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**M**odern Performing Arts Related to the Folk Art
Associated with The Lifestyle in Sri Lanka

# **Background and Arguments**

People who were dependent on grains, leaves and fruits found on the earth, later on, developed to plant seeds and receive a yield of crop in return. That is said to be the beginning of agriculture. From then on, people's lifestyles began to change. Starting from around 9500 BC, the eight Neolithic founder crops emmer wheat, einkorn wheat, hulled barley, peas, lentils, bitter vetch, chick peas, and flax - were cultivated in the Levant. Sri Lanka's legendary harvests once brought it fame as the Granary of the East. Historical records tell us that paddy was cultivated in Anuradhapura in 161 BC and flourished there until 1017 AD. Today, it is cultivated across the Island. As society evolved, activities and people close to the heart of paddy cultivation rose to prominence. By keeping the Island fed, the goviyas or paddy farmers ascended the hierarchy of the Sinhalese cast system, raised by royal patronage because, after all, they satiated the people's hunger and so were deserving of respect.2 (Daleena, 2013,) In lush tropical Sri Lanka, paddy cultivation took deep root, transforming into the lifeblood of the islanders and setting the pace for a national culture embellished with elaborate rituals centered around the preparation of the fields and the harvesting of the grain. The cultivation cycle was a high point of their social life. Everyone pitched in. Historian, Dr Ananda Coomaraswamy writes in Medieval Sinhalese Art, "Great Chiefs were not ashamed to hold the plough in their hands. The majority of village folk were brought into close touch with the soil and with each other by working together in the fields; even the craftsmen... used to lay aside their tools to do a share of the field work when need was, as at sowing or harvest time."3



Popular songs forms were created among the Sinhala villagers based on this process. Modern writers tend to refer to their books as Sinhala folk poems.<sup>4</sup> (Weerasundara, (2014), 12. P.) Siripala, (2002), 21.p.)<sup>5</sup> Many poems related to agriculture have created. They are designed to be associated with a variety of tasks. Sri Lanka's agriculture can be classified into two categories. It is classified according to the nature of the land under cultivation.

- 01. Chena farming
- 02. Paddy cultivation<sup>6</sup>

# **Chena Farming**

Chena cultivation is the cultivation of dry lands which is not mixed with water. Paddy cultivation is the cultivation done in muddy lands. The history of Chena cultivation can be seen in the literary books and inscriptions of various periods in Sri Lanka. Chen farming is mentioned in the inscriptions of King Nissankamalla (1187-1196) who ruled in Sri Lanka during the Polonnaruwa period. (siriveera, (1993) 120.p.) The historical basis of this is clear from the mention of Chena in special books on Buddhist philosophy such as Buthsarana, Saddaramaratnavaliya, Jojavaliya and Jathaka Katha Potha. The word used in Sinhala for the word Chena is Hena. The names of the villages in Ceylon which are based on the word hena indicate that chena cultivation was prevalent in the past. An example of this is the following rural names.

Henegama, Veherahena, Henepola, Hendeniya, Kotahena, Nugahena, Vihaarahena, Maahena, Ginigathhena, Henebadda, Henpitagedara, Thalahena, Kudagalahena, Medahena, Galgodahena,

Two types of singing styles associated with Chena cultivation can be clearly identified.

- 1. Pel Kavi<sup>10</sup>
- 2. Kurakkan Kavi 11

# **Paddy Cultivation**

Paddy cultivation is the most important sector of the Sri Lankan economy. Even though its contribution to the gross domestic product declined substantially during the past 3 decades (from 30 percent in 1970 to 21 percent in 2000), <sup>12</sup> it is the most important source of employment for the



majority of the Sri Lankan workforce. Approximately 38 percent of the total **labor force** was engaged in agriculture in 1999.<sup>13</sup> In the subsistence sector, rice is the main crop and farming rice is the most important economic activity for the majority of the people living in rural areas. Several creative singing genres associated with the above activities can be found locally in Sri Lanka. They should be referred to as species full of recognizable musical elements. Those singing styles are given below:

- 1. Andahera
- 2. 2. Nelum kavi
- 3. Goyam kavi`
- 4 4 Kamath kayi 14

It is clear that these poems are given priority in various television reality shows currently in use in Sri Lanka. For that Participants can be divided into two groups.

- 01. Teenage, between 12 and 16 years.
- 02. Young people between the ages of 16 and 30.15

Singing these poems using popular media in additional to TV shows has become a major feature today. (Face book, Whatsapp, You tube). This study shows that this practice is currently growing rapidly with the spread of the corona epidemic in the country. This study shows that this practice is currently growing rapidly with the spread of the corona epidemic in the country. This article explores the identity characteristics of the aforementioned singing styles and the singing that is done using the current medium



# Results and Discussions:

The hut is built on a branch of a large tree. It is to escape from wild animals. Especially to escape from wild elephants. These are sung at night. The danger of the environment has influenced this singing.



Figure 1-2: A temporary hut built on a tree in the chena. Hirivadunna, Habarana. Sri Lanka.

Among the popular pel kavi used in Sri Lanka, several features unique to the singing can be identified. Those features are not found in other poems. In this study, it was found that the singing was deliberately done by the villagers. This may be due to the fact that they have identified this style of singing separately.

A common feature of this song is the uniform pause. Singing the first line is characterized by a pause in the middle of the second line and a pause at the end of the second line. <sup>17</sup> It can be expressed as follows. Below are the first two lines of the poem.

Yasa lesatama Alakuth Vatakara Seduna Eka lesatama Velakuth E Meda Seduna

Breaking these verses while singing the **Yathi** <sup>18</sup> can be identified as the main feature here. The division of verses in singing can be seen as follows.

Yasa lesatama Alakuth Vatakara Seduna
Eka lesatama......Velakuth E Meda Seduna ......<sup>19</sup>

This is the main feature of the 48 folk poems we used for this investigation. This style of singing can be clearly identified as the main identity of these folk



poems. The other main feature is that the singing takes place in one breath until the first pause.

Various people have performed kavi on these songs using modern technology. They say it is called Pal Kavi. But it seems that they do not recognize the basic feature of the singing of the Pal kavi mentioned above. Those songs do not mention the use of Yathi or Pause, as we explained above. The following is an example.<sup>20</sup>



The pel kavi sung here range from one minute and one second (01m.01Sec) to five minutes and ten seconds (05m. 05Sce.)

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The use of fixed and prolonged yathi can be seen in the singing of pal kavi. It was systematically analyzed using the following technical equipment. The scientific method we use for this is currently the world accepted cent system. Alexander J Ellis presented the sent system of measurement, based on the Acoustic logarithms decimal semitone system introduced by Gaspard de Prony in the 1830s. (Benson, 2007: 166.) 1200 cents will be used here for the 12 tones we currently use.

For this analysis, we used a pal kavi sung by wedikkaragedara piloris (36) at Mathalapitiya,

Male Male nobanin ape ammaata Thopen apen den de netha ammata Vena de nethath dethane kiri bivvata Budun vadina lesa vedapan ammata <sup>21</sup>

(Brother, brother, do not blame our mother.. We have nothing to give mother.. Nothing else but milk from mother... Worship your mother the way you worship the Buddha) (Many poems in Sri Lanka have lyrical essays that evoke Buddhist philosophy.)



Here is an example of a Sri Lankan pel kavi



**Figure 2:** The table below shows the numerical values of the 'male.. male..' used in singing this pel kavi.

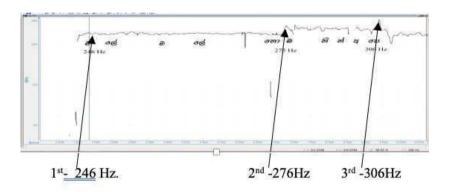


Figure 3: Table with frequencies of kurakkan kavi. (Male Male)

It is very difficult to see in this pel kavi the recognized musical note positions we currently use. The following are the results of the Cent system analysis of the difference in the above musical notes.



$$\ln\left[\frac{f_2}{f_1}\right] = \frac{\varphi}{1200} \ln 2 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \phi = 1200 \frac{\ln\left[\frac{f_2}{f_1}\right]}{\ln 2}$$
If  $f_1 = 246$  Hz and  $f_2 = 276$  Hz then the interval is 199.211941 cents.

Figure 4: Table for measuring the number of cents between the first and second notes

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 If  $f_1 = 276$  Hz and  $f_2 = 306$  Hz then the interval is 178.636063 cents.

Figure 5: Table for measuring the number of cents between the second and third notes

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Below is an outline of the musical notes corresponding to the above frequencies.

1st note 246Hz = B3 natural

 $2^{nd}$  Note 276Hz = More than Fourteen cents from the C4 note.

3<sup>rd</sup> Note 306Hz = More than thirteen cents from the D4 note.

(These frequencies are calculated according to the frequencies currently listed on the world-recognized MIDI chart)<sup>22</sup> The uniqueness of Pal Kavi singing is the use of such tones

It is clear that these tones change when sung by students who have studied and trained in singing. The following are the numerical values of such a pel kavi.



The words of this pel kavi are as follows:

Mage appa pela thenuve dehipothe Negagannatayi me inimaga bedagaththe Ringachchama pela vetha bayakuth neththe Appachchi kiwwa val aliyage thathve<sup>23</sup>

(My father made hut at the top of the tree. This ladder was made to climb for the hut. I do not feel scared once I enter the hut. Because Dad told me about wild elephants)

Below is just the first line of the pel kavi:

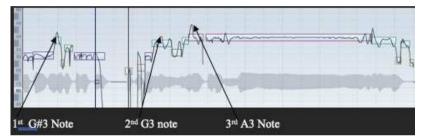


Figure 6: Table with frequencies with notes values

1st note 207Hz = G# 3 2nd Note 196Hz = G3 3rd Note 220Hz = A3

These musical notes are currently the world's most frequently accepted musical notes.

### Kurakkan Kavi

Finger millet (Eleusine coracana) is one of important food crops in Sri Lanka. That can be cultivated under adverse soil and climatic conditions mostly as a rain fed crop. Millets are important crops in tropical regions of the world due to their resistance to pests and diseases, short growing season, and productivity under hardy and drought conditions when major cereals cannot be relied upon to provide sustainable yields. Kurakkan grains are highly nutritious and have an excellent seed storage quality. Kurakkan is the main crop of chena cultivation. Although various crops were cultivated, poetry was created in association with Kurakkan. Kurakkan kavi has a strong place in Sri Lanka among the poems associated with agriculture. Kurakkan poems are sung only by women. Kurakkan cutting was done only by women in the past



(kahadagamage, (1999), 81.p.) but at present men are also involved in it. There are three ways of singing Kurakkan kavi.

- 01. Dig Osa
- 02. Keti Osa
- 03. Kota kavi 25

The following is an example of Kurakkan Dig Osa singing. - Avasara genime kavi (Permission kavi)

Hiru deviyo denavada apta avasara
Sada deviyo denavada apata avasara
Gana deviyo denavada apata avasara
Me siti sabaya denavada apata avasara <sup>26</sup>

(Does the sun god allow us? Does the moon god allow us? Does the Gana God allow us? Does this audience allow us?)

Here is an example of a Sri Lankan Kurakkan kavi:



Figure 7: Kurakkan Kavi, Sri Lankan

It takes a long time to sing a line of a poem when singing a Dig Osa. The time it takes for the words to be sung is repeated in the same way. It uses the wordless letters Aa, Oo,.

The chart below shows a diagram of the time it takes to sing a line in the above Kurakkan kavi



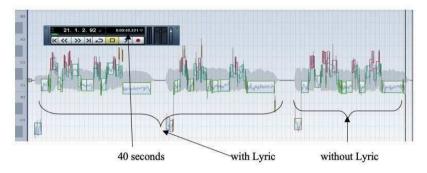


Figure 8: Table showing the time taken for a line in a kurakkan kavi

The total time taken to sing one line of this poem is forty seconds. It should be identified as one of the main authentication marks of Kurakkan Dig Osa singing. The other feature of this kurakkan kavi is that the position of the musical notes is different. The following is a diagram showing the location of these musical notes.

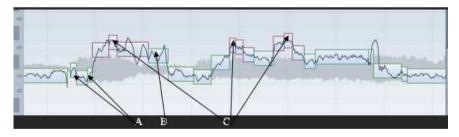


Figure 9: Table showing the difference in the musical notes of the Kurakkan kavi

A = Between F and F# Notes

B = Between F# and G Notes

C = Between G and Ab Notes<sup>27</sup>

These poems are creatively presented by the present generation using the concert stage and various media. It is clear from this investigation that the use of notes positions in their songs is very similar to the currently accepted



numerical values in the world. The following is a summary of the music analysis of the kurakkan kavi sung at the Teekava stage Concert 2017 presented by the Matara folk music Group. The words of that Kuruttan poem are as follows.

Deelee aru deken yannee denamuthuva Medata kapanne api savoma kelloo Avven avsarak netha nubalata ayyoo Dapalla lensu hisa paley deyyoo <sup>28</sup>

(Those who have knowledge are the ones who travel on both sides. Walking in the middle are young girls. There is no excuse for you in the sun, so put the handkerchiefs on your head.)



Figure 10: Sound wave chart of Kurakkan kavi

The above chart contains only the first line of the kurakkan kavi. Its musical notes are very clear. The tone is not as complex as in Table 5. Here are some of the factors that contribute to this. The fact that they are well versed and trained in singing can identify the main factor influencing this.

# **Paddy Cultivation**

A Kumbura or Ketha is the land on which farmers cultivate paddy. Rice is the staple food of Sri Lanka and as such, paddy cultivation is given utmost importance in agriculture. Ancient and traditional farmers were self-sufficient in rice production and ancient Ceylon is said to have been among the foremost paddy exporters in the world.<sup>29</sup> Paddy production in the country flourished during the reign of Sri Lankan kings, who fostered and nurtured production in various ways including, most notably, the supply of water through the construction of large scale irrigation tanks – Ceylon was popularly known as the 'The Great Barn of the East' during the reign of King Parakramabahu who



is renowned for his hydraulic construction and renovation in aid of agriculture.  $^{30}$ 

Robert Knox, who has been conducting a long research on paddy cultivation in Sri Lanka, has written the following about the varieties of paddy in Sri Lanka.

They have diverse sorts of corn. To all different from ours. And here I shall first speak their rice. The choice and flower of all their corn, and then concerning the other inferior kinds among them. Of rice, they have several sorts and called by several names according to the different types of their ripening. However, in taste little disagreeing from one another. Some will require seven months before it comes to maturity called mauvi. Some six houteal, other will ripen in five Honaravalu, others in four Henati, and others in three Aulfancol, the price of all these is one and the same." 31

From all these, it should be clarified that paddy cultivation has grown as the main crop in Sri Lanka. This is important to us because the singing traditions that have developed in this context continue to this day. The singing traditions that have emerged in Sri Lanka related to kubura and ketha (Paddy Cultivation) can be divided into four main parts.

- 01. Andahera gayana (Cow call)
- 02. Nelum kavi (Planting)
- 03. Goyam kavi (Harvesting)
- 04. Kamath Kavi (Threshing floor)32

### Andahera

Cattle are used to muddy the fields. Different names are used for that activity. The terms Seesáma, Hánava, Heeya, (Plowing) are examples of this. The poems sung during this activity are called Andahera. There is a delightful saying in the Sinhala vernacular for this.

"Gasaka ketuma gasamula pēyumen denē Miniha nominiha yana kadisaren denē Amuthu bath dima ath allumen denē Hānaa Heeya Pānaa Andaheren denē" <sup>33</sup>

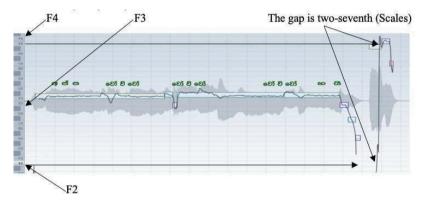


(Clearing the root of a tree reveals that it is about to be cut down. Can be identified who he is by the way he walks. It can be understood by grabbing the elbow to invite to a meal. Nature and extent of the plowing are evident in the Andahera singing)

These are sung only by men. Andahera can be divided into three categories according to the nature of the singing.

- 01. Singing in the form of a poem consisting of 4 lines
- 02. Singing two lines of poetry with prose parts
- 03. Using only prose parts and different variety of sounds<sup>34</sup>

It is a difficult and complex singing variety. Andahera singing requires good training and restraint. This is because of the subtle vocalizations used in the singing. The main feature here is the use of different tones and Voice gaps at the same time in singing. The following is an illustration of an Andahera song sung using two scales at a time.



*Figure 11:* Sound wave chart of Andahera. Singer. Mathalapitya, Millagagedara bodiya. (54), Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation Record Conservation Unit CD No.01.cut. 13. Recorded date 1975.03.09.

# **Nelum Kavi** (The Planting Songs)

This is a very colorful song styles. There are several types of singing that have very subtle variations. I am now presenting to you a Sri Lankan planting song. This is called Nelum Osa. Nelum kavi can be divided into three main categories.

# 01 Dig Osa

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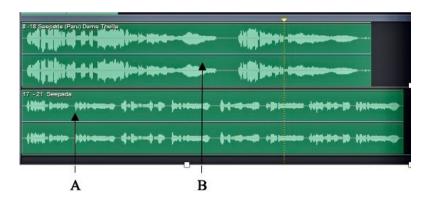


- 02 Keti Osa
- 03 Kota kavi/Hamara Kavi

The difference between dig osa and keti osa is the time it takes to line up a poem during the singing. Below are a table and figure that clearly shows the difference between Dig Dig Osa and Katie Osa singing.

| Dig Osa  | Keti Osa  |
|--|---|
| The tone gap between the letters is large              | The tone gap between characters is minimal              |
| The melody used in singing is abundant                 | The melody of the singing is limited                    |
| The time it takes for a dig osa to take a line is long | The time it takes for a dig osa to take a line is short |

Figure 12: Differences between Dig Osa and Keti Osa Singing



A = An image is shown after singing all four lines of a kavi in a keti osa.

B = Only the first line of a Dig Osa Singing.

The following is a kavi used in a nelum keti osa.

Namaskara karamuva hiru deviyanta Namskara karanuva sadu deviyanta Namaskara karamuva gana deviyanta Namaskara karamuva sema deviyanta35

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# **Goyam Kavi**

Next singing type is goyam kavi.(Harvest Songs) harvest songs are sung during the harvest season. The  $D\bar{e}keththa$  (Sickle)<sup>36</sup> is used to cut grain. The percussion instrument used for this is the Bummediya.<sup>37</sup> Harvesting is done according to the rhythm with which the bummediya are played. If the played of bummadiya is two beats, the crop is harvested twice. If the played of three beats, the crop is harvested three times.<sup>38</sup>

The frequency of harvesting is determined by the drumming. I hope you can get an overview of it from the table below.

| The bummedi pada that is played   | The number of times the crop is harvested |
|---|---|
| Dhith Thakkita Dhith Tharikita Tha.   | One                                       |
| Dhith Thakkita Dhith Tharikita Dhith Tharikita tha.   | Two                                       |
| Dhith Thakkita Dhith Tharikita Dhith<br>Tharikita Dhith Tharikita tha                               | Three                                     |
| Dhith Thakkita Dhith Tharikita, Dhith<br>Tharikita, Dhith Tharikita, Dhith<br>Tharikitadirikita Tha | Four                                      |



Figure 13: A moment when Podi Appuhamy (78) plays the bummediya



From the figure 12 above you can see the bummadi we have explained here and the occasion of playing it. Bummediya, the only drum used for these songs in Sri Lanka, can be found in many parts of the world.<sup>39</sup>

### Kamath Kavi

Next singing type is Threshing floor songs. It is considered to be the last singing element of paddy cultivation. We can consider it as a deal with cattle again. The main singing element here is the singing of Kamath Osa. 40 Separation of paddy seeds from grain tree is done in the threshing floor. Cattle are used for this purpose. The cows walk on it and separate the paddy seeds. The songs performed at that time belong to this category. These songs really have an inseparable connection with that moment. Singing effects and vocals productions used in andahera singing are performed in Kamath Kavi. These songs take place at night. The purpose of these songs is to guide the cattle and to alleviate the loneliness and fatigue of the night. The hidden meaning of these poems is Buddhist philosophy. It can be explained in the following poem.

Buddan saraneda balee - Damman saraneeda balee Sangan saraneeda balee - mee thun saranedda balee (By the power of the Buddha's, Damma's, Sanga's blessings)

Budun vadithi me kamathata
Daham suvada vihideyi vata
Yodun usata thibenaa betha
Budun anin en kamathata
(The Buddha comes to this threshing floor. Then the scent of Dhamma spreads. At the word of the Buddha the harvest comes to the threshing floor)



Below are some photos showing the various functions that take place on the threshing floor:





*Figure 14:* Different stages of the threshing floor in Sri Lanka. (Today threshing is done during the daytime, but in the past, it was done only at night)

# Conclusion

The basic identities of the songs we have examined above are not found in the singing of the present generation. The places where these poems were sung paddy fields, threshing floor, and temporary hut of the paddy field. In today's reality show, this is not going to depend on those assumptions. They sing these songs in colorful costumes and target the audience and they try to use different musical instruments to add color and intensity to the singing. <sup>41</sup> They try to present those songs in a colorful and beautiful way. It is also their strongest effort to compose and singing these poems creatively using modern technology. <sup>42</sup> That is why we can distinguish between these two types of singing.

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The main factor influencing the creation of useful features can be defined as follows:

- 01. Voice training in singing
- 02. Understanding of pitch and notes
- 03. Use of voice resonators and voice control
- 04. Singing in a way that suits the stage performing and the sound
- 05. Presentation of singing in accordance with musical instruments and rhythm.

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- <sup>40</sup> Although called kamak osa, it is not the same as nelum osa kavi. This singing seems to bear a resemblance to Andahera singing. This singing may also be due to the fact that it is sung in action with cattle.
- 41 Sri Lankan Nelum Kavi.

 $\underline{https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgYAisJgP0s\&ab\_channel=RanwalaBalakaya}$ 

<sup>42</sup> Sri Lankan Nelum Kavi

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVSS0Suaffw&ab channel=MiranTharindu