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Dedication

This book is dedicated to all my
teachers in nursery, school,
Universal English Academy, my
parents, my little brother and
my grandparents



Foreword

In an increasingly complex global future, the "Hemamala Upahara" book project, led by Mahamaya Girls' College, stands as a turning point in girls' education. Over a decade, it has successfully nurtured thousands of children to become young authors.

This year, by collaborating with other schools, we aimed to provide students with a wealth of new experiences. The goal was to develop multi-faceted skills, including communication, values, and creative growth. As a result, children have written books that pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic—the supreme symbol of the Buddhist world—to the Hill Country (Kandy).

I extend my gratitude to everyone involved, including the students who contributed their creativity and the teachers who guided them.

Shashikala Senadhira

Principal

Mahamaya Girls' College

Congratulatory Message

It is a great honor for me, as the Governor of the Central Province, to send a congratulatory message for the launch of the books created through the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project initiated by Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy.

Education is the fundamental foundation for the progress of society, and it is further strengthened through books and literary creations. It is clearly commendable that students' talents, creativity, and intellectual abilities are emerging through projects such as this.

I believe that this book creation project will provide valuable knowledge and a precious literary contribution not only to the students but to the entire society. Furthermore, I hope that through such efforts, future writers who will bring pride to Sri Lanka will emerge.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation and blessings to the Principal, the academic staff, the students, and everyone involved who dedicated themselves to this successful endeavor. I wish this project and the book launch ceremony great success.

Sarath B.S. Abeykoon

Governor, Central Province

Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya

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Congratulatory Message

I highly appreciate the noble and outstanding effort of the Principal and the academic staff of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, the student daughters, the students of other participating schools, and everyone who dedicated themselves to plan and implement this book publication project. The project was organized under the leadership of Mahamaya Girls' College, Kandy, with the participation of other schools in the Kandy Zone, with the aim of encouraging children toward book creation within the current school system, as a tribute to Hemamala Kumariya who brought the Sacred Tooth Relic to Sri Lanka.

For several decades, Sri Lanka has been committed to providing free, compulsory, quality, and equitable education to all children, thereby producing a future generation of intelligent and skilled citizens. In such a context, this book creation program for school children helps develop creative ability, critical thinking, and other positive qualities for a balanced and well-rounded personality, and contributes to building a future knowledge-based society.

May all activities of the Hemamala Tribute Book Creation Project be successful through the blessings of the Sacred Tooth Relic.

Pradeep Nilanga Dela

Diyawadana Nilame,

Sri Dalada Maligawa.

2026.05.10.



This is little Mali.

This is the drain.

One day, Mali threw a drink can into the drain.

The drain was next to her home. When the rain fell, the can floated through the drain.



This is little Bala. Bala lives next door to Mali.

One day, Bala threw a plastic water bottle into the drain. The drain was next to his home. When the rain fell, the bottle floated through the drain.



This is little Meera. Meera lives next door to Bala.

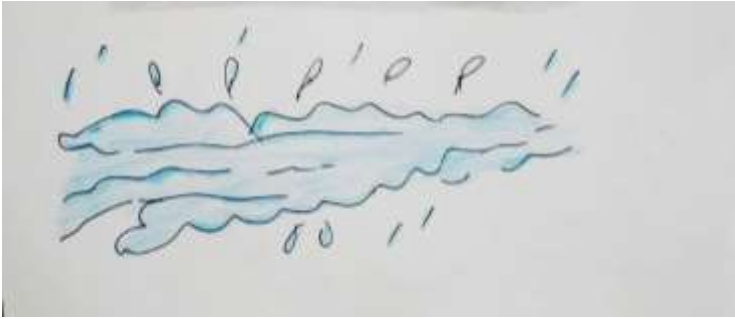
One day, Meera threw a shopping bag into the drain. The drain was next to her home. When the rain fell, the shopping bag floated through the drain.

The rain kept falling.





The can, plastic bottle, and shopping bag floated along the drain water.



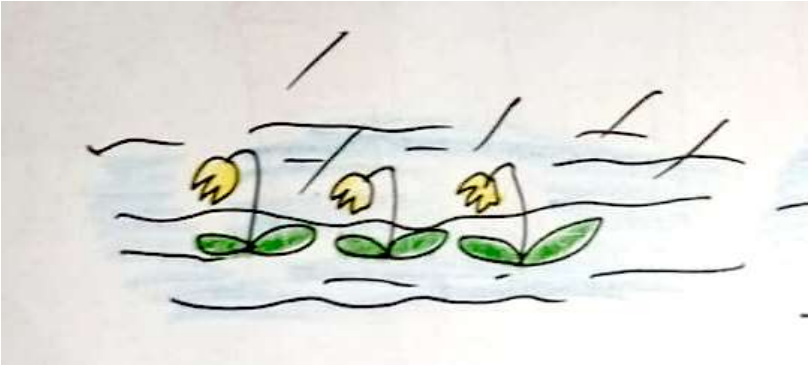
Oh... Suddenly, the drain overflowed.

Meera's garden was flooded. Bala's and Mali's gardens were flooded too.

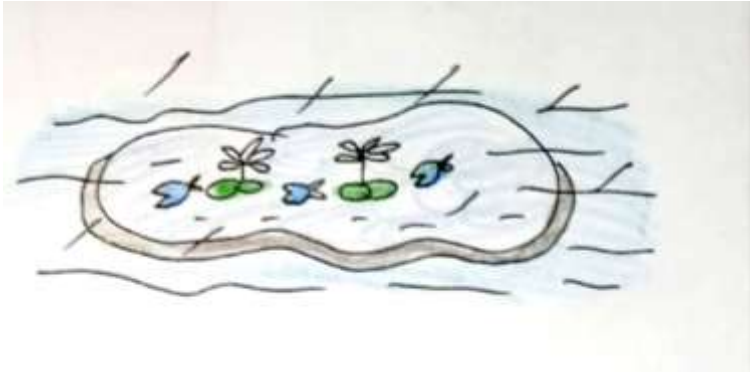


Oh... it was still raining.

The flooded area kept expanding.



Meera said, "Oh, my garden! Oh, my flower nursery! It has sunk too!"



Bala said, "Oh, my garden! Oh, my little pond! It has sunk too!"



Mali said, "Oh, my garden! Oh, my little playhouse! It has sunk too!"



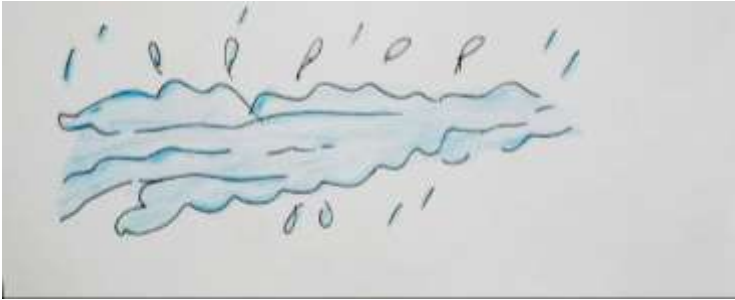
They ran to their parents and said, "Our gardens are flooded! We have lost our favorite places!"

The parents came outside.

Mali's father said, "Oh, I see..."

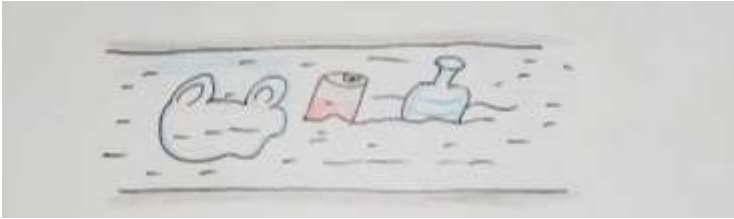
Bala's mother said, "Oh no... what's wrong?"

Meera's father said, "Let's check it out."



Everyone saw that the drain was overflowing.

Then they realized that something was stuck at the end of the drain.



"Let's check what is stuck inside!"

They all tried to clean the drain.

They used mammoties and long sticks to clean it.

Finally, they found a drink can, a plastic water bottle, and a shopping bag stuck near the manhole of the drain.

They removed the rubbish, and the flood disappeared very quickly.



"Who put these things into the drain?" the parents asked.

Mali apologized for throwing the drink can into the drain.

Bala apologized for throwing the plastic water bottle into the drain.

Meera apologized for throwing the shopping bag into the drain.



Then the parents explained how to dispose of waste properly without polluting nature.

Did you see what happened because of bad disposal habits? We lost all our favorite things.

From now on, we must remember to practice proper waste disposal habits.

Otherwise, pollution can harm the things we love most.

Let's recycle and dispose of waste the correct way!

- ✓ Do not throw garbage on roads or into drains.
- ✓ Always use a dustbin for waste.
- ✓ Separate recyclable and non-recyclable waste.
- ✓ Reduce the use of plastic bags and bottles.
- ✓ Plant more trees and protect plants.
- ✓ Save water and electricity.
- ✓ Keep your home, school, and surroundings clean.
- ✓ Recycle whenever possible.
- ✓ Do not burn plastic or garbage.
- ✓ Encourage others to protect the environment.



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Afterword

With the approval of the Ministry of Education, this research-based project has empowered thousands of student authors for over ten years. Educationists recognize it as a program that significantly enhances the quality of school education.

In alignment with modern educational reforms, encouraging students to author a research work is a milestone in this journey. In this digital age of "Smart" technology, the modern school must demonstrate through research that books and technology should be used together. This is because the unique joy a child receives from a book cannot be replaced by anything else.

To prevent children from drifting away from books—which remain our primary educational tool and storehouse of human knowledge—Mahamaya Girls' College has spearheaded the "Hemamala Upahara" project for many years. Its primary objectives are to foster academic discipline, promote values, and pay tribute to Princess Hemamala, who fulfilled a historic mission to empower women.

We express our gratitude to the Principal, teachers, parents, alumni of Mahamaya Girls' College, representatives of other schools, the Diyawadana Nilame, and the staff of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) for their support.

Seneviratne Mahalekam
(Project Creator)

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