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From The Legendary beginning of
Prince Vijaya in The Island of
Sri Lanka to 2000

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This publication has its source from the Legendary beginning of Prince Vijaya in the Island of Sri Lanka to the auther's own day. Prince Vijaya is the son of king Sinhabahu of the kingdom of Sinhapura in Northern India.

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A CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF THE RULERS OF SRI LANKA

1. The following list is based substantially on the publications of eminent research scholars in history.
2. Most of the dates in the Ancient and Medieval periods are only approximate.
3. The entire Island was not under effective control of all the rulers listed below.
4. Rulers whose periods of reign are unknown are left blank.

ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL

Vijaya

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Anula (Queen)		48 - 44	
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KINGS OF KOTTE

Bhuvanekabahu V (King of Gampola in the early part of his reign)	1371 - 1408
Parakramabahu VI	1411 - 1466
Jayavira Parakramabahu	1466 - 1469
Bhuvanekabahu VI	1469 - 1477
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Vijayabahu VI	1513 - 1521
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KINGS OF SITAVAKA

Mayadunne	1521 - 1581
Rajasimha I	1581 - 1593
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Senasammata Vikramabahu	1469 - 1511
Jayavira	1511 - 1552
Karaliyadde	1552 - 1582
Vimala Dharma Surya I	1591 - 1604
Senarat	1604 - 1635
Rajasimha II	1635 - 1687
Vimala Dharma Suriya II	1687 - 1707
Narendra Simha	1707 - 1739
Vijaya Rajasimha	1739 - 1747
Kirti Sri Rajasimha	1747 - 1782
Rajadhirajasimha	1782 - 1798
Sri Vikrama Rajasimha	1798 - 1815

PORTUGUESE CAPTAINS - GENERAL

Pedro Lopes de Sousa	1594
Jeronimo de Azevedo	1594 - 1612
Francisco de Meneses	1612 - 1614
Manuel Mascarenhas Homem	1614 - 1616
Nuno Alvares Pereira	1616 - 1618
Constantion de Sa de Noranha (first term)	1618 - 1620
Jorge de Albuquerque	1620 - 1623
Constantino de Sa de Noronha (second term)	1623 - 1630
Filipe Mascarenhas (first term)	1630 - 1631
Jorge de Almeida (First term)	1631 - 1633
Diego de Mello de Castro (first term)	1633 - 1635
Jorge de Almeida (Second term)	1635 - 1636
Diego de Mello de Castro (second term)	1636 - 1638
Antonio Mascarenhas	1638 - 1640
Filipe Mascarenhas (second term)	1640 - 1645
Manuel Mascarenhas Homem	1645 - 1653
Francisco de Mello de Castro	1653 - 1655
Antonio de Sousa Coutinho	1655 - 1656
Antonio de Amaral de Menezes (Jaffna)	1656 - 1658

DUTCH GOVERNORS

Willem J. Coster	1640
Jan Thyszoon (Payart)	1640 - 1646
Jan Maatzuyker	1646 - 1650
Jacob van kittensteyn	1650 - 1653
Adriaan van der Meijden (first term)	1653 - 1660
Ryklof van Goens (first term)	1660 - 1661
Adriaan van der Meijden (second term)	1661 - 1663
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Jacob Hustaart	1663 - 1664
Ryklof van Goens (third term)	1664 - 1675
Ryklof van Goens, junr	1675 - 1680
Laurens Py I	1680 - 1692
Thomas van Rhee	1693 - 1697
Gerrit de Heere	1697 - 1703
Cornelis Jan Simons	1703 - 1707
Hendrik Becker	1707 - 1716
Isaac Augustin Rumpf	1716 - 1723
Johannes Hertenberg	1723 - 1726
Petrus Vuyst	1726 - 1729
Stephanus Versluys	1729 - 1732
Jacob Christiaan Pielat	1732 - 1734
Diederik van Domburg	1734 - 1736
Gustaaf Willem Baron van Imhoff	1736 - 1739
Willem Maurits Bruyninck	1739 - 1742
Daniel Overbeek	1742 - 1743
Julius V.S. van Gollenesse	1743 - 1751
Gerard Jan Vrcelandt	1751 - 1752
Johan Gideon Loten	1752 - 1757
Jan Schreuder	1757 - 1762
L.J. Baron van Eck	1762 - 1765
Iman Willem Falck	1765 - 1785
Willem J. Van de Graaf	1785 - 1794
J.G. Van Angelbeek	1794 - 1796

BRITISH GOVERNORS

The Hon. Frederick North	1798 - 1805
Sir Thomas Maitland	1805 - 1811
Sir Robert Brownrigg, Bart	1812 - 1820
The Hon. Sir Edward Paget	1822 - 1823
Sir Edward Barnes	1824 - 1831

Sir Robert W.Horton, Bart	1831 - 1837
J.A.S.Mackenzie	1837 - 1841
Sir Colin Campbell	1841 - 1847
Viscount Torrington	1847 - 1850
Sir G.W.Anderson	1850 - 1855
Sir Henry G.Ward	1855 - 1860
Sir Charles Justin MaCarthy	1860 - 1863
Sir Hercules G.R.Robinson	1865 - 1872
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Sir Hugh Clifford	1925 - 1927
Sir Herbert J.Stanley	1927 - 1931
Sir Graeme Thomson	1931 - 1933
Sir Edward Stubbs	1933 - 1937
Sir Andrew Caldecott	1937 - 1944
Sir Henry Monck - Mason - Moore	1944 - 1948

GOVERNORS GENERAL

	A.D
SIR HENRY MONCK MASON MOORE	1948 - 1949
VISCOUNT SOULBURY	1949 - 1954
SIR OLIVER E.GOONETILLEKE	1954 - 1962
WILLIAM GOPALLAWA	1962 - 1972

PRESIDENT

WILLIAM GOPALLAWA A-D
1972 - 1978

EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT

1. J.R.JEYAWARDENA Feb 1978 to Dec 1988
2. RANASINGHA PREMADASA Dec 1988 to May 1993
3. DINGIRIBANDA WIJEYATUNGA May 1993 no 1994
4. Mrs.CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE
-KUMARADUNKA 1st Term Nov 1994 to Dec 1999
5. Mrs.CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE
-KUMARATUNGA 2nd Term Dec 1999

PRIME MINISTERS

1. THE RT.HON.D.S.SENANAYAKE Sept. 1947 to Mar 1952
 2. DUDLY.S.SENANAYAKE (1st Term) Mar. 1952 to Oct 1953
 3. THE RT.HON. SIR JOHN KOTELAWELA Oct. 1953 to Apr 1956
 4. S.W.R.D.BANDARANAIKE Apr. 1956 to Sep 1959
 - 5.W.DAHANAYAKE Sep. 1959 to Mar 1960
 6. DUDLY SENANAYAKE (2nd Term) Mar. 1960 to Jul 1960
 7. MRS.SRIMAVO R.D.BANDARANAIKE (1st Term)
Jul. 1960 to Mar 1965
 8. DUDLY S.SENANAYAKE (3rd Term) Mar. 1965 to May 1970
 9. MRS.SRIMAVO R.D.BANDARANAIKE(2nd Term)
May. 1970 to Jul 1977
 10. J.R.JEYAWARDENA Jul. 1977 to Feb 1978
 11. RANASINGHA PREMADASA Feb. 1978 to Dec 1988
 12. DINGIRI BANDA WIJEYATUNGA Dec. 1988 to May 1993
 13. RANIL WICKREMA SINGHA May. 1993 to Aug 1994
 14. MRS.CHANDRIKA BANDARANAIKE
-KUMARATUNGA Aug. 1994 to Nov 1994
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15. MRS.SRIMAVO R.D.BANDARANAIKE (3rd Term)**Nov.1994 to Aug2000****16. RATNASRI WICKRAMANAIKE****Aug. 2000****POLITICAL ASSASINATIONS**

1. S.W.R.D.BANDARANAIKE	25th Sept. 1959
2. RANJAN WIJAYARATNE	2nd March 1991
3. LALITH ATHULATH MUDALI	23rd April 1993
4. RANASINGHA PREMADASA	1st May 1993
5. GAMINI DISSANAYAKE	24th Set 1994
6. C.P.GUNARATNE	2000

COMPENDIUM OF EVENTS

- 1. NATIONAL FLAG** was unfurled by the Rt. Hon.Don. Stephen Senanaike, Prime Minister on the 4 th day of February.
- 2. INDEPENDANCE DAY** Commenced on the 4th day of February 1948.
- 3. POYA HOLIDAYS** commenced on the 1st day of January, 1966.
- 4. REPUBLIC DAY** Commenced on the 22nd day of May, 1972.
- 5. PRIME MINISTER FOR A THIRD TERM IN THE POLITICAL ARENA.** Dudley S.Senayayake and Mrs.Srimavo R.D.Bandaranayake Became Prime Minister for a third term in the political arena.
- 6. FIRST CEYLON NATIONAL GOVERNOR -** General Sir Oliver E.Goonetilleke.1954 - 1962
- 7. First Lady Prime Minister in The World** Mrs.Srimavo R.D.Bandaranaike 21st July 1960
- 8. First Lady Executive President in the World** Mrs.Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunke 12th Nov 1994

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