had to settle for Bronze, clocking 2:03.90.

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මේ ජයග්‍රහණය ඉදිරි වර්ෂයේ සරලාංග ප්‍රසංගයේ හැඩරුව පිළිබඳව අපතුළ උණුසුම් බලාපොරොත්තු දනවයි.

අපි මෙම සටහන අවසන් කරන්නට මත්තෙන්, මම "ප්‍රතිපෝෂණ" යටතේ කරුණු දෙකක් ඉස්මතු කිරීමට කැමත්තෙමි.

පළමුව, ක්වීන්ස්ලන්ත සිංහල සංගමයේ ප්‍රසංගයක් ලෙස පිළිගැනීමේ කතාව සහ ස්තුති කතාව යන දෙකම ඉංග්‍රීසි භාෂාවෙන් පමණක් සිදු කෙරුණු නිසා ඉංග්‍රීසි බසින් පමණක් කිරීමට අවසර ඉල්ලා එසේ කළේ නම් වඩාත් සුදුසුයයි මට සිතන.

දෙවනුව, හුදෙකලාව නමුත් සිත් ඇදගන්නාසුළු රංගනයක් ඉදිරිපත් කළ විශිෂ්ට දරුවා සහ සුවිශේෂී බෙර වාදන කුසලතා ප්‍රදර්ශනය කළ දරුවා ද උත්සවයට ඔවුන් දැක්වූ විශිෂ්ට දායකත්වය වෙනුවෙන් ඇගයීමට ලක් කළේ නම් මැනවැයි සිතමි. එවැනි දක්ෂතා ඇගයීමට ලක් කිරීමෙන් අනාගත ප්‍රසංගවලට අගනා මානයක් එක් කළ හැකිය.

රංජීත් සිරිලාල්

රංජීත් සිරිලාල් විශ්‍රාමික රජයේ පරිපාලන සේවා නිලධාරියෙකි. විවිධ කලා ක්‍රියාකාරකම් සංවිධානය කර අන්දැකීම් ඇති ඔහු පුවත්පත් වලට ලිපි සැපයීමෙන් දායක වී ඇති අතර සිය අදහස්, අන්දැකීම් සහ නිර්මාණ සමාජ මාධ්‍ය ඔස්සේ ද පලකරයි.



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Veteran Actor Jackson Anthony Passes Away

Jackson Anthony, one of Sri Lanka's best known artists passed away on 9 October.



An esteemed actor in Sri Lankan cinema, theatre as well as television, Jackson Anthony is one of the most popular artists in Sri Lanka and had won the national award for the Best Actor for a record sixteen times.

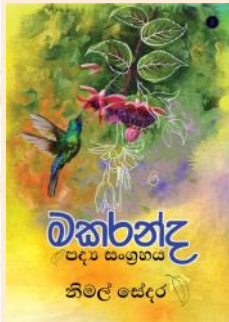
He was also well-known for his immense talent and versatility as a director, producer, singer, screenwriter, television host, novelist, columnist, lyricist, historian and traveller.

Having entered the film industry in 1993, Anthony acted in 'Guru Gedara', 'Chitti', 'Ayoma' and 'Loku Duwa', in his initial days. Then he went on to prove his status as an acting powerhouse in films like 'Bawa Duka', 'Bawa Karma', 'Gini Awi Saha Gini Keli', 'Aswesuma', 'Agni Dahaya', 'Sooriya Arana', 'Mille Soya' and 'Randiya Dahara'.

In the meantime, he also proved himself as a popular actor in the Sri Lankan television industry as some of his most popular television roles came through the serials: Palingu Manike, Ella Langa Walawwa, Suseema, Weda Hamine, Kadulla, Pitagamgarayo and

ජාත්‍යන්තර සිංහල පද්‍ය සංග්‍රහයක්

ආචාර්ය නිමල් සේදර මහතා විසින් සම්පාදනය කරන ලද "මකරන්ද" පද්‍ය සංග්‍රහය පසුගිය සතියේ නිකුත් වී ය.



ඇමරිකාව, එංගලන්තය සහ, ඕස්ට්‍රේලියාවේ කවීන් දාහතරදෙනෙකුගේ නිර්මාණ එකතුවක් වන "මකරන්ද" දොරටු වැඩිම නොවැම්බර් 26 වෙනිදා බ්‍රිස්බේන් නුවර පැවැත්වීමට නියමිත අතර, උම්බා, සිඩ්නි, බටහිර ඕස්ට්‍රේලියාවේ බයිස්බි නුවරදී ද, කැලිෆෝනියාවේ සහ ලන්ඩන් නුවර නුවරදීද දොරටු වැඩිමේ උත්සව පැවැත්වීමට කටයුතු යොදා ඇත.

වෛද්‍ය ආනන්දා විජේසිංහ, ආනන්ද සමරතුංග, හදුණි මහින්ද ජයතිලක, ඊවා වික්‍රමගේ, වම්පබුද්ධිපාල, ආචාර්ය කුමාර

දිසානායක, නදීෂා පතිනායක, රංජිත් යාපා, වෛද්‍ය කාංචනා ගමගේ, ආචාර්ය නිමල් සේදර, ප්‍රේමා වීරවර්ධන, සුභාෂිණි ජයතිලක, තිසර ශ්‍රීමාල්,

විජය ලක්ෂ්මී මොහොට්ටි කවි කිවිඳියන්ගේ පද්‍ය පන්ති හත බැගින් එකතු කළ මෙම කෘතිය තුගේගොඩ සරසවි ප්‍රකාශයකි.

Renowned Singer and Tele Drama Director Sunil Siriwardena Passes Away

Veteran singer, musician, and tele drama director Sunil Siriwardena passed away on 28 October at the age of 81.



Siriwardena's melodious voice and musical contributions have left an indelible mark in the hearts of Sri Lankans. His songs, including "Randu Veve Yalu Veve", performed alongside his sister Chandrika Siriwardena, as well as "Pahan Tharuva Pravake" and "Dev Duva" were popular songs.

The artists final wish was one of generosity and compassion. He requested that his belongings, which his sons do not need, be given to those in need.

Akala Sandya. He won the award for the Best Actor at the Sumathi Awards for his performance in the serial 'Pitagamkarayo'.

He has also directed several blockbuster Sri Lankan films. 'Julietge Bhumikawa', his directorial debut won him the award for the Most Promising Director at the Critics' Awards Ceremony while 'Paradeesaya' was another film directed by him which was critically acclaimed. He won award for the Best Actor at Derana Film Awards 2015 for the film 'Address Na', which was directed by him.

Popular songs penned by Anthony including 'Sithe Susum Niwena Gayana', 'Desa Piya Gath kala Mata Mewenne Obe Ruwa', 'Lade Ukula Uda', 'Re Tharakawo', 'Dewiyo Sithana Dewal', and other teladrama theme songs are a testimony to his talents as a lyricist.

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Sangakkara Appointed Chair of MCC World Cricket Committee

Former Sri Lanka cricketer Kumar Sangakkara has been appointed as the new Chair of the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) World Cricket Committee.



Sangakkara, who was already a member of the committee, takes over from former England captain Mike Gatting as Chair of the committee.

The committee also includes Kumar Dharmasena, Soourav ganguly, Jhulan Goswami, Heather Knight, Suzie Bates, Clare Connor, Justin Langer, Eoin Morgan, Ramiz Raja, Graeme Smith and Ricky Skerritt.

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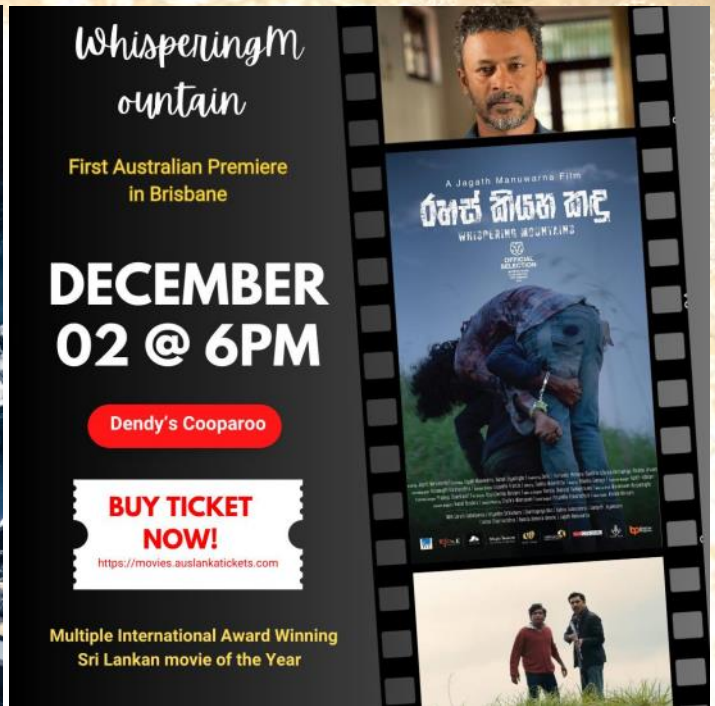
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Monthly News Digest: October 2023

01	Sports Minister appoints 03-member cricket coordination committee	https://www.adaderana.lk/sportsnews.php?nid=9859
02	IMF unveils 16-point plan to address governance challenges in Sri Lanka	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/IMF-unveils-16-point-plan-to-address-governance-challenges-in-Sri-Lanka/155-268334
02	LIOC fuel prices also increased	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/LIOC-fuel-prices-also-increased/108-268311
04	Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF), SriLankan sign MoU	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/SLAF-SriLankan-sign-MoU/108-268528
04	Inaugural Indo-Lanka passenger ferry service begins Friday	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Inaugural-Indo-Lanka-passenger-ferry-service-begins-Friday/44-753672
04	Lanka's tax to GDP ratio of 7.3%, one of the lowest	https://www.dailynews.lk/2023/10/04/business/151764/lankas-tax-to-gdp-ratio-of-7-3-one-of-the-lowest/
04	Govt. to establish Sri Lanka University of Education	https://www.ft.lk/news/Govt-to-establish-Sri-Lanka-University-of-Education/56-753668
05	Age is no barrier to win medals, says Nadeesha Lekamge	https://www.dailynews.lk/2023/10/05/sports/153856/age-is-no-barrier-to-win-medals-says-nadeesha-lekamge/
05	Sri Lanka At A Crossroads: The IMF's 16-Point Prescription For Reform	https://www.colombotelegraph.com/index.php/sri-lanka-at-a-crossroads-the-imfs-16-point-prescription-for-reform/
05	Tharushi basks in Asian Games glory	http://island.lk/tharushi-basks-in-asian-games-glory/
05	CBSL further reduces policy interest rates	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/CBSL-further-reduces-policy-interest-rates/155-268579
05	Only 12 out of 225 MPs have published their assets and liabilities	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Only-12-out-of-225-MPs-have-published-their-assets-and-liabilities/108-268569
07	New revenue license system from today	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/New-revenue-license-system-from-today/108-268740
08	Floods displace about 56,000 persons	http://island.lk/floods-displace-about-56000-persons/
11	Govt. appoints international consultant to restructure SriLankan Airlines	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Govt-appoints-international-consultant-to-restructure-SriLankan-Airlines/44-753908
13	SL formally announces breakthrough on \$ 4.2 b debt with China	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/SL-formally-announces-breakthrough-on-4-2-b-debt-with-China/26-754021
14	Chamari Athapaththu secures ICC Women's Player of Month	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Chamari-Athapaththu-secures-ICC-Womens-Player-of-Month/108-269167
15	Sri Lanka's newest mall	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/231015/business-times/sri-lankas-newest-
15	Lanka gets restructuring proposal from bond holders	https://island.lk/lanka-gets-restructuring-proposal-from-bond-holders/
18	UN agencies classify Sri Lanka as 'highly water stressed'	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/UN-agencies-classify-Sri-
19	Havelock City Mall opens	https://www.dailymirror.lk/caption-story/Havelock-City-Mall-opens/110-269511
19	Bribery Commission decides not to take further legal action	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Bribery-Commission-decides-not-to-take-further-legal-action/155-269512
22	President appoints special commission to drastically change election laws	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/231022/columns/president-appoints-special-commission-to-dramatically-change-election-laws-536547.html
22	CEB unbundling under way	https://www.sundayobserver.lk/2023/10/22/business/7137/ceb-unbundling-under-way/
23	Cabinet reshuffle: New health and environment ministers appointed	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/94288/cabinet-reshuffle-new-health-and-environment-ministers-appointed
23	Sri Lanka's September consumer inflation dips to 0.8%	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/94295/sri-lankas-september-consumer-inflation-dips-to-08
24	COPF Chairman unveils pioneering PAYE tax restructuring proposal	https://island.lk/copf-chairman-unveils-pioneering-paye-tax-restructuring-proposal/
24	Cabinet nod for visa-free pilot project for 7 countries	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Cabinet-nod-for-visa-free-pilot-project-for-7-countries/44-754415
30	SL to designate 1% of total land area for industrial use	https://www.dailymirror.lk/business-news/SL-to-designate-1-of-total-land-area-for-industrial-use/273-270164

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

November 2023

04,05	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting & Dana	Goodna Temple
04	Katina Pinkama	Gold Coast Buddhist Centre
11	Community Lifeblood: Blood Donation Event	Old Anandians Association of Qld
11	Musical Concert: Nethu Daehean	Sathsara Entertainment
12	Movie Kathuru Mithuru	Sathsara Entertainment
18	Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
18	කල නරඹ: Our Roots: Meemure Story	Heritage Force Sri Lanka
18	Annual Royal Dinner Dance	Old Royalists Assn.
18	Sutta Program and Dhamma Discussion: Ven Dr Balangoda Radha	Forest Lake Temple
19	Sinhala Movie: Midunu Vishwaya	Old Anandians Association of Qld
19	Sil Program by Ven Dr Balangoda Radha	Goodna Temple
19	Dhamma program by Ven Dr Balangoda Radha	Goodna Temple
26	Old Joes Dinner Get Together	Old Josephians
26	Movie: Kandak Sema	Sathsara Entertainment

December 2023

02	Sri Lankan Movie: Whispering Mountains: රහස් කියන කඳු	Private
09	Christmas Celebration	Silver Fawn Club
16	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Year's Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club

January 2024

27	Paduru Sajje	SPUR Qld
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February 2024

04	Picnic/ Car Rally	Silver Fawn Club
24	Valentine Dance with Infinity + Wasthi	Yes Entertainment

March 2024

02	Stage Drama	Radio 4EB SL Group
02	Concert: Sasara Wasanathuru	Sathsara Entertainment
09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
09	FSOQ Musical show	FSOQ
16	Billy 242 Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
23	Black Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment

May 2024

25	Vesak Celebration at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
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June 2024

01	Dance Night: Sarith & Surith	Sathsara Entertainment
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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
05 Nov	Ananda and Nayana Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga
12 Nov	Dinesh Dissanayake, Sameera Samarasinghe/ Dinesh Dissanayake, Sameera Samarasinghe
19 Nov	Kanchana Vidanapathirana, Janaka Weerasinghe/ Janaka Weerasinghe
26 Nov	Yashodhara Sinhala School Students, Lalith Keerthiratne/ Sameera Samarasinghe
03 Dec	Samanmal Gunaratne/ Samanmal Gunaratne

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1	
Date	Producer/Panel Operator
01 Nov	Yovun Sandella/ Ruwan Kalutara
08 Nov	Janaka, Shamma, Chathurika/ Dhanushka Bandara
15 Nov	Kumara Dissanayake, Samanola Wijeratne/ Sandun de Silva
22 Nov	Pulastha and Dushan/ Kasun Karunaratne
29 Nov	Thisara Pathirenehelage & Guest/ Thisara Pathirenehelage
06 Dec	Yovun Sandella/ Ruwan Kalutara

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