## **Festivals**



January 14 Thai Pongal

Pongal is a vibrant Tamil harvest festival celebrated in honor of the Sun God, symbolizing agricultural abundance. It involves the joyful preparation of the traditional Pongal dish, the artistic decoration of homes with intricate kolam designs, and the performance of rich rituals that highlight the significance of this festive occasion.





## January 13 Duruthu Perahera

On this remarkable day, the stunning Kelani Duruthu Perahera unfolds, showcasing the rich traditions and cultural heritage of our nation. With vibrant folk music, captivating rhythmic dance, and powerful drum performances, this pageant is a true celebration of our spirituality and history.



Sri Pada is a revered pilgrimage site that holds significant importance for followers of four major religions: Buddhism, Hinduism, Christianity, and Islam. Its sacredness transcends cultural and religious boundaries, making it a meaningful destination for many devotees.

## **Drama and Theatre**

January 11 Madhura Geeth Jawanika



A theatrical production by veteran drama writer and director Dayananda Gunawardena. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm January 12 Sudu Andagena Horu Avidin



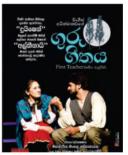
A theatrical production featuring Kumara Thirimadura, Roshan Pilapitiya, Saman Hemarathne, Rohan Wijethunga, Anusha Dissanayake, and many more artistes. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm January 24 Nari Burathi 2



A Sinhala comedy written and directed by Sarath Kothalawala with a contemporary social phenomenon in a hilarious manner. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm, 6.30pm

Sports

January 25 **Guru Geethaya** 



Based on great Russian writer Chinghis Aitmatove's 'The First Teacher' novel, translated and directed by Prof Mangala Senanayake. Venue: Namel Malini Punchi Theater, Borella. Time: 3.30pm, 6.45pm February 1 Thunsiya Heta Eka



Written and directed by Udayasiri Wickremarathne, it features a host of artistes. Venue: Elphinstone Theater, Colombo 10. Time: 3.30pm,

6.45pm

Cricket



Sri Lanka in New Zealand T20I series January 2, 2025 3<sup>rd</sup> T20I Nelson: 13.15



