

WORLD'S BIGGEST EVER WEDDING

Spectacular Sri Lankan wedding is the world's biggest ever, with 126 bridesmaids, 25 best men, 20 page boys and 23 flower girls. Sri Lanka's First Lady, Shiranthi Rajapaksa - wife of the President - was guest of honour. Wedding dress designer Champi Siriwardana said it was her dream to stage the record-breaking nuptials

Planning a wedding is a major undertaking for any couple but not for Nisansala and Nalin from Sri Lanka who married this week at a Guinness World Record breaking ceremony near the capital city of Colombo. The bride and groom had a staggering 126 bridesmaids. Held under strict Guinness Book of World Record conditions, the wedding breaks the previous record, held by a wedding in Bangkok, Thailand, that included 96 bridesmaids. 'Breaking the Guinness world record is no mean feat and one that I cannot achieve alone,' said Champi, who suggested the world record attempt. 'It is a great responsibility and challenge. There can be no mistakes.' All dressed by Nisansala's sister-in-law Champi Siriwardana, who first suggested they go for the world record bid. Of course it probably helped that Champi happens to be one of the Asian island's leading wedding planners and dress designers.

It also didn't hurt that the guest of honour was Sri Lanka's First Lady, Shiranthi Rajapaksa, wife of President Mahinda Rajapaksa. The spectacular ceremony was elaborately staged at the Avendra Gardens in Negombo, 30 kms from Colombo in front of hundreds of family and friends. All of the wedding party - bride, groom, 126 bridesmaids, 25 best men, 20 page boys and 23 flower girls - were dressed in richly embroidered traditional costumes in shades of purple and gold. Champi was so confident of Nisansala and Nalin's world record, she held a press conference before the big day to announce the event. 'My dream is to create an impact not only in Sri Lanka but internationally as well,' said Champi.



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Sri Lankan wedding couple Nisansala, right and Nalin pose for photographers in front of their massive bridal party, dressed in purple and gold



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A best man looks on during the wedding ceremony of Sri Lankan couple Nisansala and Nalin - there were 25 best men in all



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Sri Lankan wedding couple Nisansala, right and Nalin pose on the steps of their wedding venue in Negombo, 30kms from Colombo the capital city



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Sri Lankan couple Nisansala, right, and Nalin smile as they are greeted by guests during their world record wedding



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Sri Lankan couturier - and the person who dreamed up the world record attempt - Champi Siriwardana, left, receives her Guinness World Record award from Guinness official Seyda Subasi Gemici during the wedding of couple Nisansala and Nalin



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Best men and bridesmaids pose for a photo during the ceremony. There were 126 bridesmaids, 25 best men, accompanied by 20 page boys and 23 flower girls



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Sri Lankan couple Nisansala and Nalin pour water into small pots as part of a traditional ceremony





Guinness Book of World Records wedding couple Nisansala and Nalin with their huge bridal party at their venue in Negombo, north of Colombo



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