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Chula Padmendra preparing for her television entry as a judge at the 'Best Skin' mini pageant.

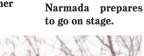
the title. Whatever the

start time, the crew com-





Arantha shows Piumi Perera her





Charitha Waidyasiri picks her favourite poses with fashion photographer Arantha Sirimanne.

is tested repeatedly to RAJARATHNAM make sure they do not hamper the flow of the catwalk. The preparation **7** atching and was strenuous on the reading about the TV Derana day the contestants got involved in games. The crew had to go to houses in the vicinity and hide clues in kitchens, stitch some clues on leaves of tress in tiny woods and ensure the safety gear was available on time to But for those of you enable the girls to row on who have always won-

floor to ensure no one

trips on them. The music

the Bolgoda Lake safely. dered how things work The camera crew then behind the scenes of this arrives, with all their pageant, we bring you lighting equipment with exclusive snippets of the huge rigifoam boards which are used to manipmayhem of preparing for ulate the brightness. this pageant which is presented with precision Thev are constantly involved in monitoring and perfection. All the mini-pageants the angles especially held so far had variwhen the event is held ous start times which outdoors. The camera were carefully selected crew checks all the edges to match the mood of and cliffs of adventurous

mence their work at least accidents occur during 5-6 hours, prior to that. the shoot. The ramp is polished and Simultaneously, the laid out at the location, make-up artistes take charge in the dressing the banners for all the sponsors are put up adjarooms by beautifying the cent to the ramp. The twelve finalists. They too experiment with differwires are spread wide across the grass or tiles ent looks and hairstyles to reach a plug point and the various costumes and then taped to the are tried and tested

locations to ascertain

the safety distance so no

before the shooting kick starts. The judges arrive at the location about an hour before the pageant, they are briefed on the criteria of judgement and then introduced to the finalists if time permits. The instructors then

Vote Count

1. Shimalka Bodaragama

2. Charitha Waidiyasiri

4. Thushen Vimalaratne

3. Chamupa Godage

6. Pushpika de Silva

8. Nimasha de Silva

9. Nishuka Jayawardena

10. Aloka Weerasinghe

7. Uddima Oshadi

5. Piumi Perera

command, they coach the contestants to walk according to the number count and the angles they should turn to pose before the various cameras which record the catwalk stationed around the ramp.

The show then finally gets on the road. The tension mounts up. the crew members are spread across the location to ensure visitors do not disrupt the recording. The hosts arrive and prepare to shoot their portions. The girls participate along with the judges where applicable

The female host of the show Narmada Abeywardena is a former runnerup of the pageant, so she is not only able to host the show effectively, she can also give the girls advice too. After about an hour spent on shooting with the hosts, the girls then take turns to do their individual voice cuts and then move on

to a specific backdrop selected by the Sunday ${\it Observer's}\ \ photographer$ to pose for the camera so they can look good on print besides looking good on television.

1,975

1,806

1.795

1,493

1,288

1,254

1.199

1,147

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Each mini-pageant takes at least eight to nine hours to complete on the day, this excludes the preparation time taken on the run up to the event. Food and refreshments are available but the time to indulge mostly remains an unavailability for many. As the day comes to a close, the finalists disperse with instruction for the next schedule and the training they are required to undergo to prepare themselves to give their best for the upcoming events.

The pageant is beautiful and the pageant is eye-catching and you can help them to hog the limelight in no time. So, hurry, fill in your favourite contestant's details on the coupon published in this paper and send them to make sure you are part of their glorious moment of winning the title for The Miss Sunday Observer Popular Contestant.

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