

Curriculum Vitae

Raj Somadeva

1. Personal information

- 1.1 Full Name - Delgahawaththage Raj Kumar Somadeva Delgahawatta
- 1.2 Date of Birth - 31 October 1960
- 1.3 Home address - 139/22D Nagahawatta Road, Maharagama. Sri Lanka
- 1.4 Official address - Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, No 407,
Buddhaloka Mv. Colombo 7. Sri Lanka.
- 1.5 Profession - Senior Lecturer (Archaeology) & Professor in Archaeology
- 1.6 Date of first appointment - 4th July 1989
- 1.7 Affiliated Institute- Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology,
University of Kelaniya
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2. Educational qualifications

- (2.1). BA Special Degree in Archaeology (Hon), 1986, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
- (2.2). MPhil Degree in Archaeology, 1994, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
- (2.3). PhD Degree in Archaeology, 2006, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University, Sweden

3. Professional training

- (3.1). Certificate in Paleo-climatic reconstruction- Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University [course conducted by R.A. Bryson and R. U. Bryson]
- (3.2). Certificate in Advanced Geographical Information System Applications (GIS), Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University Sweden.
- (3.3). Management of the Complex Systems – Swedish Agriculture University (2000)
- (3.4). Historical Archaeology - Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala

University (2000)

(3.5). Landscape Dynamics in Archaeology - Department of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University (2001)

4. Memberships in professional associations

(4.1). A fellow of the Sri Lanka Council of Archaeologists

(4.2). A member of the World Archaeological Congress

5. Past positions

(5.1). Assistant Director, Sigiriya – UNESCO-Sri Lanka Cultural Triangle project (1989-1994)

(5.2). Field Director, Sri Lanka-German joint excavation project (1989-92)

(5.3). Field Director, Swedish-Sri Lanka Settlement Archaeology project (1989 –94)

(5.4) Co-Director, Pallemalala excavation project, (1997)

(5.5) Institutional Coordinator, Sri Lanka-Western Australian Maritime Archaeology project 1990 held in Galle

(5.6) Institutional Coordinator, Exhibition of the Ancient Bronze heritage in Sri Lanka organized by the Department of National Museums in 1994

6. Memberships (past)

(6.1). A member of the Translation panel of the Cultural Triangle

(6.2). A member of the publication sub-committee of the National Art Council of Sri Lanka (2003)

(6.3). A member of the program standardizing committee of the National Television Cooperation of Sri Lanka (2004).

(6.4). A member of the ministerial committee of the compilation of the National Archaeological Policy – Ministry of Cultural and Heritage protection, Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

(6.5). A member of the Colombo National Museum refurbishment committee (2004)

(6.6). A member of the advisory board to the Director General of Archaeology as appointed by the Honorable Minister of Cultural Affairs and National Heritage (2005, 2006,2007,2008)

(6.7). Served as a member of the editorial committee of the proposed publication on 'Ancient Village in Sri Lanka' by the Institute of Rural Development and Research

7. Memberships (current)

(7.1). A member of the Board of Studies of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (2003 up to now)

(7.3). A member of the World Archaeological Congress

- (7.4). A member of the higher Degree application evaluation committee – PGIAR
(7.8) A member of the Faculty Board of the University of Esthetics and Performing Arts

9. Awards

- (9.1). Top Ten in Sri Lanka award for the category of the Academic Leadership and Accomplishment (1998)
(9.2) Charles Wallace Research Fellowship awarded by the Institute of Archaeology, University Collage London(2005).

13.1 Unpublished reports (copies of all these reports are available in the Library of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, No 407, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 7)

- (13.1). Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1, part I- 2003 (First editor)
(13.2) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1, part II -2003 (First editor)
(13.3) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1, part III – 2003 (First editor)
(13.4) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1, part IV – 2003 (First editor)
(13.5) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume II, part I – 2007 (First editor)
(13.6) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1I, part II – 2007 (First editor)
(13.7) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1I, part III – 2007 (First editor)
(13.8) Sites and monuments registration project in Hambantota District, Volume 1I, part IV – 2007 (First editor)
(13.9). Coring assessment in the *Ramba Vihara* project (2002), [Client –Cultural Triangle]
(13.10). Archaeological impact assessment survey at *Mirijjavila* industrial park, (2003) [Client -Department of Archaeology]
(13.11). Archaeological impact assessment survey of a mini-hydropower plant at Yatiyantota, (2003) [Client -Department of Archaeology]
(13.12). Archaeological impact assessment survey of the Baseline road extension project from Kirulapona junction to Rathmalana, (2003) [Client - Department of Archaeology]
(13.13). Interim Report of the Galpaya Survey 2006. Submitted to the Board Of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology and the Director General of Archaeology.
(13.14) Interim Report of the Ranchamadama Cemetery excavation submitted to the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology and the Director General of Archaeology.
(13.15) Interim Report of the Uda Ranchamadama Protohistoric settlement excavation submitted to the Board of Management of the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology and the Director General of Archaeology.

- (13.16) World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka: Sacred City of Polonnaruwa, Central Cultural Fund - 2003
(13.17) World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka: Anuradhapura, Central Cultural Fund- 2003
(13.18) World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka: Dutch Fort at Galle, Central Cultural Fund.
(13.19) World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka: Sacred City of Kandy, Central Cultural Fund.
(13.20) World Heritage Sites of Sri Lanka: Sigiriya, Central Cultural Fund.

14. Fellowships

- (14.1). Charles Wallace Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of Archaeology, University of London (2005)

15. Field experience

- (15.1). Consultant archaeologist – Teaching excavation at *Pilikuttuva* monastery in Gampaha District (1995)
(15.2). Consultant archaeologist – Teaching excavation at *Samanabadda* monastery in Colombo District (1996)
(15.3). Consultant archaeologist – Rescue excavation at Pallemalala shell midden in Hambantota District (1997)
(15.4) Consultant archaeologist- Situlpauvva exploration – (1998)
(15.5). Consultant archaeologist – *Lower Kirindi Oya* Basin settlement survey (1999-2000)
(15.6). Consultant archaeologist – Teaching excavation at Thanthirimale cist burial excavation in Anuradhapura District (2010)
(15.7). Conducted a training workshop for the excavation officers of the *Mahavihara* project of the Cultural Triangle in Anuradhapura

16. Creative work

- (16.1). Research script – ‘*Gauven gauvva*’ (60 minutes documentary film produced by the National Television Cooperation in Sri Lanka (2001)
(16.2). Research script – ‘*Anjalekaranee*’ (45 minutes documentary film) (1999)
(16.3). Research script – ‘*Asapuva*’ (5 episodes of 30 minutes documentary film produced by the National Television Cooperation in Sri Lanka (2000)
(16.4) Research script – ‘*Glimpse of the past- archaeology of Southern Sri Lanka*’ (45 minutes documentary film) (2004) Funded by UNESCO and produced by the National Television Cooperation in Sri Lanka

17. Current research activities (own projects)

- (17.1). Archaeology of Udawalava Basin, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya.
(17.2) ‘Cultural promotion of the Vadda people in Sri Lanka’ project, Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, Ministry of National Heritage and Cultural Affairs.

18. Research Grants

(18.1) PhD research grant (SIDA-SAREC) 2000-2003.

(18.2) Vadda cultural promotion grant 2010

20. International Publications

(20.1) Published abstracts (International seminars)

Somadeva, R. 1994. “*Sigiriya* City: an assessment of its urban reality”. Proceedings of the 3rd World Archaeological Congress, December 4-11, 1994, New Delhi.

Peris, R. & R. Somadeva *et al* 2002. “An odontometric study of the permanent molars of a prehistoric population who lived in a coastal region of Sri Lanka, *Pallemalala*.” Inter-Congress of IVAES 2002. The Human Body in Anthropological Perspectives. Program & Abstract. September 22-27, 2002. Toshi Center Hotel, Tokyo Japan.

- Somadeva, R. 2002. “Human Responses and Contribution to Environmental Change: The development of urbanism in the Tissamaharama area of southern Sri Lanka”. Proceedings of the 9th International Conference of the European Association of Southeast Asian Archaeologists held in 27th May-2nd June 2002 Sigtuna, Sweden.

- 2003. “Strategies of maintaining social order in pre-modern Sri Lanka”. Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Sri Lankan Studies. 28th-31st November 2003. Matara; University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

- 2003. “State formation in Early Sri Lanka: An archaeological explanation” European Association of the South Asian Archaeology Conference Bonn. West Germany.

- 2005 July. “A paper presented to 17th International Conference of European Association of South Asian Archaeology held in British Museum, London

- 2006 April. “Mapping the Unforeseen : History of the archaeological field in Sri Lanka”. Proceeding of the International conference an Archaeological field work, Beijing. China

- 2008. Somadeva R. R. Dissanayake. Rise of Social Complexity in Southern Sri Lanka: an archaeological analysis. A paper presented at the first South Asian Archaeology Conference held in Bombay.

- 2010. “A New Horizon of Proto Historic Culture in Sri Lanka”. 3rd International Congress of the Society of South Asian Archaeology, University of Kelaniya.

(20.2) Papers (International)

Sinclair, P & R. Somadeva et al 2003. Urban Origins in Southern Sri Lanka. In *Fish Bones and Glittering Embalsms*. Proceedings of the third international conference on Southeast Asian Archaeology. Kalstrom, A. & A. Kallen (eds.), Stockholm.

Somadeva, R. 2005. Sri Lanka- Andhra Sub System?: probably another way of thinking. In *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* Vol. 2 (2005).

Somadeva, R. , S. Ranasinghe 2006. An Excavation of a Shell-midden at *Pallemalla* in Southern littoral area of Sri Lanka: some evidence of prehistoric Chenier occupation in c. forth millennium BCE. In *Ancient India* Vol. 1, Shinde, V. et al, 14-24pp. Mumbai: Reesha Books International.

Somadeva, R., R. Dissanayake, S. Ranasinghe, R. Fernando 2006. *Galpaya Ancient Settlement Survey*: the results of the first field season conducted in a newly discovered site in *Rathnapura* district of *Sabaragamuva* province of Sri Lanka. In *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* Vol. 3 (2006).

Somadeva, R. 2008. Advance hunter-gatherers or conservative farmers: Excavation of the earthenware burial canoes in Ranchamadama of Sabaragamuva Province. In *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* Vol. 4 (2008)

Somadeva, R. 2009. Proto historic Culture in the Uda Walave Basin. In *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* Vol. 5 (2009) .

Somadeva, R. 2010. Archaeology of Uda Walave Basin. In *Journal of Indian Ocean Archaeology* Vol. 6 (2010) .