THE BREZE



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THE BREEZE



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Oh gentle breeze,
Calm and sweet,
We welcome you
On our English day,
May you live long
And lighten the path!
Of every one
Who comes your way!

Prayer

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The feeling of the moring BREEZE;
The delicate fragrance,
From the inner sanctum of
Sri Kirupakara Sivasubramanya Swamy temple
Fills us with a peace and holiness.
This inspiring experience, of course,
The blessings for a pleasant start.

We enter the college, carrying
Bags and snacks on our backs
And heaps of hopes, burying
Snowy dreams in minds.
Be a doctor, an Engineer or a Prof.
Do not know whatever will be
But, Puthukkovil swamy! you know,
B'cos you are Omniscient!!

In every need and every deed,
We trust, your blessings are there.
Our academic life is steady indeed,
We achieved a lot and a lot to achieve!
The family of Kokuvil Hindu College,
Praise your guidance which raise us to the top.
The Almighty! Sivasubramanya Swamy!!
BE WITH US AND LEAD US FOREVER.

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When red, blue and green colour lights are focused on a plane sur face, at the intersect we get pure white colour. Likewise, if the components of objectives - knoweledge, skill and attitude are focused on the education, at the intersect we can get enlightment.

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By having correct components of objectives in education, a child gradually develops his or her basic competencies and becomes a competent one.

By acquiring the required competencies, children can lead their lives like leaves dancing in The Breeze.

Cover Idea: Sadah

Message from the Chief Priest , Sri Kirupakara Sivasubramanya Swamy Temple

I really appreciate the determination of the pupils of Kokuvil Hindu College for releasing 'The Breeze', a magazine in English.

I congratulate all those who have been working towards this goal.

I pray Sri Kirupakara Sivasubramanya Swamy for his blessings to the students, teachers and Principal of Kokuvil Hindu College to continue such activities in the future.

Sivasri K.Sivathasakkurukkal

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Message from the Principal

I have great pleasure in extending my best wishes to the English Union and the staff advisors to release the magazine 'The Breeze' on the occasion of the English Day celebration.

English plays a major role in the world specially in the field of Communication and Information Technology.

As such our English Union always emphasizes the importance of English and takes every effort to maintain the standard of English. Towards achieving this aim our teachers of English guide and motivate our students to get involved in many activities. Conducting annual English day celebration and publishing magazine is one of the important tasks.

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I understand the difficulties in releasing a magazine due to great effort and funding the publication. My congratulations to our teachers of English who have contributed in making this magazine a success and to the members of the English Union for their active participation

I wish to express my gratitude to the proprietors of Business Establishments who have offered us advertisements and the well wishers who have consented to buy our First and the Special issues of the magazine.

I wish every success to the English day celebration and the release of the magazine 'The Breeze'.

P.Kamalanathan Principal

OUR PRINCIPAL



Mr.P.Kamalanathan B.Com.; Dip-in-Ed S.L.P.S.I

Message from the Director of Education

It is of great pleasure for me in giving this message to the magazine "THE BREEZE" published by the English union of J/Kokuvil Hindu College. The advancement of English can be done by this process. The articles in this magazine by the students will give boost in this language which is essential in the globalization phenomena. I wish the teachers and the principal who give guidance in make this endeavour a success.

U.J. SolvaratnamDirector of Education
Jaffna Zone.

Message from the Assistant Director of Education (English)

Zonal Education Office, Jaffna. 2005.10.31 *പ*്രെയുന്നു പ്രധാന പ്രധാനം പ്രവാനം പ

The Principal J/Kokuvil Hindu College Kokuvil.

Dear Sir,

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I am more than delighted to send a message for publication the magazazine of your English Union.

Your English Teaching and learning activities are commendable, broad-based and vibrant and not merely confined to the day-to-day monotonous pattern of teaching English.

Your magazine, I trust, could inspire both the teachers and the taught to "brace" all problems and "breeze" the gentle, air to tone up the language skills of all pupils.

May your laudable efforts continue,, become productive and keep alive the flame of aspiration.

I congratulate every one in the English union and wish all success. Thank you.

Yours in the Service of Teaching English

S. Jhiakarajah

Assistant Director of Education (English)

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (OSA)

It's my pleasure to send this message of congratulations to the English Union of our college on the occasion of the release of the magazine 'The Breeze'.

In the context of globalization, English has gained importance as the language of commerce and information technology. English was put in the back row for more than four decades in our country. Only now, its importance has been realised and steps are taken to reintroduce the English medium teaching. So it is very appropriate that the English Union in conducting the English Day and releasing a magazine.

My best wishes to all involved in this effort.

Wr.R. NadarajahPresident
Old Student's Association
Kokuvil Hindu College.

The Report from the Secretary

It gives me great pleasure in submitting this report of our English Activities in 2005. This has been a very successful year for us in all our activities.

We had the English day competitions during the Second term which included Divisional level. Many students distinguished themselves by their commendable performance at the Divisional level, zonal level and District level. Many students distinguished themselves by their commendable performance at the divisional level and District level competitions. We are glad that Miss. J. Uththami of Grade 10 and Master T. Vithurshan of Grade 9 won second places in recitation at the District level and became eligible to compete at the Provincial level competitions. The dramas presented by the Juniors and seniors secured the 1st places in the Divisional level.

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I take this opportunity to thank our patron and Principal Mr. P.Kamalanathan whose encouragement will never be forgotten.

In conclusion I thank all our English teachers for their untiring efforts and valuable advice to help students achive a high standard in English. Finally I thank the members of the English Union and the students parents, well wishers for their wholehearted co – operation.

Foreword

The English union of Kokuvil Hindu College has a tradition of releasing the Magazine "The Breeze" together with English Day celebrations. But unfortunately, this has not been done for sometime due to various constraints. So in order to rekindle interest and participation of students, the union has determined to release it this year.

English language has been an essential component to students to enter and develop themselves in any avenue of life. A sound knowledge of English is an asset that provides stamina, courage and confidence to pupils on their ventures.

We strongly feel a period of forty minutes a day is not sufficient to fulfill these requirements. So an English Union becomes essential to enjoy English and enrich English.

The English forum of Kokuvil Hindu College was originated with the intention of developing language skills through cultivating our aesthetic senses. But today it has gone beyond its objectives by publishing its official organ, "The Breeze".

We received many contributions for publication from our fellow students. But we regret that we couldn't include all of them due to lack of space. However, we appreciate the participation of our brothers and sisters.

We are very grateful for those educationists who contributed with articles and messages to The Breeze. Our success has been due to the guidance and encouragement given at every turn by our Principal and the teachers of English. We are equally beholden to Mr. T. Devarajah, former head of the English section, for his labour of love in expediting this magazine. It is our bounden duty to thank all the establishments which gave us advertisements. Our thanks are due to Andra Printers for bringing out "The Breeze" in due time.

Finally a word to the readers:

There may be some "lapses" in the proceeding pages. Please stomach it as a side effect of rapid preparation.

Editors

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Why learn English

The fact that the Tamil student needs English is not seriously questioned. But on issues like the type of English needed, the stage at which it should be started, whether it should be English only or English and Tamil, views could differ very widely.

Why do we learn English? It should be conceded that an accurate prediction of future language needs is scarcely possible. Methodologists argue that speech should be the aim of learning a language. The ability to use real appropriate language to communicate and interact with others should be the primary role of foreign language learning. In other words one should be able, in course of time to use the language in everday life – as a means of day – to – day communication. "To bridge the wide-felt gap between pupil's *knowledge* of language the structure and his ability to *use* that knowledge spontaneously and readily in every day life" is the declared objective of the writers of the current course book series.

But in the Sri Lankan context, it is doubtful whether there is a marked need to use English outside the classroom. One could very well manage with one or both of the national languages anywhere in the country. Why worry about a need that doesn't exist?

Although a knowledge of English is no longer a prerequisite to transact business, to travel or to socialize, proficiency in English would come in handy, when one goes abroad. The Sri Lankan, thinking of acquiring a foreign language would. of course, choose English because he has had some acquaintance, however small, with it.

With a smattering of English one could find a job abroad. A student could pursue higher studies in the U.K, the States or Australia. In short, with English, one is never lost. But sociolinguists consider this an exaggerated claim. After all, the percentage of people going abroad is very small. How justifiable will it be to teach the whole student population English? – they ask.

We have therefore, to look for other aims

Instrumental; (i) Although Tamil is the medium of instruction, theoretically up to the University level, special courses in the Natural Sciences and Medicine, for example, are conducted in English. Even the courses run entirely in Tamil put a premium on reference work in English is at an advantage.

Even at the post graduate level, English helps the Tamil medium student. Prof. Suseendrarajah who circulated a paper on the role of English, seems to think that Tamil medium post graduates doing research in U.K and U.S.A have successfully written their theses in English. I am not impressed. I do meet some of them. Even casual encounters, their language is awfully lacking. How they manage to write theses, if at all they wrote them, will be a worthwhile investigation. Susi, as a linguist, should know that a language is not mastered like that in months!(one could write a brief leave note a letter, perhaps fill in forms, compile one's bio – data etc. after a short course in English.

- ii) One could also learn English for intellectual satisfaction. English offers a wide range of information through magazines, periodicals, the radio, the T.V not to mention books, encyclopedias. For the learner who seeks, English has so much to offer.
- iii) A further aim could be the need, the thirst to understand other cultures and eventually to recognize one's place in this large mass of humanity. Language is interwoven with culture. What I have in mind is not necessarily British culture but all cultures, African, Australian or Indian.
- iv) In Jaffna, after resettlement and the restoration of power supply, computer studies rate very high in the list of student priorities. Since English is a must for these courses, school leavers are highly motivated to learn English. This awakening is somewhat unprecedented.

This leads us to the question of motivation: According to David Wilkins, there are two essentially different types of motivational. "on the one hand there are learners who are interested in language and culture for their own sake and who are potentially sympathetic to the values of a different society; on the other there are those learning a language for some specific purpose" Of these, the former are the well motivated and therefore more successful.

In our situation what motivation does a student of English have? I don't know whether I am treading on dangerous grounds but to answer this question one has to understand how the Tamil mind works. In a highly competitive world English could give the Sri Lankan Tamil a few points to edge over his nearest rival. Perhaps if one

could get himself successfully smuggled into a country in the west, he/she could pursue higher studies in the English medium. Given the option, most Tamils would urge their children to pursue their studies in English purely for pragmatic reasons.

Attitudes: Social and cultural attitudes have a very deep influence on individual learners. A knowledge of a foreign language may be regarded favorably in a particular society and with hostility in another society. The Tamils, for example, hold their language in a very high esteem. Some may be even fanatical. Such a person could not be a good learner, for , his built – in prejudices would stand in his way. The Chinese, for, example, are very good learners for they fit admirably into any social set up. English is resented in countries where the political power of the British Empire has been most felt – often in its crudest form. Where learners have rigid ethnocentric and authoritarian views they are less successful in language learning. Ngugi has stopped writing in English because he considers it a treason. Nearer home Patrick Fernando, one of our outstanding poets declared:

"To write in English is a form of cultural treason.

I have to think of a way of circumventing
This treason. I propose to do this by making my writing entirely
Immoralist and destructive"

It will not be out of place to point out that in our country English has been and still, is an instrument of "upward social mobility" The English educated elite continue to dominate the political, commercial and administrative scene. The Presidential commission on Youth notes with regret that a large number of rural youth who appeared before them expressed their resentment against the English speaking western – oriented *elite*. They call this "Kaduwa" (or sword) used by the *elite* to cut down the rural majority.

The commissioners observe that both the Tamil and the Sinhala youth are discriminated against. But the question has a further dimension. The very same Sinhalese youth have seized the Sinhala kaduwa to cut down what is legitimately the Tamil youth's dues. In a country where communal polities rages, the Tamil youth is not going to make any headway through Sinhala. Therefore English could be the thing that could ensure his survival – either here or abroad.

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Learning Literature

It is a pity that our education has nothing much to do with a person's own interest and ability, leave alone contributing to the advertisement of wisdom and society. Choosing one's own field of study is not according to the abilities and interests of the person concerned, but by factors such as prospective salaries, anticipated status, accidental chances, and so on. At many a time like throwing dice.

The ultimate outcome of this is, as a nation, we end up in producing mediocrities, making our real wealth of talents wasted in some inappropriate fields. This is especially true in the Jaffna society. Cases such as a person with inborn talents of music ending up as a file browsing clerk, another with extraordinary mathematical skills entering the field of medicine to satisfy the parents' ego, and yet another with a flair for languages doing an administrative job, are not new to us.

Such people just drudge on with whatever they have got entangled in, for the rest of their professional life without a trace of benefit to the field concerned and to themselves, except financially of course, for the latter.

At times, choosing of, or rather the availability of, the fields of studies turns out to be really funny. Just imagine, some one who is least interested in reading, the dailies at least, offering literature for his studies? A Tamilian who has not heard of Puthumaipiththan or Jayakanthan studing English Literature? A student from Jaffna who has not read a story by Ilankayarkone talking about African writings? Some Northerner who is not familiar with the works of Bharathi or Somasundara Pulavar boasting about Shakespeare and Shaw?

If this is the case in general with those offering English Literature for their higher studies here, those who opted to follow Tamil Literature are not any better. They, too, always prove their strong determination in not looking beyond the texts prescribed.

Then, who are to be blamed? Not the students, surely.

Ayathurai Santhan

Volunteering

Have you started? If you haven't by the time you finish reading this article you'll have plenty of reasons to. I just started high school this year and already have a hundred community hours. How? Well it's a lot easier to start than you think. There are many opportunities through activities that you already participate in. Are you on a soccer team? Do you take swimming lessons? You can earn hours by coaching an extracurricular event that you already participate in.

A good place to volunteer is a health care centre. Here the application is more formal. You have to pick up and fill out an application package, go to an orientation, book and attend an interview, and finally you are placed in a position of your choice. Through this process you are gaining presentation skills when you go for your interview. As well you learn how references work and what types of skills you can include in a resume.

Other good places to volunteer are at your community center and even at school. Things like the 30 hours famine, special tags, and tutoring are things you could do through the school to get your hours.

The definition of volunteer is an unpaid helper. Volunteering gives you a chance to experience possible fields you can work in when you yourself find a job. It helps you decide on a career path, and get a taste of what it's like to be in the work force. Aside from your marks what looks really good on a university application is your volunteer experience. It shows that you are well rounded and have hands on experience. It also shows that you are motivated to help the society.

Another place you can bring up your volunteer experience is on a resume. If you have previously volunteered in the same field as the job your are applying for the odds of success will definitely be on your side. Through volunteering you gain contacts to help you in your future. Volunteering opens your eves to what else is going on in the world. You will feel good about helping other people and have an opportunity to put your time towards something meaningful. Seeing how different life is for other people will help you appreciate the life you're living now and motivate you to keep helping.

By: Hausalya Kulanayagam

Courtesy: May 2005 issue of the magazine being released by The Kokuvil Hindu Old Students Association (KHOSA) of Canada.

A TRIBUTE TO TEACHER

The teacher is a prophet –

He lays the foundation of tomorrow

The teacher is an artist-

He works precious clay of unfolding personality.

The teacher is a friend-

His heart responds to the fair and devotion of his students The teacher is a citizen –

He is selected and licensed for the improvement of society The teacher is an interpreter

Out of his nature and wider life he seeks to guide the young The teacher is a builder-

He works with the higher and finer values of civilization The teacher is a planner –

He sees the younger lives before him as a part of a great system which shall grow stronger on the light of truth

The teacher is a pioneer –

He is always attempting the impossible and winning out The teacher is a reformer –

He removes the handicaps that weaken and destroy life The teacher is a believer –

He has aiding fair in the improvability of the race

Joy E. Morgan

Ravi: Why did Robinhood only

rob from the rich?

Sasi : I don't know

Ravi : Because the poor had no money

Mohan: Our cat never drinks milk. Mathan: How is that possible?

Mohan: We don't give it any.

SIVANANANTHAM ORATORICAL CONTEST 2004

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L.Nareshkumar

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SENIORS



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3rd Place

WINNERS OF THE ENGLISH DAYCOMPETITION DISTRICT LEVEL - 2005



J.Uththamy
Recitation^{2nd}.Place



T.Vithursan
Recitation^{2nd} Place

Better Bit

An old lady becomes blind. She consults a doctor. She promises him large fee if she is cured. It there is no cure the doctor will not get any fee. The doctor calls on the lady daily He covets the lady's furniture. He removes one piece after another He delays the cure. At last he cures her. He demands his fees. The lady refuses to pay she says that the cure is not complete. The doctor goes to the court. The judge asks the old lady why she refuses to pay the fee. The lady complains that her sight is not properly restored. She says that she cannot see all her furniture. The judge finds the truth. He decides in her favour.

J. Jathuraj Gr. 6A

Our School

Our school is Kokuvil Hindu College. It is one of the leading colleges in Jaffna. It was established in 1910. It is a mixed school.

There are seventy-nine teachers and about two thousand students in our college. There are classes form Grade 6 to Grade 13 and we have 6 divisions in each class.

We get all the facilities in our school. There is a big library, three laboratories, and a large playground in our school. We have separate rooms to study Music, Art, Dance, and Agriculture. There is a computer room and an audio/video room for our use.

Our Principal is Mr.P.Kamalanathan. He is very strict, But, he is kind and helpful to us. We like our school very much. We are proud of being pupils of Kokuvil Hindu College.

U. Nishanthan S. Sinthujan Gr. 6E

The only public safety is Justice.

Plato

Uses of Trees

Trees are God's gift to man. They are very useful to us. Both men and animals get many kinds of food from trees. We get fruits, leaves, and roots. They give us firewood for cooking. It gives us cool shade. People, birds, and animals take rest in the shade of trees. Children play under the shade of trees. They swing on the branches of big trees. Trees give us timber for building houses and boats and for making furniture. Their roots stop soil erosion. Some trees give us valuable medicines that cure our illness. Hence we should not cut down trees. We should look after them and plant new trees from time to time.

M. Rajeeth Gr. 6 A

My Friend

I have many friends But I like Mena a lot. She is my best friend. Mena is a nice girl. She lives at Inuvil with her family.

She is tall and fair. She is a student at Kokuvil Hindu College. Her favourite subject is English. Her father is a teacher. He teaches at Uduvil Girl College. Her mother is a House wife. She has two brothers and one sister. They are students.

Mena has lots of nice features which attract others towards her. Her face is round. She is very slim. Her eyes are small.

She has thick hairs. She rarely talks to others. We love each other a lot.

B. Rukshayani Gr.7C

Forgiveness is more manly than punishment.

Mahathma Gandhi.

How I Spend my Leisure Time

Every body in this world wants to make use of time because time is more precious than anything. When we are occupied with our duties whoever we are we do what we should do but when we are free we want to do some thing what we desire to do. Such activities give us pleasure and some such activities are useful and profitable too.

As a student I prefer reading books, whenever I am free . I read fictions, books on discoveries and essays for children in the week end and daily issues. I enjoy reading articles in the children's corner. Most of them are written by children who are like me.

My father buys books and magazines for my brother and me. He encourages us to read a lot. I some times go to the public library to read books or magazines. I also exchange books with my friends.

Reading is really an interesting and useful leisure time activity. Our word power increases by reading and we unconsciously learn styles of writing. This reading habit helps us to write fluently. The habit of reading helps us to improve our knowledge. Good books are like good friends. They make us intelligent too. So let us read a lot and become perfect.

R. Samanthy Gr. 7C

Just a letter

Each of the words that these clues indicate can be represented by a single letter. Guess which?

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- 1. Stand in aline
- 2. A large body of water
- 3. A vegetable
- 4. A light drink
- 5. A part of our body
- 6. A question
- 7. Plural of I
- 1) Q 2) C 3) P 4) J 5) I 6) Y 7) V

Bullock Cart

In the past bullock cart was a very important mode of travel. This is the very first wheeled vehicle of our people.

The bullock cart is an environment friendly vehicle. If we use this we can reduce the problem of environmental pollution.

Cart is faster than walking. We don't need fuel to this cart.

We can use this cart to transport people and goods. This cart is very useful for farmers and poor people.

This cart is very easy to handle and ride to people. It can run in any season.

Nowadays this is not an expensive vehicle. Nowadays people don't use this cart. Because there are many other vehicles which can go faster than carts.

Today transport is done by the bus or the lorry. Nowadays it is very rarely we see carts in the road.

J. Jhevathayaraj Gr.7G

> Looking back on Photos

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you all grown up and say, "There is Gopi; He is an Engineer; or "That's Hema, she is a doctor."

A small voice from the back of the room rang out, and there's the teacher; she's still old, nasty and wrinkled"

Water

Water is a colourless liquid which we can see every where in the earth. It is very important to all living things. It is a precious gift to us from nature.

Nature has a wonderful water system. They are rainwater, streams, waterfalls, lakes, lagoons, tanks, rivers, oceans and well water in all its from is beautiful.

As the population increases so many factories came up. The waste products from the factories were channeled to water ways. This is very dangerous for all the living things.

Hence we must keep the waterways clean and must not waste the water. Or one day we will have to buy or import pure water from other countries. Man has to work with nature to enjoy the life in the earth.

S.Narthana Gr. 69

Health and Food

Every living thing needs food, fresh air and water to live. Animals and plants grow well when proper food is supplied. Foods have many kind of nutrients in a balanced quality for its healthy growth. If our meal contain these nutrients in a balanced form, we call it a healthy food or a balanced diet.

Carbohydrate which is also known as starch is found in rice, wheat flour and yams. Starch helps to produce energy in our body. Protein which is found in eggs, meat, fish and beans builds strong muscles and firm flesh. Fats in cooking oil, ghee, butter and margarine also produce energy. Calcium in milk helps to build strong bones and teeth. Iron, which is available in dark green vegetables, keeps our blood in good condition. Vitamins A,B,C,D and E which are found in free fruits and vegetables help to resist diseases entering our body systems.

It is very important that we should know what a healthy food is. Parents ought to be aware of it as a healthy food is a must. for the healthy growth of their children.

J. Keerthikan Gr. 8A

Computer Education

Today we live in the computer age. The world is fast becoming computerized. We wonder at the amazing speed the computer works. Computer has brought big revolution in communication. It has made communication easy and quick.

Today communication has become a part of daily life. Computer education is spreading far and wide across the globe. Computer education is so important and every student should be computer literate. English is also gaining a new dimension being the language of the computer. Knowledge of English and computer are essential factors for job seekers in future. Without English knowledge and computer knowledge one has no future. Government realized the importance of computer education and has introduced it in schools and universities as well. Computer science has been included as a subject in the curriculum.

In Universities also communication studies have been introduced and taught as a subject. Computer units have been established in schools and computer education is provided to students from grade six to the A/L classes. We student need to learn English and computer science for our prosperity and elevation.

J. Maaraayani Gr. 8A

> Mercy

Gopi : Would you punish me for something I

didn't do?

Teacher: No. Of course not

Gopi : Thank you sir. Because I didn't do my

homework.

A Road Accident: I Saw

One day I was going to the school with my friends. When I was approaching the Kokuvil junction, the traffic was crowed. I was about to cross the road with my friends and waiting for the chance. Suddenly a lorry was coming from Jaffna with full speed. Another vehicle which was coming from Thirunelveli hit the lorry, with a big sound. The vehicle turned upside down. The lorry crashed with a light post and stopped. The driver of the vehicle was in a pool of blood people gathered around the vehicle and pulled him out of the vehicle. He was then taken to the hospital with a broken arm. The incident was informed to the police. The police came to the spot and made inquiries with the people who were in the scene. The lorry was badly damaged and the driver was taken to the police station. Two school children were also injured slightly and they were bandaged for the wounds. People told that the mistake was in the lorry driver for coming with a full speed at the junction and school premises.

U. Kopika Gr. 8 B

Waves

Waves come from the sea slowly one by one. Waves come and kiss the shore To make it wet and fresh

Waves beat upon the stones
To make a lovely song and foams
They come and go every time
And do not stop
To make the nature beauty

M. Saisanth Gr.10 E

Peace in Sri Lanka

Nobody prefers war to peace, because during war fathers bury their sons and during peace sons bury their fathers. This was said by the famous Greek philosopher and historian Herodotus.

Peace in Sri Lanka, why we need it? because there is war we want peace. Sri Lankans have been suffering very acutely by the ongoing ethnic strife for the last two decades. The y are living in constant fear and in the midst of untold hardship that leads them to mental agony. The tribulation they undergo cannot be expressed in words. So peace is the utmost want and necessity for Sri Lankans. Every one is sick of war and the leaders are engaged in exploring ways to achieve peace.

Now both the warring factions have come to a compromise and have signed the memorandum of understanding. Norway and other western powers intervened and has brought peace temporarily. Now almost all the people in Sri Lanka are experiencing, peace and its outcome.

Once again they have stared to enjoy the life. The Northern Sri Lanka and particularly the district of Jaffna is the most affected area due to war. With the opening of A-9 route the people of Jaffna feel some sort of normalcy. Resettlements and renovations take peace every where. Our kith and kin who left the peninsula far back due to fear, are returning. Businessmen from south Sri Lanka, South India and even China have chosen Jaffna to sell their products. But a question in every one's mind — How long will this peace last? Will the leaders find a permanent solution for this longstanding problem? Let's hope so.

S. Anithra Gr.8A

> Geography Class

Teacher : What is the axis of the earth?

Student : The axis of the earth is an imaginary line which passes

from one pole to the other, and on which the earth revolves

Teacher : Very good, now could you hang clothes on that line?

Student : Yes Sir.

Teacher: Indeed, and what sort of clothes?

Student: Imaginary clothes.

Picnic

My family decided to go on a picnic. We went on last Monday. It was a fine morning we went to the beach. My mother had prepared food. We took apples, banana and oranges for the picnic. Our van moved along the main road. It passed through many streets and reached the seashore. The van was packed to its capacity. A cool morning breeze was blowing. We got down from the van and reached the beach. The sea presented a majestic sight.

There were very few people bathing in the sea. Uncle asked us to bathe in the sea. We swam about and played for a while. We splashed water on each other and enjoyed ourselves very much. Then we swam back to the beach and got into the sea. The water there was cool and refreshing. My father did not allow me to enter deep sea because it was risky. My brother had a camera. He took many snaps. After some time we felt tired and hungry. My mother gave us hot tea. In the after noon we had some rest.

We collected a lot of sea shells. We left the place and returned home about 4.30 p.m. I never forget this picnic in my life.

P. Abirami Gra 9C

An Unforgettable Experience

During my last December vacation I was holidaying in the beautiful hill country of Sri Lanka. I was staying at my granny's home in Nuwarw-Eliya. No doubt it is a beautiful place with it's mountains, valleys, water falls, rivers, flower gardens, vegetable gardens. It is known as 'Little England'

Though it was the cold season, one day it happened to be warm with very bright sunshine. So in the afternoon we planned to go for a walk exploring the hillside. My mother, aunt, my little cousin and I set out on the walk. And yet another one joined us. Can you guess who it was? It was none other than our faithful dog.

On the way we visited a friend's home. This was in a lonely area. As we were chatting together in the sitting room we did not realize the time passing. There was now twilight and no time for exploring.

We hurriedly tried to return home taking shortcuts. We missed our way. Sometimes we crushed ourselves through tea bushes and thorny bushes. While we were searching for our way we suddenly came across a narrow stream. We crossed it by stepping on the stones. When we crossed there was a large tree cut down. It blocked our way. We could not go further. Suddenly mother stepped on something which was cold and slippery. it crawled near her feet and she thought it was a snake. But it was a root of a tree.

We came back and crossed the same stream. We were amazed to see our faithful dog following us even when crossing the stream.

By now we were terribly scared of being lost in the jungle. We heard the cicadas, crickets, frogs and other jungle insects making frightful noises. My cousin started to cry. We hushed him and none of us spoke loudly. Luckily for us there was a pale moon over head.

We saw a light in the distance and we walked towards it. It happened to be the lamp from watcher's hut. We asked him the direction of the main road. He willingly accompanied us to the main road. From him we learnt that we had strayed into the forest departments. "The fauna and flora sanctuary" of Nwara - Eliya.

> Sivakumar Nishanth Gr.9 E

The world I Wish for

Births and deaths are not in man's hand. But everyone wants to be happy during his or her life time. But what happens now? People all over world live in panic. Wars, terrorism, drug rings and international crimes threaten their lives. They are all man made problems. As these problems are caused by man they could be solved if he really likes to live in harmony.

I would like to see people live with peace and harmony. They must not be discriminated in the name of race, religion, language, caste the colour of skin and the country. We must think that all are human beings. When people are treated equally with love there will be understanding and it will lead to a happy life. This is the world, I would like to be.

Poverty and unemployment must be eliminated from the countries. The younger generation should be well disciplined. They should be helpful and loveable. I would like to see the family with peace. They should love each other. They should keep their parents happy at their old age. They should have more free time to enjoy their live as a whole.

If there is peace in the society there will be peace in the country and if there is peace in the country there will be peace in the world.

K. Swarna Gr.10 C

My Favourite Subject

My favourite subject is English. It is an international language. English is used all over the world for international trade transaction too. It is very essential for all Sri Lankans to have a good knowledge of English.

English is very essential for higher studies in the field of Science and Technology. In the modern world, English has become very important to get respectable employment. Though there are many languages in the world, English is the prominent of them all.

It is understood and spoken all over the world. English has become the key instrument in communication. Russians, Japanese, Chinese and Germans are very keen to learn English language.

Today almost all the universities conduct Scientific studies in English medium. English is essential to develop our knowledge and to continue higher studies. School leavers from rural areas are ignored when offering good jobs due to their lack of English knowledge. But appointing authorities prefer to offer good jobs to school leavers from urban areas as they posses better English knowledge than school leavers from rural areas.

So, let us pay more attention to study English, enrich our knowledge and become respectable citizens of Sri Lanka.

R. Kalaivani Gr. 10B

Thank you

I thank...... almighty God...... for giving me..... the precious gift. It is you my darling..... You understand me You trust me and you listen me.... You did every thing that..... I was waiting for You gave me happiness which I could not find before..... Now I am ready to give you everything 'coz'..... I want to show How much I appreciate you How much I love you And how much I care for you Promise....!

> *R. Arani* Gr.10B

Just Cut your hair first

A young man comes home and says "Dad, just got my drivers license and would like to use the family car"

Father replies, O.K., son but first you have to get good grades in school, keep your room clean, make the yard neat, and cut your hair, come back in a few months and then we'll see".

Well, several months pass and the young man comes into the house with his report card in his hand "Dad, I got great marks on my report card. I've been keeping my room as neat as a pin, and the yard is always ship – shape. How about letting me use the car?"

Father replies, "That's all true, but son you didn't cut your hair." Son says, "but dad, Jesus had long hair."

Father replies, "Yes son, you're perfectly right. And he walked every where the went."



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Tourism In Sri-Lanka

Sri Lanka is popular around the globe as a paradise island which has many beautiful things to offer. Every year thousands of tourist from various countries visit Sri Lanka because they enjoy the salubrious climate of the hill country, the sunny, golden sandy beaches the fascinating waterfalls the ancient ruined cities and the cultural heritage.

Today the tourism industry is a major money spinner. The revenue from this industry is channeled into numerous state projects that help improve the living standards of the people.

Tourism have positive and negative effect. Lets first examine the positive side In a developing country tourism is a boon, Because it not only brings a lot of revenue but also generate job opportunities in various fields. It helps develop industries such as the gem industry, hotel industry and the local handcraft industry. It also helps to strengthen and faster relationship between countries. Tourism gives a boost to local exports to the world market and thereby strengthens the economy of the country.

On the flip sidetourism can have a negative effect on social behaviour. Traditional values could change due to the western influence.

The way we dress, the food we eat and even the way we think could all change completely or blend with those of the west. Dangerous diseases could be spread too, As we know, everything in life has a good and a bad side. It is my view that when it comes to developing the tourism industry should be done in a manner to ensure that culture of our country is preserved.

J. Uththamy Gr. 10A

They alone live who live for others, the rest are more dead than alive.

- Swami Vivekananda

Physical Fitness

Physical fitness is keeping one's body in good health and strong and without this there is no taste in life and one will be forced to live a dejected life whereas good health brings hope, inspiration and wealth in life of a healthy man.

Desire a bright prosperous future and could achieve and taste and a healthy man makes a healthy society and through a healthy society a happy society is born. If any one loses his health he will not only a burden to himself but to others too. Good health induces to achieve perfection and always at one's best and this shows the good health is a key to success in life. Health and mind have a close relationship. If the first falls the other also fails and if you do not have a healthy mind there is no success, no happiness and no bright future. Continuous physical exercise is necessary to keep the body fit and these exercises could be done even in our own gardens. Mornings and evenings are the best times to do exercise and nutritious food with exercise gives a perfect body. If you do not have the healthy body, you have to lead a burdened and fruitless life but a perfect body gives a better modern materialistic life. If you are healthy consider yourself lucky if not go deep in your life style and find out what is wrong and change it. If you do not change because of someone or society you alone have to suffer. If you have a fit body, your activities will be cheerful and well done and make the functions of the body easy and smooth. God has given us a perfect body without any defects. It is our duty to maintain it and the only medicine needed is physical exercises.

Comfortable living in our early life causes many problems in the latter part of our life. For this, educational institutions must play a major role in bringing up young children in physical training. Boys and girls should be helped and encouraged to do daily exercises and they should be taught about their importance of their body and its activities. But the teachers should take care that the children are not given too much of exercises.

Sivasingham Arthiyan Gr.10A

Q: Why do bees hum?

A : Because they don't know the words.



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The Senior Citizens

(The Elders)

The Senior citizens are not burdens but they are mobile universities. They have a wealth of knowledge which we must make use of.

In old age many people enjoy going back over old memories, recounting memories and experiences and help the younger generations lead a happy life. Life is short. One can't learn many things during the life time. So the elders experiences help the young people learn a lot of things.

It is sad that today many elders are in depress. They feel isolated. They are not respected by their own children. In many families the elders don't like to stay in the families and spend their rest of live in the homes for the elders.

It is an inhuman act forgetting all the sufferings the parents underwent to bring us up. We must not forget that some day we too, will become older. The elders are at the end of relationship and waiting the arrival of the death. So it is our duty to keep our parents happy as much as possible.

How can we make them happy? We can spend some time with them as they long for company. We can offer our seats to the elders who are standing in a crowded bus. We should not let elderly people to wait in the queue. We can help them do their heavy work. We can go shopping with them or take them to the hospital.

We can help them when crossing the road during rush hours. We can invite them to our birthday party and other functions.

A community working together can do many things for the elders like painting their houses, repairing their homes or building new places to live in

S. Sinthujah Gr. 11G

Goodness consists not in the outward things we do, But in the inward things we are.

Chopin

Tsunami

I had with million around the world watched with helpless horror as T.V screens were flooded with the image of ferocious waves crashing into sea wall gushing past swimming pools smashing building and dragged buses and cars like children's toys. Later the same media showed pile of bodies rotting in the tropical sun or bobbing in rivers.

In the morning of 26th of December 2004 when the fatal waves suddenly struck the southern and eastern coasts of Sri Lanka with unimaginable ferocity that only nature can unleash. Our people were physically, mentally and psychologically totally unprepared to meet the consequences of that phenomenal event.

The recent Tsunami that hit Sri Lankan costlines and wiped out hundreds of villagers and property which they passed. In Sri Lanka the death toll rose up to 40,000. We do not have previous experience like this.

After Tsunami we have so many social problems. In parts of Sri Lanka and India 80% of the villagers killed were women. It is a serious problem that is facing surviving women to cope with various forms of abuse including sexual harassment, sexual assault and rape. Some are being forced into arranged and unwanted marriage. The current economic problem and political crisis could be a serious setback to our economic growth. So keep this in mind and join hands to rebuild our country and make Sri Lanka a peaceful country. The echo of the Tsunami is yet resounding in Sri Lankan ears. But it brings out our strength of character and make people resolve with courage to rebuild their life.

S.Mathukaran Gr.11

Amphibian

Teacher : Mohan! Can you give an example for

Amphibians.

Student : A frog

Teacher : Good! give one more

Student : One more frog.

The United Nations

The United Nations is an international organization of countries created to promote world peace and co-operation. The UN was founded after the World war II which ended in 1945. Its missions are to maintain world peace, develop good relations between countries, promote co-operation in solving the worlds problems and encourage respect for human rights. The UN brings together countries that are rich and poor, large and small and have different social and political systems.

The UN has the same basic purpose and structure as it did when UN was founded in 1945. Its primary purpose and the greatest benefit to its member is to maintain world peace. That in turn helps encourage business and international trade. The UN serves its member countries in a variety of other ways. The UN allows countries to cooperate to solve world problems, such as poverty, disease, and environ mental degradation.

The UN's charter established six distinct bodies that deal with different functions.

- 1) The General Council
- 2) The Security Council
- 3) Security Council
- 4) Economic and Social Council
- 5) International Council
- 6) Trusteeship Council

*K.Kuhaprashanth*Gra.11G

What God Has Done

Oh! how lovely is nature
God made it for us
Water, running through the high Green mountains
Flowers blooming near the fountains
Little birds dwelling on large green trees
Small insects flying all around the trees
What a splendour is the beauty
We must try to do our duty
We shouldn't spoil what God has given
To make him never forget none.

M.Branavan Gr.13K

Peace

Peace! Peace! Peace!!!
The whole world is longing for every one's lips murmur.
will it become true?

Who wants war?
The power hungry politicians!
or the poor citizens!
Some shout for peace like a frog
And vanish as soon as like a fog

Once sisters and brothers of Lanka now enemies Why the friends become friend?

Don't ght to prove your mighty war Enough riots enough war.

Innocent lost their lives
Everywhere widows and orphans
War does no good.
Nothing construction except destruction

Lord! Give us peace.
Nothing gain without pain
After our loses we ask
Peace with right and honour.

M. Jhacksha Gr.11

Many are known to do great works under the stress of some strong emotion. But a man's true nature is known from the manner in which he does his insignificant daily task.

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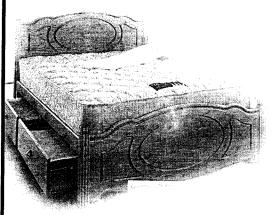


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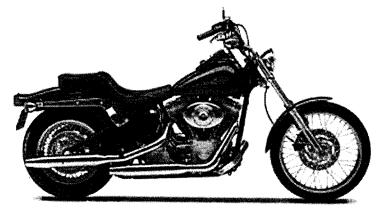
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Natural Calamity

26th of December 2004 was the saddest day in Sri Lanka. The unexpected tidal waves rocked the entire Island. It played havoc. It was the worst disaster in the history. The unexpected tidal waves caused wanton damage to human lives, living beings, houses and properties. Tsunami swallowed thousands and thousands of human lives and rendered many homeless.

The enormity of the disaster is yet unknown. Many were missing, the fate of many others yet unknown. Reports of death were pouring.

The fishing Community was the worst affected. They lost their jobs and livelihood. They are left in a lurch. They do not know how to survive. The victims of the disaster who stay in the refugee Camps undergo untold hardships. Some were left destitute. Children lost their parents brothers, sisters and their bread winners. Their normal life was affected, things went out of gear.

The world countries sympathized with the Tsunami affected victims and rushed relief materials, funds and medical supplies for humanitarian service. International relief aids began to pour in.

Many world countries came forward to help Sri Lankan government in the rebuilding efforts. Reconstruction work is going on in full swing in the affected areas.

A miracle happened in the tidal wave. A ten month old baby floating on a mattress had a miraculous escape. The damaged buildings can be rebuilt. The victims may gradually and slowly recover from the state of shock and grief but the broken spirit of the victims can't be repaired. The tragic scenes of the tidal waves disaster are still haunting the minds of the Sri Lankans.

Nature is kind to humans at times it plays havoc and changes the fate of humans.

J. Shangeetha Gr.12L

The objective of teaching a child is to enable him to get along without a teacher.

- Wilbert Hubbard.

Education – A child's right

Education is one of the basic needs in life. It's in fact like a mother to every one. Without education we have to face lot of difficulties in life.

Education not only means just getting through examinations but more than that. Every one in the world should be well educated to face life's challenges and live peacefully in this world. Therefore it is understood that education is not confined to text books. It also means good behaviour, patience, courtesy, discipline and knowledge of many things we need to go through life.

There are some parents who do not send their children to school. They destroy a child's life when they do this. A good education is the greatest thing a parent can give a child.

*V. Kopikrishna*Gr. 11B

Ceylon Tea

Ceylon tea is famous the world over. It is the most important of our cash crops. The other two being Rubber and Coconut. Tea cultivation was started by Europeans towards the latter part of the nineteenth century when the coffee plantations were ruined by the coffee pest. Ever since these planters changed over to tea, it has grown in importance.

Most of our tea is grown at a height of over two thousand feet and the best Ceylon tea comes from the slopes of our central kills round about Nuwara Eliya, where the cold nights and the strong winds make for the stow growth of the tea bush and the excellent flavour of the leaf.

The labourers pluck only two tender leaves and a bud from each school and put them into large baskets which they carry slung behind their backs. A "Kangany" supervises their work. When the plucking is over, they take the green leaves to the factory, a huge storied building, where the tea maker and his staff turn this green tea into the black tea which we use. Tea is finally packed in chests and sent to Colombo for shipment.

P. Sathana Gr. 13K

How to Compensate for Land Shortage?

There was a time when every body living in a country was a farmer growing his own food, except a few who specialized in special fields such as engineering, medicine, teaching etc. Later there we specialists like shoemakers, tailors and there were merchants who sold and man began to think that it was convenient to live in towns where they could trade with each other. Farmers brought their food to the towns and traded it for the goods made by the specialist workers.

At first, towns where fairly small but some of them became important trading centers and hence became bigger. In the year 1800 there were probably only fifty towns in the whole world with a population of nearly 100,000 people. With the outset of the Industrial Revolution, big new manufacturing centers developed and the number of people living in towns increased. In many countries there are more people living in towns than in the countryside. Towns are still growing as the population increases. In Industrial countries towns will continue to grow. More and more land will have to be used for buildings.

In the future where will people build their residence? One answer to this question was suggested in 1968 by the Pilkington Class Age Development Committee. The committee put forward detailed plans for a complete city to be built in the sea. This city could house nearly 30,000 people. The suggestion was to shape the city like a harbour. On the sea these man made harbours would be floating Islands carrying more buildings. People living in this city could move around in small boats driven by electricity. This prohibits pollution.

Another solution to land shortage is building towns in very cold regions. In this case the entire town or city needs a protective cover. The people living there never need to go outside into the cold. Another idea is to build blocks of flats in a circle, so that they form an outside wall for the dome which covers the whole of the center. The center would have an artificial climate, controlled by infra – red rays.

These methods need high technological knowledge and lot of financial support. We could reach for the above suggested ways and means as compensations for land shortage problems.

Sunthereswaran Sivasuriyar. Gr.13G

Ref: Out look: Science at work by John Parry.

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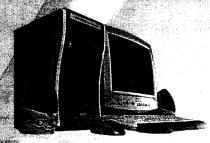
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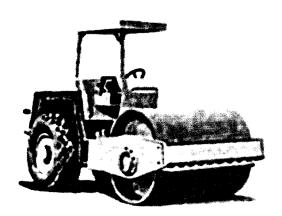
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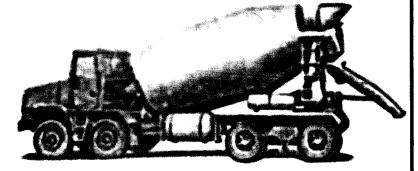
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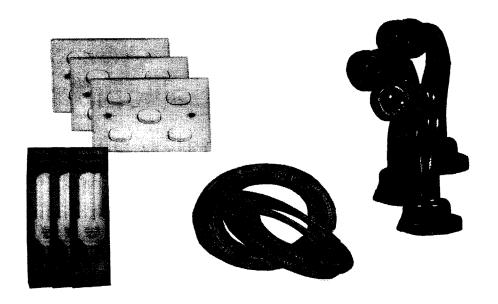
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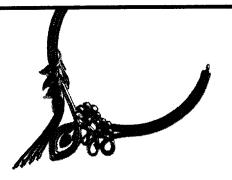
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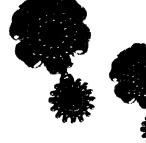




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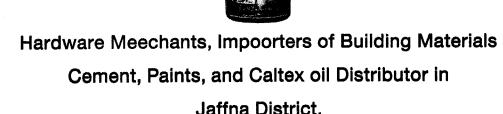
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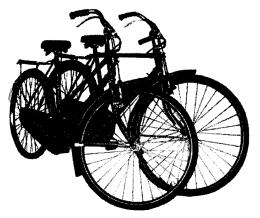


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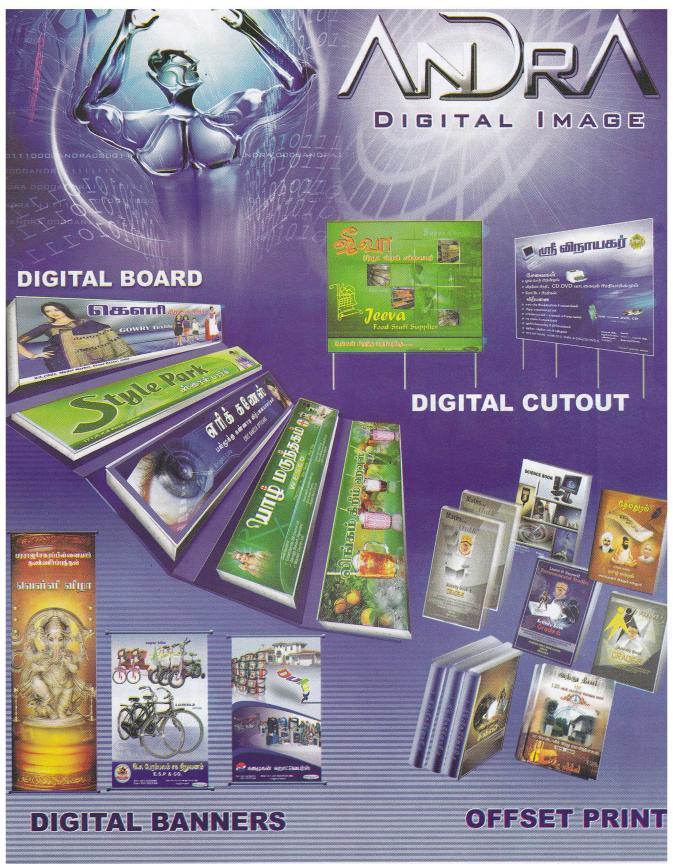
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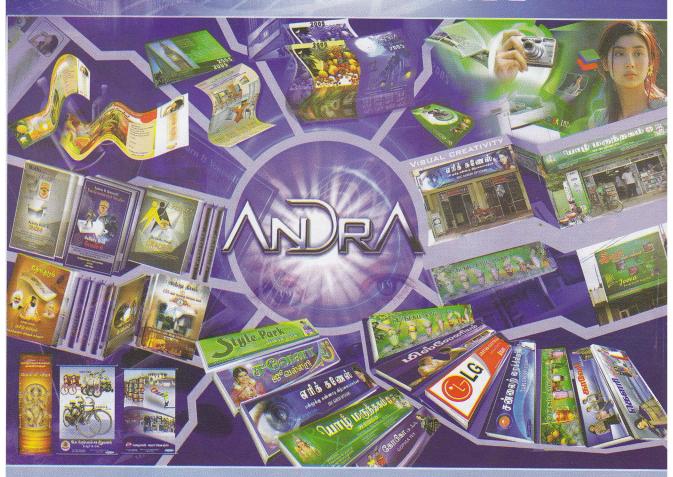
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