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ABOUT MYSELF

Public Relations and Information Management Professional with 5+ years of experience delivering communication, IT coordination, and digital visibility support for international and government institutions. Adept at managing media relations, maintaining websites and social media platforms, and overseeing information systems to ensure smooth office operations. Proven expertise in producing high-quality communication materials, coordinating with diverse stakeholders, and aligning digital outreach with organisational priorities.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

International Relations

Diploma [01/03/2025 – Current]

City: Colombo | Country: Sri Lanka | Website: <https://bcis.edu.lk/> | Level in EQF: EQF level 5

French Language Course

Alliance Française de Kandy [01/01/2025 – Current]

City: Kandy | Country: Sri Lanka | Website: <https://www.alliancefr.lk/> | Level in EQF: EQF level 4

High school diploma

Trinity College Kandy [01/01/2006 – 19/10/2019]

City: Kandy | Country: Sri Lanka | Website: <https://trinitycollege.lk/> | Level in EQF: EQF level 4

Design & Visual Communications

Academy of Design (AOD) [01/01/2021 – Current]

City: Colombo | Country: Sri Lanka | Website: <https://www.aod.lk/> | Level in EQF: EQF level 5

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Sinhala

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

French

LISTENING A2 READING B2 WRITING A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

Communication skills

Strategic communications / Press & public information / Stakeholder coordination / Media relations / Drafting & editing / Policy communication / Event communications / Public visibility campaigns / Cross-cultural communication

Digital skills

WordPress, SharePoint / Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop) / Figma, Canva / Social media management (Meta Business Suite, Hootsuite) / Analytics & reporting / Data visualisation (Tableau, Power BI, Flourish) / Infographics & visual storytelling

Organisational skills

Project coordination / Multi-agency collaboration / Workflow optimisation (Notion, Trello, Slack) / Deadline management / Publications design

WORK EXPERIENCE

Self-employed / Freelance – Colombo

City: Colombo

Independent Communications & Design Consultant

[01/08/2025 – Current]

- Provide communications and design consultancy for international organisations, government agencies, and research institutes.
- Develop visual and written content, including reports, infographics, and press materials, to strengthen institutional visibility.
- Manage branding, layout, and multimedia design across print and digital platforms using Adobe Creative Suite, Canva, and Microsoft 365 tools.
- Support public relations and IT-related functions, including website updates, SharePoint content management, and information management.
- Coordinate with clients and stakeholders to ensure clarity, accuracy, and alignment with strategic communication goals.
- **Added value:** Enhanced communication efficiency and public engagement through cohesive, data-driven design outputs.

Government of Sri Lanka – Department of National Planning – Colombo, Sri Lanka

City: Colombo | Country: Sri Lanka

Communications & Design Consultant

[01/07/2025 – 31/07/2025]

- Designed and delivered a national policy report officially published on the Government's website.
- Collaborated with senior officials to prepare content for both policy and public audiences.
- Integrated charts, maps, and infographics to simplify complex policy data.
- Ensured clarity, accuracy, and accessibility in high-profile national communications.
- **Added value:** Strengthened visibility of government development priorities with a report accessible to policymakers and the public.

United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office – Colombo, Sri Lanka

City: Colombo | Country: Sri Lanka

UN National Volunteer Specialist – Graphic Designer

[01/03/2025 – 30/06/2025]

- Produced the UN Annual Results Report and the SDG Fund Report.
- Coordinated inputs across 6+ agencies to align branding and communication strategy.
- Developed multilingual policy briefs and visibility assets for ~4,000 stakeholders.
- Designed infographics, social media content, and presentations for campaigns.
- **Added value:** Enhanced visibility of UN initiatives; reports were shared nationally, including with the Prime Minister.

Ideas Marketing Agency – Sydney, Sri Lanka

City: Sydney | Country: Sri Lanka

User Experience & Digital Communications Designer

[01/10/2024 – 28/02/2025]

- Redesigned nonprofit websites, improving usability and reducing drop-off rates by 30%.
- Produced reusable design modules and campaign assets, cutting iterations by half.
- Supported advocacy campaigns with digital communications and branding.
- **Added value:** Strengthened outreach for nonprofit clients through more user-friendly and engaging digital content.

Verité Research – Colombo, Sri Lanka

City: Colombo | Country: Sri Lanka

Communications Designer

[01/09/2022 – 30/09/2024]

- Produced 150+ outputs (press releases, briefs, infographics, reports) to expand visibility of research findings.
- Managed communications for public events, including visuals, countdowns, and live coverage.
- Created data-driven visuals regularly featured in national newspapers and TV.
- Coordinated with research teams to adapt technical findings into public-facing formats.
- **Added value:** Boosted public debate on key policy issues by ensuring research reached broader audiences through media coverage.

Royal International School – Kurunegala, Sri Lanka

City: Kurunegala | Country: Sri Lanka

Educational Communications Designer

[01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021]

- Designed seven curriculum-aligned textbooks and guides used by 1,000+ students.
- Introduced templates that cut production time by 20% while maintaining quality.
- Collaborated with teachers to produce accessible, engaging learning materials.
- **Added value:** Improved learning outcomes through more structured and visually engaging teaching materials.

PROJECTS

[08/09/2025 – 05/10/2025]

The Shadow War: Sri Lanka's Drug Crisis (2018–2025)

- Developed an interactive scrolltelling data story visualising Sri Lanka's drug crisis between 2018 and 2025.
- Designed and implemented data visualisations and narrative elements using HTML5, CSS3, and Vanilla JavaScript.
- Highlighted national policy shifts and disparities between law enforcement and public health responses.
- Enhanced public understanding through accessible storytelling, data transparency, and engaging user interaction.
- Published under a Creative Commons BY-NC 4.0 license as a public resource.

Link: <https://chaturadissanayake.github.io/sri-lanka-drug-crisis-website/>

[01/03/2025 – 30/06/2025]

UN Sri Lanka 2024 Annual Results Report

- Contributed as National UN Volunteer Specialist – Graphic Designer.
- Coordinated inputs across 8+ UN agencies to align branding and communications.
- Designed infographics, layouts, and visibility assets highlighting UN results in health, governance, climate resilience, and gender equality.
- Enhanced clarity and accessibility of the report, published in English and Sinhala.
- Shared nationally, including with the Prime Minister and policymakers.

Link: <https://srilanka.un.org/en/293540-un-sri-lanka-2024-annual-results-report>

[01/07/2025 – 31/07/2025]

UN Sri Lanka SDG Fund 2024 Results Report

- Designed and produced the official SDG Fund Results Report as part of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office team.
- Visualised complex data and narratives on peacebuilding, resilience, inclusive governance, and education sector reforms.
- Developed infographics, layouts, and visibility materials to enhance accessibility for policymakers and the public.
- Strengthened clarity and reach of pooled funding results that supported 75% of all UN joint investments in Sri Lanka during 2024.
- Report disseminated nationally and published on the official UN Sri Lanka website.

Link: <https://srilanka.un.org/en/295650-un-sri-lanka-sdg-fund-2024-results-report>

[01/07/2025 – 10/07/2025]

Public Investment Programme (PIP) 2026–2030

- Contributed to the design and delivery of the Government of Sri Lanka's official Public Investment Programme report for 2026–2030.
- Collaborated with senior officials to prepare visual content that simplified complex policy data for both policymakers and public audiences.
- Developed charts, maps, and infographics to enhance the clarity and accessibility of investment priorities across sectors and agencies.
- Report officially published on the Government of Sri Lanka website and shared with national policymakers.

Link: https://npd.treasury.gov.lk/files/PIP 2026-2030 final_new.pdf