



Historical and Cultural Significance of Kandy Perahera

Kandy Perahera, also known as the Esala Perahera, is one of the most magnificent and revered cultural festivals in Sri Lanka. Held annually in the city of Kandy, this procession is a vivid spectacle that highlights the rich tapestry of Sri Lankan history, spirituality, and cultural heritage.

The origins of Kandy Perahera date back to the 3rd century BCE, linked to the arrival of the sacred tooth relic of the Buddha in Sri Lanka. According to tradition, the tooth relic was brought to the island by Princess Hemamala and Prince Dantha, safeguarding it from political turmoil in India. This relic has since become one of the most venerated objects in Buddhism, symbolizing the Buddha's presence and spiritual legacy. The Perahera itself emerged as a means to honor the relic and to invoke blessings for bountiful rains, a practice believed to ensure agricultural prosperity and community well-being.

The festival's modern iteration took shape during the Kandyan Kingdom (1590-1815), when the tooth relic was enshrined in the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic (Sri Dalada Maligawa). The monarchs of Kandy instituted the Perahera as a grand religious and political statement, cementing their divine right to rule and underscoring the symbiotic relationship between Buddhism and the State.

Culturally, Kandy Perahera serves as a living repository of Sri Lankan traditions. The procession is a vibrant display of dance, music, and pageantry, featuring traditional Kandyan dancers, drummers, and decorated elephants. Each participant plays a role steeped in symbolic meaning; the dancers' intricate movements are a tribute to the gods, while the elephants, particularly the one carrying the tooth relic, are revered as embodiments of grace and power.

The festival also highlights the fusion of Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Initially, the Perahera included rituals dedicated to Hindu deities such as Vishnu, Kataragama, and Pattini, reflecting the syncretic religious landscape of Sri Lanka. This incorporation signifies the inclusive nature of Sri Lankan spirituality, wherein different religious beliefs and practices coexist harmoniously.

Today, Kandy Perahera stands as a testament to Sri Lanka's enduring cultural identity and religious devotion. It attracts thousands of visitors from around the world, fostering cultural exchange and promoting tourism. The festival's grandeur and spiritual aura contribute significantly to national pride and unity, offering a platform for Sri Lankans to celebrate their heritage in a global context.

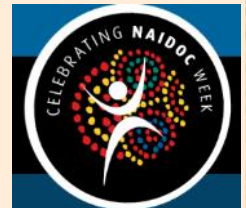
Kandy Perahera is not just a religious procession but a multifaceted cultural phenomenon that embodies the historical continuity, artistic brilliance, and spiritual depth of Sri Lanka. Its enduring legacy continues to inspire reverence and wonder, bridging past and present through a spectacle of faith and festivity.

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NAIDOC Week 2024

NAIDOC Week 2024, themed "Keep the Fire Burning," celebrates the invaluable contributions and enduring wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders. This annual event, taking place from July 7th to 14th, is a profound acknowledgment of the rich cultural heritage and ongoing resilience of Indigenous communities across Australia. Elders hold a revered place, serving as custodians of traditions, stories, and languages that are crucial for cultural continuity. Their guidance and knowledge are pivotal in nurturing younger generations and preserving a sense of identity and belonging.



The week-long celebration features a variety of activities including art exhibitions, cultural performances, and educational workshops, all aimed at fostering understanding and respect among all Australians. NAIDOC Week not only honors the past but also illuminates pathways to a more inclusive and reconciled future. It is a time for reflection, learning, and commitment to recognizing and integrating the profound legacy and wisdom of Indigenous Elders into the fabric of modern Australia.

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Stories Behind Names of Places in Sri Lanka

AMPITIYA

Ampitiya is a famous place just two kilometres away from the Kandy town. I am very familiar with this place as I have lived a good part of my life at Ampitiya.



Ang keliya (අං කෙලිය) play

Ampitiya is famous in the country because of three key institutions located there. One is the "Divrum Bhodiya". This is where people were made to swear and proclaim their innocence by the Kings. That is how the temple got that name. The other is the largest Catholic Seminary of the country being located in Ampitiya. This is where the Catholic clergy is trained. The third is the

famous Ampitiya Roman Catholic College. It is now named after its founder Rev Father Berrewaerts as Berrewaerts college.

During the time of King Rajasinghe this was not a thickly populated area and villagers lived a simple life as farmers doing cultivation and raising cattle.

There was a farmer who had a large herd of cattle and buffaloes. He spent the day gazing them in a flat area in the village. The horns of some cattle drop over time and grow again. This farmer used to collect these horns shed by the cattle and make carvings on some of them with the knife he always carried. Soon he became famous in the village as a skilled artist.

One day, King Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe happened to walk to the Ampitiya area with his ministers. The King was talking to the people and this horn craftsman thought it would be the best time to present the best set of crafted horns to the King and he courageously did so. The villagers also praised his skill.

The King was so happy and delighted he gifted the cattle grazing flat land to the clever farmer. "mey ang pitya obata", මේ අංපිටිය ඔබට. This is one story behind the name Ampitiya. The other story is that it got this name as "අං කෙලිය" (Ang keliya) the popular sport which was held in this area.



Dr Nimal Sedara

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The Spirit Bear

From Dutch Burghers to Jaffna Tamil communities, from Angolan and Mozambican communities to Afro Ceylonese, from mainland Malay's to Lankan Malay communities, Sri Lanka is home to ethnic groups who have created their own unique variants in Sri Lanka. Just like these unique ethnic groups these islands are home to unique wildlife which markedly differs from their mainland relatives.

There is the Sri Lankan elephant, the largest sub-species of the Asian elephant. Elephants are both culturally and spiritually important to several communities on the islands. Known as the Hota-Kandaala-aththa by indigenous communities, these intelligent beings were exported across the world as war elephants. They have a unique method of communicating using infrasound and only producing tusks in a small percentage of male elephants. Their size, depigmented faces, and relationship with people make them uniquely Lankan.



Then there is the Sri Lankan Sloth Bear, a rare species of bear found only in India and Sri Lanka. Known as the Kalu-manjala-aththa by indigenous peoples, this bear is regarded as a spirit bear by the Adivasi community. The Lankan sloth bear is an insectivorous bear, renowned for its ferocity when defending its cubs and both feared and revered in the mythology of both the Sinhalese and Wanniyala Aeththo. Lankan sloth bears lack the characteristic V shaped marking on their chest and there are few reported incidents of human bear conflict in Sri Lanka, making them unique in comparison to their Indian counterparts.

The Blue whales of Sri Lanka are another unique animal living in the oceans surrounding Sri Lanka. Blue whales are the world's largest animal, exceeding 100 feet in length and weighing over a hundred tonnes. Blue whales are famous for their vast journeys, circumnavigating the globe following of plankton, consumed by filtering tonnes of water through baleen. The Lankan blue whale is unique in that it does not migrate, instead choosing to give birth and permanently remain in around the oceans of Sri Lanka. Whales have demonstrated unique communicating patterns and behaviours passed down through generations, resembling cultural transmission of knowledge and emerging research suggests that Sri Lanka blue whales may themselves have a unique set of behaviours resembling a culture within their communities.

Finally, the unique Sri Lankan Leopard, one of only two species of island leopards in the world. The Sri Lankan leopards, known in the Adivasi language as Pol-Lejila-Aththa or the Diviya, is a uniquely large apex predator. Unlike most leopards, the Sri Lankan leopard is active during the day as it does not compete with other large predators, making it unique among global leopards.

Sadly, each of these animals experiences violence in Sri Lanka. The use of "Hakka patas" to maim and injure elephants, leading to horrible deaths is one example of cruelty. One reason for the absence of tusks in male elephants and a reduction of size in elephants, is the cruel practice of acquiring the largest and most spectacular wild elephants for perahera, facilitating starvation and torture of the elephant to "break in" the animal for the docility required during parades.

Whilst Australia strictly regulates whale watching, Sri Lanka facilitates unregulated access to blue whales where unscrupulous guides harass and disturb these majestic creatures.

Randika Jayakody & Jerome Perera



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

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Book Review: The Torrent by Dinuka McKenzie

I grabbed "The Torrent" at the Brisbane airport on a work trip because I had forgotten to bring the book I was reading at the time. I scoured the bookshop and was delighted to come upon the Banjo Prize winning debut by Sri Lankan Australian author, Dinuka McKenzie.



Detective Sergeant Kathryn Aneesha Miles – Kate, to everyone who knows her, is heavily pregnant and weeks away from maternity leave. She needs to wrap up and hand over to her new partner, the square jawed Detective Josh Ellis, an import from Sydney who clearly thinks the regional station of Esserton in Northern New South Wales is beneath him.

Kate's plans are disrupted by a second armed robbery by the same Avengers mask-wearing teen gang. The difference between this McDonald's robbery and the bakery holdup from earlier is that

Captain America has joined the Iron Man and Hulk duo and the violence had escalated to one of the staff, a teen girl, being stabbed.

Carefully pouring over CCTV and traffic camera footage gives the Police mere threads of information to hang their hats on. When the victim's father, Roman Allen, a local Councillor, offers a reward for information, frustrated officers are left answering crank calls. How do you identify masked robbers who don't seem to have arrived or left in a vehicle but managed to still get away from the crime scene before Police arrived!

As if Kate's plate wasn't full enough, her boss Detective Inspector

Andrew Skinner saddles her with an informal, under-the-radar review of a drowning during the January floods. Joel Marshall's grief-stricken mother is convinced that Joel's wife Gabby, who has gained celebrity status as the beautiful widow, is responsible for his death. Kate concludes that Tweed Heads Police had followed all due process, but something doesn't feel right. Does Kate report back what is expected of her, or does she follow her nose?

Kate Miles is a brilliantly crafted protagonist. She is tenacious, empathetic, and profoundly human. Kate suffers from a healthy dose of Imposter Syndrome being a woman of mixed race (she is half Sri Lankan!) in a position of authority within a notoriously monocultural and male-dominated industry. The supporting characters, including Kate's colleagues and family, especially her father, the former Detective Inspector of Esserton, are equally well-developed, providing a rich tapestry of interactions.

McKenzie's writing is so compelling and pacy that I had finished one third of the book by the time my flight reached Melbourne. On the way back, I finished another third and I binged the rest in one night. McKenzie has set a high bar with "The Torrent," and I am looking forward to reading the next book in the Detective Kate Miles series, "Taken."



Nimandra Gunasekera

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

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Old Anandian's Association of Queensland Annual General Meeting 2024

Date Sunday, 18 August 2023
 Time 6.00 pm
 Venue Mount Ommaney Library
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Open to Financial Members of OAAQ.
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The Federation of Sri Lankan Organisations hosted a lunch at Co-co Gabba and it was an opportune occasion to share the issues relating to the Sri Lankan community with the High Commissioner.

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Monthly News Digest: June 2024

01	Sri Lankan author Ramya Jirasinghe bags Gratiaen Prize	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Sri-Lankan-author-Ramya-Jirasinghe-bags-Gratiaen-Prize/108-283890
03	Severe weather claims 15 lives, affects thousands countrywide	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Severe-weather-claims-15-lives-affects-thousands-countrywide/44-762529
03	Dr. Asha de Vos appointed to UN Secretary General's Scientific Advisory Board	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/Dr-Asha-de-Vos-appointed-to-UN-Secretary-General-s-Scientific-Advisory-Board/44-762534
03	Sri Lanka's Tharushi wins another gold at Taiwan Athletics Open	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=99602
05	Economic Transformation Bill: Finally, an opportunity to do things differently	https://www.ft.lk/columns/Economic-Transformation-Bill-Finally-an-opportunity-to-do-things-differently/4-762627#:~:text=The%20Economic%20Transformation%20Bill%20is,of%20Economics%20and%20International%20Trade%2C
06	Sri Lanka gives preliminary approval to Musk's Starlink	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=99702
07	Nearly 6,000 houses damaged due to adverse weather	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/99723/nearly-6000-houses-damaged-due-to-adverse-weather
07	Ravindra Randeniya celebrates 50 years in cinema	https://www.dailymirror.lk/print/front-page/Ravindra-Randeniya-celebrates-50-years-in-cinema/238-284329
07	New city planned for residents along Kelani River bank	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/New-city-planned-for-residents-along-Kelani-River-bank/108-284354
08	Rain and floods: 15,000 acres of paddy fields damaged	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/Yr4OXp29JnTB6Fk61Mjz
09	Sri Lanka's debt pile surpasses US\$ 100b, unpaid principal and interest exceed US\$ 6.4b	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240609/news/sri-lankas-debt-pile-surpasses-us-100b-unpaid-principal-and-interest-exceed-us-6-4b-559798.html
11	India to establish industrial zone in Trinco; Jaishankar to visit Sri Lanka soon	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/99790/india-to-establish-industrial-zone-in-trinco-jaishankar-to-visit-sri-lanka-soon
12	Health Ministry announces major investment in primary healthcare and cardiac facilities	https://www.ft.lk/healthcare/Health-Ministry-announces-major-investment-in-primary-healthcare-and-cardiac-facilities/45-762950
13	IMF approves third tranche of Sri Lanka bailout after second review	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=99847
14	Sri Lanka unveils roadmap to ease vehicle import restrictions by 2025: IMF	https://www.dailymirror.lk/top-story/Sri-Lanka-unveils-roadmap-to-ease-vehicle-import-restrictions-by-2025-IMF/155-284853
14	Sri Lanka's GDP grew at 5.3% during first quarter of 2024	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/99884/sri-lankas-gdp-grew-at-5-3-during-first-quarter-of-2024
17	Govt. justifies new controversial property tax	https://www.ft.lk/top-story/Govt-justifies-new-controversial-property-tax/26-763167
17	Sri Lankan economy bounces back as inflation dips; sharp industrial sector recovery	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/99923/sri-lankan-economy-bounces-back-as-inflation-dips-sharp-industrial-sector-recovery
18	CC rejects extending AG Rajaratnam's term	https://www.ceylontoday.lk/2024/06/19/cc-rejects-extending-ag-rajaratnams-term/
20	Tharushi smashes continental record in Spain	https://island.lk/tharushi-smashes-continental-record-in-spain/
20	World Bank announces new Country Director for Sri Lanka	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=99986
20	Nimal Siripala elected Chairman of SLFP	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/99971/nimal-siripala-elected-chairman-of-slfp
21	2014-2024 CPC 'fraud': Rs. 3,400 million losses revealed	https://www.themorning.lk/articles/WCn7sNUVC2JVbS3Xijpd
23	Regulator refuses approval for Adani wind power project	https://www.sundaytimes.lk/240623/news/regulator-refuses-approval-for-adani-wind-power-project-561878.html
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25	Cabinet approval granted for development of Higurakgoda Airport	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/100091/cabinet-approval-granted-for-development-of-higurakgoda-airport
26	IFS announces new venture in Colombo Port city, promising additional 1,000 jobs	https://www.ft.lk/front-page/IFS-announces-new-venture-in-Colombo-Port-city-promising-additional-1-000-jobs/44-763456
26	Govt. stands firm: No tax-free vehicle imports	https://www.dailymirror.lk/breaking-news/Govt-stands-firm-No-tax-free-vehicle-imports/108-285741
26	Mahela resigns as Sri Lanka consultant coach	https://www.adaderana.lk/news.php?nid=100125
27	Chris Silverwood resigns as Sri Lanka head coach	https://www.adaderana.lk/news/100136/chris-silverwood-resigns-as-sri-lanka-head-coach

Sri Lankan Events - Brisbane and SE Qld

July 2024

13	Concert "Priyadara Priya"	Sathsara Entertainment
14	BSS Blood Donation Project	Brisbane Sinhala School
18	Professional Engineer of the Year 2024 Queensland	IESL Qld Chapter
20	Jothi Prabha	Forest Lake Temple
20	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Goodna Temple
20	Blood Donation Campaign	Old Anandians Assn
20	Vas Aradhana Pinkama and Katina Anisansa Deshana	Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
21	BSS Blood Donation Project	Brisbane Sinhala School
26	Musical Show: Miyasi Minrasa	Sri Lankan Arts Circle
27	Vas Invitation Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
27	Madhu Feast at Cunnungra	Sri Lankan Catholics
27	Fund Raising Event	Goodna Temple
27	Christmas in July: /Dinner Dance	Silver Fawn Club
27	Musical Show: Mathakayan	We Beats

August 2024

03	Hanthane Nite 2024	Peradeniya Alumni
03	Sinhala Drama: Mr President	Gold Coast Community
04	Book Exhibition	Yaaya Book Store
10	Doctor Dinner Dance - Lanthra Perera	Yes Entertainment
17	Lalata Dathu Vandanawa	Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
18	Annual General Meeting	Old Anandians' Assn
24	Annual General Meeting	Goodna Temple
31	Anniversary Dance	Silver Fawn Club

September 2024

07	Sinhala Movie: Gini Avi Saha Gini Keli (ගිනිඅවි සහ ගිනිකෙළි)	Private
14	Psycho Concert	Nexxt Entertainment
14	Buddhagaya Vandanawa and Sri-math Anagarika Dharmapala Com-	Mahamevnawa Buddhist Monastery
15	Sri Lanka Day	FSOQ
28	Saralanga 2024	SAQ

October 2024

05	Marians Night	Sathsara Entertainment
19	Blood Donation Campaign	Old Anandians Assn
20	Annual Katina Ceremony	Forest Lake Temple
26,27	Katina ceremony - Pirith Chanting	Goodna Temple

November 2024

09	Swarna Swara Concert	Sathsara Entertainment
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December 2024

4-6	Mindfulness Camp	Samahitha Mindfulness Group
07	Christmas Carols	Silver Fawn Club
31	New Year's Eve Ball	Silver Fawn Club

LORD MAYOR'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
Brisbane City Hall

Go on a musical adventure these school holidays when the Lord Mayor's Children's Program returns to Brisbane City Hall with a FREE performance of The Singing Chefs and Tub-thumping Orchestra on Wednesday July 3, 2024.

<https://www.mustdobrisbane.com/whats-on-kids/lord-mayors-childrens-program-brisbane-city-hall>

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Arunella - Sunday 9.00am - 10.00am FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
07 July	Samannal Gunaratne/ Samannal Gunaratne
14 July	Ananda and Nayana Samaratinga/ Mihika Samaratinga
21 July	Darshika Koggalahewa, Himaya SWA/ Sameera Samarasinghe
28 July	Lakmini Keerawella & Kumara Dissanayake/ Sameera Samarasinghe
04 Aug	Kumara Dissanayake/ Dhanushka Bandara

Sandella - Wednesday 9.00pm - 10.00pm FM 98.1

Date	Producer/Panel Operator
03 Jul	Sameera Samarasinghe & Guest/ Sameera Samarasinghe
10 Jul	Janaka, Chandima, Lakshi & Dinithi/ Ruwan Kalutara
17 Jul	Kumara Dissanayake & Samanola Wijerathna/ Sandun de Silva
24 July	Dushan & Pulastha/ Dhanushka Bandara
31 July	Lalith Keerthirathna/ Niraj Kariyawasam
07 Aug	Janaka, Chandima, Lakshi & Dinithi/ Dinesh Kumara

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