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සූර්යයා වටා සිදුවන පෘථිවියේ භ්‍රමණය සහ ඒ සඳහා ගත වන කාලය පදනම් කරගෙන අතීතයේ නිර්මාණය වූණූ නැකත් උත්සවයක් අලුත් අවුරුද්ද නමින් හඳුනා ගැනේ. පෘථිවිය පිහිටා තිබෙන අවකාශය ගෝලයක් ලෙස හඳුනා ගැනෙන අතර ජ්‍යොතිෂ්‍ය ශාස්ත්‍රය තුළ එම ගෝලය මේෂ, වෘෂභ, මිථුන ආදී වශයෙන් ප්‍රධාන රාශි දොළහකට බෙදා දක්වා තිබේ. පෘථිවිය සූර්යයා වටා සිදුවන භ්‍රමණයේදී මෙහි පළමු රාශිය වන මේෂ



රාශියේ සිට අවසන් රාශිය වන මීන රාශියට ළඟා වීමට දින තුන්සිය හැටපහක් ගත වන බව ජ්‍යොතිෂ්‍යයේ පිළිගැනීමයි. නූතන විද්‍යාවෙන් පෘථිවියේ ගමන් මග තහවුරු කරගන්නා තෙක් පැරණි ජ්‍යොතිෂ්‍ය පිළිගැනීම වූයේ සූර්යයා අප වටා ගමන් ගන්නා බවයි. ඒ අනුව සාමාන්‍ය ව්‍යවහාරයේ අලුත් අවුරුද්ද පිළිබඳව කෙරෙන විස්තර කිරීම්වලදී සූර්යයා මීන රාශියේ සිට මේෂ රාශියට ගමන් කරන බව නිතර සඳහන් වේ.

සූර්යයා කේන්ද්‍ර කරගෙන සිදුවන මෙම රාශි විතැන්වීම සංක්‍රාන්තික අවදියක් ලෙස හැඳින්වේ. අලුත් අවුරුදු උදාවට පර්යාය නමක් ලෙස සූර්ය සංක්‍රාන්තිය යන යෙදුම භාවිත වන්නේ එබැවිනි. ඉහත රාශි දොළහට අමතරව එම ගෝලය නැකත් විසිහතකටද බෙදා දැක්වේ. සුබ මුහුර්තයක් ලෙස හැඳින්වෙන්නේ දිනය, නැකත, නිථිය, යෝගය, සහ කර්ණය යන පංචාංගයම එකට ගැලපෙන මොහොතකි. මෙම අවස්ථා සැලකිල්ලට ගෙන සූර්ය සංක්‍රාන්තියෙන් පසු එළඹෙන සුබම මොහොත අලුත් අවුරුදු උදාව ලෙස නම් කෙරේ.



පාරිසරික සාධක කෙරෙහි අවධානය යොමු කිරීමේදී සූර්ය සංක්‍රාන්තිය සිදුවන අවදිය වසන්ත සමය ලෙස නම් කෙරේ. හිරු ඵලිය නිසා මහපොළොව සාරවත් වී ගස්වැල් මල්එල දරා සාරවත් අස්වැන්නක් ලැබෙනුයේ මෙම කාල සීමාවේදීය. ආසියානු කලාපයේ වෙසෙන ජනතාවට මෙම කාලය උදා වනුයේ නූතන මාස ක්‍රමය අනුව අප්‍රේල් මාසය

හෝ ඊට ආසන්න දිනකදීය. සාරවත් අස්වැන්නක් ලබාගත් මිනිසුන් එය සූර්යයාගේ බලයෙන් ලැබෙන්නක් ලෙස විශ්වාස කළ බැවින් හිරුට දේවත්වයෙන් සලකා විවිධ චාරිත්‍ර සිදුකරමින් උත්සව පැවැත්වීම පැරණි භාරතීය සමාජයේ දක්නට ලැබිණ. එම සංස්කෘතික ආභාසය නිසා ශ්‍රී ලාංකිකයින්ද වසන්ත සමයේදී නැකත් උත්සව පැවැත්වීම අතීතයේ සිට සිදු කර තිබේ.

ලාංකේය සන්දර්භය තුළ සිංහල අලුත් අවුරුද්ද ලෙස මෙය නම් කෙරෙනුයේ රටේ වෙසෙන ජනගහනයෙන් බහුතරයක් සිංහල ජනවර්ගය වීම නිසාවෙනි. මෙය සිංහල භාෂින්ද අලුත් අවුරුද්ද ලෙස ජාතික නිවාඩු දින පනතට ඇතුළත් කර ඇත්තේ 1886 වර්ෂයේදී වන අතර පසුකාලීනව දේශපාලන සාධකද සැලකිල්ලට ගෙන එය සිංහල භාෂා දෙමළ අලුත් අවුරුද්ද ලෙස නම් කර තිබේ. කෙසේ වුවද ලාංකික දම්ළ පනතාවට වෙනම අලුත් අවුරුදු දිනයක් ඇති බැවින් බොහෝ විට අප්‍රේල් මාසයේ

සමරන නැකත් උත්සවය සිංහල භාෂින්ද අලුත් අවුරුද්ද ලෙස ජාතික උත්සවයක් වශයෙන් සමරන බැව් පෙනේ. උත්සව සමයෙහි පැවැත්වෙන විවිධ කෙළි සෙල්ලම් හා චාරිත්‍රවලට බෞද්ධාගමික හැඩයක් සහ පත්තිනි දේව ඇදහීම් ගැලපීම දීර්ඝකාලීන සංස්කෘතික සංස්පර්ෂයේ ප්‍රතිඵලයක් බව පැහැදිලිය.

මානව සම්බන්ධතා කෙරෙහි අවදානය යොමු කිරීමේදී වසරක් අවසානයේදී අතීතයේ සිදු වූ වැරදි හා කිළිටි දැ අතහැර භෞතික හා අධ්‍යාත්මික වශයෙන් නැවුම් බවක් ලබා ගැනීම අලුත් අවුරුද්දේ දැකිය හැකි මූලික ලක්ෂණයකි.



ආචාර්ය නිමල් විජේසිරි
 නිමල් විජේසිරි ජේරාදේණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ සිංහල අධ්‍යාපන අංශයේ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ කලීකාවාර්යවරයෙකි.

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Multiculturalism: The People

We have written extensively on the synergistic nature of Sri Lankan multiculturalism. In this article we wanted to summarise some notable individuals who embody and represent the diverse history of Sri Lanka and whose contributions are immense.

Many have heard of Arul Mary as the Queen of the P Saravanamuttu Stadium (P Sara), where she, for decades was the pitch curator of the historic cricket ground. Many historic games have been played under her watchful eyes of the carefully curated pitches. She was one of the few female pitch curators in the world of cricket, and a person of Tamil ancestry. Arun Mary's legacy lives on in the work of sisters Amravati and Seroja Vellai who continue to curate the pitch for games at the P Sara.

Basil Horsfall was a Ceylonese recipient of the Victoria Cross for gallantry in battle. Basil was a Ceylonese sergeant in World War I, who won his medal for astounding bravery in the face of overwhelming odds. In the moments where he refused to retreat despite grave head wounds, he embodied the determined spirit of the Ceylonese people which has seen them through, racism, social change, mass violence, natural disasters, and oppression.

Aimee Jonklaas was a Ceylonese World War II transport pilot and one of the few women to fly for the allies. It was her dangerous role to transport a variety of planes during wartime and was a proud Ceylonese contribution to the Second World War.

Homi Billimoria was Ceylon's first city planner and contributed enormously to the architecture of the island. He designed the Independence Square along with the Tintagel and a range of other buildings which are now seen as Sri Lankan architectural icons. Homi Billimoria is a person of Parsi ancestry.



Heritance Kandalama

Geoffrey Bawa, of Eurasian ancestry, is a legendary architect, world renowned for his tropical modernist architecture. Geoffrey Bawa's architectural marvels can be seen at the Lunuganga Estate, Heritance Kandalama and Jetwing Lighthouse.

Wally Bastianz is the pioneer of the legendary chorus Baila which is now ubiquitous around the island. Ogustus Martalanus Bastianz hails from the phenomenally mixed Batticaloa district and combined Kaffringha with guitars, music, and Sinhala words in a way only possible from a place as multicultural as Batticaloa.

Uruwarige Wanniyala Aeththo is the resolute and sagely leader of the Dambane Wanniyala Aeththo community. He has been a steadfast and proud representative of the first and oldest Sri Lankans. As a member of the indigenous community, he has represented the country at world indigenous forums and fought against oppression of his people. A son of the legendary maverick Tissahamy, who refused to bow down to government pressure to settle and fought Sinhalese colonisation of indigenous land, Uruwarige Wanniyala Aeththo continues the struggles of indigenous peoples around the world.

When discussing multiculturalism, it is also important to remember and pay homage to the many people who have immensely contributed to the historical and cultural landscape of Sri Lanka.



Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera

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

Ramadan

Muslims around the world are currently observing Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. This year, Ramadan is between 11th March and 10th April. Fasting during the month of Ramadan comprises one of the five pillars of Islam, along with 'Shahada' – one's belief in a single God and his Prophet Muhamad (may peace be on him), 'Salah' or prayer, 'Zakat' or charity, and 'Hajj' – pilgrimage to Makkah. By fasting, Muslims abstain from eating and drinking (even water) during the day to refocus their attention on the remembrance and worship of God. Muslims fast primarily as an act of obedience to God, as instructed in the Holy Quran and beyond perceptions that fasting provides health benefits or to experience the pangs of hunger, which may indeed be secondary benefits.



For Muslims in Australia, Ramadan in 2024 typically includes sharing of meals at the start and end of the fast known as 'suhoor' and 'iftar', respectively, communal night prayers at the local Mosque, charity and will culminate with the Eid-ul-Fitr celebration which symbolises the reward for completing the month of fasting. On this day, Muslims don their best attire and participate in the communal morning prayer. Thereafter, they spend time visiting friends and family while sharing special foods.



Omar Issadeen

Omar is a civil engineer at AECOM and assistant Imam at the Kuraby Mosque in Brisbane.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

KOLAMEDIRIYA

“Kolamederiya” is in the Bandaragama division in the Kalutara District in the Western Province of Sri Lanka. Today, it has developed into a modern place of living with the economic and social development of the country.



Korale Mahaththaya

How this place got this name is a simple story. There may be other stories too behind the name. This story on the name behind the village is about a kind village leader that lived here. “Korale” was a leader who supervised a small number of village leaders namely, the “Arachchi Mahaththayas”, the village headmen. He was so popular as he was a kind person who looked after the wellbeing of the villagers.

Unfortunately, the Korale fell sick and became a feeble and skinny man. All the treatment done by the native doctors were of no use. So, they

searched for better treatment from famous native doctors outside the village. Finally, they spotted a person whom they thought was the real person capable of restoring the health of the Korale.

The people received him very warmly and after studying the situation, the native doctor suggested that the sick person be moved out of the house to a special shed constructed according to his instructions. He said the new construction where the sick person to be moved should be decorated with medical herbs that he suggests. The villagers agreed to the proposal.

So, within a day or two, the requirement was fulfilled and the Korale was moved to this construction with his bed. This new construction looked so beautiful with the green herbs hung around it. The Sinhala word for leaves is “Kola” and the room is called “mediriya”. The villagers called the new construction “KOLAMEDIRIYA” and the name continues to date.



Dr Nimal Sedara

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

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ANZAC Day Celebrations: Sri Lankans Warriors

This year too the members of Sri Lanka Ex Servicemen’s Association will be marching alongside the service personnel and members of Returned Servicemen’s League (RSL) at ANZAC Parade in Kenmore on 25 April 2024.

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



Shell Green - T20 Cricket



The local cricket mad Sri Lankan community provides catering to the event in commemoration of the part played in the ANZAC story by the Ceylon Planters Rifle Corps (Tea Leaves).

Courtesy: RSL Moggil Branch

Puthandu

Puthandu, also known as Tamil New Year, is a vibrant celebration deeply rooted in Tamil culture, marking the beginning of a new year according to the Tamil calendar.

Central to Puthandu is the concept of renewal and rejuvenation. Families come together to clean their homes, adorn them with intricate kolam (rangoli) designs, and prepare elaborate feasts symbolizing prosperity and abundance. The exchange of gifts and sweets among loved ones strengthens familial bonds and fosters a sense of community cohesion.



Puthandu is also steeped in spiritual significance, with many Tamils visiting temples to seek blessings for the year ahead. Special prayers are offered to deities, and traditional rituals are performed to invoke divine favour and ensure a harmonious beginning to the new year.

Cultural performances such as music, dance, and theatrical presentations are also integral to Puthandu festivities, showcasing the rich artistic heritage of the Tamil people. These expressions of creativity serve to preserve and transmit cultural values from one generation to the next.

Courtesy: Various Internet Sources

The Wire: Current Affairs Radio Program on Community Radio turns 20!

The Wire, a national current affairs program on Community Radio, formerly known as 'Undercurrents' started in 2004 produced at 2SER by Stafford Sanders, with the support of the Community



Broadcasting Foundation, is celebrating 20 years this year!

Soon after, 2SER invited Radio Adelaide and Radio 4EB as part of the

consortium of stations managing The Wire.

In 2024, The Wire continues to be managed by 2SER and Radio 4EB. It is produced with the support of Community Radio stations 4ZZZ Brisbane, 3ZZZ Melbourne, 2SER Sydney, Radio Adelaide, and Radio 4EB Brisbane, distributed through the Community Radio Network. It is funded by the Community Broadcasting Foundation.

Host station, Radio 4EB Station Manager Jo Pratt mentioned, the platform 'The Wire' provides for career development opportunities for budding broadcasters and local views on national issues giving a unique perspective. We encourage other stations to contact us to see how broadcasters from their stations might contribute stories. We would love to see "The Wire" continue to grow its reach and impact.

Over the last 20 years, many journalism students and emerging journalists have kicked off their career on community radio, showing the importance of the sector in the Australian news landscape.

Executive Producer of "The Wire" from Radio 4EB, Dr Eduardo Jordan, is excited about the milestone: "The Wire and the communi-

ty media sector are stronger than ever and provide appealing radio stories from the community to the community."

"All the involved stations, volunteers and the sector have been essential to get The Wire to where it now stands".

The Community Broadcasting Association of Australia (CBAA) applauds the work and impact of "The Wire" across the community. The CBAA would like to recognise The Wire's contribution to our sector as the flagship national current affairs program on community radio.

Since its inception in 2004 it has served as an alternative voice across Australia, including in First Nations and remote communities overlooked by other media. The program, broadcast across Australia via the Community Radio Network, may have the most diverse audience for any individual Current Affairs program in the Australian media sector.'

CEO, Jo Curtin said, 'Significantly for us, The Wire demonstrates the huge potential of collaboration between stations in community broadcasting. It's a wonderful example of what can happen when we invest in new ideas and innovation and commit to amplify diverse voices.'

For more information or interview enquiries please contact:

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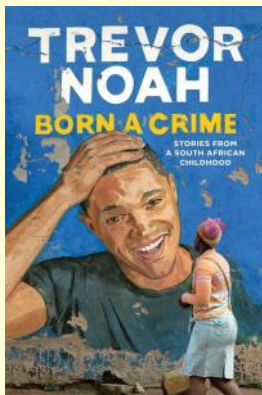
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Book Review: "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah - "Don't fight the system, mock the system."

Trevor Noah's "Born a Crime" is an engaging and thought-provoking memoir that chronicles the comedian's life growing up in apartheid South Africa.



The title "Born a Crime" refers to Noah's own mixed-race heritage, which was illegal under apartheid laws at the time of his birth in 1984. Noah's mother was Black, and his father was White, which made Noah's mere existence a crime in the eyes of the government.

This reality sets the stage for much of Noah's childhood, as he navigated the complexities of being neither fully black nor white in a society that was strictly divided along racial lines. "In my head white and black and brown were like types of chocolate" says Noah. "Dad was the white chocolate, mom was the dark chocolate, and I was the milk chocolate.

But we were all just chocolate. I didn't know any of it had anything to do with 'race'."

Through his memoir, Noah offers readers a glimpse into his personal experiences with racism, poverty, and violence in a way that is both heart-wrenching and humorous. "The first time Abel hit me I felt something I had never felt before. I felt terror.," writes Noah, describing the violent household he grew up in owing to his stepfather Abel. Having grown up in poverty, sometimes resorting to dog bones for meals, Trevor describing his aspiration to eat McDonalds because to him it represented wealth, that unattainable American

dream, is heartwarming and comical – "with money, I experienced freedom on a whole new level: I went to McDonald's."

He shares stories of his mother's resilient, rebellious, and determined spirit in the face of extreme adversity. "If my mother had one goal, it was to free my mind". People would say "Why show him the world when he's never going to leave the ghetto?" 'Because' his mum would say, 'even if he never leaves the ghetto, he will know that the ghetto is not the world.'

Trevor's mother Patricia raises him with a sense of believing that the world was his oyster, that he should speak up for himself, that his ideas and thoughts and decisions mattered. Surely, this upbringing had much to do with Trevor's eventual rise to fame as a comedian and an influential social commentator over the last decade.

"Born a Crime" is not just a collection of anecdotes and memories, but rather a powerful examination of race, identity, and the human experience. Noah's ability to tackle heavy topics with humour and grace, to make readers laugh even as he recounts some of the most difficult moments of his life is a testament to his ability to find hope in the darkest of situations and his skill as a great storyteller.



Nimandra Gunasekera

Nimandra works in the renewable energy industry, and enjoys reading and dabbling in a bit of writing.

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ඔබ දන්නා, අපි නොදන්න, තිරය පිටිපස්සේ ඇතිවන රසවත් සිද්ධීන්, බෙදා හදා ගැනීමේ උත්සාහයක් හැටියට මෙම කොලම ඔබට විවෘතයි. සමහර වෙලාවට මේ අතරේ ඉතා අනුවේදනීයවූ, දුක්මුසු කතා බහ තියෙනවා. කතාවේ මුඛ ගැහෙන, ඒ කාටවත් උපහාසයක්, අපහාසයක් නොවන විධියට, අපි ලියමු.



එන්න මගේ පිය මිතුරෝ

හැත්තෑව දශකයේ සිංහල සිනමාවේ වගේම වේදිකා නාට්‍යයේ, සාහිත්‍යය විෂයයේ, විශේෂයෙන් නවකතා, කෙටිකතා, කවිය, ගුවන් විදුලි හා සරල ගීතය ආදී වූ සකලවිධ කලා නිර්මාණ ක්ෂේත්‍රයන් තුළ යම් පිබිදීමක්, නව නැමීමක් ඇතිවූ බව අප සියළුදෙනාම පාහේ එකඟවන, සාක්ෂි සහිතව අත්විඳින්නාවූ කාරණාවක්.

1974 දී තිරගතවූ ධර්මසේන පතිරාජයන්ගේ 'අහස් ගව්ව' සිනමා පටය මෙම නවරැල්ලේ කසකරුවා විය. එහිදී පතිරාජයන් විසින් යොදාගනු ලැබූ සිනමා භාෂාව වූයේ, තාරුණ්‍යයේ පිබිදීමට ගැලපෙන පරිදි සකස් කරගත්, සරලවූ ඔවුන්ගේම ස්වාභාවික රිද්මයයි. දියුණුවන ගෝලීය වටපිටාව සමඟින්, එම වකවානුව වනවිට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ජනිතවෙමින් පැවතුණාවූ තරුණ අසහනය, එනම් විධිකියාව, අසමාන්‍යතාවය, සමාජය තුළ නිරන්තරයෙන්ම ගැටීමට ලක්වීමේ යථාර්ථය, මෙම සිනමාපටයට පාදක විය. මෙම යථාර්ථය පිළිබිඹු වන පසුබිම් ගීතයක් සිනමාපටයට ඇතුළත් කරගැනීමේ අදහසින් පතිරාජයන් ඒ සඳහා යොමුවූයේ, එවකට තම සරසවි අධ්‍යයන සගයෙකු වූ වන්දුසිරි පල්ලියගුරු වෙතය.

එම ගීතයේ උප්පත්තිය ගැන, පසුකාලීනව පැවති පුවත්පත් සාකච්ඡාවකදී මහාචාර්ය වන්දුසිරි පල්ලියගුරු පවසා සිටියේ මෙසේය.

“1968දී ධර්මසේන පතිරාජ කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයට සහකාර කලීකාචාර්යවරයෙකු විදියට එද්දී, මාත් විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ සහකාර කලීකාචාර්යවරයෙක්. ඒ කාලේ පතී කළ 'සතුරෝ' කෙටි චිත්‍රපටයේ මම සහාය අධ්‍යක්ෂක වශයෙන් කටයුතු කළා. ඒ කාලේදීම පතිට අදහසක් තිබුණා දිග පින්තූරයක් කරන්න. එදා තරුණ අසහනයක් සමාජය තුළ තිබුණා, ඉතිරි පතිටත් ඕනෑ වුණේ තරුණ අසහනය, ඒ කියන්නේ තරුණයන්ගේ හීන සහ ඒවා ඉටු නොවනවා යන කාරණය මෙහි අඩංගු විය යුතුයි යන්න...”

"අහස් ගව්වේ තිරනාටකය තිබුණේ පතීගෙයි, අපේයි ඔළුවල විතරයි. පතීට ඕනෑ වුණා ගීතයකුත් එකතු කරන්න, එය චිත්‍රපටයේ පසුබිමින් ඇසෙන ගීයක් විය යුතුයි.

මෙම ගීතය රිද්ම දෙකකට වාදනය වෙනවා. එක් අවස්ථාවකදී මෙය උදාන ගීයක් ලෙසින් ගැයෙනවා, දෙවනුව තම හිතවතා මියගියාට පසුව සොහොන් බිමේදී පසුබිමින් ගැයෙනවා.

මේ අවස්ථා දෙකටම ගැලපෙන විධියට මේ ගීතය ලියන්න මා උත්සාහයක් ගත්තා, ගීතයට කේමදාස මාස්ටර් තනුව හැදුවා...”

ප්‍රචිත ගේය පද රචක රත්න ශ්‍රී විජේසිංහයන් විසින් වරෙක ඔහු සම්බන්ධවූ පුවත්පත් සාකච්ඡාවකදී මෙම ගීතයේ පද වැල් අරුත් ගැන්වූයේ;

"1971 තරුණ කැරැල්ලට පසුව අරුණෝදයත් එක්ක පිනි දිලියෙනවා..., ඒ පිනි මත පය තබා ජීවිතාපේක්ෂා දිනාගැනීමට යන ගමනක් තමයි තරුණයන්ට තිබෙන්නේ, නමුත් ඒ අරමුණු සාක්ෂාත් වන්නේ නැහැ. මිතුරන් එකතු කරගෙන සාමූහිකව මුහුණදෙන්න ඔවුන් සවිඳොතික වෙනවා, 'අහස් ගව්ව' කතා කරන්නේ එයයි, බේදවාචකයකින් චිත්‍රපටය අවසන් වෙනවා, හැම තරුණ සටනක්ම අවසන් වුණෙත් එහෙම තමයි”.

සංගීතවේදී සනත් නන්දසිරි ගැසූ 'එන්න මගේ පිය මිතුරෝ' මෙම ගීතය මගින්, 'අහස් ගව්ව' චිත්‍රපටය හරහා පතිරාජයන් පැවසීමට උත්සුකවූ, එවකට ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ පැවැති රැකියා විරහිත තරුණ පරපුරේ ශෝකාන්තය, ඉතා විශිෂ්ට අයුරින් සංකීර්තනය වූ බව, සියළුම ප්‍රේක්ෂක, විචාරක මතය විය.

අප හැම දෙන මහත්සේ ඇලුම් කරන, ඉතා විශිෂ්ට චිත්‍රපට ගීතයක් වූ, මෙම 'එන්න මගේ පිය මිතුරෝ' ගීතය ගේය පද ලියූ, මහදුරු වන්දුසිරි

පල්ලියගුරු විද්වතාණෝ, සාහිත්‍යවේදියාණෝ, පසුගිය මාර්තු 22වනදා දැයෙන් සමු ගත්තේය. මියයන විට එතුමා 80 හැවිරිදි වියේ පසුවිය.

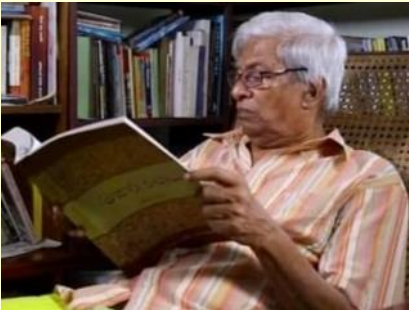
වන්දුසිරි පල්ලියගුරු මහාචාර්යවරයාගේ උපන් ගම වුණේ, මාතර. මාතර නගරයට යාබද කොටුවේගොඩට නුදුරු පල්ලිමුල්ල කියන ගම. මාතර රෝහණ මහා විද්‍යාලයෙන් අධ්‍යාපනය ලැබූ වන්දුසිරි සිසුවා එම විද්‍යාලයෙන් සරසවි වරම් ලද පළමු ශිෂ්‍යයා ලෙසට තමයි වාර්තා වෙන්නේ. ඔහුගේ තේරීම වුණේ කැලණිය සරසවිය (ඒ කාලේ විද්‍යාලංකාර). එයට විශේෂ හේතුවක් තිබුණා. වන්දුසිරි සිසුවා, ශිෂ්‍ය-අවදියේ සිටම චිත්‍රපට ලෝලියෙක්, පික්චර් පිස්සෙක් වෙලයි හිටියේ. ඔහු හින්දි චිත්‍රපටවලට කොතරම් කැමැත්ත දැක්වූයේද යත්, පසුව තම උපාධිය සඳහා හින්දි භාෂාව උගෙනුම තෝරාගත්තා.

පසුකාලීනව පැවැත්වූ පුවත්පත් මාධ්‍ය සාකච්ඡාවකදී මහදුරුතුමා ඒ පිලිබඳ තම මතකය අවදි කළේ;

“කැලණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයට ඇවිත් (ඒ කාලේ විද්‍යාලංකාර) මම ඉගෙන ගත්තේ හින්දි, පාලි හා සිංහලයි. විද්‍යාලංකාරයටම එන්න හේතු වුණේ හින්දි ඉගැන්වුවේ කැලණියේ විතරක් හින්දි. ඒ කාලේ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලයේ තිබුණේ දැන් තිබෙන තැන නෙවෙයි. දැන් පැලියගොඩ විද්‍යාලංකාර පිරිවෙන තිබෙන තැනයි. අපි ආවේ 1961දී. විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය පටන් අරන් තුන්වැනි කණ්ඩායම අපි..”

“මට හින්දි භාෂාව ඉගෙන ගන්නට ලැබීම ඇත්තටම මට තවත් ඇසක් ලැබුණා වගේ වුණා, අලුත් ලෝකයක් විවෘත වුණා...”

“අපට හින්දි උගන්වුණ ආනන්ද කොගලායාගේ ගුරුතුමා පන්ජාබි ජාතිකයෙක්. හින්දි භාෂාව ගැන විශිෂ්ට පඩිවරයෙක්. මට ඉගෙන ගන්න වුණේ පැදුරක් එලාගෙන බිම වාඩිවෙලා, පාඩම මුල්ම දවසේ, මම බැලුවා මොකද මේ විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය ඇවිල්ලත් බිම වාඩිවෙලාද ඉගෙනගන්න වෙන්නේ කියලා. එතකොටම වගේ, ගුරුතුමාත් පැදුරක් එලාගෙන බිම වාඩි වුණා”



කැලණිය සරසවියෙන් උසස් අධ්‍යාපනය නිම කළ පල්ලියගුරු ශිෂ්‍යයා, එම සරසවියේම ජන සන්නිවේදන අධ්‍යයන අංශයේ අංශාධිපතිවරයා ලෙසද, පසුව මානව ශාස්ත්‍ර පීඨයේ පීඨාධිපති වශයෙන්ද, අවසානයේ සිංහල පිළිබඳ ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ මහාචාර්යවරයා ලෙස විශ්‍රාම යනතෙක් සේවය කරනු ලැබූ අතර, වර්ෂයකට ආසන්න කාලයක් චීනයේ බේජිං නුවර සරසවියේද සේවය කර ඇත.

“ඒ කාලේ මම ජාතික රූපවාහිනියේ නාට්‍ය, චිත්‍රපට, සාහිත්‍යය ක්ෂේත්‍රයන් හා බැඳුණු ‘රසකලස’ විචිත්‍රාංගික වැඩසටහන වගේම, වැනසී යන අපගේ දේශීය සම්ප්‍රදායික වාරිත්‍ර වාරිත්‍ර අංග ගැන කියැවෙන 'උරුමය' වැඩසටහන ඉදිරිපත් කළා, වාර්තා චිත්‍රපට කිහිපයක්ම කළා. ඒවා ඒ කාලේ ගොඩක් ජනප්‍රිය වුණා.”

මහදුරු වන්දුසිරි පල්ලියගුරු විසින් රචනා කළ කෘතීන් අතරින් 'සමාජ මුහුණුවර' 1984 වර්ෂයේ, සහ 'යථාර්ථය සහ නිර්මාණ' 1994 වර්ෂයේදී, රාජ්‍ය සාහිත්‍ය උළෙල සම්මානයෙන් පිදුම් ලැබීය. ඊට අමතරව 1995 වර්ෂයේදී, ඔහු විසින් පරිවර්තනය කරන ලද 'සිනමා සිද්ධාන්ත හා විචාර' නැමැති කෘතිය සිනමා ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ පුරෝගාමී කෘතියක් බවට සැලකේ.

'අහස් ගව්ව' තුලින් අප හමුවූ, අපෙන් සමුගත් ධර්මසේන පතිරාජ, අමරසිරි කලංසුරිය, වික්‍රම බෝගොඩ, විමල් කුමාර ද කොස්තා, විජය කුමාරතුංග, දයා තෙන්නකෝන්, ප්‍රේමසිරි කේමදාස, සනත් නන්දසිරි, ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය කලාව පෝෂණය කළ එම විශිෂ්ටයන් අතරට වන්දුසිරි පල්ලියගුරු නාමයද එක්ව ඇත.

'කළලත් සුසුමන් හදින් ගලන තෙක් එකමුතුවී අපි මිතුරෝ' 'එන්න මගේ පිය මිතුරෝ ...'

මහදුරුතුමනි, සුබ ගමන් ඔබට!!!



සමන්මල් ගුණරත්න

මෙම සටහන ප්‍රසිද්ධ පුවත්පත්, අන්තර්ජාලය තුලින් ලබා ගත් ලිපි ඇසුරින් නිමවූ බව කරුණාවෙන් සළකන්න

Sri Lanka Tourism B2B Meetings and Roadshow

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau hosted the first ever Sri Lanka Tourism Business to Business (B2B) Meetings and Roadshow in Brisbane on 19 March 2024.



Attended by the High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Australia, Mrs Chithrangane Wagishwara, Consul General for Sri Lanka in Victoria, Sandith Samarasinghe, Chairman of Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, Chalaka Gajabahu, and Ex Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland, Anton Swan, with nearly 50 delegates representing 32 travel and tourism companies in Sri Lanka and an equal number of Australia based companies, the roadshow was a great success.



The evening started with B2B Interactive Meetings and Networking followed by an opening ceremony, keynote speeches and a 3 course dinner. The theme of the roadshow was "Sri Lanka: You'll Come Back for More". Statistics indicate 425,000 visitors came to Sri Lanka



in January and February 2024 of which 20% were returning visitors.

The entertainment for the evening included several cultural performances by the Brisbane based Sri Lanka Dance Foundation.

Wimal Kannangara

35th Sarasaviya Film Awards

The 35th Lux Sarasaviya Film Awards organised by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (Lake House) was held at the BMICH on Thursday 28 March. The awards ceremony is organised to celebrate the country's cinematic excellence. The queen of Sri Lankan cinema, Dr. Malani Fonseka, was the chief guest.



Category	Award Recipient
Best Actress 2019	Samadi Laksiri
Best Actor 2019	Bimal Jayakodi
Best Film 2019	Daekala Purudu Kenek
Best Director 2019	Malith Haegoda
Best Supporting Actor 2019	Lakshman Mendis
Best Supporting Actress 2019	Chulakshi Ratanunga
Most Popular Actor 2019	Uddika Premaratne
Most Popular Actress 2019	Senali Fonseka
Best Cinematic Film 2019	Vijayaba Kollaya
Best Singer Female 2019	Umariya Sinhawansa
Best Singer Male 2019	Sunil Edirisinghe
Best Music Director 2019	Sumudu Guruge
Best Lyricist 2019	Lalith Ratnayake
Lester James Peiris Memorial Ranathisara Award 2019	Sathischandra Edirisinghe
Best Actress 2020	Neeta Fernando
Best Actor 2020	Kumara Thirimadura
Best Film 2020	The Newspaper
Best Director 2020	Visakesa Chandrasekaram
Best Supporting Actor 2020	Mayura Kanchana Perera
Best Supporting Actress 2020	Nadee Kammalaweera
Most Popular Actor 2020	Kalana Gunasekera
Most Popular Actress 2020	Dinakshi Priyasad
Best Producer 2020 (The Newspaper)	Dr. Bandula Gunawardena
Best Singer Female 2020	Dr. Nanda Malini
Best Singer Male 2020	Harshana Dissanayake
Best Music Director 2020	Chinthaka Jayakody
Best Lyricist 2020	Prof Sunil Ariyaratne
Lester James Peiris Memorial Ranathisara Award 2020	Victor Ratnayake

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Queensland Volunteer Awards

Since 2016 Volunteering Queensland has run and hosted the Queensland Volunteering Awards celebrating exceptional volunteers from all around Queensland. The past nine years have celebrated over a thousand nominated volunteers including the recipients of each of the six award categories.

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- Highlight an individual or organisation as an inspirational trailblazer in your field.
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- Gain visibility and enhance reputation of the individual and/or organisation with potential investors, partners, and customers who prioritise making a difference.
- Ensure your staff, team, or volunteers are rewarded and recognised for their efforts and contribution.
- Reflect on achievements, results and refine your communication by going through the entry process
- Access a vibrant community of like-minded individuals and organisations, fostering connections and collaborations.

[Download the nomination guide](#)

Ready to start? Explore the [Queensland Volunteering Awards 2024](#) today.

Thank you for supporting the volunteers in your community.

Please distribute the message to your community on behalf of Volunteering Queensland.

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Windy Gunathilaka wins best song award for 'Ayo Sami'

Windy Gunathilaka, who sings the Sri Lankan Tamil song "Ayo Sami", has won the award for the Best Sensational Song of the Year - 2023 at the 16th Edison Awards.

This award ceremony is held to evaluate international films and songs, and this year's award ceremony was held on March 24 in Chennai, India. Pothuvil Azmin who wrote this song and Sanuka Wickramasinghe who composed the music for this song also joined the occasion of receiving these awards.



<https://www.dailymirror.lk/>

Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations of Queensland Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, 12 April 2024
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Mount Ommaney Library
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The meeting is open only to the representatives of the member organisations.



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Veteran Journalist Lucien Rajakarunanayake, Passes Away

Veteran journalist Lucien Rajakarunanayake, passed away on 29 February at the age of 85-years. Having begun his career in newspapers in the 1960s at the old Times of Ceylon, he later served a period as Chairman of Lake House and spokesman for President Mahinda Rajapaksa.



A pioneering member of the Free Media Movement, he last served as Director of Research and Analysis at the President's office during the Maithripala Sirisena presidency.

A former student of St. Peter's College and Aquinas University College in Colombo, he was a popular English language columnist following his retirement from active newspapering, contributing to publications including The Island.

Professor Chandrasiri Palliyaguru Passes Away

Professor Chandrasiri Palliyaguru, a distinguished figure in the Sinhala Department of University of Kelaniya and a prominent scholar, passed away on 22 March, aged 80.



Professor Palliyaguru was known for his extensive research in mass communications. Additionally he served on numerous judging panels including Drama Survey Board.

Please see Rasakatha on page 5.

Courtesy: <https://lankasara.com/>

The little known Queensland traffic rules

From interrupting funeral processions to playing an instrument in a car, some of Queensland's strangest driving offences have been revealed – and they come with a hefty price tag.

Throwing an apple core out of the window: \$575 and two demerit points

Despite it being biodegradable, throwing an apple or banana peel out of the window is still considered as dropping "injurious matter on a road." This Queensland law sees litterers forking out the largest bill in comparison to other states.

Cutting through a service station: \$349 and three demerit points

Thinking of skipping the huge line or traffic by cutting through a servo? Think again. This tempting short cut is illegal as it falls under the "drive on or over footpath" road rule.

Failing to leave room for a bike: \$431 and three demerits

Failing to leave enough room when passing a bicycle will land you in hot water. Three demerits and a \$431 fine, You'll be wishing you rode your bike to work instead.

Using your horn inappropriately: Maximum fine of \$2611

A friendly beep in traffic or waving goodbye to a mate could warrant a fine of anywhere between \$161 to \$2611. Legally, a horn is only allowed to be used to warn other drivers of your position on the road, warn animals or as part of an antitheft or interlock device.

Disrupting a funeral procession: Maximum fine of \$2,660

Veteran Actress and Journalist Ramya Wanigasekara Passes Away

Veteran actress, journalist and former radio news presenter, Ramya Wanigasekara passed away on 08 March, aged 73.



Ramya made her debut drama appearance in 1976 with a minor role in the stage drama 'Hasthiraja Mahaththaya'. She had her breakthrough role in the 1978 stage drama 'Mana Ranjana Weda Warjana'. She also acted in many other stage dramas, including 'Kelani Palama', 'Ahasin Wetunu Minissu', 'Jailer Unnahe', 'Raja Kathawa', 'Muhudu Puththu', and 'Siri Sangabo'.

In 1980, Ramya began her career as a radio host with Radio Ceylon and was a regular news anchor until her retirement in 2006.

Ramya also appeared in a number of television dramas, including 'Koombiyo', 'Ahas Gawwa', 'Denuwara Menike', 'Kande Gedara' and 'Yes Boss'.

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

Veteran Singer Chandra Kumara Kandamarachchi Passes Away

Veteran Sri Lankan singer Chandra Kumara Kandamarachchi passed away on 26 March 2024, aged 76.



He was well-known for a number of hit songs including 'Ege Sinahawa Thahanam', 'Pem Benda Sith Benda', 'Ganga Nadee Theeraye', and 'Hithe Sathuta Jiwithe'.

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

Queensland enforces the harshest penalty out of the states for disrupting a funeral procession with the potential for some drivers to receive a \$2,660 fine. Leaving your car unlocked: maximum fine of \$2669

Leaving your car unlocked: maximum fine of \$2669

It is illegal to leave your car unlocked or with the windows open if you move more than three meters away from it. Despite neighbouring states carrying much lighter fines for the same offence (Victoria \$117 and NSW \$114) you can be hit with a huge \$2669 as a repeat offender.

Playing an instrument: \$1,437

Planning on playing a recorder while driving or in the passenger seat? Maybe reconsider the choice unless you want to be at risk of a \$1,437 fine.

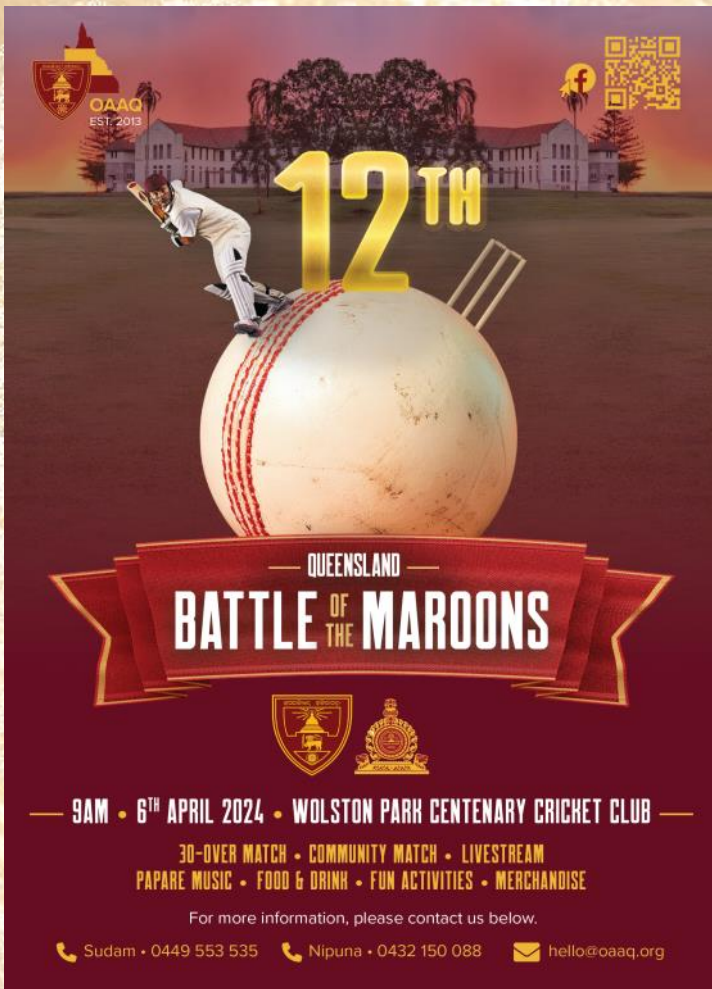
Indicating at roundabouts: \$86

Roundabouts are notorious for flawing even the most faultless of drivers. You can be fined for failing to indicate when entering a roundabout, when in the roundabout and when leaving it. Best bet is to leave your indicator on at all times if you want to avoid an \$86 fine.

Wearing a seatbelt incorrectly: \$1,078 and four demerit points

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Date: Sunday, 21 April 2024
Time: 5.45 pm for 6.00 pm start (1.5 h Duration with Q&A) – Brisbane time (GMT + 10) or (1.30 pm Sri Lankan time)

Resource Persons: Associate Professor D. M. G. Preethichandra
Associate Professor D. M. G. Preethichandra is the Deputy Dean (Research) at the School of Engineering and Technology, Central Queensland University. He graduated from University of Peradeniya specialising in Electrical and Electronics Engineering. After working in Sri Lanka and becoming a Chartered Engineer, he went to Japan for his higher studies under Japanese government's Monbushou Scholarship. He received his MEng degree in Telecommunication Engineering and PhD in Sensor System Development, both from Saga National University, Japan. He worked as an assistant professor at the same university and then moved to Australia. After working in a couple of Australian Universities, he joined the Central Queensland university. He served as the discipline leader for electrical engineering and subsequently became the discipline leader for the Mechatronics Engineering. His research includes development of conducting polymer-based Nano-biosensors for health and environmental measurements, robotics, sensor system applications, and sensor networking.

Synopsis: Embedded microcontroller based industrial machinery and instrumentation systems have become the current industry practice to deliver efficient and economical solutions for industrial problems. Developing engineers with these skills is a challenging task for the universities where Generative AI intensifies the issue further. The presentation includes what steps have been taken to address these issues and how the engineering students were trained for developing complete solutions. The presentation also covers the essentials of product development requirements to compete in the market. The presenter has worked as an educator in Embedded Systems development for a long time and share his experience in this lecture on developing complete mechatronics system solutions for real world problems.

Please register your intention to attend this webinar on the following link:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CQJXD>

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Contact: Abdul M Ziyath on 0429 129 873 for more details.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

It is again the Sri Lankan New Year and a time to celebrate!

Date: Saturday 6th April 2024

Venue: Harristown State High School

Organized by TSLA

We invite all of you to join us in the festivities and the Avuruđu feast. Please contribute to the attached food list using the link below.

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01	Ex-Health Minister Keheliya and six others further remanded	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=97636
01	Education Ministry to reduce weight of school bags	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Education-Ministry-to-reduce-weight-of-school-bags/108-277981
01	SC quashes Cabinet decision granting Paget Road residence to Maithripala	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/97629/sc-quashes-cabinet-decision-granting-paget-road-residence-to-maithripala
02	Sri Lanka's trade deficit widens in January amidst import surge	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Sri-Lanka-s-trade-deficit-widens-in-January-amidst-import-surge/26-759098
02	Presidential election will be held between 18 Sept. and 18 Oct. 2024	https://island.lk/presidential-election-will-be-held-between-18-sept-and-18-oct-2024/
02	Power generation: Thermal power increased to nearly 70%	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/7GkP6y7X37C4bvSg4ctD
04	Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya recognized with global award in Barcelona	https://www.dailynews.lk/2024/03/04/business/427853/dr-hans-wijayasuriya-recognized-with-global-award-in-barcelona/#google_vignette
04	Tourist arrivals hit post-COVID all-time high in February	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Tourist-arrivals-hit-post-COVID-all-time-high-in-February/44-759141
04	CEB makes thumping Rs. 61.2 billion profits last year	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240303/news/ceb-makes-thumping-rs-61-2-billion-profits-last-year-550644.html
06	Govt. absorbs \$ 512 m debt to dress up Sri Lankan Airlines for sale	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Govt-absorbs-512-m-debt-to-dress-up-Sri-Lankan-Airlines-for-sale/44-759202
10	Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya receives GSMA Chairman's Award for outstanding contribution to the global mobile industry	https://island.lk/dr-hans-wijayasuriya-receives-gsma-chairmans-award-for-outstanding-contribution-to-the-global-mobile-industry-2/
14	Moratuwa Uni., Access Engineering collaborated research with Cambridge and Oxford win prestigious innovation award	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Moratuwa-Uni-Access-Engineering-collaborated-research-with-Cambridge-and-Oxford-win-prestigious-innovation-award/44-759475
13	Port City Colombo breaks ground for premier business park	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Port-City-Colombo-breaks-ground-for-premier-business-park/44-759398
16	Sri Lanka's economy expands for a second straight quarter	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/fV6k0d27g8P6eIKUWYzg
18	ADB approves USD 100 million loan to support SMEs in Sri Lanka	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/98024/adb-approves-usd-100-million-loan-to-support-smes-in-sri-lanka
19	Mass exodus from COPE	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/lzjAyHHWtayUQ0g06E8P
19	Hasaranga suspended from playing Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh Tests	https://www.espnricinfo.com/story/hasaranga-suspended-from-playing-sri-lanka-vs-bangladesh-tests-1425423
19	World Bank hails 'Suwa Seriya' ambulance service for saving countless lives	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/98065/world-bank-hails-suwa-seriya-ambulance-service-for-saving-countless-lives
21	No-confidence motion against Speaker defeated in Parliament	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/98109/no-confidence-motion-against-speaker-defeated-in-parliament
21	IMF and Sri Lanka reaches staff-level agreement following second review	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/98106/imf-and-sri-lanka-reaches-staff-level-agreement-following-second-review
24	Japan to invest again in Central expressway Phase III	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240324/business-times/japan-to-invest-again-in-central-expressway-phase-iii-552735.html
24	Colombo HC prevents Abans using McDonald's brand name	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Colombo-HC-prevents-Abans-using-McDonalds-brand-name/155-279479
26	Central Bank further reduces policy interest rates	https://www.dailymirror.lk/business/Central-Bank-further-reduces-policy-interest-rates/215-279606
27	Prez Poll between 17 Sept.-17 Oct	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/LAt4uqgSn4zJS6kBDXDq
27	State-owned Sahasya takes over expressways from RDA	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/State-owned-Sahasya-takes-over-expressways-from-RDA/44-760012
27	Price controls to be removed from rupee lending rates from April 1 – CBSL Governor	https://island.lk/price-controls-to-be-removed-from-rupee-lending-rates-from-april-1-cbsl-governor/
28	Gnanasara Thera sentenced to 4 years in prison for defaming Islam	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/GnanasaraThera-sentenced-to-4-years-in-prison-for-defaming-Islam/155-279767
29	South Asia's largest water research institute opens at Peradeniya Uni.	https://www.ft.lk/news/South-Asia-s-largest-water-research-institute-opens-at-Peradeniya-Uni/56-760098
30	SLFP leadership shake-up: Key personalities fired from posts	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/xAbPLUzOudnr150Rj11

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

April 2024

06	New Year Festival Music Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
06	Avurudu Festival	Toowoomba Sri Lankan Community
06	Book Launch: Monara Kutumbhaya by Anura Horatious	Private
06	QLD Battle of the Maroons	Old Anandians Assn.
12	Musical Night	Toowoomba Sri Lankan Community
12	Annual General Meeting	FSOQ
13	Sinhala and Tamil New Year Celebrations	Forest Lake Temple
13	Celebration Sinhala & Hindu New Year	Goodna Temple
14	New Year Festival	SAQ
21	Sri Lankan New Year Festival	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
21	IESL CPD Event: Training Engineers to Develop Mechatronic System Solutions for Industrial Problems	IESL QLD Chapter

May 2024

04-06	Annual Camp: Lake Perseverance	Silver Fawn Club
11	Chamara and Damith	Sathsara Entertainment
18	Vesak Festival at Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
22-27	5 Day Mindfulness Residential Retreat	Sama Hitha Mindfulness Group
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

15	Poson Pinkama at Goodna Temple	Goodna Temple
15	Ananda Maroons' Night	Old Anandians Assn.
15	Musical Event: Fallen Adria, Anjali Herath	Aradhana Entertainment
22	Poson Festival: Mihindu Sangamitta Perahera, Mihintalagama Display	Forest Lake Temple
22	Sinhala Drama: Rajasabhawa Track Lanthaya	Sinhala Association
29	Sarith Surith with NEWS	Yes Entertainment

July 2024

13	Concert "Sarathasa"	Sathsara Entertainment
18	Professional Engineer of the Year 2024 Queensland	IESL Qld Chapter
20	Deshabhimanee	Forest Lake Temple
20	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Goodna Temple
20	Christmas in July with REDEEMERS (Dinner Dance)	Yes Entertainment

July 2024 (Contd...)

27	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
27	Madhu Feast at Cunnungra	Sri Lankan Catholics
27	Fund Raising Event	Goodna Temple

August 2024

03	Hanthane Nite 2024 University of Peradeniya Alumni Get-together - Queensland	Peradeniya Alumni Group
24	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple

September 2024

15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
28	Saralanga 2024	SAQ

October 2024

05	Marians Night	Sathsara Entertainment
12	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
20	Annual Katina Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
26,27	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting & Dana	Goodna Temple

Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
07 Apr	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
14 Apr	Kanthi Wijesoma/ Janaka Weerasinghe
21 Apr	Darshika Koggalahewa and Himaya SWA/ Sameera Samarasinghe
28 Apr	Sam Fernando, Nadeeka Fernando/ Sam Fernando
05 May	Himaya SWA, Darshika Koggalahewa/ Sameera Samarasinghe

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
03 Apr	Yovun Sandella/ Dhanushka Bandara
10 Apr	Prema and the Team: Avurudu Gee/ Niraj Kariyawasam, Sameera Samarasinghe
17 Apr	Janaka 7 Randima/ Ruwan Kaluthara
24 Apr	Lalith Keerthirathna/ Dinesh Kumara
01 May	Yovun Sandella/ Dhanushka Bandara

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