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Healthcare Leadership
with **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**



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14th February 2026
at Cinnamon Life, City of Dreams, Colombo

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Message from the President



It is with immense pleasure that I send this message to the first issue of the year 2026 Newsletter of the College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka: 'CMASL News'.

As the 33rd President of this prestigious college, my duty is to continue working towards developing fully competent and skilled medical administrators who will be able to serve the nation more efficiently using advancing technologies in the world. I firmly believe that all Sri Lankan medical administrators should be equipped with current knowledge on technological advances and their applications in healthcare. To fulfill this mission, I have chosen 'Reshaping Healthcare Leadership through Artificial Intelligence' as the theme of this year. As a way of achieving my mission, I have already commenced capacity building activities which will not only improve the knowledge, but also the skills of medical administrators. We must also enhance our professional standards as healthcare leaders.

In today's context, there are many challenges faced by medical administrators in Sri Lanka. We belong to a profession where our right to private practice has been forfeited with the intention to carry out our administrative functions impartially. However, the non-practicing allowance paid to compensate for this is grossly inadequate at present. In addition, we also experience the same social pressures faced by other medical professionals in the country. Our dedication and sacrifice as healthcare leaders need more recognition in the system for us to lead a life with acceptable social standards. Furthermore, it has been evident for years that the promotion pathway of medical administrators has not been streamlined which has adversely impacted the entire health system in the country. Also, there is a dire need to establish new consultant positions for the cadre of medical administrators in the Ministry of Health. These posts must be introduced without delay in order to put our knowledge and skills into the development of an efficient and effective health system.

As the 33rd President of this professional body, I invite all members to further strengthen the College in order to face the aforementioned key challenges successfully. If we lead exemplary lives as medical administrators, well qualified in the field of medical administration, our leadership and competency will be accepted by all in and outside the health sector.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Editor-in-Chief and the members of the Editorial Committee for publishing the first issue of 'CMASL News 2026', and I wish the Patron, Past Presidents, Fellows, office bearers, council members and all the members of the College all the best in their future endeavours.

In addition, I end my message requesting all members of the CMASL to unite as one to achieve our professional goals and standards.

Dr. Rukshan Bellana
President, CMASL

32nd Annual General Meeting

The 32nd Annual General Meeting of the College was held on 25th January 2026 at Courtyard by Marriott, Colombo.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sudath Dharmarathne, President of the College. The Hon. Secretary, Dr. Anton Fernando then read the Notice of the AGM. Following the National Anthem, one minute silence was observed in memory of members who passed away during the last year. The president welcomed and addressed the gathering. The minutes of the 31st AGM and the SGM held on 17th November 2025 were presented to the members and adopted. This year, a printed booklet comprised of the Annual Report 2025 was presented to all members at the AGM.

Dr. Priyantha Karunaratne, Treasurer presented the audited financial report for the year 2025 and it was adopted by the members.

There were no resolutions for the Constitution.

Announcement of the new Office Bearers and Council Members for 2026 and filling of vacancies was done by the Chairperson of the Election Committee, Dr. Sunil De Alwis.

Finally, the incumbent President, Dr. Rukshan Bellana addressed the AGM and with the dinner reception, the 31st AGM was concluded.



Academic Committee

*Dr. Arosha Wijewickrama,
Convener, Academic Committee*

Strategic Insights: Member Surveys

To ensure our educational interventions are data-driven and relevant, the committee conducted two pivotal online surveys among the membership:

- MSc Prospectus Update
- AI Training Needs Assessment

Knowledge Sharing Webinars

- **Update on Global Health Diplomacy:**
Dr. Anil Samaranayake (Director – International Health) provided an insightful session on navigating the complexities of international health relations.
- **GeoAI for Health System Resilience:**
Dr. Novil Wijesekera led a forward-thinking discussion on the application of Geospatial AI. The session explored how spatial data and machine learning can be leveraged to build more resilient health systems against emerging threats.



Management Committee

*Dr. Esanda Wellala,
Convener, Management Committee*

Consultants' Service Minute

A comprehensive proposal was developed and formally submitted for inclusion in the upcoming Consultants' Service Minute. The proposal ensures that the role, career structure, and professional recognition of Medical Administrators are appropriately and explicitly represented at the national level.

Launch of the CMASL Mentorship Programme

A structured mentorship programme designed to foster knowledge transfer, leadership development, and professional continuity was officially initiated by the Committee.

Administrative Grade Recruitment

Considerable progress was achieved in the long-awaited process of advertising Deputy Director General (DDG) and Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) posts. In parallel, processes related to the Deputy Administrative Grade (DAG) are currently underway.

Development of Sub-specialties in Medical Administration

A dedicated sub-committee was formally established to develop a structured framework to recognize sub-specialties within Medical Administration. This initiative paves the way for future service expansion across domains including health economics, healthcare quality and patient safety, human resources management, and health systems management.

Social Committee

*Dr. Piyumi Nethkala Edirisinghe
Member, Social Committee*

Sinhala & Tamil New Year Celebration

A Sinhala and Tamil New Year Festival was held for the College members on April 19, 2026, at the 'Malima Club House', Uswetakeiyawa.

The celebration began with the traditional 'Kiri Ithreema', followed by a festive Avurudu table featuring traditional sweets. Members and their families enjoyed a variety of Avurudu games and events, including the selection of 'Avurudu Kumariya' and 'Avurudu Kumaraya', creating a joyful atmosphere of friendship, laughter, and shared cultural appreciation.



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Ceremonial Induction of the 33rd President

Cover Story.....



The ceremonial induction of Dr. Rukshan Bellana as the 33rd President of the College of Medical Administrators of Sri Lanka was held on 14th February 2026 in Cinnamon Life, City of Dreams, Colombo.



This occasion was graced by Her Excellency (Ms.) Patricia Lázara Pego Guerra, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba to Sri Lanka as the Chief Guest and Prof. Indika Karunathilake, Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo and Dr. Rohantha Athukorala, Vice Chairman of the World Rural Tourism Council. as Guests of Honour. This glamorous and dignified event was attended by many distinguished invitees representing the Ministry of Health, academia, other professionals, and the political arena.



The newly inducted President in his presidential address highlighted his theme for the year '**Reshaping Healthcare Leadership through Artificial Intelligence**' Further, the President elaborated on his plans along with his Council for the year 2026 to develop the field of Medical Administration and the membership.

