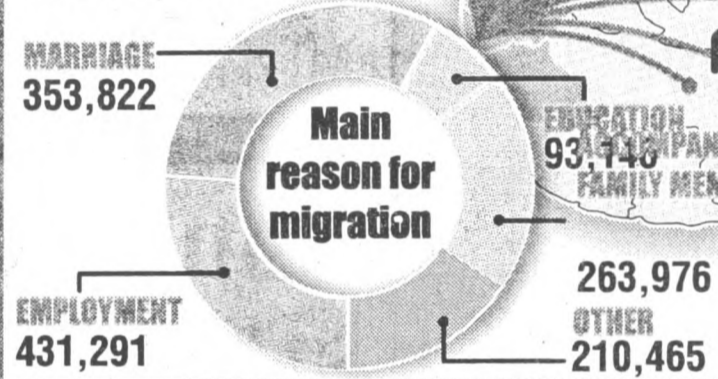
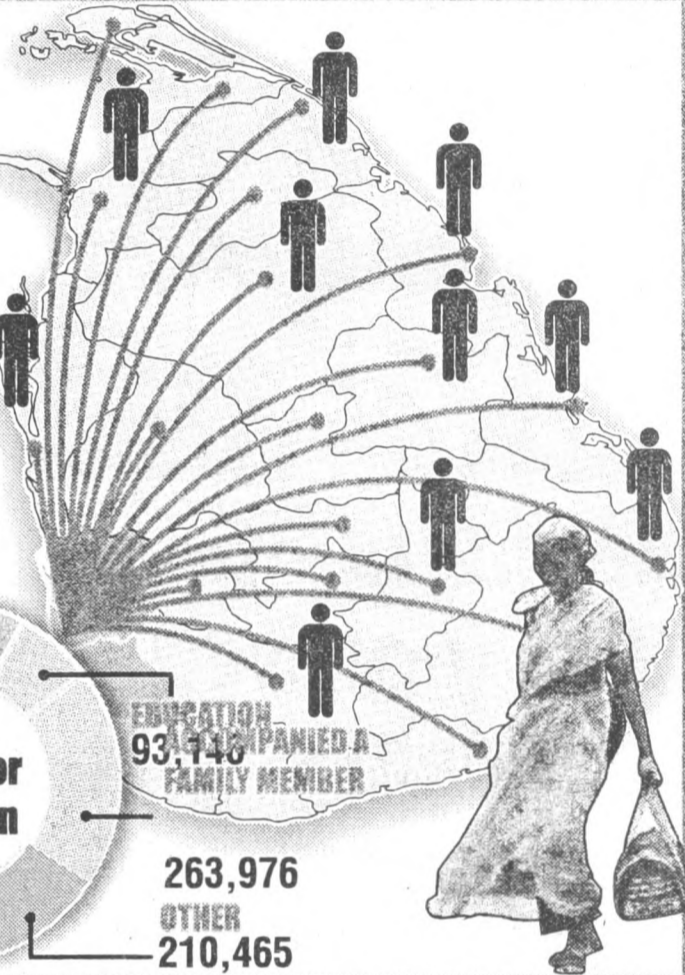
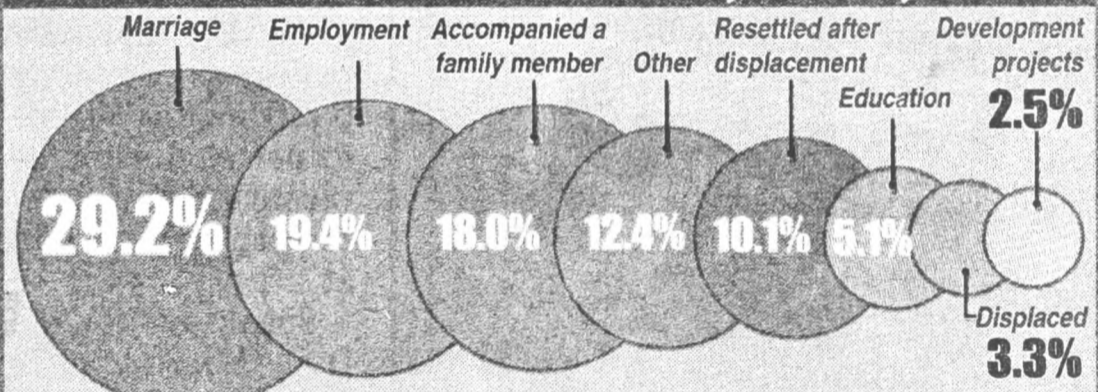


MIGRATING INTO URBAN AREAS

In Sri Lanka, people are migrating to urban areas in large numbers with the aim of fulfilling various needs. A major portion of the country's population is migrating into the Western Province due to several reasons. These include employment, accompanying a family member, education purposes, and for marriage. This year a total of 1,352,500 have made such migration.



TOTAL INTERNAL MIGRANT POPULATION IN SRI LANKA: **3,661,419**



The incidence of marriage dissolution is higher among in-migrants than non-migrants. The proportion that went back to their original residences to civil disturbances is relatively small. Current female migration patterns in Sri Lanka have effectuated a significant change in the age structure of the resident population.

INTERNAL MIGRANT POPULATION

Western	1,352,500
Central	358,559
South	276,906
North	455,384
East	186,120
N. Western	343,516
N. Central	295,548
Uva	177,818
Sabaragamuwa	215,068

Internal migrants who were affected by war and resettled. **372,165**

Kilinochchi district has the highest number of resettled and highest number of displaced persons. **105,625**



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