

PRINT MEDIA ANALYSIS

FACT SHEET - September 2022



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
04	Sinhala	03
04	English	03
03	Tamil	03

The identified content are categorized as follows:

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

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

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

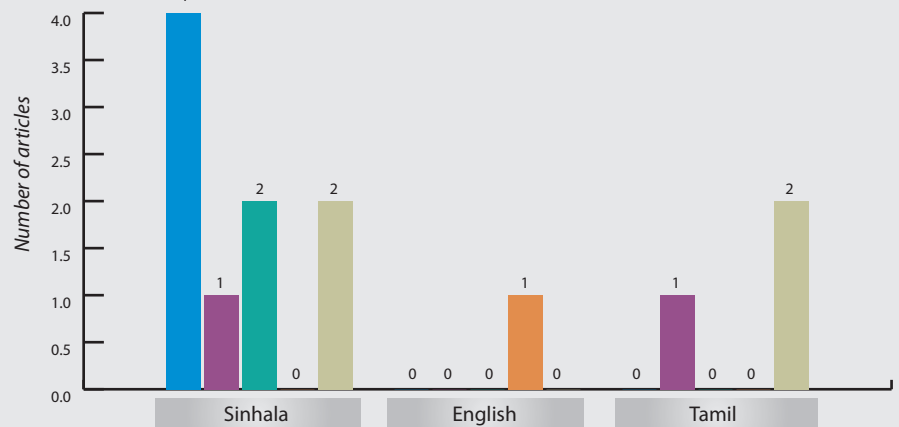
Negative policy – Undermining formulation & implementation of ATOD control policies.

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

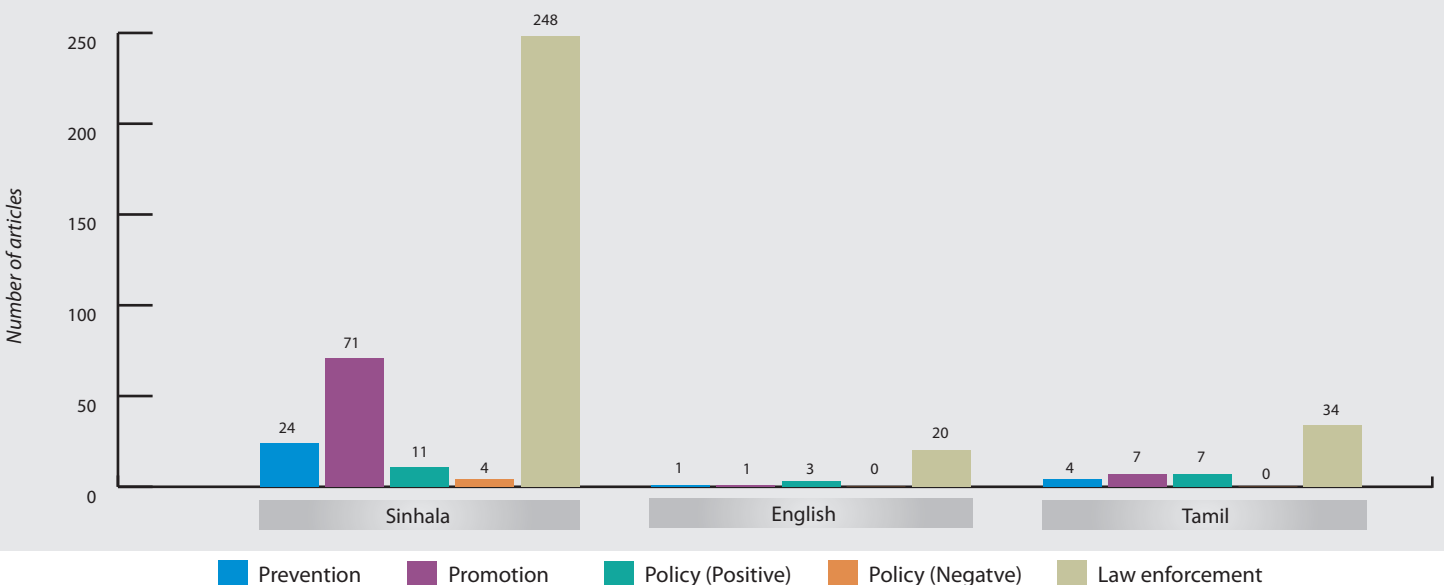
Non Category –Specifically does not include policy, prevention or promotion of any drug but it provides information on ATOD through words or pictures.

Classification according to Promotion, Prevention, Policy, Law Enforcement & Non Category

Sunday

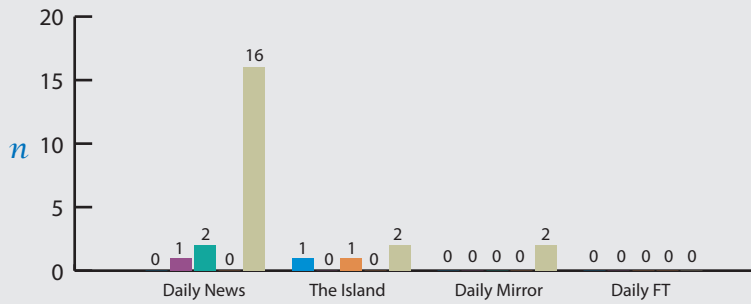


Monday to Saturday



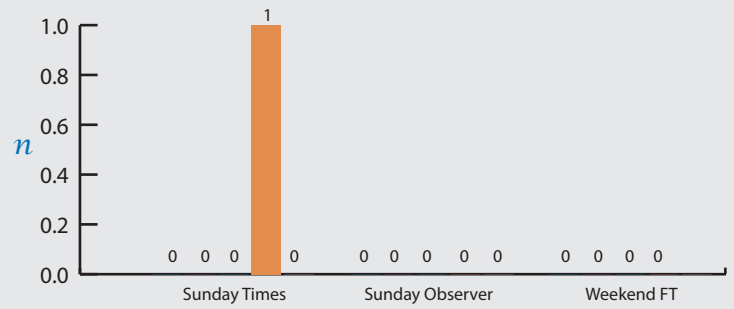
Classification according to Newspapers

Monday to Saturday English Newspapers



In Monday to Saturday English newspapers, The Island news published 01 prevention content and Daily News published 01 promotion content. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in selected newspapers.

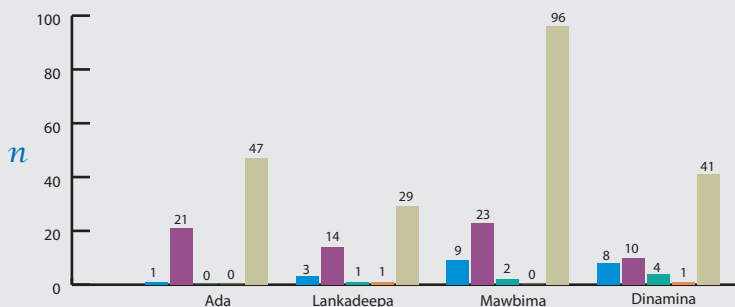
Sunday English Newspapers



One promotion content published in Sunday Times newspapers during September 2022.

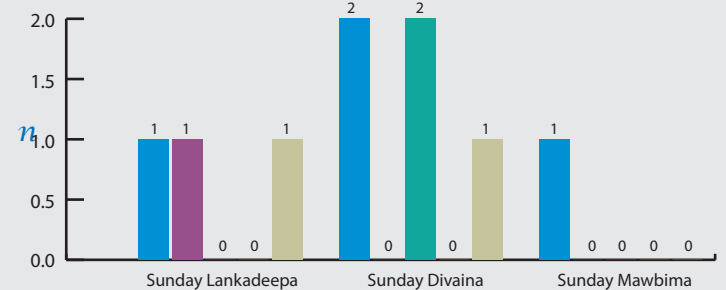
Prevention Promotion Policy (Positive) Policy (Negative) Law enforcement *n* = Number of articles

Monday to Saturday Sinhala Newspapers



In Monday to Saturday Sinhala newspapers, ATOD promotion was published the most in Mavubma and Ada newspapers, at the same time 09 prevention contents published in Mavubima, 08 revention contents published in Dinamina Newspaper. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in all five newspapers.

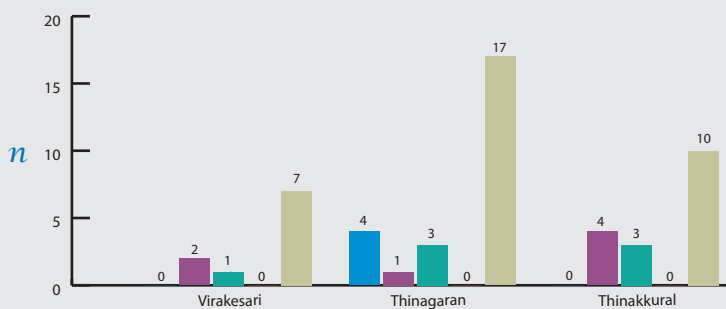
Sunday Sinhala Newspapers



01 promotion contents were published in Sunday Lankadeepa at the same time Lankadeepa published 0 prevention content also. 02 prevention contents published in Sunday Divaina during September 2022

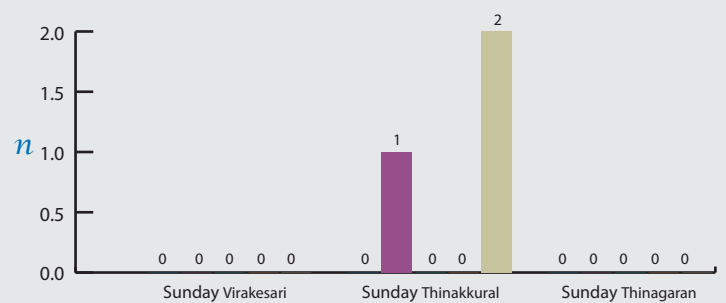
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Monday to Saturday Tamil Newspapers



ATOD promotion was published the most in Thinakkural, ATOD prevention was published the most in Thinakanan newspaper. Law Enforcement was the overall most published category in all three newspapers.

Sunday Tamil Newspapers



01 promotion contents and 02 law enforcement contents published in Sunday Thinakkural during September 2022

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