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Sanath hails Sirasa Super Star structure

Leading film star Sanath Gunathilaka who is also known for his passion for songs yesterday hailed the whole concept of the Sirasa Super Star segment, asking whether such a concept could not be launched to groom young actors and actresses too.

"The television has a very big role to play towards the welfare of society and I feel Sirasa TV is doing it in style, going by the way it has shown things in practical terms. I am extremely happy the way the channel has put things into place to hone young talent in the local music field and the response the programme is getting countrywide is tremendous," says Sanath who participated as the special guest in the Sirasa Super Star jury in the preliminary and also in the crucial first round after the final 12 were selected.

"A couple of weeks ago I was among the panel members as a special guest and the 12 finalist sang film songs that particular day. It was a refreshing change altogether, seeing how these youngsters brought to life golden hits of the seventies and eighties. To the best of my knowledge, the participants are given a free hand to select their songs under a given category, and to learn that the majority has selected songs from the 70s and 80s era, gives one the impression that the songs of those eras are still evergreen. Most of those who sang those evergreen songs were not even born when the songs were initially aired."

"Personally I feel that Sirasa Super Star season 2 has gone a step ahead and I am sure the organizers would take good care of the finalists like they did in season 1 too. I am saying this because I know what sacrifices people have made to get in to this contest.

I wonder if such a structure could not be drawn up to groom youngsters to the film industry too." "Sirasa Channel head Susara Dinal and Nilendra Deshapriya who's the key man behind Sirasa Super Star deserve a round of applause for the good work that's being done. Nilendra was my Assistant Director in Sisila Gini Ganee, and I am aware of his coordinating prowess.

Among the others in the team playing vital roles are Dhammika, Malki, Anupama, Nilu, Manura, Viraj Weliwatte and back stage players Samudra Hansa (railway boy), Pushika and her team, Abey and the entire team. I can't forget the crucial role played by my reel colleague Kamal Addaraarachchi who's doing a fantastic job with the Sirasa Super Star team. Nihal Wickrama Edirisuriya also does a fine job on Sirasa radio.

I strongly believe that the success of Sirasa Super Star could be attributed to all those who put in their efforts into it with a genuine purpose. Anything done in good faith will always yield good results. This is the reality," Sanath said.

