

Glossary

<i>aragalaya</i>	struggle (Sinhala), denoting the popular uprising against the Rajapaksa government in 2022
<i>arasu</i>	state, government or, much less commonly, king (Tamil)
<i>gama</i>	village (Sinhala)
<i>grama niladari</i>	village- or ward-level officer (Sinhala, also used in English and Tamil)
<i>kachcheri</i>	district administration, headed by the government agent (used in Sinhala, Tamil and English)
<i>kadchi</i>	political party (Tamil)
<i>kudi</i>	clan (Tamil)
<i>malaiyaha</i> Tamil	upcountry Tamil, referring to Tamils of recent (colonial era) Indian origin who have historically resided in Sri Lanka's central highland region
<i>pottu</i>	a coloured dot adorning the forehead (Tamil)
<i>satyagraha</i>	non-violent protest (Sinhala; Tamil cognates)
<i>talaivar</i>	leader (Tamil)
<i>thanthai</i>	father (Tamil)