

PRIDE'S THE ROAR

COLOMBO PLAZA NEWSLETTER



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Lions Club of Colombo Plaza Lions Clubs International - District 306D5



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COLOMBO PLAZA LIONS PARTICIPATED IN THE CLUB SCHOOL 2025/2026



The Club School for the Lions District 30605 for the year 2025/2026 was held on the 25th of May 2025 at the PGIM Academic Center, 71 Rodney Street, Colombo CB. This event provided essential training and guidance for key leadership roles within the Lions Clubs across the district

24th Installation Ceremony of Colombo Plaza for the year 2025/2026

The 24th Installation Ceremony was a memorable event held on the 04th of July 2025 at Sugathadasa Sports Hotel Colombo, where members of the Lions Club of Colombo Plaza welcomed their new leadership team. Graced by the presence of Chief Guest, Lion S. Nimal Balaraj SCA PMJF PMAF JP, the event marked a significant milestone in the club's journey. The highlight of the evening was the formal installation of Lion Rajaratnam Baashkeron MJF PMAF as President for the year 2025/2026, along with his dedicated team of office bearers.

With inspiring words from the Chief Guest and the newly appointed President, the evening reflected the club's unwavering commitment to service and leadership. The event concluded with a renewed sense of purpose for the year ahead.



CLUB OFFICERS

2025/2026



President
Lion Rajaratnam Baashkeron M.J.F. PMAF



Secretary & 2nd Vice President
Lion Keney Fernando P.M.J.F. PMAF J.P.



Treasurer
Lion Diluxon Fernando



1st Vice President & GLT Coordinator
Lion Satheeshkumar Fernando PMAF



Membership Chairperson
Lion Pushpa Gomez M.J.F. PMAF



LCIF Coordinator
Lion Cletus George PMAF



Service Chairperson
Lion Kennady Fernando M.J.F. MAF



Marketing Chairperson
Lion Enyro Fernando MAF

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Lions,

It is with great pride and humility that I step into the role of President of the Lions Club of Colombo Plaza for the year 2025–2026. I am truly honored to serve this exceptional club, which stands as a beacon of service, compassion, and unity in our community.

As we begin this new chapter, let us remind ourselves of the core values that define us: service, integrity, leadership, and fellowship. Together, we have the power to create lasting impact—not just through the projects we undertake, but through the lives we touch.

This year, my vision is to “Serve with Heart, Roar with Purpose.” Let this be more than just a motto—let it be a call to action. Let us extend our hands and hearts to those in need, support each other as a family, and represent our club with dignity and commitment.

I am confident that with your continued support and active participation, we can reach new heights. I encourage each of you to contribute your unique talents, ideas, and energy. Whether it's leading a project, mentoring new members, or simply showing up with a smile—every effort matters.

Together, let us strengthen our legacy of service and make this year a meaningful and memorable one.

– Lion Rajaratnam Baashkeron MJF PMAF



ZONE CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

LION CLETUS GEORGE PMAF



First of all, I must thank the President and the members of the Lions club Of Colombo Plaza for presenting a well informative e-newsletter by maintaining quality of the club.

Plaza has Proved their Good Potential in serving the community aligned with Global Focus Area and the District Governor Key Areas.

I am Proud and Blessed being appointed as the Zone Chairperson this year in Region 02, Zone 02 by the District Governor 306 D5 for this Great Club.

I bring my Warm Felicitation and Best Wishes to all success in future lionstic career. Great Club.

- Lion Cletus George PMAF
Zone Chairperson
Region 02 Zone 02

REGION CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

LION FELIX CROOS MJF MAF



I strongly believe your newsletter will be effective, as a rule of thumb will place the reader at the centre of the experience and attract views and drive traffic to your service acts, also offer contents that's relevant to Lions Clubs International 306 D5 in terms of recruiting new members for leadership.

I am humbled and bestowed being a part of my family friendly Club Colombo Plaza and blessed to being appointed as the Region Chairperson this year by the District Governor and hunting services together with the team on behalf of the district 306D5. Congratulations for the new concept your team initiated at the beginning focusing on "Lions Cub" is an extraordinary act and a great start.

There's no doubt that this can be challenging, but the results will be well worth hence it will resonate with your troops of lions and communicate the message you want to deliver.

Best wishes and always there for the Great Team.

- Lion Felix Croos MJF MAF
Region Chairperson
Region 02

PLAZA LIONS IN DISTRICT

Cabinet Secretary

Lion Roysten Fernando PMJF PMAF



Zone Chairperson

Lion Cletus George PMAF

District Chairperson - Hunger

Lion Keney Fernando PMJF PMAF JP



District Chairperson - Clean Sri Lanka

Lion Letchuman Velu MAF

District Regional Chairperson- Peace Poster

Lion Titoshan Fernando MAF



District Regional Chairperson - Childhood Cancer

Lion Rajaratnam Baashkeron MJF PMAF

MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 306 - 2025

Congratulation!
Lion Roysten Fernando PMJF PMAF
for your achievements



International President's Certificate

Best Website Joint Winner

Best Newsletter Winner

We also proudly congratulate him on being appointed as the Cabinet Secretary – the first from the Lions Club of Colombo Plaza and the inaugural Cabinet Secretary of the newly formed District 306 D5. Your dedication and service continue to inspire us all!

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



A.P. SINGH

Lions Clubs International President

2025/2026

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.

As Lions, we serve the world, but we also lead the world in service. Every act of service is a gift to humanity, but it's also an act of leadership that inspires others to join us in making a difference.

When Lions serve with passion and purpose, when we place the needs of others before our own, we are servant leaders who strengthen our communities, our organization and the lives of the people we serve.

ABOUT INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

A.P. Singh, of Kolkata, India, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 107th international convention, held in Orlando, Florida from July 13 through July 17, 2025.

International President Singh is a practicing chartered accountant and has family business interests in automobile dealerships.

A Lion since 1984 and a member of the Calcutta Vikas Lions Club, International President Singh has held many positions within the association, including district governor and council chairperson. He has served as GMT international coordinator for four years and as a member on a number of ad hoc board committees. He was chairperson for the 2017 DGE seminar in Chicago, USA, and has served as faculty at more than 50 ALLIs/RLLIs, RLLIs, FDIs and LCIP certification programs. He has also served as multi-national coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, CA leader for Campaign 100, member of the LCIF Steering Committee and as chairperson of the National SightFirst Committee of India.

International President Singh has participated in and presented seminars at area forums in all constitutional areas. He was the co-chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the ISAAME Forum in Kolkata, India.

In recognition of his service to the association, International President Singh has received numerous awards, including multiple International President's Awards, as well as the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association grants its members. He is a major gift donor for Campaign SightFirst II and Campaign 100, and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, International President Singh is accredited with the initiation of various service programs in collaboration with other trusts, foundations and corporate houses. He has worked on establishing a web-based Lion leadership development platform, a micro-finance program, and has organized multiple large-scale online events to keep Lions engaged.

International President Singh has three children.



DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Lion Sashikumar Subramaniam SCA PMJF PMAF

District Governor 306 D5

2025/2026

Be Human, Serve with Passion



Colombo Plaza Lions participated in the Interfaith Religious Activities Organized by District 306 D5

On the 1st of July 2025, the Lions Club of Colombo Plaza actively participated in the district's Interfaith Religious Activities, a significant event held to seek divine blessings for the new Lionistic Year 2025/26. The spiritual journey commenced at Kelaniya Raja Maha Viharaya, followed by Sri Kaileswaram Kovil (Captains Garden), Archdiocese of Colombo (Borella), and concluded at Masjidul Qadir Jumma Masjid (Slave Island).

This meaningful initiative, organized under the leadership of District Governor Lion Sashikumar Subramaniam SCA, PMJF, PMAF, and graciously accompanied by Lion Abirami Sashikumar PMJF, PMAF, beautifully exemplified the Lions' commitment to promoting harmony, unity, and compassion across all communities. The presence and contributions of Colombo Plaza Lions added value to this multi-faith engagement, reinforcing our motto — We Serve.

Together, we make a difference!



WE ARE SERVING A WORLD IN NEED!

