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Tamil National Alliance (TNA) representatives to engage in discussions with the US State Department officials regarding the proposed new Sri Lankan Constitution. TNA has stressed the need for a new Constitution to resolve the Tamil national ethnic question when they met representatives of the European Union (EU) in September 2021. TNA Leader R. Sampanthan in October had stressed on the need for immediately compiling a new Constitution to help resolve issues pertaining to the minority Tamil community.

TNA MP M.A. Sumanthiran urged that Sri Lanka needs to "go beyond" the controversial 13th Amendment to the Constitution to achieve "meaningful devolution."
The 13th Amendment to the Constitution, passed in 1987 and supported by the Government of

India, created the provincial councils electoral system which led to the establishment of provincial councils in each province in the country in an attempt at the devolution of power. However, some members of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) recently called for its Repeal. "There can be no 'middle ground'. It is the Rajapaksa Repeal. 'There can be no 'middle ground'. It is the Rajapaksa Government that gave repeated assurances about 'implementing the 13th Amendment to the Constitution in full and also going beyond it so as to achieve meaningful devolution' after the end of the war. So, it is not 'middle ground' that must be found; it should be 'going beyond' the 13th Amendment to the Constitution," said Sumanthiran at the Time. Since 2017, provincial councils elections have not been held as the then Government attempted to introduce legislative changes to the Provincial Councils Act to reform the electoral process. The new system envisioned a hybrid-style system of both first-past-the-post and proportional representation as opposed to the current system of proportional representation. When Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla visited Sri Lanka last month, he had

variants onlying visited of Lanka last month, he had reportedly urged on the need to hold the Provincial Councils Elections as well. Foreign Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said last month that the work on the new Constitution has been finalised by the committee led by Romesh De Silva PC and that it will be presented in Parliament in

be presented in January 2022.





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Post-vaccine pain management tips





(NC) Whether you're getting your first or second shot to help protect yourself from the delta variant or are part of the specific populations targeted for a third-dose booster shot, many people are receiving a COVID-19 vaccine this fall. Knowing how to prevent pain at the injection site can help you prepare.

Here's what the latest health research states:

- 1 The CDC recommends talking to your doctor about taking an over-thecounter medication, such as Advil (ibuprofen), for possible pain or discomfort from a COVID- 19 vaccination.?
- 2 The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control states that if you are unable to carry on with your regular activities because of these symptoms, you can take pain-relief medications.
- 3 The National Advisory Committee on Immunization states that oral pain reliever shouldn't be routinely used before or at the time of vaccination, but that their use is not a contraindication to vaccination. These medications may be considered for the management of side effects such as pain or fever, if they occur after vaccination. ? The Ontario Ministry of Health says that using a cool, damp cloth where the vaccine was given may help with soreness. If needed, pain or fever medication may help with these side effects.

When it's time to get your COVID-19 shot, staying informed will help you feel more comfortable and prepared. While the battle against COVID-19 is not over, continue to take smart safety measures such as washing your hands, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.

Learn more about pain relief post-vaccine at advil.ca/coronavirus.

Top tips to boost immunity this fall





(NC) Immunity is a hot topic on everyone's radar in today's COVID landscape. Over time, as restrictions loosen and we begin to once again spend time in public spaces, it's essential to consider preventative health actions that help improve our immune system.

When we think about immune support, vitamins, minerals, and getting adequate rest all come to mind. But there are other protective actions we can take to help ward off illnesses.

Get moving with exercise

Regular physical activity is considered one of the main components of healthy living. It can also improve your ability to repel viruses.

You don't have to be a marathon runner or body builder to reap the benefits No matter the intensity level, activity is known to stimulate how our bodies cells work together to help keep us healthy. All forms of activity including yoga, walking and stretching contribute to improved Immunity.

Stay up to date on vaccinations One of the best things you can do for your lifelong immunity is to keep on top of immunizations. As we age, our immune system gradually weakens and becomes less effective at protecting us from disease. That's why keeping up to date on vaccinations throughout adult life is important to staying healthy. Even if you think you're up to date, it's important to check with your healthcare provider as some adults may have missed one or more of their vaccines as a child and need to catch up now. There are also diseases that are more common in adults, even healthy ones, so additional vaccines are needed as we get Older. Proper diet and meal planning The food we eat directly correlates to building stronger immunity. The body's immune response relies on the presence of many micronutrients that we get from food. Be sure to serve colourful foods because the brighter the food, the more nutrition and immune-boosting ingredients they pack — think beets, carrots and cabbage. Especially in autumn, there are bountiful harvests of whole foods and vegetables to help keep our plates colourful and our immunity high. Learn more about what vaccinations may be right for you at vaccinateforlife.ca.

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ONE COUNTRY ONE LAW -Consolidating and entrenching Buddhism-



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President Gotabaya's latest Presidential Task Force headed by a convicted, jailed and pardoned Gnanasara Thero who is the founder of Bodu Bala Sena (Peoples' Power Force) is entrusted to "Make a study of the implementation of the concept of "One Country One Law" within Sri Lanka and prepare a draft Act for the said purpose, to study the drafted Acts and amendments that have already been prepared by the Ministry of Justice in relation to this subject and their appropriateness and if there are suitable amendments to submit proposals for this purpose and include them in such relevant draft as is deemed appropriate, aiming to secure the highest proposal for Sri Lanka". Accordingly Gnanasara Thero, a Buddhist priest ordained to preach Lord Buddha's teachings is entrusted with political tasks of national importance.

If one focuses on these entrusted tasks, there is no an iota of doubt that Ganasara Thero has assumed the roles of a legal draftsman, constitutional expert and an expert possessing the deep knowledge of the laws, customs and traditions which with passage of time evolved as laws binding on them as valid which were later recognized as laws for enforcement by the courts. It is to be noted that England has neither a constitution nor any written laws but only laws enacted in Parliament by legislation to deal with conflicting issues and controversial disputes as and when they arise.

As far as Sri Lanka is concerned, it is a plain fact and truth that there is only one country and one law which is in existence and in operation being implemented in accordance with its constitution and constitutional amendments.

However, to preserve the customs, culture and traditions practiced by the Kandyan Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims, legislations were enacted to codify the Thesavalamai for the Tamils and Muslims Laws for the Muslims [Sharia] included. These laws reflect the values, traditions and cultural practices of the particular communities without any infringement and conflict with the constitution and other communities; laws.

It is crystal clear that this Task Force, a brain child of the President who brags himself as an exclusive Sinhala/Buddhist President is targeting and threatening to wipe out the Muslim Lawsparticularly Muslims Marriage and Divorce Act and the Thesavalamai of Tamils.

The ulterior motive of the Government is to erase and obliterate the thousands of years old adopted and practiced traditions, customs, habits of Tamils and Muslims and force them to follow one law while striking a knockout blow for their accepted and community traditions including their age long habits and practices, most of them being religious based.

This sinister move is nothing but the part of the agenda of Sinhalisisation and Buddhisisation initiated in 1948 to achieve the ultimate extinction of minorities paving the way to reach the goal of a PURE SINHALA/BUDDHIST STATE while removing any voice of dissent and calls for accountability and justice.

Undoubtedly, this Thero has assumed the role of a king maker of Sri Lanka, a law reform commissioner, a final authority to vet and delete recommendations of the Ministry of Justice and substitute his own recommendations thereby assuming the roles of legislature to enact statutes executive to oversee their implementations and judging to determine the appropriateness of his Recommendations. The fact that this Task Force deliberately omitted to include Tamil members is the writing on the wall for anyone to comprehend the sinister designs of the Government through Gnanasara Thero who earlier openly called for the erasing of Muslim identity, traditions and customs.

The implications and fallout from this Task Force spell disastrous consequences for the entire population of Sri Lanka. During a video conference on September 30, 2021, he said "THERE IS NO MINORITY RACE IN THE COUNTRY. THE RACE SRI LANKANS ONLY EXISTS IN THIS COUNTRY."

It has to be pointed out that Sri Lankans cannot be categorized and described as a race and in Sri Lanka three races are in existence for thousands of years, they are the Sinhalese, Tamilsand Muslims with each race possessing its own distinct traits and characteristics. Furthermore, Thero & #39;s statements indicate his aim. TO SECURE THE HIGHEST PROTECTION FOR SRI LANKA.". But he has not detailed the dangers facing the country.

It has to be stated that Sri Lanka having ratified the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination of 1982 has continued to engage in racial discriminatory policies against the Tamils and Muslims by violating this Convention blatantly and openly while acts of cultural genocide as part of the agenda of structural genocide which are being pursued by the Sri Lanka Governments from 1956:-

- 1. Pogroms against the Tamils in 1956, 1958, 1971, 1977, 1983 Genocidal war from 2006 2009 More than 70,000 civilians killed as per UN's estimate
- The burning of Jaffna Library in 1981 in the presence of senior Sinhalese Ministers - while the Police just watched this crime. The Government [UNP at the time later accepted this crime and apologized].

The only dangers facing the country are the entrenched chauvinism, communism and majoritarianism which open up the channels to breed this harmony, conflicts and hostility among Sri Lankas#39;s peaceful races. If all Sri Lankans have been treated equally with the enjoyment of fundamental rights and freedom to practice their religions, language, culture and traditions including their customary laws, Sri Lanka will prosper as a nation with splendour fostering and promoting coexistence without suspicion and fear.

In conclusion it has to be stated that the said 'ONE COUNTRY ONE LAW' is adopted, it will only promote and breed communal disharmony, hostility, ill feelings with polarization among the different Sri Lankan races. Furthermore, the proposed concept will tarnish the image of Sri Lanka internationally when it is grappling with punitive actions from UN and UNHRC Resolutions and Recommendations. Furthermore the 'ONE COUNTRY ONE LAW is also breaching the UN Conventions on .Fundamental Human Rights and Protection of Minorities which have been accepted and endorsed by Sri Lanka.

It has to be stated that Sri Lanka having ratified the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms Racial Discrimination 1982, has contemptuously continued to engage in racial discriminatory policies and legislation by violating Convention blatantly and openly and committing acts of cultural genocide as part of structural genocide are being pursued by the Sri Lankan Government since 1956 in operation.

It appears, this slogan 'ONE COUNTRY ONE LAW" the brainchild of President Gotabaya and floated by Gnanasara Thero is unleashed to reap political mileage and scores and for propaganda among the Buddhist population to harvest electoral victories leading to and ending with disastrous consequences of fanning communal tensions and flare ups while ending up in a country more divided, polarized and disunited. It is hoped that the saner counsel prevails and the Task Force is disbanded sooner or later.





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Home sales in GTA reached 2nd-highest level on record for the month of October.



Home sales in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) reached the second-highest level on record for the month of October. However, the inventory of homes for sale did not keep up with demand. The number of new listings was down by approximately one-third compared to October 2020. Market conditions tightened across all major home types compared to last year, and the annual rate of average price growth remained in the double digits, including for the resurgent condominium apartment segment.

"The only sustainable way to address housing affordability in the GTA is to deal with the persistent mismatic between demand and supply. Demand isn't going away. And that's why all three levels of government need to focus on supply. The federal government has stated that collaboration with provinces and municipalities is required. This collaboration could be spearheaded, at least in part, with housing-related incentives tied to federal infrastructure investment," said TRREB President Kevin Crigoer.

GTA REALTORS® reported 9,783 sales through TRREB's MLS® System in October 2021 – down by 6.9 per cent compared to the October 2020 record of 10,503. A strong double- digit increase in condominium apartment sales mitigated annual declines in low-rise home sales. The number of new listings entered into the system was down by almost a third over the same period, with consistent declines across all major home types.

The MLS® Home Price Index Composite Benchmark was up by 24.2 per cent year-over-year. The average selling price for all homes combined rose by 19.3 per cent year-over-year to \$1,155,345. The low-rise market continued to drive price growth in October, but the annual price growth for condominium apartments was in the double digits as well.

"The tight market conditions across all market segments and areas of the GTA is testament to the broadening scope of economic recovery in the region and household confidence that this recovery will continue. A key part of future economic development in the GTA will be the ability to provide adequate ownership and rental housing supply so that people can continue to move to the region to live, work and spend money in the local economy," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.









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Redesigning your home office for permanent WFH



(NC) A return to office, once permitted by public health, means different things. Some of us may find ourselves embracing an entirely remote future, while others are eagerly looking forward to a hybrid model.

But one thing is for sure — the home office is here to stay. So how do you create a space that ensures a productive atmosphere as you navigate the realities of the new world of work?

These key tips will help redesign and elevate your remote workspace to create a comfortable environment, setting you up for success in the permanent home office era.

Pay attention to comfort

Spending a major chunk of your day working means comfort is a priority. Ensure that your office has good natural lighting and a room temperature you are comfortable with. Natural light and green scenery have been proven to boost both your mood and productivity. If you've ever needed an excuse to get more plants, this is it.

Ergonomics matter

If you've been using the kitchen barstool as your chair, now is the time to reconsider. Making sure that you have an ergonomic workspace is key to reducing stress, increasing productivity and avoiding body aches from prolonged periods at your desk. Look for an ergonomic chair that is adjustable to ensure you are sitting properly.

Now may also be a great time to upgrade your desk. Consider an adjustable one that can be raised to create a standing desk to avoid being sedentary for prolonged periods.

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Christmas

Christmas (which means "The Mass of Christ") is a Christian holiday that refers to the birth of Jesus (whom Christians believe is the Son of God), and a cultural holiday for non-Christians.

The day known as Christmas Day is celebrated on the 25th day of December. It is one of the most important days of the year for Christians, along with Easter when the death and resurrection of Jesus are celebrated. The season of preparing for Christmas is called Advent and begins on a Sunday about four weeks before Christmas. The Christmas Season (called Christmastide) ends 6 January or the Twelfth Day of Christmas, in which Epiphany is remembered.

Christmas is celebrated all over the world, as a religious holiday or as a time of celebration by Christians and non-Christians alike. The traditions are different from country to country, but they nearly always include a feast, giving gifts or cards, and enjoying church or public festivities such as singing Christmas carols and songs. Santa Claus is a tradition in many countries of the world.

Christmastide, as it is often called, is in the winter of the Northern Hemisphere, at a time when there were already ancient festivals. Some of the traditions that are used for Christmas are older than Christmas, or come from other non-Christian traditions such as Yule. Modern traditions of Christmas often focus on the giving of gifts. The season for retail stores to sell gifts, food, greeting cards, Christmas trees, and decorations begins the day about a month before Christmas Day.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus. The story of how this happened is told in part of the Bible known as the Gospels. There are four Gospels telling the life of Jesus. The Gospel of Luke tells the most about his birth, and the Gospel of Matthew tells another part of the story. The Gospel of John says that Jesus came from God to bring his "Word" or message to all people.

The Gospels say that many years before Jesus' birth, prophets had told a promise to the Jewish people that God would send them a Messiah, or holy teacher. Christians believe that the promised Messiah was Jesus. His mother was a young woman called Mary, who was engaged, but not yet married to a carpenter called Joseph. Joseph found out that Mary was pregnant and was upset. He was wondering what he should do, when an angel came from God to tell him that the baby was the Holy One. The angel said that he must name the baby. This was a sign that he would take care of it like his own child.

At this time, the Middle East was ruled by the Romans. An order came that all the people had to travel back to their home town, to put their names on the taxation lists. Joseph took his new wife to Bethlehem. There was nowhere for them to stay, except a stable where the animals slept. This is where the baby was born. Joseph called him Jesus, as the angel had said.

The baby Jesus had two lots of visitors. On the night he was born, angels told some shepherds in the fields that they would find a newborn king lying in an animals' feed bin (or manger). Jesus' other visitors were some wise men who saw a new star in the sky and followed it, until they found the house where the family was now living and gave the young child expensive gifts of gold, incense and a precious herb called myrrh. (The wise men are often traditionally called the Three Kings, because there were three very expensive presents but the Bible does not say how many wise men there were.)

All these parts of the Christmas story are remembered and celebrated in different ways at Christmas: in pictures, songs, plays, stories and in models that are called "cribs", "creches" or "presepe".

Date of celebration

Most Christian countries of the world use a calendar called the Gregorian Calendar, but some churches use a calendar called the Julian Calendar. Most Christians, such as those of the Catholic and Protestant Churches, celebrate the birth of Jesus on 25 December, although holidays begin on 24 December also known as Christmas Eve.

The Eastern Orthodox Church still uses the Julian Calendar in some regions such as Russia. In such regions, Christmas is celebrated on 25 December in the Julian Calendar, but because of the difference between the calendars it is 7 January in the modern Gregorian Calendar.

Some Christians, like Jehovah's Witnesses, do not celebrate Christmas because there is no instruction from Jesus in the Bible which tells Christians to celebrate his birth. Mormons celebrate Christmas on 25 December but they believe that Christ's actual birth took place on 6 April.





















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It was in Colombo Harbor...

iting in a line as they let us in one by one

'Nangoori', the name caught my eyes as I climbed the stairs of the ship which was waiting to be boarded. The name was written on the side of the ship in huge block letters in both Hindi and English.

The ship had set sail from India to give aid and safe passage to the affected Thamizh refugees of 1983 July racial conflict. After a long time, friendly faces welcomed us aboard the ship.

Following a long period of conflict and despair, the warm smile and caring gestures of our host felt comforting. More importantly we were relieved and felt safe. The thought of being a refugee in our own country made me sad. I turned around to check up on my sister. 'All I want is to get back home safely'. It was

The racial riots had been intensified during the past week, and my sister was very concerned and had thought that we would be lucky to get out of this allive. In the lower deck of the ship there were several beds. I made one for her and asked her to get some rest. All those sleepless nights made her fell asleep as soon as she closed her eyes.

At that time, I was in my teenage. Once my sister went to bed, me and my friends made our way to the upper deck. It was filled with familiar and unfamiliar faces sitting all over the place

Everyone was scarred with disappointment as they were deceived by those who were supposed to stand by them in the first place

We realized that we can no longer live together with them peacefully and even if

They have lost their loved ones, their livelihoods, their belongings, their dignity andso much more to this conflict. Although they have lost so much, at least for now they were all relieved to go back to their own land.

Suddenly I heard a woman crying. I turned around and saw a man standing besideher frozen like he had no way to comfort her.

I thought maybe it was her husband. If he was, then he would have hugged her to give her comfort. But in contrast he just stood there with helpless feeling She was wailing in agony like a madwoman.

felt like something was not right and was confused.

I hurried down to the lower decks to my sister and whispered to her what I had Seen. My sister had been a teacher and she was always there to support women in crisis.

As soon as she heard about it, she hastily got out of the bed and ran to the upper decks. I followed her

Now they were both arguing. She was now shouting back at him. But he was in no mood to listen to her. He then got furious., shoved her away and ran towards the edge of the ship. As he ran past us, my sister stepped in to stop him in case he if tried something Foolish.

'What happened?

'Please just let me be

'What are you so worked up about? Was she mean to you?'

'Never mind, just let me go'

'Why? If I let you go, what are you going to do?' 'I am so ashamed. I am going to commit suicide. I can't live anymore' he shook himself to get free of the grip

What? Suicide? I was shaken for a moment. Could she have told something so what salicides was shared in a finitelit. Sould it be the reason for his decision to take his own life? All kinds of thoughts were running through my head. 'Okay, I will let you be.

But first tell me what happened. After that you can do as you wish,' said my sister. I don't know what he thought, but all of a sudden, he became silent. All I could hear was the sound of his inability. Suicide is a decision taken impulsively If given proper thought into it, people are most likely to change that decision.

By Kuru Aravinthan

Now the woman walked towards my sister with hesitation. 'And you are...?' asked my sister.
'I am his wife' she replied after a brief pause.

'No! No! No!' he shouted with resentment. 'Isn't she your wife then?' my sister

'No, I don't want her to be my wife anymore. I am so ashamed of the fact!' he spat at her with hatred. She wasn't expecting this. She was taken aback. 'I did what I did to save your life. Now you are blaming me?' she wailed in sorrow as she pounded her head with her hands. As they started to argue blaming each other for whatever happened, my sister

became more concerned about the woman and feared that she might take the wrong decision as her husband did. She waited for them to pour out their sorrows to each other. That woman had scratch marks on her cheeks and

The thought of suicide might had occurred to them after they had lost their honor which they hold above all else. Now I started to understand why they took such a

Unable to witness her wailing in sorrow, my sister helped her to have a seat and consoled her. My sister signaled me to have an eye on her and walked back to her husband to ask about what happened. He complained that during the riot, a group of thugs assaulted her, tore her clothes off and molested her in front of him.

'You are a man, are you not? Why didn't you do something about it?'
'What more could I do?' 'You should have tried something to save her,' said my sister. 'How can I? I was overwhelmed and they had hatchets, guns and chains with them' 'At least both of you should have tried and run away'
'It was during the curfew. Military personnel were stationed at the junction. If we had run that way, they would have shot just. So....'
'So what?'

'So, we took hold of our little boy and decided to run out the back door to hide from them and that is when they caught us. They tied me down and those savages did this to her right in front of me...' he cried not knowing what to say.

My sister had no intent to hear out the rest of it. She could see the pain and have sister had no intent to hear out me rest on it. She could see the pain and sorrow in his eyes. The thought of him being unable to save his wife from such a horrible fate made him anxious. 'I did all I could. I yelled for help, I fought them as much as I can. They hit me in the head with the gun. I fell unconscious. I don't know what happened afterwards! 'How did you all escape?' 'When I came back to my senses, I saw her, my wife crying alone in a corner with scratch marks all over her.

There was blood everywhere in her dress. In the morning they lifted the curfew for an hour. We escaped then and got to safety in a refugee camp' My sister didn't say anything. No one is to blame but those savages. My sister grabbed their boy and helped her down to the lower decks while trying her best to console her.

That bitter journey filled with sorrow, despair and pain continued for two days. When we made landfall at one of the ancestral places in the history of Tamil people, Kankesanthurai, she also came down with us.
Listening to my sister's advice had made them to change their decision to commit suicide. At that time my sister's daughter Rosa was volunteering in the temporary refugee camp. We told everything about them to her and handed them over to her to be looked after.

Every passenger of that ship was severely affected by the racial riots one way or the other. Maybe it was hearing all those sad stories from the refugees, it made Rosa troubled at heart for some time. Every refugee's sorrow seemed to be deeply rooted at her heart. She might be raging on the inside with anger and hate, by the fact that we, the rightful citizens of this

very own country were made refugees in our own land.

A few days later Rosa told us that she was going to be a freedom fighter. She then enlisted into their ranks. Those troubled times never gave the people the luxury of thinking whether the path they had chosen for themselves was right or wrong. All the Tamil people who were affected by the racial riots had only one goal in their mind. That was to protect ourselves from such incidents in the future. Decades of being oppressed by the government made them to rise up in the form of armed conflict.

The enemy never understood the meaning of peaceful protests for rights. Every attempt of a peaceful protest against the oppression was in vain. When my sister received the news of Rosa's death in a battle for Tamil people's rights., she didn't even flinch. She felt pride that her daughter had met a brave death in the battle for freedom rather than losing her honor to the enemy. The woman who my sister saved from committing suicide is now looking after an elder's home in Vanni. Her husband is in a mental institution.

His mind has turned on him, blaming and punishing himself for what happened. Her little boy has now committed himself in the fight against sand smuggling in Mullaitivu riverbeds. No one else can begin to understand the pain and sorrow they have gone through

Not only during the racial riots, but also by the actions of some deranged politicians and their agendas, several Tamil families were shattered to their core. Some people want nothing of it and only wants to live in peace. But those in power are not letting them be. By the action of heartless weapon manufacturers and traffickers seeking profits in an unstable political situation, the armed conflict still ensues as the death toll piles up on both sides. It does not seem to end any time soon. No one knows what is right and what is wrong.

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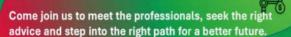
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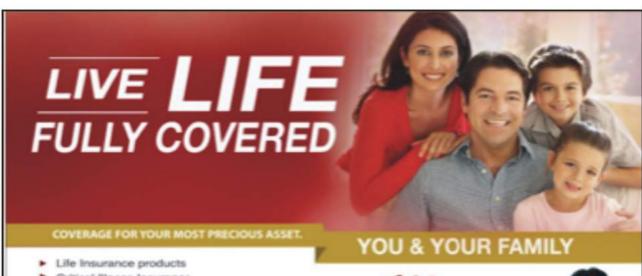












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காட்டு ராஜா சிங்கத்தின் குகை வாசலில், ஏகப்பட்ட மிருகங்களின் கூட்டம். காட்டு ராஜா, வேட்டையாடச் சென்றபோது, கால்விரலில் அடிபட்டு, விரல் துண்டாகி வீட்டதென்று அறிந்து துக்கம் விசாரிக்கத்தான் காட்டுப் பிரஜைகளான மிருகங்கள் கூடியிருந்தன. ஒவ்வொரு மிருகமாக வரிசையில் நின்று, குகையின் உள்ளே சென்று, சிங்க ராஜாவைப் பார்த்து விட்டுத் திரும்பின.

சிங்கராஜா காலில் பலமான கட்டுடன், கட்டிலில் படுத்துக் கிடந்தது. அருகே சிங்கராணி, வழியும் கண்ரும் சிந்திய மூக்குமாக அமர்ந்து இருந்தது.

ஒவ்வொரு மிருகமாக வரிசையாகச் சென்று கொண்டிருந்தபோது, வரிசையின் இடையே வந்து, புகுந்து கொண்ட குள்ளநரி, சிங்கராஜாவின் அருகே சென்றதும் பெருமூச்சு விட்டபடிஉம் நடப்பது எல்லாம் நன்மைக்கே என்றது, சிங்கராஜாவுக்கு கடுங்கோபம் வந்துவிட்டது.

நமது காலிலுள்ள ஒரு விரலே போய்விட்டது. இந்தக் குள்ளநரி, நடப்பதெல்லாம் நன்மைக்கே, என்று குறுகிறதே. பிடி அதை அடைத்துவை, குகைச்சிறையில்! எனக் கட்டளை இட்டது சிங்கராஜா.

சிப்பாய்க் குரங்குகள் பாய்ந்து, நரியைப் பிடித்து இழுத்துச் சென்றன. ஒவ்வொரு காரியமும் நமது நன்மைக்குத்தான் நடக்கிறது என்ற உண்மையைத்தானே சொன்னேன் என்று புலம்பியபடி சென்றது குள்ளநரி.

சிங்கராஜாவின் காலிலுள்ள புண் குணமாவதற்கு, மூன்று மாதகாலம் கடந்தது. காலில் ஒருவிரல் இல்லாமையால், சிங்கராஜா கம்பீரமாக நடக்க இயலாமல், நொண்டி நோன்டி நடந்தது. அதனால் மிருகங்கள் எல்லாம் மறைமுகமாக நொண்டி ராஜா என அழைத்தன.

இப்படிச் சிங்கராஜாவை எல்லாரும் கேலி செய்வதைக் கேட்டு, சிங்கராணிக்கு மிகுந்த வருத்தம். என்ன செய்வது? இந்தப் பட்டத்தைச் கூட்டியது எந்த மிருகம் என்பது தெரிந்தால், இளவரசன் சிங்கக்குட்டியிடம் தண்டனை கொடுக்கச் சொல்லலாமே என நினைத்தது.

உண்மையில் இப்படி பெயர் வைத்தது, குறும்புக்கார முயல் என்பது எவருக்கும் தெரியாது.

சிறையில் அடைபட்டிருந்த குள்ளறரிக்கு, சைவ உணவே தினசரி ஒரு வேளை தரப்பட்டது. காட்டுக்கிழங்கையும், கனிகளையும், பாந்ததாலே குள்ளறரிக்கு குமட்டிக் கொண்டு வரும், என்ன செய்வது? வாயை கைத்துக்கொண்டு சும்மா இருக்காயல், வரத்தையைக் கொட்டிவட்டு, வாழ்க்கையைக் கெடுத்துக் கொண்டோமே, என ஏக்கப் பேருமூச்சு விட்டுக் கொண்டிருந்தது குள்ளறரி.

வெகுநாட்களாகியும் குணமாகாமல் காலை நொண்டிக் கொண்டே ஒரு நாள் காட்டில், வெகுதுரும் வேட்டைக்கு வந்துவிட்ட சிங்கம், ஒரு இடத்தில் திறந்து வைக்கப்பட்டிருந்த ஒரு கூண்டுக்குள், ஆட்டுக்குட்டி ஒன்று இருந்ததைக் கண்டது. ஆவலுடன் ஆட்டுக்குட்டியின் மீது பாய்ந்து, கடித்துக் குதறித் தின்றது.



ஒரு காட்டில் ஒரு நாள் அடை மழை பெய்துக் கொண்டிருந்தது. அப்போது அந்தக் காட்டில் இருந்த ஒரு குரங்கு மழையில் நனைந்து நடுங்கியவாறு ஒரு மரத்தடியில் ஒதுங்கி நின்றது.

அந்த மரத்தில் இருந்த பறவை ஒன்று கூடு கட்டி தன் குஞ்சுகளுடன் மழைக்கு நனையாது பாதுகாப்பாக உட்கார்ந்து கொண்டிருந்தது.

மரத்தடியில் குரங்கு நணைந்து நடுங்குவதைப் பார்த்ததும் பறவைக்கு குரங்கு மீது இரக்கம் வந்தது. மனம் பொறுக்காமல் குரங்காரே..என்னைப்பாரும்⊡ெவைப்பில் மழையிலிருந்து என்னையும் என் குஞ்சுகளையும் காப்பாற்றிக்கொள்ள கூடு கட்டியிருக்கிறேன். அதனால் தூன் இந்த மழையிலும் நாங்கள் சந்தோ'மாக இருக்கிறறோம். நீரும் அப்படி ஒரு பாதுகாப்பான கூடு செய்திருக்கலாமே. கூடு இருந்தால் நீர் இப்படி நனைய மாட்டீர் அல்லவா? என்று புத்தி சொன்னது. இதனைக் கேட்ட குரங்காருக்கு கோபம் சீறிக் கொண்டு வந்தது. உணைவிட நான் எவ்வளவு வலுவாவைன். எனக்கு நீ புத்தி சொல்கிறாயா?.

இப்போ உன்னையும் உன் குஞ்சுகளையும் என்ன செய்கிறேன் பார் என மரத்தில் விடுவிடு என ஏறி பறவையின் கூட்டை பிய்த்து எறிந்தது.

பறவைக்கு அப்போதுதான் புரிந்தது அறிவுரைகளைக்கூட...அதைக்கேட்டு நடப்பவர்களுக்குத்தான் சொல்லவேண்டும் என்று.

த் டனுக்கு நல்லது சொல்லப் போய் தனக்கும் தன் குஞ்சுகளுக்கும் பாதுகாப்பாக இருந்த கூட்டை இழந்து நனைகின்றோமே என மனம் வருந்தியது.

நாமும்ஒருவருக்கு அறிவுரை வழங்குமுன் அவர் அதனை ஏற்று நடப்பாரா என்று புரிந்துகொண்ட பின்னரே அறிவுரை வழங்கவேண்டும்.



தின்று முடிந்து, ஏப்பம் விட்டபடி திரும்பிய சிங்கம் அந்த இரும்புக் கண்டில் கம்பிக்கத்தால் மூடப்பட்டிருந்ததைக் கண்டு, திகைத்தது, மடத்தனமாக கண்டுக்குள் அகப்பட்டுக் கொண்டோமே என்று நினைத்து வேதனைப்பட்டது. ஆத்திரத்தில் கர்ஜனை செய்தது, அப்போது கண்டில் அடைப்பட்ட சிங்கத்தை, தங்கள் வண்டியில் கட்டி இழுத்துச் சென்ற காவவர்கள், நம் இளவுசர் கேட்டபடி அவர் விளையாடுவதற்கு ஒரு சிங்கம் கிடைத்துவிட்டது. இதைப் பரித்தால் மிகவும் மகிழ்ச்சியடைவார். இளவுசரின் மகிழ்ச்சியைக் கண்டு மன்ற நமக்குப் பரிக்கள் கொடுப்பார், என்றெல்லாம் பேசிக்கொண்டே அரண்மனையை அடைந்தனர்.

கண்டிவிருந்த சிங்கத்தை இறக்கியபோதுதான் அது நொண்டி நொண்டி நடந்ததை அறிந்தனர்.

இதைக்கண்டு வருந்திய அவர்கள், இது ஊனமுற்ற சிங்கம். இதை நம் இளவரசர் விளையாடப் பழக்கப்படுத்த முடியாது. ஏனவே, இதைக் காட்டில் கொண்டு போய் விட்டுவிடுவரெத நல்லது என்று கூரியபடி சிங்கத்தை மீண்டும் காட்டுக்குள் கொண்டு சென்று விட்டுவிட்டுத் திரும்பீனர் காவலர்கள். சிங்கத்திற்கு மகிழ்ச்சி போங்கியது.

நமது கால் வீரல், இல்லாததால்தான் நம்மை வீட்டு வீட்டார்கள். நடப்பது எல்லாம் நன்மைக்கே என்று அன்றைக்கு நரி சொன்னபோது, ஆத்தீரப்பட்டு அதைக் கண்டில் அடைத்தோம். ஆனால் அது சொன்னது சரிபேன்று இப்போதுதான் உணர முடிகிறது என்றெல்லாம் நினைத்தபடி தனது குறைக்குச் சென்ற சிங்கம், தனது மனைவியிடமும் குட்டிகளிடமும் நடந்ததைச் சொன்னது.

உடனடியாக, சிப்பாய்க் குரங்குகளை அழைத்து, சிறையைத் திறந்து குள்ளநரியை வெளியில் அனுப்புங்கள் என்று உத்தரவிட்டது. அதன்படி சிறையை விட்டு, வெளிவந்த குள்ளநரியை வரவேற்ற சிங்கராஜா, அறிவுக் கடலே, இன்று முதல் நீங்களதான் எனது மந்திரி, நடப்பது எல்லாய் நன்மைக்கே என்று அன்று நீங்கள் சொன்னது உண்மையாகி விட்டது. யார் எதைச் சொன்னாலும் அவசரப்படாமல் ஆராய்ந்து பார்க்க வேண்டும் என்பதைப் புரிந்து கொண்டேன் என்று மகிழ்ந்தது.

நடப்பது எல்லாம் நன்மைக்கே என்று நினைத்தால் துன்பம் தரக்கூடிய செயல் எதுவும் இல்லை



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