

**Sinhala & Hindu New Year Message**  
**of H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa**  
**The President of Sri Lanka**



“Today our people from the North and South, East and West will observe the traditions of the New Year ushering in a new spring of abundance to the entire nation.

The people of the East who already enjoy their freedom will greet the New Year with the traditional pot of boiling milk gathering the new harvest of liberation.

Similarly, the people of the North will see in this New Year propitious signs of a new freedom and prosperity that awaits them.

The New Year brings with it an environment of friendship and sharing enhanced by the fruits and flowers of nature that enrich the spirit of festivity.

This New Year is more meaningful to the extent that it strengthens the bonds of friendship among our people.

This comes from the many commitments made towards achieving the much sought after peace by the Government and the people.

The milk of good hope that flows in every home at the dawn of the New Year augurs plenty and prosperity for the country, as well as the honor and respect of the world.

It is my belief that all our people will join in observing the age old traditions of the New Year with a resolution to move our nation towards a future of peace and plenty.

At this time of national holiday and festivity I extend my heartfelt thanks to all persons who remain at their posts to ensure protection, especially to the members of the Armed Forces and the Police who continue their great sacrifices for the country and the people. I wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year.”