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Message on the Occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the Independence of Sri Lanka

It is with much pleasure that I convey my warm greetings to all Sri Lankans residing in Australia, on the occasion of the 76th Anniversary of the Independence of Sri Lanka.

As we mark this important occasion, we pay homage not only to those who fought to achieve independence but also to those who in the recent traumatic past sacrificed their lives to safeguard our country.

While we reflect on the true value of Independence, we are amidst a challenging and decisive juncture. The government of Sri Lanka is actively working towards strengthening democracy, promoting reconciliation and meaningfully moving the country towards greater economic progress and maintaining peace and stability for the prosperity of Sri Lanka and the people.

It is an opportune time for all of us whether we live in Sri Lanka or overseas to contribute towards this endeavour for a better tomorrow for our motherland.

It is important to note the close cooperation and cordial bilateral relations maintained between Sri Lanka and Australia.

In this journey towards the task of nation building, the government of Sri Lanka is committed to make Sri Lanka a strong and prosperous nation in the region and the world.



Chitrangenee Wagiswara

High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Australia

22 January 2024

World Radio Day

World Radio Day, celebrated annually on 13 February, pays homage to the remarkable medium that has been an integral part of human communication for over a century. The history of radio dates back to the late 19th century, with inventors like Guglielmo Marconi and Nikola Tesla laying the groundwork for wireless transmission. However, it was on December 12, 1901, that Marconi successfully transmitted the first transatlantic radio signal, marking a pivotal moment in history.



Radio has played a vital role in connecting people across borders and cultures. It served as a lifeline during times of crisis, providing crucial information and fostering a sense of unity. The significance of radio lies in its ability to reach diverse audiences, transcending geographical and socio-economic boundaries. It has been a source of news, entertainment, and education, shaping public opinion and influencing societal norms. This continues to be true even today. With all the modern technologies available, the advice by the governments in a crisis is to listen to the local radio.

In the digital age, radio continues to evolve, adapting to new technologies while retaining its unique charm. Podcasts, online streaming, and digital radio have expanded the reach and accessibility of this timeless medium. World Radio Day celebrates the enduring impact of radio on humanity, recognizing its role in fostering dialogue, understanding, and the dissemination of information - a testament to its enduring relevance in our ever-changing world.

Courtesy: Internet sources

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International Mother Language Day: 21 February

International Mother Language Day is observed annually on February 21. The first observance was organized by UNESCO as a celebration of linguistic and cultural diversity. There are over 7,000 languages spoken in the world — this is a large number considering that some languages are better documented and more spoken than others. Many ethnic languages, some of which are still spoken by small groups today, will most likely be extinct in a few decades. This is why International Mother Language Day is so important, as it is part of a larger initiative to revive many communities’ linguistic heritage.

History of Mother Language Day



Procession march held on 21 February 1952 in Dhaka

UNESCO first established International Mother Language in 1999. The first inaugural celebration was held in 2000. This annual commemoration began as a tribute to the Bengali Language Movement, which sought to recognize Bengali as the official language of modern-day Bangladesh. Historically, this region was considered part of East Pakistan, and it had large Bengali communities with a distinctive language and culture. The plight of the Bengali language is representative of many similar ones faced by small linguistic communities around the world.

The Bengali movement’s plight can most likely be traced back to the establishment of Pakistan in 1947. The Bengali Language Movement began in East Pakistan’s Bengali communities and gained prominence in the early 1950s. To gain official recognition for their language, the movement held public meetings and rallies. In 1952, police opened fire on the Bengali Language Movement’s mass procession march. Several people were killed, and hundreds more were injured. The day of this incident was to be commemorated by Bengalis as a national holiday.

This story later inspired the United Nations to designate February 21 as International Mother Language Day. The U.N. initiative’s goal is to save the world’s languages from extinction. Since 2000, every international observance has had a theme. Each year’s celebration tries to add new elements to educational efforts to preserve indigenous languages and promote language learning. As a result, the celebration of the Bengali Language Movement has become an international phenomenon that honours languages all over the world.

Multilingual Education – A Necessity to Transform Education

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Globally 40 per cent of the population does not have access to an education in a language they speak or understand. But progress is being made in multilingual education with growing understanding of its importance, particularly in early schooling, and more commitment to its development in public life.

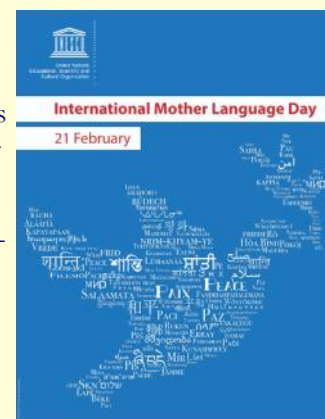
International Mother Language Day recognizes that languages and multilingualism can advance inclusion, and the Sustainable Development Goals’ focus on leaving no one behind. UNESCO encourages and promotes multilingual education based on mother tongue or first language. It is a type of education that begins in the language that the learner masters most and then gradually introduces other languages. This approach enables learners whose mother tongue is different from the language of instruction to bridge the gap between home and school, to discover the school environment in a familiar language, and thus, learn better.

Multilingualism contributes to the development of inclusive societies that allow multiple cultures, worldviews and knowledge systems to coexist and cross-fertilize.

The theme of the 2023 International Mother Language Day was “Multilingual education – a necessity to transform education”. This aligns with recommendations made during the Transforming Education Summit, where an emphasis was also placed on Indigenous people’s education and languages.

Multilingual education based on mother-tongue facilitates access to and inclusion in learning for population groups that speak non-dominant languages, languages of minority groups and indigenous languages.

Courtesy: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/mother-language-day>, <https://nationaltoday.com/language-day/>



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Maamakachak Kondamai

For this article we have decided to write in a little depth about the oldest language in Sri Lanka. This is the languages of the Wanniyala Aeththo, whose communities form the oldest continuing people in Sri Lanka and one of the oldest continuing cultures on earth.

The Wanniyala Aeththo language has no root language and is not descended from Sanskrit, Dravidian or other established language groupings. I have been learning this beautiful oral language and wanted to share this knowledge with the readers in an applicable way. As this is an oral language, it does not exist in a written form as yet, although some scientific articles exist.

Animate objects suffixed “Aeththo”. Therefore a person is an Aeththa. Animals are also animate objects so a rabbit would be a Bokki-la Aeththa.

Parents are known as Ammila Aeththo and Appila Aeththo. Younger individuals are referred to as Kakula (male) or Kakuli (female).

Readers will notice that the following animal names bear little resemblance to Sinhala, which attests to the uniqueness of the indigenous languages of Sri Lanka. Leopards are Pol-lejja-la aeththo, dogs are Kukkila-aeththo, wild boars are Hotcha digala-aeththo, and deer Kankunala-aeththo. The various types of bees and wasps are known collectively as Macchila-aeththo and honey is known by the endearing term Kandaaranege Diya Thana.

Inanimate objects are suffixed “Pojja”: Therefore a house is a Rukul-pojja. Trees are referred to as Rukam-pojja and axes are referred to as Gal-raccha. Cutting or severing is described as Pata-harinawa.

Mechanical and technological objects are suffixed of “Yamake”. For example a radio would be Katha damana yamake. Here, readers will notice the introduction of Sinhala words to describe concepts not existing in the Wanniyala Aeththo language.

To make an object, obtain a resource or evoke a sentiment is to Mandu-keranna. So to obtain and eat food is kavilaanata mandu keranna. To be happy is sathutu thana mandu wenawa.

The transpiring of an event is known as mangachanawa. So to walk in the forest is kale mangachanna. Directions are denoted by the combination of the direction and the suffix “thana”. For instance something falling from the sky is described as uda thanin mangachanawa.

To denote possession or the passage of time and interactions, the Wanniyala Aeththo utilise words such as thibauwa and annomangachanawa although I am not yet fluent enough to translate these concept into English.

There exist no words for money or numbers, due to the irrelevance of these concepts to traditional life. So money is described in terms of the colour of the note using Sinhala loan-words like dam-kola-pojja for 20 rupees (purple leaf) or nil-kola-pojja (blue leaf) for 50 rupee notes.

Now let's put all this knowledge together into a sentence.

Me aththa kala-pojje mangachana kaala-machche, gal-raccen rukam-pojjak patahariya.

Rukam-pojje uda thana, me aththa kandaranige diyathana kavilaanata mandu kera.

This translates to: When I walked through a forest, I cut a tree using my axe. I obtained honey from a beehive at the crown of this tree.

As you can see, the Wanniyala Aeththo language is evocatively poetic in its description of natural phenomena as compared to English and Sinhala.

I hope more Sri Lankans learn this beautiful language and help preserve it for future generations.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

App of the Month : RDMNS.LK: Live Train Alerts



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මේ සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඇති උපුටා දැක්වීමක් මම පහත දක්වමි. "නමුත් මහාවංශයටත් පෙර ලියවුන ලෙස පිළිගැනෙන දීපවංශය පවසන්නේ "දක්ෂිණ දිග්භාගයෙන් අති උත්තම නදීතීරයෙහි හෙවත් මහාසම්ප්‍රාසන්නයෙහි භාත්පයින් (සිව්

දෙසින් පැමිණි වෙළඳ ජනයා ආදීන්ගේ විය හැකි) පොදි ලිහන ස්ථාන වූ හෙයින් පුටහේදන නම් වූ තම්බපණ්ණී නුවර විජය කුමරු විසින් ගොඩනගන ලද බවයි."

විජය කුමාරයා ඇතුළු පිරිස නම් කළ තම්බපණ්ණී නම පළාතට පමණක් නොව මුළු රටටම භාවිතා කොට තිබේ. ශ්‍රී ලංකාවම හඳුන්වා ඇත්තේ මේ නමිනි.

මේ නම පසු කලෙක සිංහලට තම්මැන්නාව වශයෙන් භාවිතයට පත්වී ඇත. මුහුණු පොතෙන් ලබාගත් තම්මැන්නා වෙරළේ ඡායාරූපයක් මෙහි දැක්වේ.



ආචාර්ය නිමල් සේදර

ආචාර්ය නිමල් සේදර මාධ්‍යවේදියෙක්, කවියෙක්, අභිප්‍රේරණ කවීකයෙක් සහ පොත් 70කට අධික ප්‍රමාණයක කතුවරයෙක්ය.

සමරමු ජාතික නිදහස

ඔසවා සිහ දජය හොබවා හෙළ විජය ය
 ඔද තෙද හෙළ සවිය හා අප සතු දිරි ය
 නිවහල් සුවද මල් පිපි සිරිබර හෙළ ය
 සමරමු හෙළ දෙරණ ලද නිදහසේ ජ ය

හෙළෙයිනි දිනු නිදහස මතකට නග නු
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 නිදහස හෙළේ දිනු විරුවන් ගරු කර නු

දරුවන් මැණිගේ හෙළ ලොව වෙසෙන අද
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 නිවහල් දේසයක උරුමය දිනු අද
 සය සැත්තෑ වසක සැමරුම රැඳේ හද

අපේ හෙළ දෙරණ හා බැඳි හැම ගම ම
 හෙළකම සතුව ජනිතව ඇති අප සැවො ම
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යළි පරගැනි නොවී නිවහල් සුව විදි මු
 අබිමානය හෙළේ ජාතික නගා ල මු
 නිජබිම සරුසාර කරුණට දිරි නග මු
 කුලල් කා නොගෙන යළි වහලුන් නොවෙ මු

ඇල්ෆ්‍රඩ් වටපුළුව



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

SILVER FAWN CLUB INC.
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty Third Annual General Meeting of the Silver Fawn Club Inc. will be held on Saturday 9th March, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Everton Park Bowls Club, 7 Gearside Street, Everton Park.

Nominations for the following positions are called for:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENTS (2)
HONORARY SECRETARY	ASSISTANT SECRETARY
HONORARY TREASURER	ASSISTANT TREASURER
CLUB CAPTAIN	GENERAL COMMITTEE (4)

Formal Nominations using the attached Nomination Form close at 4.00pm on Friday 1st March, 2024. However, Nominations can be called for from the floor at the meeting for positions unfilled. There will be dinner following the AGM which must be pre-ordered. Cost to Members will be \$10.00 (balance subsidised by the Club)

To order a meal please contact Laurensz 0408 414 973, Gerard 0407 453 535 or Denis 0432 411 383 no later than 1st March. Payment of \$10.00 needs to be made by 1st March, 2024 to Silver Fawn Club Inc. BSB 064 131 A/c 00902934 Please include your surname + meal as a reference.

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Children's Corner

Book Review: Champion- a memoir of tennis and teamwork By Ash Barty

(an Australian tennis superstar)



"It's a tennis story. It's a family story. It's a teamwork story. It's the story of how I got to where and who I am today" -Ash Barty

Dive deep into the story of Ashleigh Barty, a young Aboriginal girl at the West Brisbane Tennis centre, picking up her first tennis racquet at just four years of age. Learn about her life, including fabulous friends, intelligent coaches and a supportive family. Then discover her bumpy road, through tough emotional challenges, home-sickness and even a break from the sport in the middle of her professional career.

I really enjoyed this book because I found it so interesting to learn all about what it takes to be a professional, successful sportswoman.

Saranya Britton

Saranya, aged 10 is a student at St Joseph's School, Bardon



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කුඩා කල මතකයන් අවදි කරන බොහෝ දෙනෙකුට අත්තමලා සම්බන්ධයෙන් ඇති සමීප මතකයක් වන්නේ වෙන කවරෙකුටවත් වඩා ඔවුන් තුළ වූ දොර්ද සහ ස්නේහාර්ද රැකවරණය. ඒත් අමම තරමට අත්තමම ඇයි ගීතය තුළ තුළ සම්භාවනාවට පාත්‍ර වෙලා නැත්තේ. මේ ප්‍රශ්නයට පිළිතුරු දෙන්න නොවුණත් ඒ අඩුව යම් පමණකට හෝ පුරවන්න නිර්මාණය වුණු ගීතයක් තමයි ආචාර්ය රෝහණ විරසිංහයන් සංගීතවත් කොට ගායනා කරන "මිත්තණියේ" ගීතය. මේ ගීතය ලියැවෙන්නේ ජයන්ත වික්‍රමතුංග මහතාගේ අත්දැකීමක් සහ අදහසක් අනුව, ඒ අධිනීතිඥ මෙත්‍රී පනාගොඩ අතින්. අර්ථවල් එහෙත් සරල පදමාලාවක් වූ 'මිත්තණියේ' සිංහල ගීත සාහිත්‍යයේ අත්තමමා නමට ලියැවුණු ගීත අතළොස්ස අතරට එකක වූ නවතම රචනාවයි.

නැළැවිලි ගීයෙන් කඳුළැලි වියළා - අයන්න ආයනු අත හුරු කරවා ගහකොළ ගැන රස කතා කියා දී - දිවියට අඩිතාලම දැමුවා මිත්තණියේ.....මිත්තණියේ.....

සිංහල ගේ පද රචනාවල අමම තාත්තා ගැන කොවිචර කතා වුණත් ආචිච-සිය ගැන කළ ගීතමය නිර්මාණ නියෙන්නෙ ඉතා අතළොස්සක්. ගීත සාහිත්‍යයේ විතරක් නෙවෙයි, කාව්‍ය නිර්මාණ තුළ වුණත් අත්තමමල - සියලා ගැන කතා වෙන්නේ හරි අඩුවෙන්. සමහර තැන්වල කතා වුණත්, ඒ අත්තමමලාගෙ නුගුණ මිසක් ගුණ ගැන නෙවෙයි, නපුරුකම් ගැන. ඒත් අත්තමමලා සියලා දරුවන්ට-මුණුපුරු-මිණිපිරියන්ට කොවිචර ආදරේද, ඔවුන් වෙනුවෙන් කොවිචර නං කැප වෙනවද? අමම දෙවනු කොට අත්තමමලා කොතරම් නම් දුදරුවන්ට මවක් වෙලා නියෙනවද? තාත්තා දෙවනු කොට සියලා ඔවුන්ට පියෙක් වෙලා නියෙනවද? සිය තාත්තා, ආචිච අමම වගේ භාවිතයන් බිහි වෙන්න ඇත්තේම ඒ කැපවීම අගය කරන්න වෙන්න ඇති.

අත්තමමා ගමේ සිට එද්දී වත්තෙ පිටියේ ඇති සියලු පළතුරු ජාති එකතුකොට මල්ලක් සදා ගෙන එයි. ගමේ යන දවස වනතුරු පරිස්සම් කොට තබා ගත් වරකා ගෙඩියක පලුවක් ඒ අතර වරදින්නේම නැත. මසං, ජේර, බෝවිටියා, ඇඹිල්ල, මොට්ටු වැනි ගඩා-ගෙඩි එහි ඇත. විටිං විට සැදු රසවත් කැවිලි පොදියක්, හබල. පෙනි සහ හකුරු මල්ලක් ඒ අතර වෙයි. ඒ සියල්ල මලු කීපයක අසුරා බසයේ රැගෙන ඒම අත්තමමාට කිසිදා කරදරයක් නොවේ. ඒ ඇය සියල්ල කළේ අපමණ සෙනෙහසින් වීම නිසාවෙන්. සුරන්ජල් ෆර්නැන්ඩෝ "අත්තමමා නුඹමයි මාගේ" ගීය තුළින් පොද්ගලික අත්දැකීමක් ලෙසින් කිරීමේ සෙනෙහස අනුස්මරණය කරයි. මුණුපුරු-මිණිපිරියන් ගැන වූ අත්තමමාගේ මේ ආදරය-කැපවීම විවිධ කෝණවලින් දැකපු තවත් ගීත කිහිපයක් මට හමු වුණා. ඒ.එච්.එල්. යසවර්ධන රචනා කොට රෝහණ බෝගොඩ ගයන "අත්තමමට බුලත් දෙන්න," එඩ්වඩ් ජයකොඩ් ගයන "සිල්ගත් දෝතට පියුම් පිපෙනවා," සහ විශාරද නන්දා මාලිනි සහ විදුෂා නේත්‍රාංජලිගේ යුග ගැයුමක් වූ "පිං පොතක් පිරුණා වගෙයි" ඒ අතරින් කිහිපයක්.

අත්තමම සියාට මුණුපුරු-මිණිපිරියන් වඩාත් ආදරය කරන මූලිකම හේතුව තමන් වෙනුවෙන් ඔවුන්හට වෙලාව තිබීමයි. ඔවුන්ගේ තොර තෝවියක් නැති ප්‍රශ්නවලට ඇහුංකං දෙන්න අත්තමමට-සියාට තිබුණු ඉවසීම, කනන්දර කියා දෙන්න තිබුණු දැනුම, ආදරෙන් ඔවදන් දෙනකොට තිබුණු කරුණාව පුංචි හින්වල කිරි-මව්පියන් ගැන ආදරය



දළුන්ත හේතුවක්. මේ කාරණය රඹුකක සිද්ධාර්ථ හිමියන් ඉතා සුන්දර ලෙස ගීතයකට නැගුවේ පහත අයුරින්.

අත්තමමා සියා මට හරිම ආදරෙයි
මල් ගොමුවක උසම ගහක අතු දෙකක් වගේ
අතුපතරේ සිරි පැතිරී නිල් වළා නැගෙයි
ඒ අතු මත පුංචි අපට ඉඩ බොහෝ තියෙයි

මෑත කාලයේ දු-දරුවන් ආදරය කළ සෝමනිලක දිසානායකයන්ගේ පද රචනයක් වූ හර්ෂණ දිසානායක ළමා හඩින් ගයන "අත්තමමා නිවන් ගිහිං අපට හුහක් ඇතයි" ගීතය. ඒ ගීතයේ ඇති පහත යෙදුම අත්තමමා පිළිබඳ අපි හැම කෙනෙකුගේම මතකයට සමපාත වන්නක්.

අත්තමමගෙ කවි හින්දලු - අපි ඔක්කොම කවි කියන්නෙ
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සුන්දර මව් සෙනෙහසට නොදෙවෙනි වූ අමරණීය කිරිමව් සෙනෙහසක් ලෙසින් මතකයේ රැඳෙන අනුස්මරණීය ආදරය කැටිකරගත් ගී මිණි අතර "මිත්තණියේ" ගීතය හරිතමිණක් ම වනු ඇති.

ආචාර්ය කුමාරසිංහ දිසානායක

ආචාර්ය දිසානායක සිංහල භාෂාව හා සාහිත්‍යය පිළිබඳ හැදෑරීම් සහ පර්යේෂණ අත්දැකීම් සහිත විද්වතෙකි. ඔහු කාව්‍ය විචාරය සහ ගේයපද විමසුම පිළිබඳ විශේෂ උනන්දුවක් දක්වයි.

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Sri Lankan Dinner Night : Moreton Cricket Tour

Sri Lankan Dinner Night by Moreton Cricket Tour of Sri Lanka to raise funds towards “Suwa Arana” Palliative Care Facility, Maharaagama



Sri Lankan Dinner Night organized by Moreton Cricket Tour of Sri Lanka on the occasion of their 20th tour of Sri Lanka will be held at South Brisbane District Cricket Club on Saturday 3rd February at 730 PM. Funds raised this year will go towards Suwa Arana Palliative Care Facility for children in Sri Lanka. This is a charity organization which is the brainchild

of former Sri Lankan Cricketer and ICC Match referee Roshan Mahanama.

South Brisbane District Cricket Club is looking forward for a strong attendance for this great cause.

Tickets are priced \$45 per person and are now available from Mr Baba at the Clubhouse. **Please contact Mr. Baba on 0414 824 238 for more details.**

About Suwa Arana....

Located on a short stroll away from Maharagama Cancer Hospital, Suwa Arana is the First Paediatric Palliative Care Centre in Sri Lanka together with Paediatric housing for end-of-life children. It is a place for healing, providing essential medical, nursing, emotional and spiritual care to these unfortunate children. It provides them with a range of therapies that includes counselling, mindfulness and bereavement support that aims to comfort children and their families.

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Sachithra Rahubadda

Cast: Chandani Seneviratne, Kaushalya Fernando, Nilmini Sigera, Samadhi Laksiri, Ama Wijesekara, Sujani Menaka, Uma Aseni, Thushi Samarasekara, Randi Kaluarachchi, directed by Sachithra Rahubadda and produced by Thilak Abesinghe.

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Musical enjoyment evening with Naradha

Sunday 17th March 2024 @ 6 pm
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Saturday 23rd March 2024
5.30pm ONWARDS

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Monthly News Digest: January 2024

01	Fuel prices revised	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/bHA9oEENmdMiTjSgoLWz
02	Fuel, LPG prices soar with VAT	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Fuel-LPG-prices-soar-with-VAT/44-756944
02	December records highest arrivals as SL ends 2023 with 1.48 m tourists	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/December-records-highest-arrivals-as-SL-ends-2023-with-1-48-m-tourists/44-756946
02	Rs 50,000 fine for not obtaining Taxpayer Identification Number	https://island.lk/rs-50000-fine-for-not-obtaining-taxpayer-identification-number/
05	DDS becomes Sri Lanka's 18th Test captain	https://island.lk/dds-becomes-sri-lanka-s-18th-test-captain/
05	Nearly one million Sri Lankans register with TIN	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Nearly-one-million-Sri-Lankans-register-with-TIN/155-274436
05	Tharushi Karunaratna wins LMD's 'Sri Lankan of The Year' award	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Tharushi-Karunaratna-wins-LMD-s-Sri-Lankan-of-The-Year-award/44-757051
06	Sri Lanka foreign reserves up US\$829 to US\$4.4bn in Dec 23	https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-foreign-reserves-up-us829-to-us4-4bn-in-dec-23-146238/
06	Food expenses main reason for increase in household expenditure: Census Dept	https://economynext.com/food-expenses-main-reason-for-increase-in-household-expenditure-census-dept-146184/
07	Facial Recognition System at BIA to nab criminals	https://www.sundayobserver.lk/2024/01/07/news/13672/facial-recognition-system-at-bia-to-nab-criminals/
09	Cabinet approves new University of Science and Technology in Sri Lanka	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/40cDgCLiUzjRzoi8NFjL
12	Strikes paralyse government hospitals	https://island.lk/strikes-paralyse-government-hospitals/
13	Preparations for SLN's Red Sea operations will cost USD 40 mn: expert	https://island.lk/preparations-for-slns-red-sea-operations-will-cost-usd%0e2%80%08840-mn-expert/
13	Office of UN High Commissioner for Human Rights rings alarm bell on Yukthiya operation in Sri Lanka	https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/front-page/Office-of-UN-High-Commissioner-for-Human-Rights-rings-alarm-bell-on-Yukthiya-operation-in-Sri-Lanka/238-274983#google_vignette
14	Sri Lanka sails into murky waters in the Red Sea	https://island.lk/sri-lanka-sails-into-murky-waters-in-the-red-sea/
14	Ranil to contest presidential election as 'Grand Alliance' candidate	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240114/columns/ranil-to-contest-presidential-election-as-grand-alliance-candidate-545354.html
14	Presidential pardon for two LTTE prisoners serving life terms	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240114/news/presidential-pardon-for-two-ltte-prisoners-serving-life-terms-545365.html
16	DAT allowance dispute: 72 health sector unions launch indefinite strike today	https://island.lk/dat-allowance-dispute-72-health-sector-unions-launch-indefinite-strike-today/#google_vignette
17	Supreme Court deems Duminda Silva's presidential pardon invalid	https://adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=96470
18	Police to track traffic offenders in Colombo using CCTV system from next week	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/ZtfnSUBnSohSgC3phtFX
20	Colombo stock market dips to six month low	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Colombo-stock-market-dips-to-six-month-low/44-757577
21	TIN deadline extended to April 1 amidst confusion	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240121/business-times/tin-deadline-extended-to-april-1-amidst-confusion-545544.html
22	S. Shritharan secures ITAK leadership	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/S-Shritharan-secures-ITAK-leadership/44-757627
23	Chamari leads ICC Women's ODI Team of the Year and T20 Team of the Year	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=96665 Every winner of ICC Awards 2023 (icc-cricket.com)
23	Dimuth Karunaratne named in ICC Men's Test Team of the Year	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=96661 Every winner of ICC Awards 2023 (icc-cricket.com)
24	Sri Lanka Navy says ready for Red Sea deployment	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lanka-Navy-says-ready-for-Red-Sea-deployment/108-275620
27	Somali pirates abduct Sri Lankan fishing trawler with 6 crew members	Somali pirates abduct Sri Lankan fishing trawler with 6 crew members (adaderana.lk)
28	ICC confirms lifting of Sri Lanka's suspension	ICC confirms lifting of Sri Lanka's suspension (adaderana.lk)



Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

February 2024

01	Healing Retreats	Divine Retreat Centre
04	Movie: Thattu Deke Iskole	Sri Lankan Arts Circle
16	Wayo Tour of Australia	Bloomfield Ent.
24	Infinity + Wasthi Brisbane Food Festival	Yes Entertainment
25	SAQ Annual General Meeting	SAQ

March 2024

02	Concert: Sasara Wasanathuru	Sathsara Entertainment
03	StageDrama: Aphrodite Mal Kollaya	Radio 4EB SL Group
08	Black Dinner Dance	Aradhana Entertainment
09	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
09	FSOQ Musical show	FSOQ
16	Billy 242 Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
16	Bus Trip (one day)	SAQ Seniors
17	Musical Enjoyment Evening with Narada Wijesuriya	Agricola Qld
23	Prathibha Concert	Forest Lake Temple

April 2024

6	New Year Festival Music Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
13	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations	Forest Lake Temple
14	New Year Festival	SAQ

May 2024

03-06	Annual Camp: Lake Perseverance	Silver Fawn Club
11	Chamara and Damith	Sathsara Entertainment
25	Vesak Celebration at Acacia Ridge State School	Goodna Temple
25	Vesak Festival: Special Sermon, Bodhi Puja, Bakthi Gee, Lantern Display	Forest Lake Temple

June 2024

08	Dance Night: Sarith & Surith	Sathsara Entertainment
22	Poson Festival: Mihindu Sangamitta Perahera, Mihintalagama Display	Forest Lake Temple
29	Ananda Maroons' Night	Old Anandians Assn.

July 2024

20	Deshabhimancee	Forest Lake Temple
27	Madhu Feast at Cunnungra	Sri Lankan Catholics

September 2024

15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
28	Saralanga 2024	SAQ

October 2024

12	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
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Lunar (Chinese) New Year

As a part of the BrisAsia Festival, Lunar New Year Celebrations will be held in the Fortitude Valley. There will be traditional lion and dragon dances alongside roving street performers throughout the precinct to welcome the Year of the Dragon.



Date: 10 February

Time: 3.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Chinatown Mall

3 -9pm - BrisAsia ParTEA

5-8pm - Dragon and 3 brothers Photo Pop-up

4pm - Opening, welcoming and eye dotting dragon ceremony

4.30pm - 'Story of Nian' theatrical performance

5pm - Led dragon dance

5.45pm - Firecrackers

6pm - Traditional tea ceremony and dance

6.30pm - Samulnori and pangoot Korean dance

7.30pm - Toko Ton Japanese drumming

8pm - Muay Thai boxing demonstration

8.30pm - Led Lion on bamboo pole dance

9pm - Firecrackers

Roving Performers

5pm - Roving Lion in Wickham Street commencing at Cathedral Place finishing at Kenjin

Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
04 Feb	Himaya SWA & Darshika Koggalahewa/Sameera Samarasinghe
11 Feb	Jayantha Weerasekera & Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
18 Feb	Ananda & Nayana Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga
25 Feb	Samamal Gunaratne/Samamal
03 Mar	Kumara Dissanayake, Lakmini & Programming Group/ Sameera Samarasinghe

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
07 Feb	Yovun Sandella/ Dinesh Kumara
14 Feb	Janaka and Randima/ Ruwan Kalutara
21 Feb	Kumara Dissanayake, Samanola Wijeratne/ Sandun De Silva
28 Feb	Thisara Pathirenehelage & Kanchana/ Thisara Pathirenehelage
06 Mar	Yovun Sandella/ Dhanushka Bandara

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