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## 2011 Royal Tour of Canada: "Moving Forward Together"

Canada has been given the distinct honour of hosting the first international tour by Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge. The 2011 Royal Tour of Canada will be their first international destination as a newly married couple, as well as the first Commonwealth country and the first realm country to welcome them. With scheduled stops in the National Capital Region, as well as every region of the country – Atlantic Canada (Prince Edward Island – Charlottetown and Summerside), Central Canada (Quebec – Montreal and Quebec City), Western Canada (Alberta – Calgary) and the North (Northwest Territories – Yellowknife), the itinerary has been developed in such a way as to allow the Royal Couple to meet as many Canadians as possible.

Their Royal Highnesses will come to know Canada and, in the process, develop their own lasting bonds of affection with Canada and Canadians. This has been the case with Her Majesty The Queen



### Waving to the crowds

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge wave to the crowds from the balcony of Buckingham Palace following their wedding at Westminster Abbey, 29 April 2011.

for over 60 years, beginning with her first visit as Princess Elizabeth at the age of 25 in 1951.

The Royal Tour itinerary will focus on a unique combination of events that mirror what Canadians have accomplished

together (the past), how we define ourselves through active service (the present) and why we will continue to strive to attain other goals and aspirations (the future).

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## UN High Commissioner for Human Rights urges implementation of Panel of Experts' report on Sri Lanka

Excerpts from Human Rights Council 17th Session Opening Statement by Ms. Navi Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights:

Let me also refer to the report of the Secretary-General's Panel of Experts on accountability in Sri Lanka, which concludes that there are credible allegations of a wide range of serious violations of international law committed by both the Sri Lankan Government forces and Tamil Tigers in the final stages of the conflict.

It is incumbent on the Government to investigate these allegations and I also urge it to implement the measures recommended by the Panel. I fully support the recommendation to establish an international mechanism to monitor national inves-



**Ms. Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights addresses during the 17th Session of the Human Rights Council, May 30, 2011**  
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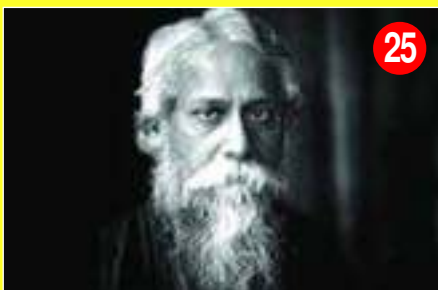
tigations and undertake its own as necessary.  
It would be important for the Human Rights Council to reflect on the new information contained in this important report, in light of its previous consideration of Sri Lanka and efforts to combat impunity worldwide.

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# Canada News

## Former PM Paul Martin and Indian Agricultural Scientist M.S. Swaminathan among honorary degree recipients for Spring convocation at McMaster University



**Indian Agricultural Scientist  
M.S. Swaminathan**

Former Prime Minister of Canada Paul Martin, former Canadian Auto Workers national president Buzz Hargrove and Indian Scientist M.S. Swaminathan are among the prominent figures who are to receive honorary degrees at McMaster University's Spring convocation.

Martin, who is to address social sciences graduands at the afternoon convocation June 16, served as Prime Minister from 2003 to 2006. A lawyer and business executive, Martin was first elected to Parliament in 1988, and while serving as Minister of Finance from 1993 to 2002 recorded five budget surpluses.

Hargrove, who is to speak to the afternoon social sciences convocation earlier the same day, started as an auto worker in Windsor and went on to become national president of the CAW, a post he held from 1992 to 2008, when he led the union through a period of tremendous upheaval in the auto sector.

Hargrove is now external director of the Centre for Labour-Management Relations in the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University.

Approximately 5,400 students will graduate in May and June this year. Honorary degree recipients are recognized for contributions in such areas as public service, education and scholarship, creative and performing arts, and for work within the McMaster community.

Convocation will take place at Hamilton Place. Where two or more people are listed as honorary degree recipients, an asterisk indicates the recipient who will address the convocation.

Here is a list of honorary degree recipients for Spring 2011 convocations:

### Faculty of Health Sciences

- Friday May 20, 2:30 p.m.

\*Dr. Jack Gaudie (Doctor of Science), a McMaster professor of pathology and molecular medicine, pioneer in gene therapeutics and international expert in the molecular forces at play in inflammation and immunity.

### Faculty of Science

(Biochemistry, Biology, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Geoscience, Kinesiology, Molecular Biology, Neural Computation, Psychology, Science) - Tuesday June 14, 9:30 a.m.

\*Dr. Francis (Frank) Plummer (Doctor of Science), scientific director of Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg, a Canada Research Chair in Resistance and Susceptibility to Infections, and a global leader in HIV/AIDS research.



**Former PM Paul Martin**

### Faculty of Science

(Graduands in a single or combined program with majors in Science programs not included in the morning ceremony) - Tuesday June 14, 2:30 p.m.

\*M.S. Swaminathan (Doctor of Science), an Indian agricultural scientist and world leader in sustainable agriculture and food security. He received the first World Food Prize in 1987.

### Faculty of Business

- Wednesday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.

\*Suzanne Labarge (Doctor of Letters), retired vice-chairman and chief risk officer at RBC, who earned her undergraduate degree in economics at McMaster and her MBA at Harvard Business School. Labarge is a member of McMaster's Board of Governors.

### Faculty of Social Sciences

(Anthropology, Geography, Labour Studies, Psychology, Social Work,

Sociology) - Thursday June 16, 9:30 a.m.

\*Basil (Buzz) Hargrove\* (Doctor of Laws), former national president of the Canadian Auto Workers and now at Ryerson University's Rogers School of Management.

\*Dr. Harry Waisglass (Doctor of Laws), the first director of McMaster's Labour Studies Program and former Director-General of Research and Information at the Canadian Department of Labour.

**Faculty of Social Sciences** (Graduands in a single or combined program with majors in Social Science programs not included in the morning ceremony) - Thursday, June 16, 2:30 p.m.

\*The Rt. Hon. Paul Martin (Doctor of Laws) 21st Prime Minister of Canada, 2003 to 2006.

### School of Nursing and Medical Radiation Sciences

- Friday June 17, 9:30 a.m.

\*Sister Simone Roach (Doctor of Laws), an influential educator in nursing who established the first code of ethics for nurses in Canada.

### Faculty of Engineering

- Friday, June 17, 2:30 p.m.

\*Gary Purdy (Doctor of Science), a distinguished professor of Materials Science and Engineering and former Dean of Engineering who has made major contributions to the study of microstructure development in engineering materials.

McMaster University, one of four Canadian universities listed among the Top 100 universities in the world, is renowned for its innovation in both learning and discovery. It has a student population of 23,000, and more than 140,000 alumni in 128 countries.

## NDP leader Jack Layton announces shadow cabinet

Jack Layton named his shadow cabinet on 26th of May, infusing new energy with experience—showing how New Democrats are ready to get to work for Canadian families, a press release from the party said.

Rathika Sitsabaiesan, the first Tamil Canadian elected to parliament in Scarborough-River has become the party's critic for post-secondary education.

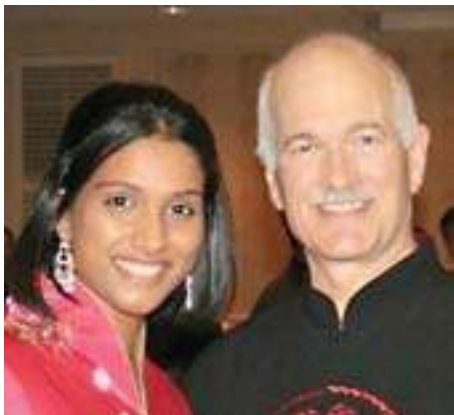
The press statement in full:

"This is a talented and diverse shadow cabinet," said Layton. "Canada's new Official Opposition represents the breadth of Canadian life. My team is ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work on the important issues facing Canadians."

After electing a record number of MPs from Quebec, Layton appointed 42% of his shadow cabinet from Quebec including: Tom Mulcair as House Leader; Nycole Turmel as National Caucus Chair and Critic for Public Works; Alexandre Boulerice as Treasury Board critic; and Hoang Mai as Revenue Critic. In the days to come, Layton will also be announcing deputy critic roles for a number of his new caucus members from Quebec.

Women will fill key roles in the Layton Shadow Cabinet, making up 40% and playing leadership roles on two of the most pressing issues facing the next parliament: the budget and health care. Layton appointed Toronto MP Peggy Nash as his new Finance Critic and veteran BC MP Libby Davies as Health Critic, with responsibility for leading the fight to preserve the future of public health care in Canada. Chris Charlton was named the New Democrats new Opposition Whip.

"On May 2, Quebecers sent a message to Ottawa that they want a seat at the table. Now they certainly have a seat at my shadow cabinet table," said Layton. "Our new team combines the best of Canada from coast to coast to coast—and we are primed and ready to work together to move this country forward."



**Rathika Sitsabaiesan MP with NDP leader  
Jack Layton MP**

## VISIT QUEBEC CITY THIS SUMMER

Québec City area is considered as one of the best destinations for culture and sightseeing in Canada.

As the summer vacations and travel season begins, here are 7 good reasons to choose Québec City area to visit, as presented in the [quebecregion.com](http://quebecregion.com), the official Québec City area travel and tourism portal:

### Authentic Québec City Charm:

Québec is one of the world's most beautiful cities, and the Old City is a UNESCO World Heritage Treasure. The area's European appeal and North American lifestyle, complete with a storied history, thriving arts scene, and vibrant French-speaking culture, make it truly one of a kind.

### Once-in-a-Lifetime Experience:

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### Entertainment and Cultural Activities:

Check out the city's action-packed cultural agenda and its lively club and restaurant scene on gorgeous Grande Allée and in the hip Saint-Roch district. There's always something happening in and around Québec City!

### Nature on Your Doorstep:

Parks, wildlife reserves, and scenic attractions are minutes away, with a host of outdoor activities available all year round. There's cycling, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, hiking, paragliding, dogsledding, golfing, and treetop adventure courses—and that's just for starters!

### Accommodation and First-Rate Facilities:

Québec City is the perfect venue for leisure and business travellers, boasting 17,250 rooms in a variety of hotel categories. The city's hotel and



service network enjoys an enviable reputation around the world.

### Easy access:

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### Dining at Its Finest:

Often called the gourmet capital of North America, the city is also tops for great food in general, not to mention sidewalk cafés, bistros, and wine and cheese! Eating well in Québec City is part of the lifestyle, and the terrific cuisine is one of the best reasons to visit. Historic Old Québec has over 100 restaurants alone!

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## I do...but at what cost???

'Take advantage of these moments, you'll have them for life'

**By: Krishni Loganathan,  
B.A. (Hons.)**

Does that sound familiar? Popularized phrase from the show "Rich Bride, Poor Bride" Are you a bride that does not believe in a budget? As June rolls around, so too does the wedding season. Thousands of brides all striving for the same goal, to create the most perfect day of their lives. But what really makes the most perfect day of your life. Is it the food? The venue? The entertainment? Or are all of these components equally important. Trying to achieve perfection is impossible, but we can all hope to come close.

Having the perfect reception venue does not always mean spending the most money. Choosing the venue is one of the first steps to having a successful wedding. With that comes the food, another critical part of the day. In most Hindu weddings, in the morning ceremony the guests are served solely vegetarian food, followed by the evening reception which includes both vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes. This tends to leave the couple on a much higher budget during the reception.

In traditional Hindu weddings, focus on décor, food, entertainment, and centerpieces are

what makes the wedding a hit or miss. This usually all takes place during the reception where creativity has no limits. This by all means does not mean the couple who spends the most leaves the guests with the best experience. Sometimes flash does not share the best personality of the couple. All of these parts of the wedding should be personal to the couple and choosing it should be unique in some way.

Some areas you can't help but execute like every other wedding, but guests look for aspects that personalize it to be the couple's own special day. Whether it's personal pictures or memories that the two shared together, they all illustrate a part of the couple that a wedding is all about.

Not everything goes as planned, and one should consider this too for a wedding. The timing might be off, your caterer might forget something, just don't panic, these are the little things that no one will remember. The guests will however remember if you react on it. It's like a play and you're backstage. The guests are the audience but once you're on that stage the show must go on. The audience rarely knows if the actors made a mistake in their lines. Just keep the show

going despite what blunders may occur. If everything goes wrong on that day don't worry at least you will have something to tell your kids!

Just remember the most important thing is to enjoy the moments and make them special.

After all you're the star of the day and everyone is there to see you shine. Take advantage of these moments, you'll have them for life.

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## New Parliament after the election

Parliament returns on June 2, 2011 after the recently concluded Canadian elections.

On announcing the commencement, Prime Minister Harper said, "the economy remains our Government's top priority and we will move quickly to implement the Next Phase of Canada's Economic Action Plan."

"Canada is emerging from the global recession as one of the top-performing advanced econo-

mies in the world, but the recovery remains fragile and Canadians continue to worry about their jobs and economic future," the Prime Minister said.

"Our strong, stable, national Government will implement our low-tax plan for jobs and growth – one that strengthens the financial security of Canadian workers, seniors and families and lays the foundation for our long-term economic prosperity."

## 2011 Royal Tour Contd. from page 1

In much the same way as the Royal Couple reflect the generational continuity and vitality of the Canadian Crown, the various events of the tour will profile Canadians who:

- have helped build our country: seniors, veterans, and community leaders;

- serve to reinforce our shared values: volunteers,

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- now prepare for the many challenges and promises of the future: Canada's youth.

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# Canada News

## Canadian Housing Market Stabilizing in 2011

Ottawa, May 30, 2011 — Housing starts are forecast to stabilize at levels consistent with demographic fundamentals in 2011 and 2012, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's (CMHC) second quarter Housing Market Outlook, Canada Edition.1

Housing starts will be in the range of 166,600 to 192,200 units in 2011, with a point forecast of 179,500 units. In 2012, housing starts will be in the range of 163,200 to 207,500 units, with a point forecast of 185,300 units.

"Modest economic growth, in conjunction with relatively low mortgage rates, will continue to support demand for new homes in 2011 and 2012. Nonetheless, we are expecting new and existing housing markets to fall in line with demographic fundamentals, as changes to mortgage rules take hold," said Bob Dugan, Chief Economist for CMHC. Existing home sales will be in the range of 429,500 to 480,000 units in 2011, with a point forecast of 452,100 units. In 2012, MLS® sales will move

up and are expected to be in the range of 410,000 to 511,900 units, with a point forecast of 461,300 units.

The recent increase in the average MLS® price reflected strong sales in Vancouver's property resale market. For the remainder of 2011, we expect the average MLS® price to moderate. Nevertheless, the average MLS® price will experience an overall increase this year. As the existing home market moves to more balanced markets in 2012, growth in the average MLS® price in 2012 is expected to be more modest than in 2011.

As Canada's national housing agency, CMHC draws on more than 65 years of experience to help Canadians access a variety of quality, environmentally sustainable and affordable homes. CMHC also provides reliable, impartial and up-to-date housing market reports, analysis and knowledge to support and assist consumers and the housing industry in making informed decisions.



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## Penthouse at Four Seasons Hotel and private residences Toronto sells for \$28 million, a Canadian record



Toronto, May 30, 2011 - Canada's most exclusive condominium residence has been purchased by an international buyer. At \$28 million, the West Penthouse of the new Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences Toronto is the most expensive condominium residence sold in Canadian history.

The penthouse residence occupies the top floor of the 55-storey West Residence building, and encompasses 9,038 sq. ft. of living space. The suite, with panoramic views of Toronto's towering skyline, features 12 ft. ceilings, a breathtaking floor-to-ceiling glass galleria and four expansive corner terraces. Included in the price is a staff residence, located in the adjacent, 26-storey East Residence building. The staff residence provides the owners with the convenience of separate, private quarters for household staff located on-site.

"As one of the largest developments of its kind in North America, our exciting new hotel and private residence in Toronto represents a wonderful affirmation of the strength of the Four Seasons brand in Canada and around the world," said Isadore Sharp, founder and chairman of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts. "This new home will allow us to offer the exquisite service, style and comforts that have become our hallmark, while remaining the world leader in luxury hospitality."

Located at the northeast corner of Bay Street and Yorkville Avenue, Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences Toronto is a landmark mixed-use development featuring a world class hotel and 210 private residences in two sleek 55- and

26-storey towers. The iconic development is 85 per cent sold, with a varied selection of suites in each tower available for purchase.

"The discerning international buyer of the penthouse suite was attracted to all that this landmark project has to offer," said Alan Menkes, President of the High-Rise Residential Division of Menkes Developments, the managing partner of the project. "Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences Toronto boasts the city's finest location, with stunning architecture, impeccably designed living spaces and globally renowned service standards."

Designed by architects Alliance, the 55-storey West Residence tower is comprised of a 253-room Four Seasons Hotel on the first 20 floors, and 100 Private Residences above. The 26-storey East Residence tower has 110 Private Residences and is connected to its sister building by an elevated pedestrian bridge. Both towers share a courtyard designed by internationally-renowned Claude Cormier Landscape Architects.

The Private Residences' suite designs and finishes have been created by Brian Gluckstein Design Planning. Featuring generous room configurations and timeless appointments, Private Residences range in size from 1,000 to 9,000 sq. ft. and start at \$1.9 million.

Yabu Pushelberg has designed the Hotel and Private Residence lobbies, the spa, ballroom/conference facilities and hotel rooms. Residence owners will have access to the services and amenities of the Four Seasons Hotel, including a 28,000 sq. ft. spa, health club, pool, 24-hour concierge, in-residence dining and housekeeping. The spa will feature a sky-lit lap pool, whirlpool, private treatment rooms and a state-of-the-art fitness club.

Construction on Four Seasons Hotel and Private Residences Toronto is well underway with first occupancies and the hotel opening scheduled for summer 2012.

The developer is Bay-Yorkville Developments

Ltd., a joint venture between Menkes Developments Ltd., Lifetime Developments and Alcion Ventures. Menkes Construction Ltd. is building both the hotel and residences.

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With spiralling fuel prices it is about time we heard some breakthrough!

India's largest automaker, Tata Motors, is set to start producing the world's first commercial air-powered vehicle.

The Air Car, developed by ex-Formula One engineer Guy Nègre for Luxembourg-based MDI, uses compressed air, as opposed to the gas-and-oxygen explosions of internal-combustion models, to push its engine's pistons. Some 6000 zero-emissions Air Cars are scheduled to hit Indian streets by August 2011.

The Air Car, called the "MiniCAT" could cost around Rs. 3,475,225 (\$8,177.00) in India and would have a range of around 300 km between refuels.

The cost of a refill would be about Rs. 85 (\$2.00)

The MiniCAT which is a simple, light urban car, with a tubular chassis that is glued, not welded, and a body of fiberglass powered by compressed air. Microcontrollers are used in every device in the car, so one tiny radio transmitter sends instructions to the lights, indicators, etc.

There are no keys - just an access card which can be read by the car from your pocket. According to the designers,



it costs less than 50 rupees per 100 Km (about a tenth that of a petrol car). Its mileage is about double that of the most advanced electric car (200 to 300 km or 10 hours of driving), a factor which makes a perfect choice in cities where 80% of motorists drive at less than 60 Km. The car has a top speed of 105 Kmph.

Refilling the car will, once the market develops, take place at adapted petrol stations to administer compressed air. In two or three minutes, and at a cost of approximately 100 rupees, the car will be ready to go another 200-300 kilometers.

As a viable alternative, the car carries a small compressor which can be connected to the mains (220V or 380V) and refill the tank in 3-4 hours. Due to the absence of combustion and, consequently, of residues, changing the oil (1 litre of vegetable oil) is necessary only every 50,000 Km).

The temperature of the clean air expelled by the exhaust pipe is between 0-15 degrees below zero, which makes it suitable for use by the internal air conditioning system with no need for gases or loss of power.

## Tamil of Sri Lankan origin appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore

By Rifat Halim

Singapore's Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam was appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore on May 18th. His appointment was part of a series of new Cabinet appointments. He retained the Finance portfolio, a post that he has held since 2007.

Reflecting the retirement of two former Prime Ministers, Lee Kuan Yew and Goh Chok Tong, the new line-up features two Deputy Prime Ministers, Teo Chee Hean and Tharman Shanmugaratnam.

The new line-up, to be sworn in Saturday, was described by Prime Minister Lee as a "fresh" team chosen to start on a "clean slate" for the future in the context of the people's message in the May 7 general election.

Mr. Shanmugaratnam is one of Singapore's highest-profile politicians. He is currently chairman of the International Monetary Fund's International Monetary and Financial Committee, which is the fund's key policy-steering panel.

Elevated as Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Shanmugaratnam would retain Finance and assume charge as Manpower Minister and MAS Chairman.

Mr. Shanmugaratnam's current elevation has political salience of its own.

Besides Finance, a major portfolio in the City-State with a global economic presence, he has now been entrusted with Manpower, a domain that includes the sensitive issues concerning the intake of foreign talent.

Mr. Tharman was born in 1957. He is of Sri Lankan Tamil ancestry. Mr. Tharman's grandfather was from Urelu in the Jaffna district. He visited Sri Lanka in January 2005 after the Tsunami when he held the post of Minister of Education.

Mr. Tharman obtained a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the London School of Economics. He went on to gain a Master's degree in Economics from



Tharman Shanmugaratnam

Cambridge University, and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University, where he received a Lucius N. Littauer Fellow award for outstanding performance.

Mr. Tharman's father K Shanmugaratnam is an Emeritus Professor of Medicine. Prof. Shanmugaratnam has excelled in the field of pathology and was active in establishing the Singapore Cancer Registry.

In related later news: BBC has listed the recently appointed as Deputy Prime Minister holding Finance, Manpower and Monetary Authority portfolios, in the Government of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, as one of the top nine leading candidates to head the International Monetary Fund (IMF). "The 54-year-old [Shanmugaratnam] has been the country's [Singapore's] finance minister since 2007 and on Wednesday added the new job of deputy prime minister. With degrees from the London School of Economics and Harvard, he recently became the first Asian to hold the post of chairman of the IMF's policy advisory committee," the BBC said of Shanmugaratnam in a short profile of the leading candidates.

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# Around the world

## Still they are looking for practical 'peace and reconciliation' in Northern Sri Lanka

by Melani Manel Perera

On 19th of May, Sri Lanka commemorated the Second anniversary of ending the war against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). After killing its Leader Valupillai Prabhakaran on the 19th of May in 2009, the government announced its victory ending three decades of civil war.

The Govt said there is no majority and minority all are same and that there are only two communities like who love their Motherland and who do not love the Motherland.

The President also said 'equality and justice' are same for all. People living in southern parts are enjoying that but not people who are living in Northern parts. Still they are living with 'fear of even talking' said contacted people in several categories.

Two years after the end of the civil war, most of the people in Sri Lanka feel the sense of 'relief' since there is no more fighting and no more bomb attacks.

It is true and it can be witnessed that there is a peaceful atmosphere in Sri Lanka since there is no any sounds of bombs blasting, sounds of ambulances and nobody is waiting with anxious minds till their siblings return from work places or from any other business since there is no threat of vile bombs or LTTE attacks, since the President Mahinda Rajapaksa and majority Buddhists Monks (according to the veteran Buddhist monk Ven. Harispaththu Ariyawansalankara Thero) has given the 'encouragement, permission and order' to do a 'war' and defeat enemy.

(It is another matter how this order and permission worked out, acceptable mechanism or not).

Therefore, there is no fault saying that the people who are living in southern parts of the country are leading a peaceful life. They have their own homes to live with no worries, their own jobs to do and earn money for living, their own lands to cultivate and take the fruits and enjoy, their own schools to go and study well and go to the top levels, and they have freedom to do whatever they like in 24 hours of a day.

But, yet majority Tamils living in South, East and North and also some considerable number of Non-Tamils, including clergy and laity are still ambivalent about the nature of the post-war situation in Sri Lanka.

People are waiting to see the practical meaning of 'resettlement and reconciliation'

It is a big question how the people are living there..?

Many people in the northern part are very scared to talk about them.

They used to tell that "keeping quiet is better than speak out our agony." There are people who have been

receiving assistance from the government but among them there are many people still leading lives in camps. Most of victims are still in transit camps even though the Sri Lanka government said from time to time that they have been resettled. Some people had received only 10 tin sheets to build up a shelter at their resettlement process. By now many of them have been denied the food subsidy saying it is only for 06 (Six) months. They are facing the problem of lack of food due to the problem of lack of job opportunities.

Due to this food scarcity, frustration and also non-identified reasons there are 48 youth and elderly Tamil men and women have committed suicide. It is reported that many of them are well educated persons, but the reason for committing suicide is still unknown.

Much land grabbing by the Security forces as well as multinational companies are taking place vastly while Owners of those lands are weeping. Still there are High Security Zones in many areas. Most of the areas are administered by the SL Army but there are a number of incidents of abductions and disappearances. Therefore, people say that there is no peace of mind. The visible development is only construction, buildings, roads and bridges.

People wish to see that development but at the same time say "before that we have to survive and we need justice for us and also just what we had before the war started! Everything has happened to us...we lost our loved ones. No any word about some of our relatives. Does not know whether they are living or not anywhere in this land... we lost our properties. We lost our dignity and became beggars...dependents... now at least we need to rebuild our lives here in our own way..." !!

They are expecting still the practical meaning of the 'resettlement and reconciliation'

For an instance; the Sri Lanka Army is operating nearly 60 restaurants and motels from the famous town Omanthe to Jaffna town along on the Palali road. It is a question among Tamil people there, why the Army is doing that job instead of giving that chance to those Tamil people to earn something and stand on their own feet?

It is a painful story of hearing that there is a 'Red light area' in Maddukkarai area in Mannar district due to the poverty of war wid-



Tamil internally displaced persons detained in Manik Farm, Vavuniya  
~ Painting by Shan Sundaram

ows.

It is reported that these widows are being using by various types of Men in the district. For war widows, there are no any plans to uplift their lives with their innocent children. Also it is reported that when some widows go to SL Army runs shops to re-load their mobile phones, Army soldiers are used to record those widows' mobile numbers and call them in the night times and disturb them, and it has been a trouble for them.

And it is said that when one is travelling to northern part get a feeling like travelling thorough Anuradhapura, Pollonnaruwa Buddhists towns because that much number of statues of Lord Buddha have been erected including Bo-trees planting specially in Killinochchi and Vavuniya areas.

Totally, People or the victims of war have been suppressed by own their 'Fear' with many true instances in nearly two years of ending war. But many groups of religious leaders, charity and visitors from South are visiting so-called war victims and come to know all the hidden truth of them but without any action for reconciliation those agony of people are been limited to their note books or files. Even they have no sense to give those collected true data, information or the true


picture to the media with the sense of helping those victims.

Even if they talked to media, they only give a rough idea instead of the bitter truth. In one hand, for the sake of weeping victims, when hand full of Christian Church leaders who comes forward with the real picture of the ground level of so-called people or the areas, they are stamped as Tiger friends or directly as 'Kotiya'... !!

But, this is the best time for responsible Authorities to restart the process of peace and reconciliation among these war victims parallel to the sacred celebration of Lord Buddha's 2600th Sri Sambuddhatva Jayanthi, which Sinhalese Buddhists are celebrating in a grand scale while their Tamil brothers and sisters are in sinking with unsolved problems.

If so, this would be a remarkable commemoration in the history of Sri Lanka, since specially this is called as Sinhala Buddhist country, they can show the true nature of that Sinhala Buddhist capacity!! the real fragrance of true Buddhism. The true depth of words uttering country's responsible authorities!!

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# Health & Fitness



## “Help Someone Who Abuses Alcohol”

**“Abstain from intoxicating drinks” – Lord Buddha**

Buddhist undertakes to observe five precepts (Panca-sila), Nibbana is the avoidance of extremes in life and path to the realization.

Among Canadians 15 years and older, the prevalence of past-year alcohol use decreased from 79.3% in 2004 to 76.5% in 2009.

Three quarters of youth (75.5%) reported consuming alcohol in the past year. This is a decrease from 2004 when 82.9% of youth reported past-year use of alcohol.

- (CADUMS) 2009

In the North America, at-risk drinking is drinking that poses a risk of developing alcohol based problems. Risk Drinking is considered to be men for more than 4 drinks per sitting or more than 14 drinks per week. For women: more than 7 drinks per week or more than 3 drinks per sitting.

Alcohol has negative effects on any aspect of human life, relationships, including health, work or school and money, are considered to have an alcohol problem. The intensity of an alcohol problem depends on factors including the type of alcohol you drink, how long you have been drinking and how much you drink. The level of alcohol in the blood may be affected different individuals in different ways: by gender, age, physical health, amount of food eaten, and any other drugs or medication taken.

According to experts divide levels of alcohol use and abuse into the following categories in terms of risk for developing problems: moderate drinking, at-risk drinking, alcohol abuse and alcoholism (alcohol dependence).

Moderate drinking does not usually cause problems for the drinker or society and is considered low risk. In the United States, moderate drinking is usually defined. A standard alcohol drink is considered to be 12 ounces of beer or wine cooler; 5 ounces of wine; or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits. Moderate drinking for men (18+) is two

drinks per day, for women (18+) one drink per day and age 65+: no more than one drink per day.

At-risk drinking is poses a risk of developing different social/medical problems. For men at-risk drinking is more than 14 drinks per week or more than 4 drinks per sitting and for women: more than 7 drinks per week or more than 3 drinks per sitting.

Alcohol abuse does not involve physical dependence on alcohol. If Alcohol abuse is not treated, it can lead to alcohol dependence. Alcohol abuse failure to carry out major responsibilities at work, school, home, different type of legal problems and continued alcohol abuse despite ongoing problems in relationships with

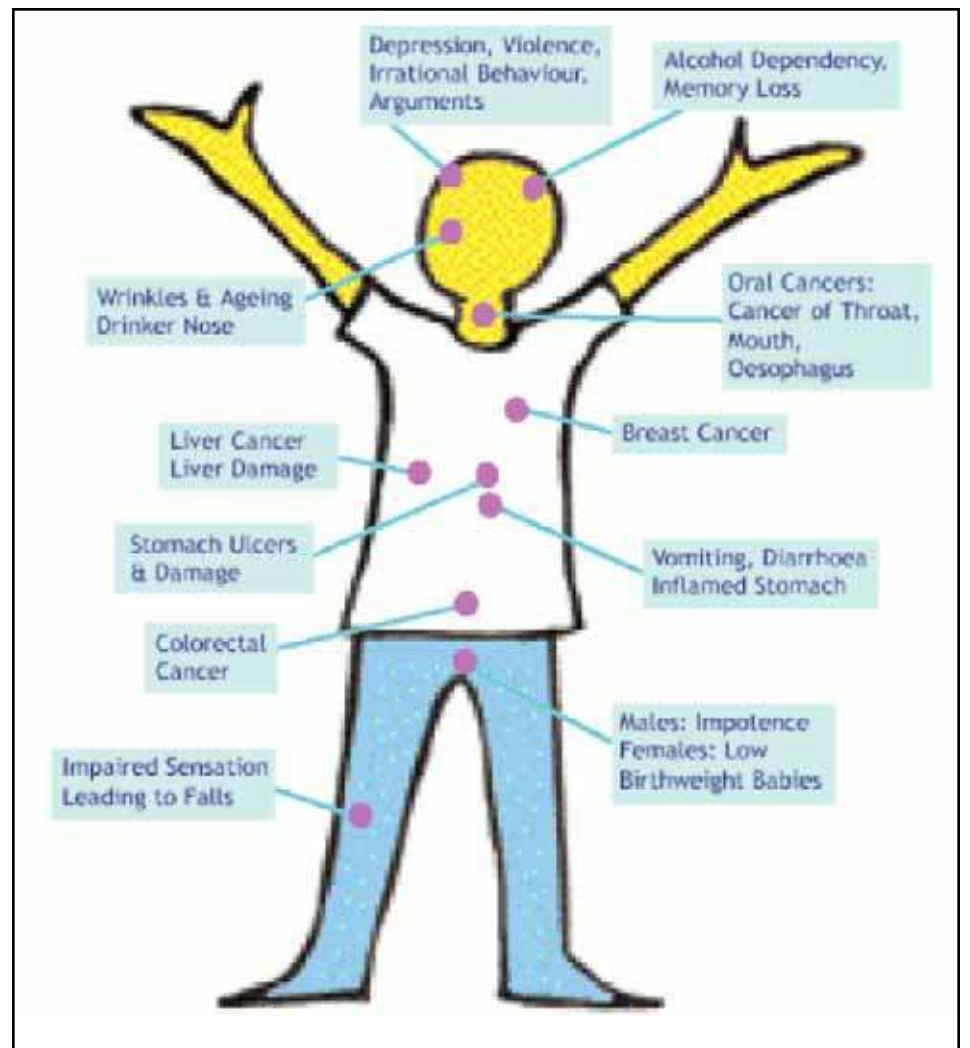
other people that are related to alcohol use in society. Alcohol may start with sudden changes in your behaviour such as mood swings. Your judgment may be impaired and you can start to have problems with relationships, be it in your marriage or with your children and you may start to have problems with your profession that can lead to obvious economic problems and maybe even legal problems that stem from arrests due to bad judgment caused by alcohol.

Alcohol can develop problems such as anemia, which can be brought on by not taking care of physically or nutritionally and some other common problems can be ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver, hallucinations, dementia "wet brain" and even death. Long term chronic alcoholism can have a profound effect on the human liver the biggest organ inside the body; it is readily known that it plays a key role in the major functions of the human body. Most alcoholic beverages, particularly some mixed drinks, contain sugar, thus having the potential to harm a person who has diabetes.

Drinking alcohol leads to a loss of coordination, poor judgment, slowed reflexes, distorted vision, loss of memory, and even blackouts. Drinking alcohol can also cause stomach ulcers and cancer. Alcoholism could cause blood pressure to rise, increase heart rate, cause heart to beat abnormally, and can increase the size of heart. Drinking alcohol putting empty calories into body, which could cause weight gain and drink too much, makes vomit because alcohol is toxic.

### The health effects of alcohol

- Hypoglycemia - Lowers blood glucose, especially for people with diabetes
- Kidney Disease - Enlarges the kidneys, alters hormone functions, and increases the risk of kidney failure
- Liver Disease - Causes fatty liver, alcoholic hepatitis and cirrhosis
- Arthritis - Increases risk of gouty arthritis
- Cancer - Increases the risk of cancer in the liver, pancreas, rectum, breast, mouth, pharynx, larynx and oesophagus
- Heart Disease - Raises blood pressure, blood lipids and the risk of stroke and heart disease in heavy drinkers. Heart disease is generally lower in light to moderate drinkers.
- Hyperglycemia - Raises blood glucose
- Malnutrition - Increases the risk of protein-energy malnutrition, low intakes of protein, calcium, iron, vitamin A, vitamin C, thiamine, vitamin B6 and riboflavin, and impaired absorption of calcium, phosphorus, vitamin D and zinc.
- Nervous Disorders - Causes neuropathy and dementia; impairs balance and memory
- Obesity - Increases energy & calorific intake



• Psychological disturbances - Causes depression, anxiety and insomnia

• Infertility - In men, it damages the sperm and in women compromises health of the egg.

• Fetal Alcohol Syndrome - Causes physical and behavioural abnormalities in the foetus

People who abuse alcohol are secretly hoping someone (friend, co-worker or family member) will talk to them about their problem, but, if you make an effort to do so, don't be surprised if the person denies there is a problem. As a first step, provide your friend the phone number of a local Alcoholics Anonymous group.

Are you worried about your friend or loved one who seems to be addicted to alcohol? The following steps may be helpful if your loved one has an addiction to alcohol.

• Let them face the consequences of their actions. Stop coming to the rescue when your friend or loved one wants you to bail them out of trouble as a result of their alcohol addiction.

• If their alcohol problem is getting out of hand and interfering with the lives of loved ones, let them know. Give them specific examples in which you or someone else was affected by their actions.

• Talk to your friend or loved one right after a drinking episode. Don't be judgmental, be there to listen and wait until they let you know that they have a drinking problem.

• If necessary, talk with an interventionist regarding your loved one's abuse of alcohol.

• Learn all you can about programs

that are available to treat and support those with alcohol addiction. You may want to start by checking out any Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) programs in your area.

• Remind your friend or loved one that you are there for support and love them regardless of their actions (although you would like them to seek out recovery).

• Be patient. It will take time for your loved to recover and even recognize that they have a problem in the first place.

• Talk with a friend or family member who also knows the alcoholic and together discuss possible ways of helping your friend or loved one.

• Offer them the opportunity of attending alcohol treatment at a treatment for alcoholism center.

You cannot make someone stop abusing alcohol; you can provide support for positive choices and consider organizing an intervention whose goal is to give you an opportunity to firmly force your friend onto the first step towards recovery. Substance abuse residential treatment programs, as well as Addictions counselling service can be excellent sources of referrals to interventionists in your area.

Toronto Area Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous: meetings -

[www.aatoronto.org](http://www.aatoronto.org)

Centre for Addiction & Mental Health - [www.camh.net](http://www.camh.net)

Toronto Alcohol Rehab - Alcoholism Treatment Toronto - [www.torontodrugrehabilitation.ca](http://www.torontodrugrehabilitation.ca)

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# Health & Fitness

## The ABC's for a healthy body, mind and spirit

“An apple a day keeps the doctor away.” “You are what you eat.” We’ve heard these old proverbs before, but is there any truth to them? Let’s put it to the test! There are days when you’re pressed for time and you’ve had a busy weekend and didn’t have time to make your weekly visit to the grocery store. Work is busier than usual so Pizza Pizza and Macdonald’s become your new best friends. A week goes by and then another and another and now you are sleeping less and feeling tired, irritable, and stressed. What’s the culprit? It’s your diet. Foods high in salt, fat and sugar affect not only your physical well-being, but also your mind and spirit. You truly are what you eat! A variety of nutrient-rich foods such as whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean meats, good fats and low-fat dairy allow your body to function at its optimal level. Proper nutrition affects all aspects of your life – particularly how you feel, think and process information.

Below are the ABC’s to a healthy and happy, body, mind and spirit! These healthy super foods help to increase your quality of life, protect you from a variety of diseases such as cancer and diabetes, maintain a healthy body weight, fight the detrimental effects of aging, and improve your skin. Add a few of these super foods to your grocery list and reap the benefits of a healthy body!

### A-Apple

Mom was right! An apple a day does keep the doctor away! Apples are rich in flavonoids for healthy heart and lungs. They are also a good source of potassium, which can prevent fluid retention. The best part is that they are portion controlled and only 60 calories each!

### B-Bean sprouts

Crunchy and refreshing! You can add them to your stir fry or simply eat them raw in a salad. They are a low calorie source of many nutrients such as Vitamin C, protein, calcium, and folate.

### C-Cilantro

Green and full of flavour! This herb has a reputation for having many healing properties such as regulating blood sugar levels which is important for diabetics. Cilantro also has anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties. It is also used in a variety of Mexican and Indian dishes.

### D-Dairy

Eggs, low fat cheese, milk and yogurt are great sources of calcium and protein. Enjoy them for breakfast, lunch or dinner!

### E-Eggplant

Round, purple and delicious! Eggplants are high in fibre, potassium and manganese. They are also considered “brain food” since they contain agents that protect the brain cell membranes from damage.

### F-Fennel

Not a common vegetable but loaded

with wonderful nutrients. The bulbs of fennel are rich in antioxidants, which can reduce inflammation and help prevent cancer.

### G-Ginger

Used in many Asian cuisines, ginger has a strong flavour that enhances stir fry, vegetables or curry. Ginger is great for calming nausea and is a powerful cancer-destroying agent.

### H-Hazelnuts

Help lower “bad” cholesterol and maintain a healthy prostate. Hazelnuts are a great choice because they contain less fat and more vitamin E compared to other nuts. Enjoy them as a snack or add them to any meal!

### I-Indian cuisine

The Indian diet, if prepared with minimal fat and salt can be very nutritious. Enriched with healthy vegetables, grains, lentils and beans, Indian cuisine is high in vitamins and minerals and definitely delicious!

### J-Jackfruit (tropical fruit)

A prickly, uncommon fruit that is available in selected grocery stores. Jackfruit is used in many Indian and Thai recipes. It is known to help cure ulcers and digestive illnesses.

### K-Kale

Green, crunchy and calcium-rich. Add variety to your diet and swap spinach for kale. Slightly sauté with some olive oil, lemon, and garlic and enjoy!

### L-Lemons

Sour and tangy, lemons make every meal taste better! They are rich in vitamin C and also contain disinfecting and insecticide properties. Lemonade anyone?

### M-Mussels

A low-calorie, low-fat source of good quality protein. Mussels are not only delightful and tasty but easy to prepare and inexpensive. A fantastic choice of seafood!

### N-Nutmeg

A great spice for baking or simply add a dash to your morning bowl of oatmeal. Compounds in nutmeg contain sedative, anaesthetic and antibacterial properties.

### O-Oats

Easy, quick and wallet friendly! Oats are high in soluble fibre and great for your heart.

### P-Pineapple

A tropical fruit that is available all year around. You can buy pineapples fresh, frozen or canned. They are a great source of vitamin C and ferulic acid, which can help prevent cancer. Pineapples also aid in digestion and help reduce pain caused by arthritis or other joint inflammation illnesses.

### Q-Quinoa

(pronounced ‘keen-wah’)

This wholesome, nutty grain from South America can be prepared in a variety of ways. Have it for breakfast to replace your regular toast or oatmeal, or



have it as a side with grilled chicken for dinner. Quinoa is full of powerful nutrients including manganese, magnesium and iron.

### R-Radicchio

Slightly bitter in taste, radicchio is a favourite in salads. The bright red colour adds to the visual appeal of any meal. The red pigments also provide anticancer compounds that protect the heart and prevent blood clots.

### S-Seaweed

Say konnichiwa to seaweed! Definitely an acquired taste, seaweed is most commonly found in Japanese cuisine. This green vegetable is rich in iodine for healthy thyroid function, zinc for fertility and calcium for healthy bones and joints. Try a seaweed salad the next time you go for sushi!

### T-Turmeric

Yellow and flavourful, turmeric also contains many healing properties. It fights against inflammatory diseases such as arthritis. Turmeric also has beauty enhancing properties. In the Indian culture, before the wedding, a turmeric paste is applied to the body of the bride to improve her skin and achieve that bridal “glow.”

### U-Unagi

A delicious compliment to seaweed, unagi is Japanese for delicious freshwater eel. Unagi has been part of the Japanese diet since the 17th century. It is rich in protein, calcium, vitamin A and E.

### V-Venison

The bonus of adding venison to your

healthy diet plan is that it is low in saturated fats, high in protein and iron compared to other meats. Although, it’s not a common part of your grocery list, try adding venison as your protein source for dinner. Add variety with venison!

### W-Watercress

A powerhouse of nutrients that is rich in vitamin C. Watercress also helps to protect against many forms of cancer.

### X-Xigua (Chinese watermelon)

Xigua is an edible fruit that looks and tastes similar to North American watermelons. It has been named the “liquid vitamin” for its multiple health benefits. Enjoy it as a refreshing juice in the summer!

### Y-Yogurt

Greek yogurt is rich and creamy and full of protein and calcium. A 175g portion has only 110 calories and 18g of protein!

### Z-Zucchini

A perfect summer treat, zucchini is an excellent source of manganese, vitamin A and C, and magnesium. Grilled, roasted, sautéed, broiled, or steamed, zucchini is delicious any way you prepare it!

The next time you visit the grocery store, add one, two or three of these super foods to your cart. Try something new, add a little colour and variety to your meals and eat your way to a healthy, balanced life!

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# TamilNadu Verdict 2011

## The defeat and fall of the Dravida Munnetra Kazgagham (DMK)

By Chackravarthi

The rising sun failed to rise on the 13th May putting the DMK camp in to darkness. Though DMK's defeat was predicted, no one thought it would be routed in this manner. Any way for them this is better than the 1991 stumble after Rajiv Gandhi's death with only one seat and that too was won by the leader by a slender majority. Then it was a sympathy wave towards Congress + AIADMK alliance and at the same time people expressed their wrath as fingers were pointed towards DMK even though they had no hand in Rajiv killing. That is politics.

After 20 years, today's situation is opposite. If I am to say explicitly, in 1991 DMK was accused of something they did not do but their cry of innocence was not bought or sold. People were wrong. In 2011 DMK is accused of something they did and their false innocent plea is neither bought nor sold. People are right.

Though the DMK failed to survive the Raja gate, there were other ingredients too added to the opposition's cake to make it sweeter. It may be more appropriate to describe the election results as Karunanithy's defeat rather than Jayalalitha's victory as anti incumbency played a major role creating protest votes. DMK leaders pacify their carders saying people wanted a change. Why did people want a change within five years? Are they impatient or DMK was worthless?

DMK always said, they did what they said and, also they did what they did not say. They might have referred to the welfare schemes they implemented but there was another meaning for the latter quotation too. Let us see what they are.

### Power Cut

This power cut too was an instrument to cut DMK's power in the state. Tamilnadu had a severe electricity disruption never experienced before. In certain places power supply was available only for few hours in a day, like in Africa where certain villages get power once in a week on Sunday for one or two hours.

But Chennai was exempted, in a way with a valid reason being the capital and more new industries were based around the city with an undertaking of no power cut. This infuriated the rest of the people in the state as their day today life was crippled with power cut. Even Chennai also started experiencing power cut after the election. The Minister of power, Dr.K's closest buddy was not given nomination to contest.

### Cost of living

Next to power cut, it was the high cost of living that made people weary. State government was boasting about subsidized 1Kilo rice for 1 Rupee. But the rest of food stuffs went steep high and the CM was justifying the price rise with statistics of other states and countries. When people expected action from the so called cine writer, what they got was mere dialog. Sometimes it could have been beyond his means too.

### Family Interference

CM's family power and nepotism were extreme surpassing what Jayalalitha's clique enjoyed before. Karunanithy's second wife Rajathy Ammal, son Alagiri from Madurai and daughter Kanimozhi acted like separate or special caucus interfering with administration in all levels, making and breaking. Madurai accepted Alagiri as an uncrowned king. Not even a crow could fly over that temple city without Alagiri's permission.

Alagiri a graduate from Madras Loyola College, despite of his weakness in English and lack of administrative experience, was made a Central Minister by his dear dad showing his muscle to Sonia and Manmohan Sing. Interestingly he never spoke or answered any questions in the parliament, instead demanded to be privileged to answer in Tamil and even when that was in the offing, he forgot Delhi but remained as a Central Minister for name sake. Utter waste for the Congress. Now he will give up the ministry. He is well known for his thugery. So he is called the one never fears [to break law].

### Dominating cine world

Family domination in the cine field had only the sky as limit. Maran brothers' Sun Pictures controlled A to Z in Tamil cinema. There is a talk that they hired big artists by force to act in their films and such artists rarely opened their mouth due to fear or fearing repercussion. Besides many of Karunanithy's grandsons entered the cine field as producers, and at times others' pictures found no theater availability on important days as all theaters were blocked by the K group. Why are they so keen on cinema? Do not you know it is a good source to make black money into white?

Further it was said that Dr.K's people pressed the film world to honour him with lavish functions for him to gain popularity with the masses. Actors like Rajani were forced to take part. Young fellows like Vijay and Ajith were put into



lot of difficulties by this K family mafias who failed to realize that every actor has a fan club that contributes votes.

### Sri Lanka Tamils

Whatever that may be, though the majority of Tamilians were aloof to the LTTE, they had a soft corner for the common masses of Sri Lankan Tamils. Many felt Karunanithy could have saved the innocent lives if he had properly handled the center that wanted the elimination of Piraphakaran. One commented, the so called UN report or Darusman report was released before the state election, DMK-Congress combination would have even lost worse under this circumstance.

### Fishermen shooting

Whatever might have happened in the sea, this subject made his government extremely unpopular in the coastal areas. The opposition did not fail to cash it.

### Election Commission

The Election Commission enforced the rules severely so that the ruling party lost all the advantages of being in power. Vote buying was brought to almost zero as EC checked all sources of money transport. As a result crores of unaccounted money was seized and cash transported through cars, buses, lorries, even ambulances and police jeeps were intercepted.

In some places large amount of unclaimed cash was found in vehicles and road side. In a town, about two crores of cash was torn and thrown on the street. Such incidents proved to the masses that the DMK has Alibaba's cave under their control. It didn't go well for the party.

### Wheel Chair CM

With the new voters and youths who are of his great grand children's age, Karunanithy's past political experience

played no part. Many voiced that how long the state should have a wheel chair CM? He declared two years ago to retire before the election giving the mantle to his son Stalin. He did not do so as the king of Madurai also claimed the thrown. I think this change would have done some damage control.

Stalin by nature is a decent guy and though he is in politics from the 1960s, there are no significant corruption charges against him except few created by AIADMK during his tenor as the Mayor of Chennai.

### Freebies

Many freebies starting from free television were introduced and implemented. This made people glee but some TV sets reached the garbage after some time as there was no proper power to watch TV. Apart from this the state government gave people many useful schemes and depended on the beneficiaries to vote for them. But they did not. Politicians should keep one thing in mind that the people are thankless and self oriented. Whatever the achievements you made or benefits you provided will go off their head as other new things come to occupy. People tend to make more of protest votes than pro votes.

No need to repeat here that the 2G scam had a prominent role in the defeat. With good rule the 'Two Leaves' – AIADMK's electoral symbol could have got burned by the 'Rising Sun' – DMK's electoral symbol as Jaya is aging and no second line leaders are apparent to take over. Unexpectedly the Sun is eclipsed. Whether it will rise again is a question, but not in Karunanithy's life time.

Above all, will he get space in Marina beach for his permanent rest? No. Jaya is not that accommodative.

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# TamilNadu Verdict 2011



## Karunanidhi will have time to write last chapter of the DMK party story

by Tamilaruvi Manian

The price rise, the power fiasco and the unfettered family domination in politics and in the administration, have contributed to the fall of the DMK, whose image took its biggest beating in the spectrum scam.

The people of Tamil Nadu have dethroned the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in a decisive mandate, and All-India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) leader J. Jayalalithaa is the prime beneficiary. But this is not a vote in her favour. The vote is essentially against the DMK. It is up to Ms Jayalalithaa to make it a positive vote by providing good governance.

The 2G spectrum scam was largely responsible for shattering the image of the DMK. But that alone has not brought about the regime change. The people of Tamil Nadu have witnessed large-scale corruption not only from members of the family of chief minister M. Karunanidhi, but also of his ministerial colleagues who conducted themselves as regional satraps. They amassed wealth and were cavalier with public money to an unimaginable degree.

For ordinary people who have been struggling to cope with the rising prices, the self-aggrandisement of ministers and their family — so visible at the district level — became a flashpoint. Industry suffered on account of serious shortages of power. The small-scale entrepreneur, the retail trader, and the common man were all badly affected. The two major sectors of the state's economy — agriculture and textiles — were not taken care of under DMK rule.

The DMK has tasted humiliating defeats in the past too. But these blows were dealt on sentimental grounds. In the aftermath of the assassinations of Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi in 1984 and 1991 respectively, the party was routed. It could only win two seats in the 234-member state Assembly after Rajiv Gandhi was killed on Tamil Nadu soil. The current debacle cannot be compared to those occasions.

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If the reins of the party and the government had been in Mr Karunanidhi's hands alone, he would not have allowed matters to drift so precipitously. Neither his party nor his family was wholly in control of the administration. There were too many power centres, and the interference of extra-constitutional authorities in day-to-day issues culminated in inviting the people's wrath.



Disregarding criticism from many quarters over the way the state was being governed and the naked promotion of family members, Mr Karunanidhi continued to ignore the reasoning behind such censure. A party built on grand ideologies of social justice, state autonomy within federalism, and preeminence to the Tamil language in all spheres, had been paying scant regard to those ideals. The thrust of government thinking was on freebies, on how to buy the people's support. This was no innocent shift, and quickly became a compulsion, even as the DMK's core ideology was being diluted.

When his blue-eyed boy A. Raja was cornered on all sides after he got embroiled in the spectrum scam, Mr Karunanidhi rushed to his defence, but not on the merits of the case. Instead, he used the dalit card to try and earn sympathy for him. When the DMK faced intense criticism from the media over its dubious role in the scam, the chief minister said Mr Raja was being targeted by the Brahmin media because he was a "shudra". Mr Karunanidhi had no moral right to invoke anti-Brahminism, anti-Hindi, pro-Tamil slogans since he was not committed to any of them. People knew that he sought to use these cards to suit his convenience, and not with conviction.

Not only the DMK, but all its allies — the Congress, the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), and the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) — have done poorly. None of them enjoys credibility any more. Mr Karunanidhi's stoic silence in the last phase of the Eelam war had left an indelible scar on the Tamil psyche. Manmohan Singh's UPA-I regime survived only with DMK's support, which was seen in Tamil Nadu as an active collaborator in the brutal killings of innocent Tamils. Mr Karunanidhi did nothing to stop the genocide.

There is a simmering discontent against the Congress, especially among the youth. Many splinter Tamil groups

and youth organisations singled out the Congress and campaigned for its defeat. The Congress, which coerced the DMK into granting it 63 seats to contest, has been reduced to a legislature presence smaller than that of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Communist Party of India — with a mere five seats, the lowest ever in its history.

The Congress' votebank has eroded gradually, and the same is the case with PMK and VCK, which used to enjoy clout in select regions.

Ms Jayalalithaa, on the other hand, stitched an alliance with actor Vijayakanth's Desiya Murpokku Dravida Kazhagam (DMDK), which is a growing party with a large youth base. Almost all

AIADMK allies, be it the DMDK or the Left, have a support base across the state. The alliance arithmetic too was on her side.

The influence of money, media and the announcement of freebies could not overcome the DMK regime's eroding popularity brought about by poor governance. About this Mr Karunanidhi could do little in the evening of his life.

There has been no better orator, writer or crowd puller than him in the DMK. Now Mr Karunanidhi will have lots of time to write the last chapter of the story of the grand Dravidian party. I don't see any future for it.

[Deccan Chronicle]

## Kanimozhi's arrest 'vendetta' against DMK and my family: Karunanidhi

Terming Kanimozhi's arrest in the 2G spectrum scam as a vendetta against his party and family, DMK chief M Karunanidhi on Sunday, May 22nd said his daughter's only crime was being a shareholder of 'Kalaigarnar TV'.

"The arrest is a vendetta against DMK and my family ranging from Kanyakumari to Himalayas", Karunanidhi, sulking over his daughter and DMK MP Kanimozhi's arrest, said.

However, the DMK patriarch said he was confident of winning the "final war."

Writing in his party organ "Murasoli", he said it was he who advised Kanimozhi to be a shareholder of Kalaigarnar TV through the money received from Sun Television Network when his wife Dayaluammal sold her share for Rs 100 crore in October 2005.

Out of this money received from the network, Rs 22.5 crore was paid as tax while the "remaining was shared", Karunanidhi said without elaborating.

"It was I who asked Kanimozhi to pay her share amount of Rs two crore to become a shareholder of Kalaigarnar TV," he said.

"Though she was not inclined, she accepted my advice to be a shareholder of Kalaigarnar TV. This is the only crime she (Kanimozhi) committed", Karunanidhi said.

"It is common for a shareholder to be a part of the company's profits and losses. But they are not responsible for its day-to-day activities," he said.



Kanimozhi - DMK MP

Despite (Advocate) Ram Jethmalani's (counsel for Kanimozhi) arguments in the Delhi court that shareholders were not responsible for a company's income and expenditure, Sharad Kumar (Kalaigarnar TV Managing Director) and Kanimozhi were denied bail, he said.

The DMK president also indirectly blamed the Congress for his party's huge defeat in the April 13 assembly polls, saying the loss was due to the alliance partners taking away their preferred constituencies "forcibly".

He also slammed the Election Commission accusing it of conducting the elections in an "anti-democratic" way.

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# Arts and Forms

## Ambassadors of our Art



*"Abhinayam" by Malarvilly Janagan, Artistic Director and the writer of this article which was taken at Dundas square in Jan 2011 for a photo shoot (Documentary)*



*Malarvilly Janagan*

Recently I was doing some research on dance festivals across the world. As with all research, I started my search on Google. I typed "dance festival" and was quite surprised by what I found. Almost all the results on the first page were links to dance festivals in India. Be it on the internet or in the real world, India seems to have no dearth of dance festivals.

I attended one of the Sai Nrityotsav festivals in Bangalore. The festival showcased several budding dancers of different styles. The concluding Odissi performance choreographed by Sharmila Mukherjee, reminded

Most artistes, including me, believe we are here to serve a larger purpose – that of serving the art. We spend years learning, hours practicing and leave our hearts out on the stage when we perform.

me of the Konark Dance festival I attended last February. Konark was a magical experience for me, with its larger than life stage and artistes of even larger repute. Listening to the magical voice of Dr. Balamurali Krishna or watching the mesmerising performance of Sujata Mohapatra transported me to an indescribable world of beauty and joy. As I watched the emerging artistes at Sai Nrityotsav, it brought just as much joy. While Konark was showcasing the grandeur of Indian art and the greatness of its practitioners, Sai Nrityotsav was giving a glimpse into the future of our art. The range of availability of such platforms is indeed heart warming.

However, what bothered me about both these festivals is the audience availability. The audience seems to be rather abundant and enthusiastic at the performances of the most popular artistes or



those of their own kith and kin. As the other performers hit the stage, the audience seems to start thinning out. As I saw, in both festivals, audiences selectively pick what they want to watch and walk out on several mind blowing performances, simply because they were lesser known artistes. I could only shake my head in sympathy.

This selective availability of audiences poses a formidable challenge to upcoming artistes. An upcoming artiste needs to either come from a well-known lineage or have art patrons in his or her immediate circle of friends or family. Artistes coming from any other circumstance risk being lost to oblivion. More importantly, the field of art risks losing possible game changers and significant contributors. If our art has to grow at the full potential of available artistes, then we absolutely need to provide audiences to new, lesser known artistes.

Today, there is no dearth of artistes or of platforms. An average person has absolutely no time to attend them all. So how does one identify what to watch? By relying on recommendations. So, if I were to identify and recommend lesser known, promising artistes, then I could play a non-trivial role in increasing audiences. This realization instills in me an immense sense of responsibility.

Most artistes, including me, believe we are here to serve a larger purpose – that of serving the art. We spend years learning, hours

practicing and leave our hearts out on the stage when we perform. We worship and love our art. But are we doing all we can for our art? I contest that we can do more.

As artistes, we can and should be ambassadors of our art form, spreading the message of our art to the world of non-artistes. We should be watching more, talking more about these new artistes and educating our social circles on the intricacies of our art and its

practitioners. We have with us the ability to make people around us see and appreciate the beauty of our arts and enrich their lives. We have the ability to identify emerging talent, thus making significant contribution to our art form. As artist we can all appreciate when a margam is done in Toronto by buying tickets and showing support.

Only an artist can appreciate the effort put but the dancer. It should not be a replacement of puberty ceremony or a 16th glam birthday party where family and friends are there to support. While community events are doing their part in creating the platform for art, the question to us as artistes is, "Are we making the best use of our ability and knowledge in serving our art or are we limiting ourselves to a one dimensional approach towards this? If we can do more, what is stopping us? If our art form benefits, do we not?"





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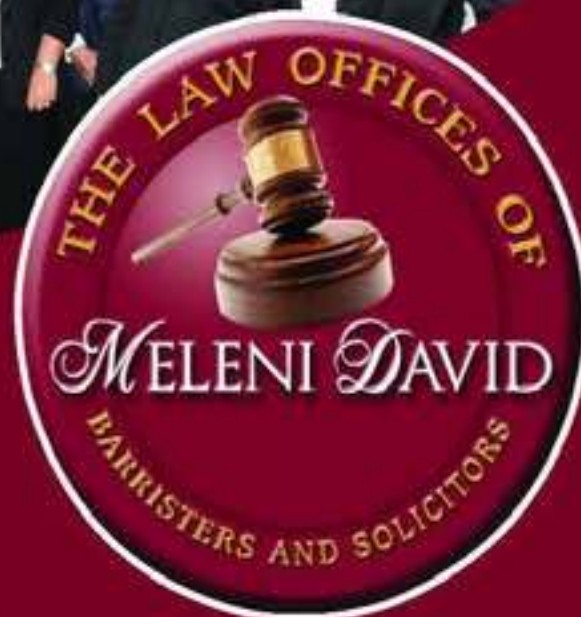


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# Special Feature

## INDIA'S LITTLE MASTER MOURNS FOR HIS GURU

Tashvir Narine

In late April, the world was shocked to learn that India's Sathya Sai Baba passed away at the mortal age of 85 years in the very same hospital that he constructed. Sai Baba was suffering with cardio-respiratory problems for about a month before his body ceased to continue on April 24th around 7:40am IST. Christians worldwide celebrated this Sunday as Easter, however Indians also marked this date special, as it represents the birthday of their one and only Sachin Tendulkar.

Sachin turned 38 this year, but this birthday was a very mellow one as he learned in the early morning of the passing Sathya Sai Baba, his very close spiritual Guru. While his cricketing talents are famous around the globe, many fans outside India may not have also known that Sachin was a very close follower of Sathya Sai Baba. This intimate relationship started in 1997 when Sachin participated in the Sri Sathya Sai Unity Cup, a match between an Indian and World XI side, held right inside Baba's Hill View Stadium. The India XI squad won easily that day and Baba presented the Unity Cup to Sachin as the Indian captain, a memory that he has



Sachin and wife Anjali visit Sai Kulwant Hall during the viewing ceremony.

cherished and held dearly. Baba has held a special place in Sachin's heart since and many times he would stop by to see the Guru, and seek help over making many decisions

in his life. Even at the twilight of his international career, he was still a vital part of the recent World Cup success of the Indian national team, and is still one of the top batsmen overall in the world today.

On the morning of April 24th Sachin's hotel door was marked with Do Not Disturb sign as he was preparing for an IPL match against the Deccan Chargers in Hyderabad. Sachin had skipped his birthday celebrations this year because of Baba's condition, with this Twitter account confirming the day before, "I am praying for Shri Sathya Sai Baba's quick recovery. Hope everyone will join me in praying for his return to good health." The match was definitely not the only thing on Sachin's mind that day, but he still made 28 runs, captaining the Mumbai Indians to victory. A day later, a weeping Sachin and his wife Anjali paid their final respects at Sai Kulwant Hall, where Baba's body rests today. Surely it can be said that Sachin will not celebrate his birthday the same for years to come but he will take solace in knowing that Baba saw him raise the World Cup in his lifetime, a feat that most Indians will celebrate for the rest of Sachin's life.



Blessings from Sai Baba during one of his visits to the Guru.



Sachin places flowers near the feet of Sai Baba's casket.




Sathya Sai Baba giving special directions to Sachin in 1997.




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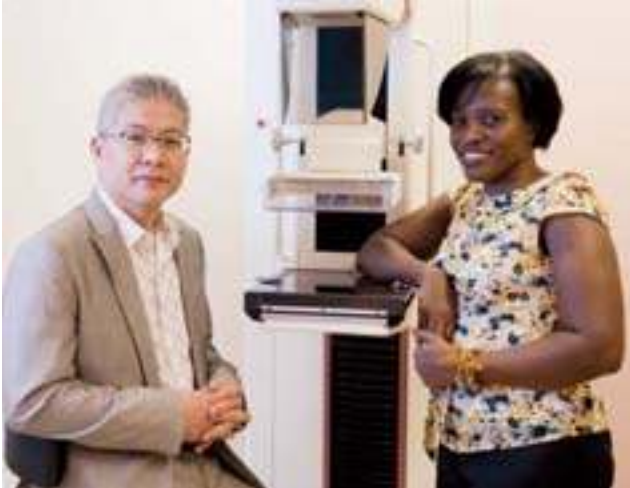






# The Scarborough Hospital

## Patient praise for TSH radiologist



It's a call that no one wants to receive after having a routine mammogram: some calcification is spotted and a biopsy is required.

But for Sylvia Bentham, the 'journey' of getting that biopsy was both surprising and gratifying. The first biopsy 'missed the mark,' but the second, performed by TSH Radiologist Dr. Godfrey Kim, successfully located the calcification, which turned out to be benign.

"I would like to thank Dr. Kim very much for giving me all the facts about my case, as it was the first time I had any

doctor throughout this process really sit down to give me all the pros and cons about my case with such depth, care, compassion and honesty," writes Sylvia in a letter. "I truly felt Dr. Kim made me feel as though I was an important person and not just another patient on the assembly line. Dr. Kim should be considered a 'Very Valuable Doctor' on your staff and should be an example for other doctors to model."

It is clear that the patient-physician bond between Sylvia and Dr. Kim is one that demonstrates the success of open communication. Sylvia is a savvy healthcare consumer who was pleased that Dr. Kim "explained to me exactly what he had to do and ... knew that my previous biopsy was not successful and he did not want to put me through that again."

"I think radiologists have an important role to play in the health and wellbeing of our patients," explains Dr. Kim, who has worked at TSH since January 2005. "The public is starting to realize what an important and indispensable role radiology plays in the diagnosis and treatment of patients, whether it is x-rays, ultrasounds, MRIs or CT scans."

"I really wasn't drawn to medicine by anything like a 'higher calling,' but during my internship, I spent a month in Radiology and I knew that this was what I was meant to do," states Dr. Kim. After attending medical school at the University of Toronto, he interned at the Ottawa Civic Hospital and worked for a couple of years in Ottawa as a family physician. "I'm very image-driven; a visual person, so radiology spoke to me," Dr. Kim explains. He trained in radiology in Toronto and did an MRI Fellowship at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and a Body Imaging

Fellowship at the University of California at San Francisco.

"Radiology is a great field in that any important or interesting cases get pictures done," he says. "It's also very challenging since you need to know a lot about many different medical specialties. It's a technological field that is always evolving, advancing, and that makes it interesting."

It's also an exciting time for Dr. Kim and his colleagues with the pending arrival of a new MRI for the Birchmount campus. In fact, Dr. Kim, who was recently named the MR Director for the Birchmount campus (and also served as the MR Director and started the MR program at North York General Hospital from 1999-2001 and MR Director at St. Joseph's Health Centre from 2001-2004, just returned from a sourcing trip to see what equipment would best suit our hospital and community requirements.

"It's something that Birchmount and the community really needs, and the fact that it's coming hopefully this summer or early fall is exciting for us," he adds.

While he was surprised that Sylvia penned a letter thanking him "for something that I am supposed to do," Dr. Kim does appreciate the recognition.

"I try to look at my patients like Sylvia as though they were members of my family," he adds. "I put myself in their shoes and ask myself, 'what would I want for her if she were my sister or mother?'"

A family man with two young children and a dog, Dr. Kim enjoys playing hockey ("I'm a Leafs' fan – too bad") and collecting wine.



It was an emotional end to a 20-year success story when the After-Hours Clinic at the Birchmount campus closed its doors last month. The privately-owned After-Hours Clinic was started in 1989 by a group of about 20 physicians with Dr. Tom Bacher as president.

## Birchmount After-Hours Clinic closes after 20 years

"Some of my colleagues and I got together to launch it as part of a new wave of after-hours clinics," Dr. Bacher explains. "The rule was we could not take a patient from the clinic to our private practice unless that patient didn't have a family physician and wanted one. Patients got great service, but were encouraged to find a family physician."

Lieutenant-Colonel Irene Stickland then convinced the physicians to bring the clinic into the Scarborough Grace Hospital (now the Birchmount campus of TSH).

"It was unique in that it was the only privately owned clinic where patients were referred to us by a public facility, the hospital," Dr. Bacher explains. "We had a great relationship with the Emergency Department."

Patients who ended up in Emerg and who didn't 'fit' the criteria for the hospital's emergency care were referred to the After-Hours Clinic.

Starting at TSH's Emergency Department in 1977, Dr. Bacher was drawn to medicine at an early age.

"I liked the idea of being there for people. I also get a lot

from people and while they aren't necessarily my friends, there is a connection between physician and patient that you don't get in any other profession," he explains. "There's that sense of trust they have for you, and that sense of respect you have for them."

While the After-Hours Clinic was not a huge money-maker for the physician-owners, it was a "great experience, and we provided a fantastic service to the community."

"But we're 20 years older now, and fewer physicians want to devote their spare time – working a full day and then another few hours – in an After-Hours Clinic," Dr. Bacher adds. "When the number of physicians shrunk to 14, we had to make a choice. We decided to close down the clinic."

The married father of three grown children, Dr. Bacher prefers to spend his spare time as president of Maccabi Canada, an organization that trains Jewish athletes for international competitions.

"I will keep my connection to TSH; it was a privilege having worked with such a fantastic staff here," he adds.

## Nurse recognized as a Nursing Hero

Robert Chau learned at a young age the importance of choosing a career where he could help others. His father was a high ranking member of the Vietnamese diplomatic service, who instilled in his son the selfless benefits of helping his community.

Today, Robert, an RN in the post-anaesthetic care unit at the Birchmount campus, has the honour of being one of the three top Nursing Heroes awarded by Hospital News, a national healthcare newspaper.

"This is a big honour for me, and it inspires me to be a better nurse, always, every day," Robert says. "I treat each patient as they were my father, who recently passed away. He told me, 'Robert, treat every patient as if you were treating me, or a member of your family.' Since his illness, I have gone to a further level and treat each patient with a little extra care."

Robert was nominated by Sharon Gabriel, Patient Care Manager, OR Booking, Preadmission, Same Day Surgery, PACU, who states in her submission to Hospital News, "In the Science of Nursing, he is awesome, a critical thinker who knows what is going to happen to the patient next. He anticipates it, has an understanding of what it means to the patient, and knows the nursing strategies to implement."

"In the Art of Nursing, he has a gentle touch that soothes fractious children, and a tone that causes patients to turn their head in his direction."

While his parents came from Vietnam, Robert was born in New Delhi, India, where his father was stationed for two years. The family returned to Vietnam for six years, where he

learned Vietnamese and some French. From there, it was to a posting in Australia, where Robert learned English.

"My father studied in the U.S., and sent my sister there to study as well. We visited her in 1975 when she was living in Toronto," Robert says. "We became refugees by accident just as the Vietnam war ended. We started over, with just 12 pieces of luggage."

He studied nursing at Humber College, graduating in 1988 when he joined Northwestern General Hospital, working full time in the ER. On his days off, he worked part-time at Etobicoke General Hospital in the medical surgical unit because, "to me, a fundamental part of nursing is in medical surgical."

In 1992, Robert moved to Saudi Arabia to work in the ER and recovery room. He stayed there for nine-and-a-half years, "interacting with all kinds of nationalities and learning about different cultures."

"When I returned to Toronto, I heard great things about The Scarborough Hospital as a place geared towards helping the community," he explains. "I spent the first two-and-a-half years working in the ER and recovery room, where I looked after the first SARS patient who came here from Hong Kong. Of course, we didn't know it was SARS at first; we just knew he had some acute respiratory illness."

Looking after that patient through the night became a pivotal turning point in Robert's career.

"The patient was so sad because he was too sick to attend



his mother's funeral. He was transferred to the ICU the next day, where he died," he recalls. After treating other SARS patients, as well as nurses and physicians diagnosed with SARS, Robert eventually came down with the illness.

"I looked at it as a positive experience because I no longer fear seriously ill patients. I am more encouraged to look after them, treat them with the same respect and care that I do with all my patients."

As one of Hospital News' three top Nursing Heroes, Robert is featured in its annual special section on Nursing in the May edition. He has asked the newspaper to donate the \$200 value of his third-place prize to the Canadian Cancer Society.

As a footnote, Hospital News received 12 nominations this year from The Scarborough Hospital, the most of any hospital in Canada.





# The Scarborough Hospital

## SECOND SPEAKERS' SERIES TOPIC ANNOUNCED FOR FREE FALL EVENT

### TSH experts to help community navigate mental health system

The Scarborough Hospital created It's Time to Talk, a free Speakers' Series, to help families have difficult conversations around sensitive healthcare topics. The second of this series, "Breaking Barriers: Stigma, Families and Mental Health," will be held on Thurs., Sept. 15 in the General campus auditorium.

There will be a health fair from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., with presentations with a Q&A period from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Admission, parking and refreshments are complimentary.

The Scarborough Hospital's experts will guide attendees on how to have conversations on topics like depression and anxiety, as well as help them navigate the mental health system in our community.

"People living with mental illness and those who support them often experience significant challenges in the community," says Susan Engels, Patient Care Director, Mental Health. "Recognizing the signs and

symptoms of mental health and addictions issues and knowing when and where to seek help may seem overwhelming. Fear, stigma and isolation may be some of the difficult feelings that make people hesitate to get professional help. Yet seeking help is often the first step in beginning the journey towards recovery. Come join physicians and other health care providers at The Scarborough Hospital to learn more about living with mental illness and addictions and how to get the help you or someone you know might need to start you on your road to recovery."

Because space is limited, RSVPs are required. For more information, please contact Elaine Polgar at 416.431.8200 ext. 6661 or email [epolgar@tsh.to](mailto:epolgar@tsh.to).

### TOPICS & SPEAKERS

Having the Conversation:

Understanding Depression and Anxiety

– Dr. Karen Shin, TSH Psychiatrist

Who Should I Call for Help? Navigating the Mental Health System

– Faiza Khalid-Khan and Jeanine Tuitt, TSH Social Workers

Myths and Facts: Psychosis and Substance Abuse

– Dr. Thomas Choy, TSH Psychiatrist and Roberto Mazzei, TSH Social Worker

Dementia: A Few Key Points to Remember

– Dr. Stephen Barsky, TSH Chief of Psychiatry and Shefali Raja, TSH Occupational Therapist

Town Hall Update

– Stephen Smith, Vice Chair, The Scarborough Hospital Board of Directors

### MODERATOR

Dr. John Wright, President & CEO, The Scarborough Hospital



Dr. Karen Shin, one of The Scarborough Hospital's psychologists, speaks on September 15.

## Three of hospital's own honoured on Scarborough Walk of Fame

The Scarborough Hospital congratulates three of its own as this year's inductees in the Scarborough Walk of Fame, a celebration hosted by Debra McGrath and Colin Mochrie on May 12 at the Scarborough Town Centre.

The Scarborough Walk of Fame recognizes the achievements of Scarborough residents in the fields of health, sports, arts, entertainment, education and community.

### Dr. Dhun Noria

A surgical pathologist and Chief of Laboratory Medicine for The Scarborough Hospital-Birchmount campus, Dr. Noria has played an integral role in the ongoing growth and development of The Scarborough Hospital over the past 25 years.

Dr. Noria and her husband are active in many community causes and charities, including The Scarborough Hospital Foundation.

A successful business woman, Dr. Noria owns several medical-related companies in Scarborough. She was awarded the 2004 Business Woman of the Year by the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

A two-time breast cancer survivor, she understands the fear and emotions experienced by woman faced with fighting this cancer. She was the public face for the Ontario Medical Association Awareness Campaign and has devoted her life to improving the quality of patient care.



Drs. Dhun Noria, Harold Stein and Vicki Bismilla received a star on the Scarborough Walk of Fame at the Scarborough Town Centre on June 12. Seen in this photo, from left to right, are: Jay Hope, Dr. Bismilla, Dr. Stein, Ron Watson, Brad Duguid, MPP for Scarborough Centre, Dr. Noria, Peter Appleyard and Lawrence Gowan.

### Dr. Harold A. Stein

Born in Niagara Falls, Dr. Stein opened his first practice in Scarborough in 1958.

Recognized by the medical community for his expertise in cataract surgery, corneal transplants, contact lenses and refractive surgery, he pioneered the development of the

intraocular lens for cataract surgery. He was also one of the first in North America to use this procedure and to practice laser vision correction.

A graduate of the University of Toronto (U of T) Medical School, Dr. Stein spent 35 years as Chief of Ophthalmology at Scarborough General Hospital.

A dedicated volunteer, Dr. Stein has performed delicate eye surgery in third-world countries where blindness runs rampant. He's also worked with Dr. Maxwell Bochner of The Bochner Eye Institute in Toronto for more than 10 years.

He's received the Lifetime Membership Award from the Ontario Medical Association, the Scarborough General Hospital Board of Governors' Chairman's Award, the 200 Bi-Centennial Scarborough Civic Award of Merit and the Scarborough Civic Award of Merit.

### Dr. Vicki Bismilla

A board member for The Scarborough Hospital, Dr. Bismilla was born in South Africa. After graduating from the University of South Africa, she and her husband and their children fled apartheid and came to Canada in 1970.

Dr. Bismilla spent 18 years with the Scarborough Board of Education, working in multicultural classrooms and rising through the ranks. She spent nine years as a principal, before becoming superintendent of education for the York Region District School Board, where she initiated 20 equity programs and committees, forming an infrastructure that continues today.

In 2005, Bismilla joined Centennial College as Vice-President Academic and Chief Learning Officer.

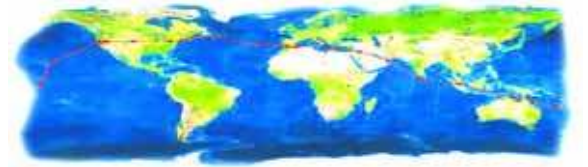
Premier Dalton McGuinty chose The Scarborough Hospital, Birchmount campus as his backdrop to celebrate National Nursing Week on May 11. "This is the place where you care for the most important people in the world: our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, our friends and neighbours," Premier McGuinty told the more than 100 nurses on hand at the event. "I thank you for the dedication and devotion you bring to looking after these people for us."

Photo courtesy: Jenna Muirhead.





# Around the world



## Women "key" to water projects

Women could prove key to the success of Sri Lanka's rural water and sanitation projects, experts and villagers say.

As a five-year project to reduce time spent collecting water and to ensure safe drinking water jointly launched by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Sri Lankan government comes to a close, its leaders are reflecting on the lasting benefits of their decision to incorporate women in an unprecedented way.

"Usually women are in the backseat, but in this [project] we were right in front," Indrani Silva, who heads the women's association at Lanka Pokuna village in the north-central Polonnaruwa District, one of five rural areas involved in this US\$263 million undertaking, told IRIN.

Projects took place in eastern Batticaloa and Trincomalee, north-central Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa and southern Hambantota districts.

Upon completion at the end of 2011, an estimated 900,000 people will have benefited, and those involved say it is largely because the project's policies took into account the importance of gaining the trust and involvement of local women.

"[Women] understand the value of safe water. On top of that, they bear the traditional responsibility of collecting water, cleaning and cooking. You need them to be involved for any such project to have a chance," Mookiah Thiruchelvam, ADB's senior project officer overseeing the project, explained.

At the level of initial discussions with potential beneficiaries, 50 percent of participants and at least 25 percent of the government officials from the Water Supply and Drainage Board were women. This is not usual, Silva said.

"Usually these types of big projects will have no major involvement from the community, except for taking part in meetings. Even then the lead role is taken by men. Now this is our project; without the village women, this will not succeed," she said.

Attanayke Mundiyanse Senevirathana, chief sociologist working on improving access to water in the Polonnaruwa District, says the men were primarily farmers and did not have the time to play a big role, let alone collect water.

"It is the women who used to spend hours and walk miles to collect the water," Senevirathana said.

In Talpotha, a village in Polonnaruwa, the women's association is central to managing water distribution from a new pumping station and water-tank.

A member of the association does a monthly round of the 172 new connections, tabulating usage and collecting payment. But during the dry season their



A woman draws water from a well in Batticaloa

role becomes even more important.

"We go around requesting users to limit usage," said Sheila Herath, the chairwoman of the association. "All of them are our members and we can easily convince them."

ADB's Thiruchelvam feels the next step is to use the time saved on collecting water to increase the income of the beneficiaries.

"The women have regained three hours every day that were spent on collecting water," he said.

Among some rural villages, women's associations have also proven to be effective in promoting new income generation.

A loan from a local women's association has helped Liyaduruge Siriyawathie, 45, to earn an additional Rs10,000 (\$100) every month. She uses the time freed from walking kilometres



It is still a hard struggle to survive in some interior villages in eastern Sri Lanka like Unichai, even almost four years after the guns fell silent. The roads are best a collection of large craters, basic amenities still luxuries. These are the villages, poor and desperate, where the peace dividend is elusive like the morning mist.

Pic: Amantha Perera-IRIN

to collect water to draw portraits and other designs that are sold. "For over two decades I did not have time to draw," she said.

Thiruchelvam said future water projects should take advantage of women's roles and, importantly, the freed hours that used to be spent on collecting water. "We don't calculate the productivity [gained]. It is time we started doing that."

Meanwhile, experts believe similar water and sanitation initiatives involving women could prove instrumental in the conflict-affected north, where access to piped water after two decades of war remains problematic.

On average, only three out of 10 people have access to piped water in all the

districts that fall within the Vanni, an area encompassing the two districts of Kilinochchi and Mullaithivu and parts of Mannar and Vavuniya districts in the north, according to the National Water Supply Board.

The ADB and the Sri Lankan government are implementing a comparable project, with a high focus on women, in the Vanni and Jaffna valued at \$164 million, Thiruchelvam says.

**[IRIN News - Humanitarian news and analysis service of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect those of the United Nations or its Member States]**

## Sri Lanka withdraws free on-arrival visa facility for tourists from most countries

Travelers planning to visit Sri Lanka after August should apply for their visas on-line for a fee or visit Sri Lankan missions with an application.

Visitors from more than 75 countries will be impacted by the decision. Only tourists from Singapore and Maldives, which give on-arrival visas to Lankans, will continue to get the reciprocal facility, the sources said.

Foreigners visiting and travelling via Sri Lanka will be able to obtain visas through the website of the department of immigration and emigration of Sri Lanka by personally applying for them on payment of the prescribed fees, a Sri Lankan government statement said. Those who do not have access to internet, will be able to apply for visas through private agencies to be established for the purpose and also through Lankan foreign missions and from office of department of immigration & emigration, statement said.

## SriLankan Air Taxi launches daily flights to central hills

SriLankan Airlines has begun daily flights to Kandy in the central hills, using float planes to cut a three-hour road journey to 30 minutes for 4,900 rupees one-way and 9,800 rupees return, a report in premier business news portal from Colombo, Lankabusinessonline.com said.

The report quoting SriLankan Airlines furyjer said, flights from Colombo which now operate from the Kelani River to the city's north are to be shifted to the Beira Lake in the central business district soon.

Flights leave Colombo at 9 a.m. and touch down at Polgolla, a reservoir, at 9.30 a.m. The return flight leaves Kandy at 10 a.m. and touches down in Colombo at 10.30 a.m.

SriLankan Air Taxi, a subsidiary of the national carrier, operates two De Havilland Twin Otter aircraft which each have seating for over 15 passengers.

Air Taxi now operates to nearly a dozen water-dromes around the country using lakes, rivers and lagoons. The floatplanes are also available for charters.





# The Scarborough Hospital

## The Scarborough World Cup of Golf

The Scarborough World Cup of Golf celebrates and embraces our richly diverse

Scarborough community. Over 65 per cent of our community is made up of 25 different cultures, speaking 48 different languages. Every event hosted by The Scarborough Hospital Foundation proudly recognizes this unique diversity, making it a "world" event.

Our 3rd Annual Scarborough World Cup of Golf has a lot to offer your company. Your support will demonstrate a critical commitment to our diverse community and its healthcare needs. You will be rewarded with strong loyalty to your company's brands.

We've put this booklet together early to give your organization the flexibility it needs to confirm support. This year's event is going to be bigger and better than before. We are moving to the Angus Glen Golf Club to give you and your guests the ultimate golf experience.

Last year, our sold-out event was

highly successful, raising more than \$75,000 for life-saving cardiac equipment, like portable defibrillators. With the help of our new presenting sponsor, Medline Canada, our goal is to raise \$150,000 this year. Proceeds will go toward redeveloping the Wound Centre in The Scarborough Hospital. With an increasing rate of incidents, patient loads are expected to double in the next decade.

Your support will help us expand our Wound Care Centre so that we can treat and care for more patients suffering from debilitating skin problems from cancer, diabetes and kidney disease.

To discuss your sponsorship for the 3rd Annual Scarborough World Cup of Golf, please contact Guy Bonnell, Vice President, Community Development, at 416.438.2911 ext. 6664.

Sincerely,

**Arthur Heinmaa &**

**John Logarakis**

Co-Chairs

Scarborough World Cup of Golf

**The Scarborough Hospital FOUNDATION**

**SCARBOROUGH WORLD CUP OF GOLF**

**2011 SPONSORSHIP**  
in support of The Scarborough Hospital

**Tuesday, August 9, 2011**  
**Angus Glen Golf Club**  
Registration and Barbecue Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Shotgun Start: 1:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Awards: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

## Stem cell screening aims to benefit Scarborough's diverse ethnic population

TORONTO (May 27, 2011) — Across the country, more than 800 Canadians are in desperate need of stem cell transplants to treat a wide variety of diseases and disorders including cancers such as leukemias, lymphomas and myelomas. For these patients, a stem cell donor may be their last chance for recovery from these serious, and often fatal, illnesses.

Sadly, fewer than 30 per cent of these Canadians are able to find a match within their own families—the rest rely on the generosity of donors who have registered with a national stem cell database.

But in a community like Scarborough, where 57 per cent of the population are immigrants to Canada, finding suitable matches is much more difficult. Because the genetic markers used to match donors to patients occur with different frequencies in different ethnic groups, broadening the base of ethnic donors is critical. Yet as of October 2008, 83 per cent of Canada's stem cell network is Caucasian.

As part of The Scarborough Hospital's vision of being recognized as a leader in providing the best healthcare for our global community, TSH hosted a stem cell screening event on Thursday, May 26th to help increase the number of potential donors in the OneMatch Stem Cell and Marrow Network.

With the ethnic diversity of our com-

munity, as well as our own staff and physicians, we want to provide hope for patients in need of stem cell transplants from all backgrounds, in Scarborough and beyond.

Statistics about stem cell transplants and our diverse population:

- The Chinese-Canadian population is one of the under-represented groups on the OneMatch Network, and Chinese languages are the third largest mother tongue spoken in Canada.

- As of October 2008, 83 per cent of Canada's Network is Caucasian and the remaining 17 per cent is of various ethnic backgrounds. Yet one in five Canadians identifies themselves as foreign born according to the 2006 Census.

- About 73 per cent of new registrants have been Caucasian and 27 per cent listed as other ethnicities.

- In the past year, there have been more than 3,600 new registrants from non-Caucasian backgrounds. That's an overall increase of 120 per cent in new donors from non-Caucasian backgrounds. We have seen the most growth in ethnic donors among the Asian and South Asian communities. For example, new Asian donors account for a 283 per cent increase from last year.

**Sources: Canada Blood Services & Statistics Canada**



In photo taken during the event on May 26th, (L-R) Mike Ichelson, Sylvia Ichelson, Shari Ichelson-Silverman (inspiration behind Shari's Mission), Allison Jocko, Oncology Pharmacist, The Scarborough Hospital, Sari Greenwood, Patient Care Manager, The Scarborough Hospital



# Around the world



## SRI LANKA TO PRESENT FREE TRADE DRAFT TO INDIA says a prominent newspaper in Colombo



In a recent communiqué between India and Sri Lanka that's being described as 'hard hitting' to Sri Lanka by several media in Colombo one of the items mentioned is a free trade arrangement between the two countries.

Bandula Sirimanna of Sunday Times.lk has reported the situation regarding this matter as follows:

With pressure mounting from India to quickly finalise the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), frenetic efforts are being made by Sri Lanka to present a new CEPA draft to Indian authorities as soon as possible.

But Director General of Commerce Gomi Senadhira was unable to say to the Business Times as to when exactly the new draft would be finalized. These developments in the wake of Foreign Minister G.L. Pieris' recent visit to Sri Lanka's powerful neighbour, comes amidst continuing opposition to sections of the draft by a group of Sri Lankan entrepreneurs who say Indian industry and services will swamp 'us'.

The Director-General of Commerce, who is handling and coordinating the entire process from the Sri Lankan side, had planned to finalise the draft last month (April) but it was delayed due to consultative process with relevant public and private sector organizations in order to revise the schedules of commitments, other trade officials said.

Currently working groups on services, investment, economic cooperation and sub group on financial services are drafting respective chapters of CEPA and finalising schedules of specific commitments, they said.

Mr Senadhira said 13 rounds of technical level negotiations between the two countries have been held so far and the text of the proposed CEPA has been in discussion in all these rounds with some of the chapters are almost finalized, he added. He declined to comment on any of the issues which had been brought to the notice of the authorities by Sri Lankan entrepreneurs and stakeholders as well as the disputed areas in CEPA.

Difficulties associated with implementation of the Indo-Lanka Free Trade Agreement, the negative list there and apprehensions in Sri Lanka about opening the services sector are the three major challenges that need to be addressed before the CEPA can come into force, local industry officials said.

An Inter-Agency-Committee (IAC) has been established by the cabinet to look into the matters pertaining to the preparation of a revised draft text. The task of the IAC is to re-do the proposed CEPA text with consultation of the relevant private and public organizations.

At a recent meeting with relevant public and private sector organizations, Mr Senadhira has said that, out of the 11 Chapters in the CEPA text, Trade in Services (Chapter 3), Movement of Natural Persons (Chapter 4), Investment (Chapter 5) are of great concern to Sri Lankan side, industry officials said.

He has said the IAC is working on these chapters in order to address the concerns of the Sri Lankan stakeholders, adding that the IAC has decided to revise the Chapter on Trade in Services on the basis of SAARC Agreement on Trade in Services (SATIS) and the final chapter would be identical to SATIS to a greater extent.

While the Chamber of Small and Medium Industries tabled a letter expressing their concerns and highlighting dangers in some of the sections, participants also explained how

professionals could come from India and start small businesses and bring all their dependants to Sri Lanka under employment visas.

They brought to the notice of the Director-General that most multinational companies in Sri Lanka are managed by Indians and they will definitely provide jobs to Indians who come under chapter 4 of CEPA. One of the participants told the Business Times that the Director-General did not respond to many issues, instead mentioned that these will be corrected by the relative ministries in due time.

Several senior government officials involved in the CEPA negotiations, expressing their views, noted that a major complaint heard from Sri Lankan businessmen was that problems in bilateral trade between India and Sri Lanka are not resolved in a timely manner that amounts to an effective denial of business opportunity.

They said CEPA addresses these concerns through multiple measures and in a forthright manner through biannual meetings at the level of Commerce Secretaries and annual meetings at the level of Commerce Ministers.

**‘most multinational companies in Sri Lanka are managed by Indians and they will definitely provide jobs to Indians who come under chapter 4 of CEPA. ’**

These government officials pointed out that under CEPA, the incremental opening of new items by Sri Lanka for Indian exporters is proposed at only 32 items (and none of these is an agricultural item as some of these critics allege). Sri Lanka meanwhile has increased its negative lists through some internal adjustments under the Indo- Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISLFTA) to 1220 items. Therefore, even if it were to cut 32 items from its negative list under CEPA, its eventual negative list at 1198 items would still be larger than it was under the ISLFTA at 1180, these officials said.

Clearly, therefore, there is no new opening being committed under CEPA in the goods sector beyond the level of the ISLFTA. Thus, openings under CEPA do not create any greater risk of 'invasion' of Indian goods into the Sri Lankan markets. If anything Sri Lanka benefits from the reduction of Indian negative list under CEPA to 82 out of a total of 5112 items. The argument of 'invasion' of Indian goods following CEPA does not stand scrutiny, they added.

Expressing dissatisfaction at the ongoing CEPA negotiations, CEPA Forum, a pressure group formed by seven leading Sri Lankan entrepreneurs has made a written request from the Ministry of Industry and Commerce Secretary Tilak

Collure to remove Mr. Senadhira from these discussions alleging that he has ignored concerns of local businessmen, a member of the forum, Multichemi Group /Natures Secret Managing Director Samantha Kumarasinghe, told the Business Times.

He noted that they presented all of their views and suggestions at the first consultative meeting with business chambers and the IAC. He alleged that the Commerce Department head has failed to accommodate the views of the Sri Lankan businessmen, and he is not suitable to head the negotiations with India because of his irresponsible decision-making and adamant attitude, adding that another senior official should be appointed to continue negotiations with India and to finalise the agreement as Mr. Senadhira is due to retire in November this year.

Mr Kumarasinghe, said that under UN pressure pressing for a war crimes probe on Sri Lanka, India is exerting pressure on the Sri Lankan government to immediately finalise and sign CEPA in order to provide India's support to fight the UN demand. He noted that if the country's service sector is opened to Indians under CEPA, Sri Lanka would be flooded by Indian labour in all sectors of work due to India's heavy unemployment numbering some 56 million compared to Sri Lanka's 470,000.

Expressing an independent observation on the CEPA, Dr. Indrajit Coomaraswamy, a former Director, Economic Affairs Division at the Commonwealth Secretariat, and who has served in the Central Bank and Finance Ministry, told the Business Times that the debate on the merits of the CEPA, as a means of taking advantage of 'our' proximity to India, seems to divide the protagonists on the basis of whether India is seen as an "opportunity" or a "threat". Some of the antipathy to the Indo-Lanka CEPA is based on primordial fears and insecurities which are not evidence based or rational. However, there is also more considered opposition based on the following argumentation which requires careful examination:

That the asymmetry of the two economies means that the CEPA would inevitably be

### JOINT PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT OF HON'BLE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SRI LANKA TO INDIA



**Prime Minister Manmohan Singh with Sri Lankan External Affairs Minister G.L. Peiris during a meeting in New Delhi on May 17, 2011 - PTI**

Investigations into allegations of human rights violations and restoration of normalcy urged:

1. The Minister of External Affairs of the Government of Sri Lanka, Prof. G L Peiris visited India from 15-17 May, 2011.
2. During his visit, the External Affairs Minister of Sri Lanka called on Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India and met with Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Finance Minister, Shri S M Krishna, External Affairs Minister and Shri Shivshankar Menon, National Security Advisor. Smt Nirupama Rao, Foreign Secretary, called on the visiting dignitary.
3. Delegation-level talks, led by the two External Affairs Ministers, were held on May 16, 2011. The two sides reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations. They assessed the developments that had taken place since the visit of the President of Sri Lanka to India in June, 2010 and the bilateral Joint Commission meeting at the level of the Ministers of External Affairs held in Colombo in November, 2010. Issues relating to regional and international issues of common concern were also discussed.

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# Special Feature

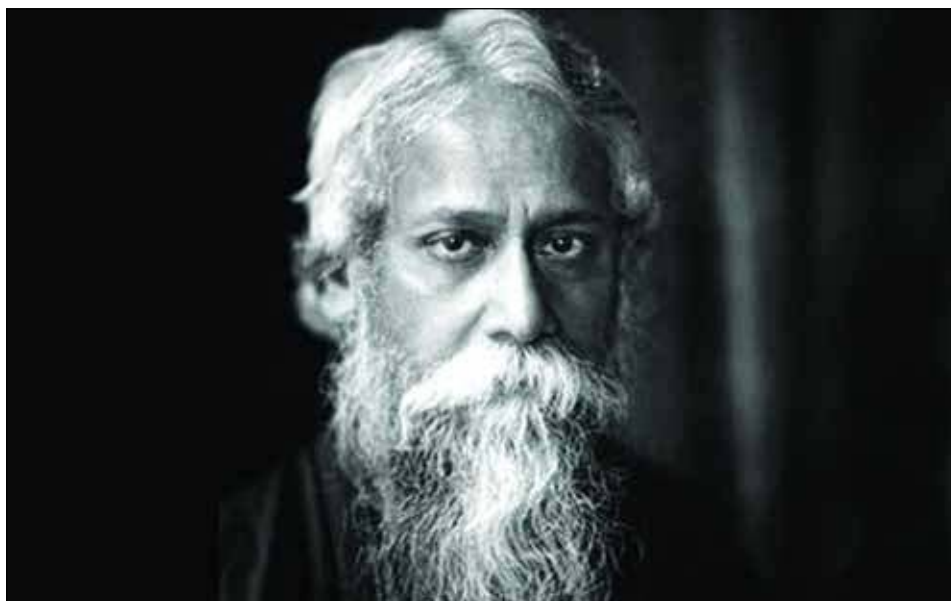
## Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore's 150th birth Anniversary celebrations held in Sri Lanka

Details of commemorative events via The High Commission of India in Colombo, Sri Lanka:

Commemoration of the 150th birth Anniversary of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore in Sri Lanka was marked by release of a special postal stamp in the denomination of Rupees 5 and a First Day Cover by Government of Sri Lanka and of a Commemorative Volume "Remembering Rabindranath Tagore" published by University of Colombo on Saturday, 7th May 2011.

Releasing the stamp at a function held at the British School Auditorium in Colombo, which was presided over by H.E. Ashok K. Kantha, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, Mr. Hemasiri Fernando, Secretary, Ministry

Rajapaksa commended the initiatives of University of Colombo in collaboration with the High Commission of India and the Indian Cultural Centre for organizing series of activities to remember and honour this great Asian who reshaped and influenced thinking in our region and the world and wrote that "The programme to mark this 150th anniversary of Gurudev Tagore will help our students in schools and universities, and the general public to know more of his work in the fields of music, literature and the humanities. They will help recall the inspiration he gave to a generation seeking to free of the yoke of colonialism, and build new traditions in education and thinking that are free from fear, best expressed in these lines from Gitanjali:



Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941)



In presence of High Commissioner Ashok K. Kantha, Mr. Wimal Rubasinghe, Secretary Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Arts presenting the first copy of the Commemorative Volume "Remembering Rabindranath Tagore" to Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo, Professor S.S.M.K. Kshanika Hirimburegama

of Postal Services of the Government of Sri Lanka said that release of the special stamp was the most appropriate manner in which Sri Lanka could have paid homage to this great personality who played an instrumental role in the cultural renaissance within Sri Lanka.

The first copy of the volume "Remembering Rabindranath Tagore" published by the University of Colombo with the support of India-Sri Lanka Foundation was presented by Mr. Wimal Rubasinghe, Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Arts of the Government of Sri Lanka. to the Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo.

In his message to the Commemoration Volume published to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, H.E. the President of the Socialist Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka wrote that "Tagore inspired many Sri Lankans to develop and appreciate our own traditions of music and song and that Tagore also had a great influence on Ananda Samarakoon, who wrote and composed our own National Anthem". H.E. the President of Sri Lanka Mahinda

"Where the mind is led forward by thee into ever-widening thought and action

Into that heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake."

In his address at the event, High Commissioner thanked the Government of Sri Lanka for releasing a special postal stamp on this occasion. He said this was a befitting homage to a towering personality who straddled the world of literature, art, music and intellectual discourse and contributed in a very meaningful manner to the cultural renaissance of India, Sri Lanka and other countries of Asia. High Commissioner recalled Tagore's strong association with Sri Lanka, which he had visited thrice in 1922, 1928 and 1934. He also noted Tagore's association with the Sri Palee campus at Horana, whose foundation stone he had laid at the invitation of Wilmut Perera. High Commissioner announced that "Shap Mochan", the play staged by Tagore during his 1934 visit, would be re-staged in Sri Lanka in November this year by famous Manipuri dancer Bimbavati Devi and her 21-member troupe sponsored by the Indian



Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka, Ashok K. Kantha, speaking at a function organised to release a stamp and first day cover on Rabindranath Tagore in Colombo Council for Cultural Relations.

High Commissioner also highlighted the association of prominent Sri Lankan artists such as Ananda Samarakoon, Chitrasena and Sunil Shantha with Visva-Bharati University which was also founded by Tagore. He added that to rekindle the old linkages and associations, exchange of visits between Sri Palee and Santiniketan will be facilitated by the High Commission during the year. An exhibition of Tagore's paintings will also be organized in Sri Lanka later this year along with a photo exhibition on the life and travels of Tagore.

High Commissioner especially thanked His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for sending his message for the Commemorative Volume "Remembering Rabindranath Tagore".

On 6 May, 2011, Sri Palee campus had organized an event at the Faculty of Graduate Studies auditorium, University of Colombo to pay homage to Tagore which included screening of documentaries on Tagore made by the students of Sri Palee and talks on Tagore by Prof. Walter Marasinghe and Dr. Premadasa Mudunkotuwa. H.E. Ashok K. Kantha, High Commissioner of India

was the Chief Guest at the event.

Other events planned by the High Commission of India in association with the University of Colombo, Tagore Society of Sri Lanka, Universities of Kelaniya and Sri Jayawadenepura and the Ministry of Cultural Affairs of Sri Lanka during the year to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Tagore in Sri Lanka include a festival of films based on the novels and stories of Tagore such as 'Agantuk', 'Pather Panchali', 'Charulatha', 'Ghare Baire' and 'Teen Kanya' and an essay competition in Sinhala, English and Tamil on Tagore for undergraduate students in the universities in Sri Lanka. The High Commission of India and Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Arts also agreed to organize later this year research by scholars on the three visits of Tagore to Sri Lanka in 1922, 1928 and 1934 and the impact of Tagore's visit in the cultural renaissance within Sri Lanka.

The special event organized to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Gurudev Tagore in Sri Lanka concluded with musical tribute to Gurudev Tagore in form of beautiful rendition of Rabindra Sangeet by Amar-Daya Foundation.



# Around the world



## World's cheapest car Tata nano is expensive in Sri Lanka



Tata Motors on May 29th began selling the world's cheapest car, the Nano, in Sri Lanka at a price tag nearly three times higher than the cost in the Indian market. Diesel and Motor Engineering (Dimo), the local agent for Tata, said they began accepting bookings for the Nano with a price tag of 925,000

Sri Lankan rupees (\$8,486) for a basic stripped down version.

"We are getting good enquiries. Those who pay Rs 100,000 can have the car in two weeks after making the full payment," a company spokesman said.

He said the car was available in red, yellow, blue, white and silver and the higher-end model with air conditioning will cost 1.1 million rupees, just 40,000 rupees (Rs 18,000 Indian rupees) less than the 800-cc Maruti's price in Sri Lanka.

Maruti is the market leader in small cars in Sri Lanka.

The price of a Nano in Sri Lanka is far higher than what it is in India, where the basic model costs just under \$3,000, because of high import duties and local sales tax, a company official said.

However, he said he was hopeful of selling the first consignment of 500 Nano cars that have already arrived in the island.

Sri Lanka slashed car duties in June last year, but raised them again in April this year after a heavy drain of foreign exchange to import cars.

The Colombo port was seeing 500 cars unloaded each day in recent months before the duty was raised again in April. - PTI

## Sri Lanka's Eastern province opening up to tourists, investments

Having put its 30 years of conflict behind, Sri Lanka now sees its earlier war-prone Eastern province as a suitable region for tourism promotion as it is bestowed with very beautiful beaches.

"Eastern is a virgin territory, its a fantastic area with beach fronts where joint ventures or investments can work," said Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India.

He said that there is lot of confidence amongst investors in Sri Lanka as a destination.

"We have a board of investment, which is one stop shop for this kind of needs," he said adding that the serious investors should visit the area and see for themselves.

Kariyawasam said there are massive tax holidays offered by the government coupled with incentives like 100 per cent foreign ownership is allowed, and also 100 per cent profit repatriation is okayed.

"Considering manpower shortage in the country, even foreign labours are allowed in this sector," he added. Kariyawasam said that areas of the country, both in the interiors as well as the coast, that were inaccessible to the tourist for 30 long years are now opening up.

"This includes some of our best wildlife parks, and beaches on the East coast," he said.

The High Commissioner pointed out that the interest of international chain of hotels is increasing towards Sri Lanka.

"The Shangri-La Chain has just gone into Sri Lanka. They paid upfront in convertible currency for the land that they purchased in the heart of Colombo," he added.

Kariyawasam was in Goa yesterday to participate in the seminar organised by International Centre Goa on the issue quest for promoting tourism between Goa and Sri Lanka. - PTI

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detrimental to Sri Lanka's interests resulting in a loss of output (growth) and employment

That the ISLFTA has been a failure with more costs than benefits for Sri Lanka.

That the CEPA would inevitably lead to greater Indian intrusion into the domestic affairs of Sri Lanka leading to an erosion of sovereignty.

He said that the CEPA can offer significant benefits for both sides. Sri Lanka can benefit from a larger market that will allow the realization of economies of scale, the ability to integrate into large value chains as well as access to investment. India, for its part, can demonstrate the value of a productive partnership with a neighbour which, if emulated, has the potential to stimulate growth and reduce political friction.

The CEPA would refine the existing disciplinary framework for the trade in goods by addressing major issues that have hitherto constrained benefits from the ISLFTA. These include conformity assessment procedures and product standards. It will also introduce rules-based regimes for trade in services and investment as well as strengthen the dispute – resolution process, he added.

Sri Lanka's failure to take advantage of Japan's major capital exporting programme in the 1980's has resulted in a massive loss in terms of investment, growth and employment. Failure to grasp the opportunities generated by the rise of India will be another major blow to the development prospects of the country. "The ASEAN countries are about to gain an advantage over us. There is little time to be lost," Dr. Coomaraswamy argued.

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4. Both sides agreed that the end of armed conflict in Sri Lanka created a historic opportunity to address all outstanding issues in a spirit of understanding and mutual accommodation imbued with political vision to work towards genuine national reconciliation. In this context, the External Affairs Minister of Sri Lanka affirmed his Government's commitment to ensuring expeditious and concrete progress in the ongoing dialogue between the Government of Sri Lanka and representatives of Tamil parties. A devolution package, building upon the 13th Amendment, would contribute towards creating the necessary conditions for such reconciliation.

5. The Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka reiterated the commitment of his Government to continue to address issues related to resettlement and reconciliation in a focused and progressive manner. In this regard the Minister of External Affairs of Sri Lanka referred to the work of the Lessons Learnt and Reconciliation Commission (LLRC) and set out the steps taken by the Inter-Agency Advisory Committee (IAAC) chaired by the Attorney General in implementing the Interim Recommendations of the LLRC in relation to detention, law and order, administration and language issues and socio-economic and livelihood issues. In response, The External Affairs Minister of India urged the expeditious implementation of measures by the Government of Sri Lanka, to ensure resettlement and genuine reconciliation, including early return of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to their respective homes, early withdrawal of emergency regulations, investigations into allegations of human rights violations, restoration of

normalcy in affected areas and redress of humanitarian concerns of affected families.

6. The External Affairs Minister of Sri Lanka expressed appreciation of the humanitarian and other assistance including demining and livelihood support measures extended by the Government of India for early relief and resettlement of IDPs. In this context, both sides noted that forward movement had taken place towards construction of houses for IDPs and other infrastructure development projects, including rehabilitation of Kankesanthurai harbour, rehabilitation of Palaly Airport, repair and construction of hospital and schools, setting up of Vocational Training Centres, construction of the Cultural Centre in Jaffna, restoration of railway lines and restoration of the Duraiappah stadium in Jaffna.

7. Expressing satisfaction at the progress of work on various railway projects in Sri Lanka undertaken with India's assistance, both sides agreed to facilitate the work for their timely completion. In keeping with the understanding contained in the Joint Declaration of June 9, 2010, both sides agreed to the early conclusion of Agreements related to the Joint Venture Thermal Power Project between NTPC and CEB at Sampur, Trincomalee; finalisation of remaining agreements including reconstruction of the Palali-KKS railway line, establishment of a new signalling and telecommunication system and procurement of rolling stock from India; and to continue ongoing dialogue for early finalisation of a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). Progress on the feasibility study for the interconnection of India Sri Lanka electricity grids

was reviewed. It was also agreed to enhance cooperation in the energy sector and to promote dialogue on security and defence issues of relevance to the bilateral relationship.

8. Reviewing the outcome of the Joint Working Group meeting on Fisheries held in New Delhi on 28-29 March, 2011, both sides agreed that the use of force could not be justified under any circumstances and that all fishermen should be treated in a humane manner. The Indian side conveyed that the incidents of continued violence against Indian fishermen in the vicinity of Sri Lanka were of serious concern. In this context, both sides noted that the Joint Statement on Fishing Arrangements of 26th October 2008 had led to a decrease in violent incidents. Furthermore, the two sides emphasised the importance of an early conclusion of the draft Memorandum of Understanding on Development and Cooperation in the field of Fisheries between India and Sri Lanka.

9. Both sides reiterated their commitment to promote cultural and people-to-people contacts and enhance connectivity including through early operationalisation of the ferry services between Tuticorin and Colombo and Rameswaram and Talaimannar. The two sides also agreed to encourage two-way flow of investments including in the development of ports and ports related services in Sri Lanka.

10. Both countries agreed on the need for reform of the UN Security Council.

11. Sri Lanka reiterated its strong support for India's legitimate claim for permanent membership in an expanded UN Security Council.





# Around the world

## Australia Looks to India to Solve Skilled Worker Shortage

By Phil Mercer

May 6, Sydney - Officials in Australia and India are considering a plan to train tens of thousands of Indian students to work in Australia's booming natural resources industries.

The idea being discussed among Australian and Indian officials, academics and business leaders is to establish Australian schools in India to train students for jobs in Australia's natural resources industry.

Qualified graduates would be allowed to go directly into jobs in the mining industry in Western Australia and Queensland.

In Canberra, the federal government is predicting a shortfall of more than 35,000 skilled workers in the resources sector by 2015.

Many economists believe Australia must increase its skilled workforce to meet the demand of the country's mining boom, which is driven by China's enormous appetite for iron ore and coal.

Christopher Joye, the chief executive of Rismark International, a financial advice company, says the solution to Australia's labor market problems lies overseas.

"We're an immigrant nation. A quarter of all Australians were born overseas. Forty per cent of us has a parent born overseas and it is very, very important that given we are such a high growth country with very, very high potential that we continue to import the labor we require to support the economy," Joye



said.

The New South Wales Business Chamber also advocates an increase in skilled migration, although that option may prove to be politically contentious in a country where the issue of immigration is always sensitive.

Australia's highly profitable mining industry is causing labor shortages in other parts of the economy.

Almost half of the companies in the nation's most populous state, New South Wales, cannot recruit enough qualified workers because they cannot match wage potential in the mining hubs of Western Australia and Queensland.

Lower skilled workers are also seeking jobs in the mining hubs, where salaries for caterers, drivers and mechanics can be up to three times what they are elsewhere.

[VOA News]

## Sri Lanka first offshore oil well to be drilled in August

Cairn India, which has reported a 10-fold increase in March 2011 quarter profit, said it will drill the first test well in the search for offshore oil in the Mannar Basin in August, according to a report in Lankabusinessonline.com.

The report quoting Cairn India further stated,

"Significant preparatory work for the Sri Lanka frontier exploration drilling campaign in the SL 2007-01-001 block (is) completed".

"A drillship has been contracted with the expected spud date in August 2011."

The 'spud date' is the day on which the ground is penetrated to drill an oil well.

"Cairn Lanka, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cairn India, acquired 1,750 square kilometres of 3D (three dimensional) seismic data in the frontier

Mannar Basin in the December 2009 to January 2010 period".

"The Mannar Basin is an under-explored frontier basin. Based on the 3D seismic interpretation, several prospects and leads have been identified and technical work to understand the petroleum system in this basin is ongoing.

"A drill ship has been contracted and the final preparations for the exploration drilling, planned to commence in August 2011, are ongoing."

Rahul Dhir, chief executive of Cairn India said exploration is a "key driver" of the future growth of the company.

Cairn India, a unit of Edinburgh-based Cairn Energy, said group net profit in the fourth quarter to March 2011 rose to 2,457.79 crore Indian rupees from 245.19 crore a year earlier. A crore is 10 million rupees.

## Facebook is hiring for over 350 positions globally

Social networking site Facebook is hiring for over 350 vacant seats globally, including India, in order to meet its growing business demand. According to job postings on its website, Facebook has 378 job openings worldwide which includes 12 positions in India. Among its various position, Facebook is looking for head of public policy or corporate communication in India.

Overall, the company has openings in different areas such as design, product management, software engineering operations, IT and security, sales and business development.

It is also hiring in legal, finance, public policy and communications, technical and online operations, product marketing and Human Resource department.

Facebook which has about 600 million users across the world said it offers various benefits and incentive for their employees.

"Facebook offers a ton of great benefits and perks to make sure your life is as satisfying as your work...At our Palo Alto headquarters, we also offer free breakfast, lunch and dinner at our Cafe.

Whether you're looking for healthy salads, hearty world cuisine from coun-



tries such as Belize and India, or just a couple slices of pizza," the company said.

In India, the company has a total of 12 vacancies for Hyderabad office. It has four job openings for online sales operations, two each for recruiting and handling of users operations and one each for corporate communication, sales and human resource department.

Apart from India, the company has vacancies in the various cities of the US, the UK, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Canada, Australia, France, Japan, Singapore, Germany, Hong Kong, Brazil, Ireland and South Korea.

- PTI

## BBC poll lists India among most entrepreneur-friendly nations

India along with the U.S., Canada and Australia, has been ranked among the nations with the best cultures in the world for people to start a new business, according to a new global poll.

While India finds itself bracketed with the better ranked countries, Colombia, Egypt, Turkey, Italy and Russia are the least friendly to innovation and entrepreneurship, showed results of the 24-country BBC World Service poll.

The world's two major economies — U.S. and China — are also among the most favourable countries for innovation and creativity, according to the results.

In both nations, 75 per cent say that their country values innovation and creativity — second only to Indonesia (85 per cent), and well ahead of other emerging economies such as Brazil (54 per cent)

and India (67 per cent).

At the other end of the scale, only 24 per cent of Turks and 26 per cent of Russians and Egyptians say they feel that innovation and creativity is valued in their country.

The results are drawn from a survey of 24,537 people across 24 countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Pakistan, Russia, Spain, Turkey, the U.K. and the U.S., among others.

Most countries surveyed in Asia were found to have a well-developed entrepreneurship culture, and except Pakistan, all had good ratings on the entrepreneur-friendly index.

Indonesia scored the highest ratings of all participating countries in the survey (2.81), just ahead of the U.S. - PTI

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# TamilNadu Verdict 2011



## What will be the effect of Ms Jayalalithaa's first salvo against Rajapaksa?

By Col R Hariharan

After staging a spectacular victory over her bête noire M Karunanidhi-led Dravida Munnetra Kazagham (DMK) in Tamil Nadu assembly elections, Ms Jayalalithaa, leader of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazagham (AIADMK), has called upon the Indian government for action against the Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa for alleged war crimes and genocide of Tamils.

Speaking at her very first press conference, Ms Jayalalithaa said "The President of Sri Lanka must be tried for war crimes and brought before the International Court of Law..."

The AIADMK leader added, "India can no longer remain a silent spectator....If necessary, an economic blockade will have to be resorted to bring a recalcitrant Sri Lanka to heel."

What will be the effect of Ms Jayalalithaa's first salvo against Rajapaksa? How will it impact India's Sri Lanka policy? These are some of the questions likely to be debated more frequently in the coming months.

Whatever be the effect, Ms Jayalalithaa now sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, has thrown a spanner in the uneasy equation New Delhi had built with Tamil Nadu's outgoing Chief Minister M Karunanidhi. And India's handling of Sri Lanka is likely to undergo a subtle change as a result of Ms Jayalalithaa's rise to power in Tamil Nadu.

Ms Jayalalithaa's negative views on New Delhi's handling of Sri Lanka issue are nothing new; in fact in the run up to the state elections, she had needled her opponent saying, "lives of thousands of Sri Lankan Tamils could have been



Chief Minister Jayalalithaa in a relaxed mood during the function.  
Photo: V. Ganesan

saved had Karunanidhi seriously considered withdrawing support to the Centre instead of threatening to withdraw support to it, as he was doing frequently." However, Ms Jayalalithaa's focus on Sri Lanka immediately after her electoral success shows it could be one of the key issues on her agenda in dealing with the Centre.

During her present tenure, Ms Jayalalithaa appears to be determined to quickly fulfil her electoral promises; in fact she has set herself a deadline of 18 months to do so. On the very first day in office, she signed a slew of orders approving a number of freebies for the people including distribution of 20 Kg of rice free to people below poverty line and an increase in old age pension. And if Sri

Lanka issue is within her 18-month agenda (as it appears) we can see more fireworks in New Delhi-Chennai relations in the coming days. The reason for this is simple: she does not belong to the ruling coalition in New Delhi, Sri Lanka Tamil issue could become the foil for Ms Jayalalithaa to needle the Centre as and when it suits her.

Ms Jayalalithaa's approach to Sri Lanka Tamil issue in the past had been lukewarm though she had periodically been demanding the return of Kachativu to India. One of the main reasons for this was the rise of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for whom she had no love lost. This was to be expected as her mentor and the founder of the AIADMK, MG Ramachandran had fully backed Rajiv Gandhi and the India-Sri Lanka Agreement 1987. In fact in 2002

dismiss her comments on Sri Lanka Tamils as mere political opportunism. Vaiko is no more there as an ally to influence her, and after her thumping victory her need for any political posturing would be minimal. So it would only be fair to conclude that like thousands of her fellow countrymen, the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister has probably been genuinely moved by the UN panel report on war crimes and human rights violations during the Eelam War.

So Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is likely to tread more cautiously on Sri Lanka Tamil issue now than ever before. Perhaps it was this caution that induced India's External affairs minister SM Krishna to ask his Sri Lankan counterpart Prof GL Peiris, now on a three-day visit to New Delhi, to observe "restraint" while dealing with Indian fishermen who



Chief Minister Jayalalithaa's friend Sasikala and Thuqlak Editor Cho Ramaswamy at the AIADMK general secretary Jayalalithaa's swearing-in function. Photo: V. Ganesan

during her earlier term as chief minister of Tamil Nadu, she had arrested Vaiko, leader of the Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazagham (MDMK) for his vociferous supporter to the LTTE and its leader Prabhakaran as LTTE, a banned organisation in India.

However, her attitudes to the LTTE-led Eelam struggle took an about-turn after she struck a political alliance with Vaiko in 2006. Though she abandoned Vaiko in the recent election while cobbling up the AIADMK-led front, she appears to have retained her strong sympathy for Sri Lankan Tamils. Is it only political expediency?

Though Ms Jayalalithaa is well known for whimsical decision making (and reversing them), it would be facile to

stray into its waters during talks. The true test of India's attitudes to allegations of Sri Lanka war crimes will be when the issue comes up in UN human rights forum in the near future. Can India stand now as an unqualified supporter of Sri Lanka as it did on the last occasion? This is a question that Sri Lanka foreign office must be debating right now.

The rout of the DMK, an important partner in the Congress-led coalition in New Delhi, is likely to have far reaching consequences on the fate of its future status within the coalition. Already the Congress party has lost a lot of mileage in national politics for its role in ignoring the 2G scam for a long time and the

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A giant screen put up near the venue for public viewing. Photo: R. Ragu





# TamilNadu Verdict 2011

## What will be the effect...

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unqualified political support it had extended to the DMK leader Karunanidhi, although DMK minister P Raja and M Karunanidhi's daughter Kanimozhi were among the main accused.

On the other hand, the Congress party as a junior partner of the DMK's electoral front in the Tamil Nadu assembly poll suffered one of the worst drubbings in its history. To survive as a credible party in the state, the Congress has to take a serious relook at the future of its long term political relationship with DMK, to survive. At the same time, DMK has the numbers in parliament which will continue to be important in sustaining the Congress-led coalition in New Delhi.

The DMK is said to be unhappy with the congratulatory telephone call made by Congress President Ms Sonia Gandhi to Ms Jayalalithaa on her electoral victory. The DMK probably considers this as a move by Congress to build bridges with Ms Jayalalithaa. According to media reports the DMK was even considering of giving up the ministerial berths in New Delhi while continuing to support the Congress-led coalition in parliament. (It is difficult to believe the DMK would consider such a move, as it needs to retain its footholds within the Central cabinet more than ever before, as 2G case is rapidly building up).



Governor S.S. Barnala administers the oath of office to AI ADMK supremo Jayalalithaa as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu at the Madras University Centenary Auditorium in Chennai on Monday, May 16, 2011. Photo: S.R. Raghunathan ~ courtesy pic via: Thehindu.com

At the same time, Ms Jayalalithaa will also have some political compulsions to build a working relationship with the Centre (and as a corollary the Congress party) if she wants to implement some parts of her agenda. So she might not want to take a confrontational path with the coalition government in New Delhi except on some of popular grievances like petrol price hike. As Sri Lanka Tamil issue is essentially a subject of External Affairs jurisdiction, she needs the cooperation of New Delhi if she wants influence India's Sri Lanka policy. So there is a strong possibility that as Chief Minister

of Tamil Nadu she might scale down her rhetoric on Sri Lanka Tamil issue to enable New Delhi to take positive steps to meet her demands midway. In real terms India's Sri Lanka policy in the coming months may turn out to be less tilted in total support of Mahinda Rajapaksa as in the past.

In this context, media reports emanating from Colombo on the proposed visit of an Indian delegation to meet the President probably on May 26 are interesting. According to them the high power Indian delegation visiting Sri Lanka would be insisting on Sri Lanka fully

implementing the 13th amendment to the Constitution including those land and police powers to provincial councils to address Tamil grievances are of special interest.

What happens to the allegations of war crimes committed by Sri Lanka?

It may become a silent casualty as Congress party President Ms Sonia Gandhi and Prime Minister Dr Man Mohan Singh do a delicate balancing act in maintaining a working relationship with both the Dravidian parties. At best, India would probably maintain its silence in public on the UN report, while urging President Rajapaksa in private, visible follow up action on the issues contained in the UN report as a trade off for its conditional support or neutral posture as and when the issue comes up in the UN forum.

Though this assessment may sound cynical, unfortunately foreign policy compromises are more often made with short term goals than laudable long term objectives. As Henry Kissinger said "No foreign policy - no matter how ingenious - has any chance of success if it is born in the minds of a few and carried in the hearts of none." This is so true of policy making in both the countries.

(Col R Hariharan, a retired Military Intelligence specialist on South Asia, served with the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka as Head of Intelligence. He is associated with the Chennai Centre for China Studies and the South Asia Analysis Group.)



**Picture Above**  
Superstar Rajnikanth - suffering from respiratory infection and other health issues with daughter at Sri Ramachandra Medical Centre in Chennai before departing to Singapore for further treatment on May 29



**Picture Below**  
Tamil poet V S Jayapalan (67) received Special Jury Award (national level) at the 58th National Film Awards of India, for his performance in the Tamil film Aadukalam. Jayapalan currently lives in Norway. V S Jayabalan [center] from a scene in Aaduka'lam with Actor Danush [right] who won the Best Actor award

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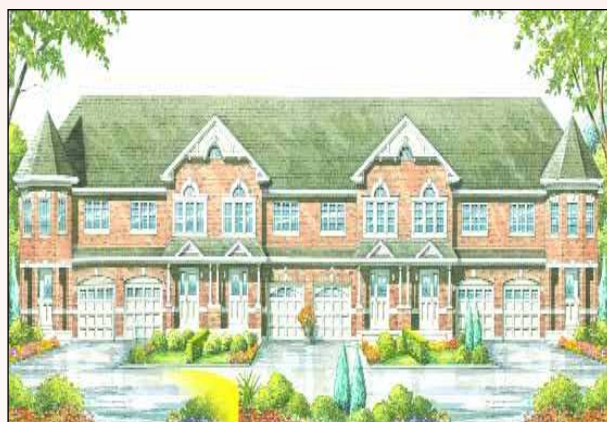
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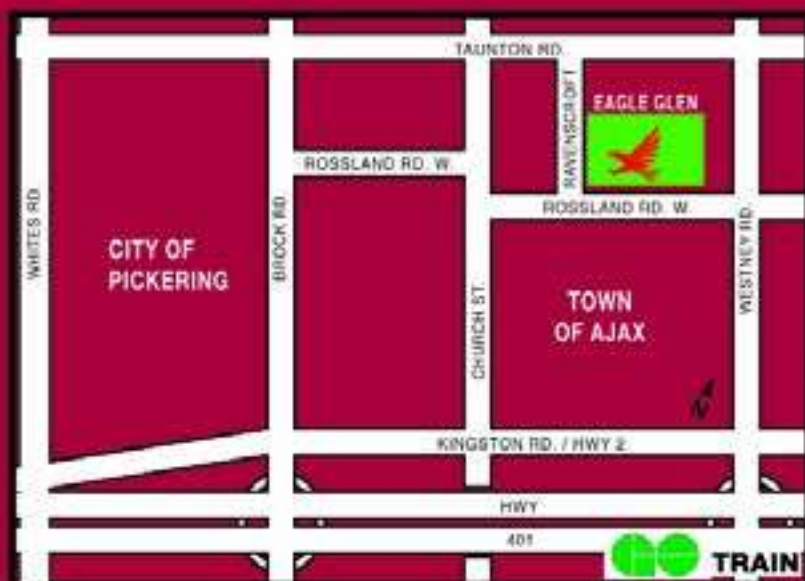
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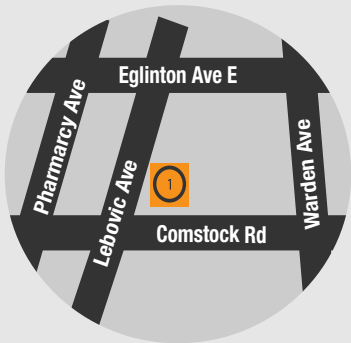
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## May 18th Remembrance, awareness rally and tribute held near UN offices in NY

Rallies were held around the globe by Tamils on Wednesday – May 18th, which the organizers have marked is a “Time to mourn; A time to reflect; A time for resurgence and creating awareness towards seeking “Justice for Genocide Victims of Tamil Eelam.”

At an Awareness Campaign, rally and candle light vigil held near UN in New York several representatives of Tamil Organizations, friends and supporters participated.

A petition was also handed to an official of the UN Department of Political Affairs by the rally attendees, urging for independent international inquiry into war crimes allegations in Sri Lanka.



Prime Minister of Transnational Government of Tamil Eelam (TGTE) speaking at the rally



V.Anburaj, Headquarters Secretary of Dravidar Kazhagam, Tamil Nadu



David Poopalapillai, Canadian Tamil Congress (CTC)



Dr. Elias Jeyarajah, United States Tamil Political Action Council (USTPAC)



Dr. Gerard Francis – TGTE



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A section of the attendees at the rally in heavy downpour



Mr. Thasaratha Chetty - A representative of African national Congress (ANC)



Demonstration to bring awareness held during the day



Tamil Americans, Tamil Canadians and their friends and supporters attended the rally and candle light vigil



The May 18th Remembrance in NYC was held near UN offices at the Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza



Members of Tamil Nadu based Dravidar Kazhagam at the rally in NYC, May 18, 2011 with flags of Dravidar Kazhagam





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## SUPER KINGS DEFEAT RCB TO DEFEND IPL CHAMPIONSHIP



By Tashvir Narine

Another exciting season of 20-over IPL cricket came to an end May 28th when the top two seeded teams squared off in Chennai. In a rematch of the

and winning would not be easy, however with the recent form of opener Chris Gayle the CSK total definitely seemed reachable. In the previous qualifier against



Teams congratulate each other after the match.

first final qualifier, Chennai Super Kings faced Royal Challengers Bangalore for the second playoff game together in the same week. After beating RCB the first time on May 24th, CSK waited while RCB



CSK celebrate after Gayle's wicket.

dismissed the Mumbai Indians to qualify for the other final spot.

CSK captain MS Dhoni decided to bat after winning the toss, a decision that played to be key in the victory. Openers Michael Hussey and Murali Vijay provided a perfect start for the Super Kings, bringing the score to 159 runs before Hussey was caught out with an innings of 63. This partnership lasted a whole 14.5 overs, and came smoothly for CSK. M. Vijay went on to a score of 95 himself, before being dismissed in the 18th over. But by that time the Super Kings has already amounted an impressive total of 188 and finished their 20 overs with 205 runs, losing only 5 wickets in the process.

RCB knew that their work was cutout for them

“ CSK captain MS Dhoni decided to bat after winning the toss, a decision that played to be key in the victory,”



Openers M. Vijay and Andrew Hussey on the pitch.

Virat Kohli came in next and made 35 runs himself and AB de Villiers amounted 18 before going out LBW, however the early dismissal of Gayle seemed to be the most crushing blow to RCB, with such a high total to chase. Saurabh Tiwary made a push towards the end topscoring the RCB innings with 42 not out, however it was not enough as 20 overs met the score at 147 runs for 8.

For the second year in a row, the Chennai Super Kings lifted the IPL Trophy and it came rather easily this time, with all cylinders firing. Captain MS Dhoni himself lifted his second championship in two months, with the World Cup in his back pocket from India's success in April. Well done Dhoni and the rest of the Super Kings.



IPL winners, the Chennai Super Kings





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# Special Feature



## The South Indian Tamil Films and their Impact on Its viewers



**J.J. Atputharajah**

Tamils are now living in all parts of the World and Tamil films have become one of their favourite form of entertainment if not indulgences. It is available in formats suitable for a variety of audiences in all parts of the world like UK, France, Canada, Australia, USA, Germany, Switzerland, New-Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Singapore, South Africa and Malaysia.. Tamil people living in several countries of the world look upon Tamil films not only as a form of entertainment but also enjoy the facility of reliving their culture and life-style though living foreign cultural back grounds. Some Tamils use the Tamil films to introduce their children to their culture and language. Apart from Indians, Sri Lanka Tamils are also enthusiastic patrons of South Indian films.

The production of Tamil films have improved tremendously over the years making use of the advantages of progress in other parts of the world. Now films are made in various locations in other parts of the world. The film troupe travels to make scenes in selected beauty spots of the world. The main emphasis is on the commercial aspects more than the quality. Films are produced in parts and some times even sold in parts in the form of music CDs and DVDs showing love scenes. Some illicit traders even make DVD copies as soon as the films are released in theatres in South India and sell them in countries like Sri Lanka, U.K, Canada and Malaysia though such displays are banned in Tamil Nadu.

Most Tamil films are produced on a formula basis giving importance to the exploits of the hero who comes triumphant at the end in spite of the numerous problems and challenges. The emphasis is on crude fights and scenes. Often heroes and villains communicate

with each other more with swords and cutlasses than with their mouths. At times the dialogues are clumsy, vulgar and indecent. Of course there are films that concentrate on values both moral and cultural but their monetary reward may not match their quality. They are all out to prove that might is right and that all problems could be solved by resorting to thuggery and violence. It is here that the Tamil films have given the wrong values to the younger generation. One cannot single out the Tamil films as they copy the Hindi films and western films in some way or other. Unlike the English films that have some new message or information in each film they produce, the Tamil films have identical themes. In some of the recent Tamil films which had Vijay, Suriya, Mathavan, Vishal and Jeeva as heroes, sheer violence appeared to be the hallmark of their content. Film producers should aim at a balance in their creations so that their customers or fans can get their money's worth. At a seminar organised by the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce at Chennai on Indian Cinema, Kamal Hassan said, 'I am an artist. Yet I can say that revenue does matter. It is easy to say that we are near Hollywood. But have we proven that point?' Balu Mahendra another participant said, 'content-wise, I can say that anything taken from life and honestly portrayed succeeds'. Yes, Tamil cinema needs good content if they are to succeed.

Tamil Nadu gives lot of importance to film production so much so that the state government itself is governed by film icons like MGR, Karunanidhy and Jayalaittha. In some areas in Tamil Nadu film stars are even thought to be incarnations of God or goddesses. Whatever may be the situation in the Tamil areas, film producers should also take the global needs into consideration and produce films to suit all tastes and interests as

viewing Tamil films has become a favourite pastime of people living in the nooks and corners of the world. Once Subramanya Bharathi sang, 'Ulahellam tamil osai illanga vendum'. Yes, indeed the Tamil films have made it a reality. Tamil culture, traditions and quality of life should be well presented to the world in the way that Bharathi and other Tamil stalwarts wanted it to be.

Nowadays the film media has become a very effective medium. It should be utilised in the most appropriate way so

that the world is made a better place to live in. Most of the social evils could be diminished by presenting the proper role models to the viewers though one cannot forget the commercial advantages. Resorting to thuggery, violence, robbery, evil talk, raping, drunkenness, kidnapping, bad- language, vengeance and several other social evils could be reduced by the film media which has now become the world's most sought after source of entertain majority of the people of the world.



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# Spirituality

## WORDS OF PEACE



# The Direction Within

Finding the happiness we yearn for may be as simple as changing direction. That's because happiness won't come from trying to change the circumstances around us, but sits inside waiting to be discovered, says Maharaji, who travels the globe to speak to people about the possibility of personal peace.

"Have you seen those little beetles they find in wheat?" he asks. "If there were a huge grinding stone crushing that wheat, those bugs would also be mashed into the flour. What advice would you give those insects? Would you really advise them to try to stop the grinding wheels? The only advice you could give for them to survive would be to go somewhere else."

It's the same for human beings trying to avoid getting crushed by this world, says Maharaji. Seeking joy and contentment by looking on the outside is pointless.

"That somewhere else to go is within you," he says. "Searching on the outside for that one thing that always has been inside and always will be inside, till the very last day we live, will not bring results. It's not a vector outside; it's a vector inside. The avenues that go there are the avenues of clarity, understanding and sincerity. Those are the avenues we need to be on. Then the search will be over, because what is being sought always has been and always will be within you."

"Go within and find your joy, find your life, find your existence. Find what



you're looking for, find your happiness and find your fulfillment. Wherever you go, you will carry that beauty, that energy, that feeling within you. You will never be without it. You will always have it.

"That's the potential. Isn't it convenient that it's right here within us?"

Maharaji often answers questions from those who are interested in pursuing what he offers.

Q: Maharaji, are you saying that it's wrong to search for something more in life?

A: No, it's just a matter of knowing what you're searching for. People say, "I've been searching." Searching for what? Do they know? I mean, your search will be fruitful if you know what you are looking for, but if you actually

don't know what you're looking for, then that creates a contradiction. If you know what you're looking for, you will understand that there is no need to search, because it is already inside of you,

Q: How can I know if what you're talking about is the same as what I'm looking for?

A: If you want your expectations fulfilled, I'm the wrong person. I do not fulfill people's expectations. That's not what I'm saying. That's not what I do. I can just simply put people in touch with that place inside where there is clarity, where there is joy, where there is fulfillment. That's it.

Of course, in this world, we have expectations. I certainly have expectations of the things that I pay for. If they break down, they go right back to the store. I am a person who gets extended

warranties every time. I want somebody else to pay when something breaks down.

When it comes to this heart, when it comes to life, expectations can destroy everything. So if someone is looking for something they read in a fairytale, I'm not going to make that fairytale come true. I can't. The only thing I can do is put you in touch with the beauty that is already inside of you.

Q: How can I learn to turn inside?

A: If you want help in the process of getting in touch with what is inside, that's my forte. That's what I do. Just be clear in yourself that this is what you want. That's it. There are no contracts and no obligations. All I ask is that you give it a fair chance.

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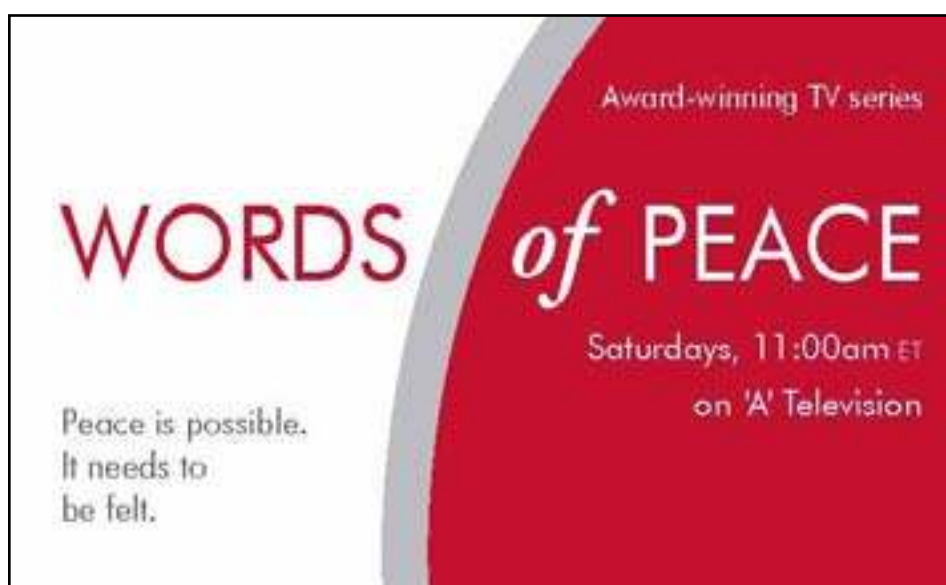
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# Special Feature



## Dr. Swarn Lata Opens Sitar School in Toronto

### A first for Ontario

Ontario's first female-led sitar school is now open in the heart of Toronto.

Celebrated sitarist Dr. Swarn Lata, who holds a doctorate in sitar instrumental music and has performed professionally for 30 years, has opened the Sitar Darpan School of Music at 61 Heintzman Street, Unit 1113 near the intersection of Keele Street and Dundas West.

"Sitar Darpan offers classes in the 'khula gayan' style, which provides room for flexibility and improvisation within the structure of compositions," says Dr. Lata. "I'm the only female teacher in Ontario. Many a times, parents of young girls prefer to send their daughters to a female teacher and I am proud to be able to offer that option."

The school is open to students of age 10 and above from all cultures, religions and nationalities. Registration is free and can be done online at [www.sitardarpan.com](http://www.sitardarpan.com)

Ownership of a sitar isn't needed to start. "I always have an extra sitar around in case someone wants to first try beginner classes and then buy the instrument as they progress later," says Dr. Lata.

The sitar, a stringed instrument with historical roots in traditional Indian classical music, has become a favourite of contemporary jazz musicians.

"Sitar has been a part of jazz since the late-1950s or early-1960s when Pandit Ravi Shankar, a renowned sitarist, whose pioneering artistry crosses all cultural and musical boundaries, collaborated with jazz musicians, such as Tony Scott and Bud Shank. The Beatles took the sitar to its zenith in the mid-1960s when Beatle George Harrison took lessons from Pandit Ravi Shankar and played sitar on several songs. By then it had become a youth phenomenon," says Dr. Lata.

Later, jazz recordings containing sitar pieces became popular, with the instrument featured on albums by Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Yusef Lateef, Joe Harriott (in collaboration with composer John Mayer), and Ornette Coleman.

Dr. Lata, who holds B.A., B.Ed., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in 'sitar – instrumental music' from Punjab University, Chandigarh, India is a disciple of late Dr. Sagar Pandit, who, in turn, was the disciple of legendary Indian vocalist, Late Pt. Onkar Nath Thakur.

Dr. Lata's love for the instrument brought her to Canada. In 1994, before emigrating here, she gave a solo sitar concert at the University of Saskatchewan, Department of Music in Saskatoon. The director of the Saskatoon

Academy of Music was so impressed by her performance that he offered her a permanent job as a sitar teacher at the school.

Although Dr. Lata did not immigrate to Canada then, she dreamed of moving here to spread her love for the sitar to a diverse, global audience.

Dr. Lata eventually moved to Canada in 2001 and, while working full-time at another job, began teaching the instrument to students on weekends. A teacher at heart, with a strong passion for the instrument, she finally decided to fully devote her time to teaching sitar.

Dr. Lata has enthralled audiences with recitals at the Hamilton Arts Centre, Mohawk College, McMaster University, York University, Mel Lastman Square and Yorkwood Library as well as delivering solo sitar recitals and a lecture series on McMaster radio, FM 93.3 in Hamilton. For the past six years, the Himalayan Yoga Meditation Society of Ontario has organized Dr. Lata's 'morning ragas on sitar' at various places in the Greater Toronto Area.

#### About Sitar Darpan School of Music

Sitar Darpan is dedicated to teaching sitar to students of all races, languages and religions. Sitar is perfect for a wide



range of moods and expressions as its music soothes the mind, providing joy and inspiration. Students can enrol at [www.sitardarpan.com](http://www.sitardarpan.com)

For more information on classes,

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## CNIB Chanchlani Global Vision Research Award of \$25,000 instituted

CNIB announced the CNIB Chanchlani Global Vision Research Award of \$25,000 to recognize best research in the field of vision care and vision enablement, world wide.

This first of its kind annual award was launched during a reception on Thursday, March 31, 2011. CNIB received \$100,000 research endowment to establish the award.

The endowment was provided by Mr. Vasu Chanchlani and his wife, Dr. Jayshree Chanchlani, founders of the Chanchlani Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to promoting research and recognizing excellence, in collaboration with CNIB, the Toronto Netralya Lions Club, the Doctors Lions Club and additional contribution from prominent Indo-Canadians.

"We hope this award will encourage research and innovation and will lead to effective and efficient vision care solu-

tions for future generations," said Mr. Chanchlani. "We will collaborate to get many more matching grants and donations to attract the best researchers around the world.

We are moved and motivated by the fact that India has about 60% of world's blind population and 75% of blindness in India is avoidable. The donation --to a charity that is proudly Canadian--is in keeping with our motto: Help India THROUGH Canada, and help the world in the process."

CNIB President and CEO John Rafferty said, "Research is one of CNIB's founding principles. It commits significant dollars annually to fund projects on ways to cure, treat and prevent eye disease and improve the quality of life for people living with vision loss. This award is a major step forward in reaching our goal to enhance independence for Canadians and people around the world, who are blind or partially

sighted, and to be the leader in promoting vision health."

Reception guests raised an additional \$50,000 for the award and for the endowment, bringing the total donations to \$150,000.

#### About CNIB

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#### About Chanchlani Foundation

Chanchlani Foundation promotes research and recognizes excellence with an aim to find effective and efficient solutions to challenges in areas ranging from health care to public policy. To find out more visit [www.chanchlanifoundation.com](http://www.chanchlanifoundation.com)





# Spirituality



## SADHGURU SRI JAGGI VASUDEV

We gain so much from reading their discourses but seldom get the opportunity to meet Spiritual Sadgurus in person. I love to read Sadguru's writings and it was great that about 2000 seekers spent an uplifting evening with Sadhguru Sri Jaggi Vasudev on Saturday May 28th, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. After the gently soothing music and soul-stirring song with the words 'I am not the me I know', by Isha Orchestra, Sadhguru Sri Vasudev, with his magnetic personality joined us on the stage.

“The main thing is to look inside yourself and realize that you are not the body, nor the mind and this mindfulness is the ladder to all possibilities. If you realize that there is a distance between your body and the mind and learn to use this distance properly you will advance quickly in every way.”

Sadhguru began his discourse with chanting, his powerful voice resonating throughout the audience and we listened to him spellbound. He started with the question about the nature of existence saying that man is a miniature cosmos. All of us are at times nice and at



*Sadhguru Vasudev blessing the devotees*

times nasty - we want more and more the whole time.

He went on to explain that it is the mind that makes you nasty or nice and shared his childhood experiences. If you want to really live you must transcend limitations. The body is 70% water - 70% of illness is self made and we are the most neurotic generation. When you get angry you kill the planet. You think that life should unfold the way you want it to be - nothing that you want happens - violence is everywhere and is propagated even in video games. You must clean out the violence and be joyful in life. - culture is not an appropriate tool - you see the world and life only as what your mind projects it to be and not as it really is - the problem is that life and even dreams don't happen the way you want and your mental perception goes haywire - you think that you are like the peel of a fruit and don't know what is me and what is not me.

It is your perception that is important. The main thing is to look inside yourself and realize that you are not the body, nor the mind and this mindfulness is the ladder to all possibilities. If you realize that there is a distance between your body and the mind and learn to use this distance properly you will advance quickly in every way. In answer to a question whether he has seen God, it was good to listen to his explanatory experience of bliss that he had for several hours - he has written earlier too about this experience. He avoided some questions, but devotees flocked around for blessings and he sat down to autograph his book. It will be great if some more similar events and TV programs are arranged before he leaves Toronto so that more people can come into contact with him and reap manifold benefits.

*By: Lalitha Brodie  
lalitha.brodie7@hotmail.com*



*Group to entertain the devotees.*



# Special Feature



## Solitary moon among lesser stars in the Tamil Nadu political firmament

“Jayalalithaa remains a towering figure in Tamil Nadu politics. Jayalalithaa’s arch rival Karunanidhi is an octogenarian. After his demise there will be no one to match Jayalalithaa in stature and popularity. She will then be the solitary moon among lesser stars in the Tamil Nadu political firmament” – This is how Journalist D.B.S. Jeyaraj concluded in ~ Jayalalithaa: From Alluring Actress to Powerful Politician ~ a profile article on February 24, 2008 of the newly elected Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Ms. Jayalalithaa Jayaram.

News Agencies have reported that swearing-in ceremony of the 63-year-old leader will take place at the historic Madras University’s centenary auditorium on 16th May, 2011 at 12.15 PM where Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and CPI general secretary A B Bardhan are anticipated to be present.

In the aftermath of the recently concluded Tamil Nadu State Assembly elections, Ms. Jayalalithaa has emerged with towering victory, ensuring her place as the “solitary moon among lesser stars in the Tamil Nadu political firmament”.

The article by D.B.S. Jeyaraj was written on February 24, 2008 to mark the 60th birthday of the AIADMK leader that day. Recalling the article in blog post few weeks ago, Journalist D.B.S. Jeyaraj writes:

Hello Friends, Actress turned politician Jayalalithaa Jayaram has triumphed in the latest elections to the Tamil Nadu Legislative assembly. Her All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) led coalition has swept the polls getting 203 of 234 constituencies. She is being sworn in for the third time as chief minister of Tamil Nadu.

I am reproducing here without any changes or update an article I wrote about her in “The Nation” of February 24th 2008 on the occasion of her sixtieth birthday. Here it is:

### Jayalalithaa: From Alluring Actress to Powerful Politician

By D.B.S. Jeyaraj

India in general and its Tamil Nadu state in particular have spawned many colourful political personalities. Standing

out among these figures is Ms. Jayalalithaa Jayaram the actress-politico of Tamil Nadu.

The Former chief minister and Anna – Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (ADMK) leader turns 60, on Feb 24th, 2008.

Earlier her name was spelled with one A (Jayalalitha) at the end. Later a second A was added (Jayalalithaa) due to reasons of numerology.

Jayalalithaa has become well – known in recent times for her rigid stance against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam(LTTE). Supporters of the LTTE love to hate her.

Looking at her rotund appearance today few would imagine of a time when she was slim and lissom. That she was and a ravishing beauty too.

As an actress Jayalalithaa was the uncrowned queen of Tamil cinema during the mid – sixties to the mid – seventies of the last century. She was the dream – girl of many a teen – ager and the favourite pin – up star of many fans.

Among those infatuated by her was the famous actor – politician M.G.Ramachandran (MGR) with whom she paired in more than 25 films. Though unmarried Jayalalithaa was regarded as the love of MGR’s life.

However she has been linked romantically to other people including actors like Shoban Babu, Ravichandran, Jaishanker and Mutturaman.

Jayalalithaa was born on Feb 24th 1948 in Mysore in Karnataka state. Because of this many think she is a Kannadiga and her political rivals often call her that.

The reality is that she is from a Tamil Aiyengar brahmin family hailing from Sreerangam in Trichy. Her grandfather was a physician in the service of the Mysore Maharajah. Hence the family relocated to that state.

Despite her detractors ridiculing her as a “kannadiga” Jayalalithaa has always been proud to assert her Tamil identity.

In 1970 long before she entered politics Jayalalithaa told a Kannada journal that she was a Tamil and not a Kannadiga. This caused a furore in Karnataka.

When Jayalalithaa was shooting for a Tamil film in Bangalore (now Bengalooru) a Kannadiga mob surrounded her and threatened to kill her if she did not retract.

But the courageous Jayalalithaa refused to be intimidated and stood her ground re-iterating that she was “Thamizhian” and not a Kannadiga

Jayalalithaa’s father Jayaram was an irresponsible wastrel who squandered the family fortune. This led to her mother Vedavalli becoming a film actor to support the family.

Sreedhar gave her a break in Tamil films. She played the role of a schizophrenic widow in “Vennira Aadai” (White dress) and got rave reviews.

Her passport to success was her sec-



She took on the name Sandhya. Soon she relocated to Chennai or Madras as it was known then

Jayalalithaa’s given name was Komalavalli. but her pet name is Ammu. She studied at the elite Bishop Cotton High school in Bangalore and later at the Church Park convent in Madras.

In 1964 She passed out second in the state matriculation exam and was given a merit scholarship. She did not pursue higher studies as her destiny was films.

She learnt Bharatha Natyam and carnatic music and had her dance arangetram in 1960. The veteran actor Sivaji Ganesan who presided called her a “thangachilai” or golden statue on account of her fair, glowing skin.

Veteran film director BR Bhathulu saw her at a film function and got her to act in a Kannada film. The maestro

and Tamil film “Aayirathil Oruvan” (one man in a thousand) where she played leading lady to MGR. Despite the 32 year difference in age the duo was a hot pair. They acted together in 28 films.

Among her successes were “Adimai Penn”, Naan, Maatukkaara Velan”Aathiparasakthi” “pattikaadaa Pattanamaa”, Kavalkaran” Engiruntho vanthaal” etc. Her last film was “Nathiyai Thedi Vantha kadal” in 1978.

Jayalalithaa has acted in more than a hundred films in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Hindi and even one English movie “The Epistle”. More than 70 of these ran for more than a hundred days in theatres.

She has also sung songs in her own voice in some if not all films. She has a creamy, croony voice. Her first film song

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# Special Feature



was “amma Endraal Anbu” written by Vaali and composed by KV Mahadevan.

An accomplished dancer she lit up the screen and stage by her performances. Her dance drama “Kaviri Thantha Kalaichelvi” was a smashing success.

Though she played glamorous roles she was a good actress and made an impression if given challenging roles with scope to display histrionic ability.

“Thirumangalyam” was Jayalalithaa’s 100th film. There was a felicitation ceremony where the chief minister of the time Muttuvel Karunanidhi was the guest of honour. He praised her as one who had “devised literature in acting” (nadippukku Ilakkiam vahuthavar).

She exuded chic and elan in her film career and was a favourite among teens of that era. Many of her costumes were designed by her. She was one of the first heroines to don bathing costumes. Jayalalithaa was a bombshell in bikini.

Jayalalitha was versatile. She has been a columnist, short story writer, novelist and film producer.

Her house named “Veda Nilaayam” after her mother is in Poes Garden. There is an indoor skating rink built there.

She also has a grape arbour in Andhra Pradesh which she uses to get away from the madding crowd.

It was MGR who brought her into politics. After his death in 1987 the ADMK founded by MGR split with his wife Janaki and paramour Jayalalithaa leading the two factions.

Jayalalithaa triumphed and the party united under her leadership to sweep the polls in 1991. She was elected chief minister. She remains the imperious yet undisputed leader of the ADMK today.

Jayalalithaa became the ADMK’s propaganda and later administrative secretary. She was Rajya Sabha MP in 1984. In 1989 she entered Tamil Nadu legislature as an elected MLA. Jayalalithaa was chief minister from 1991 – 1996.

She was re-elected as CM in 2001 but had to relinquish office for a few years due to a legal wrangle. Jayalalithaa handed over reins to a caretaker CM but controlled events. She then won a by-election and became CM till 2006.

Few in her party dare to call her by name and so she is either “Amma” Or “Madam” or “Thalaivi”. Since MGR was called Puratchi Thalaiver or revolutionary leader, Jayalalithaa is addressed by its feminine equivalent “Puratchi Thalaivi”. Like MGR she too is called “Ithaya Deivam” (Goddess of the heart).

Many in her party treat her as a living Deity and at least one of her former ministers pats his cheeks reverentially when referring to her.

Some ministers have gone on record saying their ambition in life is to be her servant or a watchdog in her kennel.

There was a time when in a movie called “Thanipiravi” MGR played Lord



Muruga and Jayalalithaa his consort Valli in a dream sequence. A picture of both together as Murugan and Valli was framed and worshipped by many.

Likewise Jayalalithaa has played divine roles in many other films. Pictures of Jayalalithaa in such roles are hung in many dwellings. Some people light camphor and lay flowers before them.

Sycophancy went to the extent of depicting her as the Madonna in posters. Enraged Catholics protested and the posters were removed.

Falling at her feet or touching them as a mark of respect is almost a ritual for many of her followers. Touching or falling at the feet of elders to seek their blessings is customary in India.

But in the case of Jayalalithaa, ADMK sycophants have taken this practice to ridiculous levels. Even party veterans older than Jayalalithaa prostrate themselves publicly.

One amusing scene in the past was when Jayalalithaa visited a remote area by helicopter. Verty (dhoty) clad party men standing in a line fell down like ninepins as she alighted from the aircraft. When they got up the white verties were all red due to the reddish soil. It was a sight!

Once she was questioned by a north Indian journalist about this “falling at feet” practice and asked why she did not put a stop to it. She replied that her supporters were doing so voluntarily due to their affectionate regard for her and that she was unable to prevent it.

This was not correct because it is well-known that she likes it and encourages it. That’s why the sycophants do so. Jayalalithaa also utilises this act to humiliate people.

In one instance a man who had left her party and criticised her returned to its folds again. The media was called in to witness the return of the prodigal.

This man KKS Ramachandran was a big – made man with a very big moustache.

He was required to prostrate himself four times before a smilingly – seated Jayalalithaa under the pretext that the photographers had not got a good shot. The picture was released to all papers.

According to some observers even her mentor and paramour MGR had some kind of a foot fetish for Jayalalithaa.

In many of the films they acted together in, there were scenes of MGR touching Jayalalithaa’s feet like removing a thorn from her sole or massaging a sprained ankle.

Apparently the man who founded the ADMK had a fixation for her feet. Now members of MGR’s party are at Jayalalithaa’s feet metaphorically and literally.

Like Imelda Marcos, Jayalalithaa herself had a fascination for footwear. There were media reports and pix of her 800 plus shoes, sandals and slippers.

A funny phenomenon are the sycophantic references to her feet by party men when commencing their speeches. In a disgusting spectacle they begin by paying homage to her “Potpaadangal” (golden feet) or “Thamaraithiruvadigal” (Lotus feet).

One point on which she is often criticised about is her arrogance. She is virtually a dominatrix with party people and treating them like her minions and serfs.

There was a time when Jayalalithaa would be the only person sitting on a stage while others would remain standing or seated on the floor. Later she dispensed with this practice but allows only selected people to sit next to her.

When a senior minister Munu Aathi dared to sit next at a function she flared up and publicly ordered him to move back.

On another occasion a Congress cabi-

net minister from Tamil Nadu tried to sit next to her on a flight to New Delhi. She shouted at him to get lost and referred derisively to his caste.

The man was a Dalit. There was a big outcry and a public apology was demanded. She did not budge.

At inner meetings of the party she remains seated while the rest sit on the floor or remain standing. There have been press conferences where her ministers stand behind her with folded hands while she sits on a sofa.

During election campaigns Jayalalithaa goes around on whirlwind tours in her luxurious trailer – van. Short roadside meetings are held where candidates have to stand on a stool while she talks. Even central cabinet ministers like Mani Shankar Aiyer had to undergo this.

There is no inner party democracy in the ADMK. Jayalalithaa appoints, removes, transfers, promotes, demotes, expels and recruits at her own discretion. Ministers were appointed, fired or shuffled according to her whims. Her wish was the party’s command. None dared to disobey let alone defy.

She is an autocrat who does not tolerate criticism. She looks down upon the media and brooks no dissent. Once she even took on the powerful “Hindu” ordering the arrest of several journalists including

the executive editor Malini Parthasarathy. The influential newspaper group had to tug at strings in New Delhi to make her back down.

I once witnessed first – hand the utter contempt she had for the media. It was in early 1985 and I was in Tamil Nadu on an assignment. Jayalalithaa was then a Rajya Sabha (upper house) member and propaganda secretary of the ADMK.

An Indian journalist pal took me along for a press conference held by her. Thank God! we were all given chairs to sit. She started off with a bang by asking the “Herald Review” correspondent to stand up. This was a news magazine of the “Deccan Herald” newspaper.

Once the journalist identified himself Jayalalithaa pitched into him. Apparently in an article the scribe had referred to Jayalalithaa as being “hysterical”. She took offence to that launched a tirade about the meaning of hysterical.

If anyone had doubts about hysterical, Jayalalithaa’s performance that day demonstrated what hysteria was all about.

She then ordered him to leave but to the credit of the fourth estate, they protested at the treatment meted out to their colleague. With Jayalalithaa remaining adamant the journals announced that they were walking out en masse. She then relented and conducted the conference with the correspondent in attendance.

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# Special Feature



This however was at a time when MGR was alive and Jayalalithaa had not become party leader or chief minister. I do not know how the journalists would have reacted to a similar incident under present circumstances.

While her haughty demeanor and arrogant attitude deserves to be condemned there is perhaps a rationale for such behaviour. The ascendancy of Jayalalithaa in a Tamil Nady milieu can be viewed as an ironic contradiction.

Despite the breeze of cosmopolitanism blowing in through Globalization, the state of Tamil Nadu is basically conservative. It is a patriarchal, male-dominated society with strict notions of a woman's role and place. Jayalalithaa is a woman.

Tamil Nadu society at large has contempt for women actors in the cine field who do not behave as "good" women should. Woman film stars in spite of their glamour are not respected and regarded with disdain in private. Jayalalithaa was an actress.

The dominant political ideology in the state is that of Dravidianism. This is based on archaic concepts of the Aryan – Dravidian divide where the Brahmin community is seen as Aryans and other Tamils as Dravidians. Anti – brahminism is a core element of Dravidian discourse. Jayalalithaa is a brahmin.

Thus one can see that the Jayalalithaa phenomenon goes against the grain of three dominant concepts in Tamil Nadu. She is a woman, a film star and a brahmin. The success of this embodiment in the socio – political realm of Tamil Nadu is a contradiction. Jayalalithaa in a way is an exception or aberration.

In that context the situation can be quite dicey for her. If she were to be democratic and easy – going the people surrounding her would exploit it to their advantage. Instead of appreciating her conduct they would very likely regard it as a weakness to take advantage.

An Indian editor once told me of an incident that happened in 1988. The ADMK had split after MGR's death and both factions were trying to take control of the party headquarters building. When Jayalalithaa joined demonstrators party supporters mobbed her.

Sadly, she had to be rescued by the Police from her own supporters. Jayalalithaa used to wear pure white sarees with a thin border then. The Indian editor told me that her Saree and blouse were full of grubby finger marks. Apparently her supporters had used the opportunity to try and fondle her or squeeze her.

In later life she had her own set of bodyguards to prevent supporters from getting close to her. There was an urge on the part of some males not merely to simply touch her but also do something else if they could.

When she entered politics many party

members were dazzled by her beauty and easy accessibility. They were extra – attentive to her and ever ready to make physical contact. A regional leader called "Pazhakkadai" Pandi went ballistic once on stage. He was reprimanded by MGR.

Thereafter the order went out from MGR that Jayalalithaa should be treated with reverence. This changed the situation. Soon party people showed great subservience to her. Slowly she was promoted as a superior, cult figure.

After MGR's death Jayalalithaa was quite vulnerable. It was then that she realised she had to assert unquestionable superiority over her party people to remain in control. Superiority and not equality was necessary. The followers had to be put in place as inferiors.

This she began to do. Soon she became an authoritative figure. She grew into her role and her inherent traits of arrogance came to the fore.

She humiliated her followers to show who was boss and trampled them underfoot. Incredible as it may seem they seem to like it with even highly educated professionals paying pooja horizontally to the boss lady.

Her detractors and political rivals continue to attack her on what they think are her weak spots. She is called "anthap Pombiley" (that woman) or "Paapaathy" (Brahmin woman) often.

Once when she was in the opposition a DMK minister Duraimurugan tried to strip her in the Assembly.

When she raised a question the present chief minister Karunanidhi replied "Go and ask Sobhan Babu". This was a Telugu film star with whom Jayalalithaa was involved romantically at one stage.

Even recently the DMK deputy – leader Anbalaghan retorted to a charge by her derisively asking her about her "past"

This state of affairs may help to understand the reasons for her arrogant conduct but it certainly cannot condone it

Moreover there is a vicious, vindictive streak to her that often manifests itself in controversial ways.

There was a woman administrative officer (IAS) Chandralekha with whom she had a disagreement. Soon acid was thrown u goondas on Chandralekha's face.

As Chief Minister she abused her authority and incarcerated her rival Karunanidhi. The Police carried the howling man away.

When maverick politico Dr. Subramaniam Swamy fell foul of her Jayalalithaa organized a hostile reception for him in Chennai. Members of the ADMK woman league raised their sarees and in a protest demonstration.

"Subramanian Swamy has met his Waterloo" gloated Jayalalithaa publicly. "I will send Jayalalithaa to the loo without water" reorted Swamy.

Due to a dispute with the Kachipuram Holy man Sri Jayendra



Swamigal, Jayalalitha went to the extent of getting him arrested on what seemed to be false charges.

Jayalalithaa was corrupt to the core. Together with her "Life friend" (uyirtholi) Sasikala Nadarajah the duo engaged in massive corruption. Sasikala was like a woman Friday to her. Their corruption and amassed wealth has often been publicised in the media.

Jayalalithaa was arrested after her downfall in 1996 on corruption charges. Newspapers were full of stories about her assets and properties. Her corpulence was a sign of her ill – gotten opulence.

Jayalalithaa's relationship with Saikala is a controversial issue for Tamil Nadu. They are seemingly inseparable. Sasikala who is called "Sinnamma" by party people wields enormous influence.

Whatever her deficiencies Jayalalithaa remains a towering figure in Tamil Nadu politics.

Jayalalithaa's arch rival Karunanidhi is an octogenarian. After his demise there will be no one to match Jayalalithaa in stature and popularity.

She will then be the solitary moon among lesser stars in the Tamil Nadu political firmament. [dbsjeyaraj.com]

## New Tamil TV Channel commences on Rogers 129 starting June 13 in Toronto, Canada

### TET – Tamil Entertainment Television:

A New Tamil Entertainment Television (TET) Channel is being launched on June 13, 2011 on Rogers Channel 129 (Open Air) with daily weekday telecasts, Monday-Friday from 8:30 A.M to 9:00 A.M.

The free channel is available for the viewing pleasure of fans of Tamil entertainment with regular Digital box on Rogers cable. According to the producers, TET provides reality entertainment, information and variety programming featuring local as well as regional focus. The producers add that all programs will be produced here in Toronto with talent from the Tamil community in Canada. TET producers say that their goal is to "showcase Talent on a



wider scale from youths to seniors".

TET is brought to Television screens by a team of Thamilar Senthamarai Publication Ltd, a well established weekly Tamil newspaper in the Greater Toronto Area for over 17 years.





# Around the world

## US, India Vow Closer Security Partnership

By Kurt Achin

May 27, New Delhi - The U.S. and Indian homeland security chiefs met in New Delhi this week to review a long list of law-enforcement challenges facing both countries. A key issue of concern to both countries is the risk of terrorists based in Pakistan.

Janet Napolitano, director of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, did not want to spend her time in India talking about terrorism threats from Pakistan, but one of her comments was sure to be welcomed by the Indian government and public.

Reflecting on the Mumbai terrorist attacks in November 2008 in which 166 people were killed, Napolitano said those who attacked the Indian city were as dangerous a foe as the worldwide al-Qaida terrorist network.

The Pakistan-based group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) is believed to have planned and carried out the elaborate attack on Mumbai. Napolitano said there is little doubt about the threat posed by LeT:

"In my judgment as the homeland security secretary, LeT ranks right up

there with al-Qaida and the al-Qaida-related groups as a terrorist organization," Napolitano noted.

Since U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was in Pakistan Friday for a separate round of high-level meetings, Napolitano declined to speak in greater detail on the subject.

Her Indian counterpart, Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram, said earlier Friday that India sees the "global epicenter of terrorism" is west of its territory, operating from what he called "safe havens in Pakistan."

Appearing together with Napolitano later, Chidambaram said the raid near Islamabad that killed al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden this month shows that India and the United States cannot afford to let their guard down.

"Once an adversary is gravely affected or wounded, concerns do not lessen. Actually, concerns become even greater," said Chidambaram.

During the Indian and American secretaries' talks this week, court proceedings were under way in the United States against Tahawwur Rana, a Pakistani

and Canadian national accused of links to the Mumbai attacks. Testimony during the trial in Chicago has indicated a link between Pakistan's intelligence service and terrorist acts aimed at India, such as the bombings and shootings in Mumbai.

The Indian Cabinet official says his nation and the United States are looking at an ambitious range of areas for enhanced cooperation:

"Port, border, and coastal security ... mega-city policing and sharing of information ... illicit finance, illicit smuggling of cash, financial fraud and counterfeiting ... cyber-security and infrastructure protection... capacity building, technology upgradation and modernization," Chidambaram added.

This week's meetings between Napolitano and Chidambaram were aimed at furthering a U.S.-India dialogue on homeland security - a process that President Barack Obama and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh launched during their summit talks last November.

Napolitano said Washington will con-



Indian Home Minister P Chidambaram, left, shakes hands with US Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, prior to a delegation level meeting in New Delhi, India, May 27, 2011

tinue its strategic partnership with India. "That strategic partnership is only going to intensify in the months and years to come," Napolitano explained.

The two secretaries say they will meet again next year in Washington to review progress.

[VOA News]

## Sri Lanka Northern Province GDP Grew by 14.2% but opposition party disputes figures

A fast recovery of economic activities is taking place in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka since the end of the conflict in May 2009. In 2009, the Northern Province recorded a provincial nominal GDP growth rate of 14.2 per cent, the second highest in Sri Lanka, states a press statement from the Government Information Dept. in capital Colombo.

The statement further said,

The Eastern Province earlier recorded the highest growth of 14.4 per cent. The economic performance of the Northern Province in 2010 is expected to have improved further as peace prevailed during the entire 2010.

The gross extent of land used for paddy cultivation in the Northern Province increased by 179 per cent to 67,003 hectares in the 2010/11 Maha season from 24,051 hectares in the 2009/10 Maha season. This resulted in increasing paddy production to 205,507 mt in 2010/11 a 112 percent increase compared to the 2009/10 Maha season. The highest increases in the extent of paddy cultivation were reported in Kilinochchi and Vavuniya districts.

It is also estimated that the total extent of land used for cultivation of other food crops (OFC) including vegetables also increased significantly in the Northern Province by 172 per cent to 20,043 ha in the 2010/11 Maha season from 7,342 hectares in the 2009/10 Maha season. Further, the extent of land cultivated increased in relation to Big onions,

Maize, Cowpea, Black gram and Ground nuts amongst other food crops. In addition, the total marine fish production increased by 58 per cent to 33,600 mt in 2010. A substantial increase in fish production is expected in 2011.

Banking facilities have been strengthened in the Northern Province by establishing 37 new bank branches and 22 extension offices from May 2009 to May 2011. At the same time, co-operatives and supermarket chains have increased their ties with farmers, to purchase their produce.

The number of telephone connections in the Northern Province, including wire lines, wireless, local loops, CDMA and payphones increased by 89 per cent to 74,742 in 2009 from 46,919 in 2008, while the vehicle stock in the Northern Province increased to 47,031 in 2009 from 39,740 in 2008, an increase of 18 per cent.

However Sri Lanka's largest opposition party is saying that Central Bank is twisting statistics and misleading public on growth figures.

National List MP and Economist Harsha de Silva told "The Island" news paper that the Central Bank was a respected institution from which people expected an unbiased and truthful account of economic realities. But attempts at misleading the public will only add to the "deteriorating credibility of the now completely politicized institution."



A report in "The Island" quoting Economist Harsha de Silva further states,

The Central Bank has claimed that the Northern Province GDP grew by 14.2 percent in 2009, and attributed it to the highly politicized "Uthuru Wasnathaya" programme. But this was a totally misleading figure, as it can in no way be compared to the widely discussed 8 to 10 percent growth rate that was being targeted.

"The 14.2 percent figure that has been stated is the nominal GDP growth rate and includes inflation, whereas the 8 to 10 percent growth that is being sort, excludes inflation. This, inflation excluded figure is referred to as the real GDP growth. When we discuss 8 to 10 percent GDP growth, what is being referred to is the real GDP growth, not nominal GDP growth. The reason for the difference is

to remove the impact of price increases on the growth figures. For instance, nominal GDP can double if prices double without any increase in production. This calculation of inflation, measured at an economy wide basis is referred to as the GDP deflator, and for 2009 the figure was 5.9 percent."

De. Silva, said that while it was not wrong to refer to nominal GDP growth and could be excused if an ignorant politician used it out of context, it was very disappointing that the Central Bank has attempted to knowingly twist basic statistics. "Any attempt to say that it was only a comparison of the Northern Province's performance with the rest of the country is rubbish as the comparable nominal GDP growth figures for the remaining eight provinces (except for the east) or for Sri Lanka as a whole have not been provided."



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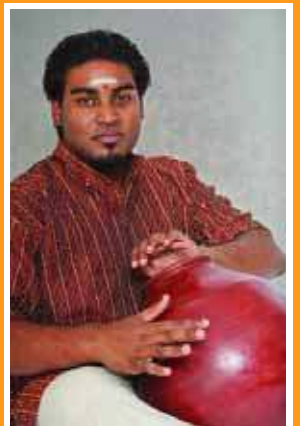
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# Cinema World



19th May, 2011, Mumbai: In a blockbuster start to the Videocon D2H IIFA Weekend, DOUBLE DHAMAAL, presented by Infiniti will open as the IIFA World Premiere film on Thursday, the 23rd of June in Toronto, Canada. The Weekend will conclude with the spectacular Floriana International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards where veteran actor, Dharmendra will perform alongside his sons, Sunny and Bobby Deol. Actress Priyanka Chopra will also perform before a capacity audience at Rogers Centre. The CIBC presents IIFA Celebrations in Toronto are being hosted and supported by the Ontario Government.

The film, which is a sequel to the 2007 hit Dhamaal, stars Sanjay Dutt, Ritesh Deshmukh, Kangna Ranaut, Mallika Sherawat, Arshad Warsi, Javed Jafferri and

fans in attendance. It is a great opportunity for me personally to represent Indian Cinema on such a large and international scale. I'm sure that this year's IIFA is going to be a phenomenal success as it ventures into North America."

"IIFA has travelled to ten countries across the world and has left a mark in the minds and hearts of its people. With the premier of Double Dhamaal at IIFA, we will set yet another milestone in our endeavors to continue to take Indian Cinema to its fans. The Videocon D2H IIFA Weekend and the Floriana IIFA Awards 2011 will continue to provide the impetus for the crossover of Indian cinema to global audiences and delight the Indian diaspora with the grandest celebration of our cinema.", said Sabbas Joseph, Director - Wizcraft International



Cast and Crew from the film Double Dhamaal (IIFA Premiere Film) receive a Videocon D2H from Mr. Khera

## DEOL FAMILY & PRIYANKA CHOPRA TO STAR IN THE FLORIANA IIFA AWARDS

## DOUBLE DHAMAAL TO PREMIERE AT THE

## VIDEOCON D2H IIFA WEEKEND IN TORONTO



Dharmendra and Bobby Deol address the media at the IIFA Mumbai Press conference to announce their performance at the 12th Floriana IIFA awards



Arshad Wasi, Riteish Deshmukh, Ashish Choudhary and Javed Jafferri (Double Dhamaal Star Cast) at IIFA Press Conference

Ashish Chaudhary. The comedy is produced by Indra Kumar and Ashok Thakeria in association with Reliance Entertainment. The stars and crew from the comedy were present at the press conference to announce the film's premiere in Canada.

The Videocon D2H IIFA Weekend will culminate with the glamorous 12th Floriana IIFA Awards. In a special treat for cinema lovers, a thoroughly entertaining performance straight from the heart of Punjab will be put on by Indian Cinema actor, Dharmendra and his two sons, Sunny and Bobby Deol. The three, having never performed together on the same stage will make it an even more thrilling act for fans to look forward to as they groove to the music from their recent hit, Yamla Pagla Deewana.

Dharmendraji speaking on behalf of his family said, "IIFA is the most respected Awards and the glamorous presentation ceremony is something I look forward to every year. This year will be particularly special for me, as I will be performing with my sons for the first time on a live stage. We hope our fans in Canada enjoy it."

Friend of IIFA, Priyanka Chopra said, "The IIFA stage is an exhilarating platform for any performer and Toronto is going to be unbelievable with over 12000 screaming

Entertainment.

Partnering with IIFA for the first time, Sanjay Jain, Chairman, Floriana Group said, "It is a great privilege for us to present the Floriana IIFA Awards in Toronto this year. IIFA has taken a long journey around the world since 2000 and the Atlantic shores are a perfect place for the 12th Floriana IIFA Awards. Floriana group has a rich tradition of heritage and quality and have always believed in partnering with like-minded brands. We believe brand IIFA offers us a phenomenal opportunity to deliver relevant messages to our consumers and international partners."

Mr. Saurabh Dhoot, Director - Videocon group says "We take pride in associating with IIFA for the last 3 Years. IIFA has been a pioneer in taking Indian Cinema globally. This is in keeping with the pioneering status of Videocon d2h in the Indian DTH market through continuous product innovations and use of latest technology to make television viewing a better experience. We have always been setting new precedents in the DTH market. The 3D innovation in DTH space by Videocon d2h has set a new benchmark in the industry. We believe our association with IIFA will be mutually rewarding".



Neha Dupia

Commenting on Star Network's seven year association with IIFA, Sanjay Gupta, Chief Operating Officer, STAR India Pvt Ltd said "IIFA is a magnificent celebration of Indian Cinema and over the years has become a landmark annual event for the Indian Film Industry to celebrate its success. Star Plus, the exclusive global broadcast partner of IIFA Awards for the last seven years, enables its viewers to catch the most exciting Indian Film awards extravaganza of the year. Through Star Plus, the 2011 IIFA



Priyanka Chopra

Awards will reach out to more than 345 million viewers spread over 65 countries across the globe. Our viewers can experience the prestigious IIFA journey through multiple programmes that cover various events and interactions in Toronto - Canada."

Videocon D2H will present the IIFA Weekend, while Floriana will sponsor the IIFA Awards for the first time. Rotomac Pens, Lotus Herbal, Grey Goose & PVR Cinemas are the Associate Sponsors of the Videocon D2H IIFA Weekend 2011 and Air India will partner with IIFA as the Official Airlines Partner.

"Air India celebrates its association with Indian Cinema. Our film industry actors are our cultural ambassadors and we, the national carrier, do take genuine pride in flying them to Toronto for the International Indian Film Academy Weekend and Awards," says Mr. Arvind Jadhav, Chairman & Managing Director, Air India Ltd. "Air India is proud to be associated as the official travel partner of IIFA, the Oscars of Bollywood," Mr Jadhav added.





# Special Feature

## Inauguration of Sathya Sai Baba Centre in Scarborough

The largest Sathya Sai Baba centre in North America received blessings of Swami for its auspicious inaugural, chosen to be May 6th to 8th before his soul departed on April 24th.

It was a rare benevolence bestowed on the devotees and followers of Sathya Sai Baba particularly at this time; in full filling a commitment that is exemplified by a remarkable Centre in the name of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, that has become a reality very prominently in the City of Toronto.

The center is located at the intersection of Middlefield and Finch, a location popularly known for several religious centres. Several people attended the opening and witnessed the poojas, bhajans, speeches that took place during the 3 days.

The complex consists of 2 levels; the upper level has 2 stages and can accommodate approx. 1500 seats for bhajans or any spiritual performances. The lower level also can accommodate over 1000 for similar activities and built with classroom facilities.

Bala Chandran, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Building Project, in his speech thanked and appreciated all the help rendered by many for the successful completion of the centre; his full script of the speech is given below;

**Om Sri Sai Ram**

My humble pranams at the lotus feet of our Beloved Baba. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome all of you to this historic event. I would also like to extend a special welcome to our newly elected MP, Ms. Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MPP Mr. Bas Balkissoon, City Councillor Mr. Chin Li and Mr. Raymond Chow. Twenty-five years ago, our bhajans were being held in the homes of our members and today marks an important event as we now have a permanent location. This Mandir will enable us to further our spiritual growth and enable our involvement in community service.

At this time, I would like to introduce the current Board of Trustees:

We would also like to introduce the previous members of our Board of Trustees who have contributed countless hours and energy to this Project. In addition, I must mention the families of each of these members. Without the support of our families, many of us cannot contribute the hours of hard work that we did.

We started this project in 2002. Brother Kandasamy noticed a land for sale sign. I came to the site and removed the for sale sign and then contacted the seller. At the time we did not have any money for the building project. Sister Padmini Jeyanathan, the then Treasurer, donated \$10,000 to sign the Purchase Agreement with the seller. In June 2002, we raised \$555,000 and paid for two acres and paid \$25,000 against the purchase of the third acre. During this time, we agreed to pay in 18 months. With Swami's grace, the land became free to mortgage in 2005. Through Dr. V.P. Singh, our Central Coordinator, we were introduced to Brother Surendra K. Bagga, an architect and Sai devotee in Windsor. Brother Bagga, subsequently, drew up the plan according to which the Mandir has been built.

During our Pilgrimage to Prashanthi in 2002, we sought our Beloved Baba's blessings. On July 25th, Baba not once, not twice, but thrice signed our Building plan.

On May 26, 2006, we held our groundbreaking ceremony and Professor Anil Kumar, Baba's translator, attended alongside Dr. V.P. Singh and Mr. George Smitherman, the then Deputy Premier of Ontario.

In 2009, we only had \$1.5 million in the bank. The cost, however, was significantly higher, but we were all eager to commence construction. We signed an agreement with Cloke Kirby Constructions to build a basic building as Project Managers for \$3 million. At that time, we did not have any guarantees from a bank of securing a loan. But when we ran out of funds, Swami's grace showered us with the needed funds. Mr. Sundaramohan of Royal Bank intro-

Photo courtesy: Jana



Front view of Centre



1st day Pooja in progress



Bala Chandran, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Building Project

duced us to RBC officials so that we could obtain a \$1.5 million loan. On November 1st, with the conch shell burying ceremony, also called the Sangastapanam, construction officially commenced.

Swami's grace and blessings have been ever present throughout our Mandir project. On January 2010, Baba blessed the altar design. On March 2011, David Gries, the Zone 1 Chairman of the Sri Sathya Sai World Organization, made arrangements with Dr. Goldstein to obtain Baba's blessings of our recent photos of the building.

I was fortunate enough to be present and seated on the verandah on March 3rd. On March 5, Dr. Goldstein took the album containing the photos to Baba who said he was delighted and gave his approval to proceed with the inauguration ceremony on May 6th.

At this time, I would like to call upon certain individuals whose support and contributions deserve special recognition and appreciation.

Firstly, I call upon Mark Carter of Cloke Kirby who has undertaken this project. Despite delays in payments and constant emails back and forth with requested modification, Mr. Carter exercised a great deal of patience and commitment to this project.



Mohana Thirukesan, President, SSSBC of Scarborough



Invited religious leaders from all different religions

Next, I call upon Mr. Carlo of Rafat General Contractors. Mr. Carlo has completed most of the sub-contracts of our building through Cloke Kirby and has agreed to complete our parking lot and has gone as far as granting us an interest-free loan.

Jay Kanna of Image Floor Coverings also deserves a very special mention. With the encouragement of Brother Dr. Pon Sivaji, Jay became quite involved in the interior work of our project and in particular the altar which has captured all our attentions.

Brother Sriskandarajah whom I call upon next is a friend who has lent his time and knowledge on site services and has acted as a Project Manager on behalf of our centre. He has assisted in coordinating and completing the contract with our sub-contractors.

Sasi of Sat Metal Professional Services Inc. dedicated his time and experience to design all the railings and the metal work for our project and I invite him to also join us on stage.

Last but not least, I call upon Brother Surendra K. Bagga, our architect. He has spent countless hours not only in making and modifying the plans for the building but has come down from Windsor on several occasions and has done all this without once expecting anything in return. His valued services have been granted to us free of charge.

I am also very thankful to the RBC staff, namely Aman Hanisan, Sherly, Dave and Shawn Kazina for making this possible by approving our loan.

Likewise, although part of our Sai family, Brother Dr. Pon Sivaji has been here early in the morning to late at night for the past month to ensure that our altar is completed as beautifully as it is before us today.

Brother Tharmakumar, also a Sai parent, has always been no further than a phone call. He has assisted us in many ways, from helping us order chairs from China to here and arranging and setting up all the color coordination and this stage. You name it. He will ensure that it has been carried out.

In making today possible, I would like to thank all the media for their support.

Finally I have to say that the cost of the building is over 5.5 million dollars and along with the land it is 6.5 million dollars. We have to pay 3.0 million dollars in Bank Loans and members for their personal loans. Through your voluntary contributions, this Mandir has been made possible and I humbly request your continued support in this endeavour.

Today, despite numerous challenges, with Baba's grace, love and support, and all of your commitment to His work, we have overcome them all and completed the Mandir. Thank you Swami and thank you to all of you. I now call upon Dr. David Gries Zone I chairman to give his blessings and message to our members.



# Durham Tamil Association



## HARMONY 2011

Celebrating its 11th Anniversary, Durham Tamil Association held a successful fund raising event on Saturday, April 30th evening at Toronto Don Valley Hotel. "Harmony 2011" evening was a another sold out event with over 300 guests and dignitaries with entertainment by over 20 Durham Tamil Association Ladies & Youth walking the runway with a beautiful "Fashion Burst".

Comedian Mr. Kanapathy Raveendran had everyone in stitches with

laughter. DTA's young singer Ms. Sarika Navanathan ,1st runner up of popular TVI's Super Star Junior program added glitter to the evening by singing two hit numbers from Tamil movies.

The guests enjoyed an tasty full course dinner prepared by award winning Chef Andrew Rajaratnam. All proceeds raised from the event will go towards funding the growing number of Free Tamil Classes in Durham run by DTA, Youth and Seniors activities and contribution to local charities throughout

2011.

DTA recognized outstanding volunteer work of our Tamil Class Coordinator Ravi Kandiah, DTA Program Coordinator Uma Suresh and Ladies Club Coordinator Sharmili Thangaraja. In addition, DTA expressed its sincere thanks to Don Terry, Director of Communications of Ontario Power Generation for their generosity with respect to providing their facilities for events and training.

Joe Dickson, MPP, presented the

Trillium Grant Certificate to DTA President Sinnadurai Mahendranathan. Regional Councilors Doug Dickerson of City of Pickering presented appreciation certificates Tamil Teachers Rajini Kailanathan & Sivagini Balarajan., Councilor Renrick Ashby of Town of Ajax presented DTA's Outstanding Volunteer certificate to Kanga Sivanathan, Bahai Community Director Roland Rutland brought greetings and well wishes. Durham regional MPs sent congratulatory messages thanking DTA for its years of service to the community.

DTA sincerely thanked their volunteers, sponsors and the Media. Special Thanks for Monsoon Journal team & Publisher Logan Velumailum for their comprehensive coverage of our events.



Bahai Community's Roland Rutland @ DTA's HARMONY 2011



Comedian Mr.Kanapathy Raveendran @ HARMONY 2011



DTA's Sarika Navanathan singing hit songs for the guests @ HARMONY 2011



Vice President Kanga Sivanathan was awarded DTA's Outstanding Volunteer Certificate by Councilor Renrick Ashby of Town Of Ajax



City Of Pickering Councilor Doug Dickerson presenting the appreciation award to one of DTA's Tamil Teacher Ms.RAJANI KAI LAI NATHAN



DTA's Ladies & Youth @ FASHI ON BURST depicting different themes @ HARMONY 2011



Joe Dickson, MPP, presented the Trillium Grant Certificate to DTA President Sinnadurai Mahendranathan





# Durham Tamil Association

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Durham Tamil Association held its Annual General Meeting on May 8th at Ontario Power Generation. According to our constitution and in the presence of our valued members, Election officials and Advisory Board officials, a New President and 9 Executive members

were elected unanimously. Our sincere thanks to the Past President Mr. Sinnadurai Mahendranathan and his Executive Committee Members for their selfless efforts. Please join us in Congratulating and Well Wishing to our New President Mr. Josh Suresh, Vice

President Kanga Sivanathan, Treasurer Mr. Sinnadurai Mahendranathan, Secretary Ms. Nanthini Kailainathan.

DTA Executive Committee Members are as follows: Our youngest Exec Ms. Ramya Nandadas (Youth Coordinator), Mr. Jeya Sellathurai (Sports Coordinator), Mr. Ravi Kandiah (Tamil Classes Coordinator), Mr. Sasi Raja-ratnam (Seniors Coordinator), Mr. Dineshkumar Subramaniam (Media & Outreach Coordinator)

The Appointed Committee Members are as follows:

Mrs. Uma Suresh (Membership Coordinator), Mrs. Sharmilli Thangarajah & Mrs. Nishiya Sivaruban (Coordinators of DTA Ladies club)

DTA Advisory Committee: Mr. Nandakumar Mailvaganam, Mr. Appudurai Ganeshan, Mr. Gukathasan Sinnathurai and Mr. Rajathurai Rabindranathan.

Special AGM announcement - Annual \$1,000 scholarships to every DTA youth who excels in both service to community

and academics. Mr. Josh Suresh announced a \$1000 Annual DTA University Scholarship in memory of his beloved father Mr. Nagamuttu Supramanyam. Mr. Appudurai Ganeshan, one of DTA's long standing members, announced a \$1000 Annual DTA University Scholarship on behalf of his family. Our sincere thanks and gratitude to both Josh & Ganeshan Uncle. More importantly, in addition to above two scholarships, Executives of DTA committed to award additional annual scholarships to every youth who excels in service to our community and secures admission to a University.

DTA also proudly announced the receipt of Capital Equipment Grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$14,800. DTA plans to utilize the funds procure furniture and equipment for its new Recreation and Cultural Centre.

For family membership details, please contact 905.428.7007 or visit our website [www.durhamtamils.com](http://www.durhamtamils.com)



DTA members attending the Annual General Meeting @OPG



EXECUTIVE MEMBERS of Durham Tamil Association for 2011-2012

### Upcoming Events:

"Love Your Life" Ladies Club June gathering  
Ajax Mardi Gras Parade on June 17th  
DTA's Annual BBQ & Sports Meet on June 18th at Greenwood Park in Ajax

## Harry Jeganathan receives Trillium Award for leadership excellence at Markham-Unionville PC Riding Association First South Asian Canadian to win the prestigious award

Harry Jeganathan of Markham-Unionville PC Riding association president received the Trillium award for outstanding riding President at the Ontario PC 2011 Convention which was held on May 27th, 2011. He is the first south Asian to receive this award.

Harry has been in the Markham-Unionville riding association for the past ten years. Originally joined the association as a member and since then held various positions such as the second Vice President, Vice president and now for the last two year as the riding President. After the 2007 election he has worked hard in re-building the riding association.

Harry is one of the Founder Members of the South Asian Conservative Association and the main

focus of this association is to promote conservative value to Canadian South Asian Community. He has also encouraged full participation of Canadian South Asian community in the Canadian political process at the Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels.

Harry is also the recipient of the Community Service award for the past two consecutive years presented to him by the South Asian Association of Ontario. This award was presented to him in recognition for his work, dedication and contribution made towards the welfare of youths and seniors in the community.

He is a passionate neighbourhood advocate, a strong supporter and believer in keeping environment clean and



Harry Jeganathan receiving the Trillium Award from Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak

green. He has been the school council chair in his riding for the past five years and has raised scholarship funds to sup-

port high school students transitioning to universities/colleges.



# Special Feature



## Top 25

## Canadian Immigrants of 2011



A self made tycoon & Founder of Kakim Optical, a Realtor, a high school math teacher, a famous Dragon investor, a Toronto Argonaut coach and an influential former Cabinet minister were among the winners of the third annual Top 25 Canadian Immigrant awards presented by Canadian Immigrant magazine and sponsored by RBC. This national people's choice award celebrates the untold inspiring stories and remarkable achievements of immigrants to Canada.

More than 25,000 Canadians voted online for their top choices, up 15,000 votes from two years ago. The award recipients were honoured at ceremonies held in Toronto on May 16th and in Vancouver on May 26th.

"The number of outstanding nominees in our third annual Top 25 awards program has made it profoundly clear that immigrants to Canada are having a positive impact on the country," says Margaret Jetelina, editor of Canadian Immigrant. "The stories of the 25 who were voted in as this year's winners are inspirational and serve as wonderful examples for all newcomers."

The Top 25 winners received a commemorative certificate and lapel pin, as well as a \$500 donation towards an authorized Canadian charity of their choice. Winners will be featured on canadianimmigrant.ca and in the June 2011 edition of Canadian Immigrant magazine.

"On behalf of RBC, it's an honour to celebrate the award winners," said Camon Mak, director, Multicultural Markets, RBC. "Harnessing the strength of our diversity not only enriches the communities where we live and work every day, but gives Canada a true competitive advantage globally. We hope the winners' stories will inspire others to follow their dreams and achieve their full potential."

This year's awards program received more than 500 nominations over a two-month period, from which 75 finalists were shortlisted by a panel of Canadian Immigrant magazine judges. The awards program was also supported by the Toronto Star, Metro and Sing Tao.

### About the Top 25 Canadian Immigrants Awards

Canadian Immigrant Magazine, a print and online magazine serving new immigrants to Canada, in association with RBC, is pleased to present the "Top 25 Canadian Immigrants of 2011" — a people's choice award that seeks to uncover and celebrate the untold stories and remarkable achievements of outstanding Canadian immigrants from all walks of life. To view this year's winners, visit [www.canadianimmigrant.ca/top25](http://www.canadianimmigrant.ca/top25)

### About Canadian Immigrant Magazine and [canadianimmigrant.ca](http://canadianimmigrant.ca)

Attracting more than 325,000 readers each month in print and online, Canadian Immigrant Magazine helps new Canadians build a successful life and home during their first years in Canada. Its mandate is to inform, educate and motivate and connect by providing hands-on, easy-to-access content for newcomers looking for information, from careers, education and settling-in, to culture, money and business. The monthly print publication is distributed in Toronto

and Vancouver. [canadianimmigrant.ca](http://canadianimmigrant.ca) offers tools and resources that help newcomers across Canada and the globe. Canadian Immigrant magazine is a division of Star Media Group, which is broadly based with interests in print, digital and broadcast media, led by its flagship property, the Toronto Star, Canada's largest newspaper, which is read in print and online ([thestar.com](http://thestar.com)) by 2.8 million readers every week.

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### Self-made Tycoon

— **Karim Hakimi**



Little Hakim lost his father as a child and, at the tender age of 10, was forced to support his mother and his siblings. He made money by grinding magnifying glasses and eyeglasses out of discarded windows in Iran, a job that foretold his future. By now you have probably guessed who this enterprising Canadian is — it's self-made Iranian-born tycoon and founder of Hakim Optical, Karim Hakimi.

His story is certainly interesting and inspiring: as a teenager, he enlisted in his nation's navy motivated by a steady salary and his affinity for the sea. After a 30-month stint, his optic lens expertise landed him a job in Germany. He later honed his craft in precision camera and telescopic lens development in Zurich, Switzerland. "When I started, they didn't know what to do with me," he said to [Yorkregion.com](http://Yorkregion.com) in a recent interview, pointing to the language and cultural barriers he faced. "When I left three years later, they didn't know what to do without me."

And Switzerland's loss is Canada's gain!

With more than 600 employees in 150-plus stores and one-hour labs dispensing eyewear and accessories in Ontario, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, Hakimi continues to run his privately held optical operation almost full time, though he is past the traditional retirement age. He devotes legendary work hours to his still-growing 40-year-old enterprise, one of Canada's best-known corporate brands.

As a result of the adversity he encountered while growing up, his social conscience is strong, and he admits to feeling a personal obligation to share his prosperity with others. "Because I experienced hardship in the past, and I firmly believe that money is only good if you can help needy people. After all, you can't take money to the grave."

### Passionate Realtor

— **Esa Para Esananda**



Esa Para Esananda came to Canada from his native wartorn Sri Lanka via neighbouring India where he got his higher education, more than 20 years ago. Though he was professionally qualified, having come from an Eastern culture, he admits to having faced culture shock, both in corporate culture and social terms, which hindered his settling down in Canada quicker. "I couldn't find a job and ended up working at a gas station on the night shift, then in the newspaper delivery business," he remembers.

But his determination to come out of the "survival" mode pushed him to enrol in evening classes for accounting and basic computer courses at Centennial College. "I landed a decent job two years later, starting as a customer service assistant." He then became contract manager for the wholesale division of Bell Nexxia.

Esananda considers himself a true immigrant success story. It is evident from his track record of professional success despite changing careers. Presently he is a real estate broker in Mississauga.

"Determination, perseverance and above all a deep sense of passion" helped him all the way, he says. His professional achievements include being on the boards of the Toronto Real Estate Board's arbitration and members committees. He has also conducted a number of first-time homebuyers' seminars, offering guidance primarily to immigrant buyers, while training many new agents on a voluntary basis.

He also volunteers outside of his profession, including the United Way, Rotary Club, Junior Achievement Inc. and the Canadian Tamil Chamber of Commerce. "My late father and other family members were big time volunteers back in my motherland. They taught me the importance of giving back to the community and serving the community," he adds.

### Lessons to share

— **Mythili Kalyanasundaram**



People often say that teaching is one of the most important, but underappreciated, professions. As a high school math teacher in Ottawa, Indian-born Mythili Kalyanasundaram is doing her part to educate future generations. But she had to fight for her right to be a teacher in Canada.

"Finding a job in the teaching field was the biggest challenge. I could not find a principal who would sign the form to put my name on the supply teaching list," she says. "My son's school principal, Mr. Christopher, kindly agreed to sign the form. For this, I will always be grateful to him."

Serving others is an integral part of Kalyanasundaram's values, and teaching is just the beginning. She started the Ottawa Tamil Association where children and adults can exhibit their cultural talents, like singing and dancing. "It was a challenge helping our children maintain their culture after immigrating to Canada. It was of particular importance to me that they engaged in the arts and languages of our country," she explains. "I also taught for 20 years at the International Languages program on Saturday mornings to teach our community children to read and write in Tamil."

Kalyanasundaram also initiated the Asian Blood Donor Clinic in Ottawa. She noticed that many South Asians were hesitant to donate blood for a variety reasons of convinced them about the importance of helping the Canadian community by donating blood. As a sincere proof of her commitment, she herself has donated blood and plasma 57 times!

Courtesy: Canadian Immigrant and Diversity Communications Inc.



WANT

In retrospect, I realize that almost every wish of mine in life has mostly come true. In arid Jaffna, when I was nine how thrilled I was to pick up a tiny pink carnation bud from the discards of flowers received for the College Prize-giving. It was fulfilled, this want of mine decades later, when I cultivated my own carnations on estates in the tea carpeted verdant hills for sale to expensive Colombo florists. In

Grade Five, I map-marked North-America's great lakes never realizing that I will live near lake Ontario now. I admired many English and Tamil writers and in my old age, I am a bi-lingual published writer.

The famous honey-laden Kurinji flower blooms only once every twelve years. It blossomed in 1970 in Agrapatna hills, the bees built hives all over our balcony and workers jungle trekked to collect honey.

I always regretted that I never got down the rare Kurinji flowers for me to see them.

As I write these lines, I just googled and Internet reveals the bell-shaped blue Kurinji in all its glory, satiating that want of mine too.

Our life does unfurl according to our thoughts and our heartfelt wishes usually materialize. However, some things do remain inexplicable.

It is indeed tough to change the norms of our Sri Lankan lifestyle inbred in my veins!

I find that I am yet rather reluctant to confess that I want to heal the cracks in close relationships and hope I will succeed before my departure.

I really want to know the truth and answers for the eternal unanswered questions of the mystery and real purpose of our life on earth.

I do also want to know why my Tamil community that lost thousands of innocent civilians plus a whole generation of our youth these three decades in the ethnic conflict continues to still suffer so much even after the war is over, persecuted ruthlessly as displaced refugees in their own land and imprisoned without trial in crowded camps by the despotic State of Sri Lanka, without even a glance from World Leaders.

During this multicultural week in Toronto global media blares loud about the need to close zoos and set captive animals free! What about this urgent need to set free the human captives languishing so long without freedom in State camps of Sri Lanka?

By: Lalitha Brodie

WORLD

Though the frenzied fury of the elements, the recent earth quakes, tsunamis, tornadoes floods, whirlpools and fires along with wars nuclear leaks and oil spills batter our world spreading so much of death, destruction, and pain, isn't it great that the miracle of life unfailingly continues to unfold as usual with all its hopes, aspirations and joys?

Jehovah's witnesses with their ardent faith visit, give magazines and talk about the disasters proclaiming that the end of the world is near.

However, though the end of the world was prophesied time and time again after The Great Floods and Noah's Ark by Nostradamus, Christian, Hindu and other Scriptures, isn't it great that people even in multi-quake battered Japan along with all of us, do continue to cope alright with challenges that daily confront us?

I may have made several genuine mistakes but have coped okay for seventy-seven years and lived true to my conscience as best as I can without willfully hurting or harming anyone, and the end of the world does not worry me.

I will accept life as it daily unfolds around me and continue with my passion to help others nurture Individual Personal Growth, to raise self esteem which will negate the need for abuse and violence to exert power and control over significant others to feel happy.

Isn't this the best way to build a foundation to eradicate all negativity and violence and help to create peace and joy in the world?

By: Lalitha Brodie

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# Special Feature



## How is the essence of Buddhism connected to human ethics and good behavior?

By Dr. Vickramabahu Karunaratne

The Government of Lanka says that on Wesak day this year (May 17-18, 2011), 2600 years after Buddha will be completed. Of course there are those who dispute the calculations of advisers to the government. In any case it must be approximately true; and after so many years it is worth making an investigation into the fundamental teachings of Buddha.

Buddha was probably the first human teacher to reject the idea of God or the Creator. Also, he rejected metaphysics and beliefs in super natural 17-2 phenomena that existed in the religious practices at that time.

In particular he rejected the idea of soul and the transmigration of soul towards an eternal life. In opposition to all that he put forward the idea of Dukkha as the fundamental truth of the universe. What is meant by Dukkha? Generally we hear, that Dukkha means suffering of the human subject. In that sense it is a universal truth confined to the human existence. However, what Buddha preached was a universal truth about the whole universe, or the total reality.

What is the objective meaning of dukkha? In the most general sense, dukkha means severe emptiness or negative nothingness. Does that mean continuous negation is the fundamental reality? Buddha often referred to a universal formula to depict the basic character of the reality: anitta- dukkha- anatma, meaning change-negation- lack of soul or substance. However Buddha was eager to explain the idea of dukkha referring to twelve varieties of happenings or movements. Rise and collapse, growth and decay, damage and recovery, unity of the opposite and separation of the equals, pressure and release, disturb and settle. In some places Buddha removed the last two sets and included these within damage and recovery.

In that case there were only eight movements included within dukkha.

In spite of such variations dukkha means all such possible severe

happenings common to anything and everything within the universe.

Impermanence, negation in nothingness- dukkha- is at the bottom of everything. Physical world is a product of this self movement. Buddha said the four physical states, maha bhootha meaning general physical states, patavi or solidness, aapo or liquidness, vayo or gases, and thejo or fire are products of dukkha. In turn all physical things arise from four maha bootha.

If understanding of dukkha, as the fundamental character of reality, is the essence of Buddhism, then is it just an

intellectual exercise? How is it connected to human ethics and good behavior? As an answer to that Buddha raised the question of human understanding. Our ordinary understanding is governed by our physical existence. Logical empirical understanding is limited by the day to day experience. This Buddha classified as Anusota Gami -along the flow- knowledge; effortless knowledge.

But to realize dukkha one has to go beyond logical empiricism to look at the world through impermanence and negation.

Buddha classified this as Patisotha Gami-against the flow- knowledge. Humans are capable of looking at the world in the latter manner, but our attachment to the physical reality is a hindrance. We are in an alienated condition.

Three fold craving, firstly craving for physical existence, tied to the battle for food, sex and rest; secondly craving for the continuation of this life, and thirdly craving for a life after death, keep humans in an alienated state. Mind is over determined by desire suppressing social consciousness and care for others. In such a state of mind one cannot see the reality 'as it is'.

According to Buddha this is the second fundamental truth. However, we can release the hold of craving to establish a blissful state of mind, nirvana, so that care and cooperation over determines the mind. This is the third fundamental truth. In that condition human mind can see beyond the empirical reality to understand the fundamental nature as impermanence, bursting and nothingness.

Effortlessly mind would be set to understand this fundamental nature of things. Nirvana is a state of mind that can be achieved by any human through proper practice. It is nothing supernatural or abnormal. It is a mind, full of detachment and objectivity. With such detachment one could understand the reality as a product of changing, bursting, self movement in nothingness.

At the same time, detachment from greed leads one to be ever conscious of care for others. Such a state of mind can be achieved only within a cooperative society; and conversely only such consciousness can create a real cooperative society. Buddha described an eight fold path to achieve such a social existence. It will be a conscious wise society, a Sangika society, where all wealth belongs to the society and governed by a democratic decision making process. Buddha classified this eight fold path as the fourth fundamental truth.

I was always amazed by the wisdom of this man, born in to a society at the



A Section of the Wesak decoration during May 2011 in the Town of Kottawe, Sri Lanka  
– pic: Danushka Senadheera

dawn of civilization. I amazed, how he arrived at such a modern explanation of the reality, so far back in history. It is a wonder that he traveled thousands of kilometers, preaching and debating, but without much restriction or repression. Not only Buddha, at that time, there were several others with radical views who traveled around explaining their respective ideas. It must have been a democratic, tolerant society eager for knowledge and wisdom. On the other hand it was a society divided according to taboo, traditions and ancestry, where in some areas women were highly discriminated.

However many women joined Buddha to obtain priesthood. Buddha delivered his first sermon at a public park near Vanarisi. In addition to the five monks who listened seated, there were others who have come for various purposes to the Deer Park. One of them was a Dravidian military general Somawarthan, who was waiting for his friend Sathakiran. Though he listened, as he was impatient, he could not grasp the essence of the sermon. Subsequently, at his friends place he related what he heard to his friend. A Dravidian girl named Kalioverheard that discussion, and she understood dukkha and the nature of reality as explained by Buddha.

Out of five monks who listened directly, only one could grasp the essence of Buddha's teaching.

Second to understand four fundamental truths was this girl Kali! It was said that Buddha preached in a language common to most of those who lived in

South Asia. Was it a mix of Sanskrit and ancient Dravidian? Was it Maghada Prakrutha?

Though nearly thirty years younger, Heraclites of Greece who taught that change is the only reality, permanence is an illusion and energy is the universal underlying nature, was a contemporary of Buddha. The Greek died at the age of 60 while Buddha died at 80. On that day, after eating a pork preparation Buddha developed a diarrhea.

Not necessarily because of pork. Anyway, that was the last meal he took and he died peacefully. About hundred years later in Greece, Socrates was forced to drink poison for exposing the flaws of Athenian democracy and proposing liberal discussion as a way to knowledge.

Around 400 years later within the Roman Empire a Jewish person who pronounced that god created humans as a single creed was brutally killed by crucifixion. But, by then world was taken over by exploiters.

(Dr. Vickramabahu Karunaratne was born on 8 March 1943 in Lunugala in present day south-east Sri Lanka. Both his parents were teachers. He received his primary education at Ananda Shasthralaya, Mathugama before going onto Ananda College, Colombo for his secondary education. Thereafter he went to the University of Ceylon from where he graduated with a first class degree in electrical engineering. He received a Commonwealth scholarship to study at the University of Cambridge from which he received a doctorate in 1970).





# Special Feature

## Royal Ontario Museum Celebrates the Year of India with exhibition of Bollywood history

The Institute for Contemporary Culture (ICC) at the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) presents the North American debut of Bollywood Cinema Showcards: Indian Film Art from the 1950s to the 1980s, a visual journey through the history of Bollywood advertising. Curated by Deepali Dewan for the ICC at the ROM in collaboration with the Hartwick Collection, Bollywood Cinema Showcards will be on view in the special exhibitions gallery on Level 3 of the Museum from June 11 to October 2, 2011.

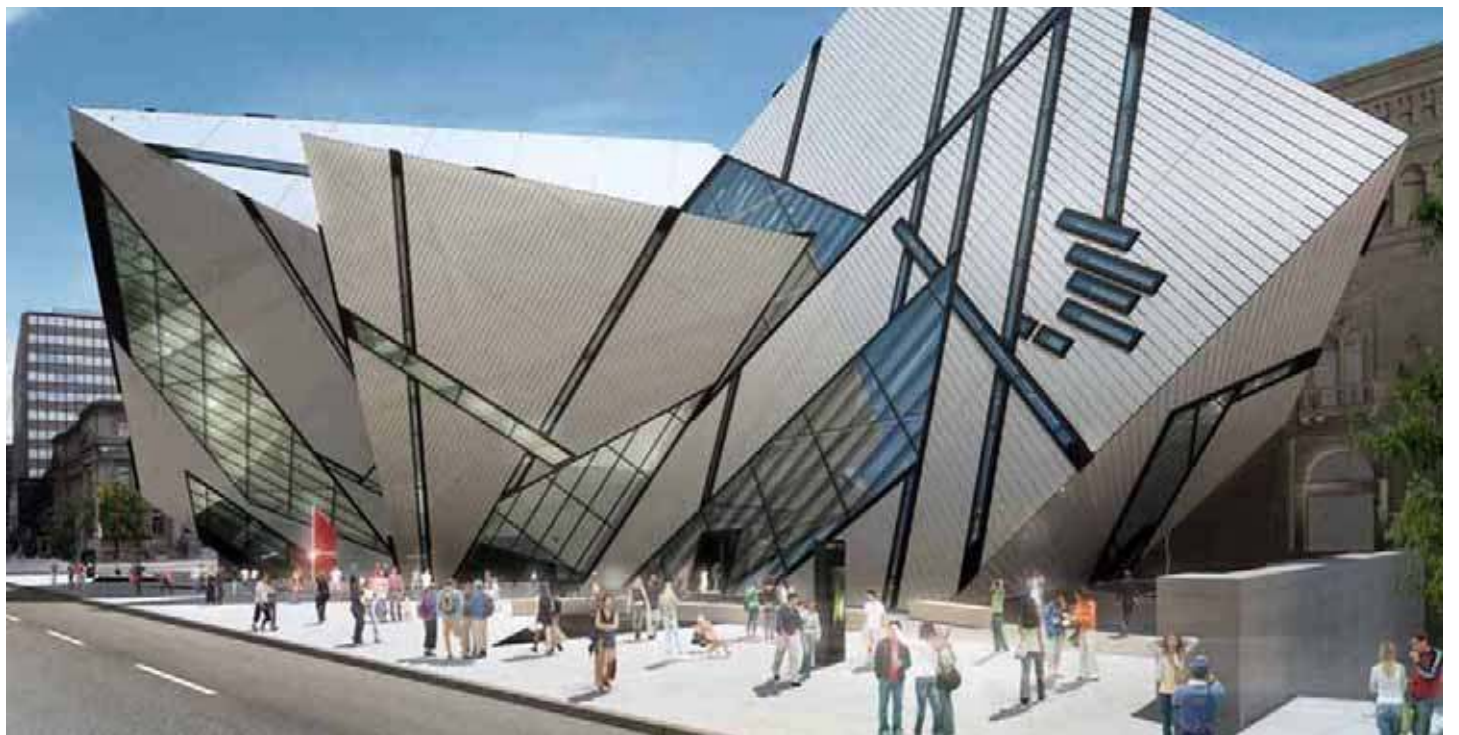
"Bollywood Cinema Showcards is a unique opportunity for visitors to see this rare collection of vintage cinematic art, bringing early Bollywood culture and design to life," said Janet Carding, ROM Director and CEO. "I'm delighted that the ROM is contributing in such a significant way to this year-long celebration of India in Canada and the Bollywood experience in Toronto surrounding the International Indian Film Academy Awards."

Bollywood cinema is deeply rooted in the cultural traditions of the East, and has become a growing fascination among art, film and pop-culture enthusiasts across the West. ROM curator of South Asian Arts & Culture, Dr. Deepali Dewan, states, "This exhibition provides a rare opportunity to explore the evolution of a specific form of advertising associated with the Hindi commercial cinema centered around Mumbai. These showcards combine paint and photography and are a unique aspect of South Asian visual culture, following their equally as remarkable predecessors—Indian Painted Photographs. They were originally produced by local artists but usually thrown out at the end of a film's run. It is remarkable that this collection has survived at all."

### About the exhibition

Bollywood Cinema Showcards embodies the quirky and colourful style of India's cinematic culture with a display of rare, vintage showcards—colourful hand painted photo collages commissioned to advertise the release of Bollywood films, originally exhibited in display cases outside cinema theatres.

The exhibition features over 120 works, including 77 original showcards from the private collection of Angela Hartwick and a selection of posters, lobby cards and film booklets from the ROM's permanent collection. The installation will be organized chronologically, tracing the aesthetic and thematic evolution of Bollywood graphic design as seen in its advertising, from the years after India's independence in 1947 through the liberalization of India's economic policies in the early 1990s.



The exhibition coincides with another North American debut—International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards in Toronto—providing an interesting historical context to modern day Indian cinema. Bollywood Cinema Showcards also contributes to the national celebration of 2011 as the Year of India in Canada, as designated by a bilateral treaty between India and Canada.

### Bollywood Hero Legacy Project

To celebrate Bollywood Cinema Showcards, the ROM will install a 15 x 36-ft. billboard titled Bollywood Hero, a theme that focuses on the recurring role of the male hero in most Bollywood films. Commissioned specifically for the Museum from Suresh Sandal Arts, a studio in Bombay, India, the work of art will be installed in the Hyacinth Gloria Chen Court and will remain on view until October 2, 2011. Following the exhibition it will reside in the ROM's permanent collection.

### Bollywood and Beyond at the ROM

Also on view during this time is Embellished Reality: Indian Painted Photographs from the 1880s to the 1940s. This exhibition brings together 75 works from the ROM's permanent collection, never before shown in public. Produced from the advent of photography in India in 1840, the focus of the exhibition are photographic portraits almost completely covered with paint as a way to enhance the subject. By combining the art of painting with the technique of photography, these artists created a distinctive genre of Indian visual culture. These works are a precursor to Bollywood showcards, as the concept of enhanced photographs and embellished realities complements the fantasy world created by Bollywood cinema. Embellished Reality will be on view in the H.H. Levy Gallery, Level 1, from June 4, 2011 to March

2012.

Together with Bollywood Cinema Showcards, these two exhibitions present a 100-year survey of Indian visual culture related to the Indian photography and film industry.

Both exhibitions will be accompanied by catalogues, richly illustrated with essays by Deepali Dewan, Rajesh Devraj, Kajri Jain, and Olga Zotova. Catalogues will be available in the ROM Museum Store for \$24.99 each.

A series of ancillary lectures, films, panel discussions and free public tours led by prominent guests will be offered from June to October. Among them is a panel discussion on Bollywood film in Toronto, organized by the ROM's Friends of South Asia and featuring representatives from the Bollywood cinema industry in Toronto; a Bollywood dance performance by Shiamak Davar's Bollywood dance troupe; and a documentary film series featuring Sounds of Mumbai (2010) and Big in Bollywood (2011). For more information visit [www.rom.on.ca/icc/events.php](http://www.rom.on.ca/icc/events.php)

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### About The ROM's Sir Christopher Ondaatje South Asian Gallery

The ROM invites visitors to experi-

ence the beauty and diversity of the South Asian sub-continent. The Sir Christopher Ondaatje South Asian Gallery is Canada's first and largest museum gallery devoted to this culture, with over 350 objects in nine thematically organized areas including religious objects and sculpture, decorative arts, arms and armour, miniature paintings and textiles spanning over 5,000 years.

### Institute for Contemporary Culture

The Institute for Contemporary Culture is the Royal Ontario Museum's window on contemporary societies around the globe. Playing a vital role within the historical museum, the ICC examines current cultural, social and political issues throughout the modern world in thought-provoking exhibitions of contemporary art, architecture and design that are presented in the Roloff Beny Gallery and other galleries of the Museum. In addition, a roster of public events such as lectures, film series, debates and performances further explore relevant themes addressed in ICC exhibitions, and serves as a catalyst for stimulating public conversations. The ROM's extensive collections of world cultures and natural history through the ages add context, meaning and depth to these engaging discussions of contemporary ideas. More information at: [www.rom.on.ca/icc](http://www.rom.on.ca/icc)

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# Business



## What would happen to your business if you were taken away from it, even temporarily?

### Business continuation planning is the key to protecting what you've built

You've worked hard to make your business a success. There may have been times when you gambled on a business strategy and won – but, for the most part, you stuck to the meticulous business plan that has been your blueprint for growth and achievement. Now, it's time for a new plan ...

What would happen to your business if you were taken away from it, even temporarily? Would it survive? If you're like most small business owners, the odds are that your years of careful nurturing and building could come tumbling down without your energetic hands on the reins – because you are your business. You're a professional – a dentist, for example – and you get hit with a sudden, extended illness. Your entire practice will stop – but salaries, operating costs and other fixed expenses won't. How will you pay them until you're back in the game? You're not only the owner of your small business, you're also the primary salesperson, accountant and... everything else – and you're in a car accident that leaves you injured and unable to work for months. Your entire business will stop – but the bills won't and the income that supported your family will temporarily disappear. Do you have a contingency plan in place?

There's no need to gamble with your future financial health when you can take some essential steps right now to protect what you've built. It's called business continuation planning and it's the process of identifying issues that could put your business at risk and adopting strategies to help mitigate or eliminate those risks. Protect your most important asset – yourself.

As a business owner, you understand the need to protect against risks to your capital assets – that's why you have fire, theft and other forms of insurance. But one of the major yet often overlooked risks faced by nearly every business is the temporary loss of vital human capital – a business owner due to a disability as the result of an accident or an extended illness, perhaps even a life-threatening critical illness. The risk is more likely than you think: About 1 in 7 people can expect to be disabled for five years or more before retirement; 43% of all 40-year olds will suffer a disability for at least 90 days prior to age 65; 1 in 2 heart attack victims are under 65 years old.; 3 out of every 10 workers between ages 25 and 65 will experience an accident or illness that keeps them out of work for three months or longer (Council for Disability Awareness, Website: [www.disabilitycanhappen.org](http://www.disabilitycanhappen.org)). But with the right business continuation plan, you'll protect your business and your income.

#### Insuring effective risk management

The risks posed by the temporary loss of a primary business owner can be economically managed with critical illness and disability insurance – the cornerstones of an effective business continuation plan. Disability insurance allows an owner to fund the payment of ongoing essential office expenses such as salaries of employees, rent, utilities, and property taxes (Office Overhead Expense Disability Insurance) and replacement of personal income to pay family expenses during the period of the disability with tax-free dollars (Personal Disability Insurance). Critical illness insurance pays a one-time lump sum to help cover losses created by the owner's absence. When the insured person is diagnosed with a critical illness or condition as defined in the policy, the benefit is paid – and how it is used is totally up to the recipient. It can be a vital injection of cash to pay recurring business expenses or to make payments on loans or to suppliers.

#### The other keys to continuation

Personal protection is key to every business continuation plan – here are some other plan elements to consider: Key person life insurance ensures there will be a timely injection of

tax-free capital should your business suffer the loss of a top producer or other essential employee. Buy-sell life insurance can fund the purchase of your financial interest in the business by a surviving business partner(s) or shareholder(s). Disability and/or critical illness buy-out insurance provides a lump sum tax-free payment to fund the purchase of your financial interest in the business by the other partner(s) or shareholder(s) in the event of a long-term disability.

#### A buy-sell agreement can help avoid future turmoil

Your business couldn't be better – and then it happens: a co-owner suddenly becomes disabled or dies from illness or accident. That could mean the disruption of your business, your income and possibly even a comfortable retirement. Good business. That is why business succession planning – including a well-constructed buy-sell agreement – makes good business sense, for both co-owners of a partnership or a corporation.

Using a sports analogy – in any sporting event, if there's a conflict, it's resolved by going to the rule book. Think of a buy-sell agreement as a rule book for resolving conflicts and other issues in your business. The difference is that, in business, co-owners themselves mutually agree on how the game will be played by writing the rules in advance and in anticipation of certain events, particular needs and desires.

Buy-sell agreements – sometimes included as part of shareholder agreements – can provide clear 'rules' for suc-



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cession upon death or some other triggering events, and benefit the interests of all shareholders. Such an agreement can play an important role in the preservation of a business and in providing financial security for the business owners and their families. You and your co-owner(s) establish the rules by creating and entering into a buy-sell agreement that sets out firm commitments and obligations for buyer and seller and their respective heirs. A properly drafted agreement will set out provisions for triggering events, such as:

- the death of a co-owner,
- the disability of a co-owner,
- the desired sale of shares to a third party,
- retirement,
- divorce,
- loss of a professional's credentials,
- termination of employment of a co-owner,
- bankruptcy of a co-owner, or
- a falling out between co-owners.

A properly funded buy-sell agreement can help to avoid finding yourself in business with someone not of your choosing or being forced to post a 'For Sale' sign.

No doubt, you plan for the value of your business to increase over time, making a potential future buy-out even more costly. If one party dies or becomes disabled, where does the surviving/healthy co-owner(s) get the money to acquire that party's share of the business?

You can use your own money if you have the liquidity. Or, you can sell off other assets, but in most cases these assets will not bring full value in a forced sale situation, so these are usually not attractive options. You can borrow the

money, but given that the principal must be paid back

with after tax dollars and is not deductible, that's not usually considered an optimal solution either. The most attractive option is usually an insurance policy, a relatively inexpensive

way to help fund the buy-sell agreement. This option guarantees cash in a lump sum at exactly the time when it is needed to be used by the surviving or healthy co-owner(s) to purchase the business interest from the disabled co-owner or the deceased co-owner's estate.

#### Insuring protection

A buy-sell agreement, paid for by insurance, creates liquidity for the business interest, and reduces or eliminates loss of business value that can occur as a result of a forced liquidation or failure in the aftermath of an owner's death or long-term disability. It can also remove the risk of friction between the surviving owner(s) and the deceased owner's heirs, and stabilize the ongoing operation of the business – the buyer is free to operate the business without the need to share decision-making or profits with inexperienced heirs. The buy-sell agreement may also be structured to provide life insurance proceeds to reduce business debt and offset expected reductions in sales revenue due to the death of a co-owner who is a key person in the business operation. Businesses must plan ahead to avoid disaster. Talk with us today concerning effective insurance coverage in order to reduce or eliminate financial risk and confusion about a change of business ownership. Working together, we can customize a plan to fit your needs.





# Business

## The Merger of Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and London Stock Exchange (LSE)

**Arun Senathirajah**  
Shareholders of The TMX Group (TSX:X) and the London Stock Exchange PLC will vote on their US \$3-billion plan to merge at the end of June. The move comes after the TMX said it had obtained an interim order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice that allows for the special shareholders' meeting on that date. In a release from London, the LSE said it also expects to ask shareholders to approve the deal announced in February on June 30. The meeting date announcement comes a few days after the Canadian stock market operator rejected a rival C\$3.6 billion takeover bid by a group of banks and pension funds called The Maple Group Acquisition Corp. The Maple Group Acquisition Corp. bid, announced earlier this month, was meant to keep TMX in Canadian ownership. The TMX formally rejected a proposal from the Canadian consortium last Friday, saying the bid breeds too many uncertainties, including regulatory and debt risks. TMX plans to push ahead with the London Stock Exchange transaction. The deal is subject to approval from various Canadian regulators, including a review from Industry Canada under the Investment Canada Act, which must determine if the merger is "of net benefit" to Canada.

**The Merger Plan**  
In February 2011 there was a news about The TMX Group, operator of the TSX - Toronto Stock Exchange and the Toronto Venture Exchange, has agreed to merge with the LSE - London Stock Exchange Group. The merger would create the world's biggest stock exchange, with more than 6,000 companies traded, including the vast majority of the world's publicly traded energy and resource companies. The TMX Group is valued at \$2.99 billion, while the London group's value is around \$3.25 billion. The combined transatlantic group would be jointly headquartered in London and Toronto. Any merger or takeover of a Canadian company worth more than \$299 million can be subject to government approval under the Investment Canada Act. Under the terms of the current agreement, TMX shareholders would receive 2.9963 LSEG ordinary shares for each TMX share. LSEG shareholders would own 55 per cent and TMX shareholders would own 45 per cent of the enlarged share capital of LSEG, the holding company of the new merged group, which would be renamed after closing.

**Power Shift, Dilution of Expertise and Loss of Jobs**  
The merger will create a world-leading

organization and is unanimously being recommended by the boards of both LSEG and TMX," the TMX Group said in a statement. "This is great news," Xavier Rolet, the London Stock Exchange Group CEO, said 'Great news for Canada and all its provinces.' Rolet would be CEO of the new merged group, while Thomas Kloet, TMX chief executive, would be president. 'We are creating an international group with deep expertise, undeniable leadership in key sectors and the ability to compete and win on the global stage,' Kloet said. "Canadian customers will benefit from access to one of the world's deepest capital pools while European issuers will have an effective gateway to North American financial markets."

Quebec's finance minister, Raymond Bachand, said "The dangers that are always in global consolidations that your centre of expertise is diluted and you lose jobs. Industry Minister Tony Clement was evasive about what Ottawa's reaction to the deal would be. On a global scale, 'Toronto was being marginalized,' said Ian Nakamoto, director of research of MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier Inc. 'It's a bad deal for Canada,' NDP finance critic Thomas Mulcair said, citing the risk that Canada could lose some valuable mining business. "The biggest concern is that Canadians would lose control of a key sector of the economy." Merging the parent companies of the Toronto and London Stock Exchange "adds nothing" to the strength of Toronto's financial markets, Robert Dorrance, the CEO and chairman of TD Securities said. Ian Bandeen, the chief executive of the Canadian National Stock Exchange — an automated alternative to the TSX — told MPPs that the options to a merger with the London exchange are far worse. Former Ontario finance minister Janet Ecker and former federal finance minister John Manley, Dorrance said the merger's supposed benefits, including the argument that merging with London will give Canadian companies access to deeper capital markets were questionable.

"TMX is a \$3-billion company in Ontario. I don't know the details, but I doubt that's a major revenue generator for the government. "I expect the deal will go through, but we'll see where the nationalistic fever goes in the next few weeks," Nakamoto said. The TSX is still the world's dominant exchange for resource companies, but more than a third of the companies listed on London's main index are mining firms. LSE CEO Xavier Rolet called the deal a merger of equals, but, the London exchange will get 8 of 15 seats on the



new entity's board. Since the London exchange is bigger and worth more they will expect more seats. So, definitely not a equal status. Global investors come to Canada to finance Canadian companies, and they do it through the TMX exchanges. They do not go to the LSE to finance Canadian companies.

Bank of Nova Scotia and GMP Securities have decided not to support the group of financial institutions opposing the merger of the parent companies of the Toronto Stock Exchange and The London Stock Exchange. Toronto-Dominion Bank, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, National Bank Financial, Alta Corp. Capital Inc., and Casgrain & Co. Ltd. signed a final memo opposing the merger between TMX Group Inc. and London Stock Exchange Group. Former Conservative finance minister, Janet Ecker said '...there is ...What's at risk are anywhere from 12,000 to 20,000 jobs of white collar workers whose jobs depend directly on attracting listings and doing financing. In the case of the TMX-LSE merger, there are other reasons to be concerned. If provincial governments think a single Canadian regulator will shrink their influence and power, just wait until the really import decisions are being made by the London-based Financial Services Authority. Bleating from provincial capitals will sound like peeps to them.

**Maple Group's Hostile Bid**  
The Maple Group Acquisition Corp. bid, announced earlier this month, is meant to keep TMX in Canadian ownership after many bank and government officials raised concerns about the so-called "merger of equals" with the LSE, which is technically a takeover by the British operator. Members of the Maple Group Acquisition Corp. includes Alberta Investment Management Corp., Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, CIBC World Markets Inc., Fonds de solidarité des travailleurs du Québec, National Bank Financial Inc., Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board, Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc. The Maple Group - A consortium of Canadian pension funds and banks is taking its hostile \$3.6 billion bid directly to TMX Group shareholders after the stock exchange operator accelerated a shareholder vote on its favoured plan to merge with the London Stock Exchange. TMX Group Inc. is sticking with its plan to merge with London Stock Exchange Group PLC, rejecting a \$3.6-billion counter-proposal from a group of nine Canadian banks and

pension funds as too risky and vague. "We are disappointed that the TMX board declined our repeated invitations to engage us in discussions. Had they done so, we are confident that we could have addressed any questions or concerns they might have regarding our superior proposal," said Maple Group spokesman Luc Bertrand, vice-chairman of National Bank. The move by Maple Group to go directly to shareholders comes after the TMX Group (TSX:X) formally rejected a proposal from the Canadian consortium last Friday, saying the bid breeds too many uncertainties, including regulatory and debt risks. But the TMX Group is intent on pushing ahead with the London Stock Exchange transaction. The deal is subject to approval from various Canadian regulators, including a review from Industry Canada under the Investment Canada Act, which must determine if the merger is "of net benefit" to Canada. The TMX also said it would accelerate a shareholder vote on its proposed US\$3 billion merger with the London Stock Exchange. Shareholders at both exchange companies are set to vote on their merger June 30. Vice-Chairman of National Bank Bertrand said the group will begin the regulatory process "shortly," adding that he is confident that it can obtain all the required shareholder and regulatory approvals to close the deal by late fall.

**Economic Turmoil of Europe**  
The target merger should be viewed aftermath of the global financial crisis and emerging economic problems and sovereign debt issues of the EU countries and especially recent austerity measures adopted by the British Government. It is not a single merger like between two corporate bodies. Is it a signal of losing London as the Global financial centre? Do they want to share and dominate part of financial strength of the Canadian financial institutions?

There is also an opinion "Being part of London really adds nothing to this, and perhaps reduces our role in the future." TD's Dorrance argued that overlooks the fact that the exchange itself is an important regulator — deciding who gets listed and influencing corporate governance structures. Once the Toronto exchange is reporting to a London-based holding company, "rule making will lose its Canadian focus," he said. "If LSE-TMX pursues more acquisitions, as they have stated they will, TMX's influence will be further diluted"

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# Short Story



## A SMALL BOY'S FATHER EXPIRED

Original in Tamil by T. Agilan  
English Version by Thuraiyooran

A mother is crying desperately "Please help my son. I want him. Please help him". All the disciples were expecting a miracle to happen. They were happy to witness it. Buddha calmly said "Mother get me some mustard from a house free from death" and smiled. She ran all over the street to save her son from death with madness. But death won at last. Death is prevalent every where like air. There is no mustard without the smell of death in this world.

Every one likes to win death. Like a long distance runner the death also runs with us through out our life time. It runs behind us till the end and then overtakes us.

I have watched my father's death. Smell of death was all over his face and his last words were for me. I was seven years old then. I never had any experience or news about death. I have only watched funeral processions and was afraid of the fire crackers, which followed it. My sister instructed me not to point fingers at the procession and if I do, my fingers will get burnt. I was afraid of this and always kept my hands folded at the back, during funeral processions. Sometimes having forgotten about this, I have cried saying my fingers are going to be burnt.

Now my father is dead. When the snake bit him, everyone was upset and gathered around him. I did not understand anything and was struggling to stand in that crowd. All wanted to save him and carried him to the road and laid him at the Vairavar temple at the intersection. They expected the deity Vairavar to save him.

Those days Indian army had a camp near the intersection. There were many camps like that all over. It was fun to watch them with turban and beard, their unknown language and guns with daggers. That was the first time I saw guns. I never believed that they were a danger to us. Every day in the mornings and evenings they marched in a line and returned in a line. That's all what they did.

My sister used to scare me by telling you don't come out, when they are marching. They may abduct you. But I never got scared. I used to come out and watch them marching. One or two of them call me "small boy, small boy" and I smiled at them reluctantly. Even though I said I am not afraid of them, I was inwardly afraid of Gurkhas. Their turban and beard naturally brought fear in us. Anyhow I managed to come out and watched them pass by curiously.

My youngest cousin told us about their bravery and the chappathy they ate. This brought fear in us and also made us to dislike their chappathy, even though we have not seen the color of it. She used to add her own versions to these stories.



Children at Malayalapuram Ramakrishna Mission Religious School, Kilinochchi - March 2011

One day unexpectedly an Indian army soldier grabbed me and carried me in his arms. I started shouting at the top of my voice and my family came out of the house and he placed me down. I felt as though I came out of a crocodile's mouth. He was trying to pacify me by calling "small boy, small boy". Imagining that he may carry me again I kept crying. He took a yellow balloon and gave me. So I took it and kept on crying, until he started moving from our house. He left my place smiling. After that I never believed that they are wicked people. How can a person giving balloon be wicked?

After some days, instead of moving along the lane, they started moving through our properties. They started going through the vegetable gardens with boots. When we went through them with our sandals, our uncle used to scold us. But when they were going, he stood silently watching. Then they started cutting the fences and went through them.

As a result cattle came in and ate our garden. Uncle used to mend the fences. But every time they cut various spots on the fence and uncle got tired and stopped mending them. Now I felt that they are wicked and didn't believe that they had balloons. Suddenly one day, they started cutting all the branches of the trees on the fences and the trees in the compound. They fixed lights on big trees by connecting white wires. They instructed us to cut the branches, whenever they grow and told us to keep them without any branches always. So they were behaving differently now. But this in away helped me because mother couldn't find any stick to punish me. My aunty was worried that there were no branches to use as fence posts anymore.

One day they stopped a bullock cart carrying cadjans (braided coconut leaves), used for covering roofs and told the men, who brought them to unload on the road and carry one by one to the house. There were so many restrictions like this. They told us the time to light the lamps in the houses in the evenings and the time to put them out. Even they dictated the time to go out and return to

the house.

One night suddenly a jeep came roaring and started shooting indiscriminately. We went under the table crouching and my mother was praying to God to save us. My father went to the verandah and peeped. The next day morning my uncle and Appa were talking that the army killed eight people at Madu intersection. After this the army brought rolls of barbed wires and blocked the entire road. After six in the evening no one was allowed to go on the roads. So for the first time I had to go at four o'clock to St. Anthony's church to light the candles on my birthday. Usually I go to the church at six thirty to light the candles on my birthday. So everything changed after Indian army came into our village. When we were going to the church, I asked my mom whether they will not allow us to go at six thirty to light the candles. She told me to shut my mouth and dragged me as usual. No one was allowed to go on the roads except army vehicles.

Now it is well passed six thirty. The army has placed the barbed wire rolls on the road. We have to take our father to the hospital, only after removing them. So many people spoke to the army to give us permission. I was only hearing their voices. There were pleading and crying. I think my uncle was pleading and crying. "Sir, Moorthy Sir, snake bit our uncle", some one was pleading. The army was adamant and refused permission.

I reached through various legs to my Appa, who was lying on the floor of the temple. I cried Appa and held his moustache, he held me closely and kissed. There was lots of pressure on that kiss. He was crying and told me "I am going to God my son. You had better study well". His voice was trembling. I was not able to understand the meaning and never thought, that is going to be his final words to me. I never thought that those are the words and the kiss, which will remain as my memories of my beloved father, till the end of my life. Actually I never understood that death will not bring the person back. Indian army never gave permission to take him to the hospital and hence he died. Even Vairavar

gave up on him.

They brought Appa home. Many people held me and cried. I felt slightly uncomfortable. I did not feel any grief or sadness. I went near him and saw his eyes opened once. I think I am sure that he opened his eyes once. I saw his pale eyes full of the feeling of sadness of leaving all of us. I thought of telling this to someone. But no one was caring for me. There were many people and I was being knocked by their knees many times and struggling.

Finally I went to my uncle and told him that Appa is awake. He held me and started crying aloud and went to the corridor between the kitchen and verandah. That time I felt slightly sad. I freed myself from him and ran out. I felt Appa is awake but couldn't tell anyone. I feel that sadness even now. (Now I use to think whether it was a false appearance). But the kid Agilan is not able to accept that. But the grown up Agilan is trying to think that it was false. This thought lingering for twenty years and more is ---

The lamentation was very loud. Then everything moved quickly. Now that my Appa is a body, in front of my Appa that is his body, I stood with folded hands. He is my Appa, so is it ok to unfold the hands or whether it will be safe from burning? There were many eulogy verses printed and circulated, about my father. Some people went announcing his death over the speakers fixed on the roof of the car. I sat on top of a bag of paddy and was reading the announcement imitating them. I was passing the plate with betel leaves here and there, when the elders were asking for it. The loss of my father never bothered me at that time. My oldest cousin took me and my brother to her house and fed us with bread and sambol. Some one came there and said to her not to allow us to our house as we may get upset. She agreed to do so.

I didn't cry. But when I went round the funeral pyre at the cemetery, with the pot on my shoulder, getting ready to light the fire, I felt something was wrong and cried. When the flame started engulfing my father with silk veshdi and shawl lying there, I realized that he won't be back and started crying aloud. At that moment I felt the pain of losing our greatest companion. Many people tried to console me. They gave me soft drink. Even now that sadness is sleeping within me. While writing this I feel the pain and grief.

After eighteen years I wanted to write my experiences and memories of death. How can I avoid my father's death? His image was vague in my memory. His death definitely affected me. It affected my youngest brother and my sister, who was born some months back, more than me. My sister never saw his face. The free nick name "fatherless children" was attached to us and it created some discomfort and at the same time reminded us of our father's memories.





# Rouge Valley Health System

## McHappy Day supports Buy a Bed campaign

On May 11, McDonald's restaurants in Scarborough joined more than 1,400 restaurants across the country to celebrate the 18th McHappy Day. Rouge Valley Health System Foundation's Buy a Bed campaign will benefit from a portion of the proceeds.

On McHappy Day, \$1 from every Big Mac® sandwich, McMuffin® sandwich and Happy Meal® sold, is donated to local children's charities across the country. In six Scarborough-area restaurants, partial proceeds were being earmarked for the Buy a Bed campaign to purchase new hospital beds for Rouge Valley Centenary.

"As a business owner in Scarborough, I feel strongly about supporting our local community hospital," said Dale Bartlett, McDonald's Owner/Operator. "Rouge

Valley Centenary deserves all of the support it receives, and this campaign will benefit our customers and our staff because many of them count on this hospital for their care."

To help celebrate this special day, local celebrities appeared at the following local McDonald's restaurants for special events to help raise money for their local community hospital.

Port Union Rd./Hwy. 2; Malvern Town Centre; Markham/Finch; Walmart and Markham/Progress.

McDonald's restaurant owners, school board officials, Foundation staff and volunteers, as well as local politicians, attended at various times throughout the day to serve food and help with activities.



Volunteers at McDonald's restaurants collected donations at the 18th Annual McHappy Day. McHappy Day supports Ronald McDonald Children's Charities, and in Scarborough a portion of the funds were donated to the RVC Buy a Bed campaign

## Cancer care closer to home

### New radiation assessment clinic treats patients closer to home

A new radiation assessment clinic that recently opened at Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering (RVAP) is helping cancer patients in Durham get the care they need, closer to home.

The radiation assessment clinic opened in RVAP's new Ambulatory Care Area. The weekly clinic will be led by Dr. Jimmy Mui, radiation oncologist from Durham Regional Cancer Centre.

Patients would have their consultation and assessment at the clinic, and return for follow-up visits. They would receive their radiation treatment at the Durham Regional Cancer Centre in Oshawa.

"Our priority has always been to provide the highest quality of care to our patients, and close to home. In the past, our oncology patients would have had to

travel to our Rouge Valley Centenary hospital campus in Scarborough to receive their care. But now they will be able to access the same high quality care much closer to home," explains Amelia McCutcheon, interim vice president, acute care services and chief nursing executive, RVHS.

Patients can be referred to the clinic through their physician. The clinic is currently open on Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We're pleased with the addition of the clinic, and look forward to the care we'll be able to provide to our patients. As our patient volume grows, our goal is to add another day to our clinic," says Vince Pileggi, regional director, Scarborough joint systemic program, and with the Central East Regional Cancer Program.

## Fast-track Cardiac program celebrates successful first year -

In photo "Cardiac Rehab Staff"



## New laser helps children with serious skin condition

Rouge Valley is one of two hospitals in Ontario to offer the procedure

Eight-year old Duncan Rutherford loves getting his "spots."

Every two months, the grade-two Toronto student undergoes a 20-minute laser treatment at Rouge Valley Centenary hospital campus. A new laser in Rouge Valley Health System's (RVHS) paediatric laser program is helping to improve the quality of care for patients like Duncan, who are treated for hemangioma or port wine stains.

The treatments help to significantly fade the large red discolouration of the skin, which covers the entire surface of his face and parts of his arm and back. He's been undergoing the procedure since he was just an infant. After the procedure, the laser leaves small round bruises on the areas of his skin that have been treated. For Duncan, the "spots," as he calls them, are his badges of honour.

"This new laser is important because it treats the condition, to which no other treatment is available. It's the gold standard of care," explains Dr. Mansour Bendago, division head of plastic surgery at RVHS. "In the past, there were hardly any procedures available to help treat this condition. The disease is often associated with a lot of social stigma. Many children are teased, and as a result, shut down emotionally. So for us to offer this type of procedure, we are able to affect

many lives in a very positive way," says Dr. Bendago.

Laser therapy has been the most successful at lightening port-wine stains. A V-beam pulse dye laser is used to destroy or shrink the tiny blood vessels in the skin without significantly damaging the skin. While it may leave temporary bruising, it doesn't change the skin's texture. RVHS is one of just two hospitals in Ontario to offer the procedure. More than 500 pulse dye laser treatments are done each year at Rouge Valley. For children, the procedure is covered under OHIP. Patients can get a referral from their family physician.

Dr. Bendago is one of three physicians to offer the procedure at Rouge Valley. Plastic surgeons Dr. Marietta Zorn and Dr. Colin Hong also do the procedure, and are committed to the growth of this program. The service at RVHS is also unique because children are treated under general anesthetic. While teens can tolerate the procedure well under local anesthetic, many younger children become anxious and find the experience too stressful. With specialized general anesthesia children like Duncan can be awake and alert within just 20 minutes of having the procedure.

### Rouge Valley Health System (RVHS)

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RVHS is an excellent acute care community hospital with many programs, including 24/7/365 emergency, cardiac care and mental health. Rouge Valley consists of several health sites, including two community hospital campuses: Rouge Valley Centenary in east Toronto; and Rouge Valley Ajax and Pickering in west Durham. Together, a team of physicians (224 general practitioners and 325 specialists), 1,000 nurses and many other professionals care for a broad spectrum of health conditions. Working in consultation and partnership with community members, other hospitals, health care organizations, the Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Rouge Valley continues to improve its programs and cater to the needs of the growing communities of east Toronto, Ajax, Pickering and Whitby.



# Recent Event



## Tamil Studies Conference Continues to Inspire Scholars, Artists and Community Members Alike

by Nivethika Thambithurai

Spanning languages, disciplines, cultures, and art forms, the 6th annual Tamil Studies Conference (TSC) took place May 13th-14th at the University of Toronto. Since the first TSC in 2006, 150-200 diverse attendees comprised of academics, students, community members, and seniors have come to Toronto each year looking for new ways to engage with Tamil culture and identity.

The theme of this year's Conference, organized by the Universities of Toronto and Windsor, was "Parimaanam: Images, Embodiments and Contestations", i.e. an exploration of how images and aesthetic representations have imagined, embodied and destabilized ways of being Tamil. Over the course of two days attendees had the challenge of deciding between two panels in each of the four sessions that were organized, in addition to a Plenary Lecture each day. Topics varied from "Representations of Refugees" to "Politics, Ethics, and Aesthetics of the Tamil Film Image" to "The Embodiment of Women in Classical Tamil Literature".

The panelists likewise varied widely in their disciplines, though they came predominantly from North America. A few exceptions included Plenary speaker V. Geetha, a feminist scholar and activist from South India. Each year the TSC raises funds to invite a Plenary speaker and support a graduate student from South Asia to present at the Conference. Yet, simply listing the parts of the world from which scholars come does little to capture the international scope of their research, as many travel extensively to perform field work, collect interviews, or access archives.

Opportunities to interact and network were in abundance at the TSC. Following each panel, attendees were welcomed to pose questions or express comments to the panelists. Equally insightful were the conversations that took place during the refreshment breaks

and during the evening reception on the opening day of the Conference. Several scholars including, Plenary speaker Daud Ali, credited such interactions at previous Tamil Studies Conferences with being a source of inspiration for their research. In this way the TSC continues to be the foremost space in which to develop the networks of researchers in Tamil Studies outside of South Asia. †

On the first day of the conference a book containing papers submitted to the previous conference was launched. Titled: World Without Walls: Being Human; Being Tamils (Toronto South Asia Review Publishers), the book is the third publication from the Tamil Studies Conference.

This year's Conference ended with "Gender Performed and Disrupted", a conference fundraiser featuring four productions of all-female casts performing pieces written, choreographed, and directed by women. "Shunya", "Shadeism", "Thalattu" and "Aanangu", each called into question the celebration of socially accepted representations of women. The power of these pieces emanated from their performers as they inspired the audience to consider conflicting roles that women are made to bear the burdens of. No doubt, every person in attendance was deeply moved by the raw, unabashedly honest artistry.

As another successful TSC has come to a close, attendees are looking forward to 2012 and ways to keep the momentum going. Conference organizers have recognized this desire in previous years, especially amongst students and young professionals, and have created meaningful volunteer opportunities. Volunteers with the TSC have the opportunity to help plan the Conference, while networking and gaining experience in media outreach, publicity, or event logistics. For more information, contact the organizers at [info@tamilstudiesconference.ca](mailto:info@tamilstudiesconference.ca).



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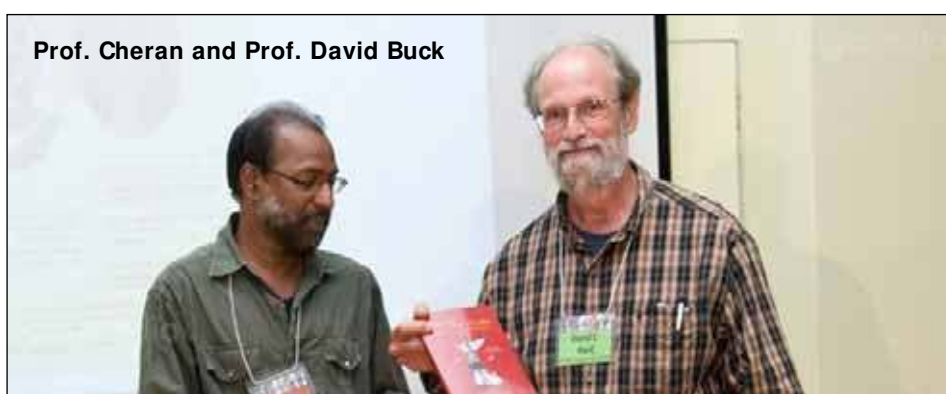
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Tamil Panel





# News from Waterloo

## Cricket club links players' past to their future

By Christine Rivet, Record staff

WATERLOO — Shortly after Rohan Burman arrived in Cambridge with his family from northern India, he dove into his new life by joining his school's volleyball and badminton teams — even its drama club.

Yet he couldn't help but think something was missing. "Coming here to the (cricket) club is really a connection for me to back home," the 16-year-old Jacob Hespeler student said after a recent indoor workout at the Manulife Financial Soccer and Sports Complex.

"Now I look forward to playing cricket every weekend." For a group of local teens, the game of cricket is more than a pastime, it provides an unbreakable bond to their heritage and even a roadmap to their future. Burman is one of about 150 members of the Waterloo-based Sunrise Cricket Club, many of whom come from the south Asian nations of India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, along with others from Britain and Australia.

The club offers programs for juniors, seniors and masters as well as women. During the summer months, club members often hold court in Waterloo Park.



Sunrise is more than cricket, though. "I've made a lot of friends (at the club). They are brothers to me," said 13-year-old Shiva Sharma, a Grade 9 student at Waterloo high school, Sir John A. Macdonald.

Sharma was born in Canada, but his parents emigrated here from India where cricket is "big, like you can't believe,"

said his dad, one of the club's founders, Parveen Sharma. "It's religion."

In terms of world participation, cricket ranks second only to soccer, said Sharma, a prototype maker for a Kitchener-based manufacturer specializing in men's leather belts.

Criticized by some in North America for its inscrutable nature and lengthy games, cricket combines intricate strategy with incredible stamina and athleticism.

The bat-and-ball game is played on an outdoor oval and involves a bowler pitching at batsmen who attempt to protect wooden stumps called wickets.

"Runs" or points are scored by players who hit a bowled ball with their bat and then, along with a team member, run from one wicket to the other and before the fielding side can return the ball.

Today, Cricket Canada estimates some 40,000 people play the game on our soil, the sport receiving a boost in recent years from recently arrived immigrants.

And the game is considered one of Canada's fastest growing sports. Cricket boasts a long history in Canada, dating back to 1759 when British soldiers intro-

duced the game here. By Confederation, the game was so popular, it was considered our national sport. But interest eventually waned in cricket as baseball's prominence rose.

For local youth like Pakistan-born Hamza Yousafzai, a 17-year-old Waterloo Collegiate student who arrived in Canada with his family in 2009, the club offers more structure to the sport he played only on the dusty streets back home. "This guy is our future," the elder Sharma said, admiring Yousafzai's batting technique. On this day, Yousafzai brought his younger brother, Talha, 15, to practice. Hamza plans to attend the University of Ottawa to study engineering in the fall, but has promised to return to the club in the summertime. Parveen Sharma smiles approvingly.

"Education always comes first," said the energetic Sharma, for whom a conversation is not only calisthenics for his larynx, but a full-body workout.

"It's important to bring value to our teams. I want to bring them respect. They must respect their parents, their seniors and their teams."

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## New Canadians didn't flock to Tories in election

WATERLOO — Immigration Minister Jason Kenney was rumoured to be headed for a promotion in last week's cabinet shuffle — a reward for all the ethnic and immigrant voters he lured to the Conservative fold on the way to the election victory May 2.

But Kenney stayed put in his post.

And now, according to early analysis of the election results, we may know the reason: Kenney's work is far from done.

In fact, as political scientists have been sifting through the data of May 2, they're learning that immigrant voters did not flock to the Conservatives in any large way in the election.

This was among one of the most surprising revelations this week when Canada's leading political scientists held their annual conference in Waterloo in the immediate aftermath of the vote.

The professors who've been heading up the prestigious Canadian Election Study shared some of their early findings on the final day of the conference at Wilfrid Laurier University. And when it came to the issue of the immigrant vote, it appears that this study is going to be doing some myth-busting.

"Across the board, there doesn't seem to be anything but a minor shift in terms of the immigrant versus non-immigrant vote where Conservatives are concerned," said Stuart Soroka of McGill University.

"Up to this point, there's a bit of gain there, but it seems tiny," said Patrick Fournier, of the Université de Montréal.

The Canadian Election Study bases

its analysis on a huge amount of polling data, carried out by phone, mail and over the internet, during and after the campaign, and it is generally deemed to be the most accurate look into election dynamics. Political junkies can get an early peek at the findings in next month's issue of Policy Options, the magazine put out by the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

The Canadian Election Study has found little evidence to back up the suggestion — now almost conventional wisdom — that the Conservatives owe their majority to Kenney's wooing of the immigrant vote, at least on a national scale.

"Many politicians and journalists, during the campaign at least, bought into a story about the immigrant vote that isn't reflected in our data," Soroka said.

The academics involved with the Canadian Election Study calculated what they call the "immigrant vote gap" — the percentage of votes from immigrants minus the percentage of vote from non-immigrants. Only the Liberal party, traditionally seen as the party for new Canadians, registers positive figures in this analysis (though less positive than when they were the ruling party). The Conservatives, meanwhile, are still getting more votes from non-immigrants than they are from immigrants, and the vote gap hasn't changed much since 2008, the researchers found.

"Early results from the (Canadian Election Study) do not support the hypothesis that the Conservative success in 2011 was a product of making head-



way with immigrants," the researchers write in their Policy Options article.

Pollster Darrell Bricker shared similar findings with the conference attendees at yet another election post-mortem session. Bricker also found that Liberals still enjoy an advantage over the Conservatives with immigrant voters and new Canadians.

That may be a hint of where the beleaguered Liberals, reduced to third-party status and 34 seats on May 2, should begin their rebuilding campaign, Bricker told the conference this week.

"The Liberal party is still very concentrated in the new Canada ... the more particularly immigrant-heavy parts of the country, and it may provide them some hope for the future," Bricker said.

According to Bricker's findings, immigrants and ethnic minority voters lean Conservative the longer they've been in Canada. After about 10 years, in fact, their voting patterns and motives are not that different from Canadians born in

this country. The same is true of second-generation Canadians who hail from so-called "ethnic" communities, Bricker told the conference.

The University of Calgary's Tom Flanagan, former chief of staff, mentor and campaign boss for Prime Minister Stephen Harper, was also on hand for this week's conference. He told one of the post-mortem sessions that the Conservatives initially didn't have any grand plans to woo immigrants on a national scale, hoping more to lure them along the lines of traditional values and fiscal concerns. But Conservatives weren't looking for huge, Liberal-style ethnic voting blocks, Flanagan said.

And Conservatives aren't getting them, at least not yet, according to the data and analysis floating around last week's political-science conference.

In fact, if anything, the early study of the May 2 election is showing that there may have been some truth in a memo from Kenney's office that was accidentally made public in the weeks leading up to the election campaign.

The memo, which set off controversy for its blunt designation of voters as ethnic and "very ethnic," also noted that the Conservatives' outreach efforts were not as successful as they hoped. "Data proves hunch: we are losing," the memo said, though it also noted: "We are losing less badly now."

The election results may put a more optimistic tone in any future memos from Kenney's office. But the data from May 2 suggests that while Conservatives aren't necessarily losing with new Canadians, they're not winning either — yet.

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# Tamil Cultural & Academic Society of Durham



## "Healthy You" Seminar

**By: Vashine Kamesan**  
(Youth of TCASD)

The Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham's Health Seminar, the "Healthy You" was held on the 15th of May, 2011 at the Royal Canadian Legion from 10.30 am to 2.00 pm. It was sponsored by the Ajax Discount Pharmacy, Tom's No frills and also by the Royal Canadian Legion, Ajax. The seminar covered a broad range of topics including Hypertension, Diabetes, Diseases after 50, healthy eating, Adolescent medicine etc in both Tamil and English.

There were also representatives from the Canadian Cancer Society and also from the Town of Ajax Culture and Recreation Department who attended the seminar. Dr. Kanna Vela, who attended the seminar, covered a wide range of problems that affects the current

teenagers to elders. Carol Johnstone, nurse at Rouge Valley Hospital and Group fitness Instructor from the Town of Ajax also talked about the importance of being healthy and fit.

Overall the seminar benefited each and every person who attended it. The youths especially loved the speech and tips given by the Dietician. The elders were thankful for gaining a better understanding on the diseases currently affecting their age. People are encouraged to attend more seminars like this. Any one is welcome to attend these seminars.

It is always good to know more about the diseases affecting us because caution is better the cure. Our sincere thank you to all the speakers, and a special thank you to Dr. Kanna Vela for organizing this event.



Dr. Kanna Vela speaking about array of health issues



Ms. Kulendran, Dietician, speaking to the attendees



Mrs. Dryden from the Canadian Cancer Society

## TCASD Mother's Day Celebration



**By Rosie Mahendran**  
(Senior Youth)

The Tamil Cultural and Academic Society of Durham hosted its 3rd annual Mother's Day Event at the Village Community Centre in Ajax, ONT. It was a very successful event and the turn out was incredible. The children did a wonderful job commemorating their mothers with Tamil songs, poems and dances. At the end of the event each child came up and said a few words about their mothers and handed them a rose. This event was then followed up by a wonderful meal for everyone that was in the form of a potluck.



TCASD did a great job organizing a community center room into a spring themed event with a green and white colour scheme. The MCs Arabe Sountharajan and Tanesha Thirukumar took turns speaking in both English and Tamil to cater towards their audience. It was a small event but made an impact on the Tamil community in Durham.

In such a busy environment it's nice to take the time out and honour the women who take care of us.

Mom and Dad's enjoying the performances by their children.

Thakshia appreciating her mom and giving her a rose.

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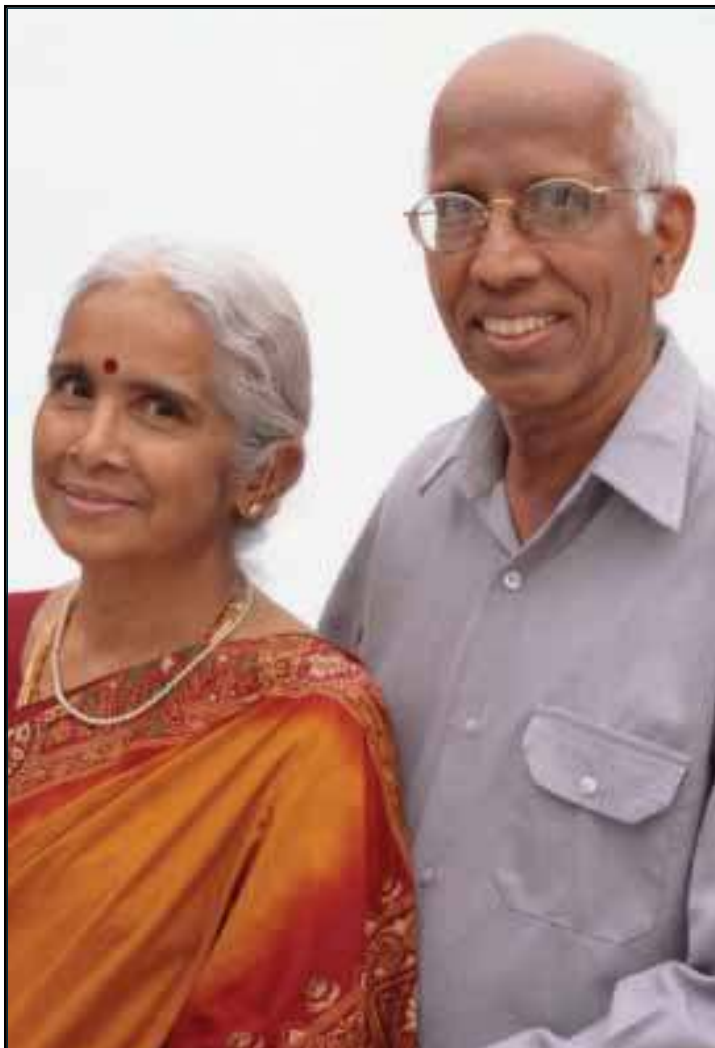
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