

DIG PRIYANTHA JAYAKODY LAUNCHES THREE BOOKS

Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Priyantha Jayakody, Director, Crime and Organized Crime Division unveiled his three debut books in the presence of His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo.



(From left to right: DIG Priyantha Jayakody, Director, Crime and Organized Crime Division; His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Colombo; R Navaratnaraja, Senior DIG (retired); S B W Silva, Senior Superintendent of Police (retired); and the DIGs present on the occasion.)

The three publications are comprehensive narrations of DIG Jayakody's career in the Sri Lanka Police. *Mē ē kathā* is a detailed recollection of various incidents during his tenure in the Sri Lanka Police. The second book, *Ratama giniyam kala pātāla aparādha* comprises 25 case studies of syndicated criminal organizations. Based on a successfully solved Police investigation conducted over five decades ago, the third book, *Rajarata hellū kalu adhirājyayē katāva*, discusses the events that took place in Kalaththawa in the Anuradhapura district. The first copies of the three books were presented to His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith by DIG Priyantha Jayakody. Copies of the books were also presented to Priyasad Dep, former Chief Justice of Sri Lanka and R Navaratnaraja, Senior DIG (retired) as well as S B W Silva, Senior Superintendent of Police (retired) and the DIGs present on the occasion. His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, stated the importance of sharing the experiences detailed in the book for society to progress. He also observed that while Police officers could not share certain experiences, the main aim of the Police is to ensure that the truth is revealed. He identified honesty, impartiality, and courage as qualities that the public values in members of the Police. DIG Ajith Rohana, Legal, Discipline & Conduct commented that the Sri Lanka Police had been



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one of the main factors behind the political, economic and social changes of the island. He also praised DIG Jayakody as one of the foremost individuals who contributed towards literature within the Police. During his vote of thanks, DIG Priyantha Jayakody expressed his hope to continue writing. He also mentioned that the Sri Lanka Police provides many topics for authors. He revealed that Police officers experience many emotions on duty, and his books are an effort to put such experiences into words.