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M12M to host debate for Presidential candidates

By Ruwan Laknath Jayakody

The March 12 Movement, which advocates clean politics, will host a platform which will bring together all Presidential candidates onto one stage, to debate burning national issues and put forward their solutions.

The event, which is to be telecast live via television, will be tentatively held on 5 October, at the Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium.

Speaking to Ceylon Today, Convener of the Movement and Executive Director of the polls monitoring body, the People's Action for Free and Fair Elections (PAFFREL), Rohana Hettiarachchi, said that the debate would be held in the style of the United States Presidential debates. He added that a crowd of approximately 4,000 were expected on the day. He further added that security related concerns will be handled with the involvement of the Acting Inspector General of Police.

Elsewhere, he urged electors to check their voter registration through the relevant Election Commission website online link or at locations as prescribed by the Commission where the voter registry for 2019 will be on physical display for a certain period. It is important that one checks the latest registry for one's name, as this concerns the valuable franchise, and if one's information is not on it, there is a window of opportunity to appeal, prior to the expiry of the period stipulated by the Commission, he noted

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