

**DREAM OF
ANAYA**



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DEDICATION

I dedicate this book with love to the teachers
who have taught me, to my parents
who have raised me with love and
to my brother who helped to
make this book a possible
creation.

PREFACE

The primary goal of the current educational system is to mould a productive citizen and a caring family member who is equipped with knowledge and skills. The main responsibility of the school is to identify and recognize children's talents, as well as to sharpen their skills to meet the needs of the nation and the world.

Our Alma Mater is constantly guiding and assisting children who are creative. This project has been an ongoing process at our school for many years, particularly in terms of writing books. Many skilled and enthusiastic young writers participated in this exercise for years, producing novice writers to field of literature. We regard this as a great victory and a national need at this hour.

To continue this effort, we adopted digital technologies and an e-book project this year. I am confident that this unique event provided youngsters with valuable experience and challenges that will benefit them in the future. The Ministry of Education has hailed the project as an important step toward motivating young authors in schools. As principal of Mahamaya Girls' College, I am grateful to all of the students throughout the country who contributed to this endeavor. I commend and applaud all of the young authors of these e-books for their perseverance and devotion in this difficult task.

I would like to thank our school management committee, employees, parents, former students, administrators, and teachers from other schools who encouraged students to take part in this worthwhile effort.

I'd also like to thank Mr. Senevirathne Mahalekam for his tremendous support and assistance in initiating this project.

Principal,
Mahamaya Girls' College,
Kandy.

**ONCE UPON A TIME,
THERE WAS A RURAL
VILLAGE IN THE CENTRAL
PART OF THE COUNTRY.**

**ALL OF THE PEOPLE WERE
VERY POOR IN THIS VILLAGE.**

**IN THIS VILLAGE, THERE LIVED
A GIRL NAMED ANAYA WITH HER
MOM AND DAD.**



ONE DAY WHEN SHE WAS ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL, SHE SAW A NOTICE. THE NOTICE WAS ABOUT A TALENT SHOW ORGANISED BY A GLOBAL NGO.



**THIS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IS
A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE
WHICH HAS BIG REWARDS.**



THERE WERE FIVE CATEGORIES IN THIS COMPETITION. SINGING, DANCING, RECITING POEMS, ESSAY WRITING AND ART COMPETITIONS WHICH HAVE THREE ROUNDS.

ANAYA WAS VERY EXCITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COMPETITION UNDER THE DANCING CATEGORY BECAUSE SHE HAD THE CONFIDENCE.

SHE PRACTICED VERY HARD AND THE VILLAGERS GAVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT TO ANAYA BECAUSE SHE WAS A KIND HEARTED GIRL WHO IS GOING TO REPRESENT THEIR VILLAGE IN THIS EVENT.



FINALLY THE BIG DAY CAME AND ANAYA LEFT THE VILLAGE EARLY IN THE MORNING WITH HER DAD TO THE CITY WHERE THE COMPETITION WAS TO BE HELD.

OTHER PEOPLE MADE FUN OF HER BECAUSE SHE WASN'T DRESSED NICELY. DESPITE ALL THE INTERRUPTIONS, SHE PERFORMED REALLY WELL, SURPRISING EVERYONE.

EVERYONE INCLUDING THE PANEL OF JUDGES WERE AMAZED BY HER PERFORMANCE AND WERE ON THEIR FEET.

**FINALLY THE RESULTS WERE
ANNOUNCED AND ANAYA WON
FIRST PLACE IN HER CATEGORY.**



TEARS CAME TO ANAYA AND HER DAD WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE CASH REWARD WHICH WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT.

WHEN SHE RECEIVED THE CASH PRIZE, SHE TOLD THE ORGANIZERS OF THE COMPETITION, THAT SHE PLANS TO MAKE HER VILLAGE RICH BY DONATING ALL THE MONEY TO THE VILLAGERS.

THE ORGANIZERS CONGRATULATED HER AND BLESSED HER FOR THE GREAT IDEA.

EVERYONE WAS VERY GRATEFUL TO ANAYA WHEN SHE RETURNED BACK HOME AND GAVE THE CASH PRIZE RECEIVED TO THE POOR PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE.

SINCE ANAYA HAD A GOOD INTENTION FROM THE BEGINNING, SHE WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE HER GOAL AND SHE WAS VERY HAPPY AT THE END. ANAYA IS A GOOD EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE.



Afterword

As modern technology permeates the social and economic arenas, students tend to distance themselves from the creative process, relying more and more on technological tools. To reduce this risk and help aspiring young writers produce their own books, I sought and presented a research proposal to the Ministry of Education in 2014. It was a fantastic opportunity for children to showcase their enthusiasm and knowledge. The students of Mahamaya Girls' College achieved a record for the most books written, paving the way for a new level of innovation. The e-book project will enable the students to reach International readers, and I am confident that they have gained new experiences and challenges that will enable them to face the future with resolve. I wish all of the young writers the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Senevirathne Mahalekam

Founder of Books Publishing Project Among School Children