

CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. **Ph.D. in Pali**, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2009.
2. **M.A. in Linguistics (Merit Pass)**, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, 2005.
3. **B.A. (Hons) in Pali (First Class Honours)**, (GPA 3.9025), University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 2005.
4. **Royal (Prācīna) Pandit Degree (All Island First from in Sinhala, Pali and Sanskrit)**, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka, 1999.

HONORARY ACADEMIC TITLES

1. **Aggamahā Ganthavācakapaṇḍita**, from the Government of Union of Myanmar, 2021
2. **PhD in Buddhist Studies (Honorary)**, Dharma Buddhist University, Malaysia, 2017.

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS

1. **Woodward Prize for Pali (Greatest Competence)** Special Arts Degree Examination 2005, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
2. **Sri Saddharma Pirivena Prize for Pali & Buddhist Studies (Greatest Competence)** Special Arts Degree Examination 2005, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
3. **University Scholarship** (To best performers among the First-Class Graduates) Special Arts Degree Examination 2005, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
4. **Prof. D.J. Kalupahana Scholarship for Pali and Buddhist Studies**, The basis of the results of the Special Arts Degree Examination third year 2003-2004, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
5. **Vaidyaśekhara Prize for the best results in Pali, Sanskrit and Sinhalese from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
6. **Vidyālaṅkāra Prize for the best results in Pali from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
7. **Ven. Haputale Ariyavaṃsa Memorial Prize for best results in Pali and Sinhalese from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
8. **Rājaguru Sri Subhūti Prize for the best results in Pali from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
9. **D. M. Weeraman Prize for the best results in Sinhalese from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
10. **Ven. Velikeṭṭelle Siri Ñāṇavimala Memorial Prize for the best results in all three subjects from all Island**, Prācīna Pandit Degree Final Examination 1999, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
11. **B. Jayasekara Price for the best results in Sinhalese from all Island**, Prācīna Maddhyama Examination in 1998, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.

12. Prajñānanda Price for the best results in Pali from all Island,

Prācīna Maddhayama Examination in 1998, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.

13. Karuṇātilake Price for the best results in Pali from all Island,

Prācīna Prārambha Examination in 1997, Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.

POSITIONS HELD/HOLDS

1. **Head/ Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 01st June 2016- 31st May 2019.
2. **Acting Head/ Department of Sinhala and Mass Communication**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 12 October 2018- 14th October 2019.
3. **Acting Dean/ Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 21st December to 31st December 2019.
4. **Acting Dean/ Faculty of Graduate Studies**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 22nd to 29th October 2018.
5. **Chair Person/ Board of Humanities, Faculty of Graduate Studies**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 01st June 2017 to 20th July 2020.
6. **Chair Person/ Board of Humanities, Faculty of Graduate Studies**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka. From 02nd August 2023 to date.

AWARDS

1. **Buddhist Literary Award 2015 for *Tulanātmaka Pāli Vyākaraṇa***, awarded at the Buddhist Literary Award Ceremony organized by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and All Ceylon Buddhist Congress.
2. **Buddhist Literary Award 2015 for *Pāli Lekhanamālā***, awarded at the Buddhist Literary Award Ceremony organized by the Ministry of Buddhasasana and All Ceylon Buddhist Congress.
3. **Merit Certificate for Outstanding Achievement for being nominated to Best Academic Achievement in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, 2014.
4. **Award for the best oral presenter in the Humanities track of the International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches 2014 (iCMA 2014)** held on 13th-14th

August 2014 at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.

MEMBERSHIPS OF ACADEMIC BOARDS OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES

1. Senate Member, **Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura**, From 04-01-2017 to date.
2. Senate Member, **Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama**. From 04-06-2012 to 03-06-2015 and from 03-06-2015 to 02-06-2018.
3. Senate Member, **Nāgānanda International Institute for Buddhist Studies**, Kelaniya from 2019 to date.
4. Faculty Member, **Faculty of Language Studies, Sri Lanka Buddhist and Pali University, Sri Lanka**, From 2017 to date.
5. Faculty Member, **Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka**, From 2024 to date
6. Faculty Member, **Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka**, From 2015 to 2020.
7. High-Degree Committee Member, **Bhiksu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura**, From 2017 to date.
8. Member of Academic Board, **Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (PGIPBS)**, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, From 2014 to 2015.
9. Research Committee Member, **Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (PGIPBS)**, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, From 2015 to 2019.

MEMBERSHIPS OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ACADEMIC BODIES

1. **Executive Committee Member**, International Association of Theravada Buddhist Universities (IATBU) from 2018 to date.
2. **Executive Committee Member**, International Association of Buddhist Universities (IABU), from 2017 to date.
3. **Council Member** of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, from 2011 to 2016.
4. **Council Member** of the Oriental Studies Society, Sri Lanka, 2010 to date.
5. **Life Member** of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
6. **Life Member** of the Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka.
7. **Life Member** of the Sri Lanka Association for Buddhist Studies (SLAB)
8. **Member** of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland from 2023 to date
9. **Member** of the United Kingdom Association of Buddhist Studies (UKABS) from 2023

MEMBERSHIPS ON INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES

1. **Member, Board of Compilation of Concise Tripitaka**, Dept. of Buddhist Affairs, Colombo 07.
2. **Member, Expert Members' Board for Preparing National Policy for Pirivena Education**, Ministry of Education, Battaramulla, from 2020 to date.
3. **Member/The Committee of Experts for Preparing the Nomination Dossier of the Theravada Pali Tripitaka into the UNESCO Memory of the World Register as Documentary Heritage of the Mankind**, Presidential Secretariat, from 2019.
4. **Member/Board of Tripitaka Protection**, Presidential Secretariat, from 2019.
5. **Consultant Member/ Board of Text Book Writing for Pirivena (English)**, Pirivena Education Branch, Ministry of Education, Isurupaya, Battaramulla, 2017
6. **Member/ Pali Gatha Composition Committee of the 4th Volume of Mahāvamsa**, Mahāvamsa Compiling Office, Dept. of Cultural Affairs, 8 floor, Setsitipaya, Battaramulla, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. **Senior Professor in Pali**, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda. From 01st December 2023 onwards.
2. **Professor in Pali**, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda. From 01st December 2015-2023.
3. **Senior Lecturer (Grade II)**, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda. From 8th July 2012 to 01st December 2015.
4. **Lecturer (Probationary)**, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda. From 15th July 2010 to 08-07-2012.
5. **Visiting Lecturer in B.Sc. in Public Management (Special Degree)**, Dept. of Public Administration, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
6. **Visiting Lecturer in Postgraduate Degree Programme in Pali and Buddhist Studies**, Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya. From 2014 onwards.
7. **Visiting Lecturer in Postgraduate Degree Programme in Pali and Buddhist Studies**, University of Peradeniya. From 2012-2015.
8. **Visiting Lecturer in B.A. (Hons) in Buddhist Philosophy**, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama, 2014/2015 Academic year.

9. **Lecturer (Probationary)**, Department of Languages, Buddhasrāvaka Bhikshu University, Anuradhapura, from 10th November 2009 to 14th July 2010.
10. **Lecturer (Temporary)**, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Peradeniya, from 01st December 2005 to 8th November 2009.
11. **Visiting Lecturer**, Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA), Higher Education Project of the Sri Dalada Maligava, Pallekelle, Kandy, from July 2009.

CREATIVE WORKS WRITTEN IN PALI LANGUAGE
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Pali Commentary

1. ***Dasabodhisattuppatti Aṭṭhakathā***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2017.

Pāli Aṭṭhakas

1. **Mahācariya Kivulegedara Nārada Anunāyakatthera Aṭṭhakam**,
Published in Chandolankara, ed by Medagampitiye Wijithadhamma and others, published by S. Godage and Brothers, Colombo, 2024.
2. **Abhidhajamahāraṭṭhaguru-Bhadantācariya-Ñāṇissara-mahātthera Aṭṭhakam**,
Dedicated to Most Venerable Abhidhajamahāraṭṭhaguru Ashin Ñāṇissara-mahātthera on March 09 2020 at Sitagu International Vipassana Academy, Sagaing, Union of Myanmar.
3. **Meṭaramba Hemaratana Nāyakatthera Aṭṭhakam**,
Published in Meṭaramba Hemaratana Nāyaka Svāmīndra Śāsrīya Saṃhitā, ed. by Ven. Agalakada Sirisumana and others, Printed by Government Press, Sri Lanka, 2020.
4. **Mahāvamsa-chaṭṭhabhāgo**, (with other four members) published by the Dept. Of Cultural Affairs, Government Press, 2017
5. **Davuldeṇa Siri Ñāṇissara Aṭṭhakam**, Published in Amarapura Amaraguru, Ed. By Amila Lokumānnage and Tarindu Toṭavatta, Published by the All Island Non-Alcoholic Youth Organization, Kotte, 2014.
6. **Khammāyi Dhammasāmi Aṭṭhakam**, Published in Theravāda Buddhasāsanasobhanā, Dedicated to Venerable Dr. Dhammasami at the First International Pali Conference in Shan State, Myanmar, 2014.
7. **Anagārika Dhammapāla Aṭṭhakam**, Published in Vayamba Bodu Haḍa- Dharma Śāsrīya Saṃgrahaya, Ed.- Dayā Ekanāyake, Young Man Buddhist Organization, Kurunegala, 2014.
8. **Siri Sorata Aṭṭhakam**, Published in Śrī Sorata Sambhāvanā, Ed. by Tushāri Sugandhikā

Suresh and Haṃsamālā Rīṭigahapola, Published by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, 2013.

TRANSLATIONS OF PALI TEXTS

1. ***Samyutta Nikāya Ṭīkā: Sagāthakavagga (Sinhalese Translation)*** Published the Buddhist Cultural Center, Nedimala, Dehiwala, 2012.
2. ***Nettipakaraṇa Aṭṭhakathā (Sinhalese Translation)*** Published by the Buddhist Cultural Center, Nedimala, Dehiwala, 2008.
3. ***Gnadhavaṃso***, Published by the Buddhist Cultural Center, Nedimala, Dehiwala, 2011.
4. ***Majjhima Nikāya: Opammavagga, (Text, Translation and Explanation)***, Published by Samayavardhana Book Shop (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2008.

PUBLISHED BOOKS

1. **Translation of Rūpasiddhi Sutras**, Published by the World Buddhist Foundation, Kingsbury, UK, 2023.
2. **Legend of the Ten Future Bodhisattas**, Published by the World Buddhist Foundation, Kingsbury, UK, 2023.
3. ***Dharmadeśanā Māṭṛkā Saṃgrahaya***, Published by Sri Lanka Pali Text Society, Wadduwa, 2016
4. ***Pāli Lekhanamālā***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2015
5. ***Pāli Vyākaraṇa Adhyayana***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo 10, 2015.
6. ***Pāli Vyākaraṇa Sāhityaya***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2015.
7. ***Pāli Aṭṭhakathā Adhyayana***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2015.
8. ***Tulanātmaka Pāli Vyākaraṇa***, Published by S. Godage and Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2014.
9. ***Nyāyabindu***, Published by Samayavardhana Book Shop (Pvt.) Ltd., Colombo, 2007.

RESEARCH ARTICLES (IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS):

1. Upādāna and Its Influence on Bhava,
International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science (IJRISS), ISSN No. 2454-6186, with Ven. Indasariya,
<https://doi.org/10.47772/IJRISS.2023.70589>
2. "Mindfulness & stress level of the employees who work in the finance sector (An inclusive cross-sectional study on the Job-related stress of the finance sectors' Hinduism employees in Northern peninsula in Sri Lanka during the period of COVID-19),"
International Journal of Research and Innovation in Social Science, (IJRISS), vol. 6 (7), 2022, with Wasantha HPC,
<https://ideas.repec.org/a/bcp/journal/v6y2022i7p785-793.html>
3. Kammatṭhānasāṅgaha of Asgiri Mahāvihāraya, Sri Lanka: A Study with Reference to the Initiative Proceedings of Meditation
Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Vol 05, No 01 (2020), Published by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, 2020.
4. Upasampadā vū vēlāva, dinaya hā ṛtuva dānvīmaṭa kerena kārya: theravāda sampradāyaṭa ayat mahāvaggapāḷiya hā mūlasarvāstivāda sampradāyaṭa ayat upasampadāgnaptiya æsurin kerena vimarśanayak
VIDYODAYA Journal of Buddhist Studies, Vol VII, Part II Published by the Dept. of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, 2019.
5. A Letter sent by Siam Sangharaja to the Mahanayakas' of Asgiriya and Malwatta chapters 175 years ago: An Analysis
Journal of Pali, Vol. III, Issue I, Published by the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 2018 .
6. *Gabbhavāsa Upasampatti: Upasampādava sandahā sapiriya yutu vayas sīmāva pilibanda vimasumak*,
Journal of Buddhist Culture (JBC), (Biannual Peer Reviewed Journal), Dept. of Buddhist Culture, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, 2017.

7. *Śabdavicāraya hā sambandha Pāli pāribhāṣika śabda piḷibanda vīmasumak*,
Anveṣaṇā- Peer Reviewed Journal of the Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, 2016.
8. Irrigation Practices and Norms in Sri Lanka in the 5th Century CE: A Survey based on the Samantapāsādikā
Journal of Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, Vol. 60 Part I, Published by the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 2015 (Co-author [with Chandana Jayawardana])
9. *Pāli Bhāṣāvehi āti ḷha kārayehi Saṃyukta Viṣaṃyukta Bhāvaya Piḷibanda Vimarśanayak*
Pravacana – Reviewed Journal Vol. 5 No. 2, Published by the Bhikṣu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, 2014.
10. *Pabbajjā -Upasampadā Vinayanīti hā Vinaya Aṭṭhakathāva*
Pravacana – Reviewed Journal Vol. 5 No. 1, Published by the Bhikṣu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, 2014.
11. *Thūpakaraṇaya hā Thūpapūjāva piḷibanda Mahāparinibbāna Sūtrapāṭha*
Thūpa – Reviewed Academic Journal, Ed. by Ven. Welipitiye Indananda, and Ven. Ekiriye Padumasara, Published by Sri Sudarshanaramaya, Badulla, 2014.
12. Upasampadā: Its Canonical Procedure and Questionable Matters
VIDYODAYA Journal of Buddhist Studies, Volume II- Part II, Published by the Dept. of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, 2013.
13. *Navaṅga Buddhavacanaya piḷibanda Nettippakaraṇa Aṭṭhakathāgata nava arthakathanaya hā ehi prāmāṇikatvaya piḷibanda vimarśanayak*
Pravacana – Reviewed Journal Vol. 4 No. 1, Published by the Bhikṣu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, 2013.
14. *Pāliyeḥi Nāma varanāgīma: Kaccāyana hā Maoggallāyana sampradāya deka āsurin kerena vimarśanayak*
Academic Journal of Sabaragamuwa University Vol. 06, Published by the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya, 2011 January.
15. *Nāmaśeṣi Pāli vyākaraṇa grantha hā evāyehi etuḷat Vyākaraṇa vivaraṇa piḷibanda mūlasrayāgata vimarśanayak*
Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Published by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, CP Printers, Nugegoda, 2011.

ARTICLES IN ENCYCLOPEDIAS

1. ***Jaini, Padmanabh Sriwarma,***
SINHALA ENCYCLOPEDIA Vol. 13, Ed. by K. N. O. Dharmadasa,
Published by the Dept. of Government Printing, Colombo, 2014, (pp. 379
– 380)
2. ***Ñeyyadhamma Saṅgharāja Himi, Buruma Jātika***
SINHALA ENCYCLOPEDIA Vol. 13, Ed. by K. N. O. Dharmadasa,
Published by the Dept. of Government Printing, Colombo, 2014, (pp. 661
– 662)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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2. Prof. Mahinda Herath
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I hereby certify that the above-mentioned information furnished by me is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.



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