

Pushpika de Silva crowned Miss Sri Lanka

Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2011

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One magnificently designed set, 10 attractive finalists, waves of entertainment and a full house audience. Such was the scene at the Derana Veet Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2011 grand finale at the Galadari Hotel on May 19.

Dance veteran Upuli Panibharathia, actress-cum producer Sachini Ayendra, Colombo Fashion Week President Ajay Vir Singh, beautician and personality coach Nayana Karunaratne, tourism industry expert Prema Gooray, popular architect Bernard Gomes and ace motor sportsman Dilantha Malagamuwa made up the night's judging panel.

As the opening dance item was coming to a close, in walked Pushpika de Silva and Charitha Waidyasiri in all their splendour. They were followed by Chamupa Godage, Uddima Geshadi, Piumi Perera, Shimalka Bodaragama, Aloka Weerasinghe, Shashika Herath, Anne Piyumali and Nimasha De Silva. The plan did not fail to ignite the ramp whenever they graced it.

Former Miss Sri Lanka Gamyra Wijayadasa and prominent actor Saranga Dassasekera hosted the show. Inspired by zodiac signs, Kandyan paintings and supernatural elements, the costumes designed by the fashion designing students of the University of Moratuwa became the cynosure of all eyes and the girls ensured they had the right attitude to fit into every design too.

Be it the action packed dance routines by Royal Warriors and Rivega Dance Group, the melodious theme song by Iraj, Upaksha and Peshala, the rigorous drumming by Beat Drummers or the acapella by Voice Print, the entertainment surpassed expectations of many members of the audience.

Pushpika De Silva of Polonnaruwa was crowned as the 2011 Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World while Colombo based Shimalka Bodaragama was the first runner up and Miss Sunday Observer, Chamupa Godage who hails from the hill capital Kandy was adjudged second runner up of the pageant. ANCL Director Editorial Seelarathne Senarath sashed Shimalka as the first runner-up and the Sunday Observer Chief Editor Dinesh Weerawansa sashed her as Miss Sunday Observer from votes polled in by readers.

The curtain came down on the show as Miss Sri Lanka for Miss World 2010 Fallon Ranasinghe crowned lucky Pushpika who will now take the authentic Sri Lankan glory to the Miss World Pageant to be held in London later this year.



Chamupa, Pushpika and Shimalka



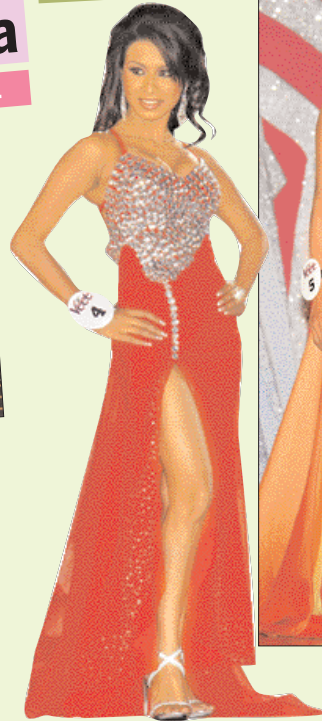
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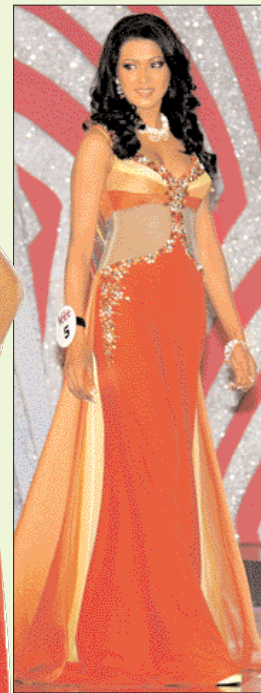
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Piumi



Aloka



Shimalka

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Pushpika

Chamupa

Aloka

Nimasha

Mini Title Winners

Shimalka Bodaragama

- Miss Sunday Observer
- 'Veet' Miss Smoothest Skin
- Miss Beautiful Hair
- Miss Talent
- Miss National Costume - designed by Jerome Corea (shared with Pushpika De Silva)
- Miss 'Clean & Clear' Fresh Face
- 'Veet' Most Beautiful Legs

Pushpika de Silva

- Miss Congeniality
- Miss Personality
- 'Veet' Top Model
- Miss Dream Figure
- Best Design of the Night - Designed by Michael Wijesuriya
- Miss National Costume - Designed by Senaka De Silva (Shared with Shimalka Bodaragama)

Charitha Waidyasiri

- Miss Photogenic
- First runner-up, Best Design of the Night - Designed by Lou Chin Wong

Chamupa Godage

- 'Veet' Miss popular

