



### Sinhala and Tamil New Year in Sri Lanka: A Celebration of Heritage and Harmony

Sinhala and Tamil New Year, known as Aluth Avurudu in Sinhala and Puthandu in Tamil, is one of the most significant cultural festivals in Sri Lanka. Celebrated in mid-April, this festival marks the traditional New Year for both the Sinhalese and Tamil communities. The Traditional New Year follows the astrological movement of the sun from the zodiac sign of Pisces to Aries, symbolising the end of the old year and the beginning of a prosperous new cycle. This festival is deeply rooted in history, culture, and social unity, making it a vibrant and meaningful occasion for Sri Lankans.

#### Historical Significance

Historically, Sri Lanka has been an agrarian society, and the New Year coincides with the harvest season. Ancient Sinhalese Kings and Tamil Chieftains recognised the importance of the festival, incorporating it into royal customs and traditions. The astrological basis of the festival reflects the deep connection between Sri Lankan culture and Hindu-Buddhist cosmology, which greatly influenced the country's historical narratives.

#### Cultural Aspects



The Sinhala and Tamil New Year is rich in cultural traditions that have been preserved for generations. The festival officially begins with a non-transitional period known as Nona-gathe, during which people refrain from work and engage in religious activities. Auspicious times (nekath) determine the exact moments for lighting the hearth, cooking the first meal, and exchanging greetings. Traditional foods such as kiribath (milk rice), kokis, konda kavum, and mung kavum are prepared and shared among family and neighbours.

Games and activities play an integral role in the celebrations. Traditional sports like kamba adeema (tug-of-war), kotta pora (pillow fighting), and kana mutti bindeema (breaking the clay pot blindfolded) are enjoyed by both children and adults. Additionally, wearing new clothes in auspicious colours and offering blessings to elders are customary practices that reinforce familial and communal bonds.

#### Social Harmony and Unity

Sinhala and Tamil New Year is a festival that unites communities across religious and linguistic boundaries. The celebrations transcend differences, fostering harmony and mutual respect. The exchange of gifts, visiting relatives, and engaging in communal festivities promote peace and harmony.

Sinhala and Tamil New Year is not just a festival but a reflection of Sri Lanka's rich heritage and social fabric.

### 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) Kenmore Moggil Branch at ANZAC Parade in Brookfield on 25 April 2025.

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 Kenmore Moggil Branch*

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**Easter**

Every year, Easter has two significant celebrations – Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Unlike Christmas, these dates change from year to year – based on the lunar calendar. This year, Easter will be commemorated on Sunday 20 April and Good Friday 18 April.

Easter is not just a holiday in the Christian calendar; it is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. At its core, Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection. This event, commemorated on Easter Sunday, a week after Palm Sunday and right after the Holy Week, signifies the triumph of life over death, and the fulfilment of the promise of eternal life and salvation for believers.



Easter can mean different things to different people – for some, it's an opportunity to spend time with loved ones but for others, Easter means much more. Easter is the epitome of the Christian faith, representing rebirth and renewal

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

After he died, Jesus was taken down from the cross and his body was placed in a dark tomb. It was sealed up and guarded from the outside. All of Saturday, Jesus' followers felt devastated, afraid, disappointed, uncertain and hopeless. But Jesus is "The Light that shines in the darkness" (John 1:5, NLV). The darkness of Good Friday did not overcome the light of God. Because there was a resurrection. Jesus brought hope and light into the darkness of his death by rising again on the third day – Easter Sunday. The Bible says in the first light of day some women went to Jesus' tomb, expecting to anoint his dead body, as per their custom. They walked the path that led to his tomb feeling pretty hopeless. But, as it turned out, their path was one of hope, because Jesus had risen. Instead of

finding Jesus' body, they saw an angel, who said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" (Luke 24:5-6). In their moment of heartache, the women approached Jesus and, by coming back to life, he offered them hope. This event – Jesus' resurrection – is the reason for Easter Sunday celebrations as it gives Christians their hope and joy. After all, there can be no 'coming back to life' without a death first. In the days that followed, Jesus appeared to his large group of disciples many times – showing them that he truly was alive.

**Easter customs and traditions**

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

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**EVENT REMINDER**

**26 April - Saturday**

**SRI LANKAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL**  
**TRADITIONAL FOOD & GAMES**

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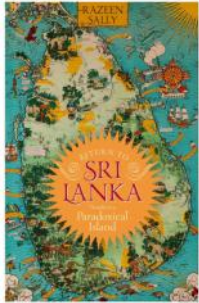
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## Book Review: Return to Sri Lanka – Travels in a Paradoxical Island by Razeen Sally

I came across this book accidentally. During one of my regular visits to our library, I caught a glimpse of this book on a shelf. Just because I noticed the name Sri Lanka, I took it off the shelf, turned a few pages and found it to be interesting. Borrowed it and read it.

This is a gem of a book. It touched my heart unlike any other book that I have read about Sri Lanka.



Most of us spent our childhood in Sri Lanka. We still remember it as a peaceful, beautiful country. The sad truth is, that country changed tremendously at a fast pace, for the worse, so much so that most of us decided to leave Sri Lanka as soon as we could. But to be honest, still there is a tiny part in all of us I am sure, screaming “Sri Lanka”!

Razeen Sally too had spent his childhood there. He takes us on a nostalgic journey all over the country. Travels with family to different parts of the island sound familiar. At times I wonder whether this is my story! Perhaps it is OUR story!

Author seems to have done a tremendous amount of detailed research before embarking on writing this book. He goes back to the colonial era to remind us about the past. And then about the kings who ruled Sri Lanka in the olden days. He has described exactly how the country deteriorated bit by bit mainly because of corrupt politi-

cians during the last few decades. We, at least most of us saw and experienced some of the upheavals which took place from time to time in the country. It is amazing how the author has incorporated all these relevant historical, political, and social factors together to weave a colourful tapestry.

My personal experience is just like this author’s short visits to Sri Lanka within his first few years of travels. During our earlier short trips to Sri Lanka, we only scratched the surface. Now that we are retired, we stay longer whenever we go back to Sri Lanka. There is enough time to explore areas that we have not visited in a long time.

Razeen Sally has succeeded in opening our eyes to see for ourselves how things are now, compared to the past few decades. Slowly but surely things are improving in the country. There is hope. He has mentioned some people by names, who are in Sri Lanka trying to do whatever good deeds they can, to make Sri Lanka a better place to live. I know a couple of them personally. They are implementing some remarkable projects, especially for the needy people in Sri Lanka.

I strongly recommend this book to be read by all Sri Lankans. This is a bitter sweet, true story. The good, the bad and the ugly! It is all there.

Our Sri Lanka surely is a paradoxical island!



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## Establish and Promulgate the “National Initiative for Research and Development Commercialization (NIRDC)” and Register Investors and Academics/ Experts.

“To eradicate poverty in Sri Lanka, innovations should be commercialized.” - *President Anura Kumara Dissanayake*

The research and development process closely linked with science and technology plays a pivotal role in producing value-added goods and services to boost the national economy while serving as a key pillar for human and social development. Further, it contributes to sustainable environmental management. With the formation of the new government, there has been a surge in interest from both local and international investors eager to invest in Sri Lanka. The potential to utilize the outcomes of scientific research for such investments presents a significant opportunity to accelerate the country’s future development.

**02.** To achieve the said objectives, a new Unit designated as the National Initiative for Research and Development Commercialization (NIRDC) has been established in the Presidential Secretariat to identify, evaluate, empower, implement and expedite commercialization of R&D results.

### **03. Major Functions of the NIRDC Unit,**

- Facilitate communication and collaboration with all Ministries involved in research and development.
- Identify the research projects at the near completion stage and support by allocating special government provisions for bridging funding gaps.
- Connect private investors with the completed research projects.
- Conduct all types of media outreach to publicize the progress of the programme.
- Develop specialized programmes to disseminate scientific knowledge to the general public.

**04.** Investors (individuals and institutions) interested in providing financial and technical support to carry out the above tasks and those willing to serve as technical evaluation committee members are hereby invited to register under the following categories.

- Agriculture, Fisheries, Wholesale, Food Safety, and Security
- Health, Education, and Science
- Information Technology, Communication, Engineering, Power & Energy, Transportation, and Related Technologies
- Environment, Land, Water, Air, and Mineral Resources
- Human Development, Arts, History, Culture, and Heritage
- Other Sectors

### **4.1 Registration of Investors**

The NIRDC website ([www.nirdc.gov.lk](http://www.nirdc.gov.lk)) provides information on relevant projects and investors can participate by submitting duly completed applications within the stipulated time frames.

Applications may only be submitted and registered via the NIRDC website, where applicants can select their field of interest from the six categories. Following an initial review by our NIRDC officials, applications are forwarded to the Research Technical Committee. Further project-related decisions will be made based on the decisions of the committee and the views and suggestions of the commercialization experts. You are kindly informed to visit our website for any additional information, which is readily available.

Applicants may submit multiple applications exclusively through the website.

Applications will be reviewed within the following four time-frames.

- January 1 - March 31** (Closing Date)
- April 1 - June 30** (Closing Date)
- July 1 - September 30** (Closing Date)
- October 1 - December 31** (Closing Date)

The closing date for submission of applications for each time-frame is as stated above.

If an application is not processed within the given period, the applicant must notify us via email in order to scrutinize the application in the subsequent cycle. All applications will receive responses in any form, at least after the closing date.

Therefore, applications can be submitted during four designated time frames each year. Any applications submitted after a given deadline will not be considered for that specific quarter, however, may be carried forward to a future period.

### **4.2 Technical Evaluation Committee**

The Technical Evaluation Committee will consist of a pool of experts selected from across various fields, including scientific research, industry, economics, law, arts, and local heritage. You also have the opportunity to be a part of this committee. You are encouraged to apply by simply uploading your completed CV to the NIRDC website for consideration. The Technology Evaluation Committee will be selected from this pool of experts.

Your contribution towards publicizing the NIRDC Unit through short-term actions, as well as enhancing its functions as a high-level governing body for conducting time-critical Research and Development is highly appreciated.

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හැටේ දශකය, හැත්තෑව දශකයේ ඉඳලා වගේ, අපට මතක ඇති කාලයේ පටන්, ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය කලා ක්ෂේත්‍රය පෝෂණය කරපු, එකම කාලයක වගේ ක්ෂේත්‍රයට පිවිසි සම වයසේ කලාකරුවෝ එක්කෙනා එක්කෙනා දැන් අපෙන් සමුඟ ගිනිත් ඉන්නේ. ඒ අතර අලුතින් එකතු වුණේ වසන්ත විට්ටවිටි.



ශ්‍රී ලාංකේය වේදිකාව, සිනමාව, පුවි තිරය යන ප්‍රකාශන මාධ්‍යය ත්‍රිත්වයම රංගනයෙන් වගේම අංග රචනයෙන් ප්‍රභාමත් කළ, විශිෂ්ට කලා ශිල්පියකු වූ වසන්ත විට්ටවිටි සොයුරා පසුගිය පෙබරවාරි 26දා, සිය දිවිසැරියට සමුද්‍රාණය වූ මියයන විට 66 වැනි වියෙහි පසුවූ ඔහු, එක් දියණියකගේ ආදරබර පියාණන් විය.

වැල්ලම්පිටියේ සිද්ධාර්ථ මහා විද්‍යාලයෙන් තම පාසල් අධ්‍යාපනය සම්පූර්ණ කරන වසන්තට, 1975 වගේ කාලෙදී කොළඹ සෝවියට් සංස්කෘතික මන්දිරය මගින් පැවැත්වූ, රුසියන් භාෂා ඩිප්ලෝමා පාඨමාලාව හා සම්බන්ධ වන්නට අවස්ථාවක් උදාවෙනවා. එහිදී ඔහුට හමුවන මිතුරෙක්, නාට්‍යය නිර්මාණකරුවෙක් වන නිමල් පතිරණ, තමන්ගේ 'රත්තෝ' කියන නාට්‍යයේ රභපාත්තට වසන්තට ආරාධනා කරනවා. එතනින් තමයි වසන්තගේ කලා දිවිය ආරම්භ වෙන්නේ. වසන්ත පවසන්නේ, තමා එම 'රත්තෝ' නාට්‍යයට සම්බන්ධවීමත් එක්කම ඔහුට වැටහුණා තේරුම් ගියා කියල, නාට්‍යය විෂය වගේම රංගනය ('නාට්‍යය සහ රංග කලාව') කියන්නේ, යම් අධ්‍යයනයක්, අවබෝධයක් ලබා ගෙන ඉටු කළ යුතු ශිල්පයක් විය යුතු බවට. ඒ අනුව, එවකට Lionel Wendt ශිල්ප ශාලිකාවේ පැවති නාට්‍යය හා රංග පාඨමාලාවට ඔහු ඇතුළුවෙනවා. එහිදී, ඔහුට මහාචාර්ය සරත්චන්ද්‍ර, ආචාර්ය සුනන්ද මහේන්ද්‍ර, ධම්ම ජාගොඩ, බන්දුල ජයවර්ධන, ආචාර්ය සොලමන් ෆොන්සේකා වැනි ලාංකීය ප්‍රවීණ කලාකරුවන් මෙන්ම විදේශීය ගුරුවරුන්ගේ මගපෙන්වීම යටතේ තම කලා කුසලතා ඔප් නංවා ගැනීමට හැකියාව ලැබෙනවා. මේ අතරේ 1983දී ඊන්ලන්තයේ ආසියාතික තරුණ නාට්‍යකරුවන්ගේ සම්මේලනයට සහභාගී වන්නටත් වසන්තට අවස්ථාව ලැබෙනවා.

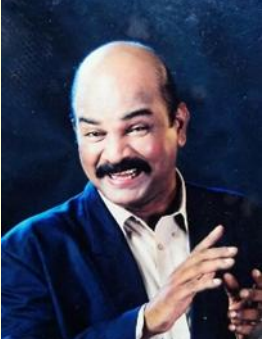
කලා මාධ්‍යය තුළ අංග රචනය, වේග නිරූපනය විෂයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ, එතෙක් මෙතෙක් බිහිවූ, විශිෂ්ටතම අංග රචනා ශිල්පියෙකු වූ වසන්ත, තමා අංග රචනා ශිල්පියෙකු ලෙසින් වෘත්තීය ඇරඹීමේ කතාව ප්‍රසිද්ධ පුවත්පතකට මෙසේ පවසා සිටියා. "අපිත් එක්කම ඔය Lionel Wendt නාට්‍යය පාඨමාලාව හදාරමින් හිටියා ක්‍රිස්ටි ජෙෆ්ටන් ප්‍රනාන්දු. එතකොටත් ක්‍රිස්ටි 'පැනි හටන සමග ගොන් දෙන්නෙක්' කියල නාට්‍යයක් කරමින් හිටියා. මේ නාට්‍යයේ මට වර්තයක් රභපාත්ත නම් තිබුණේ නෑ. හැබැයි මේක යාළුවන්ගේ නාට්‍යය නිසා මමත් එයාල යන යන තැන උදව්වට යන්න පුරුදුවෙලා හිටියා. ඒක අංග රචනා ශිල්පියා විදියට හිටියේ ශේෂා පලිහක්කාර මහත්තයා යටතේ වැඩ කළ රංචිත් වික්‍රමසිංහ. ඉතින් මම DRESSING ROOM එකේ නාට්‍යය කණ්ඩායමේ වැඩ වලට උදව් කරනගෙන ඉන්න කොට ඔහු දවසක් කිව්වා 'වසන්ත ඔයා කැමති නම් මේ කට්ටියට BASE එක දාල ගන්න' කියල.

මම වැඩේ හොඳට කළා, ඊට පස්සේ ඉතිං..ටිකෙන් ටික මම අංග රචනය SUBJECT එකට SET වුණා".

"පස්සේ, මම ප්‍රධාන වශයෙන්ම මම අංගරචනා ශිල්පියෙක් විදියට සම්බන්ධ වෙන්නේ රංචිත් වික්‍රමසිංහ නිසාම තමා. ඔහු දවසක් මගෙන් ඇහුවා 'ශේෂා පලිහක්කාර සර් ASSISTANT කෙනෙක් හොයනවා ඔයාට පුළුවන්ද වැඩ කරන්න කියල'. මටත් ඉතින් ඉබ්බා දියේ දැමීමා වගේ එහෙම අවස්ථාවක් ලැබීම. ඒ අනුව තමයි වන්දන් රත්නම් මහත්මයා ගේ 'ආදර කතාව' චිත්‍රපටයේදී ශේෂා පලිහක්කාර මහත්තයාගේ සහය අංගරචනා ශිල්පියා විදියට මුලින්ම මම චිත්‍රපටි අංගරචනයට යොමුවෙන්නේ".

"වේදිකා නාට්‍යයක අංගරචනයට මාව තල්ලු වුණෙත් හරි පුදුම විදියකට, ඒ අවස්ථාවත් අභමිබයකින්ම තමයි මට උදා වුණේ." "ඒ දවස්වල මම වේදිකා නාට්‍ය බලන්න තිබුණ උනන්දුව වැඩි කමට, මම කලින්ම HALL එකට යනවා. දවසක් නාමල් ප්‍රියදේව ගේ 'මම නිලමේ' නාට්‍යයේ හවස 3.30 දර්ශනය බලන්න යනකොට, ඒ නාට්‍යයේ අංගරචනා ශිල්පියා මට පාරෙදී මුණ ගැහෙනවා. ඔහු ඒ අවස්ථාවේ මාව දැක්ක ගමන මට කිවා...'වසන්ත, මවං උඹ MAKE-UP කරනවා නේද', 'මට පොඩි හදිස්සියක්, මෙන්න මේ බඩු ටික අරන් ගිනිත් ඔයා MAKE-UP එක පටන් ගන්න, මම ඉක්මනටම එන්නම්' කියල, ඔහු මට MAKE-UP බඩු ටික භාර දීලා ගියා. නාට්‍යය තිබුණේ ලුම්බිණියේ. එයා ගියේ තිඹිරිගස්සායට ගිනිත් එන්න. නාට්‍යයේ හිටිය ශිල්පීන් බොහෝ දෙනෙක්ම වගේ මම අදහනවා. ඒ නිසා ඔහු එයි කියල හිතල මම වැඩේ කළා. හැබැයි 6.30 දර්ශනයටත් ආවේ නෑ. හැබැයි අන්තිමේම ඇවිත් මේකප් බඩු ටික අරන් ගියා..." "අංග රචනා ශිල්පියෙක් විදියට මම තනිවම වේදිකා නාට්‍යය වැඩ කළේ එදා"

එතැන් සිට ඇරඹී අංග රචනා කලාව සඳහා වසන්ත තම පුළුම ජාතික මට්ටමේ සම්මානය ලබන්නේ 1984 යොවුන් නාට්‍ය උළෙලේ දීය. ඒ ජනක ප්‍රේමලාල්ගේ 'අබුද්දස්ස කෝළම' නාට්‍යය වෙනුවෙන් වසරේ දක්ෂතම අංග රචනා ශිල්පී සම්මානයට පාත්‍ර වීමෙනි. බොහෝ විචාරකයන් පවසන විධියට වේදිකාව, සිනමාව, ටෙලි නාට්‍යය යන අංශ තුනටම සම්මාන ලබාගන්න දැනට ඉන්න එකම අංග රචනා ශිල්පියා වසන්ත. ඒ වගේම, වසන්ත තමාගේ කලා ජීවිතයේදී අංග රචනය සහ රංගනය යන කුසලතාවයන් දෙකටම ලබා ඇති සම්මාන ප්‍රමාණය 50කට අධික බව තමයි වාර්තා වෙන්නේ.



වේදිකාවට අවශ්‍ය රංගන ප්‍රතිභාවත්, එලෙසින්ම වේදිකාවට ගැළපෙන අපූරු කටහඬකුත් ඇති වසන්ත පසු කාලයේදී වේදිකාවේ රභපෑ 'වරෙන්තු' නාට්‍යයේ පොලිස් නිලධාරියාගේ චරිතයත්, 'සෙක්කුව' නාට්‍යයේ මහතැනගේ චරිතයත්, 'යක්කාගමනය' නාට්‍යයේ වෙළෙන්දාගේ චරිතයත් ඔහුගේ සුවිශේෂී රංගන හැකියාවන් පිළිබිඹු කළේය. ප්‍රවීණ අධ්‍යක්ෂ පරාක්‍රම නිරිඇල්ලගේ 'කඩඉම' ටෙලි නාට්‍යය සමඟින් ටෙලි නාට්‍ය රංගනයට පිවිසෙන වසන්ත, අනතුරුව රූපවාහිනියේ ප්‍රචලිතවූ 'බුමුතුරුණු' සහ 'තාරාදේවි' ටෙලිනාට්‍යවලද, පසුකාලීනව පුවි තිරයේ දිගහැරුණු ජයන්ත ව්‍යුසිරිගේ 'වෙදභාමිනේ', 'දඹුබස්නාමානගය', 'නන්තන්තාර' සහ 'වෙස්මුහුණු' වැනි ටෙලිනාට්‍යවලද කැපී පෙනෙන රංගනයක නිරත විය.

එසේම, 'සිරිමැදුර' චිත්‍රපටය තුලින් සිනමා රංගනයට පිවිසෙන වසන්ත, 'අයෝමා', 'ගුරුගෙදර', 'කේමභූමි', 'සිහින දේශයෙන්', 'සරසර්ප' වගේම 'අන්තිම රැය', 'පුලියටගේ භූමිකාව', 'වන්දකින්තරි' සිනමා සිත්තම්වල ඔහු විසින් ඉදිරිපත් කළ අති සාර්ථක චරිත නිරූපණයට හෙතෙම සම්මාන, ගරු බුහුමන් ලැබීය.

වේදිකාව, සිනමාව, පුවි තිරය සිය රංගනයෙන් හා අංග රචනයෙන්ද ආලෝකමත් කළ වසන්ත විට්ටවිටි කලාකරුවාණනි, ඔබට සුඛ ගමන්...!!!!



සමන්මල් ගුණරත්න

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

Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

How places in Sri Lanka got their names - PALAGALA

"Palagala" is a small village in the North Central Province near Anuradhapura. Obviously, Anuradhapura being the first Kingdom of the nation, all the places around it have some influence to a ruler that lived in Anuradhapura .

Our Kings were generally so close to the people and worked for their benefit and wellbeing. Some Kings have disguised and moved among common people to find out the true living standard of them.



King Dhatusena is a great character among our rulers, who was a key figure in the development of agriculture. "Kala Weva" stands as a symbol to date of his contribution to the nation. Building this huge tank took several years and the King was visiting this site very often to see the on going work and encourage the people.

It is believed that the country was very prosperous and the masses were healthy. The food for people who worked was provided by the King. So, one day when he visited the work site he looked into the lunch served to them and noticed that there was more green-leaf in their plates. They were all seated under the shade of trees. The King looking at the food made a comment .

"Why so much green leaf in food?"

The person showing around the place to the King said "Your honour this land is so rich with edible green leaf that help nourishing our meal. In Sinhala it was told as below.

"මහරජතුමනි,මේක වාසනාවන්ත භූමියක්.මේ අපි වාඩිවෙලා ගස් සෙවනේ බත් කන ගල වටේටම තියෙන්නේ වටිනා පලාකොල. ඒවා කාය ශක්තිය ඇති කරනවා".

The King himself knew the benefit of consuming green leaf and was so happy. Referring to the place he said. "Palagala". To-date the name is being continued. King Dhatusena reigned from 455 AD 473AD.

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විමෝන් රාමී සංකරණේ උදා ව නා  
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### Prof. Gananath Obeyesekere Passes Away

Emeritus Professor of Anthropology Gananath Obeyesekere has passed away at the age of 95.

Prof. Obeyesekere, a renowned Professor of Anthropology at Princeton University, has done much work in his home country of Sri Lanka.



His research focused on psychoanalysis and anthropology and the ways in which personal symbolism is related to religious experience, in addition to the European exploration of Polynesia in the 18th century and after, and the implications of these voyages for the development of ethnography.

Among his popular books are Land Tenure in Village Ceylon, Medusa's Hair, The Cult of the Goddess Pattini, Buddhism Transformed (coauthor), The Work of Culture, The Apotheosis of Captain Cook: European Mythmaking in the Pacific, and Making Karma.

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### Professor B L Tennekoon Passes Away

Emeritus Professor of Engineering, Prof B L Tennekoon passed away on 30 March 2025.

Basil Laliputra Tennekoon graduated with first-class honours from the University of Peradeniya in 1965 and completed his PhD at Cambridge University in 1970. After serving the University of Peradeniya for a few years, he joined the newly established Katubedda Campus of the University of Sri Lanka, the present University of Moratuwa in 1975. He became a professor in 1978 and a senior professor in 1991. He was the head of the department of Civil Engineering from 1980 to 1986 and the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering from 1994 to 1995. He was the President of the Sri Lanka Geotechnical Society from 1994 to 2000.



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## Places to visit when you holiday in Sri Lanka

We have started this series to be a regular feature in the newsletter. Hopefully, you might get benefitted when you plan to visit Sri Lanka during your next visit. We welcome your experiences which sometimes may not be found in the popular web sites.

### Rajagala: A Forgotten Treasure of Sri Lanka's Eastern Province

Tucked away in the lush greenery of Sri Lanka's Eastern Province, Rajagala (also known as Rassagala) is an ancient and sacred Buddhist monastic site near Ampara. Often overshadowed by more famous cultural landmarks like Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa, Rajagala remains one of the country's most significant yet underexplored archaeological treasures.



Also known as Rajagalathenna, this historical site spans over 1,000 acres of forested hillside and offers a quiet, mystical glimpse into the island's ancient past. To reach Rajagala from Mahiyanganaya, continue along the A26 highway toward Ampara. After passing

through Uhana, look for a turnoff leading to the Rajagala Archaeological Site - signboards will guide you. It is located approximately 20 kilometres north of Ampara town.

Rajagala, which translates to "The King's Rock," was once a flourishing monastic complex dating back to the 1st century BCE. It is believed to have been founded during the reign of King Saddhatisa, the brother of the great King Dutugemunu. Historical evidence suggests that the site was continuously used for centuries, serving as

a spiritual retreat and meditation centre for thousands of Buddhist monks. What makes Rajagala particularly unique is the sheer number and variety of ruins spread across the mountain. Archaeologists have identified over 600 ruins, including stupas, inscriptions, rock-cut steps, stone Buddha statues, meditation platforms, and monastic dwellings. Many of the inscriptions found here are in the early Brahmi script, offering invaluable insight into the language, culture, and religious life of ancient Sri Lanka.



One of the most remarkable discoveries at Rajagala is an inscription believed to refer to Arahath Mahinda Thero, the monk who brought Buddhism to Sri Lanka in the 3rd century BCE. This makes Rajagala one of the few sites in the country directly linked to this iconic religious figure. The site also contains a unique image house with artistic elements that differ from traditional temple designs found elsewhere on the island.

Despite its historical and cultural importance, Rajagala remains relatively untouched by mass tourism. The journey to the site includes a scenic drive through rural Ampara and a short hike through jungle paths leading up the mountain. This isolation adds to its charm—visitors often find themselves alone with the ruins, surrounded by the quiet sounds of nature and the weight of ancient history.

At many of the site's entrances, you'll find the classic trio of Korawak Gala (stone balustrade), Muragala (guard stone), and Sandakadapahana (moonstone). Interestingly, the moonstone at Rajagala is unique: it features only the lotus motif, spreading across the surface, unlike traditional moonstones that also include carvings of elephants, horses, swans, and flames. Archaeologists are still studying the site, and the Department of Archaeology of Sri Lanka is working with local universities. But a large part of Rajagala has not been dug up yet, so there may be more important discoveries in the future that could help us better understand Sri Lanka's Buddhist history.

At a time when many heritage sites are crowded and commercialised, Rajagala stands out as a peaceful and untouched place where visitors can truly connect with history. For those interested in archaeology, spirituality, or exploring quiet, less-visited places, Rajagala is a must-see destination in Sri Lanka.



**Randima Singhapali**

*Randima Singhapali, ex-bank manager and history graduate from Buddhist and Pali University, is passionate about Sri Lankan archaeology and heritage sites.*

### Veteran actress Susantha Chandramali Passes Away

Renowned Sri Lankan actress Susantha Chandramali has passed away at the age of 61.



A celebrated figure in Sri Lankan cinema, theatre, and television, Chandramali was widely recognised for her powerful performances in dramatic roles, particularly in productions such as Charulatha, Sujatha, and Kande Gedara.

Her film career began with a supporting role in the 2000 blockbuster Saroja, directed by Somaratne Dissanayake. She later starred in several notable films, including Jaya Pita Jaya, Ran Kevita, and Nidahase Piya DS.

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එමෙන්ම නිර්මාණය ගීතවත් කරන්නේ නවරත්න ගමගේ නම් සංගීතවේදියාය. එම ගීතය ගායනා කිරීම සඳහා තෝරා තෝරා ගන්නේ වරිතා ප්‍රියදර්ශනී පීරිස් ගායිකාවයි.

ඇල්ලේ මැණිකා ගේ වර්තය පණ ගන්වන්නේ සුප්‍රකට නිළිය වසන්ති චතුරාණිය. මේ කලාත්මක ගෙන්නම සම්පාදනය කරන්නේ දයාරත්න රටගෙදර ශිල්පියාය. මිරිස්සේ තමන්ගේ පවුලේ මහගෙදර රූ ගත කෙරුණු මෙම දර්ශන තුළ ජයන්ත වික්‍රමතුංග මහතා ද රඟපාන අතර එය ඔහුට හැගීම් බර අවස්ථාවක් වූ බව මා සමග සඳහන් කළේය.

එසමයේ ගෘහ සේවිකාවක් යනු අවලංගු කාශයක් වැනි වර්තයකි. එවැනි වර්තයක් සිහිපත් කොට ජීවිතය තමන්ගේ පවුල වෙනුවෙන් කැප කළ, ඇල්ලේ මැණිකාට මෙවැනි උපාරයක් දැක්වීම සමාජ පරිණාමයේ ජයග්‍රහණයක් ලෙස මම දකිමි. මෙය ගෘහ සේවිකාව සිහි කොට කාලය ධනය හා ශ්‍රමය යන ත්‍රිවිධාකාරයෙන් කළ පරිත්‍යාගයක් සේ දකිමි. මේ සමග ඔබ දකින්නේ මේ ගීතය ආශ්‍රිත දර්ශන කිහිපයකි.

පහත දැක්වෙන YouTube Link එක හරහා ඔබට මෙම ගීතයට සවන් දිය හැක.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGNPVXEvNU8>

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බ්‍රිස්බේන් ඉන්න අපේ මිතුරු ඉංජිනේරු අශෝක කිරිඇල්ල අලුත් ගීතයක් යූ ටී ඩබ් එකේ දාලා තියෙනවා දැක්කා

මෙය ගයන්නේ ප්‍රචිත ගායිකා උරේෂා රවිහාරි සමග. ජෝරාදේණිය විශ්ව විද්‍යාලයේ ආදී විද්‍යාර්ථයෙක් වන, මේ යුගයේ ඉදිරියෙන් ඉන්න, දක්ෂ සංගීත අධ්‍යාක්ෂක වරයෙක් වන අනුරාධ අබේසිංහ ගේ සංගීතයෙන්ද, නිල්මිණි වහිනදසිංහ ගේ හරබර පද වැලකිනද රසවත් වූ මෙම මියුරු ගීය මාසයක් ඇතුළත බැලුම් වාර 160,000 ඉක්මවා ගොස් තිබෙනවා.

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**Sri Lanka Sports Association news**



Cannon Hill District Netball Team division 3 Champions 2024.

last week Sapphires won the division two beating Dye **Hard** 24/22.



Rumesh Tharanga, 21 year old Asian Gold Medalist for Javelin visited Brisbane for training under an Australian coach.

He took part in Perth Track Classic Australia and established a new meet record.

Last week he took part in Sydney track Classic & won the gold medal.

We hope to see him step into World Championship 2025.

We had the opportunity to collect \$250.00 to support him to purchase a pair of track shoes after his pair came a part at the Perth event.

We wish him all the best for the future !

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**Navigating Challenges: The Journey of Sri Lankan Women in Brisbane**

Celebrating International Women's Day 2025, Radio 4EB Sri Lankan Group hosted a live panel discussion on "Navigating Challenges: The Journey of Sri Lankan Women in Brisbane" on Sunday 16 March, simulcast live via Facebook.



**Panellists:**

**Dr. Kanchi Ranasinghe** - Rural Generalist Emergency Medicine, General Practitioner and Senior Lecturer School of Medicine Griffith University

**Associate Professor Wasana Bandara** - Academic Lead International and Engagement, School of Information Systems, QUT

**Ms. Sandhya Abeysekera** - President of the women's forum of the Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations Qld.

**Ms. Santhoshi Watapuluwa** - Principal Solicitor of SSW Solicitors

**Ms. Aruni Arachchige** - Senior Mathematics Teacher

**Moderator: Ms. Mini Keerawella** - Home Lending Executive of Commonwealth Bank

Live Singing Performances by:

Ms. Tharu Imara

Ms. Sanduni Peiris

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Presents a Webinar on

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Date: Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2025  
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**David Morgan** is the Managing Director of Knight Pieloud Australia, and he has worked for the Knight Pieloud Group for 38 years in various roles. As a civil engineer, he specialises in tallings management and civil engineering infrastructure, with a focus on the design and construction of tailings dams and mining project infrastructure.

**Nimal Perera** served as an Adjunct Professor at Queensland University of Technology and was a practicing civil and structural engineer. He was the principal consultant and owner of Kasina Consultants. With over 50 years of industry experience, Nimal has made significant contributions to numerous successful infrastructure projects around the world.

**Shellie McDonald** currently serves as the Acting General Manager of Engineering Talent at Engineers Australia. With over 15 years of experience, she specialises in fostering collaboration with key stakeholders, including government bodies, businesses, educational institutions, and other professional organisations.



**Synopsis:** Nearly 60% of the engineering workforce in Australia consists of overseas-born engineers. However, these engineers face higher unemployment rates and experience longer periods in securing employment within engineering roles. This webinar seeks to address several critical areas, including interview etiquette, essential do's and don'ts for success, the challenges faced by migrant engineers, strategies for adapting to the Australian market and culture, and initiatives by Engineers Australia aimed at bridging the gap for migrant engineers.

Please register your intention to attend this webinar by using the link below. Contact Dareeju Biyanvilage at 0452521250 for more details.

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Come join us for a refreshing and delicious cup of fresh fruit juice! Please bring your friends along and let's celebrate together. Your participation means a lot and helps us make a difference for future students. Can't wait to see you there!

## 2025

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### Sri Lankarama Temple Children's Bak Maha Festival

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## New Year Festival

**අප්‍රේල් 12**      පෙ.ව 8.00 සිට

**April 12**      විහාරස්ථානයේ දී පැවැත්වේ

from 8.00 am at the Temple Premises

<b>8.00 AM</b>	තව වසරට සෙත් පතා සිදු කරනු ලබන ආභිර්වාද බෝධි පූජාව Bodhi Puja for New Year Blessings
<b>8.30AM</b>	සෙත් පිරිත් සජ්ජායනා මැද කිරි ඉතිරවීම Pirith Chanting, Milk Boiling and Overflow Ceremony
<b>8.45 AM</b>	දෙමාපිය වැඩිහිටි වන්දනාව Pay Respects to Parents
<b>9.00 AM</b>	අලුත් අවුරුදු සංග්‍රහය සහ රබන් වාදනය Raban Playing and Traditional New Year Breakfast
<b>9.30 AM</b>	බස් මහ උළෙල New Year Games
<b>12.00 PM</b>	දිවා ආහාරය Lunch
<b>1.00 PM</b>	සවස වැඩසටහන Continuation of New Year Games
<b>3.00 PM</b>	තෑගි ප්‍රදානය Prize Giving



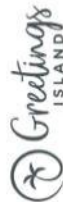



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Sri Lankan New Year Festival 2025

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Sri Lanka Society of Queensland

**26th April**  
From 3.30pm to 8.30pm

📍 **Venue:** Belmont Services Bowls Club  
20 Narracott St Carina

Join us for a vibrant Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebration with Kiribath, traditional sweets, Avrudu games, delicious dinner, and desserts. Don your traditional attire and celebrate in style!

Ticket Prices:

Member: \$45 Non Member: \$55  
Concession: \$40 Children Under 12: \$25

Chamitha-0430 047 664 Gothami-0421 635 353 Sandhya-0422 932 366

## You can help our Sri Lankan community!

Currently, there are 1.3 million cases of blood cancer globally, and it could affect someone close to you—your mother, father, sibling, grandparent, or another loved one.

Unfortunately, awareness about blood cancer and the life-saving treatment of Stem Cell Transplants is not widespread enough. In Australia, there is a donor registry, but health authorities have noted that there are limited South-Asian donors. This makes it especially difficult to find a stem cell match for Sri Lankan patients. Currently, two Sri Lankans urgently need a stem cell transplant.

Registering as a stem cell donor is quick and simple. It only takes a few seconds and a simple cheek swab. If you're already a blood donor, you can also register as a stem cell donor. To be eligible, you must have a valid Medicare card, be between the ages of 18 and 35, though you can donate up until the age of 60.

It's a small action that could have a huge impact. Together, we can increase awareness and make sure that patients in need of a stem cell transplant have the chance to survive..

Every donor counts, and your decision could mean everything to someone in need.

For more details or to register, please contact Gaya Wanninayake on WhatsApp at +61432 540 722 or visit the website: <https://stemcelldonors.org.au>.



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**27th April**  
**BRISBANE**  
Dendy Cinemas Coorparoo



**Annual Camp**  
2nd May to 5th May 2025

Please book early by Contacting Debbie 0466976087, Lorraine 0450619113 Preethi 0490188385, & Ruth 0423198142 to avoid disappointment (1st to book and pay gets first preference)

- Location: Lake Perseverance Recreation Centre, 854 Lake Perseverance Dam Road, Crows Nest (approx 2 hours drive from Brisbane)  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/b3GQvYIKqu6SoWPpd8>
- Check in after 5pm Friday 2nd May 2025 and check out 5th May after brunch. Please arrive before 9pm if arriving on Friday.
- Cost: Members \$160pp, Non Members \$180pp, Children 5-15 \$60pc, NM Child \$80pc, under 4 free
- Includes: Accommodation, all meals (sausage sizzle on Friday night) and activities that the club holds.
- Book and Pay by 15th April 2025 (First to book secures bed, so book early to avoid disappointment)
- Become a member today and save, pay your renewal or submit a membership form.
- Banking details: A/C name: Silverfawn Club Inc, BSB:064131, A/C:00902934
- Camp coordinator: Andy Weerasinghe together with Isidore Storey, Herbie Tucker, Debbie Jansz, Lorraine Tucker, Preethi Weerasinghe, Ruth Storey.
- fancy dress (60/00s Hippie Flower Power is on Saturday night)



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**HELP US TO CELEBRATE THE VITAL WORK OF THE CDF PATIENT TRANSPORT CHARITY IN AID OF HELPING TERMINALLY ILL PATIENTS WITH THEIR HOSPITAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS**

**OFF THE BEATEN TRACK**  
**BRISBANE**

**CDF PATIENT TRANSPORT ANNUAL BALL 2025**  
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF ELEGANCE

**SAT 24th MAY**  
6.30pm  
at the Beenleigh Events Centre

Dress Code **Black tie** Music by **Replay 6**

RESERVED ENTRY ONLY

**INQUIRIES: 0432 977 791**

**CDF PATIENT TRANSPORT CHARITY**  
CDF INQUIRIES  
EMAIL - [binara@cdfcharity.org](mailto:binara@cdfcharity.org)  
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\*CDF Patient Transport Charity is Non for Profit organisation helping Cancer patients in most remote and rural areas Sri Lanka with their transportation needs for treatment\*

SINHALA ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

**BRISBANE**

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NAVARATHNA GAMAGE TRIBUTE CONCERT

**11 MAY 2025**  
**5.00PM**  
**LOGAN WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
**2 WINEGLASS DRIVE HILLCREST**

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## Monthly News Digest: March 2025

01	IMF clears Sri Lanka review for US\$334 disbursement	<a href="https://economynext.com/imf-clears-sri-lanka-review-for-us334-disbursement-207774/">https://economynext.com/imf-clears-sri-lanka-review-for-us334-disbursement-207774/</a>
01	Committee on High Posts approves new HC to Australia, Ambassador to Bahrain	<a href="https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Committee-on-High-Posts-approves-new-HC-to-Australia-Ambassador-to-Bahrain/108-303381">https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Committee-on-High-Posts-approves-new-HC-to-Australia-Ambassador-to-Bahrain/108-303381</a>
01	Colombo district land value up 7%	<a href="https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Colombo-district-land-value-up-7/44-773643">https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Colombo-district-land-value-up-7/44-773643</a>
02	Motor vehicles roll in after near-4 year ban	<a href="https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250302/business-times/motor-vehicles-roll-in-after-near-4-year-ban-588928.html">https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250302/business-times/motor-vehicles-roll-in-after-near-4-year-ban-588928.html</a>
06	Sri Lanka's CEB makes operating loss in Dec 2024 quarter as revenues plunge	<a href="https://economynext.com/sri-lankas-ceb-makes-operating-loss-in-dec-2024-quarter-as-revenues-plunge-208500/">https://economynext.com/sri-lankas-ceb-makes-operating-loss-in-dec-2024-quarter-as-revenues-plunge-208500/</a>
07	Sri Lanka inks Japan Yen354bn debt restructure deals	<a href="https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-inks-japan-yen354bn-debt-restructure-deals-208960/">https://economynext.com/sri-lanka-inks-japan-yen354bn-debt-restructure-deals-208960/</a>
08	Tourism industry surpasses half-a-million arrivals	<a href="https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Tourism-industry-surpasses-half-a-million-arrivals/26-774002#">https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Tourism-industry-surpasses-half-a-million-arrivals/26-774002#</a>
09	AG decides to add reasons to note on releasing suspects	<a href="https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/news/ag-decides-to-add-reasons-to-note-on-releasing-suspects-591595.html">https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/news/ag-decides-to-add-reasons-to-note-on-releasing-suspects-591595.html</a>
09	BIA Terminal II: Tenders to close, bids open by end of March	<a href="https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Wm3eybaBsutqF3RPTJyn8">https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Wm3eybaBsutqF3RPTJyn8</a>
09	Anuhansi rules Mt. Lavinia 2km Sea Swim	<a href="https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/sports/anuhansi-rules-mt-lavinia-2km-sea-swim-591438.html">https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/sports/anuhansi-rules-mt-lavinia-2km-sea-swim-591438.html</a>
10	Peradeniya University to connect solar panels to grid today	<a href="https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/10/local/738751/peradeniya-university-to-connect-solar-panels-to-grid-today/#google_vignette">https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/10/local/738751/peradeniya-university-to-connect-solar-panels-to-grid-today/#google_vignette</a>
11	Sri Lanka among countries with lowest terror threats in the world	<a href="https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106460">https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106460</a>
11	SL's Electrical exports to reach USD 500 Mn in 2025	<a href="https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/11/business/739292/sls-electrical-exports-to-reach-usd-500-mn-in-2025/#google_vignette">https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/11/business/739292/sls-electrical-exports-to-reach-usd-500-mn-in-2025/#google_vignette</a>
12	Sri Lanka scrambles for funding after USAID freeze	<a href="https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/business-times/sri-lanka-scrambles-for-funding-after-usaid-freeze-591149.html">https://www.sundaytimes.lk/250309/business-times/sri-lanka-scrambles-for-funding-after-usaid-freeze-591149.html</a>
12	Sri Lanka revealed to be the world's most family-friendly country for 2025	<a href="https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106525">https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106525</a>
14	Sri Lanka's Pekoe Trail tops Times' World's Greatest Places of 2025 list	<a href="https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106564">https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106564</a>
15	Batalanda Commission Report tabled in Parliament after decades	<a href="https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Batalanda-Commission-Report-tabled-in-Parliament-after-decades/44-774266#">https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Batalanda-Commission-Report-tabled-in-Parliament-after-decades/44-774266#</a>
15	Sianna Ginger, of Sri Lankan heritage, named in Australia A squad for England A Women's series	<a href="https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/?ogbl#inbox/WbctKLbVhfzX:DDKPWZcggFhtHJZQb:MMssjNWCK-ShmCsfNjVVQJktRNdFXvDRQxpFr:chmQG">https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/?ogbl#inbox/WbctKLbVhfzX:DDKPWZcggFhtHJZQb:MMssjNWCK-ShmCsfNjVVQJktRNdFXvDRQxpFr:chmQG</a>
16	Help desk opened for disabled passengers at Makumbura transit hub	<a href="https://island.lk/help-desk-opened-for-disabled-passengers-at-makumbura-transit-hub/">https://island.lk/help-desk-opened-for-disabled-passengers-at-makumbura-transit-hub/</a>
18	Imthiaz Bakeer Markar resigns as SJB Chairman	<a href="https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Imthiaz-Bakeer-Markar-resigns-as-SJB-Chairman/155-304633">https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Imthiaz-Bakeer-Markar-resigns-as-SJB-Chairman/155-304633</a>
18	Pradeepa Saram assumes duty as Sri Lanka's Consul General to Melbourne	<a href="https://www.themorning.lk/articles/s3J7w9SSC6R1O6MaE75y">https://www.themorning.lk/articles/s3J7w9SSC6R1O6MaE75y</a>
18	Sri Lanka's first waste-to-energy power plant turns mountains of trash into clean electricity	<a href="https://www.newswire.lk/2025/03/18/sri-lankas-first-waste-to-energy-power-plant-turns-mountains-of-trash-into-clean-electricity/">https://www.newswire.lk/2025/03/18/sri-lankas-first-waste-to-energy-power-plant-turns-mountains-of-trash-into-clean-electricity/</a>
18	New fines for traffic violations announced	<a href="https://colombotimes.net/new-fines-for-traffic-violations-announced/#google_vignette">https://colombotimes.net/new-fines-for-traffic-violations-announced/#google_vignette</a>
19	Sri Lanka hits 5% growth in 2024	<a href="https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lanka-hits-5-growth-in-2024/108-304678">https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lanka-hits-5-growth-in-2024/108-304678</a>
20	Local Authorities poll on 6th May	<a href="https://island.lk/local-authorities-poll-on-6th-may/">https://island.lk/local-authorities-poll-on-6th-may/</a>
24	Seven star Aviana Hotel to open this year with USD 500 Mn annual revenue target	<a href="https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/24/business/748016/seven-star-aviana-hotel-to-open-this-year-with-usd-500-mn-annual-revenue-target/">https://www.dailynews.lk/2025/03/24/business/748016/seven-star-aviana-hotel-to-open-this-year-with-usd-500-mn-annual-revenue-target/</a>
29	Sri Lanka's Ransilu Jayathilake wins Gold at Asia Pacific Powerlifting Championships	<a href="https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106960">https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=106960</a>

## April 2025

03	Webinar: Navigating Australian Market: Challenges & Adaptation Strategies for Migrant Engineers	IESL Qld Chapter
05	Aurudu Udawa Springfield	Lanka Lions
05	Battle of the Blues Cricket Match	Old Royalist and Old Thomian Assn. Qld.
12	Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebrations	Forest Lake Temple
12	Battle of the Maroons	Ananda/Nalanda OBAs
13	Bak Maha Ulela: New Year Festival	Sinhala Association
26	Sri Lanka Avurudu Uthsavaya	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
26	Sri Lankan New Year Festival	Toowoomba Sri Lankan Community
27	Sinhala Movie: Valampuri	Sathsara Entertainment

## May 2025

2 - 5	Brisbane Mindfulness Retreat	Samahitha Mindfulness Group
2 - 5	Annual Camp	Silver Fawn Club
03	Avatar Band	Yes Entertainment
10	Vesak Festival - Sambuddha Vandana, Decorative lighting	Goodna Temple
10-18	Vesak Festival	Forest Lake Temple
10-18	Vesak Program	Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
11	"NAVA": The Tribute Concert for Navarathna Gamage	Sinhala Association
11	Sinhala Movie: Nelum Kuluna	Toowoomba Sri Lankan Community
24	Vesak Celebrations - Sri Lankan Experience: Acacia Ridge State Sch	Goodna Temple
24	CDF Patient Transport Annual Ball	CDF Foundation
31	Concert: Sunila Yamaya	Sathsara Entertainment

## June 2025

07	Prathiba	Forest Lake Temple
07	Poson Festival - Sambuddha Van-	Goodna Temple
07-15	Poson Program	Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
14-15	Poson Festival : Mihindu Perahera	Forest Lake Temple
14	55th Anniversary Dinner Dance	Silver Fawn Club
21	Infinity + Wasthi	Yes Entertainment

## July 2025

13	Christmas in July	Silver Fawn Club
17	Innovative Engineer of the Year	IESL Qld Chapter
18	Concert: Rookantha & Umariya	Sathsara Entertainment
26	25th Anniversary Feast - Our Lady	Brisbane Catholics
26	සෞම්‍ය රාත්‍රීය Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
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## August 2025

02	The IESL Queensland Chapter Gala Night 2025	IESL Qld Chapter
09	Sinhala Movie: "Sama Asama"	Help Sri Lanka
31	Sri Lanka Day 2025	FSOQ

## September 2025

13	Concert: Jayasri & Daddy	Sathsara Entertainment
27	Saralanga 2025	Sinhala Association
28	Fundraising for Cancer- Remembering absent friends	Silver Fawn Club

## October 2025

25	"අඹි" live in concert	Sathsara Entertainment
25	Sarith Surith Adimathra	Yes Entertainment
26	Have a Chat	Silver Fawn Club

## November 2025

08	Musical Event: Ceylon Rhythms	Private
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## December 2025

06	Christmas Dinner and Carols	Silver Fawn Club
31	New Year's Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club

## Radio 4EB - Sri Lankan Program Schedule

## Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
06 Apr	Nawroos Naeem/ Janaka Weerasinghe
13 Apr	Avurudu Program- "Thisara, Chathurika, Gangi - Ananda & Nayana from New Year Festival / Thisara Pathirennhelage -Studio & Sandun de Silva -OB Van
20 Apr	Easter Program - Derrick Fernando/ Darshika Koggalahewa
27 Apr	Himaya SWA, Darshika Koggalahewa/ Sameera Samarasinghe
04 May	Himaya SWA/ Buddhika Gamage

## Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
02 Apr	Yovun Sandella/ Dinesh Kumara
09 Apr	Community Music: Avurudu Gee - Prema Weerawardena and Niraj Kariyawasam/ Niraj Kariyawasam
16 Apr	Kumara Dissanayake, Samanola Wejeratne/ Ruwan Kaluthara
23 Apr	Janaka, Chathurika Mithila, Shyam, Pulith, Sanduni / Shyam Kottegoda
30 Apr	Dushan, Buddhika/ Buddhika Gamage
07 May	Geetha Pahai Katha Pahai- Dinithi, Janaka, Chamod, Isuru and Pavithra/ Ruwan Kaluthara

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