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## **An archive for Sri Lankan Tamils in Expatriate countries**

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The lives of Sri Lankan Tamils in their home country and expatriate countries are seen by many with particular interest in the light of the liberation struggle and the war desolation our kith and kin face back home. In the view of the world, the attention gatherings, readings and writings representing the Sri Lankan Tamils are being looked upon with an interest primarily focused on the art of war.

Many important matters have been overlooked due to the above attitude. It is obvious that this would eventually create a negative impact on Sri Lankan Tamils. It is a fact that we, the expatriate Tamils, do not have any institutionalized resources to fulfil the needs of Tamils or others coming forward to engage in researches and studies on subjects related to Sri Lankan Tamils' life, politics, literature and other matters. We who consider us intellectuals are obliged to ask ourselves whether we have done anything constructive towards this issue.

The collections and works related to Sri Lankan Tamils found in the libraries of educational institutions like The School of Oriental and African Studies, of the University of London (SOAS), British Library and the Indian Section of Cambridge University, are limited in their utility because of the general absence of Tamil speaking personnel working in these institutions.

Young researchers of the universities of the world, who wish to engage in studies related to Sri Lankan Tamils, invariably turn their attention to other subjects related to Tamils in Tamil Nadu. This is because of the lack of accessible data and information and due to the risks of travelling to Sri Lanka because of the war. This has robbed Sri Lankan Tamils of valuable works of research and studies which would have been published, had a favourable situation existed.

Should we ask ourselves as to why Tamil libraries, archives and book shops have not been established and developed as much as temples and shops have proliferated in expatriate countries, the answer would be only one. It is because that libraries, archives and book shops do not bring in as much money as temples and other commercial ventures would. Though this sounds bitter, it is the truth!

Wishing to usher in a change in this situation at least at this juncture we have recently created the '*European Tamil Documentation and Research Centre*'— ETDRC in London.

Though this is a small step we are certain that this institution will create meaningful development in the intellectual lives of the expatriate Tamils in the future.

We have taken necessary steps to register this institution as a Tamil Research Centre with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom. (Registered Charity No. 1127365)

As the next stage in this project we have begun to identify individuals who show keen interest in the sphere of Sri Lankan Tamils and to invite them into our institution; we are also collecting books, documents and other written works on this subject.

Apart from this project, I have recorded 5000 books in 5 volumes of my Nool Thettam collections in Tamil Language. A volume of Nool Thettam containing around 600 pages is published annually since the year 2002. The 6th volume is being compiled now and is expected to be published in early 2010.

I have donated all the books I get in connection with the compiling of Nool Thettam as an initial resource to the '*European Tamil Documentation and Research Centre*'. These 3000 books are not enough to develop our archive; we need books and work related to Tamil language from all over the world besides books and works authored by Sri Lankan, Malaysian and Singaporean Tamils.

We would be grateful should those in possession of personal collections come forward and donate at least some books from their collections for public use. Many people are now giving us a helping hand for the ETDRC so that it would be of great service as the archive of the expatriate Sri Lankan Tamils and of the works of Singapore and Malaysian Tamils, in the future.

Yet, ETDRC is in need of more and more books and financial support. We are engaged in the task of sourcing them. Any proceeds collected by sale of this bibliography will be deposited to the ETDRC Fund.



I appeal to you in the hope that you will come forward to preserve and maintain the books you have on Sri Lankan studies and those written by Sri Lankan Tamils in Tamil and English languages with ETDRC.

I sincerely believe that this ambitious project would certainly be a useful source of data and information for the researchers on Tamil living in the European countries and also for the next expatriate generation and their needs of researches and studies.

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## Introduction

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Sri Lanka is an Island nation located in the Indian Ocean Southeast of India. It has a pleasant tropical climate. The average temperature of the lowlands range between 25-30 degrees Celsius. It is a multi-ethnic, multi religious country with a diverse and rich culture with a total population of 19 million. The Sinhalese are the predominant ethnic group consisting of about three quarters of the population. Other ethnic groups include the Tamils and the Muslims. Sinhala and Tamil are the official languages of the country while English is used in commerce and Government. Sri Lanka offers wide attractions to tourists, with its ancient culture and historic sites, scenic beauty besides its forests, mountains and sunny beaches.

Sri Lanka, previously known as Ceylon, has a dark side too. For the last three decades, Sri Lanka has been a cauldron of political violence. The racial antagonism that surfaced between the Tamil and Sinhala nations since the independence of the Island in 1948 has evolved into a fully fledged armed conflict.

Despite the prevailing racial conflicts in the island both Sinhalese and Tamil scholars have engaged themselves in research and studies and have reached heights of distinction in their chosen areas of academic subjects. The major universities in Sri Lanka continue to produce works of high standard in various subjects based on scientific and systematic researches. Intellectuals and creative writers not within the academic institutions of the country also continue to publish works, each according to their skills and knowledge. Most unfortunately, due to the current state of unrest and turmoil in Sri Lanka, many Sri Lankan scholars and writers have been forced to leave their country, seeking security and peace in different countries of the world. From time to time they do publish their works from their countries of exile according to the facilities and opportunities available to them. Hence, the works of Sri Lankans, being unrestricted by regional and geographical boundaries, cannot be classified into a single category denoting a common base of origin.

In this context, the Sri Lankan National Library that handles the task of legally recording the works of Sri Lankans is naturally unable to produce complete bibliographical records claiming to represent all Sri Lankans. Though this is a common problem faced by all involved in creating such

bibliographical records, there is a particular difficulty that confronts Sri Lankan Tamils compiling them. The Sinhalese language enjoys a privileged position in Sri Lanka due to the special place attributed to it by the state. Most of the works of Sinhalese authors and scholars are willingly accepted by popular publishers in Sri Lanka who afford them regular sales and distribution both locally and internationally.

This benefit does not exist as far as the Sri Lankan Tamil authors are concerned. Most of them could be categorized as author-publishers. On the contrary, they need to have their works printed with their own funds and have them released in self-organized events, selling them amongst friends and well wishers. Consequently their works are denied a wider readership. They do not reach the universities involved in related studies or international libraries, seldom the libraries in Tamil regions. Sri Lankan Tamils being spread in many countries further compounds this disadvantage. It may take quite some time for a good Tamil book published in London by the author himself to reach a reader in Sri Lanka or some other countries in which Tamils reside. Sometimes the subject matter or contents of such books may prevent those reaching readers either in Sri Lanka or in other countries. This self-imposed censorship seems to be a general trend being adopted by the Tamil authors now.

Amidst these limitations, I embarked on an attempt in 2000 to collect the publications of Sri Lankan Tamils scattered amid various parts of the globe, unconstrained within geographical or time factors, classify them and compile a series of bibliographical volumes. The project which aims to publish around 15 volumes continues, and I have succeeded in bringing out the first five of them. Each of the volume contains the particulars of a thousand books, their authors and relevant information. The sixth volume is being compiled.

Involved in this ambitious project, it pained me to observe the English books written by Sri Lankan Tamil authors going unrecorded. Many of these authors who had earlier contributed greatly to the socio-economic development of Sri Lanka are now sidelined due to their political doctrines or views. Neither any educational institution nor social organization has come forward to record their works in English in a bibliography so far. This encouraged me to compile a bibliography of their English books in a volume so as to prevent them disappearing unrecorded.

This volume is to be published in two parts. The first will contain records of 323 English books that have been fully researched by me, along with remarks. The second part will contain another 110 records of English books which I have searched for and come across in various documents and magazines, though not read by me. This attempt was made to document the existence of the said English books by Sri Lankan Tamil authors.

Compiling bibliography is usually an incomplete task and no one can determine its end. Therefore some books may have unfortunately been left out in this volume. Readers can always help me with information which would enrich the next edition of the volume and I look forward to such encouraging suggestions.

*"You have not lived until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."* John Bunyan



## Country profile – Sri Lanka

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**Area:** 65,610 sq km

**Population:** 19.5 million (2004)

**Capital City:** Colombo (population 2.2m)

**People:** 73.94% Sinhalese, 12.7% Tamil, 7.1% Muslim, 5.5% Hill Tamil, and 1.5% other

**Languages:** Sinhalese, Tamil, English

**Religion(s):** Buddhist (69.3%); Hindu (15.5%); Muslim (7.5%); Christianity (6.9%), other (0.8%)

**Currency:** Rupee, divided into 100 cents

**Major political parties:** Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) (President's party and largest government party), United National Party (UNP) (main opposition party), Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) (left wing, Sinhala nationalist), Tamil National Alliance (a coalition of Tamil parties), Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC), Jathika Hela Urumaya (JHU) (Sinhala nationalist Buddhist party led by monks), Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) (member of the TNA), Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) (a Tamil party opposed to the LTTE), Ceylon Workers Congress (CWC) (represents Hill Tamils)

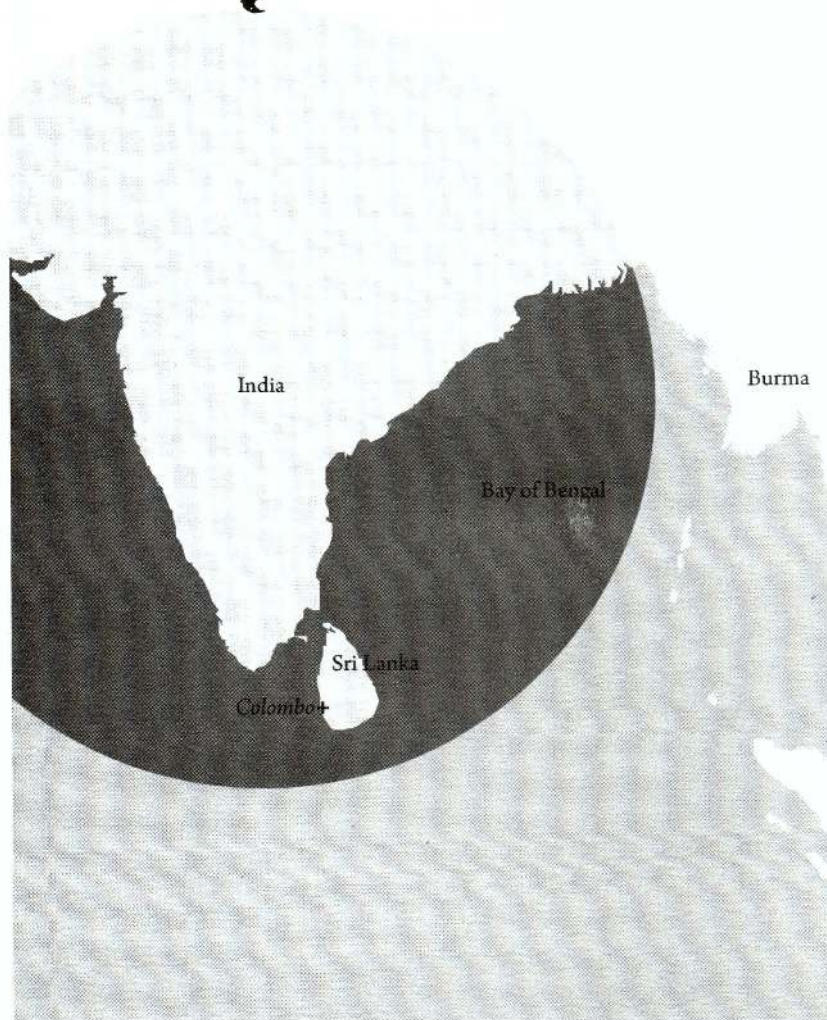
**Government:** Unicameral Parliament with Executive Presidency  
Head of State (President): His Excellency Mr Mahinda Rajapakse  
Prime Minister/Premier: The Hon Ratnasiri Wickremanayake

**Foreign Minister:** The Hon. Rohitha Bogollagama MP

**Membership of international groupings/organisations:** Commonwealth, The South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC), United Nations (UN), Non Aligned Movement (NAM), Group of 77 at the United Nations (G77).

**(Source: Foreign and Commonwealth Office)**





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Dr. James Thevathasan Rutnam has to his credit a total of 192 items published in the leading Newspapers in the Island, periodicals and professional Academic Journals. These publications were spread over a period of 60 years since 1923. He is the Founder of the Evelyn Rutnam Institute for Inter-cultural Studies, which was built after the burning of the Jaffna Public Library, in 1981.

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Batticaloa, Sri Lanka: Municipal Council, 1st edition 1988, (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka: St. Joseph's Catholic Press). xiii, 81p., index, Rs. 260, 24.5 x 19cm.

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Oluvil, Sri Lanka: Library, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University Park, 1st edition 2001, (Akkarapattu, Sri Lanka: Multi Offset Printers). xviii, 62 p., 20x14.5 cm., ISBN: 955-627-001-9.

This bibliography lists a selection of the works of Mr. S.M.Kamaldeen, a librarian and educationist counting many years of experience. His writings covering a wide range of subjects published in Tamil, Sinhala and English

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London, England: Thesam Publishers, P.O.Box 35806, E11 3JX, 1st edition June 2003, (London, England: Set Line Data Ltd, 61 Ewer Street, SE1 0NR).

110p., maps, photos, 21 x 15cm.

The Jaffna Public Library was burnt down in 1981; this publication gives broad information on the library, its development, destruction, renovation and various personal thoughts and views pertaining to the library. Mr. Selvarajah, the compiler of this work is a well known librarian from Sri Lanka. He began his career in 1976 as a librarian at Ramanathan College. Since 1991 Mr. Selvarajah has been a consultant to the Jaffna Public Library and coordinating from the United Kingdom. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST370)

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This is a compilation by the Sri Lankan Tamil Architect, Mr. V.S.Thuraiajah, who had a wide knowledge and involvement with the restoration of the Jaffna Public Library. His association with the Library starts from the time it was housed in the new building in 1959. He ventured to write this book to place on record turbulent history of this revered library from its birth in a tiny room of a house in Jaffna to its growth as one of the best libraries in South East Asia. This book compiles the events, articles and images that illustrate how the Jaffna Library and its irreplaceable contents were destroyed and how it has risen from its ashes.

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(4), 45p, Rs. 50, 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-582-022-8.

(Series Title: A history of Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka: Recollection, reinterpretation and reconciliation, Series No.19 of 19)

The comparative lack of scholarly attention to the role of the media in the ethnic conflict has led to insufficient understandings of its nature. Basing itself on an examination of instances of media treatments of the conflict in all three languages and also of the historical development of modern media in our polity, the paper undertakes a theorisation of the workings of the media which will, hopefully, supply the deficiency. The examination reveals a very negative picture, which accounts for the scepticism which people generally entertain about the media. At the same time, their belief in the media and their receptivity to their persuasions remain strong. The paradox points towards the need to see the media in terms of a dialectic. Its positive strand relates to the crucial role of the media in helping create democratic public opinion among the people, and in helping them construct their post-colonial identities, associated with ontological security. However, it also carries within itself a negative strand which converts this positive potential into a destructive force. This conversion is explained in terms of the contestations of rival power groups in the polity, who subvert what could have been a valued democratic instrument of the popular will into a populist tool for the pursuit of their own parochial interests. Thiru Kandiah holds the Chair of English at the University of Peradeniya. He has taught and published in several sub-fields of Linguistics and in the field of post-colonial literature.

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134p, photos, 21.5 x 14cm,

The first experimental broadcast was on February 22nd 1924. The actual date of the broadcast with improved transmitter was on 16th December 1925. S.Punniamoorthy joined in the Broadcasting services in 1954.

This work contains interesting notes on the life and times of this renowned Broadcaster. The author P. Krishnaswamy has been friends with S.Punnaimoorthy for over four decades.

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136p., Photos., Ind. Rs 60., 21.5 x 14cm.

The Regional Newspaper Eelanadu, Published in Jaffna, was the symbol of the individualistic expression of the Eazham Tamils culture. It sought to establish a separate identity for the Tamils, disassociated from the domination of Colombo and the Sinhalese Government. Author is a Journalist worked for Eelanadu. It is the first work that records the government's efforts to suppress Eelanadu. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1618)

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xix, 683p, photographs, index., £20, 21.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-9549647-0-5.

In this book veteran Sri Lankan journalist and editor Subramaniam Sivanayagam traces the roots of the ethnic problem, and records in chronological detail the troubled island's post-independence history up to contemporary times. As a witness and a victim himself for the historical



process, his account takes on the form of a first person narrative as well, while foreign correspondents and Sri Lankan journalists are themselves quoted extensively in recording the events of the war years. Apart from being the first-ever comprehensive documentation on Sri Lanka covering a period of 47 years Sivanayagam's own insights and his memoirs lend additional unique charm to the book. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1880)

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Australia: The Author, 11, Gelling Avenue, Strathfield NSW 2135,

1st ed. May 2005. (Sri Lanka: Vashicara Advertising.)

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A book that fills a great void in the history of broadcasting in Sri Lanka. The author, was also a broadcaster and a public servant. The broadcasting history that has been studied in this book, is mainly about the Tamil Section of the Broadcasting Organisation, since this is the area in which the author has experience.

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292p., 21 x 15cm., ISBN: 1 85201 01 69

A book on the problems facing the Tamil people in Sri Lanka; the systematic discrimination of them by the Sinhalese-dominated government for more than fifty years. Most of these articles are editorials from the Hot Spring and Saturday Review. Some of these selected writings include a reply to the Sri Lankan ambassador in the U.S, talk given at the Eliezer Memorial meeting at the Rivercourt Methodist Church, U.K., an open letter to the American Ambassador in Sri Lanka. Mr. S. Sivanayagam was the founder-editor of the Jaffna-based Saturday Review, which was banned by the Sri Lankan Government on July 1st 1983. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST206)

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### **100 General Philosophy**

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Mannar, Sri Lanka: The Author, President, Thiruketheeswaram Temple Society, Thiruketheeswaram, Mannar, 1st edition, May 1988. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: State Printing Corporation).

(6), 50 p., 21.5x14cm.

By Tat Purusah, we mean the ageless and eternal divine spirit that is immanent in man. The two papers in this book deal about two fundamental esoteric religious doctrines mostly common to all the religions of the contemporary world. They are the Yoga Marga and the Jnana Marga both of which can help any serious spiritual aspirant to attain the final state of release, the final blossoming of pragna (wisdom) and karupa (compassion) the two great attributes of the Tat Perusah. The first paper entitled "The Key of knowledge" is from the pen of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan who was a highly integrated saintly personality who lived amidst us in the 20s of the present century. The other paper with the caption "Jnana Nisthai" written in Tamil by the author is an adaptation of the first. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2867)

#### **16 *Vedantham Vs Saiva Siddhantam: A comparative study and the development of the latter from the earliest times.* R.Namasivayam.**

Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Book House, 201, Dam street, 1st edition, 2002, (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press, 201, Dam street).

iv, 67p, photographs, index, 22 x 15cm,

This book gives a bird's eye view of Siddhanta from the historical point of view. It also highlights some of the distinctive philosophical concepts which are logically coherent and practically more viable than other systems of thought including that of Sankara.

### **130 Astrology, parapsychology and the occult**

#### **17 *The Karmic Theater: Self, society and astrology in Jaffna.***

Robert S. Perinbanayagam.

Amherst, USA: The University of Massachusetts Press, 1st edition, 1982. (USA: The University of Massachusetts Press).

(10), 212p., 23.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-87023-374-2.

This study is an examination of the uses of astrology in Jaffna, the northern peninsula of the island of Sri Lanka. The peninsula is inhabited almost exclusively by Tamil speaking Hindus who live in ambivalent in southern India and a vibrant steam of Buddhist Sinhalese. The work goes beyond structural ion and hermeneutics to formulate an interpretive framework of universal applicability in the study of human behaviour. The close examination of astrological uses in Jaffna in Sri Lanka is a particularization of this framework. A work of lasting significance. With the central focus on astrology, this study examines the interrelations of religion, astrology, self and society in Northern Sri Lanka. Though aimed at the specialist, this study could be consulted with profit by those who seek an understanding of the role of religion and popular religious practices within the Tamil community. (SOAS Library Accn No. 481875).

## 150 Psychology

**18 Scarred Minds: The Psychological impact of war on Sri Lankan Tamils.**  
Daya Somasundaram.

New Delhi 110 048, India: Sage Publications, M-32, Greater Kailash part1, 1st edition, 1998. (New Delhi, India: Chaman Enterprise).

353p., table., Ind. Rs. 425., 22 x 14cm.

The ongoing ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka epitomises the trauma, horror and devastation which has characterised warfare throughout human history. Using Sri Lanka as a case study, this remarkable book focuses on the little discussed aspect of the psychological trauma inflicted upon civilians caught in the midst of such conflicts. A powerful critique of violence and a moving testimony to the sufferings of ordinary people, this first hand account by a participant will be essential reading for psychiatrists. Daya Somasundaram is a professor of Psychiatry, in the Faculty of Medicine, at the University of Jaffna, and also a consultant Psychiatrist, at the General (Teaching) hospital in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 761336).



## 170 Ethics

### 19 *A Path to purposeful living: Based on the sacred Kural of St. Valluvar.* V.P.Palam (V.Perampalam).

Georgia, USA: Real wise Publishing Inc, P.O.Box 3824, GA 30023, 1st edition, 2005, (Tamil Nadu, India: The Parker computers, Ahamad Business Complex, Chennai 6000 14).

298p, 25 x 19cm, ISBN: 977-1056-0-1.

The purpose behind this attempt is two fold: to make the Valluvar-Kurral, deservedly a little more popular among the English-educated readers of the West. And thereby make them better able to benefit, equally deservedly, from whatever the Holy Kurral has got to offer. Part 1. Ethics, Morals and Spiritual life (1-38). Part 2. Civics, Government and Secular life (39-108). Part 3. Love, Romance and Sensuous Life (109-133)

### 20 *Gleanings from Tirukkural for a multi-cultural society.*

A.Kandiah, V.Jayadevan.

New South Wales, Australia: Natanalaya Publication, 17, Edward Street, Strathfield South, NSW 2136, 1st edition, January 2002, (Chennai, India: Maazaru, 2, Parthasarathy Naidu street, Triplicane, Chennai 600 005).

48p, 18.5 x 12cm,

The Term Tirukkural consisting of an adjective tiry –beautiful, and a noun kural - couplet means a book of beautiful couplets. The Tirukkural by Saint Tiruvalluvar deals with the codes of human life, under its three books. viz, arattuppaal, Porutpaal and Kaamattuppaal. It has in all 1330 couplets divided into 133 chapters each having 10 distiches. The present selection of 100 couplets attempts to provide the readers samples of the wealth of the great Tirukkural and provoke them to read the work as a whole.

### 21 *The Ethical Essence of the Tamils.* Sellathamby Srikandarajah.

London, England: A.J.International, 27, Undercliff Road, SW 13 7TU, 1st edition 1993.

xxi, 135p., 19.5 x 13.5cm.

Thirukkural or the sacred KURAL, is a Tamil classic generally ascribed to 300 AD. Attributed to a poet called Thiruvalluvar whom we know very little



about, the Kural treats of Virtue or Righteousness, Wealth and Love in 133 Chapters of ten distiches each. The author has translated the Thirukkural into a simplified version that has been easily related to the modern age. He has used 40 distiches in these essays. S.Sriskandarajah is a writer, speaker, legal draftsman, lawyer and a Tamil scholar. A graduate in Science of the Madras University, and a holder of a Master Degree in Law from the University of London, he is currently serving as a Principal Legal Officer in the Government Legal Service of England and Wales. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1309)

## 200 Religion

### 210 Philosophy and theory of religion

#### 22 *A Life in tune with God.* Dr.N.Sellappah.

Chennai-600 017, India: Manimekalai Prasurem, 7, Thanikachalam road, T.Nagar, Post Box No. : 1447, 1st edition, 2003. (Chennai- 600 094, India: Scrp Offset).  
216p, Ind. Rs. 60., 12.5 x 18.5cm,

In this book, Dr. Sellappah has touched upon all the relevant aspects of human life to give a meaning to the concept of life in tune with God. In every line of the book, he speaks of the various aspects of the arts and science to explain how the human mind has been conditioned in such a way that it prevents man get an insight into the nature of thought and the awakening of creative intelligence within us. Dr. Sellappah was spiritually guided by Yoga Swami in his early life. He has read widely on Jesus Christ, Prophet Mohamed and many other saints, spiritual leaders and philosophers. He has read the works of William Shakespeare, Albert Einstein and many others.

#### 23 *Studies and Translations, Philosophical and Religious.*

Ponnambalam Arunachalam.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Department of Hindu Affairs, Ministry of Regional Development, 2nd edition, 1981, 1st edition 1937. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The State Printing Corporation of Sri Lanka).  
xxi, (8), 305p, photographs, 21.5 x 15cm,

Sir P. Arunachalam was a pioneer in the struggle for the political, social and cultural advancement of his countrymen at a time when Ceylon was held firmly in the grip of British rule. Arunachalam was the first Ceylonese to join the Civil Service by open competitive examination; he was the first President of the Ceylon University Association, which campaigned for the establishment of a University in Ceylon, and the first President of the Ceylon National Congress. This reprinted edition of the collected works, contains a memoir of the author and commemorates Fifty years of Universal Adult Franchise (1931-1981) in Sri Lanka.

## 270 History of Christianity

### 24 *A Catholic- Hindu encounter: Relations between Roman Catholics and Hindus in Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 1900-1926.* Nicholapillai Maria Saveri.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: N.M.Saveri, Centre for Performing Arts, 238, Main Street, 1st Edition, 1978. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Ceylon Printers).  
iv, 348p, index, 22.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-9263-00-9.

This book gives an informed insight into the history of Hinduism and Roman Catholicism in Jaffna. There is a well argued exposition of the milieu and circumstances that enabled Roman Catholicism to make a noteworthy although difficult, headway in Tamil Hindu society. The consequences of conversion are neatly outlined, and its significance is underscored in an able manner. This book is a good contribution to the social history of the Tamil people in the Jaffna peninsula. The author has demonstrated a highly commendable understanding of two major religions. The study is written in a lucid and eminently readable style and arrests the eager attention of the reader. Books on modern Jaffna are so few, and Dr. Saveri's study is an invaluable contribution to our knowledge of the more recent past in northernmost Sri Lanka. This work under the title "Relations between Roman Catholics and Hindus in Jaffna, Ceylon, 1900-1926. A Study of religious Encounter" was originally submitted in 1978 for degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (SOAS).

### 25 *Church, politics and war in Shri Lanka: Theologising contextually amidst a war.* S. J. Emmanuel.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: S.J.Emmanuel, St. Francis Xavier's Seminary, Columbuthurai,

1st edition, March 1994. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: St. Joseph's Catholic Press, Main Street.)

iii, (3), 46p, Rs. 40., 21.5 x 14.5cm.

Father S. J. Emmanuel has been a theological educator for the greater part of his life. In this book, he identifies three theological trends which have informed Christians in Sri Lanka in trying to understand and interpret the political conflicts- Church- theology, State- theology and Prophetic- theology.

## 290 Other religions

### 294.3 Buddhism

#### 26 *Buddhism betrayed?: Religion, Politics and Violence in Sri Lanka.*

Stanley Jeyaraja Tambiah.

Chicago 60637, USA: The University of Chicago Press, 1st edition, 1992, (Chicago 60637, USA: The University of Chicago Press).

xix, 202, index, photographs, US\$ 17.25, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 0-226-78950-0.

This book is an important contribution to the Eelam and Sri Lankan political literature. It covers a whole century, from the 1880s to the 1980s, focusing on the main landmarks and watersheds that figure in the story of how Buddhism as a collective and public religion was interwoven with the changing politics of the Island, and how that meshing contributed to ethnic conflicts, especially to various violent episodes such as civilian riots and insurrections. Given Buddhism's presumed nonviolent philosophy, how can committed Buddhist monks and laypersons in Sri Lanka today actively take part in the fierce political violence of the Sinhalese against the Tamils? This book seeks to answer this question by looking closely at the past century of Sri Lankan history and tracing the development of Buddhism's participation in such ethnic conflict and collective violence. The author is a professor of anthropology at Harvard University and curator of South Asian Ethnology at the Peabody Museum.



## 294.5 Hinduism

### 27 *A Short history of Hinduism in Ceylon and three essays on the Tamils.* C.S. Navaratnam.

Manipay, Sri Lanka: C.S.Navaratnam, Navaly, 1st edition, 1964. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Sri Sanmuganatha Press).  
xx, xi, 212p., illus., 22 x 14.5cm.

An attempt has been made in this small volume to present a short survey of Hinduism in Ceylon. The three historical articles in this book: 'The contribution of the Tamils to Buddhism', 'Tamil settlements in Sinhalese areas' and 'The status of the Tamil language in Ancient Ceylon' are all informative. Historian C.S. Navaratnam was once a tutorial staff of Manipay Hindu College. He has also authored 'Tamils and Ceylon' and 'Vanni and the Vanniyas' which are also popular amongst Tamil scholars. (SOAS Library Accn No. 713290).

### 28 *Abirami Andhathi (with English Translation).* Abirami Pattar (Origin), Ram Kanthiah, Sagi Kanthiah (Translated).

Mississauga, Canada: Hindu Mission of Mississauga, 1st Edition, September 2004, (Canada: R.J.Multi Litho Inc.)  
108 p., 21x14 cm.

300 years ago, a region of South India was ruled by King Saraboji. The King regularly worshiped at the Sakthi Temple in Tirukkadavur and here he met Subramaniam. Subramaniam was a poor commoner, but was talented in astrology and music. He was a well known poet, but was also known for his large ego. King Saraboji struck up a conversation with Subramaniam, and asked him how favorable the day would be for him. Subramaniam was in a trance and so replied, without thinking, that it was a full moon. However according to the calendar it was a new moon. Believing that Subramaniam lied to him purposely, the King decided to punish him. Subramaniam was forced to sit on a beam, held by 100 ropes, under a blazing fire. One by one the ropes were cut off. Desperately Subramaniam began to pray to the Divine Mother, reciting each phrase with his heart. As he reached the 79th verse, Abirami threw into the sky her diamond ear ring, covering the sky with beautiful moon beams. The King and everyone around him, looked up in awe. King Saraboji understood both the strength of the devotion



Subramaniam showed and the power of Abirami. This book consists of the 100 verses in Tamil and its English translation.

**29 *Cult and worship of Murukan: As reflected in the Paripatal and the Tirumurukarruppatai.*** A.Kandiah.

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: The Open University, Nawala, 1st edition, September 1984. (Sri Lanka: The Government Press).

viii, 87 p., 21.5x15 cm.

This study on the cult and worship of Murukan is based on two of the earliest Tamil literary works, the Paripatal and the Tirumurukarruppatai. The study begins with a brief survey of the extant sources – the eight poems in praise of Cevvel in the Paripatal and the Tirumurukarruppatai. Some important reference to Murukan in Cankam literature is also discussed in the analysis. An attempt is made to enumerate the six shrines of Murukan and estimate the extent of Muruka worship in Tamil Nadu, India during the period of these works. A general assessment of the extent of the influence of the Aryan God Skanda on the Tamil God Murukan is also made. (SOAS Library Accn No. 666802)

**30 *Destruction of Hindu Temples in Tamil Eelam and Sri Lanka.*** M.Neiminathan.

London, England: Federation of Saiva (Hindu) Temples UK, 288 Haydons Road, Wimbledon, SW19 8JZ, 1st edition, July 1998, (Middlesex, England: Sami Print, 63 Station Grove, Wembly, HA0 4AR),

iv, 116p., photos, appendix, 21 x 15cm.

This document states the tragic events that resulted in the destruction of the Hindu temples, due to the ethnic conflict between the two major religions. When compiling this book the author had difficulty collecting the information. Many Hindu religious bodies did not have the relevant information. Some had little but were reluctant to divulge this because they were in fear of their safety from the government. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST387)

**31 *Hindu Temples of Sri Lanka.* S.Pathmanathan.**

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Thirukketheeswaram Temple Restoration Society, jointly published by Kumaran Book House, 361-1/2, Dam Street, Colombo 12, 1st edition 2006. (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press, 361-1/2, Dam Street). xvi, 470 p., Rs. 1200., 21x15 cm., ISBN: 955-9429-91-4.

There are thousands of Hindu temples in Sri Lanka. In the Jaffna Peninsula alone, there are more than two thousand temples. In every village occupied by Hindu Temples in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, there are at least half a dozen temples, which are dedicated to the worship of Ganesha, Murugan, Amman and Siva. In this volume, there are comprehensive accounts of fifteen Hindu temples spread over different parts of Sri Lanka. All the leading Hindu temples of historical importance in the country are Saiva temples, because a large majority of the Hindus in Sri Lanka are the adherents of Saivism since ancient times. It is because of their relative importance in the history of Hinduism in the country that these following temples have been selected for description here: Tirukketiswaram, Tirukoneswaram, The temple of Tampalakamam, Nakuleswaram, the Temples of Polonnaruwa, the Temples of Padaviya, Vijayaraja-iswaram of Kantalay, Vikkiramacalameke iswaram of Makal, Munneswaram, the Temple of Kailayanatar at Nallur, Tantonriswaram, Kokkaticcolai, Mamankeswaram, the Temple of Kataragama (Katirkamam), the Kantacuvami Temple at Nallur and Ponnampalavaneswaram. S.Pathmanathan currently Professor of History at the University of Peradeniya is a specialist on the History of Tamil and Hindu traditions in Sri Lanka. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2177)

**32 *Life of Thiru Gnana Sambanthar.* S.Sabarathna Mudaliar.**

Sri Lanka: S. Ratnapragasam on behalf of Kokuvil Sivasubramaniya Swami kovil, (Puthukkovil) Paripalana Sabai, 1st ed. 1920, Reprinted 2001. (Colombo 12: Kumaran Press (pvt) Ltd, 201, Dam Street.) xxvi, 45p., Rs. 100., 21 x 14.5cm.

Mudaliyar S.Sabarathnam (1858-1922) hailed from a distinguished family in the village of Kokuvil in Jaffna. A worthy successor to the great Hindu Revivalist, Sri Arumuga Navalar, Mudaliyar Sabarathnam kept the torch of Hindu Renaissance aflame by his prolific writings in Tamil and English. This reprinted edition of his book tells the life history of Thiru

Gnana Sambanthar. Of the sixty three saints whose lives are narrated in the Periyapuram, Sambanthar, of course, stands foremost, about a third of the whole Puranam being devoted to the description of his life. He was not only a saint, but he was a great Teacher and a spiritual preceptor. He was a born poet and a perfect master of the musical art, and he was at the same time a prodigy and a miracle-maker of an exceptional type. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST1542 ).

### 33 *Pilgrimage to Thirukoneswaram.* V.Varathasuntharam.

Chennai 600 017, India: Manimekalai Prasuram, P. O. Box 1447, 7 Thanikachalam Salai, 1st edition, 2005.(Chennai 600 094, India: Script Offset Printers). iv, 132p., photos., Ind Rs. 40., 18 x 12.5cm

This book is a humble effort to bring to light the great legends of the temple, to formulate the mythological references, to address our minds to the relevant inscriptions, to highlight the antiquity of this temple to praise the reverence in which the temple has been held throughout the annals of the history of the shrine on the hill- all in one book. Author, Vedhanayagam Varathasuntharam, a son of Trincomalee soil, is a retired teacher of English. He has served on the tutorial staff of Trincomalee Ramakrishna Mission Hindu College, Kanchimadam Maha Vidyalayam, Trincomalee, Colombo, Anarudtha Maha Vidyalaya and Uduvil Girls' College for Further education, Jaffna.

### 34 *Remembering Hindu Traditions.* Sivanandini Duraiswamy.

Colombo 11, Sri Lanka: M.D.Gunasena & Co. Ltd, 217, Olcott Mawatha, 1st edition 1997, revised edition 2002, (Colombo 11, Sri Lanka: M.D.Gunasena & Co. Ltd, 217, Olcott Mawatha). (24), 168p, glossary, Rs. 300., 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 955 21 0897 7.

This book will be most useful for Hindus in the Great Diaspora, who have needed to call to mind the details the author has assembled. The author speaks in a very simple and eloquent style. This book is an invaluable handbook for those Hindus living abroad. Religious observances of the Hindus are explained by the author in meticulous detail with their psychological, ethnical and moral implications.



**35 *Songs and Sayings of Yoga swami.*** Members of the Sivathondan Society.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: The Sivathondan Society, K.K.S.Road, 1st edition, 1974. (Chunnakam, Sri Lanka: The Thirumakal Press). (10), xl, xxiv, 218 p., 21.5x14 cm.

Saint Sivayogar Swamigal was living in Jaffna, in North Sri Lanka, for over 90 years and passed away in 1964. The contents of this book are his songs and sayings. These flowed from him spontaneously and were written down at the time by anyone who happened to be present. Occasionally he wrote them down himself. No intellectual process was involved. His followers believed that he was the mouthpiece of the Devine. (SOAS Library Accn No. 345651)

**36 *Stories from Hindu Mythology.*** Padma Somakandhan.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Young Women's Hindu Association, 15, Bagatalle, Road, Colombo 13, 1st edition, June 2005, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Pvt) Ltd, 48B, Bloemendhal Road, Colombo 13). 36p, illustrations, Rs.250., 25 x 17.5cm.

Pathma Somakandhan is an eminent creative writer whose literary work has won several awards in Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu. This booklet is an attempt to narrate to the young children of Tamil Hindu Parents, who have recently migrated to the western countries, some mythical stories from the Hindu tradition. These stories relating to Gods, their activities and their movements bring out some of the essential aspects of Hinduism. These Puranic stories in English are both interesting and educative.

**37 *The Hindu God whom we Worship -1: Lord Shiva.*** Grandpa Thiru.

Illford, England: Ramonas the Publishers Ltd. PO Box 1168, 1GI 4DN. 1st edition February 1998. 26p., Photographs, illus., 27.5 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-84021-301-9.

This book is part of a series of beautifully illustrated books that are written, in simple terms, to teach young children about Hinduism and its literatures. The book tells stories of Lord Shiva, and the meanings behind objects used in the temple e.g. thiruneeru. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST89)



**38 *The Poems of Tayumanavar.*** Sri Mutu Coomaraswamy (Tr. from Tamil), S Durai Raja Singam (Editor).

Petaling Jaya, Malaysia: S.Durai Raja Singam, House Seven, Section eleven three, 1st edition, December 1977. (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Academe Art and Printing Services Sdn, Bhd).

(8), 89p., illus., 18x13 cm.

These poems of Tayumanavar, rendered into English by Sir Mutu Coomaraswamy were printed in 1873 but owing to his death were never released to the public. This edition was published in the birth centennial year of Sir Mutu Coomaraswamy's distinguished son Dr. Ananda Coomaraswamy. (SOAS Library Accn No. 447168)

**39 *The Sri Vallipura Alvar Temple: A brief History.*** V.Arumugam.

Colombo 5, Sri Lanka: Meera Publications, 1st edition, July 2001, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Page setters, 113-1/1 Jinthupitty Street),

25p, photos, Rs.60., 22x14.5 cm.

A Government servant on retirement, Mr.V.Arumugam, the author, was born in 1926 in Puloly, a village distinguished for its men of learning. In the booklet, the author who has been long in pursuit of literary studies, has made a genuine attempt to give a brief account of the ancient shrine, through the English medium. This should provide the readers with a glimpse of the glorious part of this famous Sri Vallipura Alvar Temple at Vallipuram, Puloly, Sri Lanka.

**40 *The Tevaram contribution to Saivism and Indian Music.***

Ponniah Jeyaalaki Arunagirinathan.

Middlesex, England: Ratnam Foundation, 179, Norval Road, North Wembley, HA0 3SX, 1st edition, 2004, (Chennai 600014, India: The. Parkar, 293, Ahamed Complex, 2nd floor, Rayapettah High Road).

144p., photographs, bibliography, £15, 23 x 15cm.

The Author stresses the importance in Tamil Culture of Saivism and its hymnology, Tirumurai, particularly Tevaram. She alludes in her Introduction to the difficult and controversial relationship between Jainism and Saivism in Tamil Nadu, a phenomenon that in fact seems peculiar to that area rather than to South India in general. This study has been divided into

four chapters: (1) Saivism and Indian Music, (2) Nayanmar and Tirumurai, (3) Tirumurai's impact on saivism and Indian Music, (4) Present and future states of Tevaram. Author Jeya Alaki gained her first Music Diploma Sangeeta Ratnam at the Ramanathan Music Academy Jaffna, Sri Lanka in 1973. She then obtained another Diploma Sangeetha Vidwan at the Central College of Carnatic Music, Madras in 1976. From 1989 to 1994 she did joint degrees in religious Studies and Music and gained Bachelor's Honours and a Masters degree in Area Studies with special reference to South Asia at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Jeya has taught Music in several Institutions, including being a tutor at SOAS, University of London. And she is also the chief examiner for the Oriental Fine Arts Academy. She currently lectures at Tower Hamlets College, London.

#### 41 *Thiruketeeswaram*. S. Arumugam.

London NW8, England: S. Arumugam, 92 Lord's View, St. John's Wood Road, 1st edition, 1980, 2nd rev. edition, 1990.  
xix, 192p., illus., 21 x 14.5cm.

In the *Lord of Thiruketheeswaram*, which was first published in 1980, the author placed as record from personal knowledge, the many Divine Wonders that happened there. In this revised 2nd edition, some amendments have been made and much additional materials included, enhancing its value. Sanmugam Arumugam was born in 1905 in an orthodox Hindu family in Nallur, Jaffna. After a distinguished school career, proceeded to the UK and qualified as an engineer from Kings College, London. His name is closely associated with the restoration of ancient Palavi Theertham at Thiruketheeswaram and the reconstruction of a temple there by the Thiruketheeswaram Temple restoration Society, of which he was a Founder member and vice president. (SOAS Library Accn No. 817008).

#### 42 *Tiruvachakam: The Hindu Testament of Love*. Ratna Navaratnam. K.M.Monshi, R.R.Diwakar (General Editors).

Bombay, India: S.Ramakrishnan, Executive Secretary, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. Chaupatty, 1st edition 1963. (Bombay 18, India: Rusi Khambata, R.M.D.C. Press, 70-71 Worli Estate, Worli).  
x, 246 p., Ind. Rs. 2.25., 18.5x12.5 cm.

Saint Manikkavachakar's Tiruvachakam is a great poem of sublime beauty and forms the subject of an inexhaustible study. Few feats of the human mind have equalled that of Manivachakar's expression of an absolute Love and faith in God, Man, and the world and of translating such joy into exquisite poesy. In this study of Tiruvachakam, the author has tried to show that an approach through the muse of poesy can bring new light to bear upon the great issues that appear in religious experiences. Ratna Navaratnam, born in a pious Hindu family in Jaffna has had a brilliant academic record at the Presidency College, Madras, Annamalai University and the Institute of Education, London. For over 10 years she was the head of the Ramanathan College, Jaffna. She then joined Government service and served as an education officer in the Jaffna District, Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 164865)

## 297 Islam

**43 *Asrar-ul Aalam: Mysteries of the Universe.*** M.C.Siddi Lebbe (Tamil Original), I.L.M.Muhammad Nilam (Tr. into English).

Colombo 1, Sri Lanka: Moors Islamic Cultural Home, 27, Bristol Street, 1st edition, 1983. (Colombo 11, Sri Lanka: International Trades and Industries Press). x, 157 p., 21x14 cm.

Muhammad Lebbe, a descendant of Arab-Muslim settlers in the maritime districts in Western Ceylon, ventured to seek his fortune in Kandy and there raised a family which made a significant contribution to the development of the Muslim community in Sri Lanka. Siddi Lebbe, his 2nd son, was one of the earliest batches of Ceylonese Proctors and his high standing in the Kandyan area was confirmed by his appointment in 1833 as Head Moorman of the Kandyan Districts. His younger son Muhammad Cassim, later known as M.C.Siddi Lebbe, left behind him a remarkable record of Service to his fellow-men. It is his best known translation work which has been rendered to the society. (SOAS Library Accn No. 496734)



**44 *Islam in Independent Sri Lanka.*** S.H.M.Jameel.

Colombo 02, Sri Lanka: Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs, 34, Malay Street, 1st edition, February 1998, (Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: Menik Printers, 161, Dematagoda Road).

xiv, 104p., photos, 14x21 cm.

This book contains a collection of articles on the spread of Islam in Sri Lanka, Islamic social, cultural and economic growth, development of education and literation among Muslims, Islamic architecture. The contributors are M.M.A Mahroof, M.A.M.Shukari, S.H.M. Jameel and Mrs. Marina Ismail.

**45 *Moors' Islamic Cultural Home: Souvenir III, 1970-1976.***

Joint Secretaries M.I.C.H.

Colombo 1, Sri Lanka: Ahamed Lebbe, Mohamed Lafir, Moors' Islamic Cultural Home, M.I.C.H Building, 3rd floor, 27, Bristol street, 1st edition, January 1978. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Caxton Printing Works, 280 Dam Street).

(4), 196p., Plates, 25 x 18cm.

The Moors' Islamic Cultural Home presents it's third souvenir, for the year 1970 to 1976. Its pages unfurl the Home's wide range of activities besides presenting articles of value. Titles of articles that appear in this issue are; The Islamic Spiritual Quest (Dr. Muhammed Fazlur Rahman Ansari), Genealogical Table of Honourable M.C. Abdul Rahman, The marriage Customs of the Moors of Ceylon (Ahamadu Bawa), Kaf Haa Ya Ain Saad and Recent Archaeological finds. (SOAS Library Accn No. 202236).

**300 *Social sciences, sociology and anthropology*****303 *Social processes*****46 *A Home from Home: From immigrant boy to English man.***

George Alagiah.

London, Great Britain: Little, Brown Book Group, Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, London WC2E 7EN, 1st edition, 2006, (Great Britain: Clays Ltd, St Ives plc).

x, 278p, index, £17.99, 24 x 16cm, ISBN: 978-0-316-73016-7.



This book is a tender and evocative portrayal of the immigrant experience. It is the story of Alagiah's journey from Asian boy to English man; from the homesick, diffident child who suppressed his tears to the household name he is today. In this book, he has brought colour and life to a subject that is all too often reduced to screaming tabloid headlines. In discovering where he feels most at home, Alagiah sheds light on the increasingly controversial question of British identity. George Alagiah was born in Sri Lanka. His parents moved to Ghana in 1961, and he went to primary school there. He attended secondary school at St John's College in Portsmouth, England, and is a graduate of Durham University. He joined the BBC in 1989 after 7 years in print Journalism with South magazine. He is currently the presenter of the Six o'clock News. He had also served as one of the BBC's leading foreign correspondents.

#### **47 *Tamil Social Formation in Sri Lanka: A Historical Outline.***

P. Ragupathy.

Madras 600 014, India: R. S. Visakan, Institute of Research and Development, 33, Chezhiyan Mansion, Raja Street, 1st edition, February 1986, (Madras 600 017, India: Sudarsan Graphics).  
12p, Ind.Rs. 5., 20 x 14cm.

It is a historical fact that the Tamil Social Formation in Sri Lanka over several centuries played a buffer between the Sinhalese and South Indian Social Formations. History also points out that it was the subsistence pattern that had determined the place, status and geopolitical affinities of this Social Formation. The present crisis is essentially one of devising socio-political means which will ensure a subsistence pattern for these people in their own land. This small booklet gives a brief note on Tamil Social Formation in Sri Lanka.

**48 *The Disintegrating Village: Social change in rural Sri Lanka.* Barrie M. Morrison, M.P. Moore, M.U. Ishak Lebbe (Eds.).**

Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Lake House Investments Ltd, Publishers, 41, W.A.D.Ramanayake Mawatha, 1st edition, 1979. (Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Mervyn Mendis, The Colombo Apothecaries).  
x, 273p., 21.5 x 13.5cm.

A major contribution in the field of Sociology *The Disintegrating Village* presents in a structured manner, a series of village case studies, probing and analysing the nature and consequences of the main socio-economic changes taking place in rural Sri Lanka. The six representative villages drawn from the most densely populated areas of the central, northern and coastal regions depict the innovative ways in which the villagers respond to challenges posed by population growth, limitations on the use of land, the growth of capitalisation and the politicizations of rural areas. M.U. Ishak Lebbe is a Research and training officer of Agrarian and research training Centre, Colombo. Professor Barrie M. Morrison belongs to University of British Columbia, Canada. M.P. Moore is a Research Fellow at the Institute of Developmental Studies, University of Sussex, UK. (SOAS Library Accn No. 446308).

**49 *We were making History: The Hartal of 1953.***

Wesley. S. Muthiah, Sydney Wanasinghe.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: A Young Socialist Publication, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, January 2002, (Boralasgamuwa, Sri Lanka: C.R.C. Press, 119, University Road, Rattanapitiya).

viii, (9), 524p, photographs, 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-9150-03-0.

The "Hartal" took place about fifty years back. The events of August 12, 1953 constitute, not an outbreak of hooliganism on a wide scale as the Ceylon Government and the capitalist press would have it, but a veritable people's uprising. It was a demonstration of mass protest against the government that had been elected to office just one year before the Hartal in 1952. The book is divided into three sections. The first section starts with an introduction written by Vijaya Vidyasagara, the editor of the *Samasamajist* during the time of the Hartal. The second section consists of selected reports that appeared in the newspapers during this period. Section three includes writings on the Hartal after the event.

## 305 Social groups, Feminism, Racism

**50 *Feminist Engagements with violence: contingent moments from Sri Lanka.*** Nimanthi Perera- Rajasingam, Lisa Kois, Rizvine Morseth de Alwis.

Colombo 8, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2 Kynsey Terrace, 1st Edition, 2007. (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press, 361 ½ Dam Street).  
(6), 208 p., 21.5x14.5 cm., ISBN: 978-955-580-115-7.

This book reflects on two decades of Feminist responses to gendered violence in Sri Lanka at a time of increased ethnic violence and warfare. The chapters by Nimanthi Perera- Rajasingam, Lisa Kois, and Rizvine Morseth de Alwis draw attention to some of the important local and international campaigns, and also highlight some of the limits of these strategies. The criticism of the movement's heavy reliance on the law, in the cases of the domestic violence bill, and the Krishanthi Kumaraswamy's case, invite us to reflect on alternatives. These essays attempt to understand how feminists responded to violence, both gendered and ethnic, in a time of increased militarization.

**51 *Fighting discrimination in Sri Lanka 1950-2002: Memoirs of a "Watch dog"*.** N. Vijayasingam.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Action Group of Tamils in Colombo (AGOTIC), 1st edition, January 2002, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: E. S. Printers, 257-1E, Galle Road, Wellawatte).  
xiii, 176p, photographs, maps, 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-8701-00-9.

This publication is not so much a memoir but a spontaneous and very personal response to what happened around Vijayasingam as a "Watch dog" from 1950 to 2002. The author aims this book at all the people of Sri Lanka but especially to the younger generation. Vijayasingam is the President of the Action Group of Tamils in Colombo (AGOTIC), a dedicated group of intellectuals and professionals who operate a "watchdog" organisation. Their role was to make the western governments pressurise the Sri Lankan government to change its strategies and to come to a negotiation with the LTTE, for peace.



**52 Sri Lanka, Racism and the authoritarian state.** A.Sivanandan, Hazel Waters (Editors).

London N1, England: Race and Class, Institute of Race relations, 247-9 Pentonville Road, 1st edition, Summer 1984, (Nottingham, England: Russell Press, Gamble Street).

iii, (2), 194p, map, £3.50, 21.5 x 15cm, (Race & Class Series Volume xxvi, Number 1)

Race and Class is a Journal for black and third world liberation. This special volume contains articles pertaining to Sri Lankan racial issues. Contents: Sri Lanka: racism and the politics of underdevelopment (A.Sivanandan), Sri Lanka's week of shame: an eyewitness account (author's name withheld), Class formation and communalism (Kumari Jayawardena), Sri Lanka: the story of the holocaust (N.Shanmugathasan), Plantation politics (Rachel Kurian with Jenny Bourne and Hazel Waters), The state against the Tamils (Nancy Murray), Human Right violations in Sri Lanka, The Mathew doctrine, Sri Lanka: myths and realities (Committee for Rational Development), July 1983 and the national question in Sri Lanka: a bibliographical guide (H.A.I.Goonetilleke).

**53 Stepping Out: Women surviving amidst Displacement and Deprivation.** F. Zackariya, N. Shanmugaratnam.

Colombo 5, Sri Lanka: Muslim Women's Research and Action Forum, 21/25 Polhengoda Gardens, 1st edition, February 2002. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Karunaratne and Sons, 67, UDA Industrial Estate, Katuwana Road, Homagama). iv, 28p., illus., 22x15cm, ISBN: 955-625-016-6.

This paper is an initial attempt to trace some aspects of changing gender roles of displaced communities in selected camps and relocated villages in the Puttalam District. It forms a component of a parallel study on Forced migration and changing local Political Economics by N. Shanmugaratnam (2001) of the Centre for International Environment and Development Studies, Nor agric, Agricultural University of Norway. (SOAS Library Accn No. 910918).

**54 The Struggle Continues... women's leadership in Plantation Trade Unions in Sri Lanka.** Menaka Vijayaluxmy Kandasamy.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: ISD Publications, Institute of Social Development, 16,



Mulgampola Road, 1st edition, 2002, (Kandy, Sri Lanka: Graphic land), xii, 82p, tables, charts, 21 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-9391-02-8.

Institute of Social Development (ISD), as an organisation engaged in promoting women's leadership in the Sri Lankan plantation sector has published this action oriented study on women's leadership in the Plantation Trade Union movement. Menaka's study attempts to identify the connection between trade union structures and patriarchy. She also identifies the key patriarchal links that impact on women's leadership in the trade union movement. She identifies the structure and the practices of the trade unions, which are major drawbacks to women leadership. This study is useful to the Sri Lankan trade unionists and women activists who intend to promote women's leadership in the plantation trade union sector. (ET-DRC Library Accn. No. ST1619).

### 306 Culture & institutions

#### 55 *Ethnic Attachments in Sri Lanka: Social change and cultural Continuity.* Lakshmanan Sabaratnam.

New York 10010, USA: Palgrave, 175, Fifth Avenue, 1st edition, December 2001. (New York 10010, USA: Palgrave Publishers Ltd., Macmillan Press). viii, 272p., 21.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 0-312-29348-8.

Ethnic attachment in Sri Lanka examines the uses of ethnic identity in Sri Lankan society from the early medieval period through the present day. It takes account of the religious assertion of ethnicity in the early medieval period in South India and Sri Lanka. Author also traces the cultural geography of ethnic regions under Portuguese and Dutch rule and now institutional collaboration between British rulers and the upper levels of the native population resulted in a class society. Finally the author argues that the present civil war is due to competitive politics, which have heightened differences in religious and language. The theme of this book is to elaborate the historical sociology of increasing ethnic salience in Sri Lanka, beginning with Medieval constructions of ethnicity, traversing the changes in the Portuguese and Dutch periods; moving on to a discussion of the British periods; and arriving at the post-independence period. (SOAS Library Accn No. 835347).

**56 *Glimpses of the Eelam Tamil Heritage.*** Charles Somasundrum.

London, England: Thesam Publications, PO Box 35806, E11 3JX, 1st edition, March 2004. (London, England: Setline Data, Ltd).

60p, 21 x 15cm.

Charles Somasundrum graduated from the University of Ceylon. He has contributed a number of articles to journals and magazines. This collection of articles is from his contribution over a year to the Vadalee newspaper, published in London. Each of the articles is related to various topics about Eelam. The author has aimed this book towards younger children, and perhaps adults, who have limited knowledge of Eelam. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST900)

**57 *History and Imagination: Tamil Culture in the Global Context.***

R Cheran, Darshan Ambalavanar, Chelva Kanaganayakam (Ed).

Ontario, Canada: TSAR Publications, P.O.Box 6996, Station A, Toronto, MSW 1X7, 1st edition, 2007, (Canada: Coach House Printing).

xii, 202p, references, index, \$28.95, 22.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 978-1-894770-36-1.

This collection of essays covers a broad range of topics relating to Tamil culture in the world, all of them examining the ancient traditional aesthetics and how they relate to a layered modern reality. This book is therefore of special relevance to the concerns of multiculturalism and globalisation. These essays were presented at the inaugural Tamil Studies Conference Tropes, Territories and Competing Realities held at the University of Toronto in May 2006. R.Cheran teaches in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Windsor. Darshan Ambalavanar has a doctoral degree in religious studies from Harvard University. Chelva Kanaganayakam teaches in the Department of English at the University of Toronto.

**58 *National Language Policy in Sri Lanka: 1956 to 1996: Three studies in its implementation.*** R.G.G. Olcott Gunasekera, S.G.Samarasinghe, V.Vamadevan. Ed by K. N.O. Dharmadasa.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 554/1, Peradeniya Road,

1st edition, 1996. (Dehiwala, Sri Lanka: Sridevi Printers, 27, Papiliyana Road, Nedimala).

vi, 142p., Tables, 25 x 19cm, ISBN: 955-580-011-1,  
(ICES occasional papers: Series 6).

The three papers in this monograph were first presented in December 1993 at a conference on Language Policy in a Multi-Ethnic Society: Sri Lanka organised by the ICES, Kandy. The three chapters of this monograph are most valuable source material for the study of the evolution and implementation of language Policy in Sri Lanka. Tamil in Public Administration (by V.Vamadevan), Language Policy in Sri Lanka: 1956 to 1994: An implementer's Perspective (by S.G.Samarasinghe). The Implementation of the Official Language Policy, 1956-1970 (by R.G.G. Olcott Gunasekera). Language Policy in a Multi-Ethnic Society: The Case of Sri Lanka (by K.N.O.Dharmadasa). V.Vamadevan was the Director in the Department of National Planning, Ministry of Finance and Planning in Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 911568).

### **59 Tamil Culture and Civilization: Readings: The Classical Period.**

X.S.Thani Nayagam (Ed.).

Chennai 600 113, India: International Institute of Tamil Studies, CIT Campus, Tharamani,, 1st edition, 1997, (Chennai 14, India: Pavai printers Pvt Ltd).  
x, 233p, index, map, Rs. 60, 23.5 x 16.5cm.

This volume of Readings on Tamil Culture and Civilization arose out of the reading prescribed to undergraduates enrolled for the course in Tamil Culture and Civilization, at the University of Malaya. This book contains articles related to Tamil culture and civilization. This book is concerned with various articles related to Tamil culture such as language and literature, social life of the Tamils etc. The selections have been made so as to provide a background reading. Some of the selections represent the limitations of research at the period in which they were written, and some are controversial. These selections have been made so as to provide general introductions to various divisions of the subject. Xavier S.Thani Nayagam an eminent Professor of Tamil took steps to propagate the greatness of Tamil all over the world. He was one of the founders of the Tamil World Conference.



**60 *Tamil element in Ceylon Culture.* K.Navaratnam.**

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: The Eelakesari Ponniah Memorial Publication Society, Kurumbasiddy, Tellipalai. 1st edition 1959. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Thirumakal Press, Chunnakam) xii, 111p., Plates, 19x13 cm.

The purpose of this book is to record what the Tamils as a cultural group, have contributed to the cultural development of Ceylon, during the course of her History. The author of this monograph, Kalaippulavar K.Navaratnam had been the Secretary of The Society of Arts and Letters, Jaffna, and also served as the Vice President, Jaffna Historical Association. (SOAS Library Accn No. 620283)

**61 *The Cultural Contribution of the Tamils.* C.Rajasingham.**

Chennai-600 017, India: Manimekalai Prasuram, 7, Thanikachalam road, T.Nagar, Post Box No. : 1447, 2nd edition, 2003. (Chennai- 600 014, India: B.V.R. Offset). 228p, Ind. Rs. 80, illus., photographs, 21 x 14cm,

This book is the outcome of considerable thinking, research and objectivity. Its intent is to give world coverage to Tamil culture at a time when the Tamil people especially in Sri Lanka have suffered much due to lack of understanding sympathy and love. This book will serve the very useful purpose of taking Tamil learning to the world. It explains lucidly the variegated manner of the Tamil cultural growth as well as its meaningfulness to the modern scientific age.

**62 *The Spirit of the Palmyrah.* Thilaka Vivekandhan Wijeyaratnam.**

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: E.S.Printers, 257-1E, Galle Road, Wellawatte, 1st edition, March 2003, (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: E.S.Printers, 257-1E, Galle Road, Wellawatte). x,173p, maps, illustrations, photographs, Rs. 250., 22 x 15cm.

This book is a factual encyclopaedia, interspersed with anecdotes and quotations. It covers the history of Jaffna in a nutshell, gives a detailed account of the life style and culture as experienced by her and contrasts the peaceful Jaffna of the mid-twentieth century with the war-ravaged Jaffna of today. This is the first book written by the author. T.V.Wijeyaratnam nee

Aiyadurai, who was born in Jaffna in 1934. She had her early education at Jaffna Hindu Ladies College and continued at Vembadi Girls High School. She Joined Madras Christian College in 1954 and graduated in 1956. From 1st July 1956 she has been teaching. She contributes articles on religion and education to some Colombo newspapers.  
(ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2747)

### 307 Communities

**63** *A Criticism of Mr. Ramanathan's 'Ethnology of the Moors of Ceylon'*. I.L.M. Abdul Azeez.

Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: The Moors' Islamic Cultural Home Incorporated, 1st edition, 1957. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: C.W.E. Printing Department, 290 McCallum Road).  
iv, 61p., plates, 21.5 x 14cm.

In 1885 in the Ceylon legislative Council and in 1888 in the Royal Asiatic Society, Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan once announced that the Ceylon Moors were Tamils in nationality and Mohammedans in religion. The objective of this pamphlet is to dispel the mistaken ideas entertained by him and other historians as to the origin and history of that section of the Mohammedan population of Ceylon which is called by the name of Ceylon Moors. The Ceylon Moors are traditionally believed that they are descendants from the Arab traders who settled in the island several centuries ago. The author of this book is also the editor of Muslim Guardian and President of Moors Union in 1900, Trustee of the Maradane Mosque. This paper was originally published under the auspices of the Moors' Union, Colombo in 1907. (SOAS Library Accn No. 910914).

**64** *A history of the upcountry Tamil people*. Sithamperam Nadesan.

Hatton, Sri Lanka: Nandalala Publication, 1st edition, 1993, (Colombo 3, Sri Lanka: Ranco Printers and Publishers Ltd.).  
vii, (14), 360p, index, map, 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-9252-00-3.

S. Nadesan's book on history of the exploitation of these workers and their battles for economic and political rights is the first study of its kind and is a pioneer contribution to a people's history of Sri Lanka. It should be read by all those interested in the recent history of Sri Lanka. The plantation

people's militant and courageous actions to achieve a better life, has been well documented by Mr. Nadesan and will be an important source book for both the general reader and the specialists. The author, who grew up in a British managed Estate, went to England to follow a course of studies in Medicine. However, after completing 1st MB, London, he took to political activity among Ceylonese and Asian students in Britain. He was the secretary of the Ceylon student's Association in the U.K. When he returned to Ceylon he joined the Democratic Workers Congress in 1956 and thus entered the plantation trade union movement in 1964. He founded the United Plantation Workers Union of which he is president. Later he founded the Joint Plantation Trade Union Committee comprising 16 unions, which has led many successful joint strikes for economic benefits and for the improvement of the living conditions of the plantation workers.

**65 *Alienated everywhere: A study on the conditions of the Indian origins in Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka repatriates in India. Updated.***

Ceylon Repatriates Association, Kodaikanal (CERAK).

Kodaikanal 624 102, India: CERAK, 6-111-4, 6th street, Anandagiri, 1st edition, February 1989, (Madras 600 024, India: Geethanjali Printers, 14, Arcot Road, Kodambakkam).

(8), 156p, photographs, appendix, maps, Ind. Rs.75/-, 21.5 x 14.5cm,

This study includes the historical background for the migration of the Tamils to Ceylon; the process of their emergence and development into a nationality; the part played by them in making a new Ceylon; and how they were suppressed and made stateless by the Sinhala chauvinism; how the Governments of India and Ceylon divided these people between them; how human rights were forfeited through laws; the conditions of the repatriates and how this community of people were scattered and disintegrated due to rehabilitation schemes of the Government of India. CERAK is an organisation launched in 1979 to serve the urgent needs of the alien masses in Kodaikanal.

**66 *An Ethnological Survey of the Muslims of Sri Lanka: From Earliest Times to Independence.*** M.M.M. Mahroof, Marina Azeez, M.M Uwise, H.M.Z. Farouque, M.J.A. Rahim.

Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Sir Razik Fareed Foudation, 25, St. Sebastian Hill, 1st edition, December 1986. (Colombo 11, Sri Lanka: M.D.Gunasena & Co. Ltd,



217, Olcott Mawatha).  
xxxii, 262p., 22.5 x 14.5cm.

This book traces the history of the Muslims of Sri Lanka from all available sources, from the earliest times until 1948, and analyses the components of their culture. It can be regarded as a pioneer work. It is hoped that this book will be of use not only to the general reader who wishes to be informed of the ethnology of the Muslims of Sri Lanka, but also as a ready reference to the students of Muslims affairs. (SOAS Library Accn No. 560216).

**67 *Being a Tamil and Sri Lankan.*** Karthigesu Sivathamby.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Aivakam, 2/7 Rams gate Apartment, No. 58, 37th Lane, 1st edition, 2005, (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press, 201, Dam Street).  
xxvi, 325p, Rs.800, 20.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-1132-00-9.

This collection is a reprint of articles Professor Sivathamby wrote to the English weekly, the North-Eastern Herald. Prof. Sivathamby's articles deal with a wide range of themes related to the ethnic conflict. Being journalistic pieces, the articles are noted for their topical interest, brevity and incisiveness contributing lively and timely offerings that kept alive the discourse and debates on a variety of burning issues of the day. In this publication, the articles in their original form have been grouped under the following themes: Ethnic Divide- Its Implications; The peace process; Tamil Theatre; Tamil Music and Tamil cinema; Writers, Artists and Intellectuals; Political Culture; Education and Media.

**68 *History of Ceylon Tamils.*** Vasantha Nadarajan.

Canada: Vasantham Publication, 3390 Weston Road, Weston, Ontario, M9M 2X3. 1st edition, 1999.(Canada: Viveka Printers)  
vii, (9),150 p., maps, photos, 21.5 x 14cm.

This is the history of the Tamils of Sri Lanka, written in chronological order. The author has used the history of the country to give reasons to why a once ruling race has become refugees, in several foreign countries. Vasantha Nadarajan began her career as a Programme Producer at the Ceylon Broadcasting Corporation and became a well known personality in the Tamil Community.

**69 *Primary sources for History of the Sri Lankan Tamils: World-wide search.*** Murugar Gunasingam.

New South Wales 2190, Australia: MV Publications, P.O.Box 5317, Chullora, 1st edition, 2005, (Chennai, India: Mithra Arts & Creations Pvt. Ltd, No. 32/9-10 Arcot Road, Kodambakkam).

368p, photographs, map, 23 x 15cm, ISBN: 0-646-45428-5.

The author has documented the resources in the various major libraries of the world and those resource centres which possess valuable data relating to the history and culture of the Sri Lankan Tamils. The material is presented in an introductory manner as a historian would do. One cannot fail to notice the specific reference the author chooses to give about each of the libraries and centres. In that sense it also becomes a guide. Dr. M.Gunasingam is working as a coordinator, Library Services, at Charles Stuart University (Australia) since 2002, having served as a senior librarian at the University of Western Sydney (Australia) for ten years. He graduated from the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. After obtaining the Masters degree in Library and Information Science from the University of London, he migrated to Australia where he was awarded the degree of PhD in History by the University of Sydney in 1999.

**70 *Sri Lankan Muslims: Ethnic Identity within Cultural Diversity.*** M.A.Nuhman.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2, Kynsey Terrace, Colombo 8, 1st edition, 2007, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press Private Ltd, 361, ½ Dam Street, Colombo 12).

xi, 236p, 21.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 978-955-580-109-6.

An attempt is made in this book to understand the history and nature of Sri Lankan Muslim identity as an exclusive and reactive politico-cultural ideology that has been constructed and evolved in relation to as well as in response to the Sinhalese and Tamil ethnic-nationalisms from the late 19th Century. M.A.Nuhman was a Professor of Tamil at the University of Peradeniya. He worked as a lecturer in Tamil and linguistic Department at the University of Jaffna from 1976-1990. Professor Nuhman is a well known Scholar, poet and literary critic in Tamil, who has published 30 books as an author, editor and translator.

**71 *Sri Lankan Tamil Society and Politics.*** Karthigesu Sivathamby.

Madras 600 098, India: New Century Book House (P) Ltd, 41-B, SIDCO Industrial Estate, 1st edition, January 1995, (Madras 600 005, India: Kannappa Art Printers, 60/4, Surappa Mudali Street, Triplicane).

(20), 189p., Tables, Ind. Rs. 40, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 81-234-0395-X.

The book consists of seven papers submitted by Professor Karthigesu Sivathamby, at seminars. Each of the essays highlights a large number of problems facing the Sri Lankan ethnic society. The author of this book has provided the socio-political and cultural background to the many ethnic crises from 1977 to 1986. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST182)

**72 *Tamils and cultural pluralism in ancient Sri Lanka.***

The Rev. D.J. Kanagaratnam.

Pilimalalawa, Sri Lanka: D.J. Kanagaratnam, Theological College of Lanka, year of publication not known. (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Ananda Press, 82/5, Wolfendhal Street).

53p., illus., 21.5 x 14cm.

The Brahmi Inscriptions reveal Tamil presence and multi-cultural interaction in earliest Sri Lankan Social Strata. The purpose of this paper is to bring out certain important aspects in the Brahmi inscriptions which have been ignored or over-looked by many recent scholars of history and archaeology. It is also hoped that this study will have some measure of influence in changing the chauvinistic attitudes of people who refuse to acknowledge the pluralism, of our society which come down from very ancient time. (SOAS Library Accn No. 432657).

**73 *Tamils in Sri Lanka: A Comprehensive History c 300 BC – c 2000 AD.***

Murugar Gunasingam.

Sydney, Australia: M V Publications, South Asian Studies Centre, P.O Box 5317, Chullora, NSW 2190. 1st edition, 2008, (Germany: Walter Perspektiven GmbH).

xiv, 573p, illus., 21.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 978-0-646-49455-5.

Dr. M. Gunasingam has authored three books including the critically acclaimed Sri Lanka Tamil Nationalism: A Study of it's origin. Gunasingam holds a PhD in history from the University of Sydney.



He took his Masters in History and Information Science from the University of London. Currently, he is the research coordinator of South Asian Studies Centre in Sydney. The publication of this book is the result of three years of full time work. This book is published in English and Tamil.

**74 *The evolution of an ethnic identity: The Tamils in Sri Lanka c. 300 BCE to c. 1200 CE.* K. Indrapala.**

Sydney, Australia: MV Publications for the South Asian studies centre, 1st edition, 2005, (Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: Unigraphics (Pte) Ltd, 732, Maradana Road).

xiv, 400p, photographs, index, glossary, appendix, 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 0-646-42546-3.

***The evolution of an ethnic identity: The Tamils in Sri Lanka c. 300 BCE to c. 1200 CE.* K. Indrapala.**

Colombo 04, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publications, Unity Plaza, 2 Galle Road, 2nd Revised Ed., March 2007, 1st edition, 2005. (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Book House, 361 ½, Dam Street).

413p, 36 plates, index, glossary, appendix, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 978-955-1266-72-1.

Dr. K. Indrapala took his first degree from the University of Ceylon in 1960 and from that time until 1975, lectured in history in that university. He took his doctorate from the University of London. In 1975, he was appointed Foundation Professor of History in the New Jaffna campus of the University of Sri Lanka, which later became the University of Jaffna. In 1977/78 he was a Japan Foundation Fellow and visiting Professor at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. In 1984 he was appointed Foundation Professor of South East Asian Studies at the Tamil University, Thanjavur. He now lives in Australia. This book is the thesis written on the early history of the Tamils of Sri Lanka and the evolution of their separate identity. This research covers the period up to 1200 by which time the process of evolution of the Sinhalese and the Sri Lankan Tamils, had more or less stabilised.

**75 *The Moors' Association: Its impact on the community.* A.I.L Marikar, A.H. Macan Markar, A.L.M. Lafir.**

Colombo 15, Sri Lanka: Ahamed Lebbe Mohamed Lafir, 71, Muthuwella

Mawata, 1st edition, June 1976. (Colombo 3, Sri Lanka: The Diamond Printers, 41, St. Michaels Road).

400p., Plates, 25.5 x 20cm.

Documents and other writings with regard to the activities of the Sri Lanka Yonakas or Moors are scanty and have hardly been preserved in the National Archives of Sri Lanka. An attempt is now being made though some what belated to collect in book form the activities of the all Ceylon Moors' Association, later renamed Sri Lanka Yonaka Sangamaya that played a prominent part in the political life of its country and community since 1937, so that the future generation of Sri Lanka Yonakas may not suffer the handicaps of the present generation.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 359824).

**76 *The Sinhalese of Ceylon and the Aryan Theory: Letters of a Tamil father to his son.* Samuel Livingstone.**

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: M. S. Seevaratnam, 48 Station Road, Kondavil, 1st edition 1976. (Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Mortlake Press, 148 Vauxhall street).

(18), 119p, 22 x 14.5cm.

In these 30 letters of a Tamil Father to his Son, the author disputes the theory, currently prevalent amongst the Sinhalese, that they belong to the Aryan race, and that they migrated to Ceylon in the past from North India ahead of the Dravidians and that the original inhabitants of Ceylon at the time of their coming, the Yakka and the Nagas, were not human beings but only demons, who had no language of their own and who were annihilated banished to the Great and Little bases by them on their arrival. To disprove this theory, the author examines first of all, the names of places in the island to see if they were derived from the Sinhalese language. As a result of such an examination he finds that these place names, a very high percentage of them, are of Tamil origin. In addition to place names, he also shows that almost all of the terms used in the science of irrigation practiced in Ceylon in the past are derived from the Tamil language. Published year of the book not known. But the Library ticket shows the accessed year 1976. (SOAS Library Accn No. 319155).

**77 *The Sri Lankan Tamils: Ethnicity and Identity.***

Chelvadurai Manogaran and Bryan Pfafferberger (Editors).

Colorado 80301 – 2877, U.S.A., West View Press Inc., 5500 Central Avenue, Boulder, 1st Edition 1994.

x, 247 p., maps, 22.5x15 cm., ISBN: 0-8133-8845-7.

Within the larger context of the bitter ethnic strife in Sri Lanka, this timely volume assembles a multi disciplinary group of scholars to explore the central issue of Tamil identity. Bringing historical, sociological, political and geographical perspectives to bear on the subject, the contributors analyze various aspects of the Sri Lankan Tamil Community as it strives to justify its rightful place on the Island. Chelvadurai Manogaran is the Professor of geography and International Studies at University of Wisconsin – Parkside. Bryan Pfafferberger is an associate Professor of Humanities at the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University of Virginia. (SOAS Library Accn No. 724163)

**78 *The untold story of Ancient Tamils in Sri Lanka.***

Chelvadurai Manogaran.

Chennai 600-026, India: Kumaran Publishers, 3, Meigai Vinayagar street, Vada-palani, 1st edition, 2000, (Chennai, India: Dheva Offset Press, 62/1, Triplicane high road, Triplicane).

(6), 81p, map, Ind. Rs. 40., 21 x 13.5cm.

Chelvadurai Manogaran received his early education in Sri Lanka, an M.A from Clark University in Massachusetts and his PhD in Climatology from Southern Illinois University. He held the position of Professor of Geography and International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside until he retired in May 2000. During his 30 years of service to the students and the University, he also published a number of articles on climatology and political geography, dealing specifically with ethnic problem in Sri Lanka. He strongly believes that any degree of devolution of powers to the Tamil provinces, within the context of the unitary structure of the island's constitution, will not yield to any genuine power-sharing between the Sinhalese majority and the Tamil minority or redress any of the Tamil grievances. He is convinced that the ethnic problem can be resolved and the unity and integrity of the Island can be strengthened if substantial legislative and executive powers, similar to those granted to constituent units in a federal



system of government, are vested in the predominantly Tamil-speaking Northern and Eastern Provinces. (SOAS Library Accn No. 954801)

**79 *We Tamils: A Short History of the Tamils up to British Period.***

P.Sangarapillai. (Tr. into English by) Lion M.Srinivasan.

California 92808, U.S.S.: Dr. S.Manoharan, 840, S Wild Flower Lane, Anaheim, 1st edition, July 2004, (Chennai 600026, India: Kumaran Book House, 3, Meigai Vinayagar Street, vadapalani).

xx, 220 p, Plate, Ind. Rs. 80., 21 x 14cm.

P.Sangarapillai, born on December 13, 1913 in the historic Town of Maviddapuram, Jaffna, was a great scholar in varied fields of knowledge. He started his career after graduation in Commerce. He was known for his social outlook. He thus became a life-member of Colombo Tamil Sangam in the year 1950, its vice-president for the years 1977-79 and ultimately its president for years 1980-83. Later he became one of the trustees of the Sangam. He was in continuous membership until he died on the 18th February 1990.

**80 *Where Serfdom Thrives: The Plantation Tamils of Sri Lanka.***

Mayan Vije.

Madras 600 090, India: Tamil Information & Research Unit, 3rd Floor, No. 61, Velankanni Church Road, Besant Nagar, 600 090, 1st edition, November 1987, (Madras, India: Sudarsan Graphics).

ix, 110p, tables, index, maps, 20.5 x 14.5cm.

This publication contains a list of several problems faced by the plantation Tamils. The suffering of the Sri Lankan Tamils has received world-wide attention whilst the tribulations of the plantation Tamils remain unexposed. The aim of this publication is to focus attention on some of the problems faced by the plantation Tamils. The problems confronting the plantation Tamils are numerous and only a few are dealt with in this publication. The sufferings of the Sri Lankan Tamils have received world-wide attention while the tribulations of the plantation Tamils remain unexposed. This publication is an attempt to focus attention at least on some of the problems of the plantation Tamils. (Accessed in TIC- London)

## 308 Ethnic conflict

### 81 *Insecurity of Tamils in Sri Lanka.* Tamil Information Centre.

Surrey CR4 8JH, England: Tamil Information Centre, 11, Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, 3rd edition, September 1983.

12p, map, photos, 29.5x21 cm.

This pamphlet reveals the periodical brutal killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka by the Sinhala dominated Government in 1956, 1958, 1970, 1977 and worse of all in 1983. It also includes the breach of International Covenant on Civic and Political rights by the Government, e.g. the destruction of places of worship of Tamils. ( Accessed in TIC- London )

### 82 *Sri Lanka: 50 Years of Decay: Symposium of the Plight of the Tamil Nation.* International Tamil Foundation.

London SW17 0LZ, England: International Tamil Foundation, 816 Garratt Lane, 1st edition, 1997. (London, England: Vasan Printer).

(2), 60p., map, £2.50, 21 x 14.5cm.

Proceedings of a Symposium held in Dryburgh Hall, Putney, London on Sunday 29th June 1997. Forwarded by Journalist S. Sivanayagam. Papers includes in this compilation: Discrimination in education in Sri Lanka in the late 50 years (Prof. C. J. Eliezer). Sinhalese-Tamil relations and the politics of space (Prof. Chelvadurai Manogaran). Settled or unsettled (Adrian Wijemanne). Fifty years of National Disaster (Prof. A. J. Wilson).

### 83 *The break-up of Sri Lanka: the Sinhalese-Tamil Conflict.*

A. Jeyaratnam Wilson.

London, England: C. Hurst and Company Ltd, 38 King street, WC2E 8JT, 1st edition, 1988.

xiii, (3), 240p, map, index, 22.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 1-85065-033-0.

Under various guises the Sinhalese élites have refused to share power with the principal ethnic majority in 1948 brought in its wake an unfortunate train of events which can best be described as a loss of perspective on the part of the Sinhalese political élites. The author's analysis is based on inside knowledge of political events, which in turn is derived from an acquaintance with many of the political leaders of the Sinhalese and Tamils and important members of their respective élites.

**84 *The broken Palmyra: The Tamil crisis in Sri Lanka- An inside account.***

Rajan Hoole, Daya Somasundaram, K. Sritharan, Rajani Thiranagama.

Claremont, U.S.A: The Sri Lanka Studies Institute, 112, Harvard Avenue, Suite 66, CA 91711, 1st edition, July 1988, (California 91711, U.S.A:Harvey Mudd College Press, Claremont)

xv, (3), 464p, index, US\$ 12., 21.5 x 14cm.

This is a disturbing account of what has gone on in the North of Sri Lanka. It is a collection of articles, part of two volumes. It documents in painful detail what the Sri Lankan government and the Indian 'Peace keepers' have been doing, and more informatively, what our 'heroes' in the various militant movements are really like. The first volume provides historical background of the Tamils pertaining to current events. The second part of the book contains analytical articles, together with reports of the Indian offensive in Jaffna.

**85 *The Plight of Hindu Society in Sri Lanka.***

Tamil Refugees Rehabilitation Organisation.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: TRRO, 1st edition, April 1982. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Kalai Nilayam).

43 p., Illus., 21x14 cm.

This booklet gives us a part of evidence led in connection with the attack on the Hindu Temples all over the country. It has to be mentioned that not since the Portuguese colonialist ruler's attack on Hindu Temples in the 16th century had Hindu Temples come in for attack on such massive scale as in August- September 1977.

**86 *The Way Out for the Tamil speaking people including Postscript: 1977.***

V. Karalasingam.

Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: International Publishers, 457, Union Place, 2nd edition, January, 1978, 1st edition, October, 1963. (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Wesley Press, 490, Havelock Road).

87p., 21.5 x 14.5cm.

Originally serialized in the journal Young Socialist under the title The Way Out for the Tamil speaking people in issues 6, 7 and 10 of 1962 and 1963. The author emphasised that the growth of separatist tendencies among



the Tamils with all its attendant dangers to the anti-imperialist movement must awaken it to realisation of the urgent need for a correct policy to the legitimate demands of the Tamil speaking people.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 436496).

### 315 General statistics of Asia

#### 87 *Population Growth and Economic Development in Ceylon.*

Gavin W. Jones, S. Selvaratnam.

Colombo 3, Sri Lanka: Hansa Publishers, Ltd, Hansa House, in association with Marga institute, 1st edition, 1972. (Homagama, Sri Lanka: Colombo Co-Operative Printers Society Ltd, 60 Station Road).

xiv, 249p., Tables, Rs. 15., 19 x 14cm.

A comprehensive examination of the implications of alternative population trends on government expenditure for social welfare, health, education, rice subsidy, public transport and on the employment and foreign exchange problems. The text is supplemented by extensive statistical data. This is the first systematic attempt to examine the inter-relationship between population growth and economic development in Ceylon. This study examines some of the alternative rates of future population increase and their implications for providing a variety of social services for the people and highlights difficulties of achieving development targets. Mr. S.Selvaratnam received his B.A. Hons. Degree in Economics at the University of Ceylon and the Diploma in Demography from the Demographic training and Research Centre, Bombay. He was an advisor in social planning to the Ministry of Planning and Employment of Ceylon.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 360119).

#### 88 *Population Projections for Ceylon, 1956-1981.* S.Selvaratnam.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Gamani Corea, Director, The Planning Secretariat, 1st edition, May 1959. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Government Press).

58p., Tables, 24.5 x 18cm.

Mr.S.Selvaratnam worked for the Department of Census and Statistics in Colombo, during the late 1950's. This is a report prepared at the Demographic Training and Research Centre, Chembur, Bombay, at the request of the Planning Secretariat, Ceylon. This is the first report on the project

and concerns itself with population projections for Ceylon for the period 1956-1981. (SOAS Library Accn No. 145486).

**89 Sinhalese Population Growth 1911-1946.** R. Raja Indra.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: H.E.Peries, Director of Census and Statistics, Department of Census and Statistics, 1st edition, September 1955. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Government Press).

(10), 52p., Tables, 27.5x21.5cm., (Ceylon Monograph series No. 7)

This thesis, submitted by Mr. R. Raja Indra after his course at the London School of Economics in 1952, was accepted by the University of London for the M.Sc. (Econ). Examination in Demographic Statistics. It is the first occasion on which research conducted on a major aspect of Ceylon demography has led to a Post-graduate degree in any university. The thesis discusses the overall demographic position of Ceylon and makes particular references to Sinhalese population growth during the period 1911-1946. It considers, in some detail, under-enumeration at the various population censuses and under-registration of births and deaths during this 35 year period. (SOAS Library Accn No. 217256).

**320 Political science**

**90 *Let my people go: The Tamil Struggle for Survival and Self-determination in Sri Lanka.*** Dr.S.J.Emmanuel.

Osnabrueck, Germany: Tamil Catholic Chaplaincy, Schetzenstr. 87,49084, 1st edition December 1997.(Germany: Vidi Drueckerei, Dortmund)  
xiv, 120p., photographs, 21x14.5 cm., ISBN: 3-9805369-4-7.

This publication contains some speeches and statements made by Father S.J.Emmanuel during the years 1996-1997 concerning the ethnic conflict and its tragedies in Sri Lanka. The author was a witness to the tragedy of people fleeing from Jaffna during the exodus 1995. No one could be better equipped to relate the tragedy of a people whose ancient civilisation goes back to more than two thousand years. Prof.Dr.S.J.Emmanuel was born in Jaffna, Sri Lanka in 1934. He had his early education in Jaffna and later graduated himself in Physical Sciences at the University of Ceylon, Colombo, in 1958, after graduating in Philosophy (1963) and in Theology

(1967) at the Pontifical University in Rome; he was ordained a priest in Rome on the 16th of Dec. 1966. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2749)

**91 *Politics of Tamil Nationalism in Sri Lanka.* Ambalavanar Sivarajah.**

New Delhi 110014, India: South Asian Publishers, 50, Sidharth Enclave, P.O. Jangpura, 1st edition, 1996. (New Delhi 110002, India: Mehra Offset Press, Chandni Mehal Daryaganj).

xii, 233p., 22 x 14.5cm., ISBN: 81-7003-195-8.

In analysing the reasons for the escalation of the ethnic conflict Dr. Sivarajah finds the theory of relative deprivation on the frustration = aggression = violence theory of Robert Gurr and others to be applicable to some extent, to the Sri Lankan situation. However, he is conscious of the weaknesses of this as well as other theories in explaining the dynamism of ethnic nationalism. Dr. A.Sivarajah has had an unenviable task. Being a Sri Lankan Tamil and writing on ethnic conflict at a time when a war has been raging between the Sri Lankan State and Tamil militants for over two decades he has successfully avoided emotional involvement and has tried to present a balanced picture of the origin and development of the process of ethnic fratricide in Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 725780).

**92 *Sri Lanka: The National conflict and the Tamil Liberation Struggle.***

Satchi Ponnambalam.

Surrey CR4 8JH, England: Tamil Information Centre, 11 Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, and London N1 9BU, England: Zed Books Ltd., 57 Caledonian Road, 1st edition, 1983. (Bath, United Kingdom: The Pitman Press).

xxii, 273 p., Maps, 21.5x13.5 cm., ISBN: 0-86232-199-9.

This is the first book by a Sri Lankan on a conflict that has now escalated into wide ranging violence and became the dominant issue facing the community. Its author, Satchi Ponnambalam has written a scholarly but committed history of relations between the Island's two distinct nations – Sinhalese and Tamils- Which goes back over 2000 years. He concentrates on the post independence period, and provides a detailed record of the discriminatory measures successive Governments have taken against the Tamil population. He outlines the Tamil people's struggle over the past quarter of a century for equality, Justice and dignity. With the failure of these demands, Tamil organisations are now fighting for national freedom



from internal colonialism and oppression, and demanding a separate state of Tamil Eelam in the Northern and Eastern parts of the Island. Mr. Pon-nambalam is a Sri Lankan Lawyer who was educated at the University of Ceylon, and London. Later he served as a Judge. He is also the author of "Dependant Capitalism in Crisis". (Accessed in TIC- London )

### 93 *Sri Lankan Tamil Nationalism: A study of its Origins.*

Murugar Gunasingam.

Sydney, Australia: MV Publications, P.O. Box 271, Kingswood, NSW 2747, 1st edition, 1999, (Sydney, Australia: Ligare Pty. Ltd, Unit 1, 7-9 Kent Road, Mascot, NSW 2020).

xiii, 246p, map, index, 22 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-646-38106-7.

Nationalism is a many faceted phenomenon in our present world of bloody ethnic strife, a fact of life which was not foreseen by any of the great social scientists or thinkers of the past. What effects such self-destructive and internecine ethnic strife will have on global equilibrium is fearful to contemplate. For ethnicity is global and infectious, reaching epidemic proportions in countries where minority groups strive for a fair share of the ever-shrinking national pie and feel neglected and are not endowed with equal rights with an independent judiciary and enlightened forward-looking political leadership, especially from the majority ethnic group. Dr. Gunasingam has raised these questions with all their ramifications in his comprehensive thesis. Dr. Murugar Gunasingam is a Senior Librarian at the University of Western Sydney, Australia. Graduating from the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, he served for a time on the academic staff of the Department of History and later on the staff of the Library in the same University. After obtaining his masters Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of London, he joined the library staff of the University of Western Sydney in 1990. He was awarded the degree of Ph.D. in history by the University of Sydney in 1999.

**94 *Sri Lankan Tamil Nationalism: It's origins and development in the 19th and 20th Centuries.*** A.Jeyaratnam Wilson, A.J.V.Chandrakanthan.

London WC2E 8JZ, England: C.Hurst and Company, 38, Kings Street,  
1st edition 2000.

xiii, 203 p., Maps, 22x13.5 cm., ISBN: Paper Back- 1-85065-519-7,  
Hard Bound- 1-85065-338-0.

A.Jeyaratnam Wilson, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at the University of New Brunswick, Canada has written extensively on Sri Lankan politics and Tamil Nationalism, and was for several years the late President J.R.Jayewardene's adviser on Tamil affairs. A.J.V.Chandrakanthan is Professor of Theology at Concordia University, Montreal. In this book Prof. Wolson examines the social and caste structure of the Sri Lankan Tamils and their linguistics, cultural and literary heritage.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 904658)

### **321 Systems of governments & states**

**95 *A Hundred years of Local Government in Ceylon (1865-1965).***

V. Kanesalingam.

Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Modern Plastic Works, Printers and Publishers, 154, Woldendhal Street, 1st edition, 1971.(Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Modern Plastic Works, Printers and Publishers, Woldendhal street).

xiii, 198p., tables, 22 x 14.5cm.

This study is a pioneer venture in the field of local government. The only comprehensive source of information on the development and problems of local government in Ceylon available at that time was the Report of the Choksy Commission on local government presented to the government in 1955. Dr. Kanesalingam has bravely advanced into this area with determination of an explorer who knows the difficulties he will face. This book provides an account of the evolution of the system of local government in Ceylon and of its' role in the management of national affairs during the period of nearly one hundred years which follows the enactment of the Municipal Councils Ordinance of 1865 and the establishment of the first Municipal Council in the island, that of Colombo, in the following year. (SOAS Library Accn No. 317125).

**96 *An Introduction to Civics and Government.* A.J.Wilson.**

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Tutorial Publishers, 723, Maradana Road, 1st edition, January 1954, re-print October 1954. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Daily News Press, Lake House).

(8), 320p., 21 x 14cm.

This book was written when A.J.Wilson was an assistant lecturer in Political Science in the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. This includes a forward by Sir Frederick Rees. This book has been primarily designed to meet the requirements of Senior Students and teachers of Civics and Government in Senior Classes. The theme stressed is the age old one which writers so varied and apart like Milton, Voltaire and the Mills in the past had endeavoured to inculcate into the minds of their readers—that the fundamental test of democracy is the duty of Governments to respect human personality and to pay careful attention to the opinions of the public.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 477256).

**97 *Sri Lanka-Ethnic Fratricide and the dismantling of Democracy.***

Stanley Jeyaraj Tambiah.

Chicago, USA: The University of Chicago Press. 1st edition 1986.

(Chicago, USA: The University of Chicago Press)

xii, 198p, Index, appendix, map, tables, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 0-226-78952-7.

Focusing on the historical events of post-independence Sri Lanka, S.J.Tambiah analyzes the causes of the violent conflict between the majority Sinhalese Buddhists and the minority Tamils. He demonstrates that the crisis is primarily a result of recent societal stresses—educational expansions, linguistic policy, unemployment, uneven income distribution, population movements, contemporary uses of the past as religious and national ideology, and trends toward authoritarianism—rather than age-old racial and religious differences. S.J.Thambiah is a professor of anthropology at Harvard University. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST183).



## 322 Relation of state to organized groups

### 98 *Ethnic Politics of Muslims in Sri Lanka.* Vellaithamby Ameerdeen.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: Centre for Minority Studies, 544/26 Ellagalla Gardens, Heer-assagala, 1st edition, 2006. (Wattala, Sri Lanka: Kribs Printers, 70/7, Canal Road, Hendala)

xvi, 271p., Sri Lankan Rs. 900, 21.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-99892-0-0.

V. Ameerdeen received his PhD in Political Science from South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and is presently a Senior Lecturer in Political Science in the University of Peradeniya. The Sri Lankan Muslim Congress's Emergence was perceived as an attempt by the Muslims to assert their identity. The emergence of the party challenged and changed the conventional leadership and shifted the Centre of Muslim Politics from Colombo and the South to the rural East, implying a dramatic alteration in the balance of political forces within the Muslim Community. (SOAS Library Accn No. 710996).

### 99 *Muslim Perspectives on the Sri Lankan Conflict.*

Dennis B. McGilvray, Mirak Raheem.

Washington D.C 20036, USA: East-West Centre Washington, 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 200, 1st edition, 2007.

ix, 83p., 23.5x15.5cm, ISBN: 978-1-932728-66-8., (Policy Studies Series 41).

This publication is a product of East-West Centre Washington Project, on internal conflicts and State-building challenges in Asia. The Sri Lankan ethnic conflict is often regarded as a two way contest between the Sinhalese majority and the Tamil minority, ignoring the interests and concerns of the island's 8% Muslim minority. One-third of Sri Lanka's Muslims are concentrated in towns and districts located within the Tamil-speaking agricultural North East, a region envisioned as an independent Tamil Eelam. In the post independence period, the Muslim leadership at the national level adopted a religious identity as Muslims, clearly defining their ethnicity as neither Sinhalese nor Tamil. A narrow Sinhala vs. Tamil mindset and a complex set of sociological and political factors within the Muslim Community, have limited the direct participation of the Muslims in the peace process. Mirak Raheem is a senior researcher at the Centre for Policy Alternatives in Colombo, Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 721859).

**100 *Sri Lanka: The State against the Tamils.*** S. Sivanayagam (Ed).

London, UK: International Tamil Foundation UK, 1st edition, June 2000.  
iv, 60p., maps, tables, 20.5 x 15cm.

This publication consists of 6 articles on the Sri Lankan State activities against Tamils. The State against the Tamils Historical overview (S. Sivanayagam), Sinhalese settlements and forced evictions of Tamils in the North-East Province (C. Manogaran), State Terror-‘Black July’ Re-visited (A. Pararajasingham), State sponsored Destruction and Desecration of Hindu Temples, Genocide- A Crime Against Humanity, An Indictment against Sri Lanka (V. P. Lingajothy), The Illegitimacy of the Sri Lankan Government vis-à-vis The Tamils (V. Rudrakumaran).

**101 *The Mossad Connection and State Terrorism in Sri Lanka.***

Tamil Information Centre.

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28  
Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road, 1st edition, February 1985.

(Cyclostyled publication)

73p., 30 x 21.5cm.

This is a compilation of Newspaper cuttings and copies of documents relating to the establishment of an Israeli interests Section in the Embassy of the United States of America in Sri Lanka, the assistance provided by the Israeli intelligence a military services to their counterparts in Sri Lanka and the reactions of the international community. (Accessed in TIC- London )

**102 *The Secret Files: Britain World War II and the Samasamajists.***

Wesley S. Muttiah and Sydney Wanasinghe.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: A Young Socialist Publication, 1st edition January 1996.  
259p., 22 x 14cm., ISBN: 955-95284-4-0.

A collection of documents, most of which were not earlier made available to the reader by the Public Record officer, London, shed valuable light on the contribution made by the Sama Samajists in awakening public awareness of and in galvanising relentless activity among labour so that there could be much needed popular contribution toward Ceylon achieving Freedom from Colonial Servitude.

## 323 Civil & political rights

### 103 *A Different Hunger: Writings on Black Resistance*. A. Sivanandan.

London, England: Pluto Press, 345, Archway Road, N6 5AA (and) Concord, USA: Pluto Press, 141, Old Bedford Road, MA 01742, Reprint, 1991, 1st edition, 1982, (Worcester, United Kingdom: Billing and Sons Ltd).  
xi, (3), 171p. 22 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-86104-371-5.

This collection of writings ranges widely – over the history of black struggles against British racism from the 1940s to the uprisings of Brixton and Toxteth in 1981; the Black Panthers in the US; immigration and race policies of British governments; and ‘the liberation of the black intellectual’, including essays on individuals such as James Baldwin, Angela Davis and Paul Robeson. These essays are important for the ways in which they construct the relationships between race and class, relationships which are crucial if racism and racist policies are to be understood and contested. A.Sivanandan’s influence extends well beyond the limits of formal acknowledgment. His ideas and writings have been consistently quoted, copied and plagiarised. He is both an intellectual and an activist, his work as director of the Institute of Race relations and as editor of *Race and Class* having made a profound impact on the political life of Britain from the 1970s to the 1990s.

### 104 *Communities of Resistance: Writings on Black Struggles for Socialism*. A. Sivanandan.

London, UK: Verso, 6, Meard Street, W1V 3HR, 1st edition, 1990, (Finland: Werner Söderström Oy).  
ix, 250p, 23.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-86091-296-5, ISBN: 0-86091-514-X (paperback).

This compilation of essays acts as a critical reaffirmation of socialist politics as the context for questions of race and resistance. A series of powerful interventions covers many of the issues which have confronted radical politics in the 1980s such as, the inner city uprisings and the demand for Black Sections in the Labour Party. This collection includes incisive critiques of contemporary Marxism of post-colonial development, and of the Euro-centric assessment of imperialism. A.Sivanandan is director of the Institute



of Race Relations in London, Editor of the journal 'Race and Class' and author of 'A different hunger'.

**105 *Indictment against Sri Lanka.*** Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

London E6 1BU, United Kingdom: Legal and Human Rights Division, International Secretariat, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, 211 Katherine Road.

1st edition, January 1993.

126p., 22 x 15.5cm.

The gross consistent and continuing violations of the rights of the Tamil people, by the Sri Lankan Government and its agencies have been well documented by innumerable reports of human rights organisations and independent observers of the Sri Lankan scene. This publication brings together extracts from some of these reports.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 911021)

**106 *Problems of Stateless Persons yet remaining in Sri Lanka.*** Institute of Social Development.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: Institute of Social Development, 16, Mulgampola Road, 1st edition, September 2002, (Kandy, Sri Lanka: Graphic Land).

(2), 18p, tables, 20.5 x 14.5cm.

This study attempts to identify the problems confronted by the remaining stateless persons belonging to the Indian origin plantation community. The main objectives of this study is to identify the obstacles faced by this community in relation to its right to development and rights to live, as well as measures taken by the people themselves to overcome the violation of their fundamental rights.

**107 *Sri Lanka: Economic Blockade.*** Mayan Vije.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition, June 1993.

32p, tables, appendix, references, maps, 30 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-85201-009-6.

Since the war resumed in June 1990, there has been a government-inspired unofficial economic blockade of the Tamil Homeland. In August 1991, however, the Sri Lankan government banned 42 items including medicines, fertilisers, chemicals and fuel under the Emergency (Restriction of

Transport of Articles) regulations No. 1 of 1991. Although the announcement was only in respect of the North, the Sri Lankan Army has banned several essential items to the East. The Jaffna District which is the main area affected by the economic and military blockade has an area of 1036.8 sq. km., with a population according to the 1981 census, of over 738,000. This Report is an attempt to highlight the problems of the Tamils resulting from the Sri Lanka Government's economic blockade. This book urges the Government to end the Economic blockade and observe rules of the Geneva Convention. (Accessed in TIC- London )

**108 Sri Lanka: Human Rights Violations: Arrests Detention and Torture.** P.Rajanayagam.

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road. Joint publishers : London W9 2BJ: SCOT-Human Rights Council, Cider House, 3rd Floor, 2 Woodfield Place, 1st edition, January 1987.  
28p, 30 x 21 cm., ISBN: 1-85201-001-0.

"My delegation would like to take this opportunity to answer certain allegations that were made against the Sri Lanka government. We categorically reject the allegations that there have been either selective or indiscriminate killings of civilians whether they are men, women or Children" said Dr. H.W.Jayawardene, the head of Sri Lanka's delegation at the 42nd sessions of the U N H R's collision held during February, March 1986. This document while disproving their rather tenuous claim, seeks to highlight the gravity of the Human Rights situation in Sri Lanka. It deals with two areas of Human Right violations. (1) Arrest and detention; and (2) Torture and inhuman treatment. Eye-witness accounts, interviews with victims, sworn testimonies and reports and data from human rights organisations constitute the background material for the document. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**109 Sri Lanka: Human Rights violations: Extrajudicial and Arbitrary Killings.** P.Rajanayagam.

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road. Joint publishers : London W9 2BJ: SCOT-Human Rights Council, Cider House, 3rd Floor, 2 Woodfield Place, 1st edition, January 1987.

48p, table, map, 30 x 21 cm., ISBN: 1-85201-002-9.

Eye witness accounts, interviews with victims, sworn testimonies and reports and data from Human Rights groups constitute the essential material for the documents. This report emphasises that the continuation of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka is resulting in serious implications on democratic and human rights situations. Simple statistics have been given to prove the increase in violence and death of the Tamil minority within the country. Particularly the extrajudicial killings which are supported by eyewitness accounts, interviews with victims and sworn testimonies and reports and data from human rights groups constitute the essential material of the document. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**110 *Tamils of Sri Lanka: The quest for human dignity.***

Tamil Information Centre.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre (TIC), Thamil House, 720 Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition, September 2001.

42p., table, 29.5 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-85201-017-7.

***Tamils of Sri Lanka: The quest for human dignity.***

Tamil Information Centre.

Kingston-upon-Thames KT2 6PZ, England: Tamil Information Centre (TIC), Thulasi, Bridge End Close, Off Clifton Road, 2nd edition, March 2006, 1st edition, September 2001.

72p., table, 29.5 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-85201-020-7.

This reports aims to provide governments and the international community an understanding of the political, human rights and legal uncertainty that prevails in Sri Lanka and are of concern to the Tamil people. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST219)



**111 *The Marathon Crusade for 'Fifty, Fifty': (Balanced Representation) in the State Council – 1939.* G.G.Ponnambalam.**

Chennai -600 017, India: Manimekalai Prasuram, 7, Thanikachalam Road, T.Nagar, Post Box No.:1447, 1st edition:2001, (Chennai-14, India: B V R Printers).

xxxx, 240p, photographs, £4.99, 18.5 x 12.5cm.

In a cil, the longest on record at that time, G.G.Ponnambalam spelled out in the fullest and most ample language why he was pressing hard for his solution. This book consists of the entire speech delivered in the State Council of Ceylon on the Reforms Despatch.

**324 The political process**

**112 *A time for Tamil Introspection and Reassessment in the midst of Myth and Propaganda.* S.Ratnajeevan Hoole.**

London, U.K.: Amirthalingam Memorial Foundation, 58, Seymour Avenue, East Ewell, Surrey KT17 2RR, 1st edition, August 2007.

36p, 21x15 cm, ISBN: 0-9543502-4-3.

The Appapillai Amirthalingam 80th Birth-Anniversary Memorial Lecture held on 26 August, 2007 in London. Prof. S.Ratnajeevan H.Hoole, D.Sc. (Eng.) London, Ph.D. Carnegie Mellon, IEEE Fellow, born on 15 Sept. 1952, is Senior Professor of Electrical and Electronics Engineering at University of Peradeniya and in March 2006 was appointed Vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna Sri Lanka by the President following the Council of University of Jaffna electing three names for the President's consideration as provided by the Universities Act. The University Grants Commission granted him special overseas leave due to death threats to him and his family members by militants. He fled to the US where he is presently fellow of the IIE Scholar Rescue Fund, NY and visiting Professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia, USA. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2224).

**113 *Electoral Politics in an Emergent State: The Ceylon General Election of May 1970.* A. Jeyaratnam Wilson.**

London NW1 2DB, England: Cambridge University Press, Bentley House, 200

Euston Road, 1st edition, 1975. (Malta: St. Paul's Press Ltd.).

xv, 240p., maps, illus., bibliography.

23.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-521-20429-1. (Perspectives on Development, no.3).

This study offers a detailed description and analysis of the 1970 election, following the methodology of the Nuffield studies of British general elections. The author's access to the leaders of the political parties has provided him with illuminating material. On the other hand, the absence of surveys of voter opinion in the discussion on voter attitudes and perceptions is a major drawback. Detailed statistics pertaining to the 1970 election and data on the past electoral behaviour of the Sri Lankans are included. (SOAS Library Accn No. 331925)

**114 *Inaugural Address by Secretary General, Comrade Suresh Premachandran at the second congress of the Eelam people's Revolutionary Literature Front.*** EPRLF.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Publication Dept, EPRLF, 1st edition, February 1993, (Colombo, Sri Lanka).

(2), 33p, 20 x 14cm.

This is the text of the Inaugural Address by Secretary General, Comrade Suresh Premachandran at the second congress of the Eelam people's Revolutionary Literature Front which held from 5th to 9th of February 1993.

**115 *Parliamentary Government in Ceylon; 1948-1958.*** S. Namasivayam.

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: KVG de Silva, 415 Galle Road, 1st edition, February 1959. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, Lake House).

126p., 19 x 12.5cm.

The author, a Barrister-at-law, has produced this study of the Constitutional developments in Sri Lanka. This work is a sequel to the legislatures of Ceylon, 1928-48 written by him earlier. His research has mainly relied on the local Hansards, Command and sessional papers relating to Sri Lanka and the Ceylon Statutes. (SOAS Library Accn No. 148396).

**116 Sri Lanka: Devolution Proposals-August 1995 and January 1996.** Tamil Information Centre.

London E12 6BT, England: Tamil Information Centre, Tamil House, 720 Romford Road, 1st edition, February 1996.  
40p., 30 x 21cm., ISBN: 1 85201 010 X.

This report is a summary of the Sri Lanka Government's devolution proposals and implications for the minority communities which was announced in January 1996. The monograph highlights the implications of the devolution proposals for minority communities in Sri Lanka in the light of past experiences. It also summarises the main concerns of the Tamil people to the Sri Lankan Government's attitude towards minority communities in Sri Lanka and its unwillingness to accept fundamental rights and aspirations of the minority communities. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**117 Sri Lanka's Hybrid Presidential and Parliamentary system and the separation of powers doctrine.** Hareed Mohamed Zafrullah.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: University of Malaya, 1st edition, 1981.  
(Kuala Lumpur 22-11, Malaysia: University of Malaya Press, Lembah Pantai).  
xxii, 140 p., 21.5 x 14 cm.

This work examines the nature and significance of the separation of powers doctrine embodied in the Sri Lankan constitutional system with particular emphasis on the effect of the superimposition of the Presidential system of Government on the Westminster system by the new constitution adopted in 1978. The constitutional changes which have been made in Sri Lanka since independence are carefully examined with the salient features receiving analysis in depth. The author also highlights and evaluates the application of the separation of powers doctrine as it affects the Sri Lankan Judiciary.

**118 The Bracegirdle affair: An episode in the history of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party.** Wesley S. Muthiah, Sydney Wanasinghe.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: A Young Socialist Publication, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, January 1998. (Boralesgamuwa, Sri Lanka: C.R.C. Press, Rattanapitiya).  
x, 576p, 22 x 14cm, ISBN: 955-95284-5-9.

Mark Anthony Lyster Bracegirdle, the 'undesirable', is a legendary figure in the history of LSSP. He was one of a few members of the privileged



colonial elite who broke ranks to cross over to the side of the 'ignorant natives'. Based on British government documents this book recounts an exciting episode in Ceylon's struggle for freedom and an insight into the Machiavellian methods of rule perfected by the British Empire.

**119 *Unmaking the Nation: The Politics of identity and History in modern Sri Lanka.*** Pradeep Jeganathan, Qadri Ismail. (Eds.).

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Social Scientists' Association, 129/6 A, Nawala Road, 1st edition, 1995. (Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: Karunaratne and Sons Ltd). 219p., 21.5 x 14cm., ISBN: 955-9102-07-9.

This collection of work by a group of young scholars of Sri Lanka provides challenging new ways of thinking about nationalism, colonialism and modernity. The volume makes an intervention in a field of debate about Nationalism focusing on the failure of the modern project of the post colonial Nation. Part of the point the essays seek to elaborate is that nationalism is not merely 'modern' but that this very modernity produces the fractures; instabilities and unravelling that are such prominent features of post colonial nationalism. Given the extra-ordinary crisis of the Sri Lankan nation today, this volume makes an important intervention in the Sri Lankan public sphere that taken seriously, could re-figure the ongoing debates on the future of the nation. (SOAS Library Accn No. 734090).

## 325 International migration, Refugees & colonization

**120 *Colonisation and Tamil Homelands.*** Mayan Vije.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition September 1985. 34p, appendix, reference, tables, maps, 14 x 21cm.

This report explains in detail how the Sinhalese Politicians have been using colonisation to consolidate political base. Archaeology, violence and Religion are also used in favour of this colonisation. The Government has been taking every possible avenue to evacuate Tamils from their traditional areas. This colonisation scheme appears to be an attempt to annihilate the entire Tamil community. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**121 *Eelam: The Memories of a Nation.*** Ehanayakivalli Sivarasasingam.

Ontario, Canada: Ehanayakivalli Sivarasasingam, 1800 Baseline Road, Suite 414, Ottawa, K2C 3N1, 1st edition July 2000, (Tamil Nadu, India: Students Offset Services, No.9, Sunkurama Street, Chennai 600 001)

(16), 133p, 14 x 21.5cm, ISBN: 0-9687901-00.

Mrs. Ehanayakivalli Sivarasasingam is an educator by profession and in her first book examines the Tamil nation and its historic roots. One of the few such books ever to be written in English, she meticulously analyses the historical aspects of the present day Tamil nation. Mother of five, she has been an educator for more than 25 years and has served in Ceylon and in the Sultanate of Oman. She presently resides in Ottawa, Canada.

**122 *Malayan Migration and Jaffna Society.*** S.Sathiyaseelan

(Tamil original), P. Balanathan (Translated).

Herts, England: V.N. Jayaseelan, UK-Ceylon Malaysian Forum, 3, Allen Close, Wheathamstead, St. Albans, Herts, AL4 8TH, 1st edition, 2007, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Shachin Advertising Services, 73- 1/1 Manning Place, Colombo-6).

(18), 118p, photographs, £10, Rs. 600., 22 x 15cm,

ISBN: 978-955-50511-0-1.

This is an English translation of the Tamil original of Malaayak kudip peyarum Yaalpaanach chamuhamum. Jaffna-Malaya relations spanning over 100 years forms a chapter of the history of Ceylon Tamils. The economic development that went in tandem in Ceylon and Malaya offered similar opportunities for the industrious Tamils and made the first migration possible. The author's scholarly use of resources found far and wide is explicit in the vivid portrayal of this important chapter in the history of Ceylon Tamils. Prof. Samathilingam Sathiyaseelan is Head of the Department of History, in the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2540)

**123 *Paradise Life and Camp life.*** N.Parameswaran.

Colombo: N.Parameswaran, 1st edition Feb. 2007. (Colombo 13: E-Kwality Graphics (Pvt) ltd., 317 Jempattah street).

(4), 44 p., Rs. 100., 21x15 cm.

This book talks about internally displaced Tamil people of the Jaffna District, with special reference to Valikamam North area such as Palaly,

Keerimalai, and Kankesanthurai. The author also categorises the hardship faced by those people living in Refugee Camps in these areas.

**124 *Refugees are people..*** S.H.Hasbullah.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: The Northern Muslims' Rights Organisation, 15A, Rohini Road, 1st edition 1996, (Dehiwela, Sri Lanka: AJ Prints, 1-B, P.T. De Silva Mawatha).  
vi, (4), 50p, map, 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-9445-00-6.

An ethno-religious group, the Muslims, was singled out in the northern part of Sri Lanka and was forcibly evicted at gun point from their traditional villages and towns by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in October 1990. This was a case where an ethnic group was expelled from its home territory and not allowed to return. Since the forcible expulsion, these refugees have been living in camps in appalling conditions. They number about one hundred thousand in all. The Northern Muslims' Rights Organisation, an NGO, organised a workshop on the theme of resettlement with the objective of providing an opportunity for the refugees to discuss their future. The workshop was conducted in Puttlam where about 60 percent of the evicted refugees now live. This is the Proceedings of that workshop on the resettlement programme for the forcibly evicted Muslims of the Northern Province, Sri Lanka.

**125 *Refusing Sanctuary: Ethical Ambiguities in Refugee Determination and Repatriation of Tamil Refugees.*** Tamil Information Centre.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre (TIC), Thamil House, 720 Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition January 1999.  
(4), 58p., table, graph, map, £5., 29.5 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-85201-015-0.

This book consists of reports that attempts to redress the imbalance and respond to the justification of Western governments for repatriation of Tamil asylum seekers based on the claim that the government of Sri Lanka has taken serious steps to address abuse of human rights by the security forces, that there are adequate 'improvements' in the human rights situation and that the Sri Lankan government has taken measures to protect the human rights of all its citizens. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST216)



**126 *Repatriation or Deportation?: Nation building, Citizenship and the Indian Tamil Estate Workers in Sri Lanka after Independence.***

Valli Kanapathipillai.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Vallinacciyar Kanapathipillai, 1st edition, 2005.

xii, map, 243p, 24 x 16.5cm,

This study is about the repatriation of Tamils of Indian origin from Sri Lanka to India. Repatriation was the outcome of the decisions that were made by policy makers from two countries. In the end it turned into a humanitarian crisis, which resulted in thousands of people being uprooted from a country they had legitimately called their home and the separation of families who had once lived together. This book is also a reflection of the author's concern with the ethnic minority, Tamils, who were first to bear the brunt of majoritarian intolerance and divisiveness. This is a Ph. D Thesis submitted to the Vrije University of Amsterdam. The author is the daughter of Late Professor K.Kanapathipillai, who was a scholar in the Tamil Language.

**127 *Sri Lankans in Exile: Tamils Displaced.***

Santhiapillai Guy de Fontgalland.

Madras, India: CERRO Publications, The Ceylon Refugees and Repatriates Organisation, H - 11/3, Kalakshetra Colony, Besant Nagar, 1st edition, December 1986. (Madras, India: Premier Printers).

xvii, 360p., Ind. Rs. 95., 21.5 x 14cm.

Tamils Displaced- is a first attempt to study the problems and situations of the Tamils in Diaspora, with a brief introduction to the causes underlying their present plight. The first part of this book traces the problems of the Tamils who have been displaced within their own country between 1958 and August 1986. It also speaks about the situation of the Hill Country Tamils and their relationship with the island's indigenous Tamils, the problems of repatriation and its consequences. Part 2 gives first hand information regarding the Tamil refugees spread throughout Tamil Nadu. The third part of this book speaks of the Tamil refugees in developed countries in Europe, Australia and the America's. The author Santhiapillai Guy de Fontgalland is a Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Badulla, Sri Lanka. He served as the Director of the Uva Socio-Economic Community Development Centre (USCOD) at Badulla from 1974-1983.

**128 Sri Lankan repatriates in Tamil Nadu: Rehabilitation and Integration.** M.Vamadevan.

Madras 600-014, India: Zen Publishers, 42, Rajaja Nagar, Thiruvanmiyoor, 1st edition, November 1989, (Madras 600 014, India: Cre-A, 268, Royapettah High Road)  
xii, 196p, tables, annex, maps, Rs. 120., 21.3 x 14cm.

This study is a revised version of a research work submitted to the Norwegian Agency for International Development (NORAD) in 1987. Since 1976, attempts have been made by institutes and individuals to capture the realities of the life of Sri Lankan repatriates in Tamil Nadu. This book is a continuation of this attempt to provide a comprehensive picture in order to enhance the understanding of the socio-economic realities of this group. The author, Vamadevan, born in Kotagala and received secondary education at Highlands College, Hatton – a Plantation region in Sri Lanka. He had been a visiting lecturer at Colombo, Vidyodaya, and Vidyalandara Universities.

**129 Tamil Community in Australia.** A.Kandiah.

New South Wales, Australia: Natanalaya Publication, 17, Edward Street, Strathfield South, NSW 2136, 1st edition, January 2003, (Chennai, India: Page Offset).  
xi, 183p, 22 x 145cm,

Tamil Community in Australia by Dr. A. Kandiah elaborately deals with the socio-economic, cultural, educational, political and ethical background of Tamil people in Australia. It is a masterpiece in the life of migrated Tamils and also vividly expresses their lives. The author has effectively, efficiently, enthusiastically and above all affectionately involved himself in publishing this book.

**130 *Tamil Exodus and Beyond: An analysis of the national conflict in Sri Lanka.*** Vasantha-Rajah.

London, England: L.Samarasinghe, 3 Forres Gardens, NW11 7EX.

1st edition, January 1996.

(9), 129p., appendix, photos, cartoons., £4.50. 21 x 14.5cm.,

ISBN: 0-9526822-0-6.

The unresolved "Tamil Question" has for many years seemed an intractable fact of Sri Lankan political life. On both sides, nationalistic feelings now run extremely deep and the brutality unleashed has often stunned observers worldwide. The current political leadership in the South of Sri Lanka, while acknowledging that the Tamil people have suffered appallingly over the years, imagines that their grievances can nonetheless be settled by a more "enlightened" Sinhala rule. This book challenges that assumption and also sets the Tamil Struggle within a wider international context. Vasantha-Rajah was a Senior Producer at the BBC World Service until 1994 when he was invited by the new People's Alliance Government of Sri Lanka to serve as Chairman of the state television network, Rupavahini. Six months later he resigned in protest at the government's resort to war with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam after peace talks broke down. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1166).

**131 *The Directory of Rehabilitation of repatriation from Sri Lanka.***

R. R. Sivalingam.

Madras 600094, India: Repatriates Rehabilitation Research and Information Centre, 132-A, Vanniar street, Choolaimedu, 1st edition, 1989, (Madras, India: Hi-tech offset Pvt. Ltd.).

(6), 226p, tables, map, Ind. Rs. 100., 21.5 x 14cm.

This is a compilation of a directory containing all information pertaining to repatriates from Sri Lanka and their rehabilitation in India. The aim of this directory was to help Government authorities, Voluntary Agencies, Researchers, Academic bodies, libraries, funding agencies and field workers engaged in rehabilitation work.



## 326 Slavery & emancipation, State Terrorism

**132** *A struggle for justice*. Political Committee Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

London, England: International Secretariat, 211, Katherine Road, E6 1BU, 1st edition, March 1997, (France: Tamil Press).

(2), 18p, 21 x 14.5cm,

This political document attempts to clarify some of the misconceptions surrounding the armed struggle of the Tamils. While examining the historical conditions that gave rise to the armed resistance movement, we argue that the Tamils reserve the right to armed defence against the military repression and genocide. Countering Sri Lanka's false propaganda that the Tamil struggle is a mode of terrorism, this document explains that armed campaign is a form of legitimate political struggle for self-determination. In brief this document sets out the position of the Tamils based on their quest for political independence and self-government.

**133** *Oppression of Tamils in Sri Lanka*. Mayan Vije.

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road, 1st edition, June 1985.

(Cyclostyled printing)

23p., maps, tables, 29.5x21 cm.

This paper briefly records the series of events in Sri Lanka since 1948 that have culminated in the present catastrophe. This publication reports in five chapters, on the oppression by the government on the Tamils since the country gained independence. Supporting documents are also attached. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**134 Sri Lanka, Island of Terror: An Indictment.** E.M.Thornton, R.Niththyananthan.

Middlessex, England: Eelam Research Organisation, 179, Norval Road, North Wembley, HA0 3SX, 2nd edition, March 1985, 1st edition, December 1984. (Kent, Great Britain: Whitstable Litho Ltd.), (8), 124p, photos, £2.95, 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-9510073-0-0.

This book reveals the full horror of the terrible events in Sri Lanka in July 1983 when the Tamil population on the island were ruthlessly hunted down and slaughtered in their thousands by Sinhalese mobs and their homes and property put to the torch. The story unfolded here is one that must appal and outrage all who read it. But the July holocaust was not the spontaneous eruption of anti-Tamil feeling in the Sinhalese-dominated Island. It was a carefully organised and skilfully executed operation planned well in advance. This book presents evidence that points the finger of guilt unequivocally at the highest levels of the Sri Lankan ruling elite. The harsh reality is described in this book – the police state, the horror of the prison camps, the widespread use of torture and extra-judicial execution against the defenceless Tamil population. This book provides a clear and timely account of one of the most brutal passages of events in contemporary political history. Dr. Niththyananthan is a distinguished medical scientist working in London teaching hospital and is also on the staff of the Open University. Miss Thornton, is the author of works on medical history including 'Freud and Cocaine', and has been a sympathiser with the Tamil cause. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1961).

**135 Sri Lanka Living in Fear.** Human Rights Watch.

Canada: Canadian Tamils for Democracy, 1st edition, 2004. 24p, photographs, 21 x 14cm.

This document is produced with excerpts based from the Human Rights Watch's reports on the recruitment and use of Child Soldiers in Sri Lanka. Human Rights Watch conducted research for this report in Sri Lanka in August 2004, and subsequently by telephone and electronic mail from New York and The Hague. Their researchers visited Colombo, Batticaloa, Ampara, Thirocmalee and Kilinochchi. In this report, the word 'child' refers to anyone under the age of 18.

**136 Sri Lanka: 10 years of Jayawardene rule.** S.Sivanayagam.

Madras 600090, India: Tamil Information and research Unit, 3rd Floor, No. 61, Velankanni Church Road, Besant Nagar, 1st edition 1987. (London SW4 6JP, England: MTC Wholesalers, Stationers and Paper Merchants, Unit B, 18-20 Union Road.)  
40p., 21.5 x 14.5 cm.

On July 22, 1987, the then President of Sri Lanka, Junius Richard Jayawardene completed 10 years of power, the longest single spell by a politician in the country. This book reveals ten years of his political life, which brought the Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka to an irreversible situation.

(Accessed in TIC- London)

**137 Sri Lanka: The Arrogance of Power: Myths, Decadence & Murder.**

Rajan Hoole.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: University Teachers for Human Rights (Jaffna), P.O.Box 1602, 1st edition, July 2001, (Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Wasala Publications, 61, S.De S. Jayasinghe Mawatha, Kohuwala).  
xvi, 504p, index, photographs, 27 x 19cm, ISBN: 955-9447-04-1.

Written by a co-author of the Broken Palmyra, the focus of which was inwards-within Tamil society- the present volume examines primarily the Sri Lankan State. This is the story of how the State, its ideology and inherent violence spawned the LTTE as its mirror image, a violently obscurantist JVP within Sinhalese society itself, and continues to suffocate in that legacy. The book traces the connections between major events in post-independence Sri Lanka. It elucidates crucial aspects of the 1977 violence that have been papered over. The central sections deal with the July 1983 holocaust and the Welikade prison massacres that still form an elusive watershed in this country's political history. Both published and unpublished materials have been collated in giving an account of the JVP insurgency of 1987-90. A key chapter deals with the dirty war of the mid 1980s, where the UNP government's attempt at demographic transformation, with covert Western and Israeli assistance. Plunged the crisis to a point of no return and irrevocably internationalised it. Other chapters deal with demoralisation in the security forces, political assassinations and the fascist drift among Tamils. A final chapter tackles the question of peace. Although written for the general reader wanting to probe below official and



partisan obfuscation, the student of contemporary Sri Lanka will find the book compulsory reading.

**138 *Sri Lanka: The Conflict within.*** Somasundaram Vanniasingham.

New Delhi, India: The Lancer Group, 1st edition, 1988. (New Delhi, India: Mehra Offset Press).

xii, 200p., Appendix, 22 x 14cm, ISBN: 81-7062-052-X.

The six essays in this book are intended to help anyone who is prepared or disposed to think on public issues, with facts, data and analysis relevant to the Sri Lankan issue. The six essay titles are: Legal and Constitutional aspects of the Sri Lankan conflict, New Delhi's Sri Lankan Policy, Parameters for a viable political solution, The Gandhi-Jayewardene Accord: Its negative implications, Marxist contribution to the travails of the Tamils, The Constitution of Eelam. (SOAS Library Accn No. 579415).

**139 *Tamil Eelam: A state of mind: Eelam Debate 1977.***

Subramaniam Sivanayagam.

London, United Kingdom: Friends of Hot Spring, 1st edition, June 1999, 24p, table, £2., 21 x 14.5cm,

This little monograph is a reproduction of some articles that appeared during 1977 in the Colombo weekly journal, 'The Tribune', touching on two subjects: the viability of a future Tamil Eelam and the mandate for Tamil Eelam in the General Elections of 1977. These took the form of a debate consequent to a series of four articles by Tribune editor S.P.Amarasingam questioning the viability of Tamil Eelam and one by Fr. Tissa Balasuriya, Director of the Centre for Society and Religions questioning the claim of a popular mandate for Tamil Eelam. Mr. S.Sivanayagam, the compiler, who had a varied journalistic career spanning 45 years, is the Editor of the U.K. based published journal – the Hot Spring. He functioned as Assistant Editor (Publications), Ceylon Tourist Board at the time the Tribune article was written. Mr.Sivanayagam was Founder-Editor of the Jaffna-based Saturday Review from January 1982 until July 1983 – when the paper was banned by the Sri Lankan Government.

**140 *Tamil Eelam Freedom struggle: An inside story.* S. A. David.**

Chennai 600-005, India: World Tamil Readers Trust, 18/10, Meeyan First Street, Chepakkam, 1st edition, September 2004, (Chennai 600-014, India: The Parkar, 293, Ahamed Complex, 2nd Floor, Royapettah High Road).

344p, maps, photographs, Ind.Rs. 150., 21.5 x 14cm,

S. A. David at the time, a youth of 23 years of age, had the opportunity to hear the historic speech delivered in Parliament by S.J.V. Chelvanayagam, from the Visitors' gallery in 1947. S.A.David imbued with the spirit and courage extolled by Chelvanayagam in the interest of Tamils in Sri Lanka in his words and actions and they have taken deep seat in his thought word and followed all through these 57 years. This has culminated in S.A.David writing and publishing this historic book. S.A.David was one of ideologues of sovereign Independent Tamil Eelam and he had recorded his unwavering stand in a convention of Eelam Tamil leaders held in New York in 1981. He had witnessed all the cruelties heaped on Tamils by Sinhala rulers in 1977, 1981 and 1983. He himself was a victim to the cruel and unlawful activities let loose by Jayewardene who caused him to be arrested, put in prison and tortured. He was in Welikade jail during the beastly killings of Kuttimani and other 55 political prisoners in Welikade prison on 25th and 27th July 1983. On that day the July 27, 1983, he saw Dr. Rajasundaram his bosom friend and colleague beaten to death at the entrance of his prison cell. He experienced a horrible moment when he escaped from being shot dead next to Dr. Rajasundaram on 27.7.1983. Even when S.A.David was removed to Batticaloa Jail he did not lose his heart and he was the hero who gained courage to plan the Batticaloa Jail break. Thus S.A.David was by all means the most dedicated ideologue of the Tamil Eelam Liberation struggle. He was and is a part and parcel of the Eelam struggle.

**141 *The Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka- Economic aspects.* T.Valluvan.**

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road, 1st edition, May 1987. (London SW4 6JP, England: MTC Wholesalers, Stationers and Paper Merchants, Unit B, 18-20 Union Road.)

36p, tables, map, appendix, £2.50., 29.5 x 21cm., ISBN: 1-85201-003-7.

This paper examines the economic aspects of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. It provides a brief account of the record of human rights violations

directed at the Tamils of Sri Lanka in the economic sphere. It explains their origins and motivation and analyses their economic effects. It includes 6 appendices consisting of Colonisation Scheme, Population Statistics, Plantation Workers- Statistics, International instruments, Employment Statistics, and Summary of Human Rights violations during 1986. The publication also provides a brief summary to the cause of ethnic conflict, such as discrimination, which has been related back to historical events. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**142 *The Fall And Rise of The Tamil Nation: Events leading to the Tamil war of Independence and the resumption of Elam sovereignty.***

V.Navaratnam.

Quebec JSR 3Y1, Canada: V.Navaratnam, The Tamilian Library, P.O.Box 70, La Prairie, 1st edition, 1995, (Montreal, Canada: Imprimerie Selpo Inc).

(2), xvi, 406p, index, photographs, £15., 21 x 14cm.

In this book the author has chronicled his recollections of the events which led to the civil war in Sri Lanka, a book which must be read for an informed understanding of contemporary Ceylon. V. Navaratnam born in Karampon, Northern Sri Lanka on 18th October 1910 and educated at Ananda College Colombo, and Ceylon Law College, was a successful civil lawyer, and one of the founder members of the Federal Party which provided political leadership in the Tamils for over three decades after independence. In 1956 he authored Ceylon faces Crisis to bring to the International community's attention for the first time the problems facing the Tamils in Ceylon. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1980).

**143 *The International Crime of Genocide: The Case of the Tamil People in Sri Lanka.*** Tamil Information Centre.

London E12 6BT, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, 1st edition, December 1997.

(4), 76 p., Illus., 29.5 x 21cm, ISBN: 1-85201-011-8.

The TIC was established in 1981 to provide information concerning all aspects of Tamil life and Culture. The TIC also facilitates and encourages participation of people involved with human rights and humanitarian issues in Sri Lanka and provides facilities for the general public, to be in touch with developments affecting the Tamil people of Sri Lanka and new



emerging issues. The author of this report Lutz Oette, a German citizen recently completed his LL.M, at the University College of London. He was the winner of the 1996 Cheng Cheng Prize in International Law. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**144 *The Tamil National Question and the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord.***  
N. Seevaratnam (Ed).

New Delhi 110092, India: Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd, A-149, Main Vikas Marg, 1st edition, 1989. (New Delhi 110032, India: Jupiter Offset Press, Jhilmil Industrial area, Shahdara).  
x, 246p., 22 x 14cm.

The first International Tamil Conference held in London on 30th April-1st May 1988, organised by the World Federation of Tamils. This conference was called by them to discuss the Tamil Eelam issue in the light of the political environment created by the Indo-Sri Lanka Accord. A wide range of papers covering diverse aspects of the struggle for Tamil Eelam, were presented at the conference: From Sinhala-Buddhist chauvinism and the Buddhist clergy through India's influence as a major regional power, to the rights of the Tamil Nation to self-determination. This publication consists of these papers under five headings: Introduction, History or background, Tamil National problem, Indo-Sri Lanka Accord and Tamil Question and finally documents. Altogether there are 23 papers in this volume. (SOAS Library Accn No. 592447)

**145 *The Unspeakable Truth.*** BTF.

London: British Tamils Forum, [www.tamilforum.com](http://www.tamilforum.com), 1st edition 2008.  
82 pages. illus., 21x14.5 cm.

This book traces the poignant history of Tamils in Sri Lanka after independence. It catalogues the Sri Lankan Tamils/ descent from a once thriving vibrant nation to one that is today fighting for its very survival. This is a story about how a majority population consumed with religious chauvinism can corrupt a democratic process with untold consequences. This book is organised into three sections covering the physical harm suffered by the Tamil community, the destruction of their cultural heritage and the attempts at negotiating a settlement which has come to nothing. The book

also strikes a hopeful note at the end on how lasting peace can be achieved from the rubble of destruction. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2864)

**146 *The Will to Freedom: An Inside View of Tamil Resistance.***

Adele Balasingham.

England: Fairmax Publishing Ltd, P.O. Box 2454, Mitcham, CR4 1WB,  
1st edition, 2001, (Jalinu Print, PostFach- 436, CH- 4503, Solothun).  
(8), vi, 380p, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 1-903679-01-X.

The author of this book, Adele Balasingham, is a sociologist, Political activist and writer who has lived and worked in India and Sri Lanka for more than 20 years with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the Freedom movement that spear heads the Tamil Independence Struggle. In this book, Adele Balasingham provides a penetrating internal study of the armed resistance struggle by the Tamil Tiger movement. Written in a semi-autobiographical, historical style, the Will to Freedom graphically surveys important events, episodes and turning points in the last two decades of the evolutionary history of the Tamil freedom struggle. The book will be of interest to all those who want to study the inside story of the Tamil Resistance movement.

**147 *War and Peace: Armed Struggle and Peace Efforts of Liberation Tigers.*** Anton Balasingham.

Mithcam CR4 1WB, England: Fairmax Publishing Ltd., P. O. Box 2454, 1st edition, 2004. (Surrey, England: The Print, 45A Crusoe Road, Mitcham, CR4 3LJ). x, 514p., plates, £15., 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 1-903679-05-2.

The author of this book Anton Balasingham is the Political Advisor, Theoretician and the Chief Negotiator of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the National Liberation Organisation spearheading the struggle for self determination of the Tamil Nation in the island of Sri Lanka. Mr. Balasingham has been actively involved in the politics of the LTTE for 26 years and is widely regarded as the authoritative commentator on the politico military struggle of the Organisation. In this work, War and Peace, Mr. Balasingham provides a penetrating study of the complex evolutionary history of the organisation. Analysing the objective conditions that gave rise to the armed struggle, the author offers fascinating insights into the crucial role the LTTE played during the turbulent period of Indian intervention in

Sri Lanka from 1983-1990. Based on his personal experience, Mr. Balasingham graphically surveys all peace efforts the LITE participated in from Thimpu talks to the recent Norwegian facilitated negotiations, providing a critical examination of their shortcomings.

### 327 International relations, Peace Process

#### 148 *A plan for Peace in Eelam*. Kopan Mahadeva.

Birmingham, England: Century House, 99-101, Sutton Road, Erdington, B23 5XA, 1st edition 1994.

105p, photos, £5., 21 x 15cm, ISBN: 1-873265-06-9.

This book contains a plan for peace in Sri Lanka. It consists of earlier agreements made by the two opposing sides, some background history of the political party leaders, and many other topics that affect peace. The author took longer to bring out this book than any of his other publications. This is because the contents of this book are meant to change dramatically and immediately, for the better of all, the lives of 18 million embattled, divided, confused and suffering human beings, some of whom are living daily at the brink of death. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1621)

#### 149 *Building Local Capacities for Peace: Rethinking Conflict and development in Sri Lanka*. Markus Mayer, Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake, Yuvi Thangarajah (Eds).

New Delhi 110002, India: Rajiv Beri, Macmillan Indias Ltd, 2/10 Ansari Road, Daryaganj, 1st edition, 2003. (India: Replika Press).

x, 330p., 25 x 16cm, ISBN: 0-333-93921-2.

Published in association with South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg and the Jaffna Rehabilitation Project (JRP) - GTZ Colombo. The first part of the book starts with two substantive papers providing an overview on the conflict evolution and conflict dynamics in the North-East as well as in the South of Sri Lanka. The paper that follows in this section investigates the challenges of any state reforms for conflict management and highlights the potential difficulties to implement such reforms, especially in the multi-ethnic context such as found in Eastern Sri Lanka. The second part of the book provides with the first two papers a broad insight at development aid and local substantive development issues in Sri Lanka, looking



specifically into the role of project interventions to secure basic dignity and survival of people at the local level and the possible impact of such interventions. The third part of this book leads to consideration of the situation and experiences of people at the local level.

(SOAS Library Accn No. 952964).

**150 *Peace initiatives towards reconciliation and nation building in Sri Lanka: An International Perspective.***

Dagmar Hellmann-Rajanayagam (Editor).

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: The Malaysian Ceylonese Congress, 11 Jalan Emas, 3 ½ ml Jalan Sungai Besi, 57100 Kuala Lumpur, 1st edition, July 2002. (Malaysia: City Reprographic Services)

xvi, 288 p., Index, 22.5 x 15.5cm.

The present compilation arose from a workshop entitled "Towards Reconciliation and Nation Building in Sri Lanka" held by the Unit for Strategic and Security studies, National University Malaysia Bangi from 13th to 15th July 2001. This workshop co-organised by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Malaysian Ceylonese Congress. Collection of papers submitted by Dato Dr. D.M.Thuraiappah, Dato K.N.Nadarajah, Visuvanathan Rudrakumaran, M.Sornarajah, S.Manivasakan, P.Saravanamuthu, Dagmar Hellmann-Rajanayagam, Fr. S.J.Emmanuel, Kamarulnizam Abdullah, Bjorne Hettne, Jayampathy Wickramaratne, Jehan Perera, Meghna Guhathakurta, Ven. Pundit Madampagama Assaji Nayaka Thero, Nicholas Nugent, Peter Schalk, Walter Keller, Christian Wagner, Michael Roberts, P'Pracha Hutunuwat, Amitha Shastri, Partha Ghosh, and Ajay Darshan Behera. (ETDRC Library Accn No. MT 2218).

**151 *Political Challenges of the Peace Process.*** S.A. Jothilingam.

Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Research Centre for the Inter Racial Peace, 143/3, Kew Road, 1st edition, 2004.

(3), 41p, 20.5 x 41cm.

Speech delivered at the Seminar held on 26th of June 2004, in Trincomalee Municipal Council Hall, organised by the Institute of Social Development and Research. The book presents a lucid picture of the contemporary Political situation from all angles. S.A. Jothilingam was born in the village

of Kuppilan in Jaffna. He was a visiting lecturer at Colombo University for a short period. He is an Honours Graduate in Political Science, from Jaffna University.

**152 *Sri Lankan Ethnic conflict: Negotiations & International Concerns.***  
Tamil Information Centre.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT,  
1st edition August 1991.  
(12), 50p, £0.50.

This booklet analyses the various steps taken by the Politician of the Government after the independence to settle the Ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka. All efforts were un fertile and has led to the present state of Self-determination of Tamils. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**153 *The Politics of Duplicity: Re-visiting the Jaffna talks.***  
Anton Balasingham.

Surrey, England: Fairmax Publishing Ltd, 212, Manor Way, Mitcham, CR4 1EL,  
1st edition, 2000, (Surrey, England: The Print, 45C, Crusoe Road,  
Mitcham, CR4 3LG).  
(10), 156p, photographs, £9.50, 23 x 15cm, ISBN: 1-903679-00-1.

In this study Mr. Balasingham critically examines the ill-fated peace talks held between the Sri Lanka government and the Liberation Tigers during 1994-95 in Jaffna. Exploring the causes of the failure of the peace efforts, Mr. Balasingham brings to light the hidden motives and under-currents that underlie Sinhala-Buddhist hegemonies. This study offers fascinating insights into the complex minds of the protagonists involved in this intractable ethnic conflict. The articles are provided in chronological order and the writer has also examined recent developments in Sri Lanka on the political and military arenas, some of the obstacles and avenues needed to bring about a peaceful resolution. The author of this book is the political advisor and theoretician of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LITE).

## 329 Collection of Political Speeches, editorials

**154 Colvin R de Silva: Selected Speeches & Writings.** Wesley S. Muthiah, Sydney Wanasinghe (Ed).

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Young Socialist Publications, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, February 2007, (Boralessgamuwa, Sri Lanka: C.R.C. Press, 119, University Road, Rattanapitiya).

(6), iii, 376p, photographs, tables, £10, Rs. 400., 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 978-955-9150-09-1.

Comrade Colvin was one of the most colourful personalities in Sri Lankan politics. He was a leading Left and Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP) historian and lawyer. His first publication was titled Ceylon under the British in two volumes. He also published several pamphlets on a variety of subjects. In 1988 Comrade Batty edited a collection of his articles under the title Sri Lanka's New Capitalism and the Erosion of Democracy. This book contains 27 speeches and writings of Colvin R. De Silva to commemorate his 100th birth anniversary. It's a collection of Colvin's articles since 1935.

**155 People's Voice: Colombo-Ceylon.** Krishna Vaikunthavasan.

London, England: Senkottil Pathipaham, 55 Warren Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 2HY. 1st Edition, September 1997. (London: Vasan Printers, Mitchem).

(4), 148p., Photos, Cartoons. £3.50. 21 x 15cm.

Krishna Vaikunthavasan is a former Secretary General of the Trade Union GCSU. He addressed the United Nations General Assembly on the Tamil National Crisis on 5th October 1978. The writer edited the English weekly newspaper People's Voice in Ceylon during 1951-53. This publication contains his famous editorials published in the People's voice during the period of January 1951 to May 1952. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1890)

**156 Politics and life in our Times: Vol. 1.** T. Duraisingam.

Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Thambimuttu Duraisingam, 116, Hulftsdorp street, 1st edition, August 2000, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Vut) Limited, No. 48 B, Bloemendhal Road).

x, 1096p, photos, Rs. 500., 22.5 x 15cm.



**157 *Politics and life in our Times: Vol. 2.*** T.Duraisingam.

Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Thambimuttu Duraisingam, 116, Hulftsdorp street, 1st edition, October 2000, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Vut) Limited, No. 48 B, Bloemendhal Road).

x, pp1097-2166, photos, Rs.500. , 22.5 x 15cm.

Selected articles published for Over a Century. The author has written the book to bring in one volume all the knowledge that is essential for every man and woman who wishes to be knowledgeable for his personal edification and also to those who wish to take an active part in the affairs of his or her country, in the neighbouring countries and in the world at large. This book of knowledge contains articles on a wide range of subjects and of average length, long articles of about 20 pages and also snippets, - all illustrated with colour and black and white photographs. In the first part of the book are the articles written by the author and in the second part are articles in support of those given in the first part, written by National and International personalities.

**158 *Two languages one Nation One Language two Nations: The Lanka Sama Samaja Party on the State language.*** Wesley Muthiah, Sydney Wanasinghe (Ed.).

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Young Socialist Publications, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, October, 2005, (Boraesgamuwa, Sri Lanka: C.R.C. Press, 119, University Road, Rattanapitiya).

xvi, 326, £20, 21.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-9150-04-9.

The editors undertook the publication of several documents to place on record the position taken by the Lanka Sama Samaja Party from its inception in December 1935, on the issue of the official Language. They have included in this publication all documents and pronouncements of the LSSP relevant to the subject. In the two chapters 5 and 6 dealing with the Sinhala Only bill, besides the contributions of the Members of the LSSP they have given the statements made by Mr. S.W.R.D.Bandaranaike in reply to the matters raised in the debate. In Chapter 7, they have reproduced the speech made by Dr. Colvin R. De Silva in the debate of the throne speech of 1958. This debate took place two years after the passage of the Sinhala only Bill and also after the Communal riots of may 1958. The last chapter

contains a statement signed by Bernard Soysa, the General Secretary of the LSSP on a possible solution to the ethnic crisis.

### 330 Economics

#### 159 *Dependent Capitalism in Crisis: The Sri Lankan Economy 1948-1980.* Satchi Ponnabalam.

London N1 9DN, England: Zed Press, 57 Caledonian Road, Joint publisher: New Delhi 110002, India: Vikas Publishings House, 5 Ansari Road, and Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Lake house investment Ltd, 47 W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawathe. 1st edition, February 1981. (Esher, England: Redwood Burn Ltd). xiv, 233p., 22 x 14cm, ISBN: 0-905762-85-1.

This is the most comprehensive study on Sri Lanka's modern Economic history from 1948 to the 1980's. The country has been independent since 1948 and is almost unique amongst developing countries for its multi-party democracy. Yet its economy has been in continual decline during the period. Covering in great detail every economic strategy pursued by successive administration, Ponnabalam traces this decline- a decline which has not been halted or reversed either by the prescriptions of Western development agencies or the professed socialist policies of particular left-wing political parties in office. Indeed the author is equally critical of the advice of constitutions like the World Bank as of the policies of the self-styled socialist parties that have held office in Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 439470).

#### 160 *Real Economics: The Secrets of Wealth Creation.* Satha Ananthan.

U.K.: London Murasu Publications, Croydon, CRO. 1st edition September 2001, (U.K.: London Murasu Publications, P.O.Box 1288,Croydon, CR9 3OZ). (3), 172p., appendix, tables, £9.95, 23 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 0-9540984-0-4.

Real Economics is the culmination of dedicated research and daring probe into the fundamental truths of the motions of economics. Real Economics lifts the veils; and unlocks the economic mysteries that is causing immense suffering to humanity. Satha Ananthan is an economics graduate of the University of London; he has been a pioneering leader in Journalism, Publishing and Public Relations for over three decades. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1265)

**161 *Sri Lankan Society in an Era of Globalisation: Struggling to create a New Social Order.*** Ed. S.H. Hasbullah, Barrie M. Morrison.

New Delhi 110017, India: Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd, B-42, Panchsheel Enclave, 1st edition, 2004. (New Delhi, India: Chaman Enterprises). 296p., 22 x 14.5cm., ISBN>81-7829-350-1.

S.H.Hasbullah is a Senior lecturer in Geography at the University of Peradeniya, Barrie M. Morrison is Professor Emeritus at the Department of Asian Studies and Honorary Professor at the Institute of Asian Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. Contributors to this valuable compilation are Karunatissa Atukorala, Paul Caspersz, S.H. Hasbullah, Dagmor Hellmann-Rasanayagam, Bruce Matthews, Barrie M. Morrison, Sisira Pinnawala, Sri Ranjith, M. Sinnathambi, Sivamohan Sumathy and Nanay Waxler-Morrison. This important volume is premised on the view that complex societies are not a naturally occurring phenomenon but are dynamic social arrangements which require constant re-thinking and redefinition combined with renewed cooperation in order to flourish. (SOAS Library Accn No. 922150).

### 333 Economics of land & energy

**162 *The Disintegrating Village: Part I.*** N.K. Sarkar, S.J. Thambiah.

Peradeniya, Sri Lanka: The Ceylon University Press, 1st edition, February 1957. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Ceylon University Press). xvi, 83p., Tables, 21 x 14.5cm.

This is the first part of a Report of a Socio-Economic Survey conducted by the University of Ceylon. In this first part of the report the main emphasis is on land problems. The seven chapters are as follow: Land and the owners, Production relations in Paddy Land Cultivation, Income and Occupational Distribution, Land under mortgage, Paddy Output and Intensive Cultivation, Optimum size of holdings and Fragmentation of Land through Inheritance. (SOAS Library Accn No. 204728).



### 335 Socialism & related systems

#### 163 *Compendium on Marxism Leninism.* T.Duraisingam.

Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Council for Socialist studies, 31, Wilson Street, 1st edition, July 1993, (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: The Kumaran Press, 201, Dam Street). 108p, Rs. 20., 18 x 13cm.

The quintessences of seven invaluable books on scientific socialism have been successfully brought together in this book. This book consists of writings of the founders and pioneers of the theory and practice of scientific socialism. The author of this book, T.Duraisingam is a prominent author, public figure and a founder of the Marxist movement in Sri Lanka.

#### 164 *The case for Socialism: Diverse Arguments from Across the Globe.*

Wesley S.Muthiah, Sydney Wanasinge (Eds).

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: A Young Socialist Publication, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, January 2004, (Boralesgamuwa, Sri Lanka: CRC Press, 119, University Road, Rattanapitiya), xiv, 498p, illus., 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-9150-05-7.

A look at the upsurge in the world against Globalisation, the war in Iraq, IMF, World bank policies and the emerging factors across the globe clearly indicate 'The case for Socialism', a brand of socialism with a human face. This collective work contains 31 articles of 31 writers in 5 sectors (Early Arguments for Socialism, The Communist Manifesto, The Religious Perspectives, Science and Socialism and The Future of Socialism.). (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST1539).

### 338 Production

#### 165 *Linking Peace and Development in Sri Lanka: Facing the Challenges.* N.Shanmugaratnam.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: Institute of Social Development, 18, Mulgampola Road. 1st Edition, May 2001.

vi, 32p, Tables, Rs. 75., 22 x 14.5cm., ISBN: 955-8570-00-1.

Dr. N. Shanmugaratnam is Professor of Development Studies at the Centre for International Environment and Development Studies, Nor agric,

Agricultural University of Norway. He teaches courses on the Political economy of environment and development, and Natural resource management. He has published articles and monographs on subjects within these fields and beyond. He has also written in Tamil on a wide range of political and social issues, often under his pen name Samuththiran. The author has woven several complex subjects and topics together in this book. Such topics include political solution and development. The book focuses on the current ethnic conflict and war as the main development challenge. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1620)

**166 *The Economic development of Ceylon: with special reference to Industrialisation.*** A. Thiagarajah.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: A. Thiagarajah, Kaarai Nagar, 1st edition, December 1966. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Sri Sanmuganatha Press).  
xii, 224p., tables., Rs. 10., 21.5 x 14cm.

The purpose of this publication is to present a simple and connected account of the entire system of our economy and its problems as it emerged in the Post-Independence Era. The core of the argument is taken from the 10 Year Plan Report of 1959 and the papers read at the continuing seminar on the Report held by the Economic Section of the CAAS in 1961. (SOAS Library Accn No. 204726).

### 339 Macroeconomics & related topics

**167 *Poverty and Social Conflict in Sri Lanka: Integrating conflict sensitivity into Poverty Analysis.*** Ronnate Asirwatham, Prashan Thalayasingam (Eds).

Colombo 7, Sri Lanka: Centre for Poverty Analysis, 29 Gregory's Road, 1st edition, 2004. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Karunaratne and Sons).  
xiv, 239p., tables, 21 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-1040-06-6.

This publication is a compilation of selected papers presented at the 4th Annual Symposium on Poverty Research in Sri Lanka held in November 2003. These papers discuss various issues relating to poverty and social conflict in Sri Lanka. The compilation is a valuable addition to the field of inquiry into the interconnected issues of poverty and conflict in Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 911608).

## 340 Law

### 342 Constitutional & administrative law

**168** *Sri Lanka: the crisis of the Anglo-American constitutional traditions in a developing society.* Radhika Coomaraswamy.

New Delhi, India: Vikas, 1st edition, 1984.

192p., bib., 21.5 x 14cm.

Arguing that ideas and conceptualizations affect political institutions and processes as much as economic interests, the author discusses the 'liberal' constitutional tradition inherited from England and its effectiveness and limitations for Sri Lanka as revealed through the working of the constitutions of 1948, 1972 and 1978.

### 343 Tax, trade, industrial Military law

**169** *Income Tax, Wealth Tax and Gift Tax in Sri Lanka.* S. Balaratnam.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: S. Balaratnam, 50/1, Vivekanand Road, 1st edition, August 1979. (Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: Lotus Process, 758/7, Baseline Road).

(6), vi, viii, 316p., 21.5 x 14cm.

This book states the principles and the Law of Income Tax, Wealth Tax and Gifts Tax and practice relating there to. The authority for the principles and practice has been stated and the provisions of the law, the legal decision and the application of the law have been illustrated with examples. The book is also based on the Inland Revenue Act No. 28 of 1979 and will apply for the year of assessment 1979/80 and subsequent years. The author S. Balaratnam (BA, ACMA) was formerly an assessor of the Department of Inland Revenue, Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 425757).

### 349 Law of specific jurisdictions & areas

**170** *Matrimonial Property and Gender Inequality: A Study of Thesawalamai.* Kamala Nagendra.

Pannipitiya, Sri Lanka: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd, 366 High Level Road, 1st edition, 2007. (Malwana, Sri Lanka: R. S. Printek, 765/2 Waduwegama Road).



(42), 492p., Rs. 1750., 21 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 978-955-658-070-9.

This book is a study of matrimonial property viewed from the perspective of gender equality in relation to one of the legal systems prevailing in Sri Lanka, namely Thesawalamai. The author defines matrimonial property in very wide terms. She includes Muthusam and Cheedanam as matrimonial property, justifying this premise on the basis firstly that such property is brought into the marriage and secondly, that it is used or made use of by both spouses. The author also traces the origins of Cheedanam (Dowry) and points out that it was originally given to make provision for a new household. It was non-exploitive in nature. In the course of time it became the consideration for a marriage. Kamala Nagendra holds a B. A. (Arts) from the University of Ceylon, an LLB from the University of Ceylon, Sri Lanka, and is an attorney at Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. She has been a lecturer at the faculty of Law University of Colombo. (SOAS Library Accn No. 762381).

### 350 Public administration & militray science

#### 171 *Militarisation in Sri Lanka.* Mayan Vije.

London SW4 7UR, England: Tamil Information Centre, 3rd Floor, 24-28 Clapham High Street, Voltaire Road, 1st edition, June 1986. x, 100p, tables, maps, 21.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 1-85201-000-2.

This paper raises the issue of militarisation in Sri Lanka and the gross violations of Human rights by the Sri Lankan government. These two issues are linked and have led to the dehumanisation of the Tamil people of Sri Lanka. Militarisation has also affected the development of the country to a great extent. History of Sri Lanka is also well explained in detail before and after independence. Earlier military played ceremonial role only. Especially after 1983, it has been used by the government for reprisal against Tamils particularly in North and East. As a result, expenditure on defence has increased so much to the extent of damaging the economy of the country. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**172 *The Military History of Ceylon: an Outline.* Anton Muttukumaru.**

New Delhi, India: Navrang, RB-7, Inderpuri, 1st edition, 1987. (New Delhi, India: Welwish Printers, A-27, Naraina Industrial Area).

(14), 227p., plates, maps., 24.5 x 16cm, ISBN: 81-7013-046-8.

Major General Anton Muttukumaru, the author of this book, is also known as a lawyer and a diplomat. He was a senior Military officer in Sri Lanka. This book is a valuable document for its statement of the modern period since Independence in 1948. This is a record of comprehensive work covering Sri Lanka's entire military history to the 80's. It is divided into three parts; The Indian period, The Colonial period and the Modern period. (SOAS Library Accn No. 598600).

### **351 Public administration**

**173 *The Third Wave: Governance and Public Administration in Sri Lanka.* M. Somasundram (Ed).**

Colombo 8, Sri Lanka: International Centre of Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2 Kynsey Terrace, and New Delhi 110092, India: Konark Publishers Pvt Ltd, A-149, Main Vikas Marg, 1st edition, 1997. (New Delhi, India: Rashtra Rachna Printers). xiv, 452p., 22 x 14cm.

Editor Somasundram has noted three waves in public Administration. The first being pre-British, the second the present and the third, the one about to break. The third wave is unique as like the second was to the first. The second wave paradigm reduced reality to fundamentals whereas the emerging paradigm is to consider reality a web of relationships which are in evolution. In this compilation 19 papers are presented by various Public Administrative personalities of Sri Lanka such as M. Somasundram, S. A. Attapattu, Sunil Bastian, Nira Wickremasinghe, T. Ratnasundaram, Indraneel S. Jayasinghe, S.Nadarajah, W. A. Jayasundara, E. Arumugam, Somapala Gunadheera, Mahinda Gammampila, Betram Bastiampillai, Kanya D, Tampoe Sanders and Jeevan Thiagarajah. (SOAS Library Accn No. 766846).

### **352 General considerations**

### 353 Specific fields of public administration

**174** *The administration of Sir Henry Ward. Governor of Ceylon, 1855-1860.* S.V. Balasingham.

Dehiwala, Sri Lanka: Tisara Prakasakayo, 1st edition, 1968.  
142p. bib., 22 x 14cm., (Ceylon Historical Journal, vol. 11).

Studies the tenure of one of the most assertive and successful British governors of the 19th century, and discusses in detail Ward's policies on coffee, transportation, immigration of Indian labour for the coffee plantations, irrigation and agriculture, and social welfare. This is the published version of the author's London University master's dissertation.

**175** *The administration of Sir William Gregory. Governor of Ceylon 1872-1877.* Bertram Bastiampillai.

Dehiwala: Tisara Prakasakayo, 1st edition, 1968.  
188p. bib., 22 x 14cm., (Ceylon Historical Journal, vol. 12).

An examination of the policies of a governor who is characterized by the author as one of the outstanding 'pro-consuls' of the 19th century. Gregory's policies towards the plantation industry, transportation, social reform, rural development, education, and administrative machinery are detailed. This is the published version of the author's London University master's dissertation.

### 370 Education

**176** *Moral Education.* A. Sinnathamby.

Dehiwela, Sri Lanka: Dr. A.Sinnathamby, No. 7, Senanayake Mawatha, 1st edition, September 2000, (Colombo-6, Sri Lanka: Print Graphics, No. 289 ½, Galle road).  
xi, 64p, photograph, 21.5 x 14.5 cm.

The general topic of this book is, as the title suggests, moral education. Many points of view and applications to moral education have been discussed throughout. It is a useful book for the parents, teachers, students and professionals for the satisfaction of their practical purpose. It is a guide book for the direction of moral behaviour and for finding out what is right



and just. Dr. A. Sinnathamby is an eminent educationalist, and has undergone several years of teaching.

**177 *Perspectives in Education*.** K. Paramothayan, Ed. by A. J. Canagaratne.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: K. Paramothayan, Principal, Jaffna Co-operative training School, 1st edition, 1970. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: St. Joseph's Catholic Press). (16), 315p, 18.5 x 12.5cm.

Mr. Paramothayan offers in this book an edited version of 50 articles which he has contributed to newspapers and journals over a period of about a decade. Most of them bear on the educational and social problems of Ceylon, but there are also a few which deal with important educational development abroad and have their lessons for Ceylon. (SOAS Library Accn No. 432654).

### **371 Schools & activities; special education**

**178 *The American Mission Seminary (1823-1855) and modern education in Jaffna*.** S.Jebanesan.

Vaddukodai, Sri Lanka: Bishop Dr. S.Jebanesan, Jaffna College, 1st edition, 2002. (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Jochithra Printers, ALG 1 & 2, Dias Place, Gunasinghepura). xxvii, 306 p., plates, 22x15 cm.

The American Congregationalist Missionaries arrived in Jaffna in 1816. Seven years later they established the Seminary the first Western University type of Institution in Asia at Vaddukodai. Sir Emerson Tennant the accomplished Colonial Secretary who visited the Seminary during the Principalship of H.R.Hoisington wrote "The knowledge exhibited by the pupils was astonishing and it is no exaggerated encomium to say that in the course of instruction and in the success of the system for communicating it, the collegiate institution of Batticotta is entitled to rank with many an European University." In this book, Bishop Jebanesan is making a critical analysis of its achievements, its place in the history of tertiary education in Sri Lanka and its impact on Jaffna Society. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST 505).

### 379 Public policy issues in education

**179** *Education and Human rights in Sri Lanka: Selections from writings and addresses, 1930-1983.* Kunasekaram Nesiiah.

Chunnakam, Sri Lanka: The Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, Christa Seva Ashram, 1st edition, 1983, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: St. Joseph's Catholic Press).

xxxiii, (6), 248p, 21 x 14cm,

This book has been divided into nine parts, which comprises general education, university education, Sri Lanka wakes into the Gandhian dawn, the politics of Sri Lanka, towards world community, the co-operative movement, the educative city, the call to renewal and personal tributes. In the personal tributes, Mr. K. Nesiiah has written on fifteen Sri Lankan Tamils, including Dr. Ananda K. Coomaraswamy, Rt. Hon. D.S.Senanayake, Rev. Henry Peto, Fr. Peter A. Pillai, E.W.Aryanayakam, T.M.Matthai, S.Selvaratnam, Sankarrao Deo, T.T.Jeyaratnam, Dr.E.M.Thillayampalam, S.J.V.Chelvanayakam, S.Handy Perinpanayakam, Fr. Xavier S.Thani Nayagam, Robert O Buell and K.Subramaniam.

### 380 Commerce, communications, transportation

#### 382 International commerce (Foreign trade)

**180** *Tamil Trade and Cultural Exchange.* N.Parameswaran,

(Publisher details not available). 1st edition, July 2005, (Chennai, India: The Print Shop, 12, Duraisamy Naicken Street, Chennai 600 023).

170p, photographs, 21.5 x 15.5cm, ISBN: 0-646-44934-6.

The Tamils on either side of the Palk Straits have had a long maritime tradition. They formed one trading orbit over the ancient and medieval periods until the arrival of the Europeans. This book seeks to chart that history of the maritime and commercial enterprise of the Tamils from the very beginning. It starts with the long lost continent of Kumari Kandam. It goes on to show that Tamil civilisation dates back to 11000 years ago. The Sri Lanka of today was then an integral part of South India and known as Ma-lankai to the Tamils. The maritime and commercial enterprise of the Tamils thereafter is traced through the rise and fall of Tamil Kingdom of

Tamilakam in South India and of north-western Ilankai. At every opportunity, the historical evidence, based on archaeological, inscriptional and literary sources is supported with corroborative evidence from foreign sources. Equally as important in this fascinating account, is the evidence that the trading activities of the Tamil also provided a passage for cultural exchange especially in South East Asia and the Far East. The assimilation of that culture is there to see in these countries even today. N. Parameswaran, after a career in the field of International trade and a stint with UNCTAD/UNPPP, has devoted his time to write on aspects of the history of the Tamils. His two previous books are *Early Tamils of Lanka = Ilankai* and *Medieval Tamils in Lanka = Ilankai*.

### 390 Customs, etiquette, folklore

#### 392 Customs of life cycle & domestic life

##### 181 *Marriage Customs of the Muslims of Sri Lanka*. A. M. Sameem.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: A. M. Sameem, 125/66, Peterson Lane, 1st edition, March 1997. (Chennai 14, India: Pavai Printers Pvt Ltd, 142, Jani Jan Khan Street, Royapettah).

xvi, 75p., Rs. 115., 17.5 x 12cm, ISBN: 955-96141-0-X.

The Marriage Customs of the Muslims of Sri Lanka are unique. Both in Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka, the Marriage Customs of the Muslims have been greatly influenced by the customs of their communities. In this booklet the author has highlighted these influences. The author explains his ideas clearly and concisely, revealing the Islamic traditions that are intertwined with marriage customs. The author of this book A. M. Sameem, studied History in the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. He entered the Department of Education, where he after sometime became the Director of Education. (SOAS Library Accn No. 770812).



## 400 Language

### 410 Linguistics

**182** *Studies in Sri Lankan Tamil linguistics and culture: selected papers of Professor Suseendrarajah.* K. Balasubramanian, K. Ratnamalar, R. Subathini.

Jaffna: Professor Swaminathan Suseendrarajah Sixty Fifth Birthday Commemoration Committee, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. 1st edition. 1999, (Chennai 600 001: Students Offset Services)

xxxvi, (14), 455p., appendix., Rs. 500., 22 x 14cm.

This Felicitation Volume consists of messages, appreciations of his contributions to the advancement of knowledge in Tamil Linguistics and his service to higher learning from his teachers and colleagues, and a number of selected papers out of his writings in English and Tamil. His papers in English originally appeared in volumes and journals published in the USA, Malaysia, India and Sri Lanka. His papers in Tamil appeared mostly in Sri Lanka Journals. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST322)

### 411 Writing systems

**183** *Ceylon Tamil inscriptions: Part I.* A. Velupillai (Editor).

Peradeniya, Sri Lanka: A. Velupillai, University of Ceylon, 1st edition, July 1971. (Kandy, Sri Lanka: Royal Printers, 190 Colombo Street).

(4), vi, 77 p., Plates, Rs. 8.50, 23x14.5 cm.

This book consists of 17 articles all written by the author about Ceylon Tamil Inscriptions. This includes 17 pages of plates. Most of the inscriptions are edited for the first time while others are edited with improvements on earlier attempts. All 17 articles cover studies on 29 inscriptions. This is an attempt to bring together and critically review the Tamil inscriptions of Sri Lanka. These inscriptions were found in various parts of the country such as Tirukkovil, Verugal, Natanar Kovil, Atakada, Rankot Vihara, Kirindagama, Hingurakgoda, Mahiyalla, Monnesvaram, Kalutara, Kalpitiya Dutch Fort and Campanturai. (SOAS Library Accn No. 319157)

**184** *One hundred years of Epigraphical Studies in Sri Lanka 1875-1975.* V.Sivasamy.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: V.Sivasamy, Department of Sanskrit, University of Jaffna, 1st edition, August 1988. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Ayothy Library services, Anaicoddai). (2), 28 p., 20x16 cm.

This article is a revised version of a paper, presented to the 4th Seminar on South Asian Epigraphy and the Epigraphy Centenary in Sri Lanka held under the auspices of the Jaffna Archaeological Society at the then Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka, in 1975. In this revised form the author has included some of the latest epigraphical discoveries in Sri Lanka. New inscriptions are discovered in various parts of Sri Lanka, especially in the Cultural Triangle. It is very unfortunate that some of the valuable inscriptions are still either not read or properly interpreted and published. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST 1534).

**420 English & Old English**

**425 English grammar**

**185** *Essentials of English Grammar.* K.Wijeyaratnam.

Chennai 600017, India: Manimekalai Praturam, Post Box No. 1447, 7, Thanikachalam Road, T.Nagar, 1st edition 2007. (Chennai 600014, India: B.V.R.Offset).

104 p, Indian Rs. 35., 18x12.5 cm.

In order to speak and write English well, one has to learn Basic English grammar in a proper manner. This book provides a good knowledge of the essentials of English Grammar to an extent sufficient enough to get on in this 21st century world. Author K.Wijeyaratnam presently living in the United Kingdom (86, Sangley Road, Catford, London SE6 2JP) is a retired Superintendent of Audit in Sri Lanka. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2765)

**186** *Grammar for ESL Learners level-1.* M.Saravanapava Iyer.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Mrs. J. Saravanapava Iyer, 58/11, Konavali Lane, Kokkuvil, 1st edition 2001.(Jaffna: Gangai Offset Computer Printers, Navalar Road) (2), vi, 92p, table, illustrations, diagram, 25 x 18cm.

This book is especially designed for internal and external ESL level-1 students. A unique grammar material designed with special care exclusively for students for whom English is not their mother tongue. The author is an enterprising academic. He is attached to the ELTC of the University of Jaffna as an Instructor in English. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST141)

#### 494 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean, Dravidian Languages

**187** *Collected papers of Thani Nayagam Adigal.* Xavier S. Thani Nayagam.

Madras 600113, India: International Institute of Tamil Studies, C.I.T. Campus, Tharamani, 1st edition, December 1995, (Madras 600 014, India: Pavai Printers Pvt. Ltd).  
viii, (6), 509p, Ind. Rs. 100, 21 x 13.5cm.

Xavier S. Thani Nayagam Adigal is a scholar who took steps to propagate the greatness of Tamil all over the world. He was born at Karampon in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. He was a professor of Indian Studies at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, and the joint Secretary General of the International Association of Tamil Research. He was a great scholar, priest and patriot. His entire life was dedicated to the field of Tamil research as an ardent patron of the language. He was one of the founders of International Institute of Tamil Studies and World Tamil Conference. In this work the compilers have brought out the important 30 articles written by Thani-nayagam Adigal on Tamilology in the Journal Tail Culture.

**188** *Tamil Studies Abroad: A symposium.* Xavier S. Thani Nayagam.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: International Association of Tamil Research, The University of Malaysia, 1st edition 1968, (Petaling Jaya, Malaysia: Sharikal Malayan Printers, 3 Jalay 201),  
(6), 269p., 21 x 14.5 cm.

Scholars in various countries were invited to contribute to this symposium which was scheduled to be published at the time of the 1st conference of Tamil Studies which met in Kuala Lumpur in April 1966. The contributors to this Symposium interpreted the invitation and the skeleton plan proposed to them according to the material available to them. The contributions from countries include Holland, Great Britain and Germany contain very informative notices concerning the pioneer scholars and the pioneer



literatures which created an interest in Tamilology. (University of Jaffna Archives collection Accn No 131335.)

## **500 Science**

### **580 Plants (Botany)**

**189** *Floral structure of some selected Tropical plants.* R.N. de Fonseka and S. Balasubramaniam.

Colombo 3, Sri Lanka: R.N. de Fonseka, University of Colombo and Peradeniya, Sri Lanka: S. Balasubramaniam, University of Peradeniya. 1st edition, September 1984. (Kelaniya, Sri Lanka: Vidyalandara Piriven Press).

100 p., illus., Rs. 85., 24 x 18.5cm.

In this book the authors have described and illustrated the vegetative and floral characters of 26 plant species belonging to 26 genera and 16 families. Their primary intention in this book is to expose the students to the great variety of form and structure by selecting appropriate floral types readily available in the tropics. (SOAS Library Accn No. 598608).

## **600 Technology**

### **610 Health Sciences**

**190** *Health Care for North-East Sri Lanka: Reflections for the future.* N.Sivarajah.

London, England: Thesam, PO Box 35806, E11 3JX., 1st Edition, 2002. (London, England: Thesam, PO Box 35806, E11 3JX.).

40p., tables, graphs., £2.50., 20 x 14.5cm.

Presidential address, Jaffna Science Association on April 6, 2001 at the Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. The author uses statistical data to show the problems caused in health care for the north-east region of Sri Lanka due to the civil war. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1128)

**191 *Impact of war on the children of Jaffna: a Nutritional assessment.***

N.Sivarajah.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Dr. N.Sivarajah, Head, Department of Community Medicine, University of Jaffna, 1st edition, 1995. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Ayothy Library services, Anaicoddai).

38 p., table, chart, 21 x 14.5cm.

The study covers the population presently living within the mainland and accessible to the researchers. A random sample of 2045 children under 36 months of age, living in refugee camps and villages in the Jaffna district of Sri Lanka were examined for evidence of malnutrition. The response rate was 93.5%. Anthropometric measurements and clinical examination for protein energy malnutrition, vitamin deficiencies and anaemia were carried out. There was no difference in the degree of under nutrition between the sexes. The degree of under nutrition increased steadily after the first birthday, and also increased with the period of displacement. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST 1512).

**192 *The way forward: A strategy for health care for Tamil-speaking communities.*** R.Balarajan.

London, United Kingdom: Professor R.Balarajan, IPH, Guildford, Surrey, 1st Edition, 1994 (London, UK: Vasan Litho Printer, Mitchem).

26p., photos, 19.5 x 21cm.

The document in this book is based on a presentation at the International Conference on Health: Victims of War in Sri Lanka-A Quest for Health Consensus jointly organised by The Medical Institute of Tamils and Tamil Information Centre in association with Tamil Refugee Relief Organisation held in London September 1994. In this book, the author, a public health practitioner, has tried to reflect upon the present situation and propose a possible way forward for futher development. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST320)

**193 *Victims of war in Sri Lanka: A quest for health consensus: Conference Proceedings.*** Karunyan Arulanantham, Suppiah Ratneswaran, Nadarajah Sreeharan.

London E12 6BT, England: Tamil Information Centre, Thamil House, 720 Romford Road, 1st edition, 1995. (Surrey, England: Biddles Ltd.) xx, 151p., plates, tables, 27 x 21cm., ISBN: 1 85201 008 8.

This is the proceedings of an International Conference on health held in University of London Union, Manning Hall on 17th and 18th of September 1994. This conference was jointly organised by the Medical Institute of Tamils (MIOT) and the Tamil Information Centre (TIC) in association with the Tamil Refugee Relief Organisation (TRRO), California, USA. (Accessed in TIC- London )

**194 *War and Health in Northern Sri Lanka: How did the people survive?.*** N.Sivarajah.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Professor Chellathurai Sivagnanasundram Memorial Committee, University of Jaffna, 1st edition, October 2007. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Harikanan Printers). 38 p., tables, 20.5 x 14.5cm.

Dr. Nadarajah Sivarajah graduated from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Ceylon in 1965 and obtained his Diploma in Tropical Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, University of London in 1975. He obtained his Doctorate in Medicine at the University of Colombo in 1985 and was Board certified as a Consultant in Community Medicine by the Post Graduate Institute of Medicine in Colombo. He has served in the Ministry of Health for 16 years and in the University of Jaffna for 26 years. During this period he was the Head of the Department of Community Medicine for 16 years. Presently he is a Consultant to the World Health Organisation coordinating its activities in the North and also continuing his teaching of Medical undergraduates at the Jaffna Medical Faculty of the University of Jaffna. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2866)

**195 *Women and children in the Urban-under privileged sector of the Jaffna Municipality.*** N.Sivarajah.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine,



University of Jaffna, 1st edition, September 1987, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: St. Joseph's Catholic Press).

x, 31p, map, table, 27.5 x 21cm.

This publication is the result of the work carried out by the Department of Community Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna and the Municipality of Jaffna. It deals with the socio-economic and health aspects of the urban-under privileged in Jaffna with special emphasis on mothers and children. Documentation of Studies of the nature is very essential for identification of problems and provision of health care.

## 620 Engineering

### 629 Other branches of engineering

**196 *Lost Aviation Technology.*** Veerasingham Dhuruvasangary.

Chennai 600 098, India: New Century Book House Pvt. Limited, 41-B Sidco Industrial Estate, Ambattur, 1st edition, 1994. (Chennai 600 0014: Pavai Printers (P) Ltd, 142 Jani John Khan Road, Royapettah.)

(8), 154p. bibliography, photos, drawings, 27 x 22cm.

Ancient crafts, ancient landing sites, ancient pilots and mysterious energy are identified, classified and tested. The author has included personal experiences and has also conducted micro scale experiments and included the results to prove ancient theories. The book aims to prove the existence of advanced technology used in the ancient times. Some of such, technology, have been identified and included in this book. Possible designs for environmentally friendly aircraft have also been included. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST29)

## 630 Agriculture

## 633 Field & plantation crops

**197 *Rice Revolution in Sri Lanka.*** N. D. Abdul Hameed, N. Amarasinghe, B. L. Panditharatna, G. D. A. Gunasekera, J. Selvadurai, and S. Selvanayagam.

Geneva, Switzerland: UN Research Institute for Social Development, Palais des Nations, 1211, Geneva 10, 1st edition, 1977.

x, 282p., 21 x 15cm.

This volume is the 13th of the UNRISD studies on the Green Revolution. The series consists of reports on a research project, known as 'Global -2', carried out with the collaboration of the United Nations Development Programme. The project was established as a study of 'The social and economic implications of the large-scale introduction of high yielding varieties of food grain'. Sri Lanka's case is interesting because the impressive break-through in rice production since independence has largely been achieved by indigenous efforts. (SOAS Library Accn No. 683905).

## 700 Arts

### 790 Sports, Performing Arts and entertainment

#### 791 Public performances

**198 *Sri Lanka: The Kandy perahara.*** Victor Ratnavale.

Hong Kong: West-Pacific Associates Private, 1st edition, 1978.

112p., photo, 21 x 15cm.

Presents reproductions of colour photographs of the perahara, the most important ritual of the Temple of the Tooth in Kandy. The photographs amply convey the magnificence of this annual pageant which is the largest and most elaborate ritual in the Buddhist world.

#### 792 Stage presentations

**199 *Drama in Ancient Tamil Society.*** Karthigesu Sivathamby.

Madras 600098, India: New Century Book House, 41-B, SIDCO Industrial

Estate, 1st edition December 1981. (Madras 600098, India: New Century press).

xxviii, 443 p., Ind. Rs. 60., US\$ 15., 20 x 12.5cm.

A study of the origins and development of Tamil Drama up to the end of the sixth century AD- the period of Cilappatikaram, with some reference to the Social and historic aspects of the origins and development of drama in Ancient Greece. Professor Sivathamby graduated from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 1956 and obtained his Masters' Degree in 1963. He worked on his doctoral thesis – drama in Ancient Tamil Society- at the University of Birmingham, England, under the guidance of the eminent scholar, George Thomson. (SOAS Library Accn No. 495932)

## **800 Literature, rhetoric and criticism**

### **820 English & Old English literatures**

#### **821 English poetry**

**200** *A Country Entrapped*. M Ponnambalam.

Twickenham, United Kingdom: Athena Press, Queen's House, 2, Holly Road, TW1 4EG, 1st edition, 2007, (United Kingdom: Lightning Source UK Ltd). 85p, map, £5.99, 20.5 x 13cm, ISBN 13 digit: 978-1-84401-868-0, 10 digit: 1-84401-868-7.

This slim volume contains two long poems. The first one 'A Country Entrapped', written in 2001, tells of the now famous 9/11 incident, and the second one, 'The Song of a Liberated Zone' written in 1992, deals with the liberation of the Sri Lankan Tamils. Both poems deal with politics, and could be regarded as poems of resistance. The first poem digs into the distant past as well as the present world political order, whilst the second poem speaks of exoduses. Parts of the poems are accompanied by footnotes, which helps the reader understand the history of Sri Lanka. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2325).



**201 *A String of Pearls: Poems for children of Happy Isles.***

Ambi (R.Ambihaipahar),

Papua New Guinea: Dhuhlsi Educational or Cultural Publications, P.O.Box 195, Port Moresby, 1st edition, November 2001, (Printers not known).  
ix, 25p, illus., 21 x 15cm, ISBN: 9980-85-355-7.

*A String of Pearls* is a collection of poems by Sri Lankan poet Ambi for the children of Solomon Islands. In this collection, Ambi reminds us all about youthfulness, beauty, our glorious past and purpose of life. The poems aim to guide children appreciate nature; care for the flora and Fauna and the environment, and to foster desirable social behaviour. Dr.R.Ambihaipahar (Ambi) started his literary career as a short story writer and moved on to writing poems, particularly for children. He was the first in this country to write articles in Tamil on Science subjects.

**202 *About another matter: Translation of Poems.*** S. Sivasegaram.

Colombo 11, Sri Lanka: Dhesiya Kalai Illakkiyap Peravai, South Asian Books, S 44, Third Floor, CCSM Complex, 1st edition, July 2004, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Gowriy Printers, 207, Sri Ratnajothi Sarawanamuthu, Mawatha, Wolfendhal Street).  
102p, Rs. 200., 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-8637-20-3.

This collection of Sivasegaram's transcreations is political in the best sense of the word. In this collection the poems are generally political but a few have been included with a sentimental nature. The political topics in this book do not only revolve around the civil war in Sri Lanka, but also in the United States of America. Sivasegaram's is decidedly a Third World Voice, the voice of the oppressed and the downtrodden everywhere clamouring for justice and freedom. His poems do not play hide-and-seek with the reader, who knows immediately where the poet stands.

**203 *Ambi's Lingering Memories: A Collection of Poems for Papua New Guinean Children and Adults.*** R. Ambihaipahar.

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea: Educational and Cultural Publications Division of Dhuhlsi Pty Ltd, P. O. Box 195, 1st edition, January 1993, Revised edition, November 1996,  
x, 34p, illus., photographs, K6.00, 29.5 x 21cm, ISBN: 9980-85-196-1.

Ambi has written this poetry book which will appeal to the youth of Papua New Guinea. The poems are written in the language of daily life and are superbly illustrated with very artistic drawings. This poetry book is a living memorial of the fifteen years that Ambi has spent in Papua New Guinea, mainly helping many young people all over Papua New Guinea to improve upon their education, through the College of Distance Education. All the poems reveal Ambi's extraordinary sensitivity towards land, fauna, flora and communities of Papua New Guinea. R. Ambihaipahar had served the Lankan Educational Institutes (Curriculum Development Centre) before taking up appointment in far away Papua New Guinea. He started his literary career as a short story writer and moved onto writing poems, particularly for children. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2048).

**204** *Ceylon, R.I.P.: Selected poems of Indran Amirthanayagam.*

Indran Amirthanayagam.

Colombo 8, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2, Kynsey Terrace, 1st edition, 2001, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Pvt) Ltd, No. 48B, Bloemendhal Road).

(8), 100p, 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 955-580-060-X.

Indran Amirthanayagam was born in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 1960. His books include "The Elephants of Reckoning" which won the 1994 Paterson Prize in the United States, "El Infierno de los Pajaros", "Selected Poems of Manuel Ulacia" and "El Vuelo de los Olvidados". He is a past recipient of the New York Foundation for the Arts fellowship in Poetry. His translations have been honoured by the U.S. Mexico Fund for Culture. He writes poetry in both English and Spanish and the "Elegy for Neelan Tiruchelvam" was written originally in Spanish, and then translated by the poet into English. Amirthanayagam is a member of the United States Foreign Service.

**205** *Dark antonyms and paradise: The poetry of Rienzi Crusz.*

Chelva Kanaganayakam.

Ontario, Canada: TSAR Publications, P. O. Box 6996, Station A, Toronto, M5W 1X7, 1st edition, 1997, (Canada: Coach House Printing).

(6), 86p, Canadian \$15.95, 22.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 0-920661-68-8.

The poetry and prose of Rienzi Crusz include several topics, exile, identity, family, religion, politics and racism- and this work is an attempt to

demonstrate that the various facets are a result of a holistic vision that transcends narrow labels. Cruz is best known in Canada as a Diaspora writer, committed to exploring the complexities of living between and among two worlds. This study goes beyond binary formulations to argue that while such markers are necessary, a full understanding of the poet's achievement requires that personal history, the political context of migration, poetic influences, and readership in Canada be taken into account. This book is a carefully researched and definitive study that offers an insightful reading of the work of a major Sri Lankan Canadian poet. Chelva Kanaganayakam is Associate Professor of English at the University of Toronto.

**206 *Enigma*.** S.M.Haniffa.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: Thamil Mandram, Galhinna, 1st edition, September 2007, (Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: The Printers, 204/12, Dematagoda Road). 80p, £3.00, 17.5 x 12.5cm, ISBN: 978-955-9041-05-4.

Mr. S.M.Haniffa's poetic mind is full of love for his motherland and speaks about her beauty and smiling faces of Sri Lankans. His poetic thinking calls for a rational analysis of the armed struggle and emphasizes that tolerance and compromise are essential to get along in life. S.M.Haniffa Attorney-at-Law is now Retired. He hails from Galhinna, a remote village nestling in the hills of Kandy North. He worked as a teacher for two years and joined Lake House as a sub-editor in July 1958. He left Lake House in June 1968. Thereafter he joined the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation as a senior Editor. After a brief period in that post he became Deputy Editor. Leaving SLBC he took to publishing books. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2699)

**207 *Fusillade*.** Jean Arasanayagam.

New Delhi 110024, India: Indialog Publication Pvt Ltd, 0-22, Lajpat Nagar ii, 1st edition, October 2003. (New Delhi, India: Chaman Offset Printers, Darya Ganj). 118p., 22 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 81-87981-24-5.

This publication contains 32 poems, of which 4 are about the famous Nallur Temple of Jaffna; such titles are, Manjam at Kandaswamy Kovil-Nallur, Nallur, Remembering Nallur- 1984, and Refugees at Nallur Kandaswamy Kovil. (SOAS Library Accn No. 922371).



**208 *Lasting Light*.** Vina Kandavanam.

Scarborough ON, Canada: Viveka Printers, 80 Barbados Blvd., Unit 4 M1K 1K9, in association with The International Movement for Tamil Culture, Canada. 1st edition, 1998, (Scarborough ON, Canada: Viveka Printers, 80 Barbados Blvd, Unit 4 M1K 1K9).

67p., illus., 21 x 13.5cm., ISBN: 0-9684487-0-4

A selection of Tamil poetry mostly composed between the periods 1980-1987 when the poet was teaching in Southern Africa. Personal experience- personal symbolism combined with elements of truth is found in his poems. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1269).

**209 *Little Flower: Poems for Children*.** M.Saravanapava Iyer.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Mrs.Jeyananthakumary Saravanapava Iyer, 58/11, Konavalai Lane, Kokkuvil East, Kokkuvil, 1st edition, 2001, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Gangai Printers (Offset), 166/1, Navalar Road).

(2), vi, 48p,glossary, table, 20.5 x 14.5cm.

A collection of poems comprising two parts. The significance of the first part of the poems lies in its blend of the English consonantal phonemes with simple themes to be imbibed by readers with pleasure. In the second part of the volume, attention has been focused on the traditional elements of poetry, the rhyme scheme and the metre. The themes appear general in nature and the overall effects of the poems are striking and capable of appealing to the minds of the readers through their harmonizing melodious nature. The author is an Instructor in English at the ELTC of the University of Jaffna and is a dynamic and enterprising staff. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2745)

**210 *Merton Young Voices 1997: Poetry Anthology*.** Merton Young Poets.

Surrey, England: Gnanendran, 51 Bardney Road, Morden, SM4 5JN., 1st edition 1998.

64p., illus., index., £5.99, 21 x 15cm., ISBN: 0-9532810-0-0.

A collection of poetry written by the children of the London Borough of Merton. It comprises some of the best work achieved through the Merton Young Poets competition for 1997. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST406)

**211 *Out and About: Poems for young children.* Lakshmi Srikantha Rajah.**

London, England: Merton Young Poets, 52 Kingsley Road, Wimbledon, SW19 8HF. 1st edition 1995.

16p., illus., 21 x 15cm., ISBN: 0-9526671-0-X.

A collection of poems. Lakshmi Srikantha Rajah is one of the youngest poets in Britain. She has been writing poems from the age of seven while studying at Garfield Primary school, and has received many achievements. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST407)

**212 *Peace with Justice.* Lalitha Brodie.**

Toronto, Canada: Ahilan Associates, 1st edition, 2005. (Canada)

(2), 219p, Can.\$10, 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-9685364-2-5.

This book of poems, not only proclaims the author's varied thoughts and feelings, but also effectively disseminates the story and struggle of people in Tamil Eelam to the rest of the world. Her vivid words also record the history of her time, for the benefit of future generations. The poems give the reader a vivid picture of the strife and violence that have torn the native land and its divided peoples.

**213 *Reddened Water flows Clear.* Jean Arasanayagam.**

London E4 7AY, England: Forest Books, 20 Forest View, Chingford, 1st edition, 1991. (Exeter, UK: BPCC Wheatons Ltd).

xiv, 143p, 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 0-948259-96-5.

Jean Arasanayagam, born as Jean Solomons, into a comfortable Dutch Burgher family in what was then colonial Ceylon, is a Sri Lankan poet who describes herself as a writer suckled on a breast shaped by the genetics of history. Jean Arasanayagam has been seen as a poet of the bi-cultural experience and one who possesses a prophetic voice in viewing the tragic events of her country. Her themes also deal with her ancestral racial consciousness and with her own personal and individual experience. She is married to Thiagarajah Arasanayagam, writer, painter and playwright. She lives, works and writes in Kandy, Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No.621509).

**214 *Reminiscence: Poems for children.* M.Saravanapava Iyer.**

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Mrs.Jeyananthakumary Saravanapava Iyer, 58/11, Konavalai Lane, Kokkuvil East, Kokkuvil, 1st edition, 2002, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Gangai Printers (Offset), 166/1, Navalar Road).

(2), vi, 40p, glossary, Rs.100., 24.5 x 17.5cm, ISBN: 955-970 60-0-4.

A magnificent volume consisting of thirty poems for children. The poems exhibit simplicity in style as they are prescribed for children, but impose a remarkable sternness in theme. The vocabulary which is within the reach and grasp of children and setting which gives flavour of the rural environment are notable features of the poems. The verses are of plain constructions free from sequential complications so as to appreciate them with ease. The author is an Instructor in English at the ELTC of the University of Jaffna. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2750)

**215 *Survival and Simple Things.* A. Santhan.**

Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Institute of Language and literature, 1st edition, January 2003, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts, 48B, Bloemendhal street).

52p, Rs.100, 18.5 x 13.5 cm.

Ayathuari Santhan (b.1947) passed out of the Ceylon College of Technology, Katubedda and worked as a Draughtsman and Engineering Technician. His first collection of stories, 'The Sparks' was published in 1990. His second collection, 'In Their Own Worlds', shared the Arts Council Award for the best collection of short stories for the year 2000. Santhan's work is distinguished by originality, freshness of expression and a genuine understanding of the human condition. The poems that comprise this collection constantly reflect a subjectivity that is understated. There is always self-consciousness about the need to articulate pain in ways that do not flaunt marginality.

**216 *The Dusk Bazaar: and other poems in Prose and Verse.* S. R. Ceylon.**

London, England: Unicorn Press, 4 Featherstone Building, High Holborn. 1st edition, 1934. (Oxford, England: The Kemp Hall Press).

99p., 22.5 x 14.5cm.

The author of these poems is by race, a Tamil of Jaffna, Ceylon- a descendant of a Hindu community. It is a fact of the utmost interest that the author received the whole of his education within Ceylon- seven thousand



miles from any English school or University. The majority of these poems – Parts 1, 2 and 4 – were written by him when he was in his 20's. This little work well proves what English may do for the world; it proves that the cultures of the East and West can commix and commingle and so lead on to that grand day when the East shall understand the West and the West shall appreciate the East. (This is extracted from the Publisher's note from London in May 1934. Author's real name has not been revealed in the book). (SOAS Library Accn No. 329519).

**217** *The Pearly Island and older poems.* Kopan Mahadeva.

Birmingham, England: Century House, 99-101, Sutton Road, Erdington, B23 5XA. 1st edition 1991. (Birmingham, England: Jubilee Arts, 84, High Street, West Bromwich, B70 6JW)  
60p., illus., 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 1-873265-00-X.

This volume contains 60 verses on varied topics and of different lengths and structure. Most of the poems bear direct relevance- although some more than the others- to life in the Pearly Island (Sri Lanka). Most of the verses and the contents would apply equally to life, events and cultures in quite a few of the other islands of different sizes situated mostly in the developing world – in and around the tropics. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST421).

**218** *The seasons of Cankam: Love Poems translated from the Tamil.*

Peter Dale, Kokilam Subbiah.

London SW11 4PE, England: Agenda Editions, 5 Cranbourne Court, Albert Bridge Road, 1st edition, 1974. (London SE1, England: Poets' and Painters' Press, 146 Bridge Arch, Sutton Walk).  
38 p., 21.5 x 14cm., ISBN: 0-902400-118.

This book contains selected Love Poems translated from the Tamil literature. The poems in this translation date from around 200 AD. The tradition of this ancient Tamil poetry seems to have been very formal and conventional. These poems, after a long oral tradition, were eventually collected into eight anthologies arranged according to length. Kuruntokai, Narrinai, Ainkurunuru, Kalittokai and Akananuru are among them. (SOAS Library Accn No. 322969)

**219 *Vying for Greatness and Later Poems.* Kopan Mahadeva.**

Birmingham, England: Century House, 99-101, Sutton Road, Erdington, B23 5XA. 1st edition 1991. (Birmingham, England: Jubilee Arts, 84, High Street, West Bromwich, B70 6JW)  
60p., 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 1-873265-02-6.

A collection of poems. Kopan Mahadeva was born in Sri Lanka and has been writing both 'poetry for pleasure' and 'poetry with purpose' from adolescence, mostly in English and sometimes in Tamil. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST405)

**220 *Waves, Waves and waves.* Sivagnanam Jeyasankar.**

Batticoala, Sri Lanka: Third Eye Publications, 1st edition, July 2006, (Batticoala, Sri Lanka: Wanassinghe Printers, 126/1 Trincomalee Road).  
vi, 56p, Rs. 100., 20.5 x 15cm.

Mr. Jeyasankar, working as a theatre artist at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, has written this book to accommodate his collection of poems. It includes a historical summary of events pertaining to invisible threats to the environment and the remnants left behind in societies by the colonial masters, especially in the less economically developing countries. The collection of poems addresses the invisible threats and dangers in this society and the evolutionary change that gradually takes place in mankind. This book also addresses the issues of environmental ethics.

**822 English drama****221 *Jaffna and Colombo: A century of relationships in three plays.***

Evelyn Frederick Charles Ludowyk, Ernest Thalayasingham Macintyre. (Intr. by) Shelagh Goonewardene.

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publications, Unity Plaza, 2 Galle Road, (Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa).  
(6), 334p, photographs, 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 978-955-1266-56-1.

This book consists of three plays; He comes from Jaffna by Ludowyk, Rasanayagam's last riot also by Ludowyk and He still comes from Jaffna by Macintyre. The first play He comes from Jaffna is an adaptation of the English version called a pair of spectacles. In this play the writer shows a

comical relationship between the Sinhalese and Tamils of Sri Lanka, and this was accepted by the audience at the time. This acceptance was from a multi-cultural society and showed that every community could occasionally make jokes at one another, without causing offence. The second play Rasanayagam's last riot shows the changes in the relationship between the two ethnicities from the early 1980s and onwards. It shows the terrible outbreak of violence against the Tamils in July 1983. The writer symbolically uses marriage to describe this new relationship. Finally the third play in this book; He still comes from Jaffna is the most cerebral of Macintyre's explorations of the relationship. His scope widens to examine reality and fiction, using this discussion to highlight current issues which demand attention.

**222 *Panchali Sabatham: The vow of Panchali.*** Rasiyah Panchalingam.

Point Pedro: Artists Circle, 1st edition 1999, (Karaveddy :Tamil Poonka Printers, Nellyady).

(10), 21p., Rs. 50., 20.5 x 14.5cm.

A dramatic play, which is part of the 'Maha Bharatham.' The script deals with many ethical views that have been put forward by the lively characters. One such example of an ethical topic is the role of women in the society. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST408).

## 823 English fiction

### 823.1 Short Stories

**223 *A Prophet Unhonoured.*** Kavaloor Rajadurai.

Chennai 600 024, India: Mithra Publications, 375/8-10 Arcot Road, 1st edition, September 1996, (Chennai 600 024, India: Mithra Publications, 375/8-10 Arcot Road).

95p, Ind. Rs. 35., 18 x 12cm.

Rajadurai's stories in English will enable readers to understand the cultural background of the Sri Lankan Tamils. It is true that Rajadurai has written novels and plays too. But the short story has been his forte. Rajadurai's focus was on the urban poor, the very low-middle class society. He brought out in very effective human terms the human aspects of living at that level. For Rajadurai it is human relationships that are important. The tragedy of



the lives of the people at that level, if not the tragic-comedy was brought out well. He has been very Tagorean in his sensitivity, seeing social problems in terms of human relationships.

**224 *At the water's edge.*** Pradeep Jeganathan.

New York 10001, United States of America: South Focus Press, 244, Fifth Avenue, Suite 2802, 1st edition, 2004, (United Kingdom: Lightning Source UK Ltd). 125p, 20.5 x 13cm, ISBN: 0-9748839-0-5.

This Book consists of seven interconnected short stories that span nearly thirty years of Sri Lanka's recent past. The stories fall into two genres – one, the inner lives of everyday folk in Sri Lanka and the other, glimpses of lives lived on the US-Sri Lanka cultural divide. Each story traces a delicately textured frame of troubling, telling beauty, weaving together, with almost incredible economy, not the often composed image of Sri Lanka – a paradise isle where only man is vile – but a life-world, lived and remembered, to be lived in again. Pradeep Jeganathan was born in Colombo and was educated at Royal College, MIT, Harvard and Chicago. He is a Senior Fellow at the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in Colombo, where he edits the Centre's scholarly journal *Domains*.

**225 *Faces: A Collection of Little Stories.*** Sasibharathy S. Sabaratnam (Original), Translated by Dr. Mrs Parvathi Vasudev.

Chennai 600 024, India: Mithra Arts and Creations Pvt. 32/9 Arcot Road, 1st edition, January 2004, (Chennai 600 024, India: Mithra Arts and Creations Pvt. 32/9 Arcot Road).

80p, Ind. Rs. 50., 18 x 12cm, ISBN: 1-876626941.

Sasibharathy is a Veteran writer with a wide experience of the Press as a medium of communication. He was on the staff of 'Eezhanaadu' the regional Tamil Daily News Paper and served to enhance its literary quality. He was also the head of the Literary Circle of Jaffna. All the stories have been written in a simple style. In most of them, the author is the narrator. The writer's many-sided vision is evident from the manner in which the story is told. The eagerness on the part of the author to find a solution to the problems of mankind can also be seeded.

**226 *In the Garden Secretly and other stories.* Jean Arasanayagam.**

New Delhi 110017, India: Penguin Books, 11 Community Centre, Panchsheel Park, 1st edition, 2000. (New Delhi, India: Chaman Offset Printers).  
x, 153p., Ind Rs. 200., 20 x 13cm, ISBN: 0-14-028935-6.

Seven brilliant short stories about war and rebellion, displacement, dis-possession and what it means to be Sri Lankan today. Each story in this collection captures a defining moment in the life of the narrator caught in a time of violent change in the title story. Set against the backdrop of the 17 year struggle between the state and the Tamil separatists, an abandoned home in the war-torn north makes a young airman re-evaluates what he is doing. The great division between North and the South of the island also underlies 'the Crossing', where a simple journey becomes a transition from one life to another for the two travellers- a young student and an elderly woman. Written with great sensitivity and lyricism, 'In the Garden Secretly' is a moving human record of the recent tragic history of the island-nation. (SOAS Library Accn No. 850315).

**227 *In their own worlds.* Ayathuari Santhan.**

Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: Godage and Brothers, 675, Maradana Road, 1st edition, 2000, (Wellampitiys, Sri Lanka: Chatura Printers, 143, Avissawella Road).  
(16), 80p, Rs.100, ISBN: 955-20-4432-4.

'In their own worlds' is an impressive collection of short stories that depicts the links of the people living in war-torn Northern Sri Lanka, with a considerable diversity in subject matter, the author writes of people who are coming to terms with the war. This is confidently written work. The author's articulate prose is assured and lucid as he makes his sharp observations on the human situation. Although entertaining, these stories contain a poignant and thought-provoking message.

**228 *Navaltrae et: og andre noveller fra Sri Lanka.* A. Balamanoharan.**

Herning, Denmark: STOUT, 1st edition, 1991, (Herning, Denmark: Thuesen).  
65p, 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 87-7253-010-3.

A. Balamanoharan was born in a small village in Vanni, Sri Lanka in 1942. He belongs to a minority Tamil and has worked as an English teacher. In 1984, he with his family was forced to leave their home, which brought

him to Denmark. His first short story *Deepa Thoranam* was published in 1967. He continues to write novels and short stories. In 1970 he was given the Literary Award for the novel *Nilakkili*. He writes in both Tamil and English. The short stories in this collection have been translated from English into Danish by Marie Thoger and Erik Stinus. It contains eleven stories from his award winning Tamil book *Deepa Thoranam*.

**229 *Peacocks and Dreams*.** Jean Arasanayagam.

New Delhi 12, India: Navrang, RB-7 Inderpuri, 1st edition, 1996.  
xi, 156p., Ind Rs. 95., 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 81-7013-147-2.

Jean Arasanayagam is a Sri Lankan poet, dramatist and a short story writer. She has made the horrors and violence of the Sri Lankan civil war one of her main subjects. But as a writer she has also undertaken at least two major exploratory expeditions. One has taken her into her own background as a Dutch Burgher, a descendent from Dutch colonialists. Another has taken her into the culture of the Tamil community that she is married into and deals within the Tamil village of Navaly, in Jaffna. It is mainly as a poet that Jean Arasanayagam has attracted attention including abroad. But *Peacocks and Dreams* will no doubt prove that she is an eminent short story writer as well. One section of the stories makes up a series of vignettes from the Tamil village life, narrated from the point of view of a boy. Other stories are built on Jean Arasanayagam's own experience of Navaly, as a young woman in the 60's and 70's, a traditional village that has been marginalised through rapid modernisation. (SOAS Library Accn No. 737267).

**230 *Selected Short Stories of Malaysian Tamil*.** Mathtalai Somu (Compiler), M.S.Venkatachalam (Translator).

Australia: WINTAS, World Institute of Tamil Studies, 7 Vermon Court, Seven Hills, 2147 NSW, 1st Edition 2004. (Chennai 600014: The Parker, 293 Ahamed Complex, 2nd Floor, Royapettah High Street)  
160 p., Ind. Rs. 200, 22.5 x 15cm.

This book contains the following short stories of eminent Malaysian Tamil Writers. *Mother* (M.Ramiah), *Red Signal* (Syed Peer Mohamed), *Duty* (Dr. C.Chokkalingam), *The Rain Sparrows* (Kachithasan), *The cursed lot* (P.Govinthasamy), *That Street* (Sitha Narayanan), *The Torches* (Mu. Anpu Chelvan), *Are you doing well* (Ko. Punniavan), *The Climax Scene*



(V.Selvaraj), Is it Inauspicious? (Re. Shanmukam), His traditional Trail (Manoharan), Aged-given reward (M.Rasa Ilavazhagan), Muniamma (Ipoh Aravindan), Was it a vow to end himself? (Karai Kizhar), A world within a space of five feet (Pu.Ko.Shanmugam), O child a sweet succulent fruit (Mrs. N.Maheswari), Solitude – How long? (Ko Muniandi), Worth three millions ( Re Karthikesu). (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1310).

### 231 *Silent Burial*. Rasiah Panchalingam.

Point Pedro: Artist Circle, 1st edition 2001, (Karaveddy : Tamil Poonga Multi Offset Printers, Nelliady,.)  
(12), 23p. photos, illus., 20.5 x 14.5cm.

A collection of four short stories that are all related to the Tamil culture of Sri Lanka. The plot of each of the four stories is knitted in an elegantly lucid manner so as to induce one to read without a stop. R. Panchalingam obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree as an external candidate with Drama and Theatre as a subject. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST441)

### 232 *The Dividing Line*. Jean Arasanayagam.

New Delhi 110024, India: Indialog Publishers, 0-22, Lajpat Nagar II, 1st edition, June 2002. (New Delhi, India: Chaman Offset-Prints, Darya Ganj).  
182p., Ind Rs. 195., 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 81-87981-22-9.

Jean Araganayagam's expiation of the testing times that Sri Lanka has been thrown into and torn apart by a long civil war. The short stories are all woven in a realm of the sombre and radiate an uneasy calm. She sketches an unnerving world where things fall apart-places, relationships and identities. Jean Arasanayagam's stories emanate from within a distinctly perturbed mind over issues universal. A brilliant rendering of tired and tattered strings, of familiar bonding, unable to cope up with the uncertainty of the modern world. On the whole a superlative collection which delineates an atrophied world and its decrepitude. (SOAS Library Accn No. 859219).

### 233 *The Sparks: A Collection of Short Stories*. A.Santhan.

Manipai, Sri Lanka: Annamalai Road, Suthumalai, 1st edition, December 1990, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Bastian Press).  
36p, Rs. 20, 18.5 x 12cm.

Ayathuari Santhan started writing in Tamil, since his school days. In the past 25 years, he has to his credit 7 collections of short stories (two of which were published in India), a novel and a travelogue. One of the above collections 'Ore Oru Oorilae' won him the Sahitya Mandala prize in 1975. Although some of Santhan's stories have been translated by others into English and published in India and Sri Lanka, 'The Sparks' is the author's maiden effort in English. He is an Engineering Technician by Profession and is currently in the academic staff of the Jaffna College Institute of Technology, Vaddukoddai, Sri Lanka.

**234 *Three stories from Sri Lanka.*** Kopan Mahadeva.

Birmingham, England: Century House, 99-101, Sutton Road, Erdington, B23 5XA, 1st edition 1991, (Birmingham, United Kingdom: Jubilee Arts, 84, High Street, West Bromwich, B70 6JW.)  
60p., 20.5 x 15cm., ISBN: 1-873265-01-8.

A collection of three short stories titled, Pillai Master, The displaced Undergraduate, & A matter of Language. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST465).

**235 *Twelve Short Stories.*** Vina Kandavanam.

Scarborough ON, Canada: Viveka Printers, 80 Barbados Blvd., Unit 4 M1K 1K9. 1st edition November 1998. (Scarborough ON, Canada: Viveka Printers)  
xi, 85p., glossary, 20.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-9684487-1-2.

Vinayagar Kandavanam, a Tamil Canadian, is a poet and a writer. He is also a dramatist and holds a diploma in the teaching of Drama and Theatre. V.Kandavanam's writings always depict the good aspects of Tamil tradition and culture, some of which are also reflected in this compilation. All of the stories included in this book except for 'Thanks to Canada' were originally written in Tamil and appeared in the weekly Tamil paper 'Namnadhu'. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1270).

**236 *Where the Dance is: Stories from Two Worlds and Three.***

A. Sivanandan.

London, England: Arcadia Books Ltd. 15-16 Nassau Street, WIN 7RE, 1st edition, 2000, (Wiltshire, United Kingdom: Cromwell Press, Trowbridge). (7), 154p, £10.99, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 1-900850-19-2.

This collection of short stories from the author of the award-winning novel *When Memory Dies* is wonderfully varied. Each story is a modern mystery tale, in which the reader becomes the detective tracking down these characters—from the lovely goat herd in a Sri Lankan village to the aspiring Hampstead actress— who both move and delight, revealing as much about us as about themselves. Each one is searching, sometimes hilariously, sometimes tragically, for a truth that can only be realised in personal relationships. A.Sivanandan came to Britain from Ceylon in the wake of the race riots of 1958 – and walked straight into the riots of Notting Hill. Since then he has written and lectured extensively on Black and Third World issues. He is the founder editor of the journal *Race and Class* and director of the Institute of Race Relations in London. *When Memory Dies*, his first novel (1997), was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers Prize and won the Sagittarius Prize.

**823.2 Novels****237 *A Dangerous New World.*** Maulia Selvarajah.

Luton, United Kingdom: N.Selvarajah, 48, Hallwicks Road, LU2 9BH, 1st edition, October 1998, (London, England: JR Print), (7), 44p., illus., appendix, £2.50, 21 x 14.5cm.

This fictional story is about the adventure of four young children who enter a new world. Maulia Selvarajah was born in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. She wrote this book in June 1998, when she was ten years old, studying at Hart Hill Primary School. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST438).

**238 *A Fisherman's Daughter.*** Raja Proctor.

Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Lake House Investments Ltd., 41, W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawate, 1st edition, 1972. (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Wesley Press, 490 Havelock Road). 260p, 18.5 x 12.5cm.



This is one of Raja Proctor's popular 1970s novels. His first novel *A Fisherman's Daughter* is now also available in a Hungarian edition. Reluctantly thrust from her majestic, close-knit orphanage into the rough-hewn hut of impoverished aunt and uncle, teenage orphan Valli initially winces at the overwhelming odour of the bustling fishing village she will now call home. Over time her aversion to the powerful smell fades, and it isn't long before Valli is encouraging her fellow villagers to take a stand against the wealthy mudaliai who seems to have trapped her people in a never-ending cycle of despair and poverty. Though Valli vehemently detests the mudaliais who own the fishing boats and control the markets from behind the scenes, mounting debt soon forces the headstrong young woman to accept a position as nanny for the young sons of the powerful businessman. At first reluctant to be employed by the mudaliai, Valli gradually begins to assume the role of trusted confidante to the mother, bookkeeper and surrogate daughter to the father, and paramour to the son. Later, when the son takes a bride and Valli returns to the village, she uses her new found knowledge of the mudaliai's inner circle to save the village from an ominous external threat. Raja Proctor was born on the 3rd November 1921, and was educated in Sri Lanka. In 1942, he was enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve and served till the end of the war. (SOAS Library Accn No. 317121).

**239 *Bleeding Hearts*.** A. Balamanoharan.

Chennai 600 024, India: Mitra Publications, 32/9 Arcot Road. 1st edition, August 2008, (Chennai 600 024, India: Mitra Publications, 32/9 Arcot Road). 152p, illus., 20.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 81-89748-58-0.

A novel from Vanni in Sri Lanka. This story has a beauty of its own, a sweetness and tenderness which have become rare in literature. Yet, it is true to the realities that it depicts. The very rhythm of language emphasises the thoughts and emotions of Sena. Young love, such as that between Sena and Nantha has never been described so effectively and realistically. The Drama of Man in Nature – everything that makes it a moving tale, with its instructive and vivid portrayals of landscapes, human activities and perceptions – will appeal, especially to the young adult world of love, labour, struggle, ageing and death. In the process, they also get to know the countryside and the people living there. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2753)

**240 *Blood and Terror.* Kathir Balasundaram.**

Ontario, Canada: Yazh, B.Z, 19, Summerlea Street, Markham Ontario L3S4H6, 1st edition, August 2006, (Canada: Printer not known).

xi, 257p, 21 x 14cm, ISBN: 0-9781836-0-6.

Five militants, who took up arms to fight against the Sri Lankan Government forces to regain the minority ethnic Tamils' lost fundamental democratic rights, forgetting their goal, start harassing, robbing, extorting, torturing and murdering their own community members under bogus accusations. The wrongful militants desert their organisations and seek asylum in the UK. The Prime message of the novel is all ex-insurgents and ex-militants with criminal records of torturing as well as massacring civilians in their own countries- who now freely live a life of luxury in foreign countries should be punished. Also the novel that divulges the carnage perpetrated by the forces against the minority Tamils enlightens how far the government's biased parliamentary acts and the atrocities of the Sinhalese forces were the sole cause for the rise of Tamil insurgents and for the present unrest in the North-East of Sri Lanka.

**241 *Cinnamon Gardens.* Shyam Selvadurai.**

Ontario, Canada: McClelland & Stewart Inc, The Canadian Publishers, 481, University Avenue, Toronto, M5G 2E9, 1st edition, 1999, (Canada).

(8), 392p, Canadian \$16.99, 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-7710-7956-7.

Set in 1920's Ceylon, during the turbulent closing days of colonial rule, this evocative story of intertwined lives takes us behind the fragrant gardens and polished surfaces of the elite who reside in a wealthy suburb of Colombo to reveal a world of splintered families, conflicted passions, and lives destroyed by class hatred. Annaluxmy, a spirited young school teacher, finds herself caught between her family's pressures to marry and her own desire for a more independent life. Then there is her uncle Balendran, whose comfortable life of privilege is rocked by the arrival of Richard, a lover from his past. Their uneasy reunion re-ignites tensions with Balendran's powerful father, and threatens all on which Balendran has built his present life. Sensual, perceptive, and wise, *Cinnamon Gardens* is a novel of exceptional achievement of an exquisite tapestry of lives. Shyam Selvadurai was born in 1965 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He came to Canada with his family at the age of nineteen. He has studied creative writing and theatre, and

has a B.F.A. from York University. This is his second Novel. It was short-listed for the Trillium Award.

**242 *Five hidden faces: A Political novel.*** K. Balasundaram.

London, England: The Author, 1st edition, March 2000. (London)  
v, 352p, 21 x 15cm,

This fiction is about the other side of terrorism. It is based on the contemporary political history of Jaffna, a peninsula in the extreme north of Sri Lanka. The story is about five ex-terrorists from Sri Lanka who used the label freedom fighters to torture, kill and rape their own community members in Jaffna and now live a life of luxury in London in the midst of their victims and their kith and kin. Also, it tells their underworld activities and with the help of them how a Tamil solicitor hoodwinks asylum seekers in London. The fiction queries shouldn't the rule of the law apply to them and makes the reader evaluate the root cause of terrorism 'Five hidden faces' portrays five Jaffna ladies' contradicting attitudes towards terrorism.

**243 *Funny boy.*** Shyam Selvadurai.

Ontario, Canada: Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council, 2nd edition 1997, 1st edition 1994. (Ontario, Canada: McClelland & Stewart Inc. The Canadian Publishers, 481 University Avenue, Toronto, M5G 2E9). (8), 316p, \$14.99, glossary, 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 0-7710-7951-6.

In this remarkable debut novel, a boy's bittersweet passage to maturity and sexual awakening is set against escalating political tensions in Sri Lanka, during the seven years leading up to the 1983 riots. Arjie Chelvaratnam is a Tamil boy growing up in an extended family in Colombo. It is through his eyes that the story unfolds and we meet a delightful, sometimes eccentric cast of characters. Arjie's journey from the luminous simplicity of childhood days into the more intricately shaded world of adults- with its secret, its injustices, and its capacity for violence- is a memorable one, as time and time again the true longings of the human heart are held against the way things are.



**244 *Money Power.* S.M.Haniffa.**

Rajagiriya, Sri Lanka: Tamil Mandram, 10 fourth Lane, Koswathe Road, 1st edition, November 1996. (Madras 600 014, India: Parkar Computers, 293 Royapettah High Street).

(2), 60 p., 18 x 12.5 cm.

A novel originally written in Tamil. A common factor that is now engaging the attention of every single country in the world is the immense problem of drug addiction. How did this habit originate? Why has it been allowed to grow into such proportions? Is there a way out? In order to find answers, this story travels through a life of a drug addict. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST 519).

**245 *Secret of the Mansion.* Maulia Selvarajah.**

London, England: Thesam Publications, P.O.Box 35806, E11 3JX, 1st edition, January 2002. (London, England: Set Line Data Ltd, 61 Ewer Street, SE1 0NR), 60p., £3.00, 15 x 21cm.

Children's fictional book about a young girl and her little brother who is evacuated during the Second World War, and her adventures with her new found friends in the Brecon Beacons. This is the young author's second published book, written at the age of 13, whilst studying at Putteridge High School. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST440).

**246 *The Illicit Immigrant.* Raja Proctor.**

Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Lake House Investments Ltd., 41, W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawate, 1st edition, 1977. (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Wesley Press, 490, Havelock Road, Wellawate).

(8), 160p, 21.5 x 14cm.

This novel tells the story of an illegal immigrant from India. Brown acre of drought ravaged rice-paddy all around Brichur, in South India, a pitiless sun arced in a cloudless powder-blue haze, and a wife that has borne him no children drive Jagadesan to take the plunge, heading for the land of his dreams -Illankai, Lanka, Ceylon, where, to him, there are no droughts, no floods and where women do no work but only bear children! This is the second novel by a writer who has established a solid reputation for his fiction written in English. This work portrays the hopes and aspirations of an

illicit immigrant from South India and the indignity and abject poverty he faced amongst a hostile population in Sri Lanka. (SOAS Library Accn No. 452240).

**247 *Vannathikkulam: Butterfly Lake.*** Noel Nadesan (Tr. from Tamil by Nallaikumarar -Kandiah Kumarasamy).

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publicationns, Unity Plaza, 2, Galle Road, Colombo 4, 1st edition, February 2007, (Sri Lanka: Tharanjee Prints).  
xxii, 128p, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 978-955-1266-36-3.

*Vannathikkulam* is an enthralling romance between a Tamil vet, posted in the vicinity of Padaviya and a Sinhala girl. The narrative style though simple, is lucid and detailed. Set in the 1980's the novella portrays vividly the evolutionary growth of hatred and enmity that led to the infamous internecine conflict and depicts the peaceful coexistence and the interracial amity which prevailed before. The involvement of the Southern political movements like the JVP in those troubled time, and the role played by such political trends to alienate the communities are also related. The title 'Vannathikkulam' (Butterfly Lake) is the ancient Tamil name for the Sinhala village Padaviya. Noel Nadesan, born bred and educated in the island of Sri Lanka is now working as a veterinarian in Australia. Like James Herriot, he too has been writing about his experiences as a vet.

**248 *Waiting for Surabiel.*** Raja Proctor.

St. Lucia, Queensland: University of Queensland Press, 1st edition, 1981.  
(Hong Kong: Warren Printing Co).  
(8), 238p., 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 0-7022-1567-8.

Framed within the context of the political developments from the pre-colonial times to the April 1971 Insurrection, this novel written in English deals with the changes in rural life and the life story of the protagonist, Surabiel. This is a brilliant and moving novel of the village life during the struggle for independence in Ceylon and in the ensuing years of political and social disruption. It is a panoramic novel portraying the life of Kalutantrige Surabiel, the eldest son of a typical tea-estate, up-country village family. A rebellious youngster, Surabiel is forced to leave home, and the story follows his experience through his first jobs, his marriage and children, the floods, droughts and the sudden deaths and violent swings of

fortune in a villager's life. Raja Proctor was born and educated in Sri Lanka. He is well established not only as a writer but also as a sea captain and later in Command of the S.S Lanka Devi. (SOAS Library Accn No. 498863).

**249** *When Memory Dies*. A. Sivanandan.

London, England: Arcadia Books, 15/16 Nassau Street, W1N 7RE, 1st edition 1997. (Malta: Interprint Ltd).

413p., £12.99, 21.5 x 13.5cm, ISBN: 1-900850-01-X.

A fictional story and a powerful three-generational saga of a Sri Lankan family's search for coherence and continuity in a country broken by colonial occupation and driven by ethnic wars. A. Sivanandan came to Britain from Ceylon in the wake of the race riots of 1958. Since then he has written and lectured extensively on Black and Developing World issues and has published two collections of essays. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST468).

## 824 English essays

**250** *Counterrealism and Indo-Anglian Fiction*. Chelva Kanaganayakam.

Ontario, Canada: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 1st edition, 2002, (Ontario, Canada: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, Waterloo, N2L 3C5).

ix, 213p, bibliographies, index, 23.5 x 16cm, ISBN: 0-88920-398-9.

This book is about the need to look at the tradition of Indian writing in English from the perspective of counter realism. The departure from the conventions of mimetic writing not only challenges the limits of realism but also enables Indo-Anglican authors to access formative areas of colonial experience. Kanaganayakam analyses the fiction of writers who work in this vibrant Indo-Anglican tradition and demonstrates patterns of continuity and change during the last five decades. Each chapter draws attention to what is distinctive about the artifice in each author while pointing to the features that connect them. Chelva Kanaganayakam is currently an associate professor in the Department of English at the University of Toronto.

**251** *11+ English Essays*. Winston Vasanthakumar.

Middlesex, England: Amuthu Publishers, 87, Hazelmere Road, Northolt, 1st Edition, 2001. (Dehiwela, AJ Prints, No. 44, Station Road.).



24p., 25 x 18.5cm, ISBN: 955-9777-00-5.

Winston Vasanthakumar wrote this collection of stories at the age of nine and ten years old. The stories are based on real-life and holiday experiences. Students learning English as a second language may find it a useful book. The stories are moulded with English and western cultures. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1731).

## 890 Literatures of other language

### 894 Altaic, Uralic, Hyperborean, Dravidian Literatures

#### 252 *Configurations of Exile: South Asian writers and their world.*

Chelva Kanaganayakam.

Ontario, Canada: TSAR Publications, P. O. Box 6996, Station A, Toronto, M5W 1X7, 1st edition, 1995, (Canada).

xvi, 160p, photographs, Canadian \$16.95, 22.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 0-920661-47-5.

In this publication Chelva Kanaganayam seeks out 12 of the most prominent South Asian writers across the globe: from Colombo (Sri Lanka) to New York, London to Sydney (Australia), Singapore to Toronto, who talk candidly about their life and work. In his turn, Kanaganayakam complements the picture by revealing the salient features behind the works, and the media, critical and public responses. What emerges is a fuller, insightful and sometimes surprising picture of some of today's most important and prolific transnational writers in their self-created world. Writers interviewed in this book are Tariq Ali (UK), Jean Arasanayagam (Sri Lanka), David Dabydeen (UK), Arnold Harrichand Itwaru (Canada), Suniti Namjoshi (Canada, UK), Satendra Nandan (Australia), Vikram Seth (India), Bapsi Sidhwa (USA, Pakistan), Kirpal Singh (Singapore), Shashi Tharoor (India), M.G.Vassanji (Canada) and Rajiva Wijesinha (Sri Lanka). Chelva Kanaganayakam is Associate Professor of English at Trinity College in the University of Toronto.

**253 *Contemporary Tamil writing in Sri Lanka.* K. S. Sivakumaran.**

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: K.S.Sivakumaran, 21, Murugan Place, Wellawathe, 1st edition, October 1974, (Colombo-12, Sri Lanka: The Kumaran Press, 201, Dam Street).

(8), 64p, Rs. 5.75, 21.5 x 14cm.

This book consists of articles and reviews, originally published in national newspapers and journals that have been slightly modified. The articles and reviews were written with first hand knowledge by the author, however in some cases they were discussed and analysed by professionals. The pieces on 'Literary Trends' and 'Publications' included in this book were based on an article written by Dr. Sivathamby. The author is a prolific writer, who at a younger age contributed articles and reviews to the newspaper; Thinakaran.

**254 *Lutesong and Lament: Tamil writing from Sri Lanka.***

Chelva Kanaganayakam.

Ontario, Canada: TSAR Publications, P.O.Box 6996, Station A, Toronto, MSW 1X7, 1st edition, 2001, (Canada: Coach House Printing).

xvii, 171p., glossary, Canadian \$23.95, 22.5 x 15cm., ISBN: 0-920661-97-1.

The translations in this book bring together, for the first time, a comprehensive selection of modern, post-independence Tamil creative writing from Sri Lanka. The work of the collection of authors involved reflects a tumultuous reality gripped by ethnic, religious and linguistic strifes that have almost torn the island apart. The short stories and poems in this collection are unique in their imaginative power, their control of form, and their depth of experience. They capture for us a colourful, exotic and yet troubled world within our midst. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2748)

**255 *MGR Movies Revisited: and other Essays.* Sachi Sri Kantha.**

Japan: Eureka Center, 5-16-305 Tsukimicho, Fukuroi City, Shizuoka 437-01, 1st edition, 1995. (Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: Creative Hands (Pvt) Ltd, 161-1/1, Galle Road).

vi, 116p., Rs. 100., 21 x 14cm.

Sachi Sri Kantha (b.1953), a native of Point Pedro, Jaffna District, is professionally a biochemist and a historian of science. After leaving Sri Lanka in 1981, Sachi has lived in Urbana-champaign, Tokyo, Philadelphia and

Osaka, while earning two PhDs (University of Illinois, 1986; University of Tokyo, 1989) in food chemistry and marine biochemistry. Here he has assembled 20 of his essays and letters on Former Indian Politician and a popular film star M.G.Ramachandran, Tamils and their Language and other topics in general. This book also includes two limericks he has composed.

**256 *Selected Writings of Regi Siriwardena: Literature and the Arts: Volume I.*** A.J. Canagaratna (Ed.).

Colombo 8, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2, Kynsey Terrace, 1st edition, 2005, (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press Private Limited, 201, Dam Street).  
xviii, (2), 831p, 22.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-580-097-9.

Regi Siriwardena has been, in the course of a long and varied life, teacher, journalist, literary and film critic, script writer, translator, poet, playwright and fiction-writer. He served as Editor of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES) for fifteen years. This volume presents Regi Siriwardena's articles on literature and reviews of films, books and theatre during the 11 years he worked at Lake House in 1950s. They also include articles published in the 'Lanka Guardian' and other journals like 'Community', 'Thatched patio' and 'Nethra'. The articles and the reviews show the range of his interests and the sharpness of his critical mind. This volume carries a selection of his theoretical perspectives and creative writings.

**257 *Selected Writings of Regi Siriwardena: Politics and Society: Volume II.*** A.J. Canagaratna (Ed.).

Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2, Kynsey Terrace, 1st edition, 2006, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Kumaran Press Private Limited, 361 ½ Dam Street).  
xiv, 618p, 22.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-580-103-6.

This is the second and concluding volume of the 'Selected Writings of Regi Siriwardena'. It presents his writings on the politics of the communist bloc, especially the former Soviet Union, and his witty, perceptive lobby columns. This volume includes assessments of Braudel, Isaac Deutscher and reassessment of the Russian Revolution. For Regi, there are no sacred cows and even Lenin is not exempt from his critical scrutiny. Some creative pieces which have political and social implications are also included in this



volume. *Politics and Society* conclusively shows that if Regi had not been more interested in literature and the arts, he would have been an outstanding and incisive political and social commentator. A.J.Canagaratna read English at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya (1954-58). After graduation he taught for a short while in schools in the North. In 1961 joined the Lake House and worked as a feature-writer on the Daily News. He reverted to teaching in a government school in the Eastern Province in 1963. In 1976, he taught in the English Language Teaching Centre in the University of Jaffna. He has translated Sri Lankan Tamil short stories into English since 1950s.

### 258 *Tamil Eelam Literature*. M.Neminathan (Editor).

Tamil Information Centre. London, England: Tamil Information Centre (TIC), Thamil House, 720 Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition September 1996, (London, England: Set Line Data Ltd, 61 Ewer Street, SE1 0NR), (8), 118p., photos, illus., 21 x 15cm., ISBN: 1-85201-007-X.

An anthology of poems, short stories, essays and modern art from Tamil Eelam written and drawn primarily in the latter half of the 20th century. Most of the writings in this anthology were first written and published in the Tamil Language. Each one of them in its inimitable style reveals the pulse and the heart throb of the Eelam Tamils. In all, there are 20 poems six short stories, one letter, one review, one narration, one oration and one historical essay included in this anthology. In addition there are ten items of modern art. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST456).

### 259 *Tamil Heroic Poetry*. K.Kailasapathy.

Chennai 26, India: Kumaran Book House, No 3, Meigai Vinayagar Street, Kumaran Colony, Vada Palani, reprinted 2002, 1st edition 1968. (Chennai 26, India: Kumaran Book House) xv., 282p., Index, bibliography, 22 x 14cm.

A study of the heroic poetry of an ancient people of South India. The author has approached the poems afresh by relating them to many important studies of heroic poetry in other languages, especially in Greek, which has enabled him to place them in proper perspective. The books aim to introduce and interpret the ancient Tamil poems. K.Kailasapathy (1933-1982), is a well known literary critic and a prolific writer; he has written eighteen

books in Tamil and English and numerous papers and articles. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST1541 ).

**260 *The Hill Country in Sri Lankan Tamil literature.* Anthony Jeeva.**

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Hill Country Publishing House, 57, Mahinda Place, 1st edition, September 1995, (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Predeep Publication). 24p, Rs. 25., 18 x 13cm, ISBN: 955-9084-00-3.

Growth of Hill Country Literature, Traditional Art Forms of Hill Country Tamils, Madam Meenatchi Ammal, and Natesa Iyer – a prophet for the Plantations are the four articles that appear in this publication. They first appeared in the “Voice of the Voiceless” edited by Rev. Paul Casperz. The editor of Kuntrin Kural, a quality literary magazine in Tamil, published with accent on the Hill Country lifestyle, Anthony Jeeva, is also a well known journalist, writer, and a dramatist. His innumerable articles on the Hill Country Tamil Literature had been source material for many serious studies by others. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST467).

## 900 *History*

### 910 *Geography & travel*

**261 *Tamil place names as gleaned from the Brahmi inscriptions of Sri Lanka.* P.Pushparatnam.**

(Pamphlet) n.d.

(24)p., tables, 21 x 14cm.

The author has researched and analysed various inscriptions in Sri Lanka, and has shown its significance in identifying the name of the place, and the historical traditions of the nation. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1266).

## 912 Graphic representations

### 262 *Ceylon in Ptolemy's Geography*. J.R.Sinnathamby.

Colombo 7, Sri Lanka: J.R.Sinnathamby, 286 Buller's Road, 1st edition, May 1968. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Times of Ceylon Ltd, Times Building, 3 Bristol Street, Fort).

(10), 73p., maps., 24.5 x 18.5cm.

This work deals with some aspects of Ptolemy's Geography in general and with the identification of some names in Ptolemy's map of Ceylon. The author J.R.Sinnathamby is the retired Deputy Surveyor General in Ceylon. (SOAS Library Accn No. 227976).

## 915 Geography of & travel in Asia

### 263 *Arjuna's A-Z Street guide: of Greater Colombo, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Anurdhapura & Polonnaruwa*. T.Somasekaram.

Dehiwala, Sri Lanka: Arjuna Consulting Co (Pvt) Ltd, 60, School Avenue, Station Road, Rev. Reprint June 1997, 1st edition, June 1994, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Gunaratne Offset Ltd).

vii, 74p, maps, index, Rs.350, 22 x 14.2cm, ISBN: 955-9276-00-X.

Sri Lanka's first comprehensive A to Z street guide covering Greater Colombo and four other principal towns (Wattala, Dehiwala, Mount Lavinia, Ratmalana). The 79 page full colour publication which contains 41 street maps, a bus route guide and a listing of important buildings and places of interest will be useful to both Sri Lankans and foreigners who visit the island. Arjuna's A-Z Street Guide can be strongly recommended for both pedestrians and motorists who want to reach their destination with minimum delay. T.Somasekaram joined the Survey Department in 1957 as an Assistant Superintendent of Surveys after graduating from the University of Ceylon. He was head of the Institute of Surveying and Mapping, Diyatalawa for many years. He retired as Surveyor General in 1992.

### 264 *Sri Lanka: A country study*. Richard F. Nyrop, Beryl Lieff Benderley, Mary Shivanandan, Ann S. Cort, Newton B.Parker, James L. Perlmutter, Rinn-Sup Shinn.

Washington, DC: American University, 5th edition, 1985. 1st edition 1971.



523 p., 7 maps. bibliography. (Foreign Area Studies).

Prepared in order to provide background information about Sri Lanka for United States government personnel, this handbook brings together useful data arranged under four headings, social, political, economic, and national security. The information is current up to May 1972. The first edition was entitled *Area Handbook for Ceylon* and was published in 1971.

**265 *Three Months in New China and Soviet Union.* K.Vaikunthavasan.**

London SW19 2HY, United Kingdom: Sengkottil Pathipakam, 55 Warren Road, Colliers Wood, 2nd edition April 2001, 1st edition 1953.

148p, photos, £ 4.00, 21x14.5 cm.

Vaikunthavasan was a clerk in the Ceylon Government Service for nearly ten years. He had taken an active part in the Government Service Trade Union Movement for several years. He started a weekly English Newspaper *People's Voice* in Ceylon. The first issue was published on January 19, 1951 and appeared regularly till June 1952. He was elected Joint Secretary of the Ceylon Preparatory Committee for the Asian and Pacific Peace Conference. He was also chosen as a delegate to the Congress of the Peoples for Peace, held in Vienna in December 1952. As a Ceylon delegate, he attended the Peking Peace Conference and the Vienna Peace Congress. He has spent 50 days in China, 35 days in Soviet Union, 16 days in Vienna, 42 days in London and 7 days in Paris. He also visited Rome and Cairo. The scrappy entries made in his diary during his three months visit to New China and the Soviet Union form the basis for this book. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1889).

**920 Biography, genealogy, insignia**

**266 *A Dictionary of Biography of Ceylon Tamils.* S. Arumugam, M.Theagarajah, C.J.T.Thamotheram.**

London W14 0HP, England: S.Arumugam, 91, Blythe Road, 1st edition, January 1997, (London).

(6), 253p, 21 x 15cm.

This compilation portrays the profiles of over 775 Ceylon Tamils, who have contributed some good to the community. They range from the eminent to the not so eminent and span centuries, from the era of the Tamil

Kings of Jaffna to the present time. Sanmugam Arumugam was born on 31.8.1905 in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Graduating from Kings College London, he was an Irrigation Engineer in Sri Lanka for over 20 years eventually functioning as Deputy Director of Irrigation for ten years. On his retirement, he wrote on Tamil traditional subjects and has published many books of interest to posterity. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1885).

**267 Founders of Modern Ceylon: Eminent Tamils Volume 1 Parts I and II: The Pioneers, the founders.** V. Muttu Cumaraswamy.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Uma Siva Pathippakam, 561 Kasturiar Road. 1st edition, December 1973. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: The Siva Prakasa Press, 450 K.K.S. Road). (18), 32+56+29+37p., plates., 18.5 x 12.5cm.

Mr. V. Muttu Cumaraswamy is a graduate and a trained teacher. He has a successful record of teaching at St. Joseph's College, Colombo for over two decades. The Pioneers in this volume includes, Arumugampillai Coomaraswamy Mudaliyar (1784-1834), Arunasalam Ponnambalam Mudaliyar (1814-1887) and Sir C. Muttucoomaraswamy (1834-1879). The Founders include Sir Ponnabalam Rammanathan (1851-1930), Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam (1853-1924) and Kalayogi Ananda Coomaraswamy (1877-1947). These articles give an in-depth information of Sri Lankan Tamil Personalities who changed our society. (SOAS Library Accn No. 351855).

**268 Legacy of the Pioneers: 125 Years of Jaffna Tamils in Malaysia.** T.Selvaratnam & S.Apputhurai.

Kuala Lumpur: Thillaiampalam Selvaratnam and Sinnapoo Apputhurai, 1st edition 2006. (Kuala Lumpur: Percetakan Printpack Sdn. Bhd, 3, Jalan Jurutera U 1/23, Hicom Glenmarie Industrial Park, 40150 Shah Alam, Selangor) xviii, 654p., map, photos, 30 x 21.5cm., ISBN: 983431760-3.

In Malaysia the Ceylonese or Jaffna Tamils – now more often referred to as Sri Lankan Tamils or Tamils of Sri Lankan origin – do stand out as a minority community with its own history and characteristics distinctive to themselves. The Jaffna Tamils began to migrate to Malaya after the British intervention in 1874, and during their subsequent administration. They migrated to Malaya mainly to find employment in the British colonial government. They came to Malaya to be surveyors, road construction

Overseers, hospital assistants, Post and railway station masters, teachers of the English language and clerks in the civil service. This book enables its readers to have a better appreciation of the contributions of the Jaffna Tamil community in Malaysia. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2314).

**269 *Personages of the past: Moors, Malays and other Muslims of the Past of Sri Lanka.*** Mohamed Sameer Bin Kaji Ismail Effendi.

Colombo 1, Sri Lanka: Moor's Islamic Cultural Home, 1st edition, 1982. (Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Rainbow Printers, 231, Wolfendhal Street).

142p., illus., 21.5 x 14cm.

The life sketches of 49 Moors, Malays and other Muslims of the past in Sri Lanka. These personalities have been selected from various sectors of the profession such as politicians, educationists, Religious leaders, Social reformers etc. (SOAS Library Accn No. 496733).

**270 *Some Eminent Tamils: Writers and other leading figures (19th to 20th Centuries).*** V.Muttucumaraswamy.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Department of Hindu Religious & Cultural Affairs, 1st edition, December 1992.

(8), 174p, 20.5 x 14.5cm.

This publication is a significant contribution to the understanding of the History of Tamils and Tamil culture in Sri Lanka during the 19th and 20th centuries. The book is a compilation of the life sketches of 24 Tamil Scholars, Statesmen and intellectuals of the period between 1820 and 1950. The author, the late V. Muttucumaraswamy, was a Trained Teacher. He had a distinguished career at St. Joseph's College, Colombo for over 20 years. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1622).

**271 *The Tamil Plutarch.*** Simon Kasie Chitty.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: General Publishers Ltd, 20 Parson's Road, 2nd edition 1946, 1st edition 1859, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Ceylon Printers Ltd. 20, Parson's road, Fort),

(10), 135p., 21 x 14cm

A summary account of the lives of the poets and poetesses of Southern India and Ceylon from the earliest to the present times, with select



specimens of their compositions. Reprinted with notes based on the results of the latest research by T.P Meenakshi Sundaram, Professor of Tamil and Dean of the Oriental faculty, Aurunmalai University.

## 922 Biographies of Religious Personalities

### 272 *Tamil Sages and Seers of Ceylon*. V.Muttucumaraswamy.

Jaffna: M. Mylvaganam, 1st Edition 1971. (Jaffna: Tha saivapragasa Press, 450, K.K.S. Road)

32 pages, 18 x 12.5cm.

Brief account of life and works of Sri La Sri Gnanapragasa Thambiran (17th Century), Srimath Ulahanam Swamy- also known as Muthukumara Thambiran (1865-1949), and Yogar Swami (1871-1964). (British Library Shelf list Number 14171 aa 333)

## 923 Biographies of Social Scientists

### 273 *A.M.A.Azeez*. A.R.A.Noor Amin.

Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: Bureau of Publications, All Ceylon Y.M.M.A Conference, 63, Sri Vajiragnana Mawathe, 1st edition, November 1978. (Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: S.H.Nilabdeen, I.P.C.Printing Press, 320, N.M.M.Ishak Mawathe). 20 p., 18.5 x 13cm.

Aboobucker Mohamed Abdul Azeez was born in Jaffna on 4.10.1911. His father Mr. Aboobacker was a leading Lawyer of Jaffna. This is the life history of A.M.A.Azeez. It reveals his multi talented achievements and his affection to his community and the country on whole. This is the first issue in Muslim leaders of Sri Lanka Series. (SOAS Library Accn No. 910915)

### 274 *A short biography of Saiva Sigamany Justice Pon Sri Skanda Rajah*.

Mrs. Kanmany Sri Skanda Rajah. Suseela T.Moorthy, Indra Siyayogam, Sri B.Sri Skanda Rajah, Usha S.Sri Skanda Rajah, Sri Guggan and Janet Sri Skanda Rajah.

United Kingdom: A.T. & Suseela T Moorthy, 39, Gladstone Road, Wimbledon, SW19 1QU, 1st Edition, 2005. (London: Vasana Printers, Mitchem)

64p., photos., 21 x 15cm

This book is written by the children of Mr and Mrs. Sri Skanda Rajah as remembrance and a record of their extraordinary lives. Justice Sri Skanda Rajah is well known, respectable personality among Sri Lankan Tamils.

**275 *A Tamil Eelam voice in the U.N.O.*** Krishna Vaikunthavasan (compiler).

London, England: Tamil Co-ordinating Committee (TCC), 55, Warren Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 2HY. 2nd Edition. Feb 1994., (Madras 600 002, India: Kaanthalakam, 4, 1st Floor, Raheja Complex, 834, Anna Salai).  
24p, photos, £2.50., 25 x 18.5cm.

A collection of newspaper clippings in relation to the speech made by Krishna Vaikunthavasan to the 150 member UN General Assembly on 5th October 1978, forwarded by S. Sivanayagam. The compiler was a former Secretary General of the now 25,000 strong public service Trade Union in Sri Lanka – The GCSU. He also organised and was a Joint Secretary of the 100,000 strong All-Island Middle Class and Public Service Trade Unions during the years 1947-50. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1732).

**276 *C.W.Thamotharam Pillai.*** V.Muttucumaraswamy.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Uma Siva Pathipakam, 150, Navalar Road, Jaffna, 1st edition, September 1971, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: The Saiva Prakasa Press, 450, K.K.S.Road) viii, 39p., plate, Rs. 1.25., 18.5 x 12.5cm.

Mr. V.Muttucumaraswamy, in this book, evaluates the services rendered to Tamil by this eminent writer from the North of Ceylon. This monograph, besides giving a biographical sketch, gives valuable information about his publications and scholarship. The author has given evidence regarding the high esteem in which Thamotharampillai was held in those days. (Series Title: Writers of Modern Ceylon: Eminent Tamils). (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1887).

**277 *Handy Perinbanayagam: A Memorial Volume.*** A.S.Kanagaratnam, N. Sabaratnam (Eds).

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Handy Perinbanayagam Commemoration Society, 1st edition, June 1980. (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Thirumakal Press, Chunnakam).

(8), 112+ iv, 176p., plate, 21.5 x 14.5cm.

S. Handy Perinbanayagam (1899-1977) pioneered the movement in Ceylon for complete National Independence. Gandhian ideals from across the straits were his inspiration. He was a great educationist and teacher. He taught at Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai and later was Principal of Kokuvil Hindu College. This memorial volume is separated in two parts: Part 1- The Jaffna Youth Congress, in 11 chapters written by Santhasilan Kadirgamar. Part 2- Selections from the writings and speeches of Handy Perinbanayagam, in 47 chapters. (SOAS Library Accn No. 460186).

**278 *Hundred years Peri Sunderam 1890-1990: Patriot, Freedom fighter, Worker Champion.*** Ceylon Workers Congress.

Sri Lanka: Organising Committee, Ceylon Workers Congress, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: S.N.S.Printers).

32p, photographs, 22 x 14.4cm,

This book was published to commemorate the hundredth birth centenary of Mr. Peri Sunderam. He was one of the Founding Fathers of the Ceylon Indian Congress Workers' Congress Labour Union. This publication sets out not only the highlighted of the brilliant scholastic, academic and professional career of Mr. Peri Sunderam but also draws attention to the part he played in the political life of this country. His hundredth Birth Centenary helps to focus attention on the struggles of the persons of Indian origin to attain the status of equal citizens in the land they have made their home.

**279 *I.L.M.Abdul Aziz.*** M.M.M.Mahroof.

Colombo 9, Sri Lanka: S.M.Kamaldeen, Director, Bureau of Publications, All Ceylon Y.M.M.A Conference, 63, Sri Vajiragnana Mawathe, 1st edition, 1981. (Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Vat Print, 96 Justice Akbar Mawathe).

(2), 30 p., 18.5 x 13cm.

Idroos Lebbe Marikar Abdul Aziz lived from 27.10.1867 to 17.09.1915. Into this lifetime, he had compressed a host of achievements- those of



educationist, publicist, polemist, literary journalist, mosque trustee, genealogist, literary historian, novelist and social reformer. This book portrays his life and times in brief. Muslim leaders of Sri Lanka Series No 3. (SOAS Library Accn No. 910915)

**280 Ponnambalam Arunachalam: Founder of Modern Ceylon.**  
M. Vythilingham.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: M. Vythilingham, 1st edition, May 1977. (Chunnakam, Sri Lanka: Thirumakal Press).  
(4), 70p., plate., 21.5 x 14cm.

On 10th March 1977, a postage stamp was issued by the Ministry of Posts, to commemorate Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam. This is a biography of this great Scholar-Patriot. It also includes a select biography of Ponnambalam Arunachalam.

**281 Prabhakaran: A leader for all seasons: Selected quotations and images.** International Federation of Tamils.

Geneva, Switzerland: International Federation of Tamils, 18 Rue des Paguis, 1201, 1st edition, October 2004, (Printers not known).  
150p, photographs, 19.5 x 22.5cm, ISBN: 0-64643429-2.

This Album containing selected quotations and colourful rare images pays tribute to Prabhakaran, a unique leader of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, recognized as a legend in his own time, which has restored the identity, integrity and dignity of the Tamil Nation. These are glimpses of the man behind the leader.

**282 Remembering Kethesh Loganathan.** Memorial Committee.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Memorial Committee, Sri Lanka Democracy Forum, 1st edition, March 2007.  
126p, photographs, 21.5 x 19cm.

Emerging out of that generation of politicised Sri Lankan Tamils who were able to make the transition into democratic politics, Kethesh Loganathan championed the cause of the Tamil people while battling hard to free Tamil Society from the forces of Militarism and Nihilism that had gained a suffocating grip. He gave voice to those who wanted to speak out but

were deferred by an all consuming culture of Fear. Described as one of the sharpest analytical intellects and one of the finest Sri Lankan minds of his day, Kethesh Loganathan fell victim to an assassin's bullet on 12th August 2006. This memorial volume is presented as a mark of honouring and celebrating the remarkable life and work of this rare human being.

**283** *S. J. V. Chelvanayakam and the Crisis of Sri Lankan Tamil Nationalism, 1947-1977: A Political Biography.* A. Jeyaratnam Wilson.

London, United Kingdom: C. Hurst & Co. Publishers Ltd, 38, King Street, WC2E 8JT, 1st edition, 1994, (Hong Kong: Printer not known).

x, 149p, map, index, photographs, £22.50, 22.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 1-85065-130-2.

S.J.V. Chelvanayakam was one of the most prominent leaders of the Ceylon Tamils before and after independence, and in the early days of their struggle for economic and political equality. The author, who knew Chelvanayakam intimately, analyses his career and his symbiotic relationship with the Ceylon Tamils, which led to the emergence and reinforcing of a defensive Ceylon Tamil nationalism. The author has written a densely documented and authoritative political biography of the most important political figure in the Tamil minority community in Sri Lanka between 1950 and 1977. This was the period in which political moderation by Tamils was attempted and defeated, mainly by extremism within the majority Sinhalese community. The result of this defeat has been a descent into ghastly violence and civil war, which persists today. The work also serves as a model for the study of ethno-nationalism, the politics of Gandian protest and of crisis leadership in a multi-ethnic developing state. A.J. Wilson writes from a life-time's close observation of Sri Lanka's politics and intimate knowledge of Chelvanayakam himself, whose daughter he married. He held the founding Chair of Political Science at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya before being appointed Professor of Political Science at the University of New Brunswick in 1972.

**284** *Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan: The forgotten aspects of his life's work.* M. K. Eelaventhan.

Colombo-6, Sri Lanka: M. K. Elaventhan, 1/5, Parakumpa Place, 1st edition, July 2002, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Nisaan Printers).

iv, 32p, photographs, Rs. 50, 20 x 14.5cm,

Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan and Sir Ponnambalam Arunachalam were two Political giants of early 20th century. Unfortunately Sinhalese Politicians who speak in praise of these two Leaders speak only of part of their activities. In this book the author has brought out several aspects of the lives of these two leaders. About Sir P.Ramanathan they speak of his going to Whitehall to advocate the cause of the Sinhalese. As far Sir P.Arunachalam was concerned they speak only of his being the President of the Ceylon National Congress. They deliberately forget and hide that the two leaders championed the cause of their people – the Tamils. Sir P.Ramanathan was highly critical of the Donoughmore constitution which he described as a Slave charter of the Tamil People. Arunachalam resigned from the National Congress and formed the Tamil League to fight for Tamil rights. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1435).

**285 *Socialist Women of Sri Lanka.*** Wesley S. Muthiah, Selvey Thiruchandran, Sydney Wanasinghe.

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Young Socialist Publications, 12, Parakumba Place, 1st edition, January 2006, (Boralesgamuwa, Sri Lanka: C.R.C. Press, 119, University Road, Rattanapitiya).  
(4), v, 220p, photographs, 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-9150-06-05.

This book was published with the aim to focus attention on the contribution made by Sri Lankan women who took the Socialist road in politics. It describes the lives of many women of Sri Lanka in the 20th century who has been inspirations and examples to others to stand up and fight for their rights. This publication is mainly a collecting and weaving of articles and essays already published. It covers several issues including class and gender, nationalism, labour and politics.

**286 *Tamil at the U.N.: The life and times of an activist the Press Speaks.*** Krishna Vaikunthavasan.

London, England: Tamil Co-ordinating Committee, 55 Warren Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 2HY, 1st edition August 1992.  
100p., photos, cartoons, £6.00, 29.5 x 21cm.

This book is mostly a reproduction of Press reports about Krishna Vaikunthavasan's public activities from the time he entered trade union and political work about half-a-century ago. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST17).



**287 *The Lawyer who rocked the United Nations: Biography of Vaikuntha Vasan.*** Satha Ananthan.

London: Red Fort Publications, 55 Warren Road, Colliers Wood, SW19 2HY, 1st edition, 2003.

(4), 172p., Photos, index., £9.95, 22.5 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 09542979-0-3.

Carrying a document case in one hand, Krihshna Vaikuntha Vasan, reconnoitred the United Nations complex, focussing his sights on the sanctum of the United Nations General Assembly. He toiled upward, finally to address the World Assembly of Leaders; appealing to redress the injustice perpetrated on the Tamils of Sri Lanka. This book serves as an excellent reference book for students of international affairs. Vaikuntha Vasan has gained many achievements not only as a great lawyer but also as a trade unionist, journalist and publisher. His work and thoughts have contributed to further socialism and peace. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1537).

**288 *The Life and teachings of Karl Marx.*** N. Shanmugathan.

Dehiwala: Shanmugathan Centre for Marxist Studies, 59/3 Waidya Road, 1st edition, February 2002, (Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Print Graphics, 289 – ½, Galle Road).

xvi+x, 52+55p, photographs, Rs. 50., 21.5 x 15cm.

This compilation brings together four articles written by the late Comrade N. Shanmugathan at the time of the death of centenary of Karl Marx (1983). This work consisting of four independent essays, but in an overall sense related to each other, gives in a synoptic view of the Marxist theory of Political Economy. The following four articles are included in this book: Marx's life, Historical Materialism, The economic Doctrine of Marx, The Marxism theory of the State.

**289 *The Murder of a Moderate: Political Biography of Appapillai Amirthalingam.*** T. Sabaratnam.

Dehiwela, Sri Lanka: Nivetha Publishers, 21/1, P.T.de Silva Avenue, 1st edition, August 1996.

(14), 410p., Photos, annexure., Rs. 550, Ind. Rs. 250., 22.5 x 14.5cm.

A. Amirthalingam is Jaffna man's favourite orator. He has the capacity of drawing crowds whenever he speaks. He was one of the earliest converts

to Federalism. This book tells the story of Appapillai Amirthalingam, who led the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front during the critical phase of the ethnic conflict, the struggles he led and the manner in which his hand and that of the moderates was weakened. During his long career at Lake House, the biggest newspaper publisher in the country, the author T. Sabaratnam was Deputy Editor of Daily News. Sabaratnam has written extensively for general audiences on a variety of ethnic issues, and was in constant contact with the major players in that damaging drama. He is the author of "Out of Bondage", a work which relates the story of Tamils of recent Indian origin in Sri Lanka.

**290 *The West Re-Appraised.* A.M.A. Azeez.**

Maharagama, Sri Lanka: Saman Publishers Ltd., 1st edition, 1964. (Maharagama, Sri Lanka: Saman Publishers Ltd).  
(10), 174p., plates, 18 x 13.5cm.

This publication consists of 14 articles. Aboobucker Mohamed Abdul Azeez was born in Jaffna on 4/10/1911. He received his school education at Vaideeswara Vidyalayam and Jaffna Hindu College. Mr. Azeez was an exhibitor in history at the Ceylon University College (1929-33). In 1933, he was awarded the Ceylon Government Arts Scholarship and preceded to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge for further studies in History. In 1935 Mr. Azeez achieved the distinction of being the first Muslim to enter the Ceylon Civil Service. In an attempt to reconcile Eastern Values with Western Technology, the author has given biographical sketches of National leaders in this volume. Anagarika Dhanmapala, Dr. W.A. de Silva, Sri la Sri Arumuga Navalar, Swami Vivekanandar, Mahatma Gandhi, Mohamed Ali Jinnah, Arabi Pashq and M.C. Siddi Lebbe are some of them. (SOAS Library Accn No. 212309).

## 924 Biographies of Linguist

### 291 *TAMILĀRAM: Tributes to Father Thani Nayagam.*

Rajan Phillippillai (editor).

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Theepam Institute, 66, Chapel street, 1st edition, May 1983, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: St.Joseph's Catholic Press, Main Street), (8), 107p, plate., 24 x 18.5cm.

A volume of Tributes and Reminiscences dedicated to the memory of Father Thani Nayagam. 36 articles and a bibliography of published work of Xavier S. Thani Nayagam, Compiled by S.Thayanathan, former Librarian of the Jaffna Polytechnical Institute. (University of Jaffna Archives collection Accn No 81831)

## 926 Biographies of Technologists, Medical Professionals

### 292 *Memories of a Physician Politician Dr. M. C. M. Kaleel.*

M. M. Thawfeeq.

Surrey, England: Marina Acedemy and Supplies International, 30 Lismore Road, South Croydon, 1st edition, 1987.

xvi, 191p., illus., 21 x 14.5cm, ISBN: 1-870634-01-2.

The author Dr. Mohamed Cassim Mohamed Kaleel is the most senior and outstanding journalist in Sri Lanka; having already completed 42 years service with Sri Lanka's largest newspaper group, Associated Newspapers Ceylon Limited (ANCL), and also served as Deputy Editor of the Daily News. This is a mixture of biography, reminiscences and social history narrated by the distinguished, colourful and versatile personality. In his own disarming style Dr. Kaleel tells us of people, places, his faiths and his early upbringing and presents to the general reader an amazingly vivid, balanced, complete but miniature portrait of himself. (SOAS Library Accn No. 560294).

### 293 *Scientific Tamil Pioneer: Dr. Samuel Fisk Green.* R.Ambihaipahar. (Psud: Ambi)

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Dhuhlasi Educational and Cultural Publications, 109/4 Manning Place, 1st edition, November, 1998, (Colombo 13,



Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Pvt) Ltd, 48B, Bloemendhal Road)

xvi, 130p., bibliography, appendix, Rs. 198., 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 9558193003.

R.Ambihaipahar started his literary career as a short story writer and moved on to writing poems, particularly for children. He was the first in the country to write articles in Tamil on science subjects. This book is a researched documentary on the life and work of a great American Christian Medical Missionary of the 19th century. The book shows the outstanding contributions made by Dr. Green, in the development of Medical Education in the Tamil language. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1268).

## 927 Biographies of Artists

**294** *The King of Hearts: A Golden Jubilee Tribute To Gemini Ganesh.*  
Siva Thiagarajah.

Chennai 600 002, India: The Asian Film Society, Anna Salai, 1st edition 1998,  
(Chennai 17, India: Venus Computer Printers),  
80p, Photographs, Indian Rs 15., 12.5 x 18.5cm.

A review of the films of Gemini Ganesh, the only mainstream Tamil actor to complete fifty years in cinema. This book discusses the major films of Gemini Ganesh from 'Miss Malini' (1947) to 'Kondaddam' (1998) and their contribution to the Tamil cinema.

## 928 Biographies of Literary Personalities

**295** *A life sketch of Mr. S. Tambimuttu pillay: Philanthropist, editor, poet, author, playwright, physician.* S.John Rajah (Origin), A.L.V. Victoria (Translator).

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: P. Tambimuttu, H I Government Flats, 1st edition, 1988,  
(Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd,  
Lake House).

vi, (4), 70p, photograph, 21.5 x 14cm, ISBN: 955-95185-1-8.

This Biography was written from the notes kept by Registrar S.John Rajah of Atchuvely in 1932 by Jayasri Saratha Pidenthirasalai, In Vasavilan, Jaffna District. This English version is a translation from the original text. It contains the main biography in six chapters and various documentations pertaining to life and time of S.Thambimuthu Pillai in 13 annexure,

including his bibliography. Santhiapillai Tambimuttupillai was a poet and scholar and was also a philanthropist in Atchuveli. He owned and edited a Tamil Journal entitled Sanmarka Pothini which in English was called The Tribune. This journal was one of the oldest newspapers published in north Ceylon. He is also responsible for publishing the first Tamil novel in Ceylon entitled Usan Palanthai Kathai by Innasithamby of Trincomalee.

**296** *A world to win: essays in honour of A. Sivanandan.* Colin Prescod, Hazel Waters.

London WC1X 9HS, England: Institute of Race relations, 2-6 Leeks Street, King's Cross Road, 1st edition, 1999, (Nottingham, England: Russell Press). vi, 224p, photographs, £10.00, 21 x 15cm, ISSN: 0306-3968.

(Serial Volume: Race and Class, a Journal for Black and Third World Liberation, Volume 41, Number ½, July-December 1999)

On the Occasion of A.Sivanandan's 75th Birthday, the editorial working committee of Race & Class has devoted this issue of the Journal to exploring and celebrating his unique contribution, not only to black struggle in Britain but to the anti-imperialist movement; not only to Marxist thought but to socialist practice; not only to philosophy but to literature. The wealth of articles gathered together here refracts, at one level, the multi-dimensionality of Sivanandan's achievement, the sheer breadth of his unseen, unsung influence.

**297** *Tambimuttu: Bridge between Two Worlds.* Jane Williams (editor).

London, United Kingdom: Peter Owen Publishers, 73, Kenway Road, SW5 0RE, 1st edition, 1989, (Suffolk, Great Britain: St. Edmundsbury Press Limited, Bury St. Edmunds).

xviii, (6), 291p, illus., photographs, £25., 24 x 16cm, ISBN: 0-7206-0718-3.

This book chronicles the life and times of Tambimuttu (1915-1983). Over a period of some forty years Tambimuttu occupied a unique position in the world of letters. Himself a writer, in 1939 he launched 'Poetry London', an illustrated journal which was to exert a decisive influence upon the London literary scene in wartime, attracting all the important poets of the day and encouraging the talents of many others. Jane Williams was a close friend of Tambimuttu and worked with him for ten years, from 1972 until his death in June 1983. During this period she gained a special insight

into his character, his life and work, and he appointed her to be his literary executor after his death. At the age of twenty-three, Tambimuttu launched 'Poetry London', a magazine consisting of poems from a variety of writers, including Dylan Thomas and Lawrence Durrell.

**298 *Undrawn Protrait for Unwritten Poetry.*** Dominic Jeeva. (Tamil Origin), Kandiah Kumarasamy. (Tr.)

Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: Mallikai Pandal, 201-1/1, Sri Kathiresan Street, 1st edition, June 2004, (Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Kribs, 162, Dam Street). 160p, Rs. 200, 21.5 x 15cm, ISBN: 955-8250-36-8.

This is an autobiography by Dominic Jeeva. He is one of the leading literary writers of Sri Lanka. He is well-known in Tamil Nadu because several books containing his essays and short stories have been published. He is also the editor of a Tamil periodical, Mallikai. The author is a committed writer with Left ideology and a founder-member of the Tamil Progressive Writers' Association of Sri Lanka, a dominant and popular organisation of Tamil Writers in that country. He received the Sahitya Mandala award in Sri Lanka for his work *Thanneerum Kanneerum* (Water and tears). Subsequently, he became a member of the Academy. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST1436).

## 929 Genealogy, names & insignia

**299 *Maniampathiar Santhathimurai: A Genealogy of the Residents of Manipay and related inhabitancies.*** T. Vinasithamby (Tamil Origin), N. Sellappah (Tr.).

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: P.Tambimuttu, H/1 Government flats, 1st edition, 1991. (Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: The associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd, Lake House). xx, 131p., 21.5 x 14cm., ISBN: 955-95185-2-6.

A genealogical publication 'Maniampathiar Santhathimurai' was published in 1901 in Jaffna, and printed by Atchuveley Press, later named Gnanaprakasas Press. This Tamil Historical work of Srimath T. Vinasithamby has been translated into English by Siddhanta Sudaroli N. Sellappah. This publication includes list of names of family chieftains, with 4 Appendices-list of the Kings of Jaffna, Genealogy of Mr and Mrs



Paulinus Tambimuttu, Genealogy of Dr. S.Thamotherampillai and also of S.K.Velupillai's Yalpana Vaipava Kawmuthi. (SOAS Library Accn No. 611155).

## 950 General history of Asia and Far East

### 954 South Asia

#### 954.93 Sri Lanka

**300** *A Comprehensive History of Sri Lanka from Pre History to Tsunami.*  
Nath Yogasundram.

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publication, Unity Plaza, 2, Galle Road, 1st edition January 2006. (Maharagama, Sri Lanka: Tharanjee Prints).  
(14), 375p., Rs. 1000., 21 x 14cm., ISBN: 955-1266-13-7.

The author who was born in Sri Lanka, is a retired surgeon educated at St. Thomas College, Mount Lavenia and the University of Ceylon. Having trained and practised as a vascular surgeon in England, he now lives in the United Kingdom. This is the fascinating story of the island from shadowy primitive man to the stark reality of the recent Tsunami. Continuing migration from the mainland in ancient times displaced the Stone Age, culture and established a hydraulic civilization based on an intricate system of irrigation. The book maintains an easily comprehensible style for the general reader as well as providing the factual details required by the more serious researcher. (SOAS Library Accn No. 728161)

**301** *A Marxist looks at the history of Ceylon.*  
Nagalingam Sanmugathan.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: N.Sanmugathan, 2nd edition December 1974, 1st edition May 1972. (Colombo 2, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Printers, No. 10, Glennie Street).  
(6), 102p., 22 x 14.5cm.

A provocative extended essay by the General Secretary of the Communist Party (China), who has long been a leading figure in the Leftist movement in Sri Lanka. It exemplifies the doctrinaire Marxist to Sri Lanka's history.

The author has been in the Marxist movement from the time he graduated from the University of Ceylon. (SOAS Library Accn No. 356954)

**302 *A war Diary from Jaffna.* S.E.Savundra.**

Australia, 1st edition, February 1998, (Printers not known).  
ix, 123p, photographs, 21.5 x 14cm,

The author Rev.Dr. S. Edwin Savundra, has declined to hold any external celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of his commitment of service to God and Humanity, which falls on the 19th of October 1997, as a sign of solidarity with the suffering people in the war torn apart of his country, Sri Lanka. He has lived for the last fifty years and served in Jaffna and Mannar in different capacities. He served as a Pastor for 10 years mostly in difficult missions where he was also engaged in many human development projects which brought many benefits to the flock. He was also the assistant administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady of Madhu for 4 years. A War Diary captures a true eye witness account of how the armoured force of the Sri Lankan Military and Air Force descended on the civilians of Jaffna. With clear murderous and genocide intent the ancient city was captured. The stories of this book tell how the LTTE valiantly enabled the whole population to flee with the few belongings they could carry.

**303 *Agonies and Aspirations of the Tamil Struggle.* S.J.Emmanuel.**

Datteln, Germany: Dr.S.J.Emmanuel, Horneburgerstr.58, 45711, 1st edition, July 2004. (Holzwickede, Germany: Raje Druck).  
vi, 205p, photos, 21 x 15cm.

A collection of writings on some of the key facets of the Tamil Liberation Struggle. The author Fr.S.J.Emmanuel, a former Vicar General of the R.C.Church of Jaffna, was a long time professor of dogmatic theology. From 1986 he became a direct victim and witness of the many agonising and historic events happening in the life of the Tamil People. Since then he has been writing on issues concerning the struggle of his people. Twenty articles grouped into seven headings. (Agonies under Sinhala Oppression, Aspirations of Sinhalese and of Tamils, The misunderstood Leadership, Mobilising Expatriate Support, Historic responsibility of the British, An Encouraging example, In search of a Peaceful Solution)

**304 *Ancient coins of Sri Lankan Tamil rulers.* P.Pushparatnam.**

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Bavani Pathippakam, Puttur East, Puttur, 1st edition July 2002.  
(Chennai 600 035, India: Thamizh Nilam, 33, Venkatanarayanan  
Salai, Nandanam).

176 p., illus., Indian Rs. 200., 21.5 x 14.5cm.

Many new contentions never expressed previously by historians have been put forward with ample evidences for the first time in this volume. Some of these views presented in this volume should be treated with special attention as they claim to give new dimension and scope to the history of Sri Lankan Tamils. For example, Historians have maintained so far that Sri Lankan rulers released coins from the latter part of the 13th century A.D, but the present author has proved in such an impressive manner as to win over the scholars the prevalence of the tradition of releasing coins from the 3rd century B.C. Though this volume is primarily on the ancient coins of Sri Lankan Tamils, it has emphatically as well as impressively sought to illustrate the diverse Sri Lankan Tamil's ethnic features, such as the language, scripts, settlements, state formation, religion, idol forms worshipped, economy, foreign links etc., in a historical perspective.  
(ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST358)

**305 *Ancient Jaffna.* Mudaliyar C.Rasanayagam.**

New Delhi 110016, India: Asian Educational Services, C -2/15, Safdarjung  
Development Area, 1st ed., 1926, AES Reprint 1984. (New Delhi 110035,  
India: Gian Offset Printers).

xxiv, liii, 390 p., 10 plates, £15., 22.5 x 14.5cm.

This book contains the History of ancient Jaffna, being a research in to the history of Jaffna from very early times to the Portuguese period.  
(SOAS Library Accn No. 839519)

**306 *Anguish II; 1990-1995.* C. Suriyakumaran.**

Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: KVG de Silva, 415 Galle Road, 1st edition, May 1995.  
(Colombo 4, Sri Lanka: KVG de Silva).

(10), viii, 183p, XLVI, Appendices, 21.5 x 14.5cm.

This is a sequel to the *Anguish* of 1983 published in 1990. The author is one of Sri Lanka's senior most UN International Civil Servants, he was



Deputy Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East, Global Director of UNEP for Education, Training and Technical Assistance and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, Chairman of the Centre for Regional Development Studies, Sri Lanka. This book draws attention to a totally neglected composite of solution, namely that of true participation by the minorities in Central Government. This book is a collection of articles and essays which came out as response to various issues, perceptions and misperceptions expressed by diverse members of Sri Lankan Society. As pointed out by R. Siriwarda in his forward, this book contains a wealth of ideas which have a bearing on the issues of devolution, power-sharing and movement toward a genuine pluralist, democratic society. The author also makes clear recommendations on truly satisfactory solutions, under both Regional and Central Government for the ultimate honest government and national reconciliation. (SOAS Library Accn No. 911008).

### 307 *Anguish III: Sri Lanka's Ethnic Crisis (1995-2002)*.

C. Suriyakumaran.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: C. Suriyakumaran, 1st edition, 2002. (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Unie Arts (Pvt) Ltd, 48B, Bloemendhal Road, Colombo 13).  
xiv, 389p., 21.5 x 14cm.

As for its predecessors- The Anguish of 1983 and Anguish II, Anguish III is consisting of writings published in the media, now from 1996 to 2002, on Sri Lankan National Crisis. This is Professor Suriyakumaran's third volume on Sri Lanka's ethnic crisis, brought out at a most appropriate moment. The essays and articles collected here were written by him over the last seven years as commentary on events and developments as they were happening. The wisdom and insight they offer come not from an interest in detached scholarly analysis, but from a deeply engaged commitment to influencing the course of action in construction and in fruitful ways.

**308** *Ceylon and the Dutch, 1600-1800: External Influences and Internal Change in early modern Sri Lanka.* S.Arasaratnam.

Hampshire GU11 3HR, United Kingdom: Variorum, Ashgate Publishing Ltd., Gower House, Croft Road, Aldershot, 1st edition 1996. (Norfolk, United Kingdom: Galliard Printers, Great Yarmouth).  
xii, 332 p., 23 x 15cm., ISBN: 0-86078-579-3.

The articles – 20 in total, reprinted here were written over a period of more than three decades and represent a major part of the author's researches during this period in to the early modern History of Sri Lanka. They explore a number of themes relating to the interaction between Sri Lankan society and external influences emanating from diverse quarters. The range of themes is wide, covering political relations, administrative systems, social structures and religious influences. (SOAS Library Accn No. 731045)

**309** *Dear Sri Lanka Ambassador... Your Slip is showing.* S.Sivanayagam.

Surrey CR4 8JH, England: Tamil Information Centre, 11 Beulah Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, 1st edition, 1983. (Madras 600026, India: B.N.K.Press Pvt. Ltd.)  
24p, £1.00., 21.5 x 14cm.

The purpose of this brochure is to show how the Sri Lankan Ambassador has been violating the truth. Accusations against the then Ambassador Ernest Corea who had been the Editor of Ceylon Observer at one time, included his deliberate violation of truth under the guise of reasonableness. (Accessed in TIC- London)

**310** *Fifty years Political Analysis: Sri Lanka and Tamils.* S.K.Kasilingam.

France: Muhunthan Publishers, 45, Allee des Moulin du Bois, 95470, Vemars, 1st edition, January 2003, (Chennai, India: Karpaga Vinayaga Offset, 20, Muhamed Hussain Street, Royapettah, Chennai 600014).  
128 p., photographs, 22 x 14cm.

The daily news paper Eelanadu emerged in 1958 in the north of Sri Lanka, chiefly to safeguard and develop the language, traditions, arts, culture and education of the Eelam Tamils which could have fallen into decay. In Jaffna, K.C.Shanmugaratnam and K.C.Thangarajah who were deeply attached to their race and language founded this paper which grew rapidly and

found great favour with the Tamils. It was during this time that in 1967, the author joined the editorial board of the paper, and in course of time, he matured sufficiently as a journalist to manage the newspaper on his own. He was enormously influential with political leaders and Government Officials. He is a very kind, generous and amiable person, well known for his hospitality. This book which springs from his memories makes for good and useful reading. The book deals with the socio-political analysis of Sri Lanka, as a journalist, he is forced to bring to light various incidents and experiences that reveal the treacherous acts carried out by successive Sinhalese governments against the Tamil race with the connivance of Tamil leaders in the Media. (ETDRC Library Accn. No. ST2091).

**311 *Glimpses of Jaffna Under British Rule.* V.Muttucumaraswamy.**

Colombo 6, Sri Lanka: Fourth International Conference Seminar of Tamil Studies, Jaffna, 1st edition, January 1974, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: The Saiva Prakasa Press).

22p, 21.5 x 14cm.

Research paper read at the Fourth International Conference Seminar of Tamil Studies, Jaffna, Sri Lanka on 4th January 1974. The author is a trained graduate. He has a successful record of teaching at St. Joseph's College, Colombo, Sri Lanka for over 20 years.

**312 *North - East Sri Lanka: A compendium. (50th Anniversary of Sri Lanka's independence North-east Provincial Council 1948-1998).***

A.M.Nahia (Editor).

Trincomalee: North East Provincial Council, 1st edition February 1998.

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xviii, 555 p., 21.5x15 cm.

This publication contains reprints of 50 research articles by various Sri Lankan and International scholars, of which 14 English articles authored by B.J.Perera, K.Indrapala, Bertram Bastiampillai, W.W.E.C. Fernando, C.S.Navaratnam, B.E.S.J.Bastiampillai, John Dart, K.Sivathamby, Sinnappah Arasaratnam, Ralph Pieries, S.V.O.Somanadar and A.M.A.Azeez. Most of them are on Sri Lankan Social, Cultural and Political History. The Publication Committee was presided by K.Shanmugalingam and A.M.Nahia served as the Secretary for the committee and editor for this



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### **313 *Northern Ceylon (Sri Lanka) in the 19th Century.***

Bertram Bastiampillai.

Colombo 10, Sri Lanka: Godage International Publishers, 675, P.De S. Kularathna Road, 1st edition, 2006. (Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka: Chathura Printers, 142, Avissawella Road).

xxvii, 380 p., maps, illus., tables, Rs. 1500., 22x15.5 cm., ISBN: 955-20-8864-X.

A study of British Administration in Ceylon (Sri Lanka since 1972) in the 19th century, particularly in the earlier colonial rule period, is essential to understand the management of the Island and is invaluable for one to gain a fair comprehension of British Governance. This in-depth study scrutinizes rural administration, and its local subordinate staff became vital in running the day to day affairs of the colony. Economy and society are treated in much detail in this volume. (SOAS Library Accn No. 712072)

### **314 *Sketches of Ceylon history.*** P. Arunachalam.

New Delhi 110016, India: J. Jetley, Asian Educational Services, C-2/15, SDA, Reprint, 1993, 1st edition, 1906, (Ghaziabad, India: Gaytri Offset Press, A-66, S.No. 2 Noida, District, Uthra Pradsh).

89p, Ind.Rs. 95., 18.5 x 12.5cm, ISBN: 81-206-0800-3.

This book is written to provide an overview of the History of Ceylon.

There is a mild degree of detail, but not too much as to overcrowd the reader. The book is written in simple text which makes this book ideal for the younger generation to read and gain knowledge. First published in Colombo in the Siddhanta Deepika, volume seven. The history of Ceylon has been depicted within eighteen chapters.

### **315 *The Ceylon we knew: A journey into the recent past.*** V. Vamadevan.

New Delhi 12, India: Navrang, RB-7, Inderpuri, 1st edition, 1995, (New Delhi, India: Dimond Printers).

(12), 128p, index, illus., plates, 25 x 16.5cm, ISBN: 81-7013-134-0.

This book takes the reader's mind back to the 1940s and 1950s when Sri Lanka then known as Ceylon, had many happy memories. It begins with an insight into some of the lesser known people in the island's mosaic. The author then throws light on some of the events such as the Bracegirdle case and the Perahara Stampede of 1959 about which there is a paucity of information to the general reader. The author studied at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya from 1952 to 1956 and obtained an Honours degree in Geography. He joined the Officer Corps of the Ceylon Police as a Probationary Assistant Superintendent.

**316 *The collapse of the Rajarata civilization in Ceylon and the drift to the south-west.*** Karthigesu Indrapala.(Editor).

Perdeniya: Ceylon Studies Seminar, 1st edition,1971.

126 p., bibliography, 21.5 x 14cm.

The eight essays in this collection address a major historiographical issue in the early history of Sri Lanka. Why did the civilization centred on Polonnaruwa collapse and the population shift permanently to the southwest? Some of the essays have been published before, while others appear in print for the first time. Most of these draw upon material in unpublished doctoral dissertations.

**317 *The Kingdom of Jaffna, part I (circa. A.D.1250-1450).***

Sivasubramaniam Pathmanathan.

Colombo 13, Sri Lanka: M.Rajendran, 111, Pickering's Road, 1st edition,1978.

(Colombo 12, Sri Lanka: Ceylon newspapers Ltd., 194 A,

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(12), 302p., map., 21.5 x 14cm.

This study deals with the background to and the establishment of the Kingdom of Jaffna, the first independent political entity of the Tamils. The author thus addresses the important historiographical issue – parenthetically, it may be noted that this issue has also attracted considerable public attention contemporaneously in the context of Sinhalese-Tamil relations. The study is based on the author's London University PhD thesis. Professor S.Pathmanathan has graduated with honours at the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya in 1963, specialised in Ancient and Medieval History of South Asia for his 1st Degree. He has also served as a member of the Educational

Board for the revision of the History of Sri Lanka and a member of the Editorial committee, Proceedings of the 4th International seminar of the International Association of Tamil Research. (SOAS Library Accn No. 410314)

**318 *The Nayaks of Sri Lanka, 1739-1815: Political relations with the British in South India.*** S. Gopalakrishnan.

Madras 600-028, India: New Era Publications, Post Box No. 2459, Raja Annamalaipuram, 1st edition, 1988, (Madras 600-005, India: The Balussery Press, 30, Singarachari Street).

xiv, 182p, map, Ind. Rs. 100., 21.5 x 14.5cm,

The succession of a Nayak Prince from Madurai in South India to the throne of Kandy in Sri Lanka in 1739 led to a chain of events leading ultimately to the conquest of the entire island by the British in 1815. The capture of Sri Lanka was a British enterprise from South India. It is in this light that this study has been carried out. This important episode in the history of South India does not find even a passing reference in any of the history books published in India. Based primarily on the archival materials, this enthralling subject is presented in a flowing and lucid style for the benefit of both the scholar and the general reader. Dr. S. Gopalakrishnan, born in Singapore in 1936, obtained the M.A and PhD degrees from the Universities of Madras and Mysore respectively. He is a widely travelled scholar, his research papers have been published in scholarly journals in India and abroad.

**319 *The Traditional Homeland of the Tamil (Part 1): The missing pages of Sri Lankan History.*** A.R.Arudpragasam.

Kote, Sri Lanka: Kanal Publications, P.O.Box 57, Sri Jeyawardenapura, 1st edition, 1996. (Kote, Sri Lanka: Kanal Publications).

(12), 410 p.,maps, index, £ 20.00, 23 x 15cm., ISBN: 955-9424-00-9.

The issue of the Traditional homeland of the Tamils has emerged as one of the most contentious issues in the ethnic conflict of Sri Lanka. The author says in this book that it is not possible to arrive at a peaceful resolution of the constitutional conflict without re-structuring the historical mindsets of the people in such a manner so as to seek congruence with the political realities and inculcate attitudes conducive to a peaceful settlement of the conflict. The author also known as Arular after his first political novel



Lanka Ranee, which helped the understanding of Sri Lankan conflict, was published in India in 1980. After the establishment of the North East Provincial council in 1988, he held the post of Deputy Director, Research Division, Chief Minister's Secretariat at Trincomalee, and since the termination of the Provincial Council in 1990, he has been mediating between the Sri Lankan government and the LTTE. (ETDRC Library Accn No. ST 675).

**320 *Women Fighters of Liberation Tigers.* Adele Ann.**  
(Adele Balasingam).

London, England: Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam International Secretariat, 211, Katherine Road, E6 1BU, 2nd edition, October 1993; 1st edition, January 1993, (Paris, France: LTTE, French Branch, 341, rue des Pyrénées, 75020). 140p, photographs, 22 x 15cm, ISBN: 1-897800-00-3.

Tamil women guerrillas articulate a tremendous determination to fight the Sri Lankan army whom they firmly feel, has no place in their homeland. This is an unshakable belief and one that will sustain this struggle for however long it may take to liberate their homeland. It is the strength of this conviction that allows these young women to fight and rejoice in the success of their military operations; it is the conviction that prepares them to make supreme sacrifices. This book elaborates in its eight chapters, the life and achievements of the Women fighters in Sri Lanka.

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**321 *A Passage to Africa.* George Alagiah.**

London, Great Britain: Time Warner Paperback, Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, WC2E 7EN, 2nd edition, 2002, (Great Britain: Clays Ltd, St Ives plc). xi, 292p, map, index, photographs, £7.99, 20 x 12.8cm, ISBN: 0-7515-3214-2.

George Alagiah was five years old when he and his family emigrated from Ceylon (Now Sri Lanka) to Ghana. It was a journey laced with hope – Ghana was revelling in being the first African country to gain independence from the British Empire – but in 1966 a coup d'état brought this innocent optimism to a close. From these childhood years to his time as the BBC's Africa correspondent, *A Passage to Africa* is George Alagiah's powerful testament to the continent in which he feels at home. Chronicling the horror, the hope and the humanity he has witnessed, this is a

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### **323 *Violent measures in the discourse of Sri Lanka's Estate Tamils.***

Valentine E. Daniel.

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*The following books are yet to be found and recorded in the forthcoming edition of this Publication.*

*A century of English Education.* J.V.Chelliah.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: American Ceylon Mission Press, Thellippalai,  
1st edition 1922.

The story of Batticotta Seminary and Jaffna College.

*A handbook to the Agric of Sri Lanka.* Umarany Coomaraswamy.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: National Science Council, 1st edition, 1967.

*A hundred years of Ceylonese in Malaysia and Singapore  
(1867-1967), being records and recollections of a community.*  
Sabathipillai Durai Raja Singham.

Kuala Lumpur: S. Durai Raja Singham, 1st edition, 1968. 433p.

This compilation offers anecdotal information about the history of the Sri Lankan Tamils in the two countries. The principal attraction for the Tamils, that of openings in the lower echelons of the bureaucracy of the British, is made evident.

*A life of the Rev. Sevak S.S. Selvaratnam.* S.Kulandran.

Chunakam: Christa Seva Ashram, 1st edition, 1979.

*A woman on the storm and other short stories.* A.C.S.V. Thurairajah.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Ranco, 1st edition, 1976.

*Agony in the East: economic and administrative changes in the eastern region.* Justin Rajendram.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition, 1991.12p.



The development programmes taken up by the government and how they were destroyed time to time by the government sponsored violence against Tamils. How violence followed by administrative changes because of its resources for economic viability.

*An autopsy on autonomy: a provisional assessment of the thirteen amendment to the constitution of Sri Lanka.* Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Sri Lanka: Political Wing, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). 31 p.

*An etymological and comparative lexicon of the Tamil language, with indexes of words quoted in Indo-European languages.* Saminader Gnanaprakasas.

Chunnakam: Thirukamal Press, 1st edition, 1938-46. vol. I, pts.1-6.

This lexicon, which was incomplete at the time of the author's death, is widely used, though its methodology has been criticised by later scholars.

*An Indictment on the Government of Sri Lanka.*

London, England: Tamil Rescue Appeal, P.O.Box. 208, WC2 and London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT.

This is a campaign for the defence of Tamil Rights against government organised hooligans and the operations launched by regular armed forces in the Tamils Homeland. It has been written in two stages, first stage giving the facts which constitute and indictment on the Government of Sri Lanka and the second stage reveals the attack on Tamils in Sinhala areas.

*An introduction to Tamil culture.* K.Gnanasooriyar.

London, England: Institute for International Tamil Renaissance, 1st edition, 1979.

*An unjust war against Tamils.* Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam.

Political Wing, LTTE, 1988.

A memorandum submitted by LTTE to the U.N.Conference on Human Rights.

***Ananda Coomaraswamy: a study of a scholar colossus.***

S. Durairajasingham.

Malaysia: Durairajasingham, 1st edition, 1977.

***Ananda Coomaraswamy: remembering and remembering again and again.***

S. Durairajasingham.

Malaysia: Durairajasingham, 1st edition, 1974.

***Apocalypse 83.*** Jean Arasanayagam.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: the author, 1st edition, 1985. 86p.

The collection of poems, devoted to the personal experience of the poet during the communal troubles of July 1983, powerfully and movingly reveals the anguish of the innocent victims of ethnic conflict in contemporary Sri Lanka.

***Briefing Note: Tamils face military offensive.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT.

***Bronzes from Ceylon, chiefly in the Colombo Museum.*** Ananda K. Coomaraswamy.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Department of National Museums, 1st edition, 1978.

***Career Planning for Tamil Women (Refugees).***

1st edition August 1993.

This report was sponsored by the community education services. This course was aimed at those who wished to seek a new career or those who wanted to impose their personal affections. Also for refugees to seek economic independence.

***Ceylon.*** Sinnappah Arasaratnam.

Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 1st Edition 1964. 182 p. 2 maps. Bibliography. (Modern Nations in Historical Perspective Series).

This retracing of Sri Lanka's history by a noted Tamil historian investigates the historical causes of the dilemmas which the nation faced in the post-independence era, and is valuable for the insights it offers on the interactions of the three major ethnic groups, the Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims.

*Ceylon, its geography, its resources and its people.*

Elsie Kathleen Cook, revised by Karthigesapillai Kularatnam.

Madras, India: Macmillan, 1st edition, 1953. 360p., map.

First published in 1931 and long used as a school textbook, this work continues to serve the reader who seeks basic geographical information about Sri Lanka. It is divided into four sections – historical, physical, economic and human geography – and is extensively illustrated.

*Christianity, traditional cultures and nationalism: the South Asian experience.* Sinnappah Arasaratnam.

Vaddukodai, Sri Lanka: Jaffna College, 1st edition, 1978.

*Critiques of Jaffna.* S.Gnanaprakasara, 1928.

*Culture and politics of identity in Sri Lanka.* Mithran Tiruchelvam & Dattath Reya (Ed.).

Colombo, Sri Lanka: International centre for Ethnic Studies, 1st edition, 1998.

The collection of essays in this volume to find general unity in the questioning at cultural and political identity in Sri Lanka.

*Dutch power in Ceylon (1658-1687).* Sinnappah Arasaratnam.

Amsterdam: Djambatan, 1958. 256p. 2 maps. bibliography.

An important account which examines the consolidation of Dutch rule in the littoral of Sri Lanka. The political relations of the Dutch with the Kandyan king and the Kingdom of Jaffna, their military activities in the littoral and against Kandy, their economic organization and cultural impact receive extended treatment. One of the first studies to use the archives at the Hague extensively, this is the published version of a London University doctoral dissertation.



***Early settlements in Jaffna.*** P.Ragupathy.

***Early Tamils of Lanka-Ilankai.*** Nagaratnam Parameswaran.

Perth, Australia: N.Parameswaran, 64, Pine tree Gully Road, Willetton, WA 6155, 1st Edition,n.d

***Economy of the Conflict Region in Sri Lanka: From Embargo to Repression.*** Muttukrishna Sarvananthan.

Washington D.C., U.S.A: East-West Centre in Washington, 1819 L Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington D.C. 20036, 1st edition, 2007.

This publication is a product of the project on Internal Conflicts and State Building Challenges in Asia.

***Education and the Indian plantation worker in Sri Lanka.***

G.A.Gnanamuttu.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Author, 1st edition, 1977.

***Elements of Buddhist iconography.*** Ananda K. Coomaraswamy.

New Delhi, India: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 1st edition, 1979.

***Employment and training for Tamils living in the Borough of Newham: a survey Report.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition 1991. 39p.,tables.

This report was aimed at assessing the Tamil refugees who need to be trained, their skills, and expression and so on. It is recognised that appropriate and secure employment is a key factor in success full settlement of refugees. This report also illustrated the potential of Tamils in the development of local and national economy.

***English Literature: A Guide to G.C.E. (O/L) Poems from 2008.***

Vallipuram Sivarajasingam.

Mr. V.S has been retired from the Official Language Department of the Sri Lankan Government. Born in Karaveddy, Jaffna, Mr.V.S.wrote this book in 20 chapters. Nature, War torn motherland, peoples life style in these unsecured lands, and satire are all included in these poems. It also contains notes about the poets, and commentaries to the poems.

***Essays on early geographical history.*** C.Suntharalingham.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Colombo Today, 1st edition, 1969.

***Et Demain.*** K.Kalamohan.

France

***Ethnic conflict and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka.*** C.Manogaran.

1st edition, 1987, (Honolulu, Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press).

xlii, 232p, maps, tables, diagrams.

The author's distinct contribution to this literature is to explore the great depth the economic and social background to the Tamil nationalism. This book covers many aspects of Sri Lanka, including, geographic features, economic and social condition of people under current situations. The author has also included a vast amount of detail on the colonisation policies, discrimination and many other factors that influenced the ethnic conflict.

***Exodus of Tamils from Jaffna: The Displacement crisis.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT,  
1st edition December 1995, 10p., tables.

The mass displacement from Jaffna is an event of major significance in the political history of the Tamils of Sri Lanka. The report provides information on the major actions that have taken place by the LITE and the Government. A few recommended actions have also been listed for the welfare of the displaced people. The roles of relief work undertaken have also been noted down.

***Eye witness Report- Iruthayapuram Massacre 1986.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT,  
1st edition January 1986. 96p.

This report describes very well the horrible atrocity by the security forces consequent to the death of police personnel at Iruthayapuram, located four miles from Batticaloa town in the eastern province. It is now known as Iruthayapuram Massacre. This report is about the Big Battle of Batticaloa. The author has described the bloody atrocity by the Security forces well. This book also gives hopes to the readers that sufferance and suffering will bring freedom, life and victory one day to the Tamils.

***Facts which constitute an indictment on the Government of Sri Lanka.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, ELF BT,  
(reprinted by TIC, India)

***Field crops of Ceylon.*** R.R. Appadurai, S.T Senewiratne.

Colombo: Lake House Investments Ltd., 1st edition, 1966. 376p.

A handbook of the main field crops of Sri Lanka.

***50 years of Subjugation of Tamil.*** International Federation of Tamils.

***Fire Walking the Burning Facts.*** K.Indrakumar.

***Foreign plantation investment in Ceylon.*** N. Ramachandran.

Colombo: Central Bank of Ceylon, 1st edition, 1963. 200p., bib. (Central Bank of Ceylon Research Series).

The financial experience of the sterling tea and rubber companies which operated in Sri Lanka between 1889 and 1958 is detailed in this study on the basis of research on a random sample. The formation of companies, their methods of raising capital, investment strategies, effects of taxation, and the gradual transfer of ownership from foreign to Sri Lankan hands are the major topics examined.



***Fundamental rights in Sri Lanka: a commentary.*** S.Sarvananda.

Colombo: Acrnold International Pointing House, 1993.447 p.

***Genocide in Sri Lanka: open letters to the president of Sri Lanka.***

A.Amirthalingam and R.Sampanthan.

London, England: TULF, nd., 32 p.

This booklet contains two letters written by Mr. A.Amirthalingam and R. Sampanthan both Sri Lankan Parliamentarians- written to the President of Sri Lanka. These two letters give in short the genesis of the genocide attempt on Sri Lankan Tamils.

***Genocide of Tamils in Sri Lanka.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT. 17p.

This report gives details of wide range of destruction of the Tamil community and their identity. All possible measures taken towards genocide of Tamil in Sri Lanka.

***German Memories in Asia.*** Rajkumar Kanagasingam.

268p, £16.00, ISBN: 1434315827.

'German Memories in Asia' is a collection of memories by the author in his association with the German university students who have been volunteering in Asia under an internship program. This book is narrating the fascinating early human migration from Africa to the rest of the world and the sensitive issues of Asian and European historical events especially the German since the Roman Empire era and about the Germans in Latin America, North America, East European countries and elsewhere in the world and their migrations, life-styles, encounters and assimilations since the Ancient Times. 'German Memories in Asia' is analysing the First and Second World War issues of Dresden Bombing, German POW crisis and more. This book explores the author's encounters in his early days in the war-ravaged Jaffna Peninsula in the northern part of Sri Lanka and then as an officer in an American NGO in the war-torn jungles under the control of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and then in a tsunami relief mission there with German students. 'German Memories in Asia', is a

memorable testimony for German students' life and fashion in Asia at their residency at the Aquarius Resorts in Marawila, a sleepy western coastal town of Sri Lanka facing the scenic Indian ocean.

*Glimpses of Tamil Grievances (1977-1983)*. A.Amirthalingam.

Madras, India: TULF, 1984. 132 p.

A compilation of selected correspondences between the TULF leaders and the Jayewardene Government 1977-1983, on a variety of sensitive subjects which constitute the gravamen of Tamil grievances.

*Ground water in Ceylon*. V.S.Balendran.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Geological Survey Department, 1st edition, 1970.

*History of Jaffna*. Simon Kasie Chitty. 1884

*History of Jaffna*. Muththuthamby Pillai. 1907

*Impact of a New Europe on South Asia*. N. Vijayasingam.

August 1990

*In the spring: some verses*. James T. Rutnam.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Apothecaries, 1st edition, 1977.

*Index to the Code of Criminal Procedure Act No.15 of 1979*. A.Mahesan.

1st edition, 1979, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Felix Printers).

*India and Eelam Tamils crisis*.

Political Committee, LTTE. 30p.

Factual explanation submitted with love and respect to all Eelam Tamils.

*Islam and Education*. M.A.M Shukri.

Beruwala, Sri Lanka: Naleemiah Bureau of Islamic Publications, P.O.Box 1.

*Isn't a Sri Lankan Tamil a refugee today? Don't they have well founded fear will they be persecuted if they are removed to Sri Lanka!.*

Tamil Refugee Camp.

20p.

This book gives evidence and reasons for not only persecution but for fear of persecution too. The list of violence against Tamils for having asked for their rights in the country are given dates. Early days, the violence had been only in a certain region or province. But in 1983 it was a well planned all island massacres of Tamils. The ground fear of persecution has cultivated and had resulted in Tamils fleeing out of the island. It also gives a few evidences as to the insecurity or disaster that has unfortunate ones who were returned from European countries.

*Jaffna today and yesterday.* Duraiyappa pillai, 1907.

*Journey without a destination: Is there a solution for Sri Lankan Refugees?*

London, England: The Refugee Council. 66p.

*Kindura.* Jean Arasanayagam.

Kandy, Sri Lanka: T.B.S. Godamunne, 1st edition, 1973.

*Labour in SAARC Region New Opportunities.* N. Vijayasingam.

April 1989

*Law and the marriage relationship in Sri Lanka.* Shirani Ponnambalam.

Colombo: Ceylon Printers, 1st edition, 1982. 508p.

Aimed primarily at the legal scholar and practitioner, this study focuses on the law relating to the marital relationship, with detailed discussions on the historical sources of the law and on the principles and rules which have been derived from the personal law systems of Sri Lanka and from Roman-Dutch and English law.



***Liberation Tigers and Tamil Eelam freedom struggle.*** A.S.Balasingam.

Sri Lanka: Political Committee, LTTE, 1983. 44p.

This political document attempts to introduce the National Liberation struggle of the people of Tamil Eelam to the progressive world. It also documents the historical genesis of LTTE; it briefly specifies the theoretical perspective, political programme of action and military strategies of LTTE.

***Mankind in Peril.*** Syed Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi.

Beruwala, Sri Lanka: Naleemiah Bureau of Islamic Publications, P.O.Box 1,

***Mediaeval Sinhalese art: being a monograph on mediæval Sinhalese arts and crafts mainly as surviving in the eighteenth century with an account of the structure of society, and the status of the craftsmen.***

Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy.

New York: Pantheon, 2nd ed. 1956, 1st edition 1908. 344p.

First published in 1908, this study by the scholar who made seminal contributions to the understandings and appreciation of the arts of Sri Lanka (and of India and Southeast Asia as well) remains the most detailed treatment of the arts of the Sinhalese in the immediate pre-colonial period. It examines not only the achievements of the Sinhalese artists and craftsmen but also attempts to document their training and development and their place in the wider society.

***Medieval Tamils in Lanka-Ilankai.*** Nagaratnam Parameswaran.

Perth, Australia: N.Parameswaran, 64, Pine tree Gully Road, Willetton, WA 6155.

275 p., illus., £ 15.00

This book is a sequel to the author's 'Early Tamils of Lanka-Ilankai' which traced the history of the Tamils from the earliest times to the fall of Anuradhapura to the Cholas in the 10th century. The present book thus begins their history from the Chola occupation of the island to the end of the 18th century. It deals with the history of the Tamils of Lanka- Ilankai over a period of 800 years from a Tamil perspective.

***Must Sri Lanka split: reflections on the Tamils' plight 1977.*** K.Nesiah.

Japan: CCA-URM, 1st edition, 1977. 23 p.

***National languages of Sri Lanka- II. Tamil.*** K.Kailasapathy,  
A.Sanmugadas.

Colombo: Department of Cultural Affairs, 1st edition, 1976.  
33p. (The Culture of Sri Lanka, no.11).

Tamil language and its use in Sri Lanka are succinctly surveyed.

***Negotiating peace in Sri Lanka: efforts, failures and lessons.***  
Kumar Rupasinghe (Editor).

London, U.K., International Alert of London, 1st edition 1998.

***North, South and Death.*** Bamini Selladurai.

Victoria 3109: Australia: 42, Fernlea Crescent, East Doncaster, Melbourne,  
(London, England: Minerva Press, 315-317, Reagent Street, W1R 7YB).

***On National relations in Sri Lanka.*** Imayavaramban.

Madras: Chennai Books, 1988.116 p.

Aimed at bring about a peaceful solution to Sri Lanka's ethnic problem which had led to an armed liberation struggle by the Tamils of Sri Lanka against national oppression.

***Origin and development of the Hindu religion and people: some aspects.***  
C. Sivaratnam.

1st edition, 1978, (Colombo, Sri Lanka: Rance Printers).

***Politics in Sri Lanka, 1947-1979.*** Alfred Jeyaratnam Wilson.

London: Macmillan, 2nd ed. 1979. 320p., 2 maps., bib.

This study, by the best known of the Sri Lankan political scientists, is now recognized as the standard work on the politics of post-independent Sri Lanka. Placing politics within a wider framework, the author addressed a wide range of subjects which bear upon his central concerns, political

forces and political behaviour. Thus, separate chapters deal with the land and its people, problems of a plural society, and economic and social progress, as well as with the constitution and government, and foreign policy and defence agreements. The major criticism of this study is that it often tends to be descriptive rather than analytical.

***Present Position of SAARC.*** N.Vijayasingham.

March 1988

***Pricing policies of public enterprises. A country study of selected public enterprises in Ceylon.*** V. Kanesalingam.

Colombo: Documentation and Publications Divisions, Industrial Development Board of Ceylon, 1st edition, 1972. 128p., bib., map.

Though the thrust of the study is somewhat technical, the discussion is not narrow, and valuable information about the working of the public enterprises in Sri Lanka may be obtained from it.

***Principles of Ceylon law.*** Henry Wijayakone Tambiah.

Colombo: H.W.Cave, 1st edition, 1972. 571p.

An introduction to the laws of Sri Lanka, with attention drawn to both statutory and case law.

***Problems and Prospects: Re-settlement Services for People affected by violence in the Tamil Homeland Sri Lanka visit Report.***

V. Varathakumar.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition, September 1992. 29p, tables, map, £1.00.

This report aims to set out the situation of people affected by war in the Tamil Homeland and those displaced and housed in refugee camps in Colombo. Situation in Mannar Island, Amparai, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Mullaitivu and Batticaloa are detailed individually. The information gathered in this report was collected by the writer during a visit to Sri Lanka from 17 June to 2 July 1992. The report has been written to highlight the present inadequacies and identify regions that require the attention of NGO's



to provide relief, rehabilitation and development. A report on displaced people in welfare centres and outside welfare centres as at 30 July 1992 is also annexed.

***Ramanathan of Ceylon: the life of Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan.***  
M.Vythilingam.

Jaffna, Sri Lanka: the author, 1st edition, 1977.

***Religio Cultural Analyses of work values in Sri Lanka: The Hindu Perspective.*** V.N.Sivarajah.

Madras 600026, India: Kumaran Publishers, 27, 2nd Street, Kumaran Colony, Vadapalani, 1st edition, April 1994. (Madras 600005, India: Novena Offset Printing Co)

***Rice and rubber: The story of China-Ceylon trade.*** S.P. Amerasingham.

Colombo: Ceylon Economic Research Association, 1st edition, 1953. 208p., bib.

The first major bi-lateral trade agreement of independent Sri Lanka, the exchange of Sri Lanka's rubber for China's rice, is the subject of this study.

***Sinhalese laws and customs.*** Henry Wijayakone Tambiah.

Colombo: Lake House Investments, 1st edition, 1968.356p.

A general study of the principles of Kandyan law. Though useful, this work lacks authoritative status.

***S.J.V. Chelvanayakam and Ceylon Tamil Nationalism: Political Leadership in an Ethnic Crisis.***A.Jeyaratnam Wilson.

1st edition 1993. 224p, £27.50, ISBN: 1-85065-130-2.

S.J.V. Chelvanayakam was one of the most prominent leaders of the Ceylon Tamils before and after independence, and in the early days of their struggle for economic and political equality. The author, who knew Chelvanayakam intimately, analyses his career and his symbiotic relationship with the Ceylon Tamils, which led to the emergence and reinforcing of a defensive Ceylon Tamil nationalism. The work also serves as a model for the study of ethno-nationalism, the politics of Gandian protest and of

crisis leadership in a multi-ethnic developing state. The author is Professor of Political Science at the University of New Brunswick in Canada, and previously held the foundation chair in political science at Sri Lanka's University of Peradeniya.

*S.J.V. Chelvanayakam and Ceylon Tamil Nationalism: Political Life, 1947-1977.* A.Jeyaratnam Wilson.

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*Sri Lanka after independence: nationalism, communalism and nation building.* Sinnappah Arasaratnam.

Madras, India: University of Madras, 1st edition, 1986. Iv, 92p.

Analysis of the inter-play of nationalism and communalism in post independent Sri Lanka.

*Sri Lanka- Extra Judicial & Arbitrary Killings.* P.Rajanayagam.

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT and HRC (SCOT), 1st edition 1987. 46p., £2.75,

*Sri Lanka: July 1983, Violence against Indian Tamils.*

S. Sivanayagam (ed.).

Madras, India: Tamil Information Centre, 1st edition, 1984.

40p., map, table, £1.00.

***Sri Lanka legitimacy over North and East.*** S.Vanniasingam.

Jaffna: Vairavar Kadadsam, 1990. 138 p.

***Sri Lanka: Lost opportunities.*** Ketheswaran Loganathan.

Colombo: Studies in Conflict Formation and Resolution, 1996. 243 p.

***Sri Lanka: reign of Terror in Jaffna.*** A.S.Moorthy.

Colombo: The Colombo Study Circle, 1981. 73 p.,

This book contains parliamentary Statements of Tamil leaders regarding Tamil's ethnic issues.

***Studies in Hinduism.*** Kandiah Navaratnam.

Chunnakam: Thirumakal Press, 1st edition, 1973. 263p.

The published version of a lecture series on Hinduism and its study by non-Hindus delivered by the distinguished scholar of Tamil culture in Sri Lanka.

***Tamil.*** K.Kailasapathy.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Department of Cultural Affairs, 1st edition, 1976.

***Tamil as official language.*** A.Thevarajan.

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 1995. 125 p.

***Tamil Eelam People Forum: Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict and Indo Sri Lanka Agreement.*** Tamil Eelam People Forum.

Jaffna, 1993. 71 p.

***Tamil women and children living and dying under Sri Lankan Army Occupation: Sexual Violence.***

London, England: Women's Development and Information Unit, P.O.Box 23609, E7 9TX.



***Tamil writers in Sri Lanka.*** K.S. Sivakumaran.

Colombo: Vijeyaluckshmi Book Depot, 1st edition, 1974. 64p.

The best introduction in the English language to contemporary Tamil writing.

***Tamil as official language-retrospect and prospect.*** A.Thevarajan.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Centre for ethnic studies, 1st edition, 1995. 126 p.

This study deals with the important subject of Tamil as an official language.

***The Anguish of 1983.*** C.Suriyakumaran.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: C.Suriyakumaran.

***The arts and crafts of India and Ceylon.*** Ananda Kentish Coomaraswamy.

New York: Noonday, 1st edition, 1964. 259p.

A valuable survey of the major and minor arts of Sri Lanka. The discussion is coloured by the author's perspective that culturally Sri Lanka is an integral part of India.

***The Gaullist system in Asia: the constitution of Sri Lanka (1978).***

Alfred Jeyaratnam Wilson.

London, England: Macmilan, 1980. 218p., bibliography.

The making of the constitution of 1978 is examined in detail. The author discusses the continuities between the new constitution and the previous constitutions of 1972 and 1948 as well as its innovations, the chief of which is the concept of an executive president which is borrowed from Gaullist constitutional thought.

***The great Kural: selections from Thiruvalluvar's world famous Tamil classic;*** translated by K. Gnanasooriyan.

***Thirukkural.***

1st edition, 1980, (Jaffna, Sri Lanka: Ananda Printing Works).

***The ideology of popular justice in Sri Lanka: a socio-legal inquiry.***

Neelan Tiruchelvam.

Delhi: Vikas, 1984. 215p., bibliography.

The significance of popular tribunals in pre-colonial Sri Lanka and the attempts to create popular tribunals in independent Sri Lanka form the focus of this study. Its discussion on the competing conceptions of popular tribunals among policy-makers and the tensions that arose between the traditional institutional form and the socialist goals and aspirations of the new tribunals is penetrating and offers the framework for the understandings of the ultimate failure of these institutions.

***The Israel Connection and State Terrorism in Sri Lanka.***

London, England: Tamil Information Centre, 720, Romford Road, E12 6BT, 1st edition, 1985. 72p, £1.50.

***The laws and customs of the Tamils of Jaffna.*** Henry Wijayakone Tambiah.

Colombo: Times of Ceylon, 1st edition, 1951. 339p.

The standard work on the laws and customs of the Tamils. Special attention has been paid to the Tēsavalamai, the codified version of the customary law of the Tamils.

***The legal system of Ceylon in its historical setting.*** Tambyah Nadarajah.

Leiden, the Netherlands: Brill, 1st edition, 1972. 311p., map. bibliography.

A study of the development of the structure of the judicature and the laws under the Dutch (1656-1796), British (1796-1948), and in independent Sri Lanka. While the text surveys the broad developments, the footnotes embody rich and valuable material and, in fact, the footnotes need to be closely read to make the best use of this work.

*The legislatures of Ceylon, 1928-1948.* Sagarajasingham Namasivayam.

London: Faber, 1st edition, 1951. 185p., (Studies in Colonial Legislatures, vol.5).

An examination of the evolution of the colonial legislature, with particular attention devoted to the State Council established under the Donoughmore constitution in 1931.

*The rainfall rhythm in Ceylon.* George G.R Thambyahpillai.

Colombo: Colombo Apothecaries, 1st edition, 1955. 52p. (Climatological Research Series, vol.I).

The division of the climatic year of Sri Lanka into four seasons first offered in this work continues to be broadly accepted.

*The states of South Asia: problems of national integration. Essays in honour of W.H. Morris-Jones.* Alfred Jeyaratnam Wilson, Dennis Dalton. (Editor).

London: C.Hurst, 1st edition, 1982. 343p.

The contributions on Sri Lanka are K.M. de Silva's discussion of the transfer of power in 1948, C.R. de Silva's essay on the Sinhalese-Tamil rift and A. J. Wilson's consideration of the future of Sri Lanka in relation to the conflict between the Sinhalese and Tamils.

*Tigerism and other essays.* Ram Manikkalingam.

Colombo: Ethnic Studies Group, 1995.

The Essays reveals in that Tigerism that in the major impediment to peace in Sri Lanka he argues that the fascist and ruthless LTTE is not open to reason.

*TULF towards devolution of power in Sri Lanka main documents (August 1983 to October 1987).*

Madras, India: TULF, 1988. 156 p.

*Visvakarma.* Ananda K. Coomaraswamy.



New Delhi, India: Munshiram Manoharlal Publishers, 1st edition, 1978.

*Water resources in Ceylon-its utilization and development.* S.Arumugam.

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Water Resources Board, 1st edition, 1969.

*Why Tamil Eelam?*

London: Expatriate Tamils, 1995. 54 p.

Historical pointers to the present Sri Lankan ethnic conflict.

*You too India.*

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, Political Wing. 122 p.

History of the war with photos.

## About the author.

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### **N. Selvarajah: The Creator of an European Tamil Central Repository.**

Dr. Siva Thiagarajah.

Selvarajah is well known in Sri Lanka and all over the Tamil Diaspora as a librarian and renowned bibliographer of Sri Lankan Tamil books.

This work is his latest contribution, especially by Sri Lankan Tamil speaking writers' contribution in English. This book has been evolved through a long period of Selvarajah's experience in the field of Bibliography. To date he has produced five volumes of 'Nool Thettam' – a bibliography of Tamil books by Sri Lankan Tamil writers from home and abroad, which has about five thousand entries and constitutes the Sri Lankan Tamil Central Repository of modern literary work.

This enormous project, more the work of a university or state department, is being undertaken by a single man with a love for books. This 'one man project' is unparalleled in its scope and undertaking. He has researched each and every book that is entered in his collection, so that there is no question about the authenticity of his compendium. He also provides a short summary of each and every entry. These are not criticisms; they are only explanatory notes.

In the present climate, the majority of the scientific and research books in Tamil are written by Sri Lankan Tamil writers living outside of Sri Lanka. For students pursuing their studies in Sri Lanka and involved in research, Selvarajah's 'Nool Thettam' is the only path open to gain access to these specialised works. 'Nool Thettam' is an invaluable asset and remains a landmark in Sri Lankan Tamil writing. Selva's pioneering effort will be remembered forever.

Selva was born in Anaicoddai, one of the earliest known human settlements in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. He was educated in Jaffna and began his career as a librarian at Ramanathan College, Chunnakam. He later served as the chief librarian for the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement in the Jaffna District. During 1981-82 he went to Indonesia to serve under the United Nations Development Programme. Whilst there he developed a

Model Rural Community Library System in the village Marengmang, near the provincial capital Bandung, which was later adopted in the rural areas of that country.

On his return to Sri Lanka in 1983, he became the Chief Librarian at the Evelyn Rutnam Institute for inter-cultural Studies, affiliated to the Jaffna College. In 1990 he became an advisor to the Department of Hindu Culture under the Ministry of Cultural Affairs in Sri Lanka. In 1991 he was made a consultant to the Jaffna Public Library.

Residing in Britain for the past 15 years, it is his unwavering love of the profession and his single mindedness which has produced the five volumes of his Bibliographical Compendium. This labour of love continues- this could go on infinitum.

Apart from 'Nool Thettam' – the compendium; he is also the author of twenty seven books in Tamil and English. A book on Tamil Proverbs, a selected Bibliography of Dr. James T. Rutnam, several guide books on setting up Rural libraries, a history of Jaffna Library and Rising from the Ashes: The tragic Episode of the Jaffna Library are some of his outstanding works.

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His contribution to the Tamil Literary world is well recognised by the Tamil Diaspora. In 2004 he was given a special commendation by the 'Tamil Information' in Canada; and in 2005, he was awarded the title 'expert writer' (Eluththiyal Viththakar) by the Sinthanai Vattam of Udatalawinna in Sri Lanka.

Selvarajah remains a great friend and advisor on several matters relating to writing and publishing. I am indebted to him in many ways. His service to his fellow men and community continues; there is no end in sight.

*I wish him well on all of his endeavours.*

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