

WITNESS

A close-up, cinematic shot of a lioness looking upwards with her mouth slightly open. A young lion cub is perched on top of her head, looking off to the side. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with a faint, geometric pattern of interconnected lines.

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We are the Leo Club of Kolonnawa — a family of young leaders, dreamers, and doers bound by one purpose: to serve with heart and to grow through service. Rooted in tradition yet reaching for tomorrow, we believe that leadership is not just about titles, but about the courage to act, the creativity to inspire, and the compassion to uplift others.

Witness is our voice. It is where our footsteps turn into words, where every project and every effort finds its story. From the traditions we cherish to the innovations we embrace, we are shaping a legacy that is uniquely ours — proud, resilient, and ever-evolving.

Together with the guidance of the Lions Club of Kolonnawa and the strength of our members, we continue to learn, to lead, and to leave behind something greater than ourselves.

This is who we are. This is our journey. This is Witness.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

It is with great pride that I present to you the very first edition of Witness for this Leoistic year. More than a newsletter, Witness is the identity of our club—our journey, our voice, and our story turned into words.

This year, we step forward with a brand-new board, full of energy and determination. To my fellow Leos of Kolonnawa, I invite you to seize every opportunity that comes your way. Each project, each responsibility, each challenge is a chance to grow and to shape yourselves into the leaders of tomorrow.

None of this would be possible without the strength of our Lions family. We are truly grateful to the Lions Club of Kolonnawa for their constant support and guidance. A heartfelt thank you goes especially to our Advisor, Lion Jayasiri Andaraweera, our Lions Club President, Lion Lady Deepani Gallage, and to all the Lions of Kolonnawa whose encouragement empowers us to keep moving forward.

Our theme for the year is to embrace our legacy. That legacy lives in many forms: in the proud history of our club, in the traditions of Leoism, and in the culture of Sri Lanka itself. From the values we uphold, to the way we serve, even down to the posters we design—our legacy is alive in every detail. By honoring where we come from, we are creating the foundation for where we will go.

As we begin this new journey, let us carry our legacy with pride, our passion with strength, and our service with love. Together, as one Leo-Lion family, I am confident we will make this year truly unforgettable.



Yours in Service,

| Leo Dylen Wolff
Club President 2025-2026

SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Dear Readers,

It is with great joy that I welcome you to the very first edition of Witness for this Leoistic year. This magazine is not just a collection of pages—it is a reflection of who we are as the Leo Club of Kolonnawa: our service, our creativity, and our shared journey.

As Secretary and Editor-in-Chief, I am truly grateful to every Leo who contributed their time, talent, and ideas to bring this publication to life. Each article, each photograph, and each design carries a piece of our story, and together they capture the vibrant spirit of our club.

This year, under our theme of embracing our legacy, Witness will stand as both a record of our service and a celebration of our tradition. I invite you to read, reflect, and most of all, be inspired to continue writing this story with us.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our President, Leo Dylon Wolff, our Board of Directors, and the Lions Club of Kolonnawa—including our Advisor, Lion Jayasiri Andaraweera, and Lions Club President, Lion Lady Deepani Gallage—for their unwavering support and guidance.

May this first edition of Witness remind us that every achievement, big or small, is worth sharing—and that together, we create something truly meaningful.



Yours in Leoism,

| Leo Sanidi Rovinya

Secretary & Editor-in-Chief 2025-2026

Every ending is only another beginning

and with this first edition of Witness, we begin a new chapter in our story. What you hold here is more than a newsletter; it is the heartbeat of our club, living in the memories we create, the traditions we honor, and the stories yet to be told.

Witness is where our journey takes shape in words. It is where laughter, dedication, and service are carried forward, not just as moments but as memories that belong to all of us. From the culture we celebrate, to the values we hold dear, to even the designs and details we share our legacy is written here, for today and for tomorrow.

As you read through these pages, may you find meaning in every word, pride in every tradition, and inspiration in every story. Thank you for turning these words into something more for giving them life through the passion you bring to our Leo family.

This is not just a record of what we do; it is a reminder of who we are. So welcome to Witness. The first story of the year begins here, and the journey continues with you.



Ashirwada Puja

One Faith, Many Blessings

The Multiple Districts Ashirwadha Pooja 2025/26

01st July 2025 | St. Lawrence's Catholic Church, Jumma Masjid, Old Katirēsan Vajira Pillayar Kovil, Gangaramaya Temple

As the sun rose on the 1st of July, 2025, so did a new era of Leoism.

With 12 newly formed districts, new leaders, and new dreams, the Leo Movement in Sri Lanka and Maldives stood on the edge of transformation. But before launching into the work ahead, we paused — to reflect, to ground ourselves, and to begin the year with something more powerful than planning: **prayer**.

The **Multiple Ashirwadha Pooja** wasn't just a tradition. It was a promise — that our service would be guided not just by strategy, but by spirit.



First Light: St. Lawrence's Church

Our journey began in the quiet, rose-hued walls of **St. Lawrence's Catholic Church**, where the calm rhythm of prayer and candlelight set the tone. The parish priest shared a gentle blessing for courage and compassion — and in that silence, hearts began to align.

We weren't just individuals in a pew.
We were one family, breathing in hope.

Together in Grace: Jumma Masjid, Wellawatte

Next, we stepped into the beautiful **Jumma Masjid**, welcomed with sincerity and warmth. The soft echoes of prayer reminded us that **faith doesn't divide — it connects**.

Here, we found humility.

Here, we remembered the quiet strength of surrendering to something greater than ourselves.





A Burst of Colour and Tradition: Pillayar Kovil

By late afternoon, we arrived at the **Old Katirēsan Vajira Pillayar Kovil** — vibrant, alive, and steeped in ancient energy. Rituals were offered, flowers laid at the altar, and blessings chanted with reverence.

As the flame flickered, we felt the truth of legacy of how service is also about **preserving culture**, and how youth and tradition are not opposites but allies.

A Gentle Ending: Gangaramaya Temple

Our final stop was the sacred **Gangaramaya Temple** in Hunupitiya. The atmosphere was still almost sacred in its simplicity.

As monks offered words of metta (loving-kindness), something softened inside all of us. We had journeyed through places, rituals, and reflections and here, we simply listened.

It was the perfect closing note: not grand, but deeply human.



Twelve Districts. One Spirit.

What began as a series of prayers became a powerful symbol of unity. Leos from all across the country from every new district stood shoulder to shoulder, showing the world what strength in diversity truly looks like.

We didn't gather because we had to.

We gathered because **it matters** to begin with kindness, to walk together in faith, and to remind ourselves that Leoism is bigger than projects and plans. It's about people.

A Year That Begins in Blessings

As we step into 2025/26, let the memory of this day walk beside us.

Let every project be guided by compassion.

Let every challenge be met with calm.

And let every heart remember this:

We began in prayer together.

And together, we will serve.



Revolutza 2025:

A New Era of Leadership for Leos of Sri Lanka & Maldives

48th Annual Multiple Districts Conference of
Leo Multiples District 306 Sri Lanka & Maldives

26th July 2025 | Kularatna Hall, Ananda College, Colombo

Every Leo year begins with hope. But an installation ceremony is more than a tradition it is a renewal of trust. It is where we, as Leos, pause to recognize that leadership is not about titles, but about responsibility. It is about building continuity, shaping vision, and reminding ourselves that service is not an act of one, but a commitment of many.

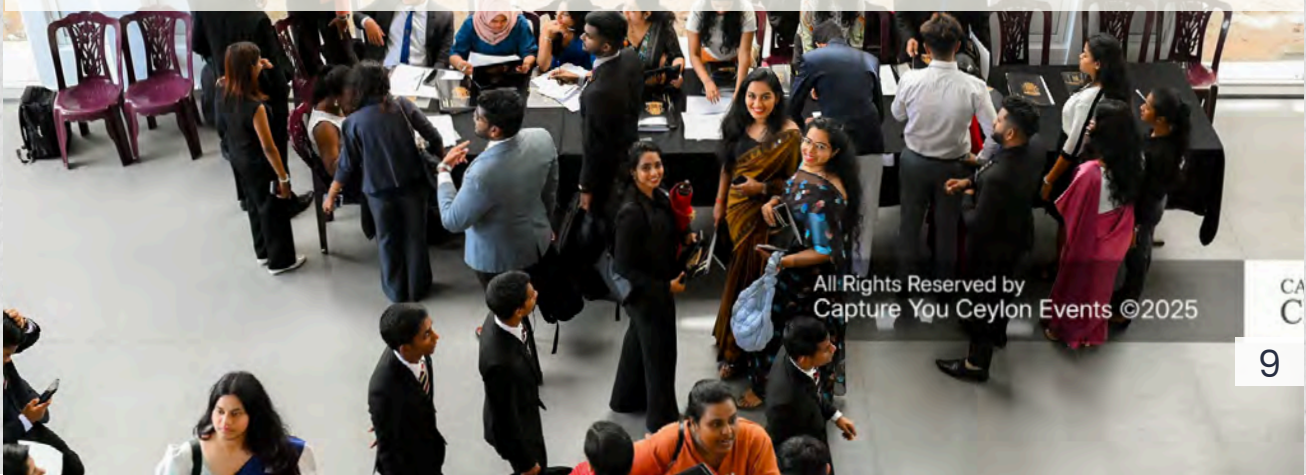
The 48th Annual Multiple District Installation Ceremony held on 26th July 2025 at Kularatna Hall, Ananda College, Colombo, was just that: a turning of the page. Under the banner of "Revolutza," we welcomed the team that will guide the spirit of Leoism across twelve newly formed districts, uniting Sri Lanka and the Maldives under one compass of service.



| The Day We Remember

Walking into the packed hall, the energy was undeniable. Leos from every corner of the country filled the seats, pins glinting in the light, conversations buzzing with anticipation. The backdrop shimmered in gold and black, declaring Revolutza – revolution through continuity.

We were honored by the presence of **Chief Guest Lion Shyana Jayalath PMJF PMAF**, Multiple Council Chairperson of Lions MD 306 – Sri Lanka, and **Guest of Honor Lion Nuwan Indunil Bellantudawa PMJF MAF**, Immediate Past Multiple Council Chairperson. Their words were reminders that **service is a legacy carried forward through every generation** of Lions and Leos.





| A Team to Lead Us Forward

With solemnity and applause, the following were installed to serve the Multiple District for 2025/26:

- **Leo Lion Rageesh Yogeswaran MJF PMAF PFLM** – Multiple District President
- **Leo Lion Rachika Sovis FLM** – Multiple District Vice President
- **Leo Lion Sajithraj Puganesukumar PFLM** – Multiple District Secretary
- **Leo Chenara Oshadhi** – Multiple District Assistant Secretary
- **Leo Lion Theunkshan Sundaramoorhty PFLM** – Multiple District Assistant Secretary
- **Leo Eshan Kasturiarachchi** – Multiple District Membership Chairperson
- **Leo Manish Perera** – Multiple District Assistant Treasurer
- **Leo Lion Sunera Naveed NAF FLM** – Multiple District Treasurer
- **Leo Lion Shenal Tissera** – Multiple District Assistant Treasurer

Supporting them with vision and guidance:

- **PCC Lion Anver Dole** – Multiple District Leo Chairperson
- **PDG Lion Placidus M. Peter** – Vice Multiple District Leo Chairperson
- **Lion Rajitha Abeygunasekara MAF** – Leo Lion Council Liaison





A Team to Lead Us Forward

One of the most powerful moments came when the **twelve new district banners** were revealed. Each banner symbolized identity, growth, and a fresh start. The cheers that filled the hall were not just for fabric and color — they were for unity, for the promise that each district would carry its people forward with purpose.



The Day We Remember

As Kolonnawa Leos, being part of that day meant more than watching. It meant belonging. We clapped until our hands ached, knowing that these leaders, alongside every Leo present, will shape how service feels across our island for the next year. It was not about names on a list it was about **voices ready to listen, hands ready to work, and hearts ready to serve.**

Looking Ahead

Revolutza was not just a theme, it was a call to evolve, to innovate, and to honor the legacy of service that brought us here. As the new Multiple District officers take their oath, we carry with them our shared promise: that service will always come before self, and that leadership is nothing without compassion.

The banners are up. The officers are in place. The year ahead begins and we are ready to serve.

Narrated through the voice of :

Leo Punsith Vidmal



THE FINAL BOW OF C1:

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, A LEGACY TO CARRY

20th Annual District Conference of Leo District 306 C1
14th June 2025 | Raffles Banquet, Colombo

Some nights are made for celebration. Others, for reflection. This one was for both.

The **20th Annual District Conference of Leo District 306 C1** marked the closing of a chapter that shaped hundreds of young leaders over the last two decades. It was more than a year-end celebration — it was the **final project of Leo District 306 C1**, ahead of its transition into Leo Districts **306 D6** and **306 D9**.

And as the curtains came down on one of Sri Lanka's most dynamic Leo districts, the **Leo Club of Kolonnawa** stood proudly — with heads held high and hearts full of gratitude. For us, it was not just an evening of awards. It was a tribute to everything we stood for: fellowship, innovation, service, and unwavering teamwork.

20 Years of
EXCELLENCE
LEO DISTRICT
2005 - 2025



AWARD WINNINGS

A Year of Remarkable Impact

This year was more than service it was a statement. From bold ideas to heartfelt execution, we led with purpose and unity.

Each award echoes our commitment to impact, innovation, and community. In every challenge, we rose together proving that Kolonnawa doesn't just participate. We define what Leoism can be.

Most Outstanding Project for Peace, Religious & Cultural – Winner

- Seeds of Peace – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya

Most Outstanding Project for Research & Development – 2nd Runner-Up

- Bound Aboard – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya

Most Outstanding Project for Fellowship Joint Project

- Frightmare Fest – 1st Runner-Up (Secretary Club) – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya
- Leo Sri Pada Wandana – Winner (Secretary Club) – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya

Most Outstanding Project for Intra-District Joint Project

- Leo Sri Pada Wandana – 1st Runner-Up – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya
- Frightmare Fest – Winner – Leo Subhani Embuldeniya

Most Outstanding Leo Scholar – Winner

- Leo Subhani Embuldeniya

Most Outstanding New Leo of the Year – 1st Runner-Up

- Leo Punsith Vidmal

Best Leo Club Website – 1st Runner-Up

- kolonnawaleos.lk – Leo Dylen Wolff

Best Leo Club Directory – Winner

- Leo Sanidi Rovinya

Most Outstanding Digital Transformation Champion – Winner

- Leo Dylen Wolff

Most Outstanding Community Based Leo Club – 2nd Runner-Up

- Leo Club of Kolonnawa

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NOMINATED PROJECTS

Recognized with Distinction

- Reeflex – Responsible Consumption & Waste Management – **Leo Nipuni Peirisyalage**
- Harmony of Hearts – Nutrition & Food Safety – **Leo Subhani Embuldeniya**
- Club Directory – Fundraising – **Leo Sanidi Rovinya**
- Work Safety & Awareness Workshop – Crime & Road Accident Prevention – **Leo Menura Delthalawa**
- Paw Patrol: Shine for Safety – Interdistrict Joint Project – **Leo Sanidi Rovinya**
- **Leo Subhani Embuldeniya** – Most Outstanding Leo Club Secretary
- **Leo Dylen Wolff** – Most Outstanding Leo Club Vice President
- **Leo Nandeesh Geeganage** – Most Outstanding Leo Club President

District President's Appreciation Awards

Recognized with Distinction

- **Leo Nandeesh Geeganage** – Club President, Leo Club of Kolonnawa
- **Leo Punsith Vidmal** – Project Chairperson – Lassana Kolonnawa

A Legacy Worth Celebrating

From the very start, the Leo Club of Kolonnawa committed itself to leaving behind more than trophies, we committed to leaving behind **impact**. Whether through social initiatives, awareness campaigns, creative digital transformation, or community outreach, we showed what teamwork rooted in service could accomplish.

This year, we didn't just participate, **we led**. From digital leadership to cultural peacebuilding, our members took on bold projects and executed them with compassion and precision.



To every single Leo in the Leo Club of Kolonnawa — thank you. You brought heart, humour, resilience, and brilliance into every project, every meeting, and every late-night brainstorm. You were the spirit behind the trophies, the reason the applause felt earned, and the proof that Leoism is alive and well in the hands of our generation.

To **Leo Nandeeshha Geeganage**, our Club President — thank you for leading us through this final year of C1 with patience, power, and vision. You never asked for credit, but your leadership was written into every win we celebrated.

And to **Leo Nisal Dulmith**, our District President — and one of our very own — thank you for being the strength beneath this district's final stride. Your guidance wasn't just felt — it was carried forward by every club you touched, every Leo you believed in.

This wasn't just a closing chapter — it was a promise to keep serving, keep leading, and keep being the light in someone else's story. Together.

As we prepare to step into **Leo District 306 D6 and D9**, we do so not with sadness — but with strength. What we built in C1 will live on through us. Through our memories. Through our service.

To the past — thank you.
To the present — we honor you.
To the future — we're coming. Together.
With pride, with purpose — always Kolonnawa.



We couldn't finish without it —
as always, we wrapped up with dance!



Leoistic year 2024/25

Narrated through the voice of :

| Leo Sanidi Rovinya

District Mass Orientation 2025: The Day I Became a Leo

When I first walked into **CINEC Campus, Malabe** on **20th July 2025**, I didn't know what to expect. I was just a prospect then — curious, nervous, and not entirely sure if I belonged. But the moment I saw the sea of white shirts and badges, the laughter echoing across the hall, and the energy in the air, I realized: this was going to be different.



The icebreakers came first. I thought they'd be silly — and they were — but in the best way possible. Within minutes, strangers became teammates, and the awkward silence melted into bursts of laughter. By the time we scrambled through the team-building games, I had forgotten that I was "new." For the first time, I felt like part of something bigger.

Then came the sessions. They weren't lectures; they were conversations about **leadership, project planning, finances, and the values of Leoism**. What struck me most was the honesty.

The speakers didn't just talk about service; they shared stories of late nights, failures, victories, and the joy of seeing lives change. And somewhere between those stories, I found myself thinking: Yes. This is what I want to do.



For the **Kolonnawa Leos**, this orientation was especially meaningful — the very first under the banner of **District 306 D6**. Watching my seniors cheer, guide, and welcome us into this new chapter felt like being handed a torch. And I knew I had a responsibility to carry it forward.

One line from the day keeps replaying in my head: "Leoism isn't about waiting for the world to change. It's about being brave enough to change it yourself." That was the moment I stopped being a prospect. I walked in as someone curious. I walked out as a Leo.



Narrated through the voice of :
Leo Roshen Senanayake



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On the tranquil evening of **July 6th, 2025**, the Leo District 306 D6 family gathered beneath the twilight sky for something sacred a collective pause, a moment of reflection, and a prayer for the journey ahead.

The **Annual District Ashirwada Pooja** was held at the serene and sacred grounds of **Gangaramaya Temple**, one of the most spiritually significant places in Colombo. It was not just a religious event it was a declaration of values. A reminder that before we serve with hands, we begin with hearts.

| A Gathering of Purpose

Over **300 Leos** from across the newly formed District 306 D6 stood shoulder to shoulder in white attire and reverent silence, embodying the unity and discipline that lies at the core of the Leo spirit. From club presidents to first-time members, each presence added to the collective energy that filled the temple courtyard.

This was more than attendance. It was devotion.

| Rituals of Grace

The evening began with blessings and offerings, led by the resident monks of Gangaramaya Temple. With the soft sounds of chanting echoing across the water and the golden statues of the Buddha looking on, we offered not just flowers and flame — but **our commitment** to compassion, discipline, and community.

The message was simple, but powerful:

“May this year be one of service guided by wisdom, humility, and love.”





A Simple Gift: The Dansala of Coolness

In true Leo spirit, a refreshing “Sisil Pan Dansala” was organized for all participants and temple visitors. It was a small gesture, but one filled with intention a way of offering kindness back into the world, just as we had received it that evening.

Every cup served was a quiet prayer in itself for peace, health, and the strength to serve better.



A Sacred Start to a New Chapter

Buddhanivandana 2025 wasn't about grandeur.

It was about grounding.

As Leo District 306 D6 enters its first full year under this new identity, we do so with clarity. With stillness. With a deep knowing that service, when rooted in faith and togetherness, becomes something far greater than tasks or projects — it becomes a way of life.

To every Leo who attended, supported, and shared in this moment — thank you. You didn't just show up. You helped bless the path ahead for us all.

**May the light of the Dhamma guide every step we take this year.
May our service always begin in silence, and end in love.**

Narrated through the voice of :

Leo Lion Nandeesh Geeganage



MY EXPERIENCE AT MY FIRST LEO CLUB EVENT



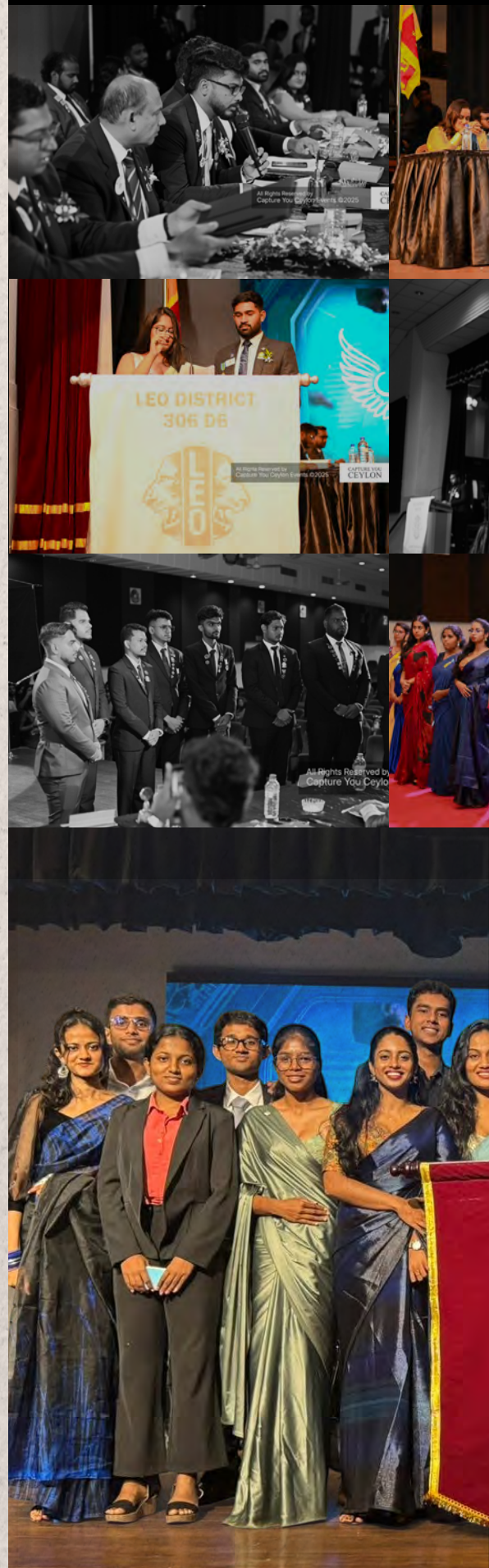
INAUGURAL DISTRICT INSTALLATION CEREMONY

LEO DISTRICT 306 D6

24th August 2025 | New Arts Theater,
University Colombo

Being invited to attend the District Installation Ceremony was an exciting opportunity for me. As a prospect of the Leo Club, this was my very first Leo event, and I was eager to see for myself what the organization was truly about.

From the moment I arrived, I could sense the pride and energy that filled the room. Leos from different clubs across the district gathered together, dressed smartly and carrying themselves with a sense of confidence and purpose. As a newcomer, I was both impressed and inspired by the unity and enthusiasm everyone shared.





The heart of the ceremony was the installation of the new leaders. Watching them take their oaths and accept their responsibilities showed me how seriously Leos value leadership and service. Even though I was just a guest, I felt connected to the moment—it was clear that these roles were more than just titles; they were commitments to making a difference.

What stood out most to me was the welcoming spirit of the members. Despite not being a Leo yet, I was greeted warmly and felt included in conversations. Talking with different members gave me a glimpse into the projects, friendships, and experiences that make being a Leo so meaningful.

Attending this ceremony as a prospect gave me a deeper appreciation of what the Leo movement stands for: leadership, fellowship, and service. It was not just a formal event, but a celebration of dedication and teamwork. Leaving the ceremony, I felt inspired and motivated to take the next step toward becoming part of this community. Since I'm currently abroad, I might not have the chance to join right away—but if the timing is right in the future, I'd love to officially be part of this amazing Leo family.

Narrated through the voice of :

Prospect Tilan Wickramasinghe

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Refreshing Kolonnawa: A Wholesome Start to a New Leoistic Year

As the sun dipped low on Poson Poya day, the streets of Kolonnawa stirred with a different kind of energy not just of worshippers returning from the temple, but of Leos standing ready with something simple, sincere, and powerfully symbolic: a glass of sisil (chilled) fruit drink, served with a smile.

The **Sisil Pan Dansala**, held on **June 10, 2025**, wasn't just a project. It was a statement. The **first service of the new Leoistic year by the Leo Club of Kolonnawa**, this refreshing dansala was our way of saying: we're here, and we're here to serve.



| Why It Mattered

Poson is more than a date on the calendar. It's a time for reflection, for giving, for connecting with the spiritual and social fabric of our community. What better time, then, to step into the new year with a project that served both the body and the heart?

Our aim was clear — to bring the Kolonnawa community closer to us, and us closer to them. With many still unaware of who we are and what we do, this dansala offered the perfect opportunity to introduce ourselves — not through speeches or posts, but through action.

And so we poured glasses, held conversations, and in the process, built bonds.



| How It Came Together

Every detail of the **Sisil Pan Dansala** reflected the spirit of togetherness. From **Leo Menura Saknath**, our project chair, to the newest prospect member, everyone played a part. The planning was entirely internal. No external funding, no big sponsors — just the combined generosity, effort, and heart of our club.

From buying ingredients to setting up the stall at **Gothatuwa Sri Gnanawimalaramaya Temple**, every move was infused with intention. Paper cups were donated. Ice-cold fruit cordial was prepared lovingly. And as the clock struck 4:00 PM, we began serving.

Over **200 people** walked away refreshed — not just with a drink in hand, but with warmth in their hearts, having met a Leo for the very first time.



More Than Just a Drink

One lady asked, "Are you doing this again next year?"

A little boy, gripping his cup tightly, whispered to his mother, "Can I join them one day?"

That's the real impact. It wasn't just about quenching thirst. It was about planting seeds — for curiosity, for connection, and for the future.

A Leo Way to Begin

As Leos, we often look for grand projects, large-scale change, and lasting results. But sometimes, it begins with a paper cup, filled with cool fruit cordial, passed from one hand to another with nothing but kindness in between.

The Sisil Pan Dansala wasn't a project — it was a promise.

A promise that this year, we begin with service. That every member, whether seasoned or new, will start by giving. That Kolonnawa won't just be our name — it will be our home, our heartbeat, and our reason.

Here's to a new Leoistic year, and to every small gesture that leads to something greater.

Narrated through the voice of :
Leo Prabhashi Liyanage



WORLDS WITHIN

A Journey into Nature's Heart

| A Different Kind of Classroom

On the quiet, green edges of the Gothatuwa Wetland, something extraordinary happened. It wasn't loud, or grand, or packed with banners. But it mattered. Deeply.

On July 13th, 2025, the Leo Club of Kolonnawa stepped into the wild with Worlds Within Phase 01, an environmental education project designed not just to teach children about wetlands but to help them feel them. To see the water ripple. To notice the birds that hide in plain sight. To understand why this shrinking space of nature deserves our protection.



| Learning Through Experience

For many of the 27 young participants, this wasn't just a field trip. It was the first time they'd stood still long enough to hear the heartbeat of a wetland. Guided by passionate educators and equipped with a real water testing kit, the children tested the health of the very water that runs through their neighborhood — learning, with every data point, that conservation isn't just a global issue. It's a local responsibility.

They learned about native species. About how floods are softened by wetlands. About how invasive plants can suffocate entire ecosystems. And they didn't just hear these lessons — they touched them. They saw them. They remembered them.



| The Team Behind the Magic

Behind this beautiful effort stood Leo Isuru Ranaweera, who led the project with quiet conviction. Alongside him, Leo Dylen Wolff handled coordination with precision and care, while Leo Sanidi Rovinya made sure everything ran smoothly behind the scenes.

Their efforts, along with the support of our fellow Leos, turned a simple idea into something truly memorable — a project that brought education to life and planted seeds of curiosity in young minds.

| LEO ISURU RANAWEERA
Chairperson
Lassana Kolonnawa youth network

| MR. MANUSHA FERNANDO
The vice president
Research Committee for
The Young Zoologists' Association (YZA)

| More Than a Project

We didn't need a crowd. We didn't need awards. What we needed — and what we created — was connection. Between the children and the earth. Between knowledge and curiosity. Between future stewards of the land and the wild it protects.

Projects like Worlds Within remind us why we serve. Because while large numbers and big stages have their place, sometimes it's 27 kids sitting by a wetland, whispering questions to the trees, that spark the loudest change.

| Looking Ahead

And this? This is only Day one of Phase One.
The world within the wetland is still speaking.
And we're still listening.

Narrated through the voice of :

| Leo Isuru Ranaweera



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Leo Club of Kolonnawa and Lions Club of Kolonnawa Held on 27th July 2025 | Kotikawatta Sri Nagarukkaramaya Temple

There's a quiet kind of power in giving someone back their sight — and that's exactly what we set out to do with **Project Namaskara**.

In the gentle morning light of the Kotikawatta Sri Nagarukkaramaya Temple, Leos and Lions stood side by side — not just as two clubs, but as one family of service. At the heart of this collaboration was a singular goal: to support the elderly of our community by providing something many take for granted — a clear view of the world around them.



| Why This Project Mattered

For many senior residents of Kotikawatta, poor eyesight had become more than just an inconvenience it was a barrier to independence, to connection, and to safety. With limited access to affordable spectacles, daily life was blurred and difficult. But through **Project Namaskara**, that changed one pair of lenses at a time.

The Lions Club of Kolonnawa generously donated **150 spectacles**, and our team at the Leo Club of Kolonnawa stepped up to help make sure every one of them reached someone who truly needed it. It wasn't just distribution it was engagement. Care. Patience. Listening to stories. Smiles exchanged.

Eyes lighting up literally and emotionally as recipients tried on their new glasses.



| A Deeper Purpose

This project wasn't just about vision. It was about beginning the Leoistic year with meaning. By aligning our service with a religious blessing ceremony hosted by Lions Region 2B, we brought together spiritual grace, community love, and purposeful action — all in one place. The presence of **District Governor Lion Mahesh Boralugoda** elevated the occasion, reminding us that service, when done from the heart, always gets noticed.

| What We Did

Our Leos, led by **Project Chairman Leo Dylen Wolff**, **Project Secretary Leo Sanidi Rovinya**, and **Project Treasurer Leo Punsith Vidmal**, worked shoulder-to-shoulder with Lions in managing logistics, guiding beneficiaries, and ensuring every recipient walked away with the right prescription and a warm experience.

From ushering elders, organizing queues, and keeping the energy upbeat to simply offering a helping hand or a respectful bow our members made sure Namaskara lived up to its name: a gesture of honor and respect.



| The Impact in Numbers

- 145 elders received free spectacles
- Each one walked away with clearer vision and a little more confidence
- 100% of donated spectacles were put to use where they mattered most



This wasn't just an act of charity. It was a reminder — of what happens when generations unite for good. Of the strength in collaboration. Of how one thoughtful morning can change the course of someone's week, month, or year.

For us Leos, it was also a chance to deepen our bond with the Lions Club of Kolonnawa — not just as sponsors, but as partners, mentors, and fellow dreamers of a better world.

To every Leo, Lion, and elder who shared this beautiful morning with us thank you. May we carry the spirit of Namaskara into every project that follows.

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