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**Healthcare
Leadership**



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Healthcare Leadership
with **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

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***Inaugural CMASL Mentorship Programme
3rd July 2026 in Colombo***



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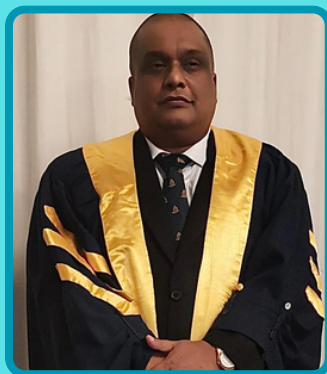
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Message from the President



It is with great pleasure that I send this message to the second issue of CMASL News 2026.

As we progress through the year, I am pleased to reflect on the continued academic, professional, and member-focused activities of the College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka. At the beginning of the year, I introduced the theme “Reshaping Healthcare Leadership through Artificial Intelligence”, with the aim of preparing medical administrators to respond effectively to emerging technologies in healthcare.

During the past months, this vision has been translated into action through several academic and capacity-building initiatives. A key highlight was the workshop “From Theory to Practice: Leading AI Implementation in Healthcare Systems,” held on 8th June 2026 at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka. The College has also continued to strengthen regional engagement and professional development, creating opportunities for members to share experiences and build stronger professional networks. The forthcoming Regional Academic Sessions in the Southern Province will further support this objective.

Another important milestone ahead is the Annual Academic Sessions 2026, with the Pre-Congress Session on 18th September, Main Sessions on 19th and 20th September, and Post-Congress Session on 25th September 2026. These sessions will provide an important platform for knowledge sharing and professional development.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Patron, Past Presidents, Office Bearers, Council Members, Committees, Provincial Coordinators, and all members for their continued support. Also, I am thankful to the Editor-in-Chief, the Editorial Board and the Editorial Assistants for publishing the ‘CMASL News’, the official newsletter of the College.

I encourage all members to continue participating actively in the activities of the College and to contribute towards strengthening Medical Administration in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Rukshan Bellana
President, CMASL

Academic Committee

Dr. Arosha Wijewickrama,
Convener, Academic Committee

The Academic Committee of the CMASL has continued its momentum in the second quarter of this year, aligning our efforts with the approved Annual Activity Plan to foster continuous professional development and modernization within our fraternity.

A major highlight of this quarter was the successful delivery of the workshop on 'From Theory to Practice: Leading AI Implementation in Healthcare Systems.' Held on the 8th of June 2026 at the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, the session featured experts from diverse disciplines. Notably, participation extended well beyond our own membership, with clinical consultants demonstrating significant interest and engagement in the proceedings.



Management Committee

Dr. Esanda Wellala,
Convener, Management Committee

The Management Committee continued its professional development and advocacy activities during the second quarter of 2026. A key highlight was the launch of the "CMASL Mentorship Programme", strengthening opportunities for professional learning, leadership development, and engagement among members.

The Committee also continued its advocacy regarding Consultant Posts for Medical Administrators. Preparations are also underway for an Innovator Award Programme, which will recognize innovative initiatives across different categories of healthcare institutions.



Social Committee

Dr. Piyumi Edirisinghe,
Member, Social Committee

The CMASL Council Outing is scheduled to be held on 5th and 6th September 2026 at Araliya Resort, Galle, following the Regional Sessions in the Southern Province.

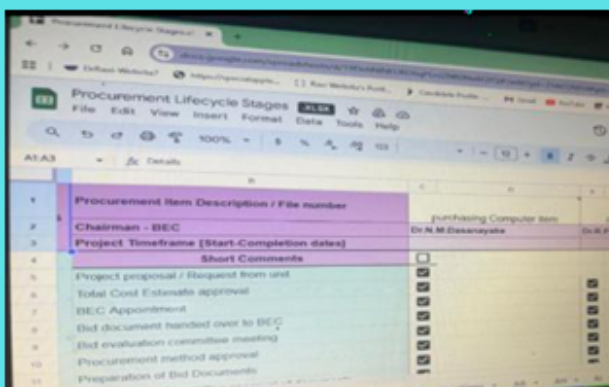
The programme will be conducted with the participation of the President of the College and Council members, while the Provincial Coordinator will facilitate the arrangements. The outing will provide an opportunity for fellowship, interaction, and strengthening professional relationships among members in a relaxed setting.

National Hospital Kandy Launches Integrated Digital Administrative Dashboard A Major Step Towards Smarter Hospital Administration

By Dr. R.P. Welivita | Deputy Director, National Hospital Kandy

National Hospital Kandy has introduced an Integrated Digital Administrative Dashboard, an innovative in-house platform that enables real-time monitoring of key hospital functions. The dashboard combines construction project monitoring, vehicle and equipment management, procurement tracking, and human resource management within one centralized, user-friendly system.

Developed without additional financial cost, it supports faster decision-making, greater transparency, improved coordination, and early identification of operational delays. This locally developed initiative demonstrates the potential of digital technology to strengthen hospital administration and could be adapted for use in other government hospitals across Sri Lanka.



Wayfinding Reform at Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala

By Dr. Dr Sasanka Silva | Deputy Director, TH, Kurunegala

Teaching Hospital, Kurunegala introduced a structured ward and unit numbering system to address difficulties faced by patients, visitors, and staff in navigating the hospital. Developed by the Deputy Director's Office and Quality Management Unit, the reform aligned ward numbers with telephone extension codes and introduced new identification boards with private-sector CSR support.

Launched on 31 December 2025 under the theme of "A New Hospital, A New Hope," the initiative has improved wayfinding, staff satisfaction, and the overall patient experience.



Cover Story.....

Inaugural CMASL Mentorship Programme

The College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka (CMASL) launched its Inaugural Mentorship Programme on 3rd July 2026 at the Patient Safety and Accreditation Bureau, Castle Street Hospital for Women premises. Organized by the Management Committee, the program was designed to promote professional guidance, knowledge sharing, leadership development, and meaningful interaction with senior professionals.

The inaugural session featured Dr. Wimal Karandagoda, a pioneer in shaping the quality culture of the Sri Lankan health sector, as the resource person, while Dr. S. Sridharan, Deputy Director General (Planning), Ministry of Health and Mass Media, moderated the discussion.

This initiative marks an important step in strengthening professional continuity within CMASL by connecting experienced leaders with members of the Medical Administrative Service and creating a platform for mentorship, shared learning, and leadership development.



Date/s	Event
Aug 5, 2026	Academic Session on Climate Health
Sep 5, 2026	Regional Academic Sessions - Southern Province, Galle
Sep 5 & 6, 2026	CMASL Council Outing - Araliya Resort, Unawatuna
Sep 18, 2026	Annual Academic Sessions 2026 - Inauguration
Sep 19 & 20, 2026	Annual Academic Sessions 2026 - Main Sessions
Sep 25, 2026	Annual Academic Sessions 2026 - Post-Congress Session

CMASL Calendar

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE DIVISION
MINISTRY OF HEALTH & MASS MEDIA

IN COLLABORATION WITH
THE COLLEGE OF MEDICAL ADMINISTRATORS OF SRI LANKA

An Introduction to Climate Health

Modern Approaches for Surveillance, Prediction & Action
A Medical Administrator's Role

DATE
12 August 2026
Wednesday

TIME
9.00 AM – 2.00 PM
Registration from 8.30 AM

VENUE
Auditorium, New OPD
1st Floor - NHSL

WHO SHOULD ATTEND
RDHS, Hospital Directors
Medical Administration Trainees

PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

- 8.30 Ice Breaker & Registration
- 9.00 Welcome – President, CMASL
- 9.10 Objectives & Remarks – Dr. S. Samarasekera
- 9.30 Session 1 - Climate Change and Health
- 10.30 Tea Break
- 10.45 Session 2 - Quantifying the Climate Impact
- 11.45 Session 3 - Preparedness & Climate Action
- 12.45 Session 4 - Panel Discussion
- 1.45 Vote of Thanks - Lunch - Close

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

- Climate change as a health emergency
- Climate-sensitive diseases & health impacts
- Climate-informed disease surveillance & early warning systems
- GIS, remote sensing & digital surveillance tools
- AI & predictive analytics in public health
- Climate-resilient health systems & cost effectiveness of adaptation
- Disaster risk reduction & emergency response

FACULTY & PANEL
Dr. Prasad Liyanage
Senior Research Scientist,
Heidelberg University, Germany

PANEL – EVIDENCE TO ACTION
Moderator: Dr. Sanjithi Samarasekera
DDD - Health Services & National Coordinator - QIPD

Panelists
Dr. Prasad Liyanage Dr. Anil Harsha Silva
Dr. Chandana Gajapathy Dr. Asanthi Rupasinghe
Dr. Sarathendra Kumaradasa

This Program Carries
04 CPD Points per Participant

REGISTRATION & ENQUIRIES
Dr. Manuri Perera (077) 247 4369

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The College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka

CMASL invites members and well wishers to the
PERIPHERAL ACADEMIC SEMINAR

on **05 SEPTEMBER 2026 SATURDAY**
at **GALLE**

for the session organized by
the Southern Group
at the auditorium of
GSFMH GALLE

Dr. Priyantha Athapattu
Southern Province Representative,
Council 2026

EVENTS

- 10.00 am **Empathy Ethics and Medical Management**
by Dr. Rumi Ruban
Consultant Psychiatrist
- 10.45 am **Clinicians' Expectations from Medical Managers**
by Dr. Krishantha Jayasekara
Senior Physician
- 11.30 am **Life Skills and Medical Management**
by Dr. Sarath Samarage

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Getting Ready.....



The Annual Academic Sessions 2026 of the College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka will be held under the theme 'Reshaping Healthcare Leadership with Artificial Intelligence.'

The program will begin with the Pre-Congress Session on 18 September 2026 at the Auditorium, New OPD, National Hospital of Sri Lanka, focusing on AI in hospital development, patient forecasting, and future hospital design.

The Main Scientific Sessions will be held on 19 and 20 September 2026 at Hilton Blue Hotel, featuring plenary sessions, free-paper presentations, and panel discussions on AI ethics and governance, economics of AI in healthcare, diagnostics, workplace mental well-being, and implementation of AI in health systems.

The program will conclude with a Post-Congress Workshop on 25 September 2026 at the Academic Centre, PGIM, with a practical focus on building skills in the use of AI tools. The sessions will provide a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and professional development in healthcare leadership and management.

33rd Annual Scientific Sessions 2026



The College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka

Friday, 18th September 2026	Saturday, 19th September 2026	Sunday, 20th September 2026
Venue: Auditorium, New OPD, NHSL Use of AI in Hospital Development and Healthcare Projects: From Patient Forecasting to Future Hospital Design 09:30 New Trends in Hospital Development – Global and National Lessons Dr. Sampath Indika Kumara Consultant in Medical Administration Director (DDG), National Hospital Sri Lanka (NHSL) 09:50 AI-Based Patient Forecasting and Hospital Design Planning Dr. Kithsir Edirisinghe Consultant in Medical Administration, CEO, IHS / Chairman, GHC 10:45 The Futuristic Hospital Score: AI instrument for assessing the forward-readiness and accreditation exposure of hospitals. Dr. Rukshan Widyasankara Chairman, RWPL	Venue: Hilton Blue Hotel RESHAPING HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP WITH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE 09:15 Plenary 01: Ethics and Governance WHO Guidance on Ethics and governance of artificial intelligence for health Dr. Momoe Takeuchi, Team Lead, Health Systems World Health Organization, Sri Lanka Office 10:30 Free Papers Session 01 Oral Presentations of Accepted Research 1:15pm Plenary 02: Economics of AI in Health Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: ROI, Cost-Benefit, and Financial Sustainability Prof. Vajira Dissanayake Professor of Anatomy, Genetics and Biomedical Informatics University of Colombo 2:30pm Free Paper Sessions 02 Continuation of oral research presentations 3:30pm Plenary 03: Clinical Highlight AI-empowered Precision Medicine & The Evolution of Diagnostics Dr. Suranga Dolamulla, Consultant in Medical Administration Director, Laboratory Services, Ministry of Health and Mass Media	Venue: Hilton Blue Hotel 09:15 Plenary 04: AI and Mental Health Mental Wellbeing at the Workplace in an Artificial Intelligence-empowered Digital World Dr. Kapila Ransinghe, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, NIMH 10:30 Panel Discussion AI Implementation in Health Systems Management Dr. Ayanthi Karunaratne, Consultant in Medical Administration Director, Medical Services, Ministry of Health and Mass Media Dr. Pradeep Rathnasekare, Consultant in Medical Administration Deputy Director, OPD and Cardiology, NHSL Dr. Chamika H Sennanayake Consultant Health Informatician Dr. Senitha Lyanage Consultant Emergency Physician 12:30pm Free Paper Awards and Academic Wrap Up
Friday, 25th September 2026 Venue: Academic Centre, PGIM Post Congress Workshop Practical Skill Building in the Use of AI Tools		

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