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“Let’s hope & pray people will hand over the nation to proper leaders in 2024”

Cardinal Malcom Ranjith

Archbishop of Colombo Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith said local affairs have been neglected by the authorities and criticised the Sri Lankan government’s move to send in a naval ship to ensure the safety of international sea routes.

Cardinal Ranjith who was speaking during a special service held to mark the 2nd anniversary since the finding of a grenade at the All Saints & Church, Borella said authorities have failed to find the real perpetrators who placed a grenade inside the church, who planned the Easter Sunday attacks and those who have harassed the media in the past.

We are still to see justice being meted out to those who were behind the Easter Sunday attacks. No one still knows who were behind the disappearance of Prageeth Ekneligoda and the killing of Sunday Leader Editor Lasantha Wickramatunga. Everything has been swept under the carpet. Authorities seem to be giving priority to safeguard international seas rather than resolving burning issues in the country,” he added.

“We understand that 2024 is a year of elections. Let’s hope and pray that people will hand over the nation to proper leaders this time,” he also said.

Mean time, the bulk of the Sri Lankans are employed on vessels that must sail to and from the Red Sea and there is no way out should they be caught up in hostilities while in that region, Sri Lankan officials said.

The exact number of active Sri Lankan Seafarers currently embedded on foreign flagged merchant vessels cannot be reached but the officials said it is anything between 15, 000 to 20,000.

Mean time, retired Rear Admiral and hydrographer, Y.N. Jayarathna, said the government will have to spend about USD 40 million to upgrade the offshore patrol vessel to be sent to the Red Sea to take part in operations against the Houthi rebels.

“The Head of State wants the SLN to operate in the Red Sea, but does the government want to spend money? There will be operational costs, and there will be maintenance costs. The cost of diesel, alone for an offshore patrol vessel for a one-month patrol, comes to about Rs 60 million.

There is a huge cost, and the government has to be ready for it,” Jayaratne said.

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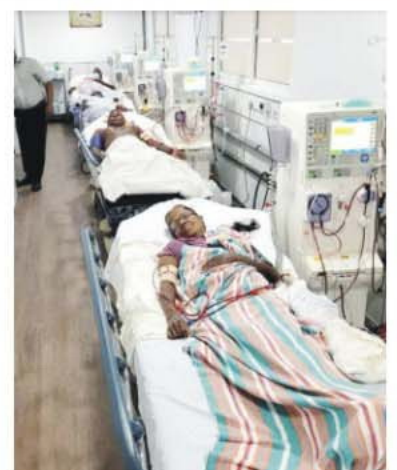


Recently, Toronto Business Icon Mr. Ganesan Sugumar and Mr. Mahadevan donated Blood Purification machines to both Jaffna Teaching Hospital and Mallavi Government Hospital.

Dr. Sathiyamoorthy, Director of Jaffna Teaching Hospital and Northern Province Health Department and Eye Specialist Dr Malaravan were also in attendance at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital event.

In these photos Mr. Ganesan Sugumar was seen welcomed by the Hospital Staff and addressing the participants at the Jaffna Teaching Hospital and Mr. Mahadevan was seen with the Mallaavi Hospital Doctors and Nurses.

Tamil Mirror congratulate these two gentlemen for their services to the home land people.



Need for Protection of Civilians by the United Nations in a war



The United Nations is a global organization that brings together its member states to confront common challenges, manage shared responsibilities and exercise collective action in an enduring "quest for a peaceful world."

One of the main purposes of the United Nations is to maintain world peace and security. At present there are 193 member states in the UN.

Of the all main organs of the United Nations, Security Council is the primary organ consisting five permanent members [USA, United Kingdom, China, France and Russia] and ten rotating members chosen as representatives of various regions of the world.

The Security Council has the primary responsibility under the United Nations Charter for the maintenance of international peace and security. Resolutions of the Security Council legally bind the member states for compliance, while the UN resolutions do not have any legally binding effect, with consequences for non-compliance unless authorized by the Security Council.

The United Nations can however make suggestions and recommendations to the Security Council for its consideration and adoption.

One of the United Nations' primary purposes is promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to age, sex, language or religion and member states pledge to undertake "joint and separate action" to protect these rights with member states duty bound to carry out UN Resolutions.

However, in practice United Nations General Assembly on its own cannot take sufficient action against human rights abuses without a Security Council Resolution. The Security Council since its inception in 1948 has so far passed more than 2,400 resolutions. The Security Council through its resolutions has the powers to impose economic, political and/or diplomatic sanctions against any state which is in breach of any Articles of United Nations Conventions resulting in threats of peace, breaches of peace or acts of aggression. Besides, the Security Council can also authorize peacekeeping operations including military action as happened in 1991 against Iraq which invaded and occupied Kuwait in August 1990.

The UN Security Council also authorises referrals to the International Criminal Court to try leaders of countries and/or military officials who are alleged to have committed war crimes,

crimes against humanity, genocide, etc. This referral brings countries who have not signed the Rome Statute of 2002, to face prosecution for war crimes, etc, as happened in Rwanda, Darfur genocide in 2005 and the genocide by rulers of Sudan in 2011 against South Sudan rebels.

All in all, the duties of maintenance of world peace, prevention of human rights violations and punishment of perpetrators lie only on the Security Council's fifteen members, particularly on five permanent members who also enjoy the veto power to nullify a resolution even if backed by the other fourteen members.

The net effect is that the UN Security Council is owned by the five Super Powers who can make or unmake a resolution and situation. The recent veto exercised by the US in the Security Council to rescind its decision to recognize Jerusalem as capital of Israel is one example when world opinion was treated with nil importance and scant respect. The US, being the major contributor of funds for the United Nations [about 22%], also holds a dominant influence over the functions of the United Nations.

If one traces the record of the United Nations and Security Council during the past 50 years, its dismal performances and failures stand exposed and glaring to any one observer. Some of the inexcusable failures are as follows, which could have been prevented at the outset, but were allowed to reach their ends with horrifying results:

The genocide of Bangladeshis in 1971 during the war with Pakistan;

The genocide in Cambodia by Pol Pot;

The genocide in Rwanda in 1994 when Tutsis in their thousands were killed by Hutus;

Massacres in Srebrenica in 1995 where Muslims were massacred by Serbs; Civil war in Somalia and Sudan which resulted in the killings of thousands of rebels by government forces and militants with the blessings of their rulers.

The gross failure of the United Nations and Security Council during the genocidal war in Sri Lanka from 2006 to May 18, 2009 is one recent ignominious performance of the world bodies, United Nations and Security Council.

The Toronto Star [Canada] on November 20, 2012 commented this failure as follows: "When as many as 40,000 Tamils were killed during the final months of Sri Lanka's civil war in 2009, the United Nations did not hold a single formal meeting. Not at the Security Council, not at the General Assembly. Not at the Human Rights Council."

"In Sri Lanka, United Nations retreated into craven silence and looked the other way that emboldened war criminals to ply their vicious trade."

"This systematic failure is appalling coming long after the United Nations was thought to have absorbed the 'NEVER AGAIN' lessons from the Rwanda genocide and Srebrenica in 1995."

Former Secretary General Ban-Ki-moon, who remained passive and actionless during the war, visited Sri Lanka in September 2016 and lamented as follows, conceding the grave failure of his office; "Something more terrible seems happened in the past in 1994, in Rwanda, there was a massacre, more than one million people were massacred, United Nations felt responsible for that. We said repeatedly 'never again, never again' it happened just one year after Srebrenica, We did again in Sri Lanka."

Adding insult to injury was the UNHRC's Resolution in May 2009 which praised Sri Lanka for ending the civil war by eliminating the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam [LTTE]; However, this resolution was condemned later "as a slap on human rights and endorsement of genocide, but later realized its folly and ignorance of facts and figures and falling to the game of duplicity by Sri Lanka."

When the war in between the Myanmar Buddhist Government and the Rohingyas was going on the world was watching the horrors as well as the United Nations and Security Council. United Nations Secretary General His Excellency Antonio Guterres summed up the situation as follows:

"We are still repeating rather than preventing and acting only when it is often too late. We must do more to respond early and keep violence from escalating. One such case may be Myanmar."

"One year of investigations reveals mounting evidence that points to genocide against Rohingya Muslims with Myanmar army soldiers, police and civilians as the major perpetrators. Genocide has recurred multiple times."

"Rohingyas have suffered attacks and systematic violations for decades. The Tamils in Sri Lanka also suffered the similar harrowing experiences for the last sixty years under the watchful eyes of United Nations and International Community."

It is clear that the International Community and Myanmar Government failed to protect Rohingya civilians from mass atrocities, repeating its failure in Sri Lanka. What has been going on in the Rakhine State of Rohingyas is nothing but a calculated pre-planned process of genocide committed by Myanmar This is now openly admitted by the United Nations and International Community but only after watching the continuation of atrocities and remaining abhorrently silent until genocide is accomplished like in Sri Lanka.

The United Nations Secretary General admits this by saying that "Genocide can take place in times of war and in times of peace. We must be ever vigilant". Special Adviser on Prevention of Genocide Adama Dieng sums up the situation correctly as follows:

"It is our inaction and effectiveness in addressing the warning signals that allows it to become a reality. Genocide does not happen by accident. It is deliberate with warning signs and precursors."

Whether the Security Council will now act quickly and decisively to prevent the genocide of Rohingyas is anybody's guess even though international pressure is mounting.

It appears that the five permanent members of the Security Council are adopting a lethargic and wait and see approach to the plight of Rohingyas. The permanent members, particularly the US, spring in to action when their economic, political and strategic interests are threatened. For instance, protecting the oil rich state Kuwait, prompted the intervention and invasion of Iraq in 1990.

It can be stated that a thread of duplicity appears to be running through the web of the United Nations' actions which seems to confirm the application of different scales of values to people affected depending on the continents they live. Certainly Africa and Asia fall within this web of duplicity.

There is no denying the fact that the Security Council is being monopolized to protect and promote the interests of the Super Powers, rather than to go to the rescue of the marginalised victims of state aggression, particularly happening in third world countries.

Even manipulation and intimidating tactics are employed to achieve the goals of some powerful countries. Furthermore the United Nations also failed to enforce the R2P [Responsibility to protect] rule introduced by Canada, making its existence questionable and relevant.

British historian Paul Kennedy's statement on the Security Council confirms; "Glaring failures had not only accompanied the United Nations' many achievements, but they overshadowed them, for instance the lack of will to prevent ethnic massacres in Bosnia and Rwanda."



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5 TIPS FOR EASY AND COMPLETE SPRING CLEANING



(NC) Spring cleaning can feel like your big chance to get your living space under control and this can be a source of stress for many of us. Here are some tips for a quick, complete clean.

PLAN YOUR APPROACH

It's not going to get done if you don't make time for it, simple as that. Think about what you need to tackle, and when you'll do each thing. Whether you go room by room or start with one task in every room, set a date (or a series of dates) to get it done.

DO AN INVENTORY

Once you've set aside the time, don't be sidetracked by a lack of cleaning supplies or tools. Include a moment in your schedule to check your stash of rags, stock up on cleaning products and make sure your vacuum is in good shape. Knowing you're prepared can be motivating too.

MAKE IT A PARTY

Whatever keeps you entertained while doing boring tasks, embrace it – maybe throw on some tunes, or set friendly competitions with family members about who can do the most. Plan a reward for once you're done – think takeout, your favourite TV show or something else you enjoy.

PLAY IT SMART

It's about time to toss loose paper like junk mail and ancient receipts, right? Just be sure to shred anything with personal information like your name, social insurance number or address before you throw it in the recycling. Tossing intact pages gives thieves an easy way to amass the details they need to steal your identity. A shredding machine makes things more convenient, but you can always use scissors or rip it up if you don't have one.

DON'T FORGET DEVICES

Your digital life deserves as much of a clean as your physical space. Not only do you spend a lot of time on devices like your phone, tablet and laptop, but you also leave yourself open to identity theft and hacking if you neglect good security hygiene for them. Offload unnecessary files or apps that sit unused, install anti-virus and anti-malware software and make sure your devices will automatically update. Also check on and strengthen your social media security and privacy settings. Find more information about cleaning and securing your devices from BMO's Financial Crimes Unit at bmo.com/security.



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Detached	\$1,626,980	\$1,642,701	\$954,564	\$1,318,813	\$1,733,081
Semi-Detached	\$1,173,171	\$1,039,948	\$755,823	\$920,244	\$1,114,146
Townhouse	\$1,418,575	\$1,092,551	\$802,458	\$840,501	\$1,006,930
Condo Apt	\$709,283	\$670,392	\$502,115	\$604,132	\$635,487
Total # New Listings	1,517	648	472	782	327
Total # Active Listings	4,410	1,793	862	1,927	908
Total # Sales	1,266	612	468	619	361
Avg. Listing VS Property Days On Market (LDOM/PDOM)	33/51	31/48	25/41	32/49	36/54
YOY Avg. Price Change	-4%	-4%	-9%	-8%	-7%

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Tamil Heritage Month Opening ceremony, January 8, 2024.

Canadian Tamil Heritage Society held the Opening Ceremony of *Tamil Heritage Month 2024* at *Aniin Centre*, on *January 8, 2024, Markham*. There were traditional Tamil Dance, song and speeches and also delicious food were served. Several politicians and community leaders were also present. Posters of 2024 event were also delivered. **Charles Devasagayam, M.A.**





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Getting older? 3 common illnesses you should know about



(NC) As you get older, you may have wondered why you've seemed to get sick with colds or other viruses more often, taken longer to recover, or suffered complications to existing health conditions.

From childhood, our immune system matures, and we build up immunity to help protect us from many common viruses. This resilience built in youth gradually declines. Around age 50, the risk of infection and more serious complications starts to be more noticeable. As a result of our naturally weakening immune systems, older adults are more likely to face severe symptoms and potential hospitalization from infections that our younger selves could more easily fight off.

Here are three ailments you should have on your radar as you age:

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)

RSV is a common respiratory virus. While most people experience mild, cold-like symptoms, this virus can be dangerous for adults aged 60 and older, and it can worsen pre-existing conditions such as asthma, COPD and congestive heart failure. RSV can have severe health impacts, including hospitalization and even death in some cases. Getting vaccinated, regularly washing your hands, disinfecting surfaces that are touched often and avoiding close contact with people who are sick can help reduce your risk.

Shingles

Shingles is a viral infection that typically causes a painful rash on one side of the body or face. It's caused by the same virus that gives us chickenpox. If you had chickenpox in the past, the virus remains dormant in your body and can reactivate later in life as shingles. It's estimated that one in three people will experience shingles in their lifetime. Fortunately, this virus is vaccine preventable.

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)

COPD is a lung disease that causes a narrowing of the airways and can progress slowly over a number of years, with most people diagnosed over the age of 40. Smoking is the leading cause of developing COPD, but there are other risk factors including family history and exposure to air pollutants.

While the cause of COPD isn't related to immune function, people living with COPD can suffer flare-ups due to common respiratory viruses such as a cold, the flu or RSV, which can worsen their condition. Although there is no cure for COPD, there are treatment options including medication and lifestyle changes that can help to support overall quality of life.

Additionally, frequent hand washing and getting your annual vaccinations can help to manage symptoms and potential flare ups.



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5 ways to build an energy-efficient home

(NC) Whether it's your primary objective or a secondary benefit, creating an energy-efficient living space is a smart choice for homeowners. Sustainable architecture and materials can help ensure you rely less on limited resources while reducing the cost of operating your Home.

These green ideas range from relatively simple to major undertakings, but they all have one thing in common: energy-efficient living, which in turn results in lower energy bills.

Be mindful of electricity use. Monitoring your usage habits is a simple starting point when you want to move toward more energy-efficient living. Using less electricity during peak hours reduces the strain on your energy provider, which can help curb your monthly bill. Check with your utility provider to confirm what times of day they offer lower rates. Other tips include using natural light to your advantage and turning off lights and other electronics when they're not in use.

Install energy-efficient windows. Even standard double-pane windows lose a great deal of energy in the average home. In the winter, they allow cold to seep in, while in the warmer months blazing sunlight can quickly elevate a room's temperature. However, energy-efficient windows act as an effective barrier to both cold and heat. They can even protect your belongings from fading and damage caused by ultraviolet light. Newly installed windows also tend to have tighter, unblemished seals, addressing another common culprit of energy loss. If new windows are not in your budget, check your window and door perimeters and consider resealing them to prevent air leakage.

Opt for efficient appliances. Appliances may make modern life substantially easier, but they account for a significant share of a home's energy usage. However, you can reduce how much they need by choosing an efficient model that uses 10-50 percent less power than less energy-conscious options. Not only do they help reduce greenhouse emissions and promote sustainable living, but some energy-efficient appliances also have lower maintenance requirements.



Boost insulation levels. Adequate insulation keeps heat in your home when it's cold outdoors and prevents too much heat from seeping in when temperatures soar. However, over time loose-fill insulation (such as cellulose, fibreglass or mineral wool) can break down. It's also common for homeowners to discover their homes were constructed with insulation that only met minimum standards, so there's room for improvement. Consider adding insulation to commonly deficient areas like the attic, garage, basement and exterior walls.

Start with a solid foundation. Building a new home is a big investment, especially considering rising energy requirements and fuel costs. Relying on energy-efficient construction materials, like Nudura's insulated concrete forms (ICFs), can provide homeowners nearly 60 per cent energy savings compared to traditional building methods using wood. ICF construction results in less waste during the building process and also reduces the amount of energy needed for heating and cooling due to their continuous insulation and high R-value. The result is an airtight structure that enables building mechanical systems to heat, cool and ventilate more efficiently, creating a healthier living environment with a lower carbon footprint.

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பொங்கல் என்பது தமிழர்களால் சிறப்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்படும் ஓர் அறுவடைப் பண்டிகை ஆகும். இந்த விழா தென்னிந்தியா, இலங்கை, மலேசியா, சிங்கப்பூர், ஐரோப்பிய நாடுகள், வட அமெரிக்கா, தென் ஆப்பிரிக்கா, மொரிசியசு என தமிழர் வாழும் அனைத்து நாடுகளிலும் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. பொங்கல், உழைக்கும் மக்கள் இயற்கைத் தெய்வமாகக் கருதப்படும் சூரியனுக்கும், மற்ற உயிர்களுக்கும் சொல்லும் ஒரு நன்றியறிதலாகக் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. இந்தப் பண்டிகை இந்து கடவுளான சூரிய தேவனுக்கும் இயற்கைக்கும் அர்ப்பணிக்கப்பட்டது.

ஆடி மாதத்தில் தேடி விதைத்த பயிர்களின் விளைச்சலை அறுவடை செய்து பயன் அடையும் பருவமே தை மாதம் ஆகும். அந்த அறுவடையில் கிடைத்த நெல்லின் புத்தரிசியைச் சர்க்கரை, பால், நெய் சேர்த்துப் புதுப் பாணையில்லிட்டுப் புத்தடுப்பில் கொதிக்க வைத்துப் பொங்கல் சோறாக்கி சூரியனுக்கும் மாட்டுக்கும் படைத்து உண்டு மகிழும் விழாவே பொங்கல் விழாவாகும்.

நீர் வளம் கொண்ட இடங்களில் மூன்று வேளாண்மை நடக்கும். நீர் வளமில்லா இடங்களில் மழை நீர்த் தேக்கத்தால் ஒரு வேளாண்மைதான் விளைக்க முடியும். ஆகவே, மார்கழி அல்லது தை மாத அறுவடையே நாடெங்கும் நிகழும். அறுவடை முடிந்து பெற்ற புத்தரிசி, கரும்பு, மஞ்சள், பனங்கிழங்கு, நம்முடைய கொடிவழிக் காய்கறிகள் (குறிப்பாக அவரை, புடலை, கத்தரி, வாழை, சர்க்கரை வள்ளிக் கிழங்கு, கருணைக் கிழங்கு போன்றவையே படையலாக வைக்கப்படும். செந்நெற் பச்சரிசியைப் பெரும்பாலும் தவிடு போக்காமல் நீர் சேர்த்துச் சமைத்து பருப்புக் குழம்புடன் உண்பதும் மரபு. பொங்கு என்ற சொல் கொதித்தல், மிகுதல், சமைத்தல், செழித்தல் எனப் பொருள்படும். பொங்குவதால் பொங்கல். பொங்கல் விழாவை தமிழர் என்னும் இனக்குழு தொடர்பான விழா என்று தெளிவாக உணரமுடியும். இந்த விழாவின் நடைமுறையைப் பார்த்தால், மெய்யியற் சமயங்கள் தமிழகத்தில் நிலைகொள்ளுவதற்கு முன்னாலிருந்தே, இனக்குழு வழிபாடுகள் நிலவிய போதே, இந்த விழாக் கொண்டாடுவது தொடங்கியிருக்க முடியும் என்பதையும் புரிந்து கொள்ள இயலும்.

உழவர் திருநாள்

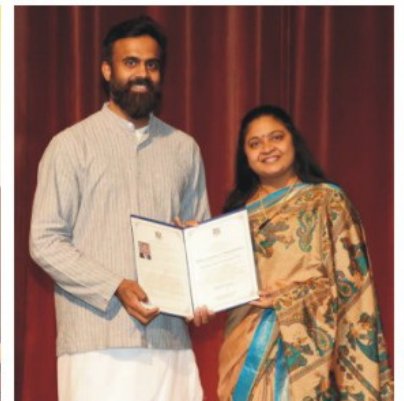
பொங்கல் விழா, மக்களால் இயல்பாகக் கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. உழைக்கும் தமிழ் மக்கள் தாமே கண்டுணர்ந்து, தமது உழைப்பிற்கு உதவிய இயற்கைக்கும், தம்மோடு சேர்ந்து உழைத்த கால்நடைகளுக்கும், தமது நன்றியையும் மகிழ்ச்சியையும் தெரிவிக்கும் விழா. உழவர்கள் மழையின் உதவியால் ஆடி மாதம் முதல் உழைத்துச் சேர்த்த நெல்லை மார்கழியில் வீட்டிற்குக் கொண்டு வந்து தமது உழைப்பின் பயனை நுகரத் தொடங்கும் நாளே தைப்பொங்கல்.

மாட்டுப் பொங்கல்

மாட்டுப் பொங்கல் உழவுத் தொழிலுக்கு உறுதுணையாக விளங்கும் ஆவினத்திற்கு நன்றி கூறும் நாளே இந்நாளாகும். போங்கலோ பொங்கல் ! மாட்டுப் பொங்கல்!



Markham Thai Pongal Vizha, January 14, 2024, Flato Markham Theatre, Markham.



STSP Annual Gala, January 7, 2024, Mississauga

Senior Tamils Society Of Peel (STSP) held its Annual Fundraising Dinner Gala, on January 7, 2024 at Palacio Event Centre, Mississauga.

Shilompoli Shesthra students performed a beautiful welcome dance followed by a group song by STSP Female seniors.

Mr. Balathasan, V.P delivered the welcome speech. Well deserved STSP senior members were honoured, STSP president Mr. A. Thedchanamoorthy delivered the President's address.

As the highlight 'Walk a Thon 2023' Donation in the amount of \$ 20,601 was handed over by Secretary, Nadarajah Moorthy. There were may representatives from all levels of Government. Long time community activist Mr. Arul Arulaiah delivered the Key Note speech. For a change The Mississauga Chinese Arts Organisation (MCAO) performed a Chinese Dance, that was some thing different.

Singers Praba Balakrishnan and Latha Krishnan also entertained the crowd with many melodious songs, especially old melodies. As the last item STSP Seniors presented a Villu Paattu as well.

The event concluded with a sumptuous dinner. I wish the STSP member the very best. **Charles Devasagayam, M.A.**



SQM Christmas Celebrations, December 18, 2023, Mississauga



TGTE's Awards Night 2023 December 10, 2023.



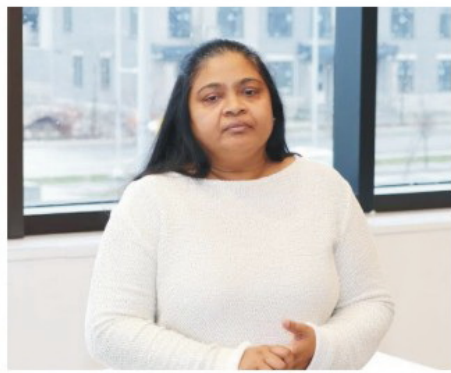
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Congratulations on becoming Mental Health Peer Leaders, December 27, 2023 at Aaniin Centre, Markham. This Mental Health Peer Leaders Project is funded by New Horizons for Seniors Programs, A Federally Funded Project and managed by Markham Tamil Organization.



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