

PRINT MEDIA ANALYSIS

FACT SHEET OCTOBER 2025



Introduction

Since 2005, ADIC conducts daily surveillance on print media and produce a monthly analysis of references regarding alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, heroin and other drugs (ATOD) occurring in selected print media in the three mediums – Sinhala, Tamil and English. This “Print Media Analysis” leads to monitoring and identifying the prevailing/ current trends and patterns related to alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, heroin and other drug reporting. It also identifies the current attitudes and the behavior of the media and media personnel with regard to ATOD.

Weekly Newspapers

Monday to Saturday		Sunday
02	Sinhala	02
02	English	02
01	Tamil	01

The identified content are categorized as follows:

Prevention – Improve correct knowledge on ATOD, its industries and effective prevention.

Negative policy – Undermining formulation & implementation of ATOD control policies.

Promotion - Glamorizing the substance, industry image building, surrogate advertising, social beliefs, unfair privileges and promotion through prevention.

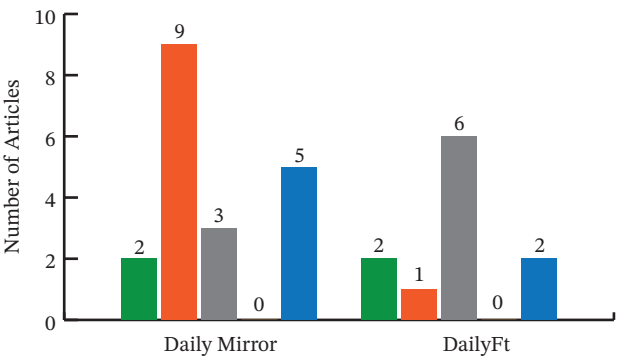
Law enforcement - Legal actions taken by the authorities when ATOD related laws & regulations are violated.

Positive policy – Supporting implementation and formulation, of ATOD control policies.

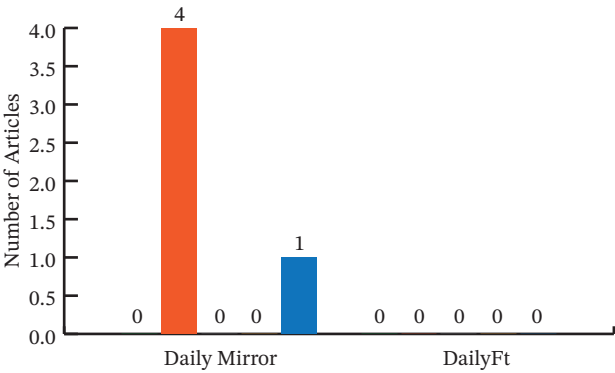
Non Category – Specifically does not include policy, prevention or promotion of any drug but it provides information on ATOD through words or pictures.

Classification According to Newspapers

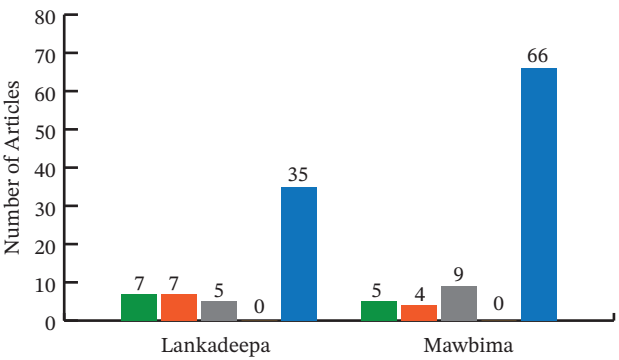
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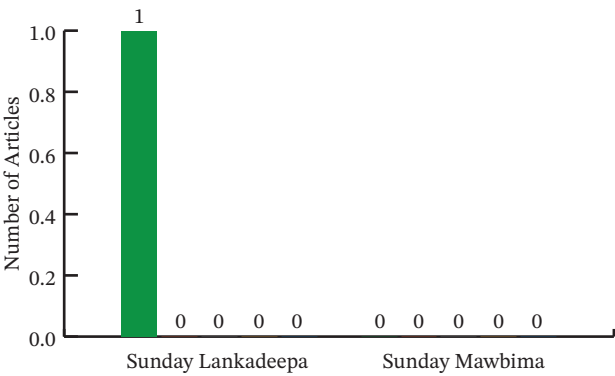
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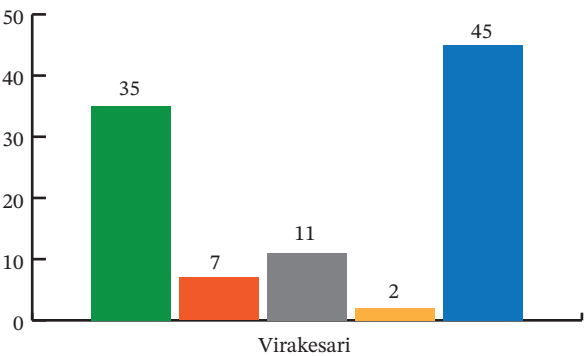
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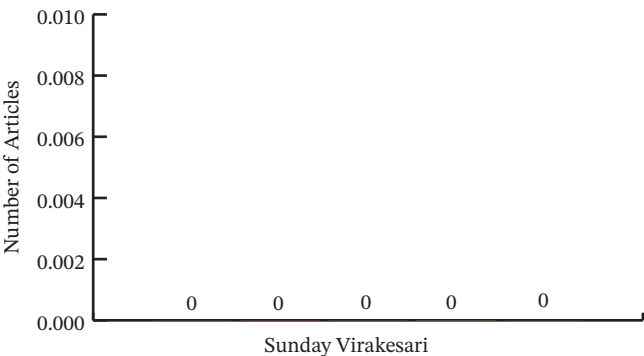
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Monday to Saturday Tamil Newspapers



Sunday Tamil Newspapers



● Prevention ● Promotion ● Policy - Positive ● Policy - Negative ● Law Enforcement