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Using the same random selection process as used in previous years, IRCC will send invitations to potential sponsors who have

already submitted an interest to sponsor form in 2020. This will give additional interested sponsors the opportunity to bring their parents and grandparents to Canada. Invitations to apply will be sent over the course of 2 weeks, starting the week of September 20, 2021.

Those invited to apply as part of this process will be able to use the new Permanent Resident Digital Intake tool, which allows applications to be submitted electronically. This is part of the commitment to modernize Canada's immigration system, and will speed up and simplify the application process.

Many Canadian families have experienced financial difficulties in the last year because of the pandemic. For this reason, we will continue to implement a more facilitative income requirement to ensure that more people can apply.

For the 2020 tax year, the income requirement will continue to be the minimum necessary income, instead of the minimum necessary income plus 30%, and will allow regular Employment Insurance benefits and temporary COVID-19 benefits, such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, to be included towards the sponsor's income. This measure will ensure that applicants are not penalized for losing income during the Pandemic.

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STATEMENTS BY CANADIAN LEADERS ON 'BLACK JULY.'

Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau's statement on 'Black July.'

The Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, today issued the following statement on the anniversary of Black July: "Today, we remember the horrific events of Black July in Sri Lanka and honour the memory of its victims. "In July 1983, anti-Tamil pogroms swept across Colombo, Sri Lanka, following decades of unrest and rising tensions in the country. Thousands of Tamils were killed and countless others were displaced. These riots sparked 26 years of armed conflict in which tens of thousands more lost their lives, devastating communities and leaving lasting physical and emotional wounds. "Canada responded by opening its arms to those fleeing violence and persecution in Sri Lanka.

Through a Special Measures program introduced in the months following Black July, more than 1,800 Tamils resettled in Canada to rebuild their lives – and help build a better country. Their contributions in the face of tremendous loss and adversity helped shape a stronger, more inclusive Canada, which is now home to one of the largest Tamil diasporas in the world.

"On behalf of the Government of Canada, I extend my deepest sympathies to all those who suffered and lost loved ones during Black July and the ensuing conflict. Canada remains committed to facilitating an accountability process that has the trust and confidence of all victims, which is central to achieving lasting peace and reconciliation. We continue to offer support to all those working toward these goals."



Conservative Party Leader Erin O' Toole's statement .

In July 1983, anti-Tamil pogroms in Sri Lanka killed thousands in an attempt of ethnic cleansing. Tamil communities in Canada continue to fight and stand up for those still in Sri Lanka today. Your community deeply understands our country's dedication to the protection of freedom and justice

at home and abroad. We will always remain forthright in our condemnation of human rights abuses around the world and will continue to call on the government of Canada to impose the Magnitsky sanctions.

Canada must be strong in holding those responsible for gross human rights violations accountable. Canada's Conservatives stand with Tamil community members in commemorating the tragic events of Black July.
Erin OToole



NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh statement on the 38th anniversary commemoration of Black July 1983 Anti-Tamil Pogrom.

Black July marks one of the most horrendous attacks on the Tamil Community.

It has been referred to as a Pogrom. But I believe its very much part of the Genocide that was perpetrated against Tamil people by the Sri Lankan government.

In remembering the horrible events where Tamils were targeted just for being Tamils and killed, we honour the memories of those lives lost but, we also commit to fighting for the future of peace and security for all the Tamil people. I want you to know that the New Democrats will stand with you and in the work to recognise the Tamil genocide and in the work to ensure the Tamil community live with peace and security in their land. Thank you.



IS SRI LANKA BECOMING A FAILED STATE?



President Gotabaya acclaimed as an uncrowned king of Sri Lanka after defeating the Liberation of Tigers in the genocidal war with the assistance of 22 countries particularly from India, Pakistan and China as confirmed by his brother Mahinda Rajapakshae [Gotabaya's brother] while he was on a visit to India in May 2009 is now facing an unpalatable deafening emanating from every corners of Sri Lanka.

His Government crowned in 2019 is now sliding fast to be labelled as a failed state. His failures are accumulating in all fronts, economy, political management, human rights, rule of law, international relations and foreign policy.

Though he inherited a mismanaged legacy from a lame Government run by then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe and the then President Maithripala Sirisena, his Government has also failed to take any meaningful steps to reverse and change the course with a better management of economy, efficient political management and administrative machinery. Covid-19 pandemic has also played its part in adding to the woes of the economy, particularly hitting the tourism industry, a major source of earnings and local employment sharing 5% of the GDP.

Some statistics of the current state of the economy are: for year 2021 out of 3.9 billions of dollars repayment only 1.3 billions has been paid leaving a balance of 2.6 billions to be settled before the end of 2021. Foreign reserves stand at 4.9 billions which is enough to pay for three months imports while foreign outstanding debts is 7.1 billions.

Sri Lanka in order to settle the above debts has secured 400 millions from India, 1.5 billion from China and 250 million from the poor Bangladesh. The above outstanding indebtedness has led to the downgrading of Sri Lanka by Finch to CCC grade, which confirms the real possibilities of default in repayment. To worsen this situation is the looming cancellation of the GSP+ concession by European Union when it meets at its next session.

Also, Sri Lanka is maintaining a deadly silence as to the implementation of 27 UN Conventions as referred by European Union which is the other condition of European Union to restore the GSP+ concession. Besides, European Union has also demanded the repealing of the draconian Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) and replacing it with acceptable international provisions. It is far from certain that Sri Lanka will fully comply with these demands risking its political fortunes and future.

Sri Lanka is now scrambling for damage control exercises by initiating palliative and eye washing steps like promising to bring amendments to the dreaded draconian PTA without repealing as demanded by European Union. It is unlikely that this mollification will cut any ice with European Union as Sri Lanka's past promises have always been just occasional to meet the facing exigencies.

In this political front, the Government also has failed in toto to meet the expectations of Tamils, Muslims and even the victims of state oppression. It is to be noted that the draconian PTA is defended by the Government and let loosely against its political opponents and groups like the recent arbitrary arrests and detention of Richard Baduideen MP, and his brother.

The simmering 72 years old ethnic problem is left untouched and remains intact growing for a blow up situation while paving way for the total isolation of Tamils and Muslims to search for alternative means.

The much expected constitution is nowhere in sight and the hopes of Tamils that it would incorporate acceptable political settlement proposals appears to be like the dream of a dumb.

The current Covid-19 pandemic has slowed down the agenda of Sinhhalisation and Buddhisation but as a blessing in disguise for the Government, it has opened an unchecked and undeterred militarization in the state administrative machinery with military officials taking control of the civil administration positions and messily handling them with unquestionable inefficiency due to nil experience in administration and without proper interactions with ordinary citizens. Even Covid-19 vaccination program has been shifted to Army compounds and Army Barracks, discarding the health officials' participation.

The President is also exercising his powers of appointments and promotions at his will and absolute discretion like pardoning convicted criminals and sending some of his dislikings to jails. In this respect, the statement of British Commonwealth & Developments Office in its Human Rights and Democracy Report is worth quoting:- "The continued appointments of controversial military figures of war crimes to Government roles while civilian functions such as Secretariat of NGO's were brought under the control of the Military of Defence.

PTA has been disproportionately used against Tamils and Muslims. The Report described the actions recently taken by Gotabaya's Government "As leading to democracy decay" like the passing of the 20th Amendment which extended judicial powers and powers over independent institutions to the President. Though this Report confirms the "Continuing deterioration of human rights in Sri Lanka", the British Government has so far not acted on this Report, not even censured Sri Lanka.

ITJP has published the names of six Rajapakshas holding ministerial posts and controlling 16 Government Departments and three Presidential Task Forces controlling the wealth and their management aided by a muted, meek and disunited nervous Opposition Leader and parties. President Rajapaksha's high handed actions are let off with unconcerned like the pardon and release of Duminda de Silva, a convicted murder criminal discarding the prescribed procedures and appointing him as Chairman of National Housing Authority is an act of gross insult to all norms of justice, rule of law and good governance. After all, like the birds of the same feather flock together, all alleged war criminals aligning and assisting another criminal is not a surprise.

Gotabaya's undermentioned acts of arresting and keeping in isolation the protesting Ceylon Teachers Union's Secretary Joseph Stalin is simply an act of pure arbitrariness and naked usurpation of fundamental rights. With plummeting popularity and dwindling support of the general population, a lurking danger is a consolidation and concentration of powers and entrenching the family group on the legislative, judicial and executive functions.

Consequently the fabric of democratic functioning is being eroded and shredded with the following evils of good governance which are slowly and steadily enveloping the island:-

1. Dictatorial actions and moves
2. Nepotism, family control and rule
3. Bribery and corruption
4. Impunity
5. Racial policies
6. Discarding accountability, justice and rule of law
7. Break down of international relationship
8. Disregarding UN and UNHRC and their Resolutions.

Another impending scenario is the slow and steady erosion and slicing of sovereignty of Sri Lanka by China which has already planted its feet in the South, West and North netting Sri Lanka under an irredeemable debt trap. With a trade deficit of 10 billion Dollars, Sri Lanka's crumbling economy has to be saved and China has taken the role of saviour, a Frankenstein monster which is coolly expanding its dominance in South Asia mostly playing the role of a Messiah.

To sum up, Rajapakshas and Company Unlimited is facing bankruptcy in politics and economy and a full redemption is like an oasis in the desert due to its mauling by six Rajapakshas.

However, there is no iota of doubt that the Covid-19 pandemic has come as a blessing and has provided a golden opportunity for the Government of Rajapaksha's to lock down the country militarily and politically allowing it to unleash unilateral and unquestionable dictatorial actions opening the passage for a dictatorial governance.

In short, it is a Rajapaksha and Brothers Company ruling with unlimited liabilities while enjoying exemptions from all liabilities to the victims of all alleged crimes.

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HOUSING PRICES TO CONTINUE TO RISE



exacerbate the region's inventory shortage issue. & Land transfer taxes restrict the free movement of people and businesses, and have the ability to damage the city's economy," said Soper. & An increase to the tax could further reduce the already paper-thin supply of housing in Toronto, by preventing people from choosing to move for a better job or quality of life.&

Royal LePage is forecasting that the aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area will increase 14.5 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2021, compared to the same quarter last year. The previous forecast, released in April, 2021, has been revised upward to reflect the current state of the market. Source: Royal LePage Real Estate Services.

Happy camper: Tips for a safe and fun camping trip

(NC) Spending time in the great outdoors can be awe-inspiring yet challenging. With a little preparation and know-how, you can keep camping fun. For those who plan to flee their homes for the relaxation of a campground this summer, make safety a priority with these four simple tips. Prepare for unpredictable weather. Inclement weather can arrive quickly and unexpectedly, so it's a good idea to get oriented with the campsite when you arrive and keep a portable radio on hand. If expecting a storm, secure tents and tarps with durable rope and shock-absorbing tie-downs to help you withstand strong winds and be prepared to evacuate to a nearby shelter to wait out a really bad storm. Pack the right gear.

Be prepared for any weather or temperature by layering and bringing a waterproof or windproof outer layer. Always bring a first-aid kit that includes antiseptics for cuts, pain relievers and a snake-bite kit. When camping with a tent, don't forget the rainfly. Practice campfire safety. Build campfires in a pit or bare patch of dirt and keep them low and away from brush. Tend to your fire or grill at all times and ensure that it's completely extinguished before leaving your campsite or retiring for the night. Be prepared for an emergency by packing a compact, lightweight extinguishing device such as the First Alert EZ Fire Spray, which features a familiar spray-can design and gives users more control than conventional fire extinguishers. Don't go alone. Always tell someone where you're going, especially if you choose to head out alone, so they'll have a better chance of tracking you down if you get lost. Buy a trail map, carry a compass and whistle, and don't rely on your phone since service may be spotty and drain your battery. If you do take a detour, tote extra water and snacks. Find more fire safety tips at firstalert.ca.

The aggregate price of a home in the Greater Toronto Area increased 18.2 per cent year-over-year to \$1,035,000 in the second quarter of 2021. Broken out by housing type, the median price of a single-family detached home increased 28.2 per cent to \$1,301,000, while the median price of a condominium increased 8.6 per cent to \$630,000 during the same period.

"Until a real solution to the chronic housing supply shortage is implemented, prices will continue to rise," said Karen Yolevski, chief operating officer, Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd. & We may see a slight slowdown over the summer, but demand is expected to rise again in the fall with the return of students to in-person learning, the revival of the tourism and hospitality industries, and an increase in immigration. That demand will increase competition and continue to push prices upward.&

In the city of Toronto, the aggregate price of a home increased 8.3 per cent year-over-year to \$1,115,000 in the second quarter of 2021. During the same period, the median price of a single-family detached home increased 14.8 per cent to \$1,550,000, while the median price of a condominium increased 5.8 per cent to \$695,000.

Yolevski added that while the pandemic has driven demand in the suburbs and rural areas, the return to normal socialization habits will once again draw Canadian home buyers to the city centres.

& Young people will always be drawn to the downtown core. The walkability, access to restaurants and entertainment, and the diversity of different neighbourhoods will once again become top priorities for potential buyers once the fear caused by the pandemic diminishes, & noted Yolevski.

Toronto City Council is currently reviewing a report outlining possible revenue tools, including an increase to the land transfer tax on homes valued at \$2 million or more. Royal LePage president and CEO, Phil Soper, says that in a city where homeowners already pay two land transfer taxes, one to the province and one to the municipality, any increase would only



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Black July 1983 Anti-Tamil Pogrom: 38th Anniversary

This year of July marks the 38th anniversary of the 1983 Anti-Tamil pogroms in Sri Lanka, commonly referred to as Black July, a brutal state-sponsored genocide on the Tamil Nation lasting from July 23rd to July 30th.

Armed with voter registration lists, Sinhalese mobs massacred over 3,000 Tamils lives, destroyed 5,000 shops, and displaced 150,000 Tamils. At least 500 Tamil women were raped, and many families were burned alive. It also prompted the first large exodus of 500,000 Tamils fleeing the island.

The events preceding the pogroms make it abundantly clear that Black July was not a spontaneous spur of violence against the Tamil people, but premeditated. International observers including the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) have noted that the Black July pogrom carries all the hallmarks of genocide that was rooted in increasingly hostile and violent conditions restricting the survival of the Tamil Nation.

Under the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, acts of murder committed with intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group as such are considered as acts of genocide. The evidence points clearly to the conclusion that the violence of the Sinhala rioters on the Tamils during July 1983 amounted to acts of genocide. ICJ Review December 1983.

Almost four decades after the Black July pogrom that killed thousands of Tamil civilians; the Tamil Nation in the North-East of Sri Lanka continue to endure violations of human rights and protracted genocide in different forms.

The Tamil Nation has endured not only well documented examples of violent persecution with the consequence of physical genocide, but also a slower and deliberate scheme aimed at destroying their culture and livelihood.

The protracted genocide of the Tamil Nation today is carried out through a brutal military occupation and a deliberate program of Sinhala settlements. The military controls all aspects of individual, social and professional life and the military occupation threatens the safety and security of the Tamil people on the island of Sri Lanka.

For the Tamil Nation in the island of Sri Lanka which has been going through a long and protracted Genocide, the truth concerning the gross human rights violations committed against them has not been addressed nor has the dignity of victims been honoured.

A tangible outcome is yet to be received for the Tamil Nation. As defined by famous French scholar Ernest Renan in 1882, a nation is an entity based on acts of the free will of individuals forming a collective identity. He quotes that where

national memories are concerned, griefs are of more value than triumphs, for they impose duties, and require a common effort. A nation is therefore a large-scale solidarity, constituted by the feeling of the sacrifices that one has made in the past and of those that one is prepared to make in the future."

The Tamil Nation is an entity of growing togetherness of more than 80 million people living in many lands and across distant seas including thousands as refugees and asylum seekers. It is a togetherness rooted in an ancient heritage, a rich language and literature, and a vibrant culture. However, the Tamil Nation's togetherness is not simply a function of the past. It is a growing togetherness consolidated by struggle and suffering.

It has therefore been given purpose and direction by the aspirations of Tamil people for a future that ensures such tragedies are never repeated alongside long-term peace, accountability, and reconciliation in Sri Lanka.

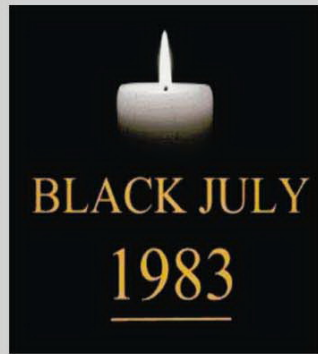
Thousands of Tamils around the world have lost family members and friends during the Black July Anti-Tamil pogrom and are still working extremely hard to move forward from lifelong intergenerational trauma. For a community dealing with such trauma, acknowledgement and recognition is an essential step in moving forward and healing.

Tamil people have been struggling for a long time to get justice and accountability for the genocide committed against them. The passage of time, and the fact that few survivors remain who serve as reminders of indescribable brutality and torment, compel a sense of urgency to solidify recognition and reaffirmation of historical truth.

Sri Lanka's unwillingness to take concrete steps to address serious violations of human rights and international humanitarian law means that the only way to determine the facts and identify those responsible is through an independent, impartial, and international investigation.

As we mark the 38th anniversary of the Black July Anti-Tamil Pogrom, the National Council of Canadian Tamils requests the Canadian government and the international community to implement an international independent investigation and prosecutorial mechanism to hold Sri Lanka accountable for committing Tamil Genocide, and advocate for a permanent political solution for the Tamil people based on the Tamil people right to self-determination.

Source: NCCT



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வெறும் பண்டிக்கைகளுக்கு காத்திருக்க வேண்டாம், ஒவ்வொரு கணமும் உங்கள் குடும்பத்துடன் கொண்டாடுங்கள் உங்களிடம் என்ன இருக்கிறதோ, அதை மட்டுமே உங்களால் பகிர்ந்து கொள்ள முடியும்.

உங்கள் குடும்பம் களிப்போடு இருக்க வேண்டுமென்றால், நீங்கள் முதலில் மகிழ்ச்சியாக மற்றும் அமைதியாக இருக்க வேண்டும்.

வாழும் கலை பயிற்சியில் சிறந்த சக்திவாய்ந்த சுவாச நுட்பங்கள் மற்றும் நடைமுறை ஞானத்தின் மூலம் மகிழ்ச்சியின் ஊற்று இருக்கும் இரகசியத்தை கற்றுக்கொள்ளுங்கள்.

உங்கள் உணர்வுகளை போக விடுங்கள், அன்பை அல்ல.

உணர்வுகளின் புயல்களை எதிர்நோக்கும் போது, நாம் கூறிய வார்த்தைகளாலும், எடுத்த நடவடிக்கைகளினாலும் பின்னர் வருந்துகிறோம். ஏனெனில் கோபம், சோகம் மற்றும் எந்த எதிர்மறை உணர்வுகளையும் எப்படிக்கையாள வேண்டும் என்று பள்ளியிலோ அல்லது வீட்டிலோ கற்றுக் கொடுக்கப் படவில்லை.

இங்குதான், வாழும் கலை ஆனந்த அனுபவப் பயிற்சியில் கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்பட்ட முச்சுக் காற்றின் ஞானம் முக்கியப் பங்கு வகிக்கிறது. மனதில் ஒவ்வொரு தாள லயத்திற்கும், அதற்கேற்ப முச்சின் தாள லயம் உள்ளது. எனவே, நீங்கள் நேரடியாக உங்கள் மனதைக் கையாள முடியாத போது, உங்கள் முச்சின் மூலம் மனதைக் கையாள முடியும்.



வாழும் கலை இரண்டாம் நிலைப் பயிற்சி

வாழும் கலையின் இரண்டாம் நிலை அல்லது முது நிலைப் பயிற்சியானது ஓரிடத்தில் தங்கி வழங்கப் படுவதால், உகந்த அளவு ஆழமாக உட்செல்வதற்கும், மனதின் அரட்டையை நிறுத்தி அமைதியாக்குவதற்கும், ஆழ்ந்த ஓய்வு மற்றும் மௌனத்தினை அனுபவிப்பதற்கும் ஏற்றதாக இருக்கின்றது. முதல் நிலைப் பயிற்சியில் அளிக்கப் படும் சுதர்சனக் கிரியா நுட்பத்தின் மீது எழுப்பப் பட்டுள்ளது.

மௌனம் அனுஷ்டித்தல்:

வெளிப் புற கவனச் சிதறல்களிருந்து விழிப்புணர்வுடன் பின்வாங்குவது என்பது உடல் மனம் மற்றும் ஆத்மாவின் புதுப்பித்தலுக்காக பல்வேறு பாரம்பரியங்களிலும் பயன் படுத்தப் படுகின்றது. எப்போதும் செயல்பாட்டுடன் இருக்கும் மனதைச், செயல் நிலைக்கு அப்பால் எடுத்துச் செல்ல பல நடைமுறைகள் இப்பயிற்சியில் வடிவமைக்கப் பட்டுள்ளன. இவற்றால் அசாதாரணமான அமைதியையும், புதுப்பிக்கப் பட்ட உற்சாகத்தையும் அனுபவித்து, அவற்றை, நமது அன்றாட வாழ்க்கைக்காக நம்முடன் எடுத்துச் செல்கின்றோம்.

பயன்கள்:

"தியானம் என்பது அசைவிலிருந்து அசைவற்ற நிலைக்குச் செல்லும் பயணம்." என்கிறார், வாழும் கலையின் நிறுவனராகிய ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ ரவிசங்கர் அவர்கள்.

சமதி நிலையில் ஆழ்ந்த உள் அமைதியை அனுபவிப்புகள்

தன்னிலை விழிப்புணர்வு அதிகரிப்பும், அதிக தெளிவும் ஏற்படுகின்றன

அதிக சக்தியை உணரங்கள்

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நற்சாட்சிச் சான்றுகள்

முது நிலைப் பயிற்சியின் ஒவ்வொரு கணமும் ஒரு புதுமையான அனுபவமாகவே எனக்கு இருந்தது- தியானமும் மற்றும் மௌனமும் " என்கிறார் ஆர் . நீட்டா

ஏன்னால் நேரிடையாகக் குறிப்பிட்டுக் கூற முடியவில்லை, ஆனால் நிச்சயமாக பயிற்சிக்கு முன்னும் பின்னும் என்று பார்த்தால், ஒரு பெரும் மாற்றம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கின்றது. நான் ஒரு புதிய மனிதனாக மாறி விட்டது போன்ற உணர்வு ஏற்படுகின்றது. முது நிலைப் பயிற்சி "புதிய நான்" என்பதற்கு ஓர் தொடக்கப் புள்ளியாக அமைந்துள்ளது. இப்புதிய "நான்" மிகவும் வசதியாக உள்ளது. மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் ஆசீர்வதிக்கப் பட்டதாக உணருகின்றேன். உண்மையில் இத்தகைய பயிற்சியைப் பெற்றதை ஓர் அதிர்ஷ்டமாகவே கருதுகிறேன். இந்த சந்தர்ப்பத் தினை அளித்தமைக்கு மிக நன்றி. என்கிறார் -ஷோகோ

நுட்பம்:

இப்பயிற்சி இயற்கை அழகும் அமைதியும் நிறைந்த குடியிருப்பில் புத்துயிர்ப்புடன் நடத்தப் படுகின்றது. இப்பயிற்சியில் பங்கு பெரும் பலர், உடல் உள்ளம் மற்றும் ஆத்மாவிற்கு இதை ஒரு தலைசிறந்த விடுமுறை எனக் கருதுவதில் வியப்பேதும் இல்லை.

ஸ்ரீ ஸ்ரீ ரவிசங்கர் அவர்கள், வழி நடத்தும் தனித்துவம் வாய்ந்த தியானங்களை வடிவ மைத்துள்ளார்.

முது நிலை முச்சு நுட்பங்கள் இப்பயிற்சியில் கற்பிக்கப் படுகின்றன.



BLUE EYED BEAUTY ANGEL

Kuru Aravinthan

Many tourists and school children used to come to the village to see the skeleton of the blue whale.

Marilyn stood by the windowsill of the restaurant and looked outside. Marilyn eyes glazed over as she saw the crowd standing around the whale skeleton having fun. The crowd could not know the value of the price she paid for this skeleton that has brought so many people to this village!

'I couldn't go near and see', said a customer as he pushed open the door, frowning, and Marilyn understood.

'Why? What happened?', she asked skeptically.

His words warned her that the problem was starting as she had feared.

The customer came in while Marilyn was waiting anxiously for someone to come. Her mind was troubled to think that if the sea breeze of the village, which was a tourist's delight, began to blow this way, her business would fall apart.

Her restaurant was just off the coast of the fishing village of Rodriver in Newfoundland. Her gaze was fixed on the crowd on the beach opposite, as she stood on the porch inside the inn.

As she stared, she noticed a few people standing with their noses covered with their hands.

What will it be? Maybe the stench has started to blow? Will customers stop coming here to dine if the situation worsens? Uncontrollably her thought scattered.

She has a lot to be proud of as the owner of that seafood restaurant known for its seafood. There will be singing and dancing until midnight in that restaurant that begins to get crowded in the evening.

Her ancestors came and settled in this village in the 1800s. It was her father, Parsons, who started and ran the restaurant with a modest income. One day when she was in her twenties, he suffered a heart attack and died suddenly, leaving her alone. The restaurant remained locked for a few days following the tragedy. There were no other good restaurants in the village. So not only tourists but also locals were affected.

'How many days will you be crying like this? Why don't you take your father's business and run it?' Marilyn thought as her friend suggested.

In the beginning, she was involved in it to just make a living without any desire. But when that was all that would determine her future, she began to pay her attention to that restaurant on her each breath. Her immense beauty with a youthful vibe added to the beauty of her business. Her smiling face and blue eyes in particular indeed were what excited many of the customers who came there. She also started to prepare dishes suitable for her customers through her hard work. Cooked dishes such as baked fish and chips, lobster thermidor in a creamy white wine sauce were the favorites of the restaurant customers.

She had a kind of charm in her careless demeanor, spinning like a top and listening to her clients, talking. Customers began to flock there not only for the food but also for nighttime dancing and the music of the band playing there. From time to time a crowd will come only to witness the music performance of Anitro and Jeff. The people around the city were generally more inclined towards entertainment.

The revenue for the restaurant has been overwhelming for the past three days. Not only her but no one expected this at all. Because three days ago, news spread that a blue whale got washed away a short distance from her restaurant. The old man Nicholas was the first to see it.

He had no family. His daily chores were to work in the hotel every day and to sleep by the coast with one or two pegs at night on the available money.

It got caught in the eyes of Nicholas who got up in the morning and went to the beach. He was the first to knock on the door of Marilyn, who was fast asleep because she went to bed late at night, and first told her the news. The old man softened his gaze as she came out of the room on her nightclothes. She put on a jumper and walked towards the beach without noticing anything. Already twelve people were there.

She suspected it was one of those blue whales. Many tourists who came to see them jumping and playing in the deep sea in front of the restaurant, sat down at the restaurant and bragged about it as they ate something. She has enjoyed a lot listening to them. From the small port there, it was customary for tourists to take a boat trip to the deep sea to see the whales.

But she never got a chance to go to the deep sea and see those whales. She was satisfied with the pictures they brought and never thought about watching them herself as she was busy with her business. The coastal village is also known for its marine life.

Now she was surprised when she saw the blue whale. 'My God, I can't believe it, what a great beast ...!' She spread her arms wide and wondered to herself. It may have been over seventy feet long, and its body swayed, rising and slipping into the waves at its speed as if immersed in the lullaby of the waves. Its body was inflated like a balloon.

Some of these blue whales, dolphins have recently died and got washed away on the beach. Locals said a whale was also isolated in the Rocky Harbor area. There was speculation that it might have been strangled to death by tangled icebergs within large glaciers. All this was just news to them so far, but today they couldn't truly believe when a blue whale came ashore on their shores.

Unexpectedly, people started crowding in front of the hotel during the day. The visitors were all dressed in cold jackets but from time to time they would go inside the inn and have something to warm and enjoy themselves. The crowd began to grow with tourists, press, and tv people. Many people like this started arriving there via Highway 431 from Deerlake Airport.

It is customary for the old man Nicholas to get something extra from time to time if the occasional business grew like this. The old man suddenly had an idea when he saw a crowd coming from the neighboring towns to see the whale. That when he hung a board on the street corner with the caption Free parking He put an arrow at the bottom of the board and pointed to the restaurant. People from urban areas were skeptical about where to park, so they parked in the free parking lot in front of the restaurant. So, it is a great pleasure for the old man Nicholas to increase the income of the restaurant. 'How cool is my idea?', he would often remind Marilyn.

The death of the blue whale was a tragedy for the villagers. For so long, without expecting any return the whale had been entertaining many tourists through its circus. The people of the

village had been greatly benefited from the tourists who came there to see this whale in the deep sea. Everyone who even did a small business somehow benefited from it. The old man Nicholas's eyes misted over as he thought of all this. No one went into the deep sea to see it when it was alive, and it was only at its loss that its awesomeness began to be realized.

As the incident did not take place in the deep sea, the Central Government employees said that the incident did not take place within their borders and therefore they did not have the authority to deal with it. The provincial government has not yet faced such an incident and was not able to decide what to do. The villagers had hoped to at least leave the traces of the blue whale with them there, so they requested the authorities who came there.

'Officer John, this whale made a lot of money for us as long as it was alive, and now that it is dead, no tourists will come here anymore. Our businesses would collapse. But if you wish, you can help us', said Nicholas.

Who? Me? What is there left for me to do about this?', the officer replied.

'An elephant alive or dead, they say it's worth a thousand gold coins. This whale is similar to that. Our future lies in your hands, sir'

"Well, what should I do?"

'Please don't burn this whale. By whatever means, leave the whale's skeleton to us. Here we would put a set and put it on display. If we label that it is the skeleton of the ancestor of the blue whales, the largest animal that rarely lives in the world today, tourists will be forced to travel to see it. So, we would also have some income, and thus drive our life with that'.

He did not consider the old man's idea. He flatly rejected the old man's proposal because of the legal problems associated with it. Since he was careful of his duty as if he is a subordinate to the law, it seemed that he wouldn't comply even for some ransom.

'Our Marilyn madam is the one who asked for this', said the man trying out his final weapon.

Compared to the taste of the fish and chips he ate at the restaurant, the blue eyes of the young woman who served it, shaded his eyes. Blue-eyed beauty angel! The very thought of the blue-eyed beauty's curves made him ecstatic. Sir John, you must come to our hotel. Marilyn madam will specially cook delicious foods for you, please come', the old man persuaded him and left.

It was too late in the night. All the people who had come to dine had left. John felt he could take one more peg. Enough, she said, and took the glass from his hand and put it on the table. And when he tried to stand up, she held him up.

'What is this? How would you go home now? Come in!', with a slight giggle she hugged him gently.

The blanket kept the warmth inside. John got up in the morning and stretched his hands when he heard the early morning commotion outside. Though the heavenly time he enjoyed made him hesitate a bit, he put on his clothes and pushed the door open thinking to leave the place before dawn.

The old man, who was half asleep at the door, closed his eyes tightly and pretended to be sleeping when John passed across him.

With the satisfaction that she had achieved her task, the old man whispered closing his eyes.

She's a baby whale too!

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