

Sri Lanka's 2024 Presidential Election, scheduled for September 21, will be pivotal, as it is the first since the country's severe economic crisis in 2022. This election sees a record 39 candidates running, with a ranked voting system in place. Major candidates include the current President, Ranil Wickremesinghe, opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, and leftist leader Anura Kumara Disسانayake.

Wickremesinghe's administration has been focused on stabilizing the economy, negotiating an IMF bailout, and introducing austerity measures, but these policies have faced criticism. Premadasa and Disسانayake are expected to focus on economic recovery, advocating for policies that provide greater relief to the public. While Premadasa emphasizes moderate economic reforms, Disسانayake pushes for anti-privatization and equitable governance policies.

Election Date: 21st of September 2024.

How to Vote (Voting System)

Method 01

You can vote by drawing a cross inside the box located in front of your favorite candidate.

Method 02

You can vote by writing number “1” inside the box located in front of your favorite candidate.

Method 03

You can vote by writing number “1” inside the box located in front of your favorite candidate. And then you can write number 2 inside the box located in front of the candidate who is your second choice.

Method 04

You can vote by writing number “1” inside the box located in front of your favorite candidate. And then you can write number “2” inside the box located in front of the candidate who is your second choice. Then you can write number “3” inside the box located in front of the candidate who is your third choice.

You cannot use any method to vote your candidate out of these 04 methods.

Illegal things in voting

You cannot bring your mobile phone into the voting booth.

You cannot vote for any other voter.

You cannot take photos or videos of your voting paper, voting booth or other voting papers.

You cannot make any violence inside or outside the voting booth.

Documents need to vote

Your NIC (National Identity Card), Passport or Driving License

Your Election card.

Candidates

In this election, there are 39 candidates registered from different parties and as independent candidates.

Candidates from Parties

Sajith Premadasa – Samagi Jana Bhala Vegaya (SJB)

Anura Kumara Dissanayaka – National Peoples’ Power (NPP)

Namal Rajapaksha – Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP)

Independent Candidates

Mr. Ranil Wickramasingha (Current President)

Ven. Battaramulle Seelarathana Himi

Dr. Wijayadasa Rajapaksha

Mr. Dilith Jayaweera

A.S.P. Liyanage

Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka

Mr. Sanath Manamendra

Mr. Nuwan Sanjeewa Bopage

Mr. Janaka Rathnayake

Mr. Siripala Amarasinghe

Mr. Sarath Keerthirathne

Mr. Ananda Kularatne

Mr. Anura Sidney Jayarathne

Mr. Antony Victor Perera