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**Landscaped Garden Complex of Ranmasu Uyana, Anuradhapura**

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Heritage sites are in a constant process of re-interpretation by various stakeholders. The act of attaching meaning to a site does not occur in a vacuum but is influenced by broader heritage context. Different stakeholders give different interpretations to the same heritage property, depending on their exposure to the relevant field of subject. On the other hand, understanding on certain aspects of a site at the expense of other aspects, can vary with each interpretation and each interpreter.

The Ran-masu Uyana, part of the royal pleasure garden at Anuradhapura has been noted as a prime example of landscaped garden complex in ancient Sri Lanka, carrying multi-faceted heritage values. Dominated by a series of ponds and a water conveying network fed by the Tissaveva, the site provides versatile field for understanding Sri Lanka's ancient hydraulic technology utilized for water sports and other pleasure activities. Despite the site's historical and archaeological values, the salient features of the water system promote Ran-masu Uyana to stand among the global heritage forums. This presentation aims at addressing this multi-faceted nature of the Ran-masu Uyana as a heritage site, by revisiting there.



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