

# ▶ WHAT ARE SRI LANKA'S POLITICAL PARTIES PROPOSING

	United National Party (UNP)	Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP)	United Peoples Freedom Alliance (UPFA)	Tamil National Alliance (TNA)	what do they propose in common
<b>STATE STRUCTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new constitution</li> <li>Right to Information Bill</li> <li>National Audit Bill</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new constitution</li> <li>Abolition of the Executive Presidency</li> <li>Limit the Cabinet of Ministers to 25</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full implementation of the 13th amendment assuring devolution of power within a unitary framework</li> <li>Establishment of 'Jana Sabha' to engage people in the community development discourse</li> <li>Coordinating mechanism between Local Government agencies and Divisional Secretaries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Right to self-determination to the Tamil people</li> <li>Unit of a merged North &amp; the East re-established</li> <li>Power-sharing must be based on a federal structure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new constitution</li> <li>Right to Information Act</li> <li>A new electoral system</li> <li>National Audit Bill</li> </ul>
<b>PUBLIC SERVICE &amp; FUNCTIONS OF THE STATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing a Public Service Responsible Authority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing a National Policy and Formulation Council with the participation of the politicians, technocrats and the general public</li> <li>Establishing a Public Service Monitoring Authority at National and district levels</li> <li>Introducing a hotline to lodge complaints regarding the unsatisfactory service delivery by the public service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All appointments to state institutions will be approved by an all-party parliamentary committee</li> <li>All public servants should be citizens of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Powers of governance being effectively exercised by democratically elected representatives of the people</li> </ul>	
<b>NATIONAL SECURITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the military officials to pursue higher education</li> <li>Introduce new laws to facilitate a voluntary departure from the military. Following programs will be introduced to ensure continuous employment:</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To obtain skills to select new employment</li> <li>Special program to provide them employment opportunities</li> <li>Loan facilities to build a house</li> </ol> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensuring the security of the Sri Lankan state including the sea and sky</li> <li>Tri-forces and police to be free from political interference</li> <li>Establishment of a committee comprise of experts accountable to the Parliament to analyse and advise on possible threats to national security and sovereignty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assuring non-interference and maintenance of the national security of the country</li> <li>Preserve the unitary status of the country</li> </ul>		
<b>PEACE &amp; RECONCILIATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A just solution to the ethnic conflict that meets the aspirations of all communities</li> <li>Work on the UNHRC Report together with its member states and all ethnic and religious institutions within the legal framework of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission against discrimination to be established</li> <li>Establishment of a Truth and Reconciliation Commission</li> <li>Repeat the Provincial Council System</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Harmony policy to assure a just and equal society</li> <li>Establishment of a National Harmony Committee with the representation of experts and leaders from all faiths</li> <li>Completion of the implementation of the recommendations of Lessons learnt and Reconciliation Commission in one year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meaningful de-militarization resulting in the return to the pre-war situation</li> <li>Removal of armed forces, military apparatuses and High Security/Restricted Zones from the Northern and Eastern Provinces</li> <li>All political and other prisoners held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA) in relation to war-related activities must be released</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing provided to those who lost them during the war</li> <li>Return of refugees in India</li> </ul>
<b>FOREIGN POLICY</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority will be placed on improving the relations with the states in SAARC</li> <li>Establishment of a Foreign Service Academy for the purpose of learning and development among the staff serving in the Foreign Service</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue a Non-aligned foreign policy as exercised during the last phase of the war</li> <li>Strengthening relationships with India and Asian countries</li> <li>International relations with BRICS countries and NAM members</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International auspices to achieve permanent peace through genuine reconciliation thereby enabling all Peoples living in Sri Lanka to live as equal citizens</li> </ul>	
<b>SRI LANKANS ABROAD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protection of the rights of women working abroad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New contracts with employee receiving states to decide the minimum wage, safety and health, insurance and other facilities</li> <li>Every consular office to have a division to address the grievances of the Sri Lankans employees in that country</li> <li>Right to vote for all who work and study out of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a new life insurance scheme and a pension scheme for Sri Lankans working abroad</li> </ul>		
<b>JUSTICE SYSTEM</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal Aid Department to be established and its services will be expanded to ensure continuous benefit to the people</li> <li>Increase the number of cases to be heard by courts for a year from 875,000 to 1,200,000</li> <li>Reduce the number of traffic law related cases from 290,000 to 100,000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve the independence of the judiciary</li> <li>Allocation of all resources to increase the efficiency in the judicial system and to finish the pending cases</li> <li>Increase efficiency in allocating state council for the criminal cases in high court</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preserve the independence of the judiciary</li> <li>Increase the efficiency in the judicial system to finish the pending cases</li> </ul>
<b>ERADICATING WASTAGE AND CORRUPTION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Bribery and Corruption Commission</li> <li>Introduce a new Police Act</li> <li>Establish a University on Police and Criminal Justice</li> <li>Protection for whistle-blowers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take measures to address the gaps in the system that provide space for corruption and bribery</li> <li>An institution to collect information on any corruption will be established and opened 24/7 on all 365 days</li> <li>Protection for whistle-blowers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All allegations against governments in the past to be inquired by an independent institutional framework</li> <li>Legal action against the Central Bank Bond scam to claim the public funds back to the benefit of the people</li> <li>Legal framework to ensure independence of public service</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent Bribery and Corruption Commission with global facilities instead of the present one</li> <li>Fighting corruption</li> </ul>
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New trade agreements with USA, India, China, Singapore and other East Asian countries and SAARC to assure a foreign market for local productions</li> <li>45 Economic Development zones will be established in Sri Lanka to bring the local economy to a globally competitive one.</li> <li>2500 Village Development Centres will be established without the representation of politicians to plan and implement village development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special benefits for Foreign Investors in the areas of medical drugs, medical equipment, software, ships, vehicles etc.</li> <li>Assistance to development 1000 small and medium scale industries</li> <li>Secure employment and enhanced facilities for the people working in the tea estates. Their basic salary to be increased to Rs. 1000</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a National Economic Advisory Council, accountable to parliament to provide necessary directives and guidance towards economic development</li> <li>Maintain an over 8% development annually to eradicate poverty and unemployment by 2020</li> <li>Encourage global investment in all divisional secretaries to establish 325 new factories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A comprehensive development programme will be undertaken in the North-East, including upgrading the Palali airport as an international airport, and developing sea ports and fisheries harbours</li> <li>Relevant expertise and technologies will be obtained so as to modernise the utilization of our palmyrah resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of industrial zones</li> <li>Infrastructure development in the village</li> <li>Encourage global investment</li> </ul>
<b>AGRICULTURE &amp; DAIRY INDUSTRY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of 23 agricultural zones to create a competitiveness for local products in the global market</li> <li>These zones will target to produce: rice, rubber, tea, coconut, animal husbandry, other export crops, horticulture and other crops with very high value</li> <li>Two new zones to the Mahaweli Development Project</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hectares 8000 of Zone B</li> <li>Hectares 12,000 more in that zone</li> </ol> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing an agriculture insurance scheme</li> <li>A new water management system</li> <li>1000 dairy villages to be established</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assure the price for the rice seed at Rs 50 a kilogram</li> <li>Divide the country into various agricultural zones and encourage the farmers to cultivate different crops during the seasons</li> <li>Assuring a minimum price of Rs 70 for a litre of milk</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce new technology to agriculture sector targeting to export markets</li> <li>Encourage new investments in the dairy industry</li> </ul>
<b>FISHERIES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide necessary facilities to increase the competitiveness and standard of the local fishing products</li> <li>Special programs to assist the small scale fishermen</li> <li>Establishment of new harbours with cooling and other infrastructure facilities in the areas of Negombo, Chilaw, Weniyaupua, Kalpitiya, Mannaraya, Jaffna Islands, Jaffna Peninsula, Trincomalee, Ampara, Batticaloa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish 19 Fishing Harbours and 10 Processing Factories based on them</li> <li>A pension scheme for all fishermen</li> <li>Introducing an insurance scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expedite the development and expansion of Colomb, Hambantota, Trincomalee, KKS and Oluwel harbours with new storage and warehouse facilities</li> <li>Expansion of educational opportunities in the maritime universities</li> <li>Generate 500,000 new employment opportunities based in fisheries industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solutions for the challenges faced by our fishermen in freely pursuing their vocation and make every effort to improve their livelihood</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of new harbours with cooling and other infrastructure facilities</li> </ul>
<b>TOURISM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southern Tourism Development Zone: Bentota to Mirissa and Cultural Triangle (Including Kandy) will be developed to retain tourists for minimum of 7 days.</li> <li>Environment based tourism will be developed</li> <li>Tourism industry will be developed considering the national heritage and culture of Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of flights to Sri Lanka from 70 to 150 a day</li> <li>Increase the number of tourists to 03 Million a year</li> <li>Introducing tourism police to function 24/7/365 days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Galle port to be developed as a tourist destination</li> <li>Colombo and Hambantota to be developed as two industrial and tourist zones with all the facilities</li> <li>Introducing a certification course for three-wheeler drivers in on foreign languages in areas that</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environment based tourism will be developed</li> </ul>
<b>LAND</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Land permits given to small scale farmers and low income owners will be transferred to deeds of ownerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A centre to hold the legal ownership details of all lands</li> <li>Land for all (based on their needs) to those who have no land at present</li> <li>New laws to prevent the selling of lands to foreigners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full ownership of land to all those who reside in the land belonging to Land Development Commission</li> <li>Plan to effectively use land and maintain transparency in land distribution</li> </ul>		
<b>FINANCE &amp; TRADE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish an Agro-trading authority</li> <li>Small and Medium Scale Business Development Authority to be established for the purpose of:</li> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementing young entrepreneur development program</li> <li>Establishing small business development office in every electoral district</li> <li>Separate bank to provide loan facilities to the small and medium scale businesses</li> </ol> <li>Up to Rs 500,000 loans for small scale businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a Trade Implementation Board under National Policy Planning Authority</li> <li>Tax benefits for the foreign traders who bring their profits to Sri Lanka</li> <li>State Auditing System to be made independent and accountable to parliament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of the market for tea and assure a minimum of Rs 90 for a kilo of tea</li> <li>Assuring Rs 300 to be the minimum price for rubber</li> <li>Reduce the national debt percentage of the GDP to 3% and state loans to 65% by 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Direct foreign investment in the North-East should be facilitated resulting in new industries and employment opportunities being created for youth</li> </ul>	
<b>ENERGY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special aid to generate energy with the use of air, water, natural gas, sun shine etc</li> <li>Introduce environment friendly housing with a minimum energy usage</li> <li>Special concessions for environment friendly vehicle owners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generation of 10-15% of 20,000 V through wind power in the first year</li> <li>Continue the exploration of oil and gas resources in Sri Lanka</li> <li>End wastage in Electricity Board and Petroleum Corporation</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploring possibilities of Minimise the life and environmental threats from energy via introducing new environment friendly energies introducing new energy resources</li> </ul>
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Highway to be extended to Kundasale and Theldeniya</li> <li>Commencement of work of Central Highway and the Highway to Rathnapura</li> <li>Compensation of Rs. 1,000,000 for a death of someone while travelling in buses and trains or pedestrians</li> <li>Compensation of Rs 1,000,000 for a three-wheeler driver who dies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply of mini-buses to identified 1400 areas which needs to walk for over 2kms to access a transport system</li> <li>Introducing a new unit to the Ministry of Transport to look into the grievances of Three wheeler drivers and owners</li> <li>Expansion of train stations with 6 platforms to 15</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three-wheeler drivers to be given a credit card worth 100,000 to be low interest rates</li> <li>Tax concessions to vans and buses that transport school children</li> <li>Pension schemes for private bus drivers, three-wheeler drivers and school van drivers</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of public transport system</li> <li>Compensation of Rs. 1,000,000 for a death of someone while travelling in buses and trains</li> </ul>
<b>HOUSING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estate community will be given a house with a piece of land instead of the present housing system</li> <li>Government officers who have been living in state housing apartments will own the houses under the new government laws</li> <li>500,000 houses for the middle class for an affordable price in city and suburbs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construction of 20,000 houses a year and introducing loan facilities for people to buy them</li> <li>Every new apartment complex to have halls for weddings, funerals, and medical facilities</li> <li>Loans between Rs 100,000 to 500,000 with 1% interest to all who are living in houses that are not up to the standard to upgrade them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government officers who have been living in state housing apartments will be assured their ownership</li> <li>Low interest loans for first home owners up to Rs 4 Mill</li> <li>Tenants who have been in government housing over 10 years to own them</li> <li>We will ensure all villages in Sri Lanka will have centralized services, replete with administrative, health and economic services easily accessible to all. Infrastructure facilities such as roads, electricity, water, drainage, sewage and sanitation will be provided up to village level</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitate housing for all</li> <li>Government officers who have been living in state housing apartments will be assured their ownership</li> <li>Low interest loan facilities for housing</li> </ul>
<b>WATER MANAGEMENT &amp; IRRIGATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New irrigation schemes will be established and existing ones will be developed to ensure continuous water supply for agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large scale 10 new irrigation projects to be introduced</li> <li>Solutions to the water issue in Northern and Eastern Provinces and Hambantota District</li> <li>Terminate all the past projects that were introduced by past governments with no proper planning</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A programme to rehabilitate all minor tanks in the North-East so as to increase the water resources for our agricultural needs and will also take serious steps, with necessary expert help to solve the drinking water problem in the North</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Solutions to the water issue in Northern Provinces</li> </ul>
<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work towards making Sri Lanka the country that pollutes the environment least of all in line with the UN standards</li> <li>Expansion of electric fences to areas including: Medawachchi, Kelibitigallewa, Silawathura, Pukulam, Wilpattu border and other required areas</li> <li>Formulation of a National Environment Policy and a Geography Plan for the country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Policy Framework towards protection of natural resources and environment</li> <li>24 hrs/365 days functioning Centre to report about environmental threats</li> <li>Full implementation of environmental laws &amp; ratification of international protocols and other legal frameworks with this regard</li> <li>Establishment of environmental committees across the country to identify and rectify the issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A National Policy to eradicate 5 aspects of pollution: air, water, soil, noise and sight</li> <li>Introduce a new set of laws to protect the beautiful coastal area</li> <li>Every tree cut should be replaced by planting two new trees</li> <li>A five-fold national policy on environment protection will be implemented, encompassing pollution in air, water, sound, soil and vision</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work towards strict implementation of laws pertaining to environment pollution</li> <li>Formulation of a National Environment Policy and a Geography Plan for the country</li> <li>Immediate solutions to elephant-human conflict</li> <li>Community focused promotion on how to protect the environment</li> <li>Proper means to waste management will be introduced</li> </ul>
<b>EMPLOYMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development (Special Provision) Act to be presented to parliament allocating necessary powers to the government to implement and monitor '10,000,000 Employment Opportunities' Plan</li> <li>Rs 10,000 to be the minimum wage in the private sector</li> <li>Rs 1000 increase in 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum of Rs 2500 salary increment for private sector employees as of now</li> <li>40,000 skilled people to be directed to foreign employment</li> <li>Restructuring the Bureau of investment and generate 60,000 new jobs in it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum wage of a public service official to be Rs 25,000 and the cost of living allowance to be Rs 10,000</li> <li>Increase the basic salary in the private sector by Rs 3000</li> <li>Estate workers to receive a minimum Rs 1000 daily wage</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a National Plan to provide employment opportunities</li> <li>Increase the basic salary in the private sector</li> <li>End the salary disparity</li> </ul>
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every school to be given proper water and sanitary facilities</li> <li>Introducing a New School Act</li> <li>Allocation of 6% of GDP for the education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free text books, school uniforms and lunch for school students</li> <li>A free laptop for every university student</li> <li>Digitalisation of 5000 classrooms in 1000 schools in 5 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rs 50,000 allocation to every youth between the age of 18-25 to pay for their further education</li> <li>Pre-school and a child care centre every 2 KM</li> <li>An internship to all those who complete the degree in the private or public sector and an allowance of Rs 5000.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avenues for tertiary education should also be set-up so that those who cannot enter universities can pursue higher education in relevant fields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation of 6% of GDP for the education</li> <li>Make all school text books available online</li> <li>Student nutrition programs</li> </ul>
<b>HEALTH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introducing a National Health Insurance Scheme</li> <li>Introducing a Nursing Facility</li> <li>1000 New blood purification units for the use of kidney patients</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every physician will be allocated a medical practitioner and a minimum of annual full medical check-up for all</li> <li>Free medicine and treatment for all suffering from kidney diseases and cancer</li> <li>Recruitment of 50,000 support staff in 5 years to promote community health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rs 7500 to families that have a critical kidney patient</li> <li>Recruitment of 25,000 mid-wives to address the needs of children, women and elderly</li> <li>Medical insurance scheme for senior citizens that covers Rs. 3000 for medicine and Rs 500,000 for a surgery</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduce a National Health Services Authority</li> <li>Production of essential drugs locally</li> <li>Increase the number of nursing schools</li> <li>Working towards increasing the life expectancy of Sri Lankans</li> <li>Blood purification units for the hospitals in the areas where there is a significant proportionate of kidney patients</li> <li>Introducing a National Health Insurance Scheme</li> </ul>
<b>RIGHTS OF CHILDREN &amp; WOMEN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female police officers to be allocated to all police stations to address matters related to women and children</li> <li>A new act on the rights of the women</li> <li>Encourage local parties to have 25% of Political Government Authority Members and 25% of nomination lists to be women</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Age limit to obtain compulsory education will be extended to 16 years and no child under the age of 16 can be employed under any circumstance</li> <li>Standardisation of the childcare centres across the country</li> <li>Two day training to educate people on how to have a successful marriage life, divorce, child bearing and other important elements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special monthly allocation of Rs 5000 for children with no parents or sick parents</li> <li>Training opportunities for 50,000 women who are interested in starting self-employment. Loan facilities for them up to Rs. 50,000 with no interest and Rs 50,000 to Rs 200,000 with low interest rates</li> <li>Low income pregnant mothers to get Rs 15,000 monthly</li> <li>Rs 5000 for children of women headed families affected by the war</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A clear policy to build the capacity and uplift the lives of nearly 90,000 war widows in the North-East</li> <li>Adequate steps must be taken to swiftly and effectively create livelihood programmes and other necessary measures to alleviate their present condition</li> <li>The needs of children, elders and disabled also need to be addressed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assuring respect and equal rights for women in socio-economic and political platforms in Sri Lanka</li> <li>Standardisation of the childcare centres across the country</li> <li>Assistance to widows of the military officials for self-employment</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIAL WELFARE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new ACT to prevent distribution of drugs</li> <li>Coordinating committee comprised of representatives from the institutions responsible for the formulation of policies on temperance</li> <li>Expansion of childcare network</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new authority to look into the matters of social welfare and rehabilitation</li> <li>All financial support for social welfare and rehabilitation to be provided by the state</li> <li>Salary increments to the government service to be added to the pensioners too.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical insurance scheme for senior citizens that covers Rs. 3000 for medicine and Rs 500,000 for a surgery</li> <li>15% interest rates for senior citizens who have over Rs 2,500,000 savings</li> <li>50% reduction of electricity bill and 25% reduction of water bill in Pradeshiya Sabha areas</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures towards rehabilitation of drug addicts</li> <li>Expansion of childcare network</li> <li>Ensure economic security for all senior citizens</li> </ul>
<b>YOUTH &amp; SPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth centres similar to the National Youth Services Council will be established in all the districts</li> <li>Reactivate the youth corps</li> <li>A Sports University to be established</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Allocation of minimum 10% of employment opportunities for the young people between the ages 20-25</li> <li>60,000 employment in the public sector to be generated for the youth within the first 6 months</li> <li>Introduce broadband facility to every household to promote online markets as a means of income generation</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage young entrepreneurs</li> </ul>
<b>RELIGION &amp; CULTURE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young Priests to be trained as counsellors to address issues of drug addiction</li> <li>Allocating funds for restructuring all the kovils damaged during the war</li> <li>Re-establishment of Ministry of Christian Affairs</li> <li>Resettlement of all Muslims who were displaced during the war</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interest free or low interest loans to encourage new productions</li> <li>Introduce laws to protect intellectual property rights of cultural products</li> <li>State sponsorship to host a film festival of global standards in Sri Lanka</li> </ul>		