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Sri Lanka's existing team has been found to be corrupt

Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith

Sri Lanka's previous President Gotabaya Rajapakse has fled the country after the people's uprising and a new President Ranil Wickremasinghe has been sworn in.

But the protesters say that the new President represent the same class. Speaking to BBC World Radio Service on July 30 th , 2022 Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo has said that, " The new President can only claim legitimacy following new election to prove that he has the backing of the people.

Of course we can do the blame game all the time, because our political leaders, over a period of 30, 40 years have destroyed the Economy of this country enriching them selves by taking all kinds of loans from International Banks from different countries on all kinds of terms and they have been engaging in huge projects by constructing projects that are not in immediate need.

These projects have increased the debt situation of our country making it impossible for the very fragile economy to sustain the repayment of the loans and these politicians have made Billions

of rupees of money for the projects that have been absolutely useless (Eg. Hambantota Harbour). These people have defrauded this country and its people of their wealth and as a result of this today its

Difficult to import essential food items & medical supply have been affected and nearly 6 million people are in starvation.

I don't think the so called new President, Ranil Wickremasinghe has the legitimacy to sit in that Chair as he has been elected on a constitutional provision only by the Parliament and the present Parliament doesn't represent the views of the people.

There is a real problem about the moral authority of the President. One of the ways in which he can prove his authority is to have an election either to local bodies, provincial or National parliament. The existing team has been found to be corrupt, therefore the people should elect a new team of people to go to the Parliament."

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CHAPTER 5

VIHARAMAHADEVI



By Pon Kulendiren

King Kelanitissa who ruled the Kelani Kingdom during 3rd century BC, had a beautiful wife as the Queen. The King had many other wives. The Queen gave birth to a girl who became the wife of Kaavantissa, the king of Ruhuna. Kalani Kingdom and Ruhuna kingdoms were separated by many hundred miles. The Queen of the Kelani Kingdom had a love affair with the brother of the King, prince Urithira. There was gossip in the palace about the secret love between the Queen and the Prince, who met in secret. The King heard the gossip but waited to find the truth about the love affair.

One day the King gave alms to Buddhist monks. The Queen was serving food to the monks, Prince Urethra gave a love letter in a metal capsule to a Buddhist monk to be delivered to the Queen. The Monk did not know that it was a love letter from the prince to the Queen. While delivering the capsule containing the letter, the capsule fell on the ground and made a noise. King heard the noise from the capsule that was on the ground. He took the letter inside the capsule and read it. It was a love letter. He thought the love letter was written by the monk to the Queen. It made him furious. He ordered the guards to bring the monk for an inquiry in front of the monks. The monk said that he did not write the letter and it was given to him by Prince Urethra to be given to the Queen.

The King did not believe the monk's explanation. He ordered the guards to throw the monk in a cauldron containing boiling oil. All monks and people protested King's action to kill the monk. The sea got angered due to the death of an innocent monk. The curse of the monks and the people created a Tsunami which went and destroyed many houses and people. The King was upset. He called the Palace astrologer and asked for a solution to prevent more Tsunamis. They advised the King to sacrifice the King's only daughter to the ocean. He was hesitating to sacrifice his loving daughter. The Princess said that she was prepared to sacrifice herself to the ocean to save the Kingdom. Soothsayer said it is better to sacrifice the princess and it will make her reach a land where she will become a Queen. With much hesitation, the King told the daughter the suggestion made by the astrologers. He also said that if a sacrifice is not made to the ocean and calm, many Tsunamis may be expected. Mahavamsa also says that sea encroached eleven miles of the kingdom. The brave princess was prepared to sacrifice herself on behalf of her father Kelanitissa and to save her kingdom from destruction by the sea. She left the kingdom in a beautifully decorated boat which bore the inscription "Daughter of a King." As soon as she left the kingdom, the sea calmed.

This Tsunami recorded in Mahavamsa was also recorded in Tamil epic Solaitira where the trading and port city in Tamil Nadu went under the sea. This is the city where river Kaveri meets the bay of Bengal and the location where Kannagi's husband Kovalan who was a trader met Madhavi the dancer and mother of Manimekalai. Researchers say that Negombo lagoon, Puttalam lagoon and the islands around Jaffna peninsula were created by the Tsunami that occurred during King Kelanitissa period. There were no one else in the boat other than the princess. She prayed to Lord Buddha to save her from further disasters in the sea. The sea current took the boat towards Galle and to Matara and landed near a fishing village called Kirinda. There was a vihara on a rock near the seashore. The

a young girl in the boat. They informed the king about the boat details. When the king arrived at the Kirinda he found beautiful girl in a boat with food and jewelry. He saw a capsule containing a letter. After reading the letter King Kaavantissa came to know that she was the only daughter of King Kelanitissa. King of Ruhuna was happy to receive the princess. He sent a message to Kelanitissa stating that his daughter arrived safely in boat at a fishing village in his kingdom and he wishes to marry her. Kelanitissa agreed to the Ruhuna king to marry his daughter. Kavantissa married the princess and made her the Queen of Ruhuna Kingdom.

After a year, the Queen became pregnant and gave birth to a Prince. The King and the Queen named him Abaya Gamini. On the same day of his birth, an elephant was born in the Yala forest. The Veddas found the elephant and named it Kandula. It was brought to King's place and was gifted to Abaya Gamini. Since Kavantissa found the queen near a Vihara at Kirinda she was named Vihara Mahadevi. Vihara Mahadevi when she was a princess in the Kelani Kingdom, hated King Ellalan as her father was sub-king of Ellalan. The hatred towards Ellalan was that he being a Tamil invader. She taught her son Abaya Gamini from young age to hate Ellalan. She told him that one day he must build an army and go for a war against Ellalan and win the battle. King Kavantissa knew that he did not have a strong army to fight against King Ellalan. He started recruiting great warriors who excelled in various fields of fighting. He advised Vihara Mahadevi and his son Abaya that it was not the time to fight against Ellalan, the Tamil King of Rajarata because he had a strong army and liked by the people.

Vihara Mahadevi became well known for her role as the military supervisor of her son while being noted for bravery and endurance which enabled her to accompany her son to the battlefield regardless of the danger. Given that, her role shouldn't let go unrecognized considering her outstanding acts of bravery. All those who were present at the war by the side of Dutu Gemunu were males with the notable exception of Vihara Mahadevi. It became evident that it was the king himself who decided to take his mother to the battlefield which at first sight seems to be something that can hardly be expected from a son.

The Queen draws credit for various reasons which made her an object of praise. First, she bore a son who is destined to be great in the future. Secondly Vihara Mahadevi is often characterized as a mother who provided her son the moral stimulation while nurturing his heroic qualities, understanding his future intentions through her motherly instincts. Thirdly her role before the war and amidst the war was of crucial importance which took on different roles which were equally significant. To elaborate, besides her role as the supervisor of Dutu Gemunu prior to the war, once in the battle field her role extended to such a degree that she let herself to be employed in a war tactic to seize a Tamil general which otherwise would have been a difficult task involving loss of lives.

This performance of the Queen raises two possible questions. Why Dutu Gemunu placed his mother's life at stake by allowing her to do what she did? Secondly the other way around, why Vihara Mahadevi herself didn't hesitate to take such a risk? The most accurate answer would be the altruism commonly shared by the mother and the son provided the strong sense of courage reflected through her character. As a result of the commitment of both the mother and the son to the greater good they felt obliged to work with no regard for their own lives.



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June sales down by 41% in June

Higher borrowing costs continued to impact home sales in June 2022. Sales totalled 6,474 – down by 41 per cent compared to last year's strong result. The number of transactions was also down compared to May 2022, but this is often the case due to the seasonal nature of the market.

The average selling price, at \$1,146,254, remained 5.3 per cent above the June 2021 level, but continued to trend lower on a monthly basis. The MLS® Home Price Index Composite benchmark was up by 17.9 per cent year-over-year, but also experienced a month-over-month dip compared to May. Annual price growth was driven more so by less expensive market segments, including townhouses and condominium apartments.

"Home sales have been impacted by both the affordability challenge presented by mortgage rate hikes and the psychological effect wherein home buyers who can afford higher borrowing costs have put their decision on hold to see where home prices end up. Expect current market conditions to remain in place during the slower summer months. Once home prices stabilize, some buyers will re-enter the market despite higher borrowing costs," said TRREB President Kevin Crigger. While the number of transactions was down year-over-year, the number of new listings was little changed over the same period. This has provided for more balance in the market, resulting in a more moderate annual pace of price growth. "Listings will be an important indicator to watch over the next few months. With the unemployment rate low, the majority of households aren't in a position where they need to sell their home. If would-be sellers decide to take a wait-and-see attitude over the next few months, it's possible that active listings could trend lower as well. This could cause market conditions to tighten somewhat, providing some support for home prices," said TRREB Chief Market Analyst Jason Mercer.

"Our region continues to grow because we attract people and businesses from all around the world. All of these people will require a place to live, whether they choose to buy or rent. Despite the shorter-term impact of higher borrowing costs, housing demand will remain strong over the long-term, as long as we can produce homes within which people can live. Policymakers at all levels need to make this their key goal," said TRREB CEO John DiMichele.



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(NC) While choosing to buy a new home is an incredibly exciting time, it can also be a little stressful. If you are considering buying a new-build home, a good understanding of how your deposit protection works will go a long way to giving you greater peace of mind. Here are answers to some of the most common questions new home buyers have:

What does deposit protection cover?

Deposit protection covers you in cases where your builder goes bankrupt or fundamentally breaches your agreement. It also applies in situations where you exercise a statutory right to end the purchase agreement, such as when completion of your home is extended beyond the latest allowable date indicated in the addendum of your agreement.

How much of my deposit is covered?

The level of deposit protection depends on the type of home you buy. If the price of your new freehold home is \$600,000 or less, your deposit is covered for up to \$60,000. For example, if the price of the home you're buying is \$550,000 and you put down \$60,000, your entire deposit is protected. If it's over \$600,000, you're protected for 10 per cent of the purchase price, up to a maximum of \$100,000. If you're looking to buy a condo unit, you receive two levels of deposit protection. First, your deposit is protected by the trust provisions of the Condominium Act. Under the act, your builder must hold your deposit money in a trust account. As a second level of protection, if for some reason your deposit was not placed in trust, the new home warranty provides protection for up to \$20,000.

What about other payments I make upfront? Deposit protection now covers other payments related to your new home within the above limits, such as those you make for upgrades and extras like hardwood flooring or granite Counters. However, keep in mind that the new home warranty does not protect any payments made to reserve or hold a home before the purchase agreement is signed.

How do I get my deposit back?

If you're eligible for a deposit refund, your builder must return it to you. If you're unable to get a refund from your builder when you're eligible, you can make a claim to the consumer protection organization Tarion. You can learn more about buying a new home at tarion.com.



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Gotabaya's ascent and descent in power as the President of Sri Lanka



By: Thambu Kanagasabai, LLM [London]



Gotabaya's election as the President of Sri Lanka in December 2019 is unique as it exposes and endorses the underlying political ills of Sri Lanka namely racism, communalism, majoritarianism and Sinhala/Buddhist hegemony.

His victory has cemented the paths of polarization and created separatist and segregating tendencies among the usual peaceful Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslim communities. This article briefly mentions the contributions of President Gotabaya to these communities during the past 30 months of his rule: Gotabaya's records in the political history of Sri Lanka.

- He is the President who held dual citizenship of USA and Sri Lanka but later renouncing the USA citizenship due to mounting pressures in Sri Lanka.
- He is the first President in Sri Lanka who held military posts in the Sri Lankan Army and won the presidential election.
- He is the President who exploited his victory over the LTTE to win the presidential election in 2019 though the war was fought with the assistance of 22 countries, particularly, India, Pakistan, China, Russia and Iran.
- He is the first President who had never indulged in politics or interacted with the public and not even been elected to serve as a member of any local bodies like Municipal Council. As such he is the non-politician being elected as the President.
- He is the first President allegedly accused of committing war crimes, crimes against humanity etc. as revealed in several UN Special Rapporteurs Reports including Madam Yasmin Sooka's ITJP Reports.
- He is the first person holding the post of Defense Secretary in 2009 who ordered the Army Commanders Savendra de Silva and Sarath Fonseka to "Kill them all" referring to the thousands of civilians and LTTE fighters who were surrendering after the defeat of LTTE in May 2009 including the LTTE senior leaders.,
- He holds the credit of requesting his master politician and elder brother Mahinda Rajapakshe to quit the Premiership to save his government and Presidential seat.
- He is the only President who openly stated that "He was elected by the majority Sinhala -Buddhists ignoring the more than 65,000 Tamils and Muslims who voted for him.
- He is the only President who expressed his intention and objective to "Serve the needs of Sinhalese and Buddhists" during his speech at the inaugural function on January 12, 2020 at Anuradhapura and considered all the others as irrelevant.

• Gotabaya acted in violation of the constitution when he appointed Ranil Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister who did not "Command the confidence of the majority members of the Parliament" even when his party failed to win even one seat while he himself was defeated in the elections. Ranil became an MP through the national list without the mandate of the people or his party.

• Gotabaya is promoting and sponsoring "The One Country One Law" doctrine and policy of an open racist and chauvinistic extremist Monk Ahturaliya Ratsiri Thero by appointing a commission to consider the enforcement of these divisive and destabilizing concept which targets the non-recognition and discarding of traditional, customary and historical laws including culture and traditions of other communities particularly Tamils and Muslims thereby fostering and breeding more hostility, divisions, enmity, suspicion and distrust against each other and among all the communities ultimately and irreversibly leading to civil unrest and potential disintegration of Sri Lanka.

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• Long queues in front of bakeries and groceries have become daily sites in all parts of the island reminiscent of the periods in the 1970s during Srimavo Bandaranayke's rule [from 1970 - 1977].

• He is also the President who according to the statement of the Army Commander in an interview with Sunday Leader on 13th December 2009 ordered Brigadier Shavendra de Silva to "Kill them all" which resulted in the killings of LTTE senior leaders and commanders. [source] Colombo Telegraph 15th October 2011.

• It is not too late for the Prime Minister to heed the protesters' demands and public calls and resign his post paving way for an alternative all party Government or arrange to hold a general election to reverse and retrieve the down the road present paths of mess in Sri Lanka which is continuously afflicted with political ills, mismanagement, corruption and economic mess.

• He is widely blamed for the current economic woes and crisis in Sri Lanka due to his inexperience and mismanagement during his past two and a half years rule as the President. He could be described as a square peg in a round hole straining to fit in.

• Gotabaya who was hailed as a hero and modern Dutta Gamini has been now described as a zero value President whose steep rise to power to occupy the Presidential Palace has ended in ruins and fiasco having been forced out by the popular uprising of the hungry citizens and unable to face their ire and fury.

• After hopping from country to country to seek shelter and protection [Maldives and Dubai], he has landed in Singapore from where he sent his resignation from Presidentship to the Speaker and has now become an ordinary citizen.

• The irony is that Gotabaya has to search for a safe country which has not accepted the UN's Universal Jurisdiction Clause to avoid arrest and prosecution for the crimes allegedly committed while he was in power.

• It is reported that Gotabaya has decided to come back to Sri Lanka next month at the request of Singapore Minister Kasi Visvanathan who visited him personally on 16th July 2022 and requested him to leave Singapore within 15 days without giving an extension of stay apparently due to security issues and law and order concerns.

• It is anybody's guess that after his return to Sri Lanka, Gotabaya will draw his road map and hatch the ways and means to resurrect his snatched political power and ambitions.

The indisputable and undeniable fact and truth is that the proximate cause of the current state of political and economic mess is the still unsolved 65 years old ethnic problem which is still awaiting a permanent and just political settlement.



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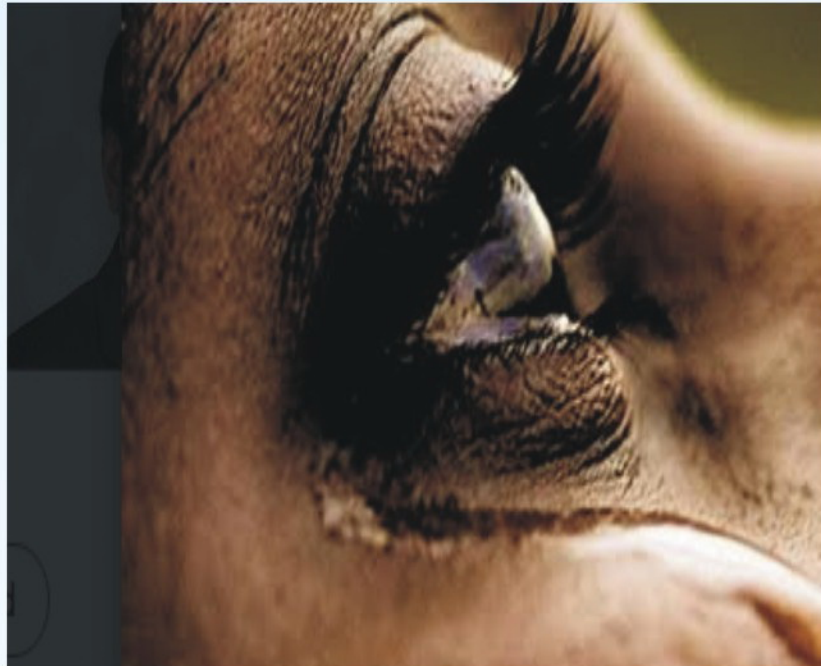
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We were waiting in a line as they let us in one by one. 'Nangoori', the name caught my eyes as I climbed the stairs of the ship which was waiting to be boarded. The name was written on the side of the ship in huge block letters in both Hindi and English. 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 written all over her face.

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 alive. 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 we do, they wouldn't let us.

They have lost their loved ones, their livelihoods, their belongings, their dignity and so 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 beside her 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 felling helpless. She was wailing in agony like a madwoman. I 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 hurtful to him when they were arguing? Could 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. 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 asked. '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 neck. The thought of suicide might have 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 decision.

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 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 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 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 Thamizh people, Kankesanthurai, she also came down with us. '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 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 Thamizh 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 Thamizh 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 committed himself in the freedom fight and lost his life. 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 Thamizh 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 doesn't seem to end any time soon. No one knows what is right and what is wrong. (Vikatan Deepavali Malar)



NOOPURA NAADAM OF LUKSHIYA RAJEEVAN (6 YRS OLD)



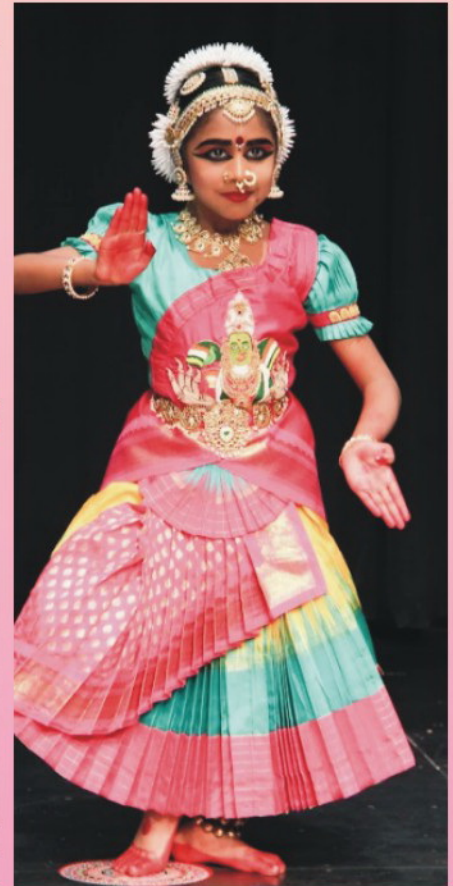
Noopura Naadam of Lukshiya Rajeevan (6 yrs Old), disciple of Smt. Sutharsini Thileepan was held on July 10th, 2022 at the Fairview Theatre, Toronto. Lukshiya has been learning Bharathanatyam for the last 2 years under her Guru, Smt. Sutharsini Thileepan. Currently she is in Grade 1 at Sathya Sai School of Toronto. Apart from classical dance she is learning Carnatic Music from Arun Gopinath master and Tamil, French, Reading and Math.

The Chief Guests for the event was, Smt. Suneetha Prakash and Sri. Prakash Venkataraman. I wish Lukshiya the very best & pray to the almighty that this is the beginning of her journey in the field of dance.

I also wish her parents Rajeevan Thillaiampalam and Sushama Rajeevan for identifying her daughter's talent and to join her to the dance classes under Smt. Sutharshini and congratulate the Guru for undertaking a child at this tender age and teaching and preparing her to dance beautifully in front of a large crowd.

**Charles Devasagayam, M.A. Editor-In-Chief
Tamil Mirror (Photos: Charles Devasagayam)**

Lukshiya has been continuously practicing Bharathanatyam for the last 4 months, including Sundays and Saturdays. Its important to note Lukshiya was performing for a live orchestra comprising, Smt. Sutharsini Thileepan (Nattuvangam), Sri. Arun Gopinath (Vocal), Sri Rathiruban Paramsothy (Miruthangam), and Smt. Prabha Thayalan (Veena), for more than 2 hours, at this tender age.



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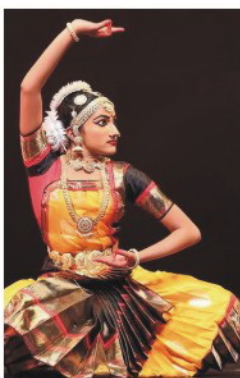


Bhaarati School Of Indian Classical Dance proudly presented Bharatha Natya Arangetram of **Durga Sivakumar**, on July 17, 2022 at Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. Durga Sivakumar started to learn Bharathanatyam under the tutelage of Guru Smt. Shiyama Thayaalan at the age of four. She has been enjoying this divine journey for over 12 years.

Durga has completed her fifth Grade Level Examination conducted by Annamalai University with Distinction. Durga has also been learning Carnatic music alongside Bharathanatyam, in which she has currently completed the level 5 examination of Carnatic music through the Thamil Isai Kala Manram. The Chief Guests at the event were Smt.

Suneetha Prakash and Sri Prakash Venkataraman. The Orchestra included: Nattuvangam: Smt. Shiyama Thayaalan; Vocal: Sri Arun Gopinath; Miruthangam: Sri Rathiruban Paramsothy; Violin: Sri Jayadevan Nair; Flute:

Dr. Selvanayagam Thayaparan. I wish Durga the very best and pray to God that this be the beginning of her remarkable journey in the field of dance. I also congratulate her proud parents for all their efforts in guiding her to learn Bharathanatyam. Charles Devasagayam, M.A. Editor-In-Chief **Tamil Mirror**.
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