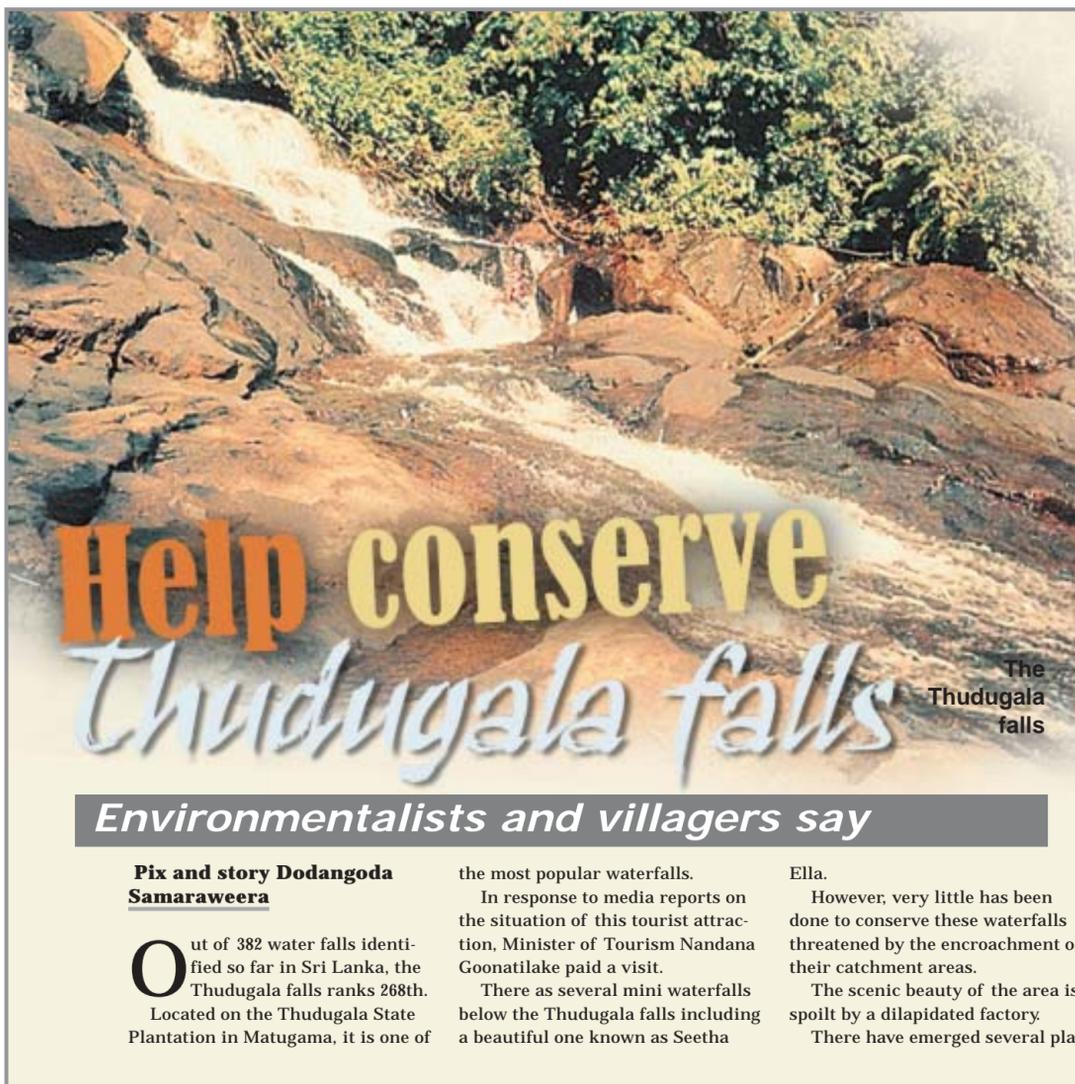


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Help conserve Thudugala falls

Environmentalists and villagers say

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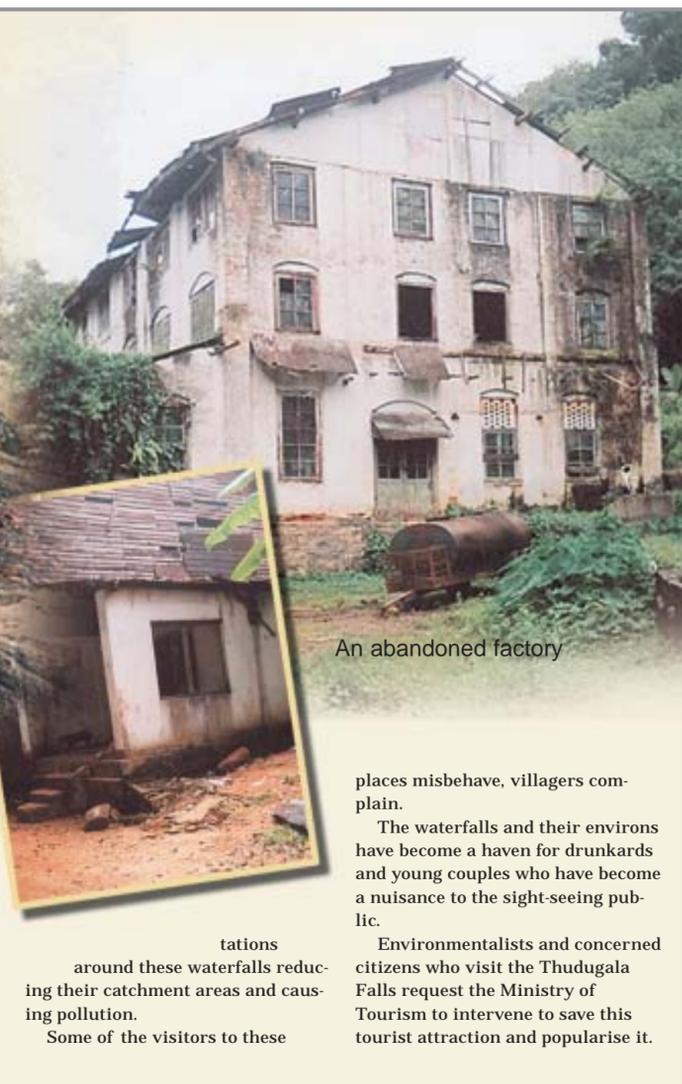
Out of 382 water falls identified so far in Sri Lanka, the Thudugala falls ranks 268th. Located on the Thudugala State Plantation in Matugama, it is one of the most popular waterfalls.

In response to media reports on the situation of this tourist attraction, Minister of Tourism Nandana Goonatillake paid a visit. There are several mini waterfalls below the Thudugala falls including a beautiful one known as Seetha Ella.

However, very little has been done to conserve these waterfalls threatened by the encroachment on their catchment areas. The scenic beauty of the area is spoilt by a dilapidated factory. There have emerged several plantations around these waterfalls reducing their catchment areas and causing pollution. Some of the visitors to these places misbehave, villagers complain.

The waterfalls and their environs have become a haven for drunkards and young couples who have become a nuisance to the sight-seeing public.

Environmentalists and concerned citizens who visit the Thudugala Falls request the Ministry of Tourism to intervene to save this tourist attraction and popularise it.



An abandoned factory

Jayasrigama maternity clinic needs improvement

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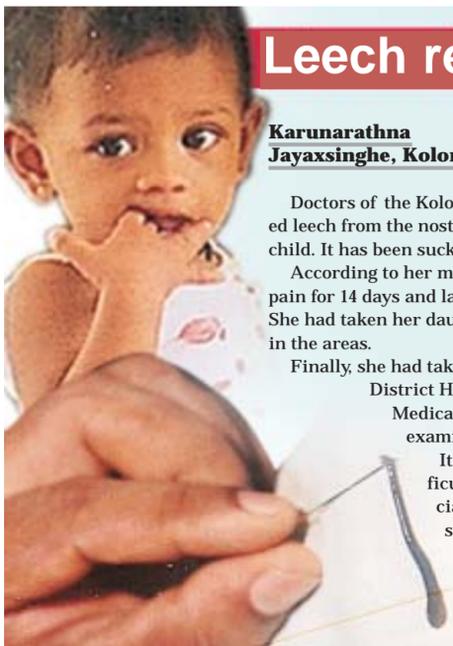
Due to the various shortcomings in the Jayasrigama Children's and Maternity Clinic of Ja-Ela Pradeshiya Sabha, children and mothers are highly inconvenienced.

This clinic is supervised and conducted by the Ragama Medical Officer of Health.

There are no proper toilet facilities. There is no waiting area and mothers have to wait outside for their turn even on rainy days.

However, people appreciate treatment they receive and the dedication of health workers. They say improvements to the building will enhance the quality of the service the clinic renders. They appeal to Chairman of the Ja-ela Pradeshiya Sabha Deshabandu Lalith Nishantha Abeywickrama's to develop the place.

Leech removed from child's nose



Karunarathna Jayaxsinghe, Kolonna

Doctors of the Kolonna hospital removed a bloated leech from the nostril of a one-and-a-half-year old child. It has been sucking blood for 14 days.

According to her mother, this child had been in pain for 14 days and later his nose began to bleed. She had taken her daughter to a number of doctors in the areas.

Finally, she had taken the child to the Kolonna District Hospital, where District Medical Officer Dr. Nanda Kumara examined her and spotted the leech.

It was taken out with great difficulty as the child was in excruciating pain and the leech was stuck to her nostril.

The child is now in good health, according to Dr. Nanda Kumara.



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