

Elephant: a precious asset in many ways

From time immemorial, the domestic elephant has been a reliable and useful friend of man while the wild elephant is involved in a tug-of-war with the villagers, destroying their chena and other cultivations, huts, and often killing them. On the other side, men get together to drive away elephants in the night by burning wild fires and making big noises to frighten them and, occasionally, trigger their guns as the last resort.

Elephant is a large mammal of family Elephantidae, the only living members of order Proboscidea; almost naked grey skin; massive forehead; small eyes; upper incisor teeth form 'tusks', snout elongated as a muscular grasping 'trunk'; ears large and movable to radiate heat.



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There are two living species. The African elephant is the largest living land animal (height up to 3.8 meters (12.6 feet) with three sub-species, the savanna (bush) elephant, Cape elephant and forest elephant.

The Asian elephant has four species: Indian elephant, Ceylon elephant, Sumatran elephant, and Malaysian elephant.

The African elephant is larger with larger ears, a triangular lip on the top and bottom of the trunk and obvious tusks in the female.

Elephant is a precious asset and holds a prestigious

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role in Buddhist cultural celebrations and activities. It is on the back of the elephant decorated by an expensive dress illuminated by thousands of electric bulbs (globes) that the sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha is carried in a golden casket on the final day of the Esala Maha Perahera held annually in August. The elephant is followed by over 50 other elephants equally decorated and illuminated, drummers, and dancers, both male and female, as if a heavenly procession is parading the streets of Kandy.

When similar processions are conducted by other popular Buddhist temples such as the Kelaniya, Gangarama, and Bellanwila, in the night, the elephant takes its place much to the appreciation and applause of "sadhu, sadhu" by the pilgrims.

Elephants also keep swelling the foreign exchange earnings of the government by attracting droves of tourists to the country from across the globe. Besides, tourists bring vibrancy and economic boost to the cities and towns in which the celebrations are held.

The Pinnawela Elephants' Orphanage, which looks after orphaned, neglected, wounded baby elephants, The Yala National Park and the Wilpattu Sanctuary also attract tourists to watch wild elephants roaming freely in the forests which provide a heart-throbbing spectacle for them to remember for quite a long time.

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