



Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka
Miss World 2012

SUNDAY OBSERVER Most Popular Contestant

The excitement soars



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A competition of a different kind unfolded at Thotupola, Piliyandala when the 12 contestants in the Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka were put through their paces to participate in two special workshops to test their skills.

A fashion designing workshop was held to explore the hidden talents of the contestants in this area. They were divided into two teams and each team was asked to create a designer outfit to be displayed on the catwalk. The two teams eagerly put their ideas together and some of the results are reflected in the photographs on this page.

The judges for the designer outfits were Raffealla Fernando photographer and fashion designer and Shermila Soori-

yasena, the Batik fashion designer. Both of them had many interesting moments viewing the sketches of the contestants which revealed another facet of the contestants.

The second workshop, the contestants had to face was the workshop in public speaking. Speaking skills is vital to a contestant taking part in a Miss Sri Lanka contest and more so when she has to face the global judges and TV commentators. Veteran speech instructor

Romaine Diaz conducted the workshop and groomed the contestants on the finer points of elegant speech.

The voting for the *Sunday Observer* Most Popular Contestant continues with overwhelming enthusiasm. Our mailbag is busting at its seams.

The keen competition shown by the readers is encouraging. Ensure that your contestant wins the prestigious *Miss Sunday Observer* Most Popular Crown.



Vinu Udani Siriwardana



Ganisha de Silva



Lasodha Siriwardana



Ramasha Galappaththy



Dinusha Kondadeniya



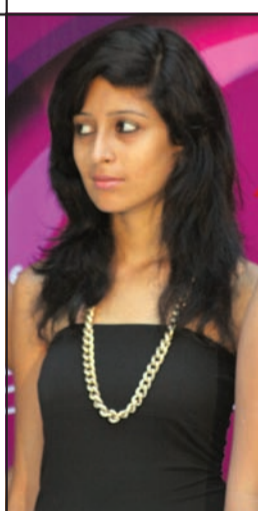
Sumudu Prasadini



Malithi Dissanayake



Waruni Panapitiya



Joana Mayanthi



Upeksha de Silva

Vote Count

- 1. Vinu Udani Siriwardana - 10,097
- 2. Ramesha Galappaththi - 10,022
- 3. Sumudu Prasadini - 9,981
- 4. Jayamali Erangika - 9,764
- 5. Dinusha Kondadeniya - 6,328
- 6. Upeksha de Silva - 3,872
- 7. Malithi Dissanayake - 3,544
- 8. Joana Mayanthi - 2,473
- 9. Waruni Panapitiya - 2,092
- 10. Hansi Still - 1,876
- 11. Ganisha de Silva - 1,021
- 12. Lasodha Siriwardana - 944

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MOST POPULAR CONTESTANT

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