



Gamyra Wijayadasa being crowned by last year's winner



Gamyra flanked by first runner-up Shermali Perera and second runner-up Ayeshani Dulangi



The top five. Photographs for Daily News Fashion by Sudath Nishantha

Gamyra takes the crown of Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2009



Contestants' parade



The contestants dancing the 'Macarena'



Nadro in action

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It was a dazzling affair when 11 beautiful Sri Lankan girls walked the ramp to determine their destiny for the Miss Sri Lanka title. Hosted by media personality Narada and former Miss Sri Lanka Rozanne Dias, the Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World is definitely a lucky girl.

For the first time in Sri Lanka pageant history,

Miss Sri Lanka got to keep a pure silver sceptre flown all the way from New York courtesy Billion Exchange Jewellers.

Happening acts performed encompassing Iraj, Prihan, Nadro and the top dancers from the Derana 'City of Dance' contest gave the audience some real entertainment.

The contestants dancing the 'Macarena' became one of the highlights of the show with good leopard-print designs and pretty

Jane outfits. A special song written by Arun Liyan was made especially for the Miss Sri Lanka contest and a video was also made for it. The judges included an interesting and diverse array of professionals including Ashok Ferry, Govinda Tidball, Shyamalee Tidawe, Kheema, Gerald Solomons, Essodara Wimaladarma and Kishu Gones.

Others who helped immensely were Ramani Fernando, Senaka de Silva

and Andre Estefan to make sure the show went according to plan.

However, it was fate that would decide which girl would have it in her destiny to represent Sri Lanka in South Africa for the Miss World contest. From the final five, the first runner-up place went to Shermali Perera and second runner-up spot went to Ayeshani Dulangi where the girls got to keep their crown and have plenty of fabulous prizes.

The mini-title winners:

- **Veet Miss Beautiful Skin** - Gamyra Wijayadasa
- **Best National Costume** - Amanda Silva
- **Rebbonn Miss Beautiful Hair** - Isuri Dilshani
- **Miss Talent** - Lakshani Heshani
- **Veet Top Model** - Shermali Perera
- **Miss Beautiful Eyes** - Ayeshani Dulangi
- **J&J Miss Clear Face** - Ayeshani Dulangi
- **Veet Miss Beautiful Legs** - Gamyra Wijayadasa
- **Miss Photogenic** - Lakshani Heshani
- **Fadna Miss Energetic** - Ruwani Weerasooriya
- **Miss Congeniality** - Nadisha Yapage
- **Miss Personality** - Gamyra Wijayadasa



Mini title winners

"Now that we have peace..."

Speaking about her win Gamyra Wijayadasa said, "Winning Miss Sri Lanka is not all about beauty or looks but having the right intelligence and determination to use your brains when it comes to representing the beautiful country of Sri Lanka especially now that we have peace."

Name: Gamyra Wijayadasa

Hometown: Malabe

Age: 22 years

Educational Qualifications: Masters of Applied Commerce, Bachelor of Science/Psychology

Hobbies: Traditional and Contemporary Dance, Writing, Singing, Journalism, Reading and doing community service/social work.

Ambition: To be a Practising Doctor of Organizational Psychology

About herself: I consider myself a person with a perfect blend of competence and compassion. I am an academic professional

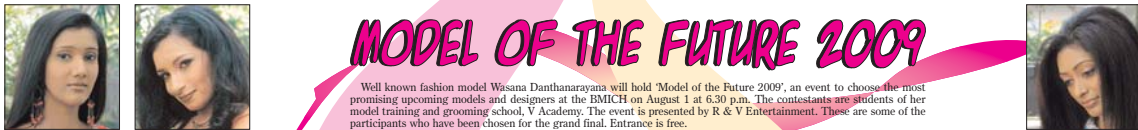


who has a love for the Arts and humanitarian work. I take pride in being a Sri Lankan and look forward to carrying the spirit onto the international arena.

We wish Gamyra all the best for the Miss World 2009 pageant!



Ama Geeth Chamodi Darshi Denam Dinesh Gayan Gayani Geeth J



Chamila Gothami Ishika

MODEL OF THE FUTURE 2009

Well known fashion model Wasana Dantnanarayana will hold 'Model of the Future 2009', an event to choose the most promising upcoming models and designers at the BMICH on August 1 at 6.30 p.m. The contestants are students of her model training and grooming school, V Academy. The event is presented by R & V Entertainment. These are some of the participants who have been chosen for the grand final. Entrance is free.



Pavithra Kasunika Kelum Mahesh Maheshika Nalin Namal Nuwan Nuwanthi



Piuni Samantha Ravindu Sajani Sajeewa Samanmali Shaminda Thilina Yasith