



*In recognition of the  
unblemished service rendered  
to the motherland for 60 years,*

***special  
President's Truncheon  
and  
Regimental Truncheon***  
*were awarded*

*to the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment  
by **HE Maithripala Sirisena,**  
the President  
and the Chief of Armed Forces  
of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka  
on the 30th Day of January 2017  
at the  
Ambepussa Army Camp.*



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President's Truncheon

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**Regimental Truncheon**

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## **Presentation of President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon to the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment**

Ever since the establishment of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, the Regiment has earned a name as one of the formidable regiments for their immense contribution and sustained efforts in the protection of territorial integrity of the motherland. The regiment has also earned a name as one of the most professional infantry regiments through their contributions in the UN Peacekeeping Forces. A total of 143 Officers and 3,719 Other Ranks of the Regiment had sacrificed their lives in the combat while 82 Officers and 3,137 Other Ranks have been disabled. The role played by the Sinha Regiment warriors in rescue operations in natural disasters and their exceptional performances at international sports events have brought pride to the motherland. In recognition of their unstinted excellence, discipline, and professionalism in services performed for the country, it has been recommended to endow Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment with President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon.

Traditionally, rifle regiments do not carry colours. Rifle regiments do not bear colours when engaged in small group operations and when snipers are engaged to annihilate the enemy. Therefore, rifle regiments do not bear standard colour flags. The British Rifle Regiment and Royal Gurkha Rifles carry the Queen's Truncheon, in lieu of colours, which was presented to them by Her Majesty Queen Victoria in 1983. Going by the same tradition, Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment too never carry colours. Thus, Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment has fulfilled every requirement to be awarded with the prestigious President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon in lieu of colours by the Chief of Armed Forces, HE the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

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**A photograph of the Queen's Truncheon  
used by the British Rifle Regiment and the Royal Gurkha Rifles**



This Truncheon is 6 feet high and made of bronze and silver. The top represents the minaret of Delhi Palace with three Gurkhas standing on it supporting the Queen's crown above their heads. The minaret contains a pair of kukris, the national weapon of the Gurkha, and carries the inscription " Main Piquet Hindoo Rao'S House, Delhi 1857". Below this again is another silver ring on which is inscribed on three sides "Sirmoor Rifles"

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an image showing the presentation of Queen's Truncheon  
to the Royal Gurkha Rifles

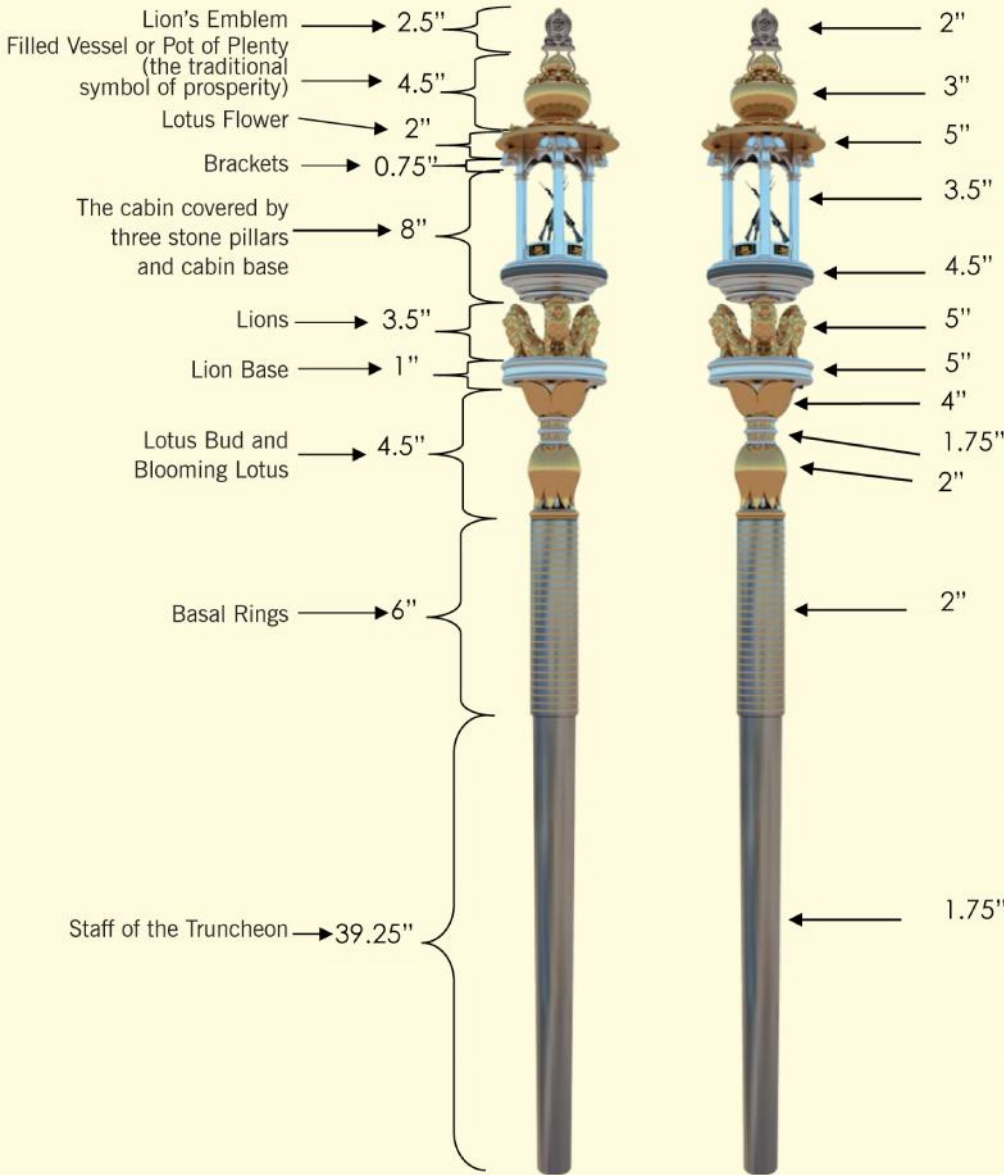
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## The design of the President's Truncheon and the Regimental Truncheon of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment

As this is the first instance where a President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon is awarded to a regiment in the Sri Lanka Army, the design of the Truncheon is heavily inspired by indigenous characteristics. The design of Queen's Truncheon has also been taken into consideration in this regard.

### The design of the President's Truncheon

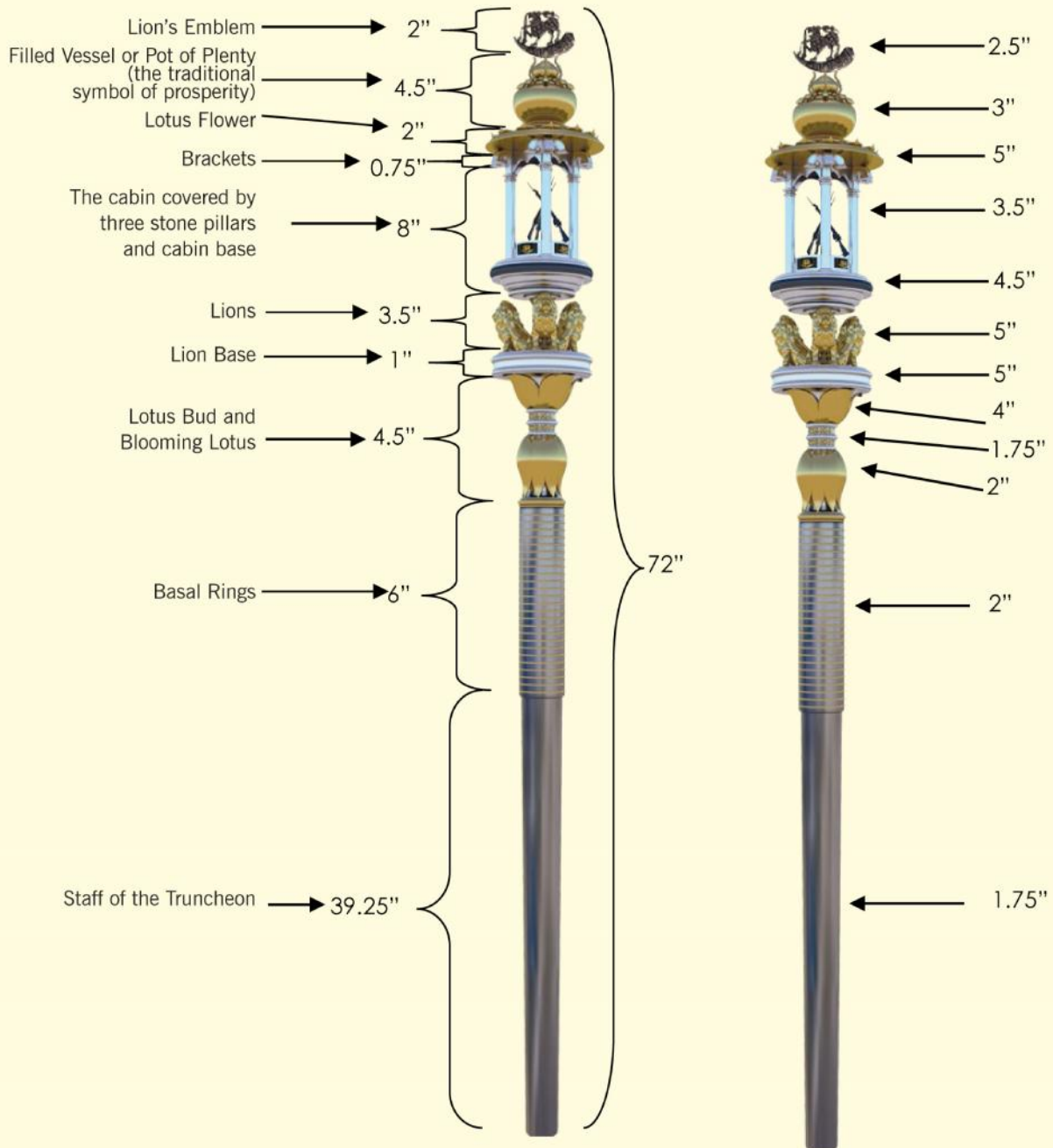


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## Design of the Regimental Truncheon

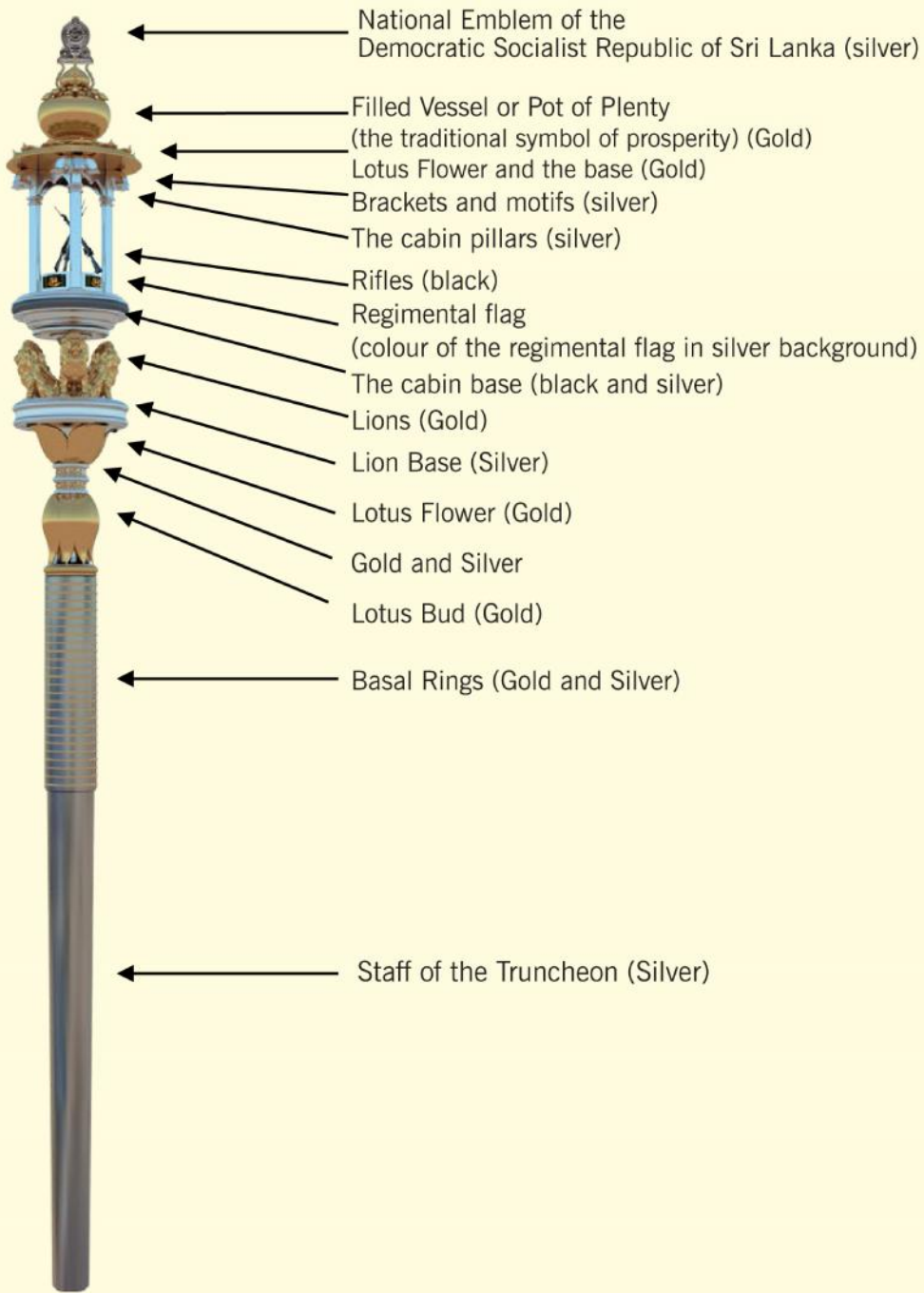


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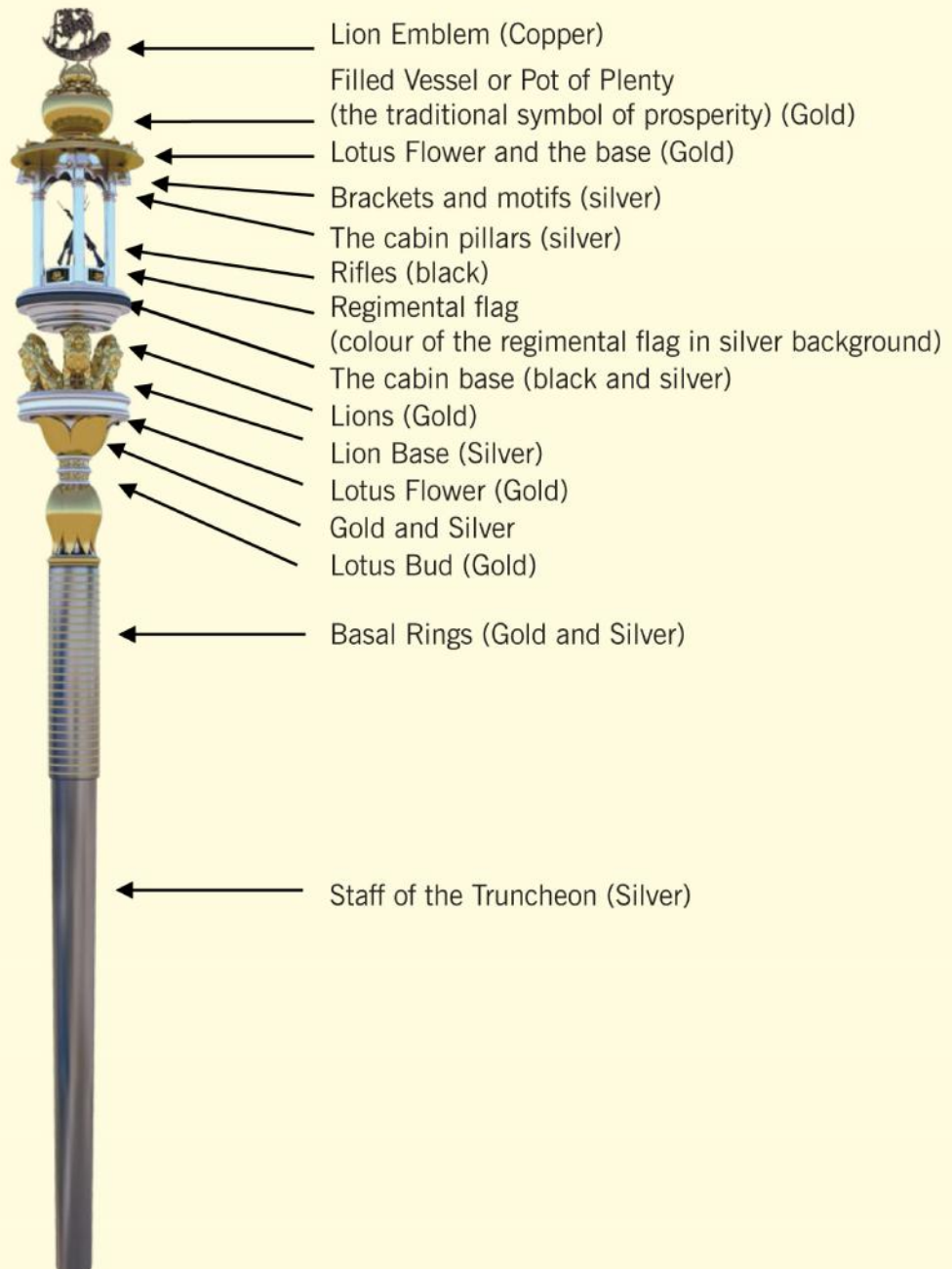


## Colour combination in the President's Truncheon





## Colour combination in the Regimental Truncheon



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## Material combination in the President's Truncheon



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## Material combination the Regimental Truncheon



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## President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon Explained



The head of the Truncheon is surmounted by the national emblem of Sri Lanka supported by the pot of plenty placed on a lotus which symbolizes rising and blooming above the murk. (The pot of plenty spouting with lotus buds represents four directions).



The crest of the Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment, the one and only rifle regiment of the Sri Lanka Army, is placed on the pot of plenty which symbolizes prosperity which is placed on a lotus which symbolizes rising above the mud or rising against all odds. (The pot of plenty spouting with lotus buds represents all four directions).



The Regimental Flag of Sri Lanka Sinha Regiment and three rifles with bayonets are encased in a cabin surrounded by three stone pillars erected on a lion's base, surmounted by three lions depicting the Regiment's unwavering commitment in protecting the motherland.



Three lions sejant on a lotus base depict security, vigilance and unwavering commitment in the protection of the motherland from all forms of enemy threats.

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The staff of the Truncheon depicts the unmatched prowess of the soldier who rises above all odds through discipline, and excellence in training achieved through self-pride and self-respect.



## President's Truncheon and Regimental Truncheon Explained

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## Composition Of The Truncheon Parade

Parade Comd	- Brig	01
Parade 2IC	- Col	01
Coy Comds	- Maj	12
PI Comds	- Capt/Lt	24
RSM	- WO I	01
DIs	- WO II	10
WO I (Unit RSMs)	- WO I	24
WO II /CSMs	- WO II	24
PI Sgts	- S/Sgt/Sgts	24
Cpl/LCpl/Rfm	-	432
Truncheon Holder	- Capt	02
Truncheon Escort	- S/Sgt	02
Escort Comd	- WO II	01
Army Band	-	1 x 72
Total	-	41 X 590

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## Photos of Truncheon awarding ceremony on 30 January 2017



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# “Swift & Bold”



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