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- 1931 Born in Colombo City, Sri Lanka
1951-55 Obtained BA, University of Ceylon (present University of Peradeniya)
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1969-95 Foundation Professor, History of Ceylon/Sri Lanka, University of Ceylon
1970-95 Editor-in-Chief, *History of Ceylon*, Volume III and *History of Sri Lanka*, Volume II
1982- Executive Director, International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES)
1985-89 Vice-Chairman, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka
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1991 Awarded D.Litt., University of London
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