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Art

Sri Lanka : A Mystical Journey (Inspiring Landscape) / Cecil Perera
2nd Ed.
Sri Lanka: Cecil Perera, 2017
168p.
9789554241305
\$ 100.00 / HB
1570gm.

Sri Lanka: A Mystical Journey is a limited edition photo book that takes the reader on a photographic voyage through Sri Lanka's breathtaking landscapes.

In an island where the natural world is rich beyond compare, a photographer goes off the beaten path photographing the abundance of scenic beauty this pearl shaped island is blessed with.

The passion to capture these remote locations and do everything required to capture a perfect photograph is amply evident in this visual assortment. From the elegant southern slopes of the pristine knuckles mountains to the watch hut at Thirappane off Anuradhapura and the delicate steps on the Walapane fields to a spectacular sunrise at Mihintale, Cecil's efforts have captured the unending canvas on which this island is painted upon artistically. Cecil has traversed the Island armed with his camera touching Sri Lanka's most charming locations, giving the reader almost a magic carpet to page through this amazing book admiring how beautiful mother nature is. Enjoy the journey.

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Economics/Development Studies

Women owned and led macro, small and medium enterprises in spice and coir sectors in Sri Lanka : constraints and policy option / S. Unimalee Madurawala (et al.)

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2017

Working Paper Series No. 28

74p. 30cm.

xii, 60p.

9789557397030

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268gm.

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Making Ends Meet : Women's Livelihoods in Post-War Sri Lanka / Vasuki Jeyasankar & Savini Ganhewa

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2018

viii, 80p.

9789555802161

\$ 15.00 / PB

164gm.

Women in Sri Lanka experience various forms of structural inequality and gender barriers that limit their engagement in the labour market. At the backdrop of these existing barriers, decades of civil war have exacerbated gendered experiences of discrimination and have increased the financial and social responsibilities of women within their households. With a notable increase in female heads of households in Sri Lanka, it is increasingly more important to identify barriers women face in supporting their households and to develop meaningful policies to support them. By way of using 120 in-depth interviews from the districts of Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, and Vavuniya this report contextualizes the narratives of women in the Northern Province of Sri Lanka in the post-war context in order to illustrate their diverse experiences of labour engagement, the barriers they face when engaging in livelihoods, the direct impacts that the war has had on their lives and their livelihoods and implications for policy.

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Doing this and That : Self-employment and economic survival of women heads of households in Mullaitivu / Chulani Kodikara
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2018
viii, 52p.
9789555802130
\$ 12.00 / PB
120gm.

In post-war Sri Lanka, small, medium and micro (SME) enterprise development is the dominant approach to livelihood development for war-affected women, and particularly for women heads of households (WHH). Yet not every woman who is a recipient of SME support becomes an “entrepreneur” running an “enterprise” or even a micro enterprise. Rather, they assist women to commence and engage in a diverse repertoire of extremely precarious self-employment activities, in which their own labour is the most important ingredient. However, women’s own productive labour was materially, temporally, spatially and affectively entangled with and circumscribed by the extraordinary labour of remaking their lives after war. Although many of the women continued to receive or were eligible for state social welfare payments such as Samurdhi and the Public Assistance Monthly Allowance (PAMA), these were woefully inadequate. Women coped and survived in spite of the failure of these self-employment ventures due to handouts from charitable institutions and family, even though these were ad hoc, episodic and unreliable. Based on these findings, livelihoods in post-war Sri Lanka have to be located, analysed and addressed within the broader politics of post-war development and reconstruction, and as a question of economic justice beyond a market-based approach to economic empowerment.

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Women's Labour Market Outcomes and Livelihood Interventions in Sri Lanka's North After the War / Ramani Gunatilaka & Ranmini Vithanagama

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2018

xiv, 174p.

9789555802147

\$ 30.00 / PB

322gm.

The study uses primary data from a large household survey to investigate the factors associated with women's labour market outcomes in Sri Lanka's Northern Province after the war. It also investigates how the myriad livelihood development programmes carried out by government, donors, and NGOs impacted on self-employment outcomes. While economic necessity has pushed women heading their households to find employment, the need to engage in market work has been far less compelling for women in male-headed households. However, women in male-headed households appear to have been better able to leverage assets such as crop trees and farm animals, as well as local-level institutions, to generate their own employment. Access to social capital appears to have been critically important for positive outcomes for everybody. Participation in direct livelihood intervention programmes appears to have encouraged self-employment in farming, but discouraged non-farming economic activities. Moreover, since climatic changes have also increased the risks associated with agriculture, the study concludes that although many of the livelihood interventions implemented by government and donors have focused on agriculture, a more diversified approach is needed.

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Prophetic Indictments : The failed Neoliberal Paradigms of Economics, Politics, Governance, Society and Science in Sri Lanka and Globally / Dr. Mervyn D. de Silva

Kelaniya: Tulana Jubilee Publications, 2018

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History

Advanced Hand Book on History, Monuments and Culture of Sri Lanka :
Review on Sri Lankan History, Monuments, Culture, and Buddhism /

Karu Peiris

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Official Publications

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Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of National
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Quarterly Report of the Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey : Quarterly
Report- 2017, First Quarter

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of National
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Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of National
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Politics

Limits of Expression : Creative Artists and Censorship in Sri Lanka /

Annemari de Silva

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2017

viii, 76p.

9789555802031

\$ 12.00/ PB

160gm.

Through an examination of the experiences of political cartoonists and film-makers, this study maps mechanisms by which political censorship is exercised on creative artists in Sri Lanka. This includes official forms of censorship such as the Public Performances Board and the emergency era censorship of the press but also the instrumentalization of state institutions to execute extra-legal and subterranean (O'Higgins) forms of censorship. It also examines informal censorship, ranging from friendly collegial censorship to outright physical attacks from unidentifiable members of the public. The study concludes with a reflection on the consequences of a long-standing culture of censorship and self-censorship on historicity and the future of free expression in artistic communities.

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Towards Recovering Histories of Anti-Muslim Violence in the Context of Sinhala-Muslim Tensions in Sri Lanka / Vijay Nagaraj & Farzana Haniffa
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2017

52p.

9789555802062

\$ 12.00/ PB

110gm.

This research paper explores three incidents of Anti Muslim violence in Sri Lanka-Puttalam in 1976, Galle in 1982 and Mawanella in 2001. This paper intends to cast light on anti-Muslim violence over the past three to four decades outside of the north and east, episodes that have been masked, lost or suppressed in the commonly narrated recent histories of political and religious violence in Sri Lanka. The history of violence against Muslims during this period is overshadowed by the armed conflict and extreme polarization precipitated by Sinhala and Tamil nationalisms. The incidents recorded are often limited to those in the north and east. It is necessary that the post-war resurgence in anti-Muslim hostility is historicized and placed within the wider sweep of anti-Muslim hostility within Sri Lanka over the past few decades. The distinct experience of political and ethnic violence experienced by the Muslims in the context of Sinhala-Muslim tensions requires greater empirical attention and theorizing than it has received. This paper is posited as a step towards addressing this lacuna. This research is also motivated by the possibility that a deeper understanding of the temporal, spatial, political economic and social dynamics of anti-Muslim violence can illuminate the broader conditions that generate and reproduce communal violence more generally.

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