

The Historical Grandeur

Kegalle is a district in Sabaragamuwa Province, Sri Lanka. It is one of 25 districts of Sri Lanka, the second-level administrative division of the country. The district is administered by a District Secretariat headed by a District Secretary (previously known as a Government Agent) appointed by the central government of Sri Lanka. It was a former Dissaving of Sri Lanka.

It covers an area of 1,693 km² (654 sq mi). The district has a population of 837,179 according to the 2012 Census, which is approximately 4.0% of the total population of Sri Lanka.

The history of the area dates back to the stone age of Sri Lanka. According to evidence, there had been a prosperous civilization in Kegalle prior to 28,000 years. The caves of Beli lena, Dorawaka lena, Alu lena, Asmadala, Padavigampola, Batalegala, Lenagala, Ambala Kanda, Haramada, Heenatipana, Uthuwankanda, Beligala, Salawa, Yahalena, Salgala and Kela Dambulla provide evidence of that.

According to the archaeology of the Kegalle District, it has been a region in Maya Rata, which was one of three divisions of Sri Lanka. In the latter half of the Sinhalese kingdom and also by the ruling period of the British, Kegalle

was further divided into three parts; “Satara Koralaya”, “Thun Koralaya” and “Patha Bulathgama”.

