

**Sinhala & Hindu New Year Message  
of Hon. Ratnasiri Wickramanayaka  
Prime Minister of Sri Lanka**



“Sri Lankans enjoy this pleasant moment thanks to the selfless service of our heroic soldiers. War heroes’ parents celebrating this festival without experiencing the agony which they had earlier is another significant feature of this New Year,”

“People trapped in the so-called border villages are also able to celebrate this New Year with fresh hopes. Everybody irrespective of whether North or South can look forward to the dawn of a new era very soon.

Fertile lands in the East which went into ruins due to terrorist activities in the past have begun to produce an abundant harvest now, thus heralding a prosperous Sri Lanka in the future.

I wish this New Year a happy and prosperous one for all Lankans.”