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Archaeology/Anthropology

String of Archaeological Sites on the East Coast and Other Particles / P.G. Punchihewa
Colombo: Dr. P.G. Punchihewa, 2020
224p.
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\$ 25.00 / PB
224gm.

"String of Archaeological Sites in the East Coast and Other Articles" is the latest publication of Dr. P.G. Punchihewa, the author of more than forty books both in English and Sinhalese. The present work has thirty five articles which, over the years have been published in local and foreign newspapers. The subjects of these articles range from archaeology, history, reminiscence, current topics, travels, Buddhism, book reviews to well-known personalities. Punchihewa had received the State Literary award twice for the best children's book and for the best English translation for Shattered Earth : translation of his own novel "Gana Bol Polawa". Punchihewa served as a senior administrator in the Government of Sri Lanka, retiring from the post of Secretary of a Ministry and later as the Executive Director of an intergovernmental Organization in Indonesia. Widely travelled locally and abroad his experiences are very much reflected in his writings.

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Ceremonies Festivals and Rituals of the Sinhalese : An Anthropological Approach / Chandrasiri Palliyaguru
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2019
144p.
Includes Index
9789553115393
\$ 20.00 / PB

186gm.

Present book of Prof. Palliyaguru, titled “Ceremonies Festivals and Rituals of the Sinhalese” is an Anthropological approach to Sinhalese Buddhism, which will give an academically stimulating and intellectually thought provoking insight of the present day religious practices by the Sinhala Buddhist.

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Who’s Who of Sri Lanka, Vol. II : Brief Biographical Sketches / (Ed)

Chandrabhanu Samaraweera

Pannipitiya: Who’s Who Publications, 2020

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1. Sri Lanka – Biography.

\$ 40.00 / PB

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Pasan M. Wijayawardhana

Nugegoda: Pasan M. Wijayawardhana, 2020

120p.

9786249614802

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History

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L. Seneviratne

Colombo: D. L. Seneviratne, 2020

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Archive of Memory : Reflections on 70 Years of Independence / (Ed & Curated)
Malathi de Alwis & Hasini Haputhanthri (Photo) Sharni Jayawardena
Colombo: HistoricalDialogue.lk, 2019
158p.
9786245313006
\$ 40.00 / HB
890gm.

Sri Lanka marked 70 years of independence on February 4th 2018. While there is much to celebrate in our overthrowing a 500-year yoke of colonial rule and embracing democratic politics, it is undeniable that Sri Lanka's post-independence trajectory has also been rather turbulent and bloody. Communal riots, youth insurrections, natural disasters and a protracted civil war have cast a long, brooding shadow across recent decades. Any reflection on our past must therefore acknowledge the positive advances we have made as a nation as well as question and learn from our less positive experiences.

The Archive of Memory is a collection of 70 narrative fragments that offer compelling, personalized perspectives on these past 70 years. They recall significant moments in our post-independence history through mundane, everyday objects as well as unique artefacts and souvenirs.

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Stories and Histories : Sri Lankan Pasts and the Dilemmas of Narrative Representation / Gananath Obeyesekere
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2019
536p.
9789553117267
\$ 25.00 / PB
602gm.

History in my thinking, as with some of my professional colleagues, is something in the making and it was Max Weber who with great insight mentioned the tentativeness of historical knowledge and hence its vulnerability. In this scheme of things there is no soul or a fixed entity or a changeless Self that passes through time. As a soul-less being and someone born and raised as a Buddhist I find that an attractive proposition to live-by. And so, would I think some European thinkers who heralded the on-coming twentieth century, notably such persons as Ludwig Wittgenstein and his critic Bertrant Russell. So also with many fated to live in our own times wherein ancient knowledge has become time-worn, or shall I say with Thomas Hardy "time-torn," affirming with the great poet that we are all time-torn beings whether we are fated to ignore or by-pass that often unpalatable truth, a truth

that some of us have been nurtured in irrespective of our formal religious affiliations.

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Official Publications

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Colombo: Statistics Division, Department of Sri Lanka Customs, 2018

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Central Bank of Sri Lanka : Annual Report 2019, Volume I & II (2V) (of the Monetary Board to the Hon. Minister of Finance)

Colombo: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2019

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ISSN: 1391-359X ; 9789555753968 ; 9789555753975

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Politics

Foreign Presence in Sri Lanka / Latheef Farook

Colombo: Sri Lankan Journalists for Global Justice, 2020

290p.

9786245242009

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470gm.

The book, Foreign Presence in Sri Lanka by veteran journalist Latheef Farook, is about the presence of rival foreign powers and their inevitable impact on the country known for its independent foreign policy with which it won the hearts of the entire Third World.

This book covers developments up to 16 November 2019 presidential elections, including the mysterious 21 April 2019 Easter Sunday bombing and killings.

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Sri Lanka's Future Challenges and the Quest for a New Constitution / Darshan Weerasekera

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2020

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Sociology

Understanding Women's Livelihood Outcomes and Economic Empowerment in the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka / Nayana Godamunne

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2019

x, 54p.

9789555802383

\$ 18.00/ PB

138gm.

Since the end of the war in 2009, the Eastern Province of Sri Lanka has benefited from state and non-state investments in large-scale infrastructure, resettlement, and reconstruction. However, ten years on, the province continues to have significant populations in poverty. Unemployment figures are also high with the figure for women being three times that of men. These poverty and unemployment figures persist despite the government and donor-assisted programmes that aim to rebuild livelihoods through investments in improving connectivity, developing the tourist industry, and expanding access to credit in the years following the war. Using qualitative methods, this study explores how these interventions have impacted on women's livelihoods in two districts, Batticaloa and Trincomalee, and the barriers they have faced in accessing and engaging in employment and livelihood activities. The study concludes that women continue to encounter challenges and restrictions in accessing employment and livelihood opportunities; where they do, they are often in conditions of informality and in work that lacks recognition and dignity.

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Conflict Resolution : An Introductory Textbook / Dhammika Herath
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2019

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