

From: **Principal Theological College of Lanka** <principal@tcl.lk>
Date: Mon, Dec 30, 2024 at 7:49 AM
Subject: Re: Request for Correction of Factual Errors in Mr. S. Ratnajeevan H. Hoole's Article
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Cc: <colombotelegraph@gmail.com>, Sujithar Sivanayagam <sujithar99@yahoo.com>

Dear Rev. Dr. Jebanesan,

I appreciate your appropriate response to the article. I believe that there is a difference between a fact and an opinion whereas "an opinion is a statement that expresses a belief, feeling, or attitude and cannot be proven." My belief is that it is unethical and a violation of the discipline of writing protocol if someone else writes on something without facts and truth in that.

Kind regards

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On Mon, 30 Dec 2024 at 12:34, Albert Jebanesan <albert.jebanesan@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Editorial Board of Colombo Telegraph,

I am writing to draw your attention to specific factual inaccuracies in the article titled "**Investigating The Crooked Anglican Church & The Nuffield Deaf & Blind School**" by S. Ratnajeevan H. Hoole.

The author claims that "OL Failures earn an unaccredited B.Th. degree from Pilimatalawa," and further asserts that the Bishop obtained his B.Th. from Pilimatalawa in 1994, stating, "which is not recognized by our UGC." I wish to clarify that Theological College of Lanka in Pilimatalawa is an affiliated college of Serampore College (University), as outlined on their official website: <https://senateofseramporecollege.edu.in/affiliated-colleges/>

It is crucial to highlight that the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) and Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.) degrees are conferred by the Senate of Serampore College, not directly by Theological College of Lanka. The admission policy and degree recognition can be verified on the Senate's website: <https://senateofseramporecollege.edu.in/course-bachelor-of-theology/>

As someone who has completed a PhD at the University of Edinburgh, having earned both B.Th. and B.D. degrees from the Senate of Serampore College, I can attest to the respectability and recognition of these qualifications. Additionally, degrees from the Senate of Serampore College are endorsed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in India.

Graduates holding a B.D. degree from the Senate of Serampore are eligible for further studies, such as MA programs at institutions like the University of Kelaniya or the University of Jaffna.

In light of these inaccuracies, I respectfully request that the editorial board consider publishing a correction to ensure that readers have accurate information regarding the academic credentials discussed in Mr. Hoole's article.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Warm regards,

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