



COP26: Glasgow

The world's most important gathering to address the global crisis resulting from climate change – the UN's 26th annual 'Conference of the Parties' (COP26) was held in Glasgow during early November, amidst a backdrop of heightened concern that the world was rapidly running out of time to take action to stop the worst effects of climate change, and its impacts on humanity.



The COP commenced with a meeting of 120 world leaders, with high expectations that there would be clear and strong commitments for positive action to achieve the goals of the 2015 Paris agreement – in particular to commit to deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions to limit the increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees centigrade (1.5°C) above pre-industrial levels, and to provide financial support to developing nations to adapt to the impacts of climate change. This meeting was followed by formal conference sessions to deliberate and reach agreement on actions to this end.

The results are mixed. There has been progress on reducing future emissions through commitments and non-binding pledges. Over 140 countries – including Australia, pledged to reach net-zero emissions; there were strengthened 2030 commitments by many developed countries; more than 40 countries pledged to move away from coal; more than 100 countries pledged to reduce global methane emissions by at least 30 percent from 2020 levels by 2030, and more than 100 countries pledged to end and reverse deforestation by 2030. However, the world is still far off from meeting the 1.5°C goal. Expert analysis (Climate Action Tracker) notes that 'even with all new Glasgow pledges for 2030, we will emit roughly twice as much in 2030 as required for 1.5°C. Therefore, all governments need to reconsider their targets'. In this context, Australia's unwillingness to commit to a more ambitious 2030 target has been particularly disappointing.

At the end of the conference, the 197 participating countries agreed to the 'Glasgow Climate Pact', which will see national plans to reduce emissions to ensure the 1.5°C target is revisited at COP27 in Egypt next year. It also includes the first ever reference to 'phase down' the use of coal, as well as increased financial help for developing countries. And most importantly, it is clear that the investment community is firmly on board with the imperative – to pressure corporations to lower emissions, to invest in projects that do so, and to move away from emission intensive investments – resulting in a transformation of the global economy that is now unstoppable.

However, failure to take stronger action by all countries – especially developed countries that have been responsible for the majority of emissions to date, will condemn our children, and grandchildren, to a future on what could well be an unliveable planet.



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December - A Fitting End to the Year

December, a derivative of the Latin 'decem' meaning 'ten' and is therefore a misnomer for the 12th month of the year.

December is a busy month of many significant days, with '12 days of Christmas' leading up to 25th December, a day marked universally with joyous festivities, celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, as 'this comes to pass- when a child is born'.

In the western culture, the gemstone turquoise which is a symbol of good fortune and success is the birthstone of December. The birth flower is the holly, symbolic of Christmas cheer.



International Volunteer Day mandated by the UN General Assembly in 1985, is held on 5 December. In 2021 the theme of IVD, 'Volunteer now for our common future' aims to inspire people, to take action NOW for people and the planet

Human Rights Day is celebrated internationally on 10 December. This date was chosen to honour the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation, on 10 December 1948, of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the first global enunciation of human rights which is one of the first major achievements of the newly founded United Nations. Besides, it is traditionally on 10 December, every five years, that the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded. December 10 is also the date on which 16 Days of Activism against Violence, especially violence against women, end.

The above celebrations make December a fitting end to the year heralding a brand New Year!

Sugee Kannangara

God is Love

God is a distant reality, but he is also a God who is deeply engaged in human life.

It is the birth of this God that we celebrate at Christmas. In Christ, God has reconciled the world unto himself. **God became flesh and dwelt amongst us full of grace and truth. John 1:14.**

In the words of the Christian hymn, he left heavenly glory for the cross on Calvary.

Amazing grace.

Love is not just an attribute of God; it is the essence of God. Love is the foundation, core reality of the universe. The ground of our being as the German theologian Paul Tillich says. If we are to become the persons we were created for, then we must live



connected to and grounded in the divine love, that is God. When we open our hearts to love, we open our hearts to God and to others and to an authentic human life. As one Philosopher said we must learn to love each other, or we die. This is true not only of humans but also of societies, cultures, and countries. Christ said, 'this is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you'.

The only reality that matters is love.

Christians believe in a last judgement. And, as we stand before God, the question God will ask is not whether we were popular, rich, famous, but simply whether we loved our neighbour and loved our God. Christ said, 'the help you have done to the least, you have done to me'.

At Christmas, the word became flesh, the essence of perfect LOVE became human and lived amongst us. In Jesus we see the birth God's true humanity and humanity's true God. It is a call to become partners with God in creating a new world. It is an invitation to embrace life that inspires faith, nourishes hope, and is immersed in love. It is an invitation to be humble; that no one has all the answers or possess all the truth and knowledge and not how good we are or how noble we are; it is simply a call to love your neighbour and to love your God.

Jesus was born to show that divine love to us.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



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IESL QLD Chapter: Meet N' Chat

Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka Queensland Chapter (IESL QLD Chapter) held their family get together on 31 October 2021 at Rocks Riverside Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks. Bringing together the families, well-wishers and supporters of the Chapter, the event "Meet N' Chat" was well attended with approximately sixty-five participants.



Among the several objectives of holding this event, the priority was creating a platform to network

It was a memorable gathering for everyone in a friendly atmosphere with members being recognised at this event for their achievements. During a four-hour window a deliciously prepared BBQ was served and a raffle draw conducted awarding three prizes.

An informal agenda permitted the attendees to intermingle and network amidst an exchange of old anecdotes and laughter. The day's activities catered to all age groups and were conducted in strict compliance with prevailing Covid Safe Health Regulations ending with a musical session

Members of the Sri Lankan engineering fraternity in Southeast Qld and the regions attended.

The chapter takes this opportunity to thank particularly the sponsors Ferny Grove Family Practice, RB Dental Redbank Plaza, Chaminda Bandaranayake, Trico Freight Brisbane, Minute man Press, BrizLegal, 4EB Radio, our members & their families and attendees for their support and encouragement.

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OAAQ Maroons Charity Walk 2021

On Sunday, 14 November 2021, approximately a hundred Queenslanders participated in a 3 km or 6 km walk around Berrinba Wetlands Park, Browns Plains to raise funds for a worthy cause. The purpose of the walk organised by the Old Anandians Association of Queensland Inc. (OAAQ), was to raise funds for an oxygen supply system to a COVID-19 ward at Negombo Hospital in Sri Lanka.

This is the seventh edition of the walk that OAAQ has organised and marks the resumption of this annual event after a hiatus due to Covid Restrictions in 2020. This event aims to support our community in Queensland & Sri Lanka and was attended by Chief Guest, Hon. Consul for Sri Lanka in Queensland, Mr Anton Swan.

In addition to our faithful members, their families and friends, the gathering welcomed many Queenslanders of Sri Lankan and non-Sri Lankan origin. The participants enjoyed a beautiful November morning and were treated to a delicious barbecue lunch prepared by the OAAQ Management Committee.

The oxygen supply installation has already been completed in October 2021 due to the urgent need to manage the pandemic in Sri Lanka. To implement the project, OAAQ partnered with the Ananda '82 Group who did a tremendous job delivering on time and budget.

The OAAQ would like to thank everyone for participating and donating to the event. It was a very successful event again & raised over \$5000. We are looking forward to your continued support for our future OAAQ Charity Walk events.

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Sri Lankan Day 2021 – Successfully completed

The inaugural Sri Lanka Day – the multicultural food and cultural festival was successfully held on Saturday 13 November patronised by a large and unexpected number of people. The event was organised by the Federation of Sri Lankan Organizations in Queensland (FSOQ) with its member organisations. The feedback we have received so far has been highly positive with many indicating it was a ‘resounding’ or ‘phenomenal’ success.



The event was aimed at celebrating and showcasing our cultural heritage – the unique culinary tastes of Sri Lanka and our cultural performances. The event achieved this with the active participation of several other ethnic communities that collectively enrich the multicultural diversity in Queensland.



The event demonstrates that, with the sense of unity achieved through the collective strength of the Federation, the Sri Lankan community can achieve better outcomes. As some of those visited said ‘it was heart-warming to see all Sri Lankan groups had come together to promote Sri Lanka’. As an umbrella organisation, FSOQ’s vision is to promote professional, cultural, and social interests of Sri Lankan Australians including

our youth and to mobile them to claim a prominent position in the multicultural landscape of Queensland. We believe the Sri Lanka Day provides a useful platform to fulfil this vision.

Jay Weerawardena, President, FSOQ

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Pratibha 2021

‘Pratibha 2021’ was successfully held at the Light House & Event Centre, on 27 November, in front of a large gathering. It was a lovely and colourful evening where traditional Sri Lankan dancing and music was displayed at a grand level. The event was conducted primarily by the students and alumni of Yasodhara Sinhala School, well supported, and guided by our own choreographers, teachers, and seniors. Quality performances coupled with high level of technical support and stage management made Pratibha 2021, one of the best Sri Lankan cultural shows conducted in Brisbane, as revealed by the post event feedback.



This is the thirtieth occasion that Sri Lankarama Arts Circle- Brisbane, conducted Pratibha. Pratibha has always been a showcase of sharing the Sri Lankan cultural dancing and singing and this was no exception. More importantly, it has been a training ground for children to learn and sharpen their skills in traditional Sri Lankan arts and culture, in their childhood. Great performances by Yasodara Alumni in this year’s Pratibha Show is a good example of how well they have acquired such skills as they have become older and are gradually becoming the next generation of Sri Lankan Queenslanders.



Most Venerable Wattegama Dhammawasa Thero who has been a tower of strength in guiding Pratibha since its early days, addressed the audience via Zoom from Sri Lanka.

The Organising Committee headed by Chaminda Hewage did an excellent job in managing this landmark event.

Ajith Wickramaratne

Sri Lanka Budget 22 Highlights

New Taxes and Levies

- Surcharge Tax at 25% on persons with taxable income exceeding Rs.2 billion.
- Social Security Contribution on liable turnover exceeding Rs. 120 million at the rate of 2.5% to be introduced.
- Fees to be levied in relation to motor vehicles.

Development of the Agriculture Sector

An allocation of Rs. 39 billion for the promotion of usage of non-toxic weedicides and organic fertilizers with an allocation of Rs 22 Billion for the introduction of new agro-technologies.

Consolidation of taxes as a Special Goods and Services Tax

A Special Goods and Services Tax to be introduced on telecommunication, motor vehicles, cigarettes, liquor, betting and gaming in lieu of various taxes and levies imposed under different Acts and administered by different Government Departments Courtesy: KPMG Sri Lanka Budget Analysis

Infrastructure Development

- An allocation of Rs 49 billion for the “Water for All” programme with the aim of providing uninterrupted clean drinkable water supply.
- An allocation of Rs 68 billion for the “Vari Saubhagya” programme with the aim of developing the irrigation system.
- An allocation of Rs 280 billion for the National Road Development programme.

Courtesy: KPMG Sri Lanka Budget Analysis

Uva Hospitals – COVID Project

Amidst the COVID pandemic creating havoc all over the world including Sri Lanka, we hear of great deeds done by our fellow human beings. Provided below by former High Commissioner for Sri Lanka in Australia, Mr Somasundaram Skandakumar, is another such act of selflessness to help out our fellow Sri Lankans in areas where medical facilities cannot cope with an epidemic of this nature.

The At a time of national emergency, in early June 2021, Senior Medical Officer, Dr. Upul Ranasinghe attached to the Bandarawela Hospital saw a rising wave of Covid patients in the Uva Province which he knew the hospitals would be ill equipped to handle.



He reached out to Dr. Nalaka Mendis (Emeritus Professor, Colombo University) who immediately initiated and gathered together a like-minded group of humanitarians from Sri Lanka and overseas from Foundation of Goodness – USA & Sri Lanka, Q Trade Teas & Herbs USA, Volunteers to Assist Children with Disabilities, Sydney) OruPaanai Trust- Sri Lanka & UK, and Australia Sri Lanka Medical Aid Team, to raise funds and equipment urgently.

The initial focus of the group was to quickly upgrade the COVID facilities at the Bandarawela Hospital where its capacity was increased from 50 beds to 300. Having acted fast to complete the first phase, the group was overwhelmed to hear Dr. Roshan Piyarathna, Physician in charge of the covid unit at Bandarawela Hospital, say “Thanks to your donations the hospital was able to treat and discharge over 1500 positive patients”.

Motivated by this, more funds were raised through some truly generous donors here and overseas, to extend similar assistance to five additional hospitals in Uva Province- Haputale, Haldumulla, Diyatalawa, Koslanda and Welimada .

A combined contribution of cash and equipment worth over Rs. 26 million was made to upgrade the hospital facilities in Uva Province which not only had a crucial impact on the treatment delivered during the pandemic under life-or-death circumstances but will also hold the hospitals in good stead thereafter.

The heartfelt words from doctors at the Koslanda Hospital who noted that what they received was a significant donation in the 100 years of the hospital’s history when they have been struggling to provide the best possible care with insufficient equipment and technology, truly drove home the importance of this contribution, especially given that it was a matter of private individuals and organisations stepping up to help their fellow brethren in difficult times.

This project was delivered successfully due to the support of the College of Internal Medicine lead by President Dr. Harsha Sathischandra who took on the responsibility to disburse the funds and oversee the purchase of equipment and its Treasurer, Dr. Priyamali Jayasekera’s voluntary role, despite the heavy demands on her time in her official duties. These efforts ensured that funds and equipment were used to the best advantage of the respective hospitals, while transparency was maintained at all times. Medical professionals in the hospitals in Uva did likewise in coordinating these efforts at their respective hospitals to ensure successful completion.

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



වාග්ගේයකාර පණ්ඩිත් අමරදේව

දෙසැම්බර් පස්වෙනිදා හෙළයේ මහා ගාන්ධර්වයාණන්වූ පණ්ඩිත් අමරදේවයන්ගේ ජන්ම දිනයවේ. අමරදේවයන්ගේ පමණක්ම නෙමෙයි, එතුමාගේ ජීවන සහකාරිය විමලා අමරදේවයන්ගේ ජන්මදිනයත් එදිනටම යෙදී ඇත. මීට අමතරව දෙසැම්බර් 5 වෙනිදා උපත ලද තවත් විශිෂ්ට ගායකයෙකි. එම විශිෂ්ටයා ගැනත් අපි ඉදිරියේදී දැනුවත්වෙමු.

ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය සංගීත වංශ කතාවේ කොළ නාරටිය සේ හුවා දැක්විය හැකි, පණ්ඩිත් අමරදේව ගුරින් මීට පස් වසරකට පෙර, 2016 නොවැම්බර් මස 03 වැනි දින ජීවන ගමනින් සමු ගත් අතර, 88 වසරක් ආයු වළඳා අමරදේව මහා සංගීතඥයන් අප වෙතින් නික්ම ගියේ අපමණ මිහිරි අත්දැකීම්, ගීත, සංගීත සංභිතාවක් අපට ඉතිරි කොට තබමිණි. එතුමා හා බැඳී ඒ අපුකට, සොදුරු සිහිවටනයන් තුළින් ඔබ මතකය අවදි කරලන්නට දරන පුවි උත්සාහයකි මේ.

අමරදේවයන්ගේ මුල් නාමය වන්නකු වනවිටුගේ දොන් ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා විය. කුඩා ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා වයලීනය වාදනය ඉගෙන ගන්නට අත් පොත් තැබුවේ තම පියාගේ වඩු මඩුවෙනි. අලුත්වැඩියාව සඳහා ලැබෙන වයලීනයන් අත පත ගාන්තට, වයලීනය වාදනයට දැක්වූ ආශාව නිසා, පියා විසින් වයලීනයක් ඔහුට තැගි කළේය. ඒ සමඟම සංගීත ගුරුවරයෙකු වූ ඔහුගේ වැඩිමහලු සහෝදරයෙක් වෙතින් ඇල්බට් පෙරේරාට කුඩා කාලයේදීම භාරතීය රාග ධාරී සංගීතය ඉගෙනීමට අවකාශ ලැබිණි.

බොරැල්ලේ, කොටා පාරේ (Cotta Road) පිහිටි ගුවන් විදුලි මැදිරියෙහිදී, එවකට සංගීතවේදී සුනිල් සාන්ත, මාසිකව තම ගී අඩ පැය ඉදිරිපත් කළ අවස්ථාවලදී, ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා තරුණයා මුලින්ම වයලීන වාදකයෙක් වශයෙන් කළඑළියට පිවිසියේය.

පසුව 1947දී, 'අශෝකමාලා' චිත්‍රපටය රූපගත කරන අවධියේ එම චිත්‍රපටයේ සංගීත අධ්‍යක්ෂවරයාවූ මොහොමඩ් ගවුස් මාස්ටර් තම සංගීත කණ්ඩායමේ ප්‍රධාන වයලීන වාදකයා ලෙසට ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා සම්බන්ධ කර ගත්තේය. පසුව 'අසෝක මාලා' චිත්‍රපටයේ 'ඇයි යමෙකු කළේ ආලේ' ගීතය ගායනයේදී තාපසයකුගේ චරිතය නිරූපණය කරමින් ඔහු රංගනයෙන්ද දායක විය. ගායන ශිල්පී අල්හාජ් මොහිදීන් බෙන් තම මුල්ම චිත්‍රපට ගීතය ගායනා කරන්නේද 'අශෝකමාලා' චිත්‍රපටය සඳහාය. ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය ගීත ක්ෂේත්‍රයේ පුළුල් හඬ පරාසයන් සහිතවූ ගායකයන් දෙපලක් වන මෙම විශිෂ්ටයන් දෙදෙනා සතු අනෙක් විශේෂත්වය වන්නේ දෙදෙනාගේම ජන්මදිනයන් දෙසැම්බර් 5 වෙනිදා වීමය.

මෙම වකවානුවේ, ප්‍රේම කුමාර එපිට්ටෙල නිෂ්පාදනය කළ 'සැලලිච්ඡිය' මුද්‍රා නාටයයේ කවි ගායනා සඳහා තෝරා ගැනුණේ ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා තරුණයාය. ඔහු 'සැලලිච්ඡියේ' කවි ඉතා මිහිරියට ගයන අයුරු ශ්‍රවණය කළ, ඒ ගැන පැහැදුණු, එවකට ලංකාදීප පුවත්පතේ කර්තෘ D.B. ධනපාල මහතා සහ මහාචාර්ය එදිරිවීර සරච්චන්ද්‍රයන්, ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා හට වැඩිදුර සංගීතය හැදෑරීම සඳහා ඉන්දියාවේ ලක්නව්හි පිහිටි බාත්බන්ඩේ සංගීත විද්‍යා පීඨය වෙත යාමට ලංකාදීප පුවත්පත අනුග්‍රහයෙන් ශිෂ්‍යත්වයක් ආරම්භ කළේය.

මේ සමඟම වාගේ ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා නාමය 'අමරදේව' යනුවෙන් වෙනස් විය. ඒ මහාචාර්ය එදිරිවීර සරච්චන්ද්‍රයන් අතිනි. සරච්චන්ද්‍රයන් මෙන්ම ගුණදාස අමරසේකරත් අමරදේවට නමක් යෝජනා කර ඇත. ඒ මේසවර්ණ යන නමය. ඇල්බට් පෙරේරා, අමරදේව නොවූනාතම ඔහු W.D. මේසවර්ණ වන්නට ඉඩ තිබුනි.

අමරදේවයෝ ඉන්දියාවේ සංගීතය හදාරමින් සිටි කාලයේ ඔහුගේ වයලීන ගුරුවරයා වූයේ ශ්‍රී විෂ්ණු ගෝවින්ද ජෝග්ය. ජෝග්ගේ හොඳම ශිෂ්‍යයා වූයේ අමරදේවය. ඒ ගුරු - ගෝල සම්බන්ධතාවය කෙතරම් ප්‍රබල එකක්දැයි කීවොත් ජෝග් පසුකාලයේදී ඔහුගේ මුණුපුරාට අමරදේවයන්ගේ නම තබා ඇත. ඔහුගේ මුණුපුරාගේ නම අමරදේව විජය ජෝග් විය.

ශ්‍රී වන්දුරන්ත මානවසිංහ හා අමරදේව එකතුව කළ මුල් නිර්මාණ ගුවන් විදුලිය ගීත කලාවේ ප්‍රබල සන්ධිස්ථානයක් වූයේය. P.වැලිකල මහතා B.B.C සන්දේශය භාරව ලන්ඩන් තුරව සේවය කරමින් සිටියදී, ශ්‍රී වන්දුරන්ත මානවසිංහ ලියූ 'අභිලි තුඩුයි ගල් කටුවයි බුදු බැතියයි එක්වෙලා' ගීතය අමරදේවයන් විසින් තනුව නිමවා පටිගත කරගන්නා ලද්දේ ලක්නව් තුරව ශිෂ්‍ය පිරිසක් සමඟ පන්ති කාමරයක් තුළය. P.වැලිකල මහතා මෙම ගීතය ලන්ඩනයට ගෙන්වා ගෙන සන්දේශයේ ප්‍රචාරය කිරීමට ඉඩ සැලසුවේය.

තමන් විසින් ගේය පද රචනා කරමින්, තනු නිමැවමින්, ගීතය ගයන්නා වාග්ගේයකාර නමින් හැඳින්වේ. පණ්ඩිත් අමරදේවයන් සංගීතවේදියකු හා ගායන ශිල්පියෙකු අප කවුරුත් දැන සිටියත් එතුමා විශිෂ්ට ගේය පද රචකයකුද බැව් දන්නේ නම් ඒ ටික දෙනෙකු විය යුතුය. සිය මුල්ම ගී සංකල්පනාව තරුණ ඇල්බට් (අමරදේවයන්) ගේ හද සන්තානයේ පිළිසිඳ ගෙන ඇත්තේ එතුමා කළතර විද්‍යාලයේ සිප් සතර හදාරමින් සිටියදීය. ඒ පාසලට යනෙන ගමනේදී උතුරු කළුතර සහ දකුණු කළුතර අතර දුම්රියෙන් ගමන් කරමින් කළ ගහ හා කළුතර බෝධීන් වහන්සේ දැකීමෙන් සිතේ ඇති වූ සිතුවිලි අකුරු කරමින්ය. 'පිනමුකෝ කළ ගහේ' එම ගී සංකල්පනාවයි. පාසල් විශේ සිටියදී වුවද අමරදේවයන් තුළ පැවති කවිත්වය මෙම ගී පදමාලාවෙන් එතුමා අපූර්ව ලෙස පෙන්නුම් කරයි. 'ශාන්ත මේ රෑ යාමේ' අමරදේවයන් විසින් රචිත දෙවෙනි ගී පදමාලාවය. මෙය එතුමා නිර්මාණය කර ඇත්තේ 'සුනේත්‍රා' නම් නාට්‍යයකටය.

1940 දශකයේදී මුලින්ම ශ්‍රවණය කිරීමට ලැබුණු 'පිනමුකෝ කළ ගහේ' සහ 'ශාන්ත මේ රෑ යාමේ' ගීත දෙක මෙන්ම අමරදේවයන් විසින් රචිත 'වදිමු සුගත ශාකාස සිංහ' නම් ප්‍රකට බෞද්ධ ගීතයද, එවකට මෙන්ම වර්තමානයේදී බොදු ගීත ශ්‍රාවකයන්ගේ ආදරය දිනූ ගීතයක් විය.



පණ්ඩිත් අමරදේව සහ අල්හාජ් මොහිදීන් බෙන් 'අශෝකමාලා' චිත්‍රපටය රූ ගත කිරීම අතරතුරදී

මෙම වකවානුවේදී අමරදේවයන් නවාතැන් ගෙන සිටියේ චිත්‍රසේන කලායතනයේ බව පැවසේ. බොදු බැතියෙන් නිමැවුණු එම අපූර්ව ගී නිර්මාණය සේම, අමරදේවයන් සුරතින් ලියැවුණු, සෞන්දර්ය තේමා කර ගත් 'සිහිරියේ සිතුවම් රමණී' ගීත සංකල්පනාව, එතුමාගේ වූ විශිෂ්ට කුසලතාවය තවදුරටත් මැනවින් පැහැදිලි වන්නේය. කුමාරතුංග මුනිදාසයන්ගේ ආභාසයෙන් අමරදේවයන් ගේය පද ලියූ 'හඳපානේ වැලි තලා' ගීතයද මෙහිදී අපට අමතක කළ නොහැකි විශිෂ්ට නිර්මාණයකි.

සිය සෞන්දර්යය වාරිකාවේ මුල් භාගයේදී, අමරදේවයන් විසින්ම ගේය පද රචනය හා තනු නිර්මාණය කරමින් ගීත 12 ක් පමණ ගායනා කළ නුමුදු පසුව ගේය පද රචනයට එතුමා යොමු වූ බවක් අප අසා නැත.

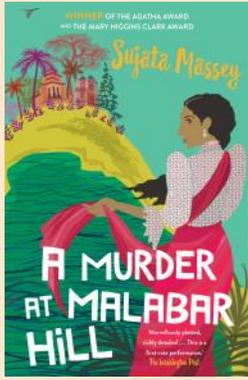
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Book Review: A Murder at Malabar Hill by Sujata Massey

Three widows living in seclusion, a grizzly murder and a sleuthing young lawyer.



A Murder at Malabar Hill is the first of the Mistry series by Sujata Massey, following the trials and triumphs of Perveen Mistry; a female solicitor in 1920s Bombay.

Perveen's foray into the legal profession is not without hurdles.

Frustrated by being the target of relentless bullying by her peers and Professors, Perveen quits her law degree at the Government Law College in Bombay.

Following a brief but turbulent marriage into a fellow Zoroastrian family and scarred by her experiences in more ways than one, Perveen escapes to study law at Oxford.

Four years later, armed with her degree, Perveen joins her father Jamshedji Mistry's successful legal practice in Bombay.

Unable to appear in Court as females are not permitted to the Bar, Perveen finds herself being the paper-pusher of Mistry Law until the firm is appointed to execute the will of Mr Omar Farid, a wealthy mill owner who has left behind three widows and three children.

When Perveen examines the paperwork, she learns that all three wives have signed over their full inheritance to a charity.

Do they really understand what this means? What future will they have with no income and no assets?

With her own history, Perveen is well aware of the injustices written into the legal system that disadvantage women.

Perveen worries that the Farid widows are vulnerable to exploitation by Mr Faisal Mukri, the guardian with a shadowy past appointed by their late husband to manage all household affairs.

Given the unique position of being a woman and solicitor affords Perveen access to the secluded windows in a way her father could never have.

As Perveen moves within the widows' inner circle, she comes dangerously close to the truth and tensions escalate to murder.

Perveen must figure out what is really happening on Malabar Hill as unknown forces attempt to thwart her efforts and threaten her very life.

Massey paints a vivid picture of life in India at the beginning of the 20th century. The narrative is filled with historical information, cultural nuances and beautiful descriptions of the sites, sounds, tastes and smells of Bombay, without ever losing its fast pace.

A winner of multiple literary awards, A Murder at Malabar Hill is a must-read for anyone who enjoys historical fiction with an Agatha Christie-esque murder mystery.



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The Portuguese Connection to Ceilão

The arrival of the Portuguese changed the culinary, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic landscape of Sri Lanka. The first wave of Portuguese seafarers arrived in 1505, and by 1640 Portuguese parishes and convents existed in Colombo, Galle and across the island.

The establishment of the Portuguese community in Sri Lanka promulgated Portuguese cultural traditions to the local population. This led to significant contributions which are evident in the formation of the creole language and culture that now forms an intrinsic part of the lives of all Sri Lankans.



An openness to ethnic intermixing with the local communities on the island produced a vast number of Mestizos, or mixed people. A result of this extensive intermixing is evident in the proliferation of Portuguese names such as Don, Singno, Dona, and Siciliana and surnames such as Fernando, Perera, Gomes, Costa, and De Silva throughout the Lankan community.

For approximately 350 years, Sri Lankan Portuguese Creole, a language still spoken by Sri Lankan Portuguese community and Ceylon Africans was the

lingua franca of the island. This language allowed disparate communities to communicate, trade, and interact as well as to intermarry and share culture. The resultant influence on the Sinhalese language is a long list of loanwords from Portuguese. Examples such as bankuwa, Mesa, janelaya, kasade, soldaduva, and Naththal (Christmas), and even “Oi”, amongst hundreds of others have enriched local languages.

The infectious dance inducing music of Baila was developed from Portuguese contact with local communities. It is during such contact that Afro Ceylonese rhythms, Malay rabane drums, and Portuguese guitars and violins combined with Sinhalese and Tamil languages which gave rise to this truly Lankan musical tradition.

Through communal contact, Portuguese nuns and bakers introduced bread (paan), banis, cakes such as love cake and Christmas cake, empanadas (pattis) and cutlets. Sweets such as wiskirinya and puhul dosi as well as produce such as cashews and chillies are contemporarily eaten by all Lankans.

Then there is Beeralu lace making, poetry, Naththal and wedding celebration and a plethora of cultural traditions so intertwined within society that they are immediately recognisable as Lankan. Presently, the Sri Lankan Portuguese community preserves language and culture with assistance from the University of Lisbon. You may find our shared language, music, recipes, and interviews on the International Endangered Languages archive.

In true Portuguese Lankan tradition, we would like to wish Feliz Natthal and happy New Year to all our readers.

Randika Jayakody and Jerome Perera



Among Randika and Jerome’s many interests is a deep passion to understand Sri Lankan history and culture. This has been facilitated through exposure to multiculturalism through their travels and living

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Asia Pacific Screen Awards - Prasanna Vithanage’s “Gaadi” wins Cultural Diversity Award

Well known Sri Lankan movie director, Prasanna Vithanage’s Gaadi (Children of the Sun) was awarded the Cultural Diversity Award at the recently completed Asia Pacific Screen Awards in the Gold Coast.



Set in the dying days of Kandyan Kingdom in Sri Lanka, the movie revolves around the relationship between an aristocratic woman and a man from the ‘rodia’ community, considered the lowest in the caste hierarchy.



When a British supported rebellion against the King of Kandy by the noblemen fails, the King orders the wives of the noblemen to be given to the rodia men. Women who do not want to lose their honour drown themselves except one - young Tikiri. She is declared the property of the rodia caste Vijaya and becomes an unwilling member of the group.

Period dramas make sense only if they speak to the present, Vithanage observed.

He described Gaadi as an exploration of the polarisation over identity that has driven Sri Lanka over the years and continues to vex vast parts of the world. “There’s no point making a period drama just for the look and the costumes – it must shed light on the present world and the situation in your country,” Vithanage told Scroll.in in an interview from Colombo. “Most of us in the subcontinent are polarised over the issue of identity, whether Buddhist chauvinism or Hindutva. The film was my way to understand the meaning and validity of identity, which has been playing out across the world too.”

Courtesy: [https:// scroll.in/](https://scroll.in/) and [https:// www.asiapacificscreenawards.com/](https://www.asiapacificscreenawards.com/)

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India gives Padma awards to Lankan Dancer Vajira Chitrasena and Linguist the Late Indra Dassanayake

At a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhawan, the Indian President's residence in New Delhi, the President of India, Ramnath Kovind, presented the Padma awards for the year 2020.

Among the awardees were two personalities from Sri Lanka. Dr. Vajira Chitrasena and the Late Indra Dassanayake were awarded the Padma Shri for their contributions in the field of dance, and literature and education, respectively.

The Padma Awards are the fourth highest civilian honors of the Government of India that are announced annually on the Republic Day of India on the 26th January. The others are the Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and Bharat Ratna. The award seeks to recognize distinguished services or achievements in diverse fields and disciplines.



While Ms. Vathsala Dassanayake Ishtaweera, daughter of Late Prof. Indra Dassanayake, travelled to India from Australia to receive the award from the President of India, in the presence of the Vice President and the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Vajira Chitrasena was presented the award on 17 November at Colombo by the High Commissioner of India in Sri Lanka at a ceremony at the Temple Trees.

The Government of India is committed to recognizing individuals

from diverse backgrounds who have rendered a 'distinguished service' to the society through their talents and achievements. In this connection, the contributions of veteran Kandyan dance exponent and guru Vajira Chitrasena, and linguist Prof. Indra Dassanayake, a well-known professor of Hindi at the Kelaniya University, to their individual fields, are noteworthy. They have both played important roles in further strengthening the cultural relations and the bonds of friendship between the people of India and Sri Lanka.

It may be recalled that before 2020, the Government of India honored musician and Magsaysay award winner W.D. Amaradeva by recognizing him with the 'Padma Shri' in the year 2002.

Courtesy: <https://newsin.asia/>

Popular Singer Lakshman Wijesekera Passes Away

Popular singer Lakshman Wijesekera passed away on 12 November, at the age of 73.

A quiet and unassuming man, Wijesekera was born to Walter and Daisy Wijesekera on March 14, 1948, in Anuradhapura. He was initially educated at Anuradhapura Central College and later at Maliyadeva College in Kurunegala. His first appointment as a music teacher was Welusumana Vidyalaya.



He then taught music at Isipathna and D.S.Senanayake colleges in Colombo, before getting his break as a musician in 1975, when he auditioned as a singer at the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cooperation (SLBC). Wijesekera became very popular on television and radio thereafter, and is well-known for the children's song programme 'Muthu Ahurak Gayana' that was aired in the 80s, as well as his hit numbers 'Bala Lamawarune', 'Delwoo Pahan', 'Sina Pipena', 'Supem Hengum', and 'Sanda Kinith Nemi'. He also worked as the music director for a number of teledramas, such as Vilambeetha, Dangayanta Pamanai and Tikiri Saha Ungi.

Courtesy: <https://roar.lk>

Former Minister Sirisena Cooray Passes Away

Former Minister Sirisena Cooray has passed away on 29 November.

He had served as the Mayor of Colombo from 1979 to 1989 and was elected to Parliament in the 9th parliamentary election in 1989 from Colombo.

He was appointed Minister of Housing and Construction in the Premadasa cabinet and had also served as General Secretary of the United National Party (UNP) during the tenure of party leader Ranasinghe Premadasa.

Bulathsinghalage Sirisena Cooray was 90 years old at the time of passing.

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**Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka:
 How "Hewavissa" got its Name**

Over the years I have brought to you the stories behind several villages in Sri Lanka and I hope you enjoyed them. A common feature in the stories is that most of them were linked to the days when the Kings ruled the country.

Today too, we have a similar story and it is linked to the soldiers of the Kandyan King's army. I think it is quite appropriate to write how the King's army was formed. All the young people were given the basic training to defend the country when the necessity arose. They were not paid a remuneration. Then there was the permanent regiment who were paid. Then, there was a special category called "Velakara" who were foreign soldiers from India, who were also in the paid category.

"HEWAVISSA" is in the vicinity of the Kandy city. During the Kandyan Kingdom there were check points like today at key positions and Hewavissa was one such. A group of twenty foreign soldiers were deployed at this check point.

They were from the same province in India and were very united. As they were not familiar of the local language they distanced from the public and did all the work together at the check point. "The Twenty soldiers" (HEVAYOVISIDENA) obviously became a point of gossip in the area. Over time the area was referred as "Hewavissa".



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03	Ven. Muruththettuwe Ananda Thero appointed new Chancellor of Colombo University	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/78118/ven-muruththettuwe-ananda-thero-appointed-new-chancellor-of-colombo-university
03	Wanindu Hasaranga tops T20 bowlers' rankings	http://www.adaderana.lk/sports/8877/wanindu-hasaranga-tops-t20-bowlers-rankings
04	Sri Lanka, World Bank ink USD 500 million financing agreement	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/78158/sri-lanka-world-bank-ink-usd-500-million-financing-agreement
05	Ven. Kollupitiye Mahinda Sangharakkhitha Thero appointed new Chancellor of Kelaniya University	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=78204
07	T20 World Cup: West Indies, Sri Lanka miss 2022 Super 12 spots	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/78234/t20-world-cup-west-indies-sri-lanka-miss-2022-super-12-spots
04	Sri Lanka's first carrier-neutral and high-density data centre debuts at Orion City IT Park	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Sri-Lanka-s-first-carrier-neutral-and-high-density-data-centre-debuts-at-Orion-City-IT-Park/44-725425
07	TNA team invited by US Govt. to discuss political issues	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/211107/news/tna-team-invited-by-us-govt-to-discuss-political-issues-461345.html
10	Australia lowers travel advice level on Sri Lanka	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=78310
13	Lanka's exports to China up by 111.2% so far this year	https://island.lk/lankas-exports-to-china-up-by-111-2-so-far-this-year/
13	US Delivers USD 150Mn in Financing to DFCC Bank to Support Community-Based Women Entrepreneurs	https://www.lankabusinessonline.com/united-states-delivers-150-mn-in-financing-to-dfcc-bank-to-support-community-based-women-entrepreneurs/?fbclid=IwAR0V7NtC8H2grpZiEPGKE-C9PjH3MIFDB1z7_0vIsQSI2HG-mSulzENmVo
14	Extreme weather: Heavy rains cause havoc, claim 26 lives	https://www.themorning.lk/extreme-weather-heavy-rains-cause-havoc-claim-26-lives/
15	Sapugaskanda Oil Refinery closed for 50 days	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking_news/Sapugaskanda-Oil-Refinery-closed-for-50-days-no-fuel-shortage-Minister/108-224795
14	Mahela receives ICC Hall of Fame cap	https://www.dailymirror.lk/caption_story/Mahela-receives-ICC-Hall-of-Fame-cap/110-224716
15	CBSL goes for securitisation of migrant workers' foreign currency receipts	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/CBSL-goes-for-securitisation-of-migrant-workers-foreign-currency-receipts/44-725965
16	Sri Lanka and India to host 2026 ICC T20 World Cup	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=78468
17	Lankans lining up to migrate	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Lankans-lining-up-to-migrate/26-726077
17	Retirement age of private sector employees extended to 60 years.	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=78487
17	Mickey Arthur to resign as Sri Lanka's head coach	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=78490
19	Senul Ratnayake of Dharmaraja creates junior TT history	https://www.themorning.lk/senul-ratnayake-of-dharmaraja-creates-junior-tt-history/
19	President, PM inaugurate Sandahiru Seya in Anuradhapura	https://www.ft.lk/news/President-PM-inaugurate-Sandahiru-Seya-in-Anuradhapura/56-726200
21	Plant nutrients to be imported for Maha season	https://www.themorning.lk/plant-nutrients-to-be-imported-for-maha-season/
21	Chemical fertiliser ban reversed?	https://www.themorning.lk/chemical-fertiliser-ban-reversed/
21	Strict guidelines for SOEs: They will reap what they sow	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/211121/news/strict-guidelines-for-soes-they-will-reap-what-they-sow-462785.html
21	Hasaranga and Asalanka named in ICC Men's T20 World Cup team	https://www.islandcricket.lk/news/hasaranga-and-asalanka-named-in-icc-mens-t20-world-cup-team/
22	Marvelous Madugalle completes 200 Test matches	https://island.lk/marvelous-madugalle-completes-200-test-matches/
25	Mahinda Samarasinghe resigns from Parliament	https://www.themorning.lk/mahinda-samarasinghe-resigns-from-parliament/
24	Indian Consul General in Jaffna wears LTTE official flower	https://ceylontoday.lk/news/indian-consul-general-in-jaffna-wears-ltte-official-flower
25	Sri Lanka beat West Indies in first Test	http://www.adaderana.lk/sports/8914/sri-lanka-beat-west-indies-in-first-test
25	New Kelani Bridge open to public from today	http://www.adaderana.lk/news/78680/new-kelani-bridge-open-to-public-from-today
26	New Kelani Bridge "Golden Gate Kalyani" declared open...	http://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?mode=head&nid=4102
26	Singapore launches vaccinated travel lanes with Thailand, Cambodia, Fiji, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Turkey	https://www.channelnewsasia.com/singapore/vtl-thailand-cambodia-maldives-singapore-vaccinated-travel-lane-

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Saturday, 11th December, 2021
6.00pm to 11.00pm

Mitchelton Senior Citizens Hall
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Music by DJ Ty Fox

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To book your tickets contact:
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Limited number of tickets.
Bookings close Friday, 3rd December unless sold out earlier.

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Friday, 31st December 2021
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Sri Lankan Events Brisbane

Please check the latest status of the events with the relevant organisations

December 2021

03-05	QMora: University of Moratuwa Alumni Get-together	Uni of Moratuwa Alumni
04	Christmas Dinner Dance	Gold Coast Sri Lankans
11	Christmas Carols and Dinner	Silver Fawn Club
19	Sangamitta Day	Forest Lake Temple
31	New Years' Eve Dance	Silver Fawn Club

January 2022

22	Karaoke and Live Music Event	Agricola Queensland
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February 2022

13	Valentines Day Lunch	Silver Fawn Club
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March 2022

12	Annual General Meeting	Silver Fawn Club
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May 2022

21	Dinner Dance	Sri Lanka Sports Assn.
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June 2022

04	Gypsies	Aradhana Entertainment
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Program Schedule

Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
05 Dec	Ananda and Nayana Samaratinga/ Ananda Samaratinga
12 Dec	Jayantha Weerasekera, Seetha Opatha Vithana/ Jayantha Weerasekera
19 Dec	Derrick Fernando/ Janaka Weerasinghe
26 Dec	Darshika Koggalahewa, Kasun Karunaratne, Himaya SWA, Lakmini Keerawella/ Kasun Karunaratne
02 Jan	4EB Sri Lankan Group/ Janaka Weerasinghe & Samanmal Gunaratne

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
01 Dec	"Yowun Sandella" Shyam, Pulith, Shamma, Chathurika, Darshika, Mithila/ Shyam Kottegoda, Sameera Samarasinghe
08 Dec	Thisara Pathirennehelage & Harsha Perera/ Thisara Pathirennehelage
15 Dec	Himaya with Youth Arm/ Mihika Samaratinga
22 Dec	Prema Weerawardena/ Niraj Kariyawasam
29 Dec	Nimal Wijessiri and Guest/ Sandun de Silva
05 Jan	"Yowun Sandella" Shyam, Pulith, Shamma, Chathurika, Darshika, Mithila/ Niraj Kariyawasam

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