

**1966 - 1971**

**Batch of Peradeniya Medical School**

# Peradeniya 66

**50th YEAR**

**REUNION**

**SOUVENIR**

## **Peradeniya Medical School 1966-1971**

**The  
50th**  
year  
celebration of  
the batch of  
medical  
students who  
entered the  
Peradeniya  
Medical School  
in 1966.



## **Bailbrook House Hotel Bath, England 2- 4th September 2016**



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# Peradeniya Medical School

Faculty of Medicine of University of Peradeniya



The Peradeniya Medical School - The all familiar entrance

The Faculty of Medicine at Peradeniya was opened in 1962 as the second medical school in the country. The Faculty is based within the Peradeniya campus with access the Halls of Residence, libraries, sports, educational and cultural activities.

At present the Faculty has 150 academic staff members and 180 non academic staff. There are 15 departments of study. Each year 195 local students and 12 overseas students are enrolled. The number of students in each year has more than doubled since Peradeniya66 batch left.

## Brief History of the Faculty

The faculty of Medicine at Peradeniya opened for its first group of students in January 1962. Initially it functioned as an extension of the faculty of medicine in Colombo.

In 1967 it became as autonomous Faculty, electing its own dean. From 1970 the Dental & Veterinary schools of the University of Peradeniya was brought under an umbrella organization called the Faculty of Medical Dental and Veterinary Sciences. By 1980 these schools had again become autonomous.

A dedicated 700 bed teaching hospital was built in Peradeniya and it opened in 1981. A new pre-clinical building was built and opened in 2014. A new para-clinical building is under construction

At present, approximately a thousand students comprising six batches are receiving training at the Faculty of Medicine, Peradeniya. The students receive their clinical training at the Teaching Hospital as Peradeniya which is within a walking distance from medical school, the Teaching Hospital in Kandy and hospitals in Kegalle, Gampola, Mawanella and Katugastota.

The Dept of Community Medicine has a rural field practice area known as the "Hindagala Community Health Project" located just outside the campus. The health care services to this population are administered and provided by this department in conjunction with the department of health.



The Medical Library



The New Teaching Hospital in Peradeniya



Road to Medical School



At the Reunion Kandy 2013



The canteen in 2013



# Peradeniya66

## The Souvenir of the 50th Year Reunion, Bath, England

*From your Editor*

### 50 Years of Togetherness

*It is difficult indeed to imagine that it is now 50 years since we arrived at the magnificent Peradeniya campus, excited about what was unfolding in front of us and not appreciating fully what we were embarking on, which would inevitably change our lives for ever. We were nervous, bewildered and frankly frightened about the unfamiliar place we have come to, out of our homes for the first time for many of us. Above all, the seniors were hovering over us and telling us pathetic stories. We survived all this and spent the next glorious five years in Peradeniya.*

*The time we spent at Peradeniya can arguably be the most productive and enjoyable time in our life. We were there during the crucial period of our life, when we became independent, became part of a wider community that the Peradeniya campus offered to us, became members of a noble profession with all its responsibilities and hardships ahead of us and above all we were becoming men and women of the world. We also had fun with the body-feed, block-night, the cricket match, Medicine Ball and all the entertainment we could access in Kandy.*

*The bond that we formed during these eventful five years was something so unique and strong, we went on to maintain our friendship and the comradeship over the last 50 years. We have incorporated our families and our children and recently the grandchildren in our social network and have enjoyed many social gatherings such as weddings, parties and other functions. We had a record number of reunions over the years in many settings. The unique manner in which the reunions are organised over a whole weekend has given us the opportunity to meet, catch up with the events in our life and to reminisce the good time we had.*

*Sadly, we also witnessed the demise of some of us with enormous grief and a sense of loss. We have now lost ten of our precious batch-mates and the dreaded news of each is received with utter horror, shock and grief by all of us. Our sympathies and wishes are with the families of those who have left us.*

*The 50th year Reunion would be a fitting time for us to meet and reminisce the good time we had at our cherished*



*medical school of ours and to catch up with the ups and down we had experienced in our later life. Most importantly it is a time for us to appreciate the togetherness of the bunch of boys and girls who came together 50 years ago and became friends with the unbreakable bond that keeps us together as the Peradeniya66 group.*

*I hope you will all have a wonderful time in Bath and enjoy the 50th Year Reunion celebrations, as we do always.*

MSA Executive Committee 1968/69. Same Editor then!

**Mike Isweran**



# The University of Peradeniya

## A Truly Magnificent Campus

The University of Peradeniya campus is situated in the lower slopes of the lush mountains of Hanthana. Spanned over an area of 700 hectares, University of Peradeniya occupies the largest land area owned by any university in Sri Lanka. It accommodates residential facilities for over 6000 students.

At the initial stages, the first vice chancellor Sir Ivor Jennings wanted to model this on British universities, but met with some resistance from students. Consultants Sir Patrick Abercrombie and Clifford Holliday did the initial planning and layout of the university complex. Sir Jennings has said *"No University in the world would have such a setting"*.

Work on building started in 1938 and in 1942, the University of Ceylon was created as the first unitary, residential and autonomous university in Sri Lanka, amalgamating Ceylon University College and the Colombo Medical College into a single unit with 55 academic staff members, 904 students in four faculties.

1952 marked the official establishment of University of Ceylon, Peradeniya. Although the buildings at Peradeniya were established in 1952, the official ceremony for its inception was held only on 20 April 1954, with the participation of Queen Elizabeth II. The Sri Lankan government was keen to postpone the ceremony until the Queen could attend. Her visit was delayed by the death of King George VI. Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh participated in the event and declared the university open with the remark:

*"You have remarked Mr. Chancellor, that it is not easy to open a university, because once established it is always open. However, like the shopkeepers of London during the bombing, I can declare this place to be "more open than usual..."*

Part of the University of Ceylon including the Medical College functioned in Colombo until 1967. The Medical Faculty of University of Peradeniya opened in 1962 as an extension of Colombo Medical College. In 1967 the university split into two and the section in Peradeniya became the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya, while the section in Colombo became University of Ceylon, Colombo. The Peradeniya medical school became an autonomous Medical Faculty of University of Peradeniya. In 1978 the University of Ceylon Peradeniya became University of Peradeniya.



The Arts Faculty



Mars Hall



The outdoor stadium



Engineering Faculty



# Funny stories reminisce and to laugh...

Dr Jayathilaka (Jacko) walked around the Anatomy lab inspecting the drawings of the cross section of vaginal wall under the microscope. He went behind a lady batch-mate of ours and inspected the picture that she was drawing. He then said:

*“Miss, it looks like barbed wire. If you have barbed wire like this in your vagina, your boy friend is going to have big trouble...”*

Prof Kirthisinghe walked in smartly into the lecture theatre for the first Surgery lecture for us and went on the stage. He then drew this image:



Then he said, “Yes, you see, this is a dog. From now onwards, if you behave like one of this, you will be treated like one of them.”

Dr Jansz was dissecting a toad in the Physiology lab surrounded by some of our lady batch-mates and he was cutting open the skin of lower end of the body. He described,

“you see now I am cutting the skin down the middle of the body and I am coming round the cape of good hope to the back...”

Prof Lester Jeyawardena was waiting at the entrance to the Anatomy block when a few of us were walking leisurely after a tea break from the canteen, 15 minutes late as usual. He said:

*“Hey, have a look at the ants here (pointing at imaginary ants), see how busy they are, walking fast in a straight line. Isn't it very interesting?”*

We ran into the block!

Dr Dharmasena, who is, as everyone knows, always very smartly dressed and maintains a dignified appearance. He is a man of few words and rarely smiles. He joined us at a party at the Surasa restaurant at Piachaud Gardens.

As the party got heated up, he became suitably lubricated and ultimately removed his shirt and started dancing on the table. It was a hilarious party and everyone enjoyed and he was so friendly.

Next day he came to work in his usual smart white suit and was walking along the corridor to his ward. We greeted him “Good morning, sir”, expecting to have a friendly chat. He ignored us, said “mmm...” and walked straight on.

## This did not happen to us, thankfully.

First year students at a medical school were receiving their first anatomy class with a real human body.

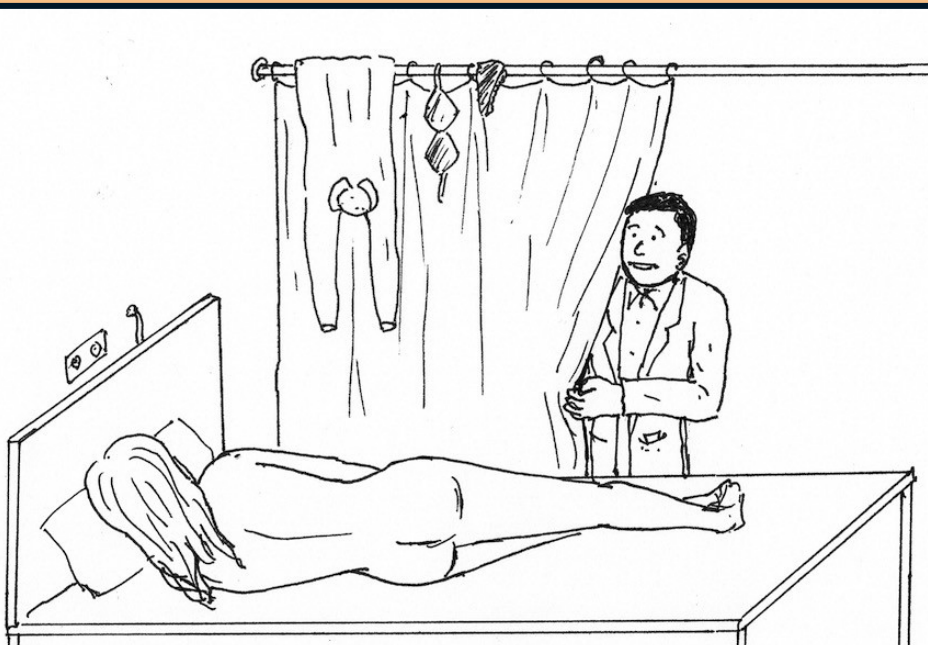
They all gathered around the body covered with a white sheet.

The Professor started the class by telling them, “in Medicine, it is necessary to have two important qualities as a doctor. The first is that you are not disgusted by anything involving the human body.”

The Professor then pulled back the sheet, stuck his finger in the butt of the body, withdrew it and stuck it in his mouth. “Go ahead and do the same thing”, he told the students.

The students freaked out, hesitated for several minutes, but eventually took turns sticking a finger in the butt of the body and sucking it.

When everyone finished, the Professor looked at them and said, “The second most important quality is observation. I stuck in my middle finger and sucked my index finger in mouth. Now learn to pay attention”.



*Oh, no... I just wanted to examine your eyes...*

This is a reproduction of a joke that appeared in the Medicine Ball souvenir when our batch organised the event. Over the week after the Medicine Ball, the editor of the souvenir (Mike), who also drew this cartoon, and some members of the MSA committee were summoned to the office of Dr Amarasinghe, Orthopaedic surgeon in Kandy. He was holding a copy of the souvenir in his hand. He told us displaying his obvious disgust: “what is this? This is just filth from cover to cover. You are a disgrace to medical profession.” We were then dismissed from the office.

To this day, we are not sure what was his motive for doing this. He did not have anything to do with the Medicine Ball. Was a puritan who was offended by the content of the souvenir, or did he mean ‘well done boys!’?



# The 50th Year Reunion Bath England

## PERADENIYA66

### Programme of the Celebration...



### *Friday 2nd September*

*Arrival and check-in:*

*from 3.00 pm onwards*

*7.00 pm Brunel Bar*

*Informal get-together*

*Welcome drink from the bar*

*Music*

*Speeches*

*Sing-songs, karaoke, etc.*

*Buffet Dinner: Brunel Room*

*Saturday 3rd September am*

*Breakfast in hotel*

*9.30 am sharp: Coach leaves*

*10.00 am: Roman Bath*

*12.00: Coach leaves*



Group Photo of the 1066—1971 Batch of Peradeniya Medical School





## ***SATURDAY pm***

***12.30 Snack Lunch at Victoria Park***

***2.15 pm No1, Royal Crescent, Bath***

***4.00 pm Coach leaving for the hotel***

***4.30 pm Back at Hotel***



***6.00 pm: Group Photo in front of the hotel reception***



## ***The 50 Year Celebration Gala Dinner Dance***

***6.30 pm Cocktail Reception - Avon Room***

***7.30 pm Diner Dance - The Landsdown.***

***8.30 pm The Rogues Gallery***

***Presentation by Nimal & Ravi***

***Songs, speeches (tba)***

***Music by: Suresh and Denzil***

***Dress code: Black Tie***





# Reunions.....

*Peradeniya66 batch has held regular reunions, starting from 1991. We have had eight Reunions so far in addition to many informal get-togethers and social contacts between members of the batch. Here are some pictures of the reunions to enjoy and reminisce the good times we had.*



**Stevenage, England**



**Birmingham, England**



**Watford, England**



**Watford, England**



**2006**



# Over the years...



**London, England**



**Kandy, Sri Lanka**

**Arraiolos, Portugal**



# Memories are forever....

This is how it all started....

15/9/1966 THE CEYLON DAILY NEWS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER

## They qualify to enter Varsity

The following candidates have qualified for admission to the University of Ceylon on the results of the Ceylon General Certificate of Education (Advanced Level) Examination, December 1965. (Provisional results subject to confirmation by the Senate)

### Medicine

**ST. SYLVESTER'S COLLEGE, Kandy:** N. K. Mennon, MAHAMAYA BALIKA M. V., Kandy; Miss H. M. Abhayaasinghe, Miss M. M. P. Dias.

**KINGSWOOD COLLEGE, Kandy:** M. F. Mevan.

**KANDY-PRIVATE N. Chara-**  
**WAPAVAN, MATALE MADHYA MAHA**  
**VIDYALAYA:** T. V. de Alwis.

**JAFFNA HINDU COLLEGE:** S. Jothilingam, K. Moismam, Abdul Cassim, E. Sathesan, K. Senthilkanthan, S. Yoganathan, KOKUVIL HINDU COLLEGE, Miss S. Kandasamy.

**VEMBADI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL:** Miss I. G. Subramaniam, Miss R. Arulampalam, Miss L. Kathiravelu, Miss L. Santhirasegarar, Miss T. Velayutham, Miss E. Williams.

**HOLY FAMILY CONVENT, Jaffna:** Miss R. C. Manuelpillai, Miss E. A. S. Thambillal, Miss M. E. L. Vanderson, Miss C. S. Edward, Miss I. Thambiratnam.

**JAFFNA CENTRAL COLLEGE:** C. Kukathasan, K. Maruthappu, S. Muthulingam, Miss S. Puvanewari, R. Kamalarajan, N. Thanarajah.

**ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Jaffna:** W. N. Linganandian, K. Puvanachandra, E. Singanayagam, R. B. S. Arasaratnam, A. P. Mohamed Zahir, R. N. Muttiah, J. Rajendra, P. Shanmugalingam, Miss T. S. Mariampillai, CHUNDIKULI GIRLS' COLLEGE, Jaffna: Miss K. Kandiah, Miss M. R. a m a s a m y, Miss T. Tharmalingam, Miss A. Balasanthiran, G. Chellappan, Miss V. Ponnudurai.

**ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, Jaffna:** R. N. Ponnudurai, M. Chandra, J. A. Joseph, A. R. J. Rajakumar, A. N. Vanniasingam.

**MAHAJANA COLLEGE, Tellipalai:** D. Thanagathurai, Miss I. Thevendram, M. Sarva Easwaran, Miss S. Balasingam, Miss I. Kandiah, Miss K. Kandiah.

**UNION COLLEGE, Tellipalai:** E. Manickavasagar, N. Sivanesan.

**SKANDA VARODAYA COLLEGE, Chunnakam:** Miss Ratnam, T. Balachandran, A. Ganeshalingam, S. Ganesaratnam, C. Eigma Harichandran, P. Jeyabalan, T. Sivabalan.

**UDUVIL GIRLS' COLLEGE, Chunnakam:** Miss M. Kandiah, Miss G. Veerasingam.

**HARTLEY COLLEGE, Point Pedro:** K. Balakrishnan, K. Gnana-Pakaram, Miss V. I. Poornampillai, Miss S. Veeragathy, P. Arulampalam, M. Balasubramaniam, P. Gopalakrishnakar, S. Wigneswaranoorthy.

**UDUPPIDY AMERICAN MISSION COLLEGE, Valvettiturai:** V. Yoganathan.

**JAFFNA COLLEGE, Vaddukoddai:** P. Srikavanan, Miss S. Ramanathan, T. Kathirgama-karthigesyan.

**JAFFNA - PRIVATE:** S. Kamalanathan, N. Sivananthan, P. Sivananthan, M. A. Selvaratnam, T. Thanabalingam, K. Sri Ranjan.

**ST. MARY'S COLLEGE, Chilaw:** W. J. F. Costa.

**KODDAMUNAI M. V. Batticoala:** Miss K. Parinawary.

**BATTICALOA - PRIVATE:** W. M. Manoharan.

**MAHINDA COLLEGE, Galle:** L. Galappathil, Miss R. H. Ariyasinghe, G. Pethangoda.

**RICHMOND COLLEGE, Galle:** P. G. Malavitarachchi.

**DHARASOKA COLLEGE, Ambalangoda:** R. D. de S. Gillinge, P. Warusavitharana, G. H. S. Fonseka.

**GALLE - PRIVATE:** Miss L. Fonseka.

**MATARA - PRIVATE:** S. A. G. Gunapala.

**SRI PALEE COLLEGE, Horana:** Y. Kusasekera, P. M. Dharmasiri.

**KALUTARA - PRIVATE:** T. D. Sriwardena.

**MINIUVANGODA MADHYA MAHA VIDYALAYA:** K. G. N. Seneviratne.

**VEYANGODA MADHYA MAHA VIDYALAYA:** K. P. Piyasena, D. D. S. de Silva.

**ST. ANTHONY'S COLLEGE, Wattala:** H. A. S. P. Kularatne.

**DE MAZENOD COLLEGE, Nembombo:** D. C. R. Fernando, M. M. E. Weerasinghe, K. D. H. W. Apudabany.

**AVE MARIA CONVENT, Nembombo:** Miss S. S. Manchanayake.

**NEGOMBO - PRIVATE:** L. D. A. C. Luvu.

**DHARMAPALA VIDYALAYA, Pannipitiya:** P. W. E. Dharmagunawardena, K. P. G. Perera, H. D. Wijesinghe, A. K. Samararatne, Miss L. Bogoda, S. K. Lyanage, L. S. Wickremasinghe.

**ANANDA KASTE-LAYA, Kotte:** D. H. Karunadissa.

**SRI JAYAWARDANAPURA M. V. Kotte:** S. Panchadcharam, L. Weerasinghe.

**ST. THOMAS' COLLEGE, Mt. Lavinia:** U. D. S. Fernando, S. H. A. Karim, E. Nagendran, U. Somasundaram, K. C. R. Chako, W. A. S. D. Fernando, R. H. Ratnasuriya, W. H. C. Soysa, S. Sridharan.

**PRINCE OF WALES COLLEGE, Moratuwa:** B. L. Karunadasa.

**ST. SEBASTIAN'S COLLEGE, Moratuwa:** E. S. Mendis.

**ANANDA COLLEGE, Colombo 10:** R. W. Sumathipala, D. S. P. K. Bandara, G. D. Rajah, A. N. A. Weerakkody, B. H. G. F. Wickramasuriya.

**AQUINAS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Col. 3:** J. M. R. L. Gunawardena, S. L. W. Jayawardene, A. Magendratasa, L. R. Navaratne, M. Perumainar, E. Poo-palasingham, S. Aponusu, S. D. D. Seneviratne, K. A. C. D. P. Warnakulasuriya, Miss H. A. Kanthi, A. K. L. de Silva, H. M. Fernando, K. Karunakaran, R. C. Menezes, K. Ragnathan, Miss S. Samarasinghe, S. D. Atukorala, G. A. Benaragama, M. R. P. Samarasinghe, A. J. Sachirajah, J. Saliyadasa, K. Yegendra.

**NALANDA VIDYALAYA, Colombo 10:** N. Mendis, D. C. Ranegedera.

**WESLEY COLLEGE, Colombo 9:** P. Parasuramer.

**DEVI BALIKA VIDYALAYA, Colombo 8:** Miss B. Kumarasena, Miss K. Lyanapatibendige, Miss M. L. G. Silva, Miss U. Munasinghe.

**ST. BENEDICT'S COLLEGE, Colombo 13:** K. Mangaleswaran, M. Jambunathan.

**ROYAL COLLEGE, Colombo:** P. T. Chandrasoma, M. S. Drahmanan, N. P. R. Gunasekera, K. A. Gunawardana, M. J. M. Perros, S. M. K. Seneviratne, M. H. R. Sheriff, N. Subasinghe, K. A. D. C. P. Chandrasekara, S. R. Gnanasampathan, M. A. Crellsheim, J. Samuel, M. Satchithananda.

**PEMBROKE ACADEMY, Colombo 7:** N. M. Gokasanda, K. Miss S. A. P. Dias, V. Sridharan, D. P. Perera, S. Sannugalingam, P. H. U. de Soysa, R. L. Weerakoon, K. A. N. G. Kuruppu.

**ST. PETER'S COLLEGE, Colombo 4:** R. P. Meivani.

**ALEXANDRA COLLEGE, Colombo 7:** J. J. Godfrey, N. Weerasooriya.

**LADIES' COLLEGE, Colombo 7:** Miss S. V. Pannikar, Miss K. M. Amarasekera, Miss S. L. Gunasekera, Miss S. D. Paul, Miss D. Poopalasingam.

**STAFFORD LADIES' COLLEGE, Colombo 7:** Miss A. S. Munidasa, Miss C. Nallathambi.

**ST. BRIDGET'S CONVENT, Colombo 7:** Miss M. J. S. Peiris.

**VISAKHA VIDYALAYA, Colombo 5:** Miss T. I. J. Silva, Miss R. Gunawardane, Miss P. P. Karavita, Miss S. D. P. Samarasekera, Miss I. Herath, Miss R. Shannugavadevi.

**HOLY FAMILY CONVENT, Colombo 4:** Miss R. Nadarajah, Miss M. Aponso, Miss M. C. Perera.

**COLOMBO - PRIVATE:** R. A. M. Rajapaksa, H. C. S. Silva, M. H. M. Sulaiman, J. M. Sahanadeen, M. Vigneswaran, P. M. H. L. Wijayasuriya, H. W. Wijerajane, Miss D. R. Seneviratne, Miss L. Sittampalam, S. Kanagaratnam, A. Ankeel, D. G. P. Dayaratna, K. L. L. Samarasinghe, N. Samarasinghe, Miss A. N. H. de A. Amarasekera, Miss V. Arumugan, S. Veerasayagam.

**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, Colombo 10:** S. Nagendran.



What are they all up to in the park?



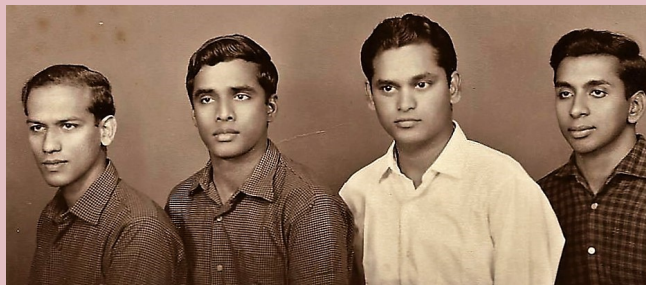
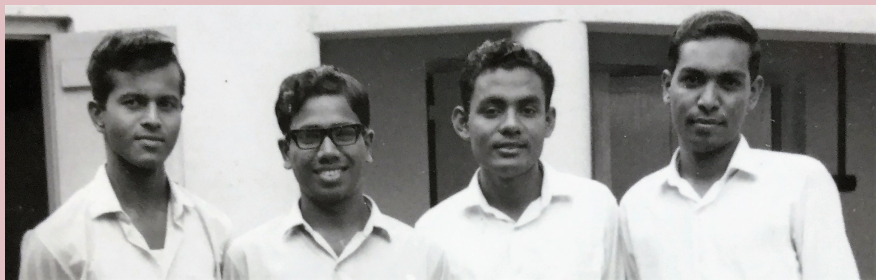




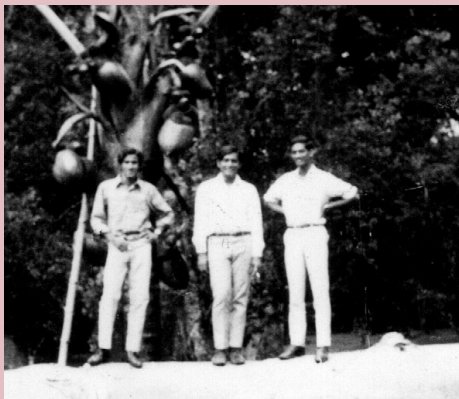
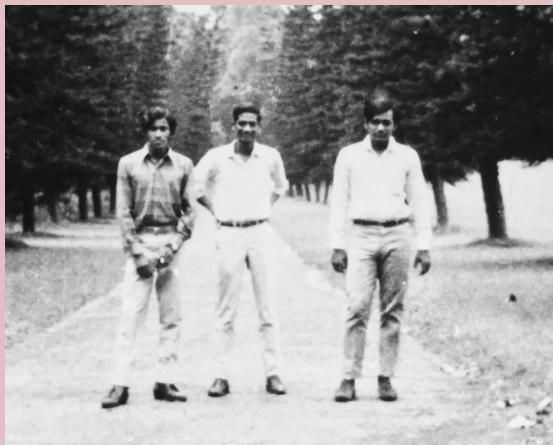
Who do they think they are? Beatles?.....



Has Jothi been ducked by the minister of waterworks?



The Quartets....



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