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306 D6



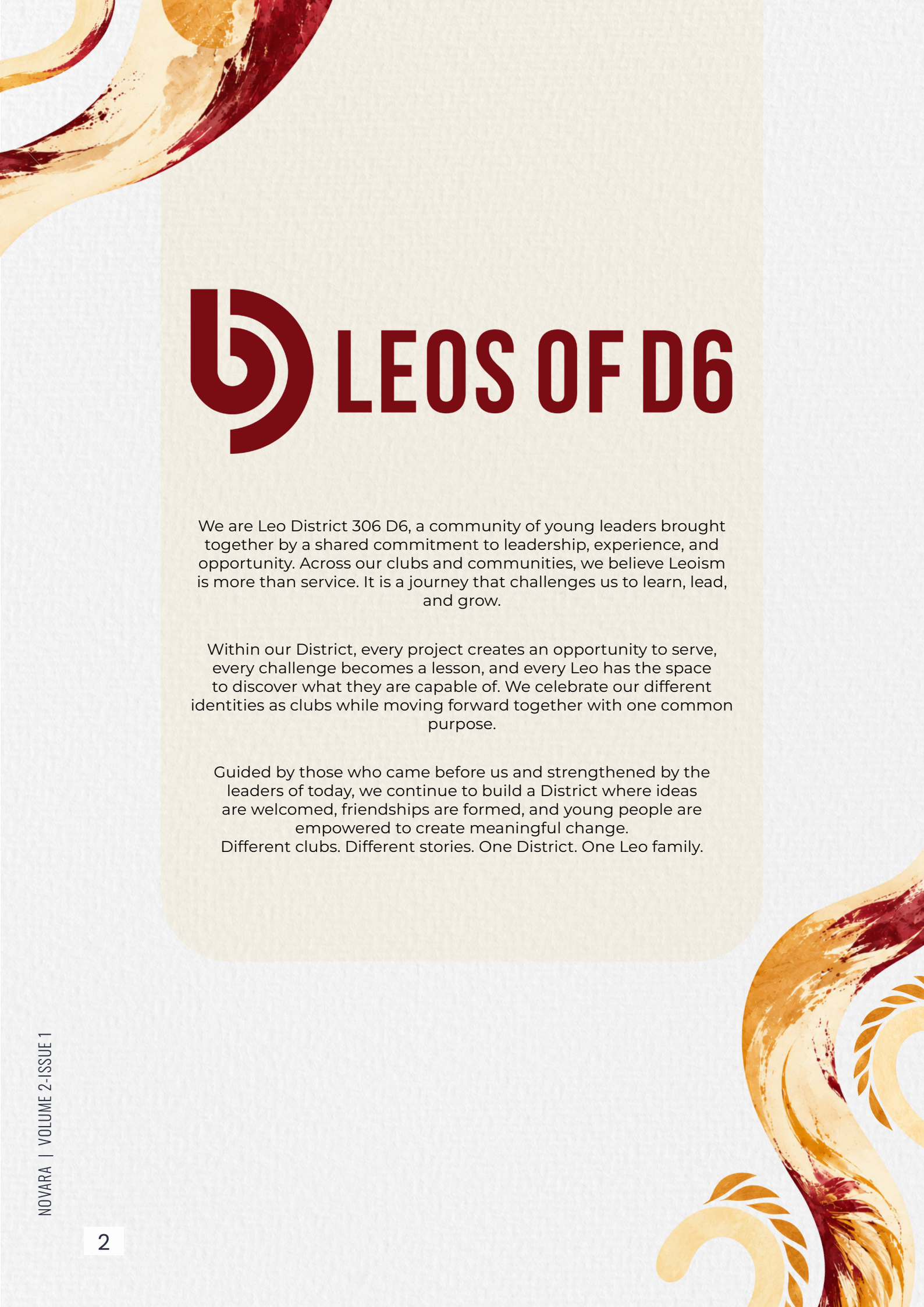
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LEOS OF D6

We are Leo District 306 D6, a community of young leaders brought together by a shared commitment to leadership, experience, and opportunity. Across our clubs and communities, we believe Leoism is more than service. It is a journey that challenges us to learn, lead, and grow.

Within our District, every project creates an opportunity to serve, every challenge becomes a lesson, and every Leo has the space to discover what they are capable of. We celebrate our different identities as clubs while moving forward together with one common purpose.

Guided by those who came before us and strengthened by the leaders of today, we continue to build a District where ideas are welcomed, friendships are formed, and young people are empowered to create meaningful change.
Different clubs. Different stories. One District. One Leo family.

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#1 INSIGHTS

DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear Leos of Leo District 306 D6,

It gives me immense pleasure to welcome you to the first edition of our District Newsletter for the Leoistic Year 2026/27.

More than a collection of updates, this newsletter is a reflection of the spirit, energy, and journey of our District. It captures the moments we create, the service we deliver, the people who make it possible, and the stories that make D6 truly special.

May these pages preserve our memories, celebrate our achievements, and inspire us for everything that lies ahead.

Here's to a remarkable year, and to every story yet to be written.

LEO LION RAVINDI HETTIARACHCHI PFLM

District President
Leo District 306 D6
Leoistic Year 2026/2027



DISTRICT SECRETARY'S NOTE

Dear Leos, Lions, and Well-wishers,

It is with great pride that I write to you as the District Secretary of Leo District 306 D6. Being part of this district has shown me the power of young people who choose to serve with heart, commitment, and unity.

Behind every successful project stands a team that communicates, plans, and works together. As Secretary, I am grateful to every Leo who has supported our district with dedication and teamwork.

To every Leo reading this: you have the power to inspire. A small act of kindness, a helping hand, or a simple idea can change a life and light the way for others. Never doubt what you can achieve when you believe in yourself and serve with a good heart.

Let us dream bigger, dare to lead, and turn our vision into action. Together, we can inspire our communities, uplift those in need, and leave a legacy that lasts long after our time as Leos.

Let us continue to lead with passion, serve with humility, and grow together as one family.

LEO LAKINDU PERERA

District Secretary

Leo District 306 D6 - Leoistic Year 2026/2027



DISTRICT TREASURER'S NOTE

It is an honour to serve Leo District 306 D6 as the District Treasurer for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

As Leos, our journey is built on service, leadership, responsibility and unity. As the District Treasurer, I am committed to ensuring transparency, accountability, and responsible management of our financial resources, supporting our clubs in turning their ideas into meaningful service.

Under the theme Beyond the Expected, let us use every resource wisely, embrace new opportunities and continue creating a lasting impact in our communities.

My heartfelt wishes to the District Council, Club Officers, and every Leo for a successful and impactful Leoistic Year.

LEO LION DILSHAN WIJESURENDRA

District Treasurer

Leo District 306 D6 - Leoistic Year 2026/2027



#1

THE CHAPTER BEFORE

A look back at the moments, milestones and memories that shaped the Leoistic year before ours.





A YEAR THAT BECAME OUR LEGACY

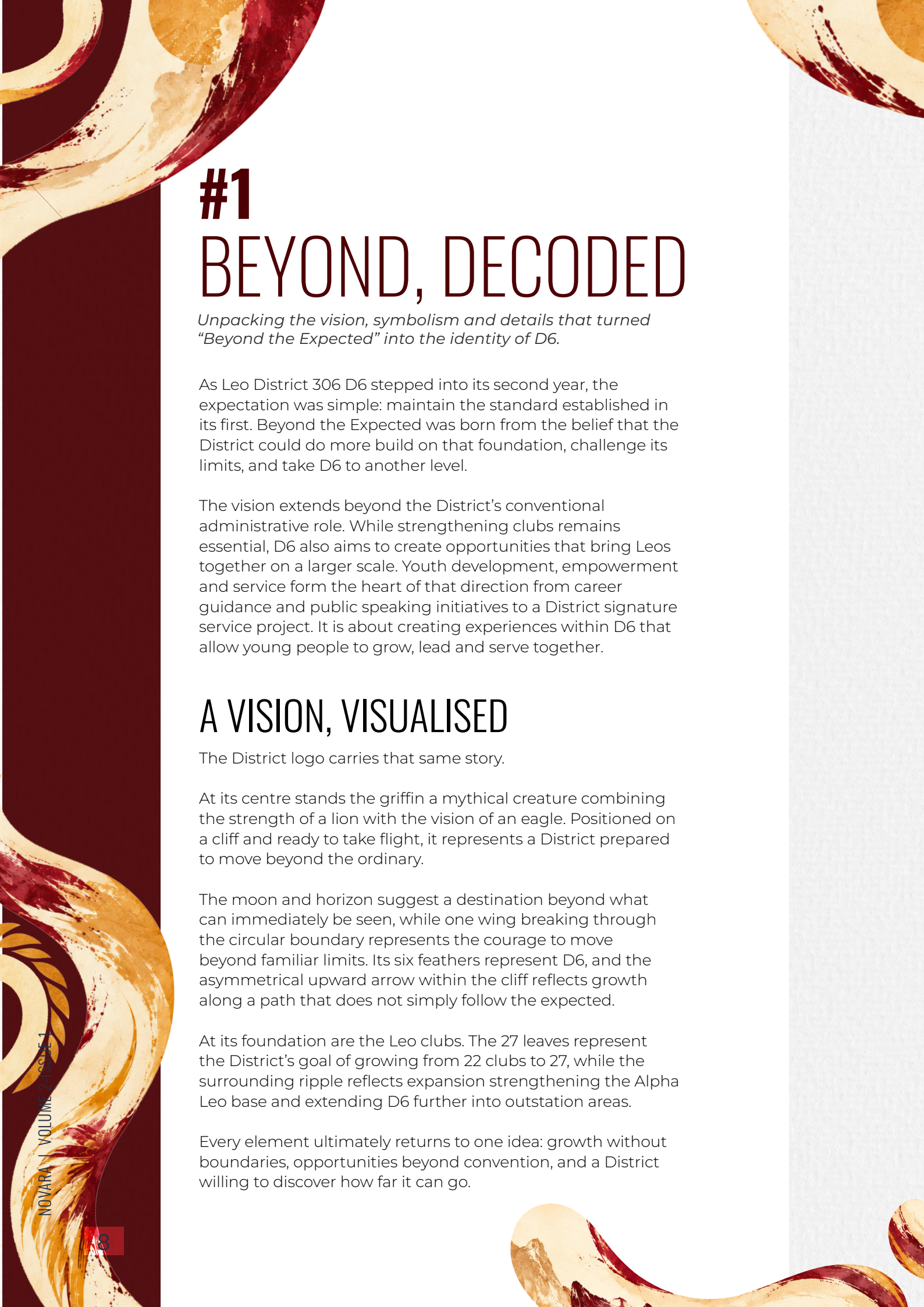
Leostic year 2025/2026

The 2025/26 Leoistic Year marked a defining chapter in our journey as the newly formed Leo District 306 D6. Under the leadership of our first District President, Leo Anjana Udesch FLM, we came together as one District, embracing a new era built on leadership, service, teamwork, and a shared determination to make an impact.

Throughout the year, our Leos transformed ideas into action and challenges into achievements. That collective commitment was reflected in our recognition as the Best Administrative District and Best Supportive District, while also achieving the Highest Service Reporting on MyLion.

Our District was further recognized as 1st Runner-Up for Most Outstanding District in Positive Branding and 2nd Runner-Up for Best IT-Enabled District, reflecting the effort placed not only on service, but also on strengthening our administration, digital presence, and identity as a newly established District.

More than the recognitions, however, the year was about the people who built it. Every project, challenge, collaboration, and moment of service contributed to the foundation we stand on today. Together, we Embraced the New Era, Led the Way, and turned the very first chapter of Leo District 306 D6 into a legacy we can continue building upon.



#1

BEYOND, DECODED

Unpacking the vision, symbolism and details that turned “Beyond the Expected” into the identity of D6.

As Leo District 306 D6 stepped into its second year, the expectation was simple: maintain the standard established in its first. Beyond the Expected was born from the belief that the District could do more build on that foundation, challenge its limits, and take D6 to another level.

The vision extends beyond the District’s conventional administrative role. While strengthening clubs remains essential, D6 also aims to create opportunities that bring Leos together on a larger scale. Youth development, empowerment and service form the heart of that direction from career guidance and public speaking initiatives to a District signature service project. It is about creating experiences within D6 that allow young people to grow, lead and serve together.

A VISION, VISUALISED

The District logo carries that same story.

At its centre stands the griffin a mythical creature combining the strength of a lion with the vision of an eagle. Positioned on a cliff and ready to take flight, it represents a District prepared to move beyond the ordinary.

The moon and horizon suggest a destination beyond what can immediately be seen, while one wing breaking through the circular boundary represents the courage to move beyond familiar limits. Its six feathers represent D6, and the asymmetrical upward arrow within the cliff reflects growth along a path that does not simply follow the expected.

At its foundation are the Leo clubs. The 27 leaves represent the District’s goal of growing from 22 clubs to 27, while the surrounding ripple reflects expansion strengthening the Alpha Leo base and extending D6 further into outstation areas.

Every element ultimately returns to one idea: growth without boundaries, opportunities beyond convention, and a District willing to discover how far it can go.



The Griffin does not simply
represent D6 as it is,
it represents D6 at the edge of
what comes next, ready to go
Beyond the Expected.

#1 FORGED

Before it became an identity, it was an idea sketched, questioned, refined, and shaped into a symbol of strength.

A conversation with **Leo Heshan Dissanayake** the creator behind the District emblem on imagination, symbolism, collaboration, and the journey of bringing the Griffin to life.



Where the story begins

Q: How did the idea for this year's district logo first come about?

I wanted to create a logo that represents the strength, unity, leadership, and progress of Leo District 306 D6. My goal was to create more than just a visual identity it needed to represent the spirit and journey of the district throughout the year.

Q: What was the first image that came to your mind?

A powerful creature standing strong and moving forward.

That initial idea later developed into the griffin standing proudly on a rock, symbolising strength, courage, stability, and leadership.

Q: Did you have a particular direction or creative freedom?

I had the creative freedom to develop the concept while keeping the district's identity, vision, and values in mind. This allowed me to explore different ideas and bring them together into one meaningful design.

Q: How involved was the District President?

The District President's vision played an important role in guiding the overall direction and identity of the logo. Their ideas and expectations helped shape the final concept.

Behind the Design

Q: How did you decide on the overall shape?

I wanted a strong and prestigious design, with the griffin as the main focus. Every other element was carefully placed to support the story and create a balanced, meaningful identity.

Q: Why did you choose red and gold?

Red represents energy, passion, courage, and power, while gold represents success, prestige, excellence, and achievement. Together, they create a bold and powerful visual identity.

Q: Which element took the longest to perfect?

Definitely the griffin.

Its shape, feathers, wings, and posture needed a lot of attention to make sure it looked powerful while fitting naturally into the overall design.

Why the Griffin?

Q: Why did you choose a griffin?

The griffin represents strength, courage, protection, wisdom, and prestige qualities that perfectly connect with leadership, service, and Leoism. Its powerful appearance also gave the logo a strong and distinctive identity.

Q: What does the creature represent to you personally?

To me, the griffin represents strong and wise leadership the ability to overcome challenges while protecting, guiding, and inspiring others along the way.

Q: How does it connect with Leoism?

It reflects the values of leadership, courage, service, protection, and unity. Like a strong leader, the griffin represents the courage to face challenges and the responsibility to move forward together.

Q: Are there hidden meanings?

Yes. The 6 feathers represent our District D6, and the six feathers are divided into 12 sections, representing the 12 Districts. The rice sheaves represent Leo Clubs, growth, and unity. The wavy line represents movement, progress, and the journey forward.

Q: Did the final logo change from the first idea?

Yes! The main concept remained, but the design evolved through several refinements. With each version, the details, symbolism, and overall composition became stronger.

Q: Were any ideas left out?

Yes. There were several ideas during the process, but some elements were removed to keep the logo meaningful, balanced, and not too crowded.

Q: What was the biggest challenge?

The biggest challenge was balancing all the symbolic elements while keeping the overall design powerful, clean, and visually connected.

The People Behind It

Q: How did the District President influence the design?

The District President's vision helped shape the personality and direction of the final identity.

Their ideas helped ensure that the logo represented the strength, ambition, and vision of the district.

Q: Did anyone else contribute ideas?

Yes, the concept was developed through the collaboration of the District President and myself. We shared ideas and perspectives throughout the process, which helped refine the concept and make the final logo more meaningful for the entire district.

Q: Was there a moment that changed the direction?

Yes. At one point, I realised that the logo needed to tell a story, not just look attractive.

That changed my approach and led to the deeper symbolism behind each element.

Looking at the Final Logo

Q: What did you feel when you saw the completed logo?

The first feeling was pride.

Seeing all the ideas, sketches, and details finally come together into one complete identity was a very special and rewarding moment.

Q: Which part are you most proud of?

The griffin and its symbolism.

I am especially proud of how the 12 feathers representing Multiple Districts were incorporated into the design while maintaining the overall appearance of the creature.

Q: How would you describe the logo to someone new?

It represents a district built on strength, courage, leadership, unity, and progress. The griffin stands strong on a rock, representing stability and the ability to rise above challenges, while every other element tells part of the district's story.

Q: What do you hope a Leo feels when they see it?

I hope every Leo feels pride, strength, belonging, and motivation. I want them to feel that they are part of a united district that is ready to grow and move forward together.

Q: If the logo could speak, what would it say?

“Stand strong, lead with courage, serve with purpose, and keep moving forward.”

Q: What does this logo mean to you now?

It is more than just a design. It represents a creative journey, collaboration, and a meaningful identity that will represent the entire district throughout the year.

Q: Describe the logo in three words.

Strength. Leadership. Progress.



QUICK & QUIRKY

Five questions beyond the design brief.

Sketchbook or blank canvas?

Definitely a sketchbook! I usually start by putting my first ideas and rough concepts on paper. From there, I experiment, develop, and refine them until the final design begins to take shape.

How many versions existed?

Around 50 versions were created before the final design came together. Each version helped refine the concept, improve the details, and bring the logo closer to its final identity.

Most “trust the process” moment?

It was when all the individual elements were ready, but the complete design still didn't feel right. I had to keep refining and trust that everything would eventually come together.

“What have I gotten myself into?”

Absolutely! Especially while balancing the griffin, feathers, rice sheaves, colours, and all the symbolism. But those challenges made the final result even more rewarding.

Would you redesign anything today?

As a designer, there is always something you can improve or see differently. But overall, I am proud of the final result and, most importantly, the meaningful story and identity behind it.

LEO HESHAN DISSANAYAKE

THE CREATOR OF THE DISTRICT LOGO



#1 BEYOND

Before the presidency came the person, the purpose, and the journey that shaped her.

A conversation with the District President on becoming, belonging, and daring to go Beyond the Expected.

1. Before the title, there was a journey. What first brought you into Leoism, and what made you stay?

I first stepped into Leoism through the Leo Club of KIU in 2019. At the time, I don't think I fully understood how much that decision would change my life.

I came into Leoism at a time when I was personally going through a lot, and somewhere along the way, service became more than just volunteering. It became a way for me to find purpose, meet people who became family, discover my strengths, and slowly understand the kind of person I wanted to become.

What made me stay was the people and the impact. Every project, every late-night meeting, every challenge, every person we were able to help reminded me that even something small can mean a lot to someone else. Eventually, Leoism stopped being something I did and became a part of who I am.

2. If you could meet the version of yourself who first joined Leos, what would you tell her today?

I would tell her,

“You have no idea where this journey is going to take you, so don't be afraid to begin.”

I would tell her not to be afraid of making mistakes, not to compare her journey with anyone else's, and most importantly, not to underestimate herself.

There will be moments when she will question whether she is capable enough, experienced enough, or ready enough. But she will learn that you don't become ready before taking responsibility. Sometimes, you become ready because you take the responsibility.



And I would tell her to enjoy it more. The years go by much faster than you think.

3. Becoming President doesn't happen overnight. What were some of the moments, challenges, sacrifices, or people that shaped you into the leader you are today?

My journey has been built through many small moments rather than one defining moment.

I started as an Assistant Secretary, then became Secretary, Club President and Immediate Past Club President. Later, I had the opportunity to serve at district level as District Secretary, Chief Region Chairperson, and District Vice President. Each role taught me something different.

Some taught me how to organize. Some taught me how to communicate. Some taught me how to lead people. But the most difficult experiences taught me how to lead when things don't go according to plan.

There were disappointments, difficult decisions, long nights, moments of self-doubt, and times when I had to put the responsibility before my own comfort. And there were people who believed in me even when I wasn't completely sure of myself.

I think those experiences shaped my leadership more than any title ever could.

4. Was there ever a moment when you thought, "Maybe I'm not ready for this"? What made you keep going?

Absolutely.

I think anyone who genuinely understands the weight of responsibility has moments like that. There have been times when I looked at everything that needed to be done and wondered whether I was actually ready to carry it.

What kept me going was reminding myself that I wasn't chosen because I knew everything. I was given the opportunity because I was willing to learn, to listen, to work, and to keep showing up.

I also learned that leadership isn't about never being afraid. Sometimes, leadership is being afraid and moving forward anyway.

5. Every President carries a picture of the year they want to create. If you had to describe your upcoming Leo year without using words like leadership, service, or success, how would you describe it?

I want it to be a year where people feel that they belong, feel that they matter, and feel that they are capable of more than they imagined.

A year where clubs don't simply complete projects because they are expected to, but because they genuinely believe in what they are doing.

A year where ideas are given space, people are given opportunities, and limitations are challenged.

Most of all, I want it to be a year that makes people look back and say, **"We dared to go beyond what was expected of us."**

6. What is one thing you want your members to experience this year rather than simply achieve?

I want them to experience growth.

Not just growth in numbers, projects, awards or positions, but personal growth.

I want a Leo who joins a project feeling shy to leave feeling confident. I want someone who thinks they cannot lead to discover that they actually can. I want members to build friendships, make mistakes, take chances, create memories and discover abilities they didn't know they had.

If someone finishes this year and says, "I became a different person because of Leoism," I would consider that one of the greatest achievements of the year.

7. A vision sounds beautiful on paper, but turning it into reality is another story. What are some of the things you are already planning behind the scenes to make your vision happen?

A lot of the work happens long before anyone sees the final result.

We are looking at strengthening our clubs, creating better opportunities for members to develop themselves, expanding our reach, empowering

our young leaders, developing new initiatives and ensuring that our projects create meaningful and sustainable impact.

I also want to strengthen the way we communicate as a District. Digital platforms, multimedia, better information sharing and stronger collaboration between clubs can make a huge difference.

And beyond the visible projects, I'm focusing on building the right team and creating systems that can continue working even when the excitement of the beginning of the year settles down.

8. Every year comes with its own plot twists. What is one challenge you already know you may have to face, and how are you preparing yourself for it?

One of the biggest challenges will be ensuring that the vision doesn't remain just a vision.

It's easy to start a year with excitement. The real challenge is maintaining that energy when responsibilities increase, when plans change, and when people become tired.

I'm preparing myself by trying not to build the year around one person. I want the administration to be a team effort. I want people to take ownership rather than simply wait for instructions.

Because if the vision belongs only to the President, it ends with the President. But if it belongs to everyone, it can become a movement.

9. If this Leo year were a movie, what would you call it? And what would you want the final scene to look like?

"Beyond the Expected."

I know that's the theme, but I genuinely think it describes the story I want us to tell.

And I don't imagine the final scene as one where I am standing alone on a stage celebrating what I achieved.

I imagine looking around with my amazing team by my side and seeing clubs that became stronger, members who discovered their potential, young leaders who are ready to take the next step, and people who can say that they made a difference.

And hopefully, I'll be able to look at the year and say:

"We didn't just meet expectations. We went beyond them."

10. Five years from now, when someone mentions your presidential year, what is the one thing you hope they remember?

I hope they remember that it was a year where people were given the courage to think bigger.

I don't necessarily need them to remember every project or every event.

I want them to remember the feeling of being part of something meaningful.

And if five years from now, a young Leo says, "I decided to take that opportunity because someone during that year believed I could," then I would know that the year truly left a legacy.

11. Leadership is often talked about as something powerful, but it can also be vulnerable. What has this journey taught you about yourself?

It has taught me that I don't have to have all the answers.

For a long time, I thought being a strong leader meant always knowing what to do. But I've learned that sometimes the strongest thing you can do is say, "I don't know yet, but I'll figure it out."

I've also learned that caring deeply can be both a strength and a challenge. When you genuinely care about people and about what you're building, things affect you more deeply.

But I wouldn't want to lose that part of myself.

Because I believe leadership without humanity can create results, but leadership with heart can create people.

12. And finally — forget the formalities for a moment. What would you like to say directly to the Leos who are about to walk this journey with you?

To every Leo who is about to walk this year with me:

I don't expect perfection from you. I expect your heart.

There will be days when everything works perfectly and days when absolutely nothing goes according to plan. There will be disagreements, challenges, laughter, exhaustion, unforgettable moments and probably a few sleepless nights along the way.

But I want you to know that you will never be walking alone.

Bring your ideas. Bring your courage. Bring your questions. Bring your crazy project proposals. Bring the things you think are impossible.

Let's give ourselves permission to dream a little bigger this year.

Let's support one another, grow together, and create something that is bigger than any one of us.

And when this year comes to an end, I hope every one of us can look back and say:

"I gave it everything I had, and together, we went Beyond the Expected."

LEO LION RAVINDI HETTIARACHCHI PFLM
DISTRICT PRESIDENT - 2026/2027
LEO DISTRICT 306 D6



#1 ASCEND

Five pillars. One direction. A District built to go further.

FIVE STRATEGIC PILLARS DISTRICT D6 2026–2027

The Leoistic Year 2026/2027 marks a commitment to taking Leo District 306 D6 Beyond the Expected. Guided by our theme, **“Beyond the Expected,”** we will focus on five strategic pillars that strengthen our clubs, expand opportunities, embrace innovation, create meaningful impact, and empower the next generation of leaders. Together, we aim to go beyond what is expected and build a stronger, more connected, and more impactful Leo District 306 D6.

1. Administration & Alpha Club Expansion

- Strengthening the foundation. Expanding the movement.

Leo District 306 D6 will focus on creating a strong and consistent administrative foundation while expanding Alpha Clubs across schools and colleges. Through effective governance, structured guidance, and continuous club support, every club will be empowered to remain active, compliant, and impactful.

Key Directions to Strengthen club governance, expand Alpha Clubs, regularly monitor club performance, and provide standardized resources and continuous support to ensure every club remains active, compliant, and well-equipped.

2. District Growth & Outstation Development

- Taking opportunities beyond boundaries.

We aim to ensure that geographical distance does not limit access to leadership, service, and development opportunities. By understanding regional needs and creating stronger local connections, the district will bring its programmes and support closer to outstation Leos.

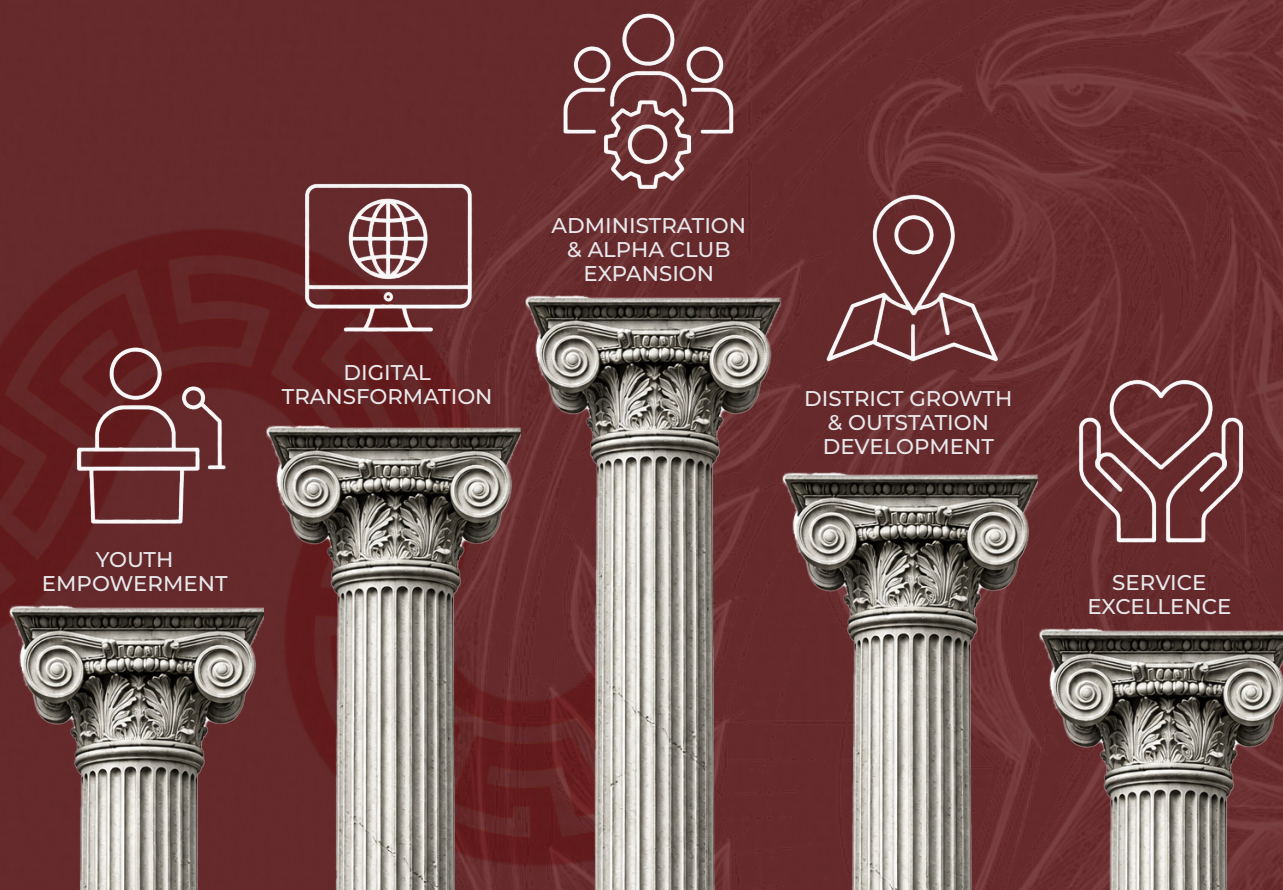
Strategic Focus on Identify opportunities in outstation regions, strengthen regional communication networks, bring district programmes and leadership opportunities closer to local communities, and young people through leadership development, public speaking, mentorship, and meaningful district opportunities, creating confident, capable, and future-ready leaders. Sustainable partnerships to support regional growth and engagement.

3. Digital Transformation

- Connecting the District through innovation.

As a D6, we will embrace technology to create a more connected, efficient, and accessible Leo experience. A centralized digital ecosystem will simplify administration, improve communication, preserve knowledge, and enable data-driven decision-making across the district.

Key Priorities in Build a centralized digital ecosystem to connect clubs and members, streamline reporting, provide accessible resources, and ensure secure, efficient, and data-driven district administration.



4. Service Excellence

- From service activities to measurable impact.

D6 Leos will strive to elevate Leo service by moving beyond the number of projects conducted and focusing on the quality, relevance, sustainability, and lasting impact of every initiative.

This commitment comes to life through Nenapahansila, a significant service initiative carried forward from Leo District 306 C1 with renewed energy and a broader vision. While continuing its focus on quality education and literacy, the project will expand into clean water and sanitation, infrastructure development, essential facilities, and other community needs.

Nenapahansila represents our commitment to taking service Beyond the Expected, creating not just immediate support, but lasting opportunities for children and communities to thrive.

5. Youth Empowerment

- Inspiring young people to lead beyond the expected.

At Leo District 306 D6, we believe leadership begins with creating opportunities to discover potential. Through the D6 District Public Speaking Competition, we are taking Leo talent beyond the movement by opening the platform not only to Leos, but also to the corporate sector, creating a wider space to showcase communication, confidence, and leadership.

Through Career Guidance and the Career Fair, we aim to support our Leos beyond their service journey by connecting them with knowledge, opportunities, industry exposure, and pathways that can shape their future education and professional lives. Together, these initiatives reflect our commitment to building a generation that is confident to speak, prepared to lead, and empowered to build their future beyond the expected.

Our Direction is,

Together, these five pillars represent the strategic direction of Leo District 306 D6 for 2026/2027 for stronger administration, wider reach, smarter systems, greater service impact, and empowered young leaders.

ONE VISION.
ONE DISTRICT.
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES.

#1 BESIDE

Behind every plan is a person who listens, supports, steps in, and keeps the team moving forward.

A conversation with the District Vice President on responsibility, trust, teamwork, and becoming the person others can depend on.

1. Every Leo has a different reason for staying in the movement. What has kept you connected to Leoism and brought you to this point in your journey?

For me, Leoism has never been just about holding a position or organizing projects. It has been about the people I met, the friendships I built, the challenges I faced, and the person I became through those experiences.

My journey started in 2021, and since then I have experienced Leoism from different perspectives as a member, a club leader, a President, a Region Chairman, and now as a District Vice President. Every position taught me something different. What kept me connected was the feeling that there was always something more to learn, someone new to help, and something meaningful we could create together.

Leoism has given me opportunities that I never expected, but more importantly, it has helped me discover my own potential.

2. The Vice President is often described as the person who keeps things moving behind the scenes. What does being a “Vice President” mean to you personally?

To me, being a Vice President means being someone the team can depend on.

It is not simply about being the second person after the President. It is about supporting the President, understanding what the team needs, identifying problems before they become bigger problems, and making sure that plans actually move from ideas to action.

I see the Vice President as a bridge between the President and the Executive Committee, between the Executive Committee and members, and sometimes even between different opinions within the team.

For me, the position is less about authority and more about responsibility.



3. What is something people may not know about you that you think will influence the way you approach this role?

People may see me as someone who is always active, talking, organizing, and getting things done. But behind that, I actually spend a lot of time thinking about things before making decisions.

I care deeply about the people I work with and about whether everyone feels included. Sometimes I may be very focused on achieving the goal, but I also try to understand the people behind the goal.

I think that combination being goal-oriented while still caring about people will strongly influence the way I approach this role.

4. A good Vice President doesn't just lead they listen. What have you learned about people through your Leo journey that you want to carry into this position?

One of the biggest lessons Leoism has taught me is that **everyone has a story.**

Not everyone communicates in the same way. Some people speak openly, while others need time before sharing their ideas. Some members want to lead from the front, while others are more comfortable contributing quietly.

I have learned not to judge someone's commitment simply by how visible they are.

As a Vice President, I want to listen before reacting, understand before judging, and give people the space to contribute in their own way.

5. Imagine the President comes to you with a completely impossible idea. What would you do first?

First, I would probably say, "Okay... let's see how impossible this really is."

Then I would ask questions.

What is the objective? What resources do we have? What are the risks? Who can help? And most importantly, is there a realistic way to make

it happen? I don't want to be the person who immediately says "No." I would rather find a way to turn an impossible idea into a possible one even if we have to change the original plan.

6. What do you think is the biggest difference between being a good individual leader and being a good team player?

An individual leader can achieve something alone. A good team player understands that the biggest achievements are rarely achieved alone.

Leadership is not about proving that you are the best person in the room. It is about making sure the whole team becomes better.

A good team player knows when to lead, when to support, when to listen, and when to step aside and let someone else take the opportunity.

7. You will be working with people who have different personalities, opinions, strengths, and ways of working. How do you hope to bring those differences together rather than letting them pull the team apart?

I believe differences become a strength when there is mutual respect.

I don't expect everyone in the team to think the same way. In fact, I would prefer different opinions because they help us see problems from different perspectives.

My approach would be to create an environment where people can disagree with an idea without becoming enemies because of it. We can have different opinions while still having the same destination.

At the end of the day, we are one team working towards one purpose.

8. What is one thing you would like members to feel they can come to you about even when it has nothing to do with an official meeting or project?

I want members to feel that they can simply talk to me.

It doesn't always have to be about a project, report, meeting, or Leo issue. If someone has an idea, a concern, a problem, or even just needs someone to listen, I want them to feel comfortable approaching me.

Sometimes leadership is simply being available when someone needs you.

9. Sometimes leadership means stepping forward, and sometimes it means stepping back and allowing someone else to shine. Which one comes more naturally to you, and which one are you still learning?

Stepping forward probably comes more naturally to me. I enjoy taking responsibility, making decisions, and getting things moving.

But stepping back is something I continue to learn.

As leaders, sometimes we become so focused on getting things done that we forget other people also need opportunities to grow. I am learning that allowing someone else to lead, make mistakes, and learn from them can be more valuable than doing everything myself.

10. What is one skill or quality you want to develop in yourself through this experience?

I want to develop greater patience.

Every person, every club, and every situation moves at a different pace. Leadership sometimes requires accepting that things will not always happen exactly when or how you want them to.

I want to become better at balancing urgency with patience and results with understanding.

11. If the upcoming Leo year had a "behind-the-scenes" story that members never got to see, what would you want yours to be about?

I would want it to be about all the small moments that nobody sees.

The late-night conversations, last-minute problem solving, helping someone prepare for a project, fixing something just before an event, encouraging a member who was losing confidence, and the countless little things that happen behind every successful activity.

Because sometimes the biggest contribution is not the thing people see on stage it is the work that made the stage possible.

12. What kind of working relationship do you hope to build with the President, Executive Committee, and members?

I hope to build a relationship based on trust, honesty, respect, and open communication.

With the President, I want to be someone who can support their vision while also honestly sharing my thoughts when necessary.

With the Executive Committee, I want teamwork rather than hierarchy.

And with members, I want accessibility. I want them to know that their ideas and opinions matter.

13. At the end of the year, what would make you personally say, "I did my part"?

If I can look back and say that I helped the team become stronger, helped at least a few members discover their potential, supported the President and Executive Committee when they needed me, and contributed meaningfully to the growth of the district, I would feel that I did my part.

For me, success will not simply be measured by the number of projects or awards.

It will be measured by the people and the impact we leave behind.

12. Finally, if you could give the members one promise about the kind of Vice President you will be, what would it be?

My promise is simple:

I will be present.

I may not always have the perfect answer, and I may not be able to solve every problem immediately, but I will listen, I will support you, and I will do my best to stand with the team when things are difficult.

If you need me, I will try to be there.

LEO LION CHARITH KULARATHNA

DISTRICT VICE PRESIDENT 2026–2027
LEO DISTRICT 306 D6





#1 IN MOTION

Where the year began to move, and a District began to come together.

The year has already begun to leave its mark. From first gatherings and shared learning to new connections, conversations and milestones, each moment has brought Leo District 306 D6 a little closer together. In Motion looks back at the experiences that have shaped our journey so far—and the momentum carrying us forward.

01.

Beginning Our Leoistic Year with Blessings...

We commenced our 2026/27 Leoistic Year with **Leo Buddhahivandana**, seeking blessings for our newly appointed Leo District leadership and the journey that lay ahead.

Held on 11th July 2026 at Gangaramaya Temple, the gathering brought our Leos and Lions together for an evening of reflection, fellowship, and spiritual observance.

Through the Bodhi Pooja and Buddhist observances, we sought blessings for wisdom, strength, and guidance as we embraced another year of leadership, service, and responsibility.

It was a meaningful beginning to our new chapter, reminding us to move forward with gratitude, unity, and purpose as we continue our journey of Leoism.



02.

Preparing Our Leaders for the Year Ahead...

We brought our Leos together for the **District Mass Orientation 2026/27**, held on 18th July 2026 at Horizon Campus, KCM Premises, as we prepared ourselves for the responsibilities and opportunities of a new Leoistic year.

The orientation focused on the essentials of Leoism, leadership, District operations, and effective club management, helping our Leos gain a stronger understanding of their roles and the wider Leo movement.

The sessions were conducted by District Treasurer Leo Dilshan Wijesurendra, District President Leo Lion Ravindi Hettiarachchi PFLM, and District Assistant Treasurer Leo Lion Miran Malinga, who shared their experiences, knowledge, and practical guidance with our Leos.

Through the Mass Orientation, we strengthened the foundation for the year ahead, preparing our members to serve with greater knowledge, confidence, and purpose as we Lead Beyond the Expected.





03.

Setting Our Direction for the Year Ahead...

We commenced our District Council journey with CONCILIUM, our first **Council Meeting for 2026/27**, held on 25th July 2026 at the Leo Youth Center, Colombo 07.

The meeting brought our District Council together to reflect, strategize, and align our plans and priorities for the new Leoistic year, creating a shared direction for the months ahead.

We were honoured to welcome Lion Bhanuka Premarathne MAF, District Leo Chairperson of Lions District 306 D6, as the Chief Guest, sharing his presence and guidance as we began this new chapter.

Through CONCILIUM, we strengthened communication and collaboration within our Council, setting the foundation to move forward together with purpose, unity, and direction.

Equipping Our Leaders for the Journey Ahead...

We continued strengthening our leadership through ODYSSEY, the **District Workshop**, a series of sessions designed to equip our Leos and District Council Officers with the knowledge and practical understanding needed for the year ahead.

The journey commenced on 2nd August 2026 at SLIIT, Malabe, focusing on Club Performance and Evaluation Guidelines, reporting requirements, documentation, and award attributes. On 8th August, ODYSSEY continued online with sessions on Secretary and Treasurer reporting, MyLeo, financial management, Constitution and By-Laws, Leo protocols, IT, multimedia, and public relations.

These sessions were led by District Secretary Leo Lakindu Perera, District Treasurer Leo Dilshan Wijesurendra, Multiple District President Leo Nisal Dulmith FLM, and Leo Samindu Oshadha, sharing practical knowledge and guidance within their respective areas.

The journey continued on 9th August with a dedicated session for our District Council Officers, featuring Leo Nisal Dulmith FLM, Lion Bhanuka Premarathne MAF, and IPDP Leo Anjana Udesch FLM. Through ODYSSEY, we ensured that our leaders entered their roles with greater knowledge, direction, and confidence to Lead Beyond the Expected.



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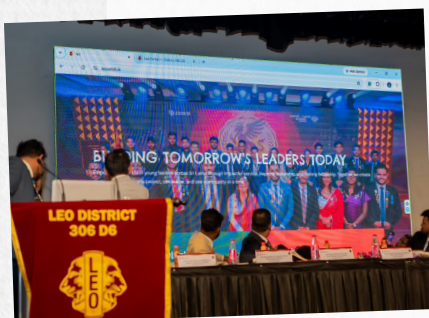
A New Chapter Awakens...

We marked one of the most significant milestones of our Leoistic Year with The Awakening, the **District Installation Ceremony 2026/27**, held on 22nd August 2026 at the New Arts Theatre, University of Colombo. It was a celebration of a new beginning, bringing our Leo and Lion leaders together as we stepped forward to Lead Beyond the Expected.

The ceremony was graced by District Governor Lion Jayasiri Andaraweera PMJF PMAF JP as the Chief Guest, alongside Immediate Past District Governor Lion Mahesh Boralugoda PMJF PMAF JP, 1st Vice District Governor Lion Heshan Padukka PMJF PMAF, and Multiple District President Leo Nisal Dulmith FLM, together with distinguished Lions, Leos, and well-wishers.

At the heart of The Awakening was the installation of Leo Lion Ravindi Hettiarachchi PFLM as District President and Leo Lion Charith Kularathne as District Vice President of Leo District 306 D6 for 2026/27, formally entrusting them with the leadership of our District for the year ahead.

More than an installation, The Awakening represented the beginning of our shared journey of vision, unity, leadership, and service. With our new leadership installed and a new chapter before us, we began the year determined to go Beyond the Expected.



06.

Riding the AI Wave into the Future...

We stepped into the evolving world of technology through **Digital Empowerment: Riding the AI Wave in the Era of Technology**, an initiative designed to introduce our Leos to the growing possibilities of Artificial Intelligence and modern digital technology.

Held on 13th September 2026 at the Lions Activity Center, Colombo 07, the programme created a space for our Leos to learn, explore, and better understand how emerging technologies are transforming the way we work, create, communicate, and lead.

Conducted in collaboration with Marketer.lk, with strategic partners including AICONOMY Summit Sri Lanka, Digital Empowerment encouraged us to look beyond simply using technology and instead consider how we can innovate, adapt, and make meaningful use of AI in an increasingly digital world.

Through this initiative, we continued our commitment to preparing our Leos for the future, empowering them with greater digital awareness and encouraging them not merely to watch the future unfold, but to learn, innovate, and help shape it.





07.

Strategizing the Next Chapter Together...

We continued our journey of leadership and collaboration through **CONCILIUM**, Council Meeting III, bringing our District Council together once again to reflect on our progress, discuss our priorities, and strategize for the months ahead.

Held on 20th September 2026 at the Leo Youth Center, Colombo 07, the meeting provided an important platform for our leaders to exchange ideas, strengthen coordination, and ensure that we continue moving forward together with a shared direction.

We were honoured to welcome PDP Leo Lion Thimira Uyanhewage FLM, Cabinet Leo-Leo Lion Board Liaison of Lions District 306 D6, as the Chief Guest, adding his experience and perspective to the gathering.

As we progress through the Leoistic year, CONCILIUM continues to keep our leadership connected and focused, reminding us that the strongest strategies are shaped when we come together with purpose, collaboration, and a common vision.

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THE PRESIDENTS' LOUNGE

Their ideas, their ambitions, their “wait, hear me out...” moments.

With 25 Leo Clubs across our district, this is where we get to know the presidents beyond their titles. From bold plans and fresh ideas to meaningful goals and ambitious dreams, discover what they envision for their clubs, what drives their leadership, and what they hope to create throughout their presidential year.

A president's plan is more than a list of projects it sets the direction and character of a club's year. It brings members together around shared priorities, creates opportunities for growth and service, and transforms leadership intentions into meaningful experiences for both members and the community.

So, let's take a closer look at how these 25 presidents are stepping into their roles, making the most of their opportunities, and turning their individual visions into a year worth remembering.



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My Leo journey has been one of the latter. From taking my first steps as a Leo to now having the privilege of serving as the President of the Leo Club of Avissawella for 2026/2027, every experience has taught me something that no title ever could.

This year, I want our club to be more than a group that simply completes projects. I want it to be a space where members feel valued, discover their strengths, step beyond their comfort zones, and find a reason to believe in their own potential. Because behind every successful project is a team, and behind every strong team are people who believe in one another.

For me, leadership is not about standing at the front. It is about walking alongside others, listening, learning, and creating opportunities for everyone to grow. I hope that every initiative we undertake this year leaves behind more than just photographs and reports—it leaves behind memories, friendships, lessons, and lives made a little better.

When my year as President comes to an end, I hope to look back and know that we did not simply have a successful year; we created a year worth remembering.

Here's to a year of purpose, growth, and moments that stay with us long after the year ends.

LEO LION VEHARA DINUVARI
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



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LEO CLUB OF
AVISSAWELLA

LEO CLUB OF

BATHTHARAMULLA SYNERGY

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It is with great honor that I serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of CINEC Campus for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

This year marks another significant milestone in my life, stepping into the role of Club President. Over the years, Leoism has helped and shaped me to become the leader that I am today and I'm very grateful to every opportunity Leoism has given to me.

I am Very proud to lead a vibrant institute-based club that is Leo Club of CINEC Campus with such enthusiasm and dedication. Being part of this leadership journey is both an honor and a great responsibility to me as a student of the CINEC.

We as a club is focusing on the quality of our work rather than the quantity. We're always prioritizing quality over quantity in every aspect of Leoism. As an institute-based club, we may face unique academic challenges on top of challenges we face as leos, but I am confident that together as a one strong team we can overcome any challenges and turn them into opportunities.

Apart from the community service, we focus on the personal development of our club members, creating and helping them to find meaningful opportunities to learn, grow, and discover their hidden potential as leaders of tomorrow. Most importantly, We aim to build a club with good standing discipline and build strong bond and unity among its members for years to come.

I wish all the Club Presidents, District leaders, and Leos a blessed Leoistic Year. Together as Leaders let's make this Leoistic year Beyond the Expected in every aspect.

Godspeed and God Bless You All !

LEO SEJAN FERNANDO
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
CINEC CAMPUS



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO CENTENNIAL

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I take on the responsibility of serving as the President of the Leo Club of Colombo Centennial for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

It is a truly special honour to become the first female President of our club, and I carry this responsibility with great pride, humility, and determination.

“Lead | Serve | Grow” is more than just a theme for us; it is the journey we aspire to create throughout this Leoistic year. I envision a year where every Leo is encouraged to step forward, discover their potential, serve with purpose, and grow through every experience. Together, we will transform ideas into action, challenges into opportunities, and moments of service into memories that last a lifetime.

With the guidance of our District President, Leo Lion Ravindi Hettiarachchi FLM, I look forward to leading a team that embraces unity, innovation, compassion, and meaningful service.

May we lead fearlessly, serve wholeheartedly, and grow together while creating a lasting impact on the lives we touch.

Let us Lead with purpose, Serve with heart, and Grow together.

LEO LION CHATHUMI HATHURUSINGHE
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



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It is with immense honor and enthusiasm that I step into the role of President of the Leo Club of Colombo Fort for the Leostic Year 2026/2027. Together with a vibrant and passionate team of young leaders, I look forward to embarking on a journey defined by purposeful service, empowerment, and camaraderie.

Our focus this year is centered on driving sustainable community initiatives that create meaningful, long-term impact.

From youth development and environmental sustainability to uplifting underprivileged communities across our region, Colombo Fort Leos are committed to turning empathy into impactful action. Alongside community outreach, we place equal value on nurturing the personal and professional growth of our members through leadership workshops, collaborative opportunities, and strong fellowship.

As we step forward, our ultimate goal is to elevate our club to greater heights by fostering unity, inclusivity, and proactive service.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the District Editorial Team and our fellow Leos across the District for their unwavering support. Let us join hands to inspire positive change and lead with purpose!

LEO ASHEN HETTIARACHCHI
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
COLOMBO FORT



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO PRIDE

Greetings to all fellow Leos,

I am honoured and proud to serve as the President of the Leo Club of Colombo Pride for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027. As a newly chartered club, this year marks the beginning of an exciting journey for us, and I believe it is a year filled with opportunities to learn, serve, and grow together.

Our main goal this year is to build a strong and united Leo family while creating meaningful change in our community.

We plan to organize impactful service projects, encourage active member participation, develop leadership skills, and create opportunities for every member to discover and develop their strengths.

As a club, we hope to reach more communities, support those in need, and create projects that leave a lasting positive impact.

Most importantly, I want our club to be a place where every Leo feels valued, heard, and motivated to serve.

With the dedication of our members and the guidance of our Leo family, I look forward to making this year a memorable and successful chapter in the journey of Leo Club of Colombo Pride.

Together, let us lead with pride, serve with purpose, and create an impact that lasts.

LEO LION RANSINI LAKNARA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO TEA TASTERS EXCELLENCE

I'm Charith Kodithuwakku. I am an undergraduate following a degree in Tea Technology and Value Addition Final Year at Uva Wellassa University, with a strong interest in tea technology, agriculture, and environmental management. I enjoy learning new things, taking part in academic and extracurricular activities, and developing my leadership and communication skills

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I begin my journey as the President of the Leo Club of Colombo Tea Tasters Excellence for this new Leoistic year. I am honored to serve alongside a passionate team of Leos who are committed to leadership, service, friendship, and creating a positive impact in our community

This year, our vision is to strengthen our club through meaningful service initiatives, member development, leadership opportunities, and innovative projects that address the needs of our community. We hope to create more opportunities for every member to discover their potential, develop their skills, and actively contribute towards making a difference

As a club, we aim to work together with unity, dedication, and creativity. I believe that the true strength of our club lies in the passion and commitment of its members. Through teamwork and a shared purpose, I am confident that we can achieve greater milestones and leave a lasting impact

Let us embrace this new journey with courage, enthusiasm, and the determination to serve. Together, let us lead, inspire, and make this Leoistic year truly memorable.

LEO LION VEHARA DINUVARI
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO WAKANDA

It is with great pride and gratitude that I serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of Colombo Wekanda for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

This year marks my sixth year of Leoism, and the journey from a Leo member to Club President has been truly memorable. Over the years, Leoism has given me countless opportunities to learn, serve, lead, build friendships, face challenges, and grow as an individual. Every experience has shaped the leader I am today.

I am especially proud to lead a club with such a remarkable legacy. **The Leo Club of Colombo Wekanda has proudly achieved the recognition of being a World's Best Leo Club, and being part of that legacy as a President is both an honour and a great responsibility.**

My theme for this year is **“Quality Over Quantity.”**

I believe our success should not be measured only by the number of projects we conduct, but by the quality of the impact we create. As a community-based club, we may face challenges and struggles, but I am confident that together we can overcome them and turn them into opportunities for growth.

Alongside community service, I hope to focus on the personal and leadership development of our members, creating meaningful opportunities for them to learn, grow, and discover their potential. Most importantly, I aim to build a strong and sustainable Leo Club that will continue to grow and serve even after my year comes to an end.

I wish all the Club Presidents, District leaders, and every Leo across Sri Lanka a successful and meaningful Leoistic Year. May we continue to serve with purpose, lead with passion, and create lasting impact.

LEO LION WATHSALA SAMARAKOON
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



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It is with great honor and immense responsibility that I serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of D.S. Senanayake College for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

Stepping into this role marks a significant milestone in my Leo journey. Leoism has given me countless opportunities to learn, grow, serve, and develop as a leader. I am truly grateful for the experiences and friendships that have shaped me into who I am today.

As a club, our vision for this year is to create meaningful changes through quality service, strong teamwork, and innovative ideas. We aim to make every project impactful while creating opportunities for our members to develop their leadership skills, discover their potential, and grow together.

Beyond community service, we hope to strengthen the unity, discipline, and spirit of our club. I believe that when we work together with dedication and a shared purpose, every challenge becomes an opportunity to achieve something greater.

I wish all District leaders, Club Presidents and fellow Leos a successful and memorable Leoistic Year 2026/2027. Let us lead with purpose, serve with passion, and make this year truly meaningful.

With Leoism, let's make a difference!

LEO METHUM KARIYAWASAM
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
**DS SENANAYAKA
COLLEGE**

LEO CLUB OF HORIZON CAMPUS

Making a Difference Beyond the Horizon

I am Leo Kehan Liyanage, the Club President of the Leo Club of Horizon Campus for the Leoistic Year 2026/27. It is a great honour to lead a club driven by friendship, leadership, service, and the desire to create meaningful change.

As we begin a new chapter with ASCENSIA 2026, our vision is simple yet powerful: to make a difference beyond the Horizon.

This year, we aim to create meaningful service projects, empower our members, strengthen leadership, and build lasting connections within our university and the wider community.

We believe that every small action can create a bigger impact. Therefore, our goal is not only to complete projects, but to create experiences that inspire our Leos to step forward, take responsibility, and become better leaders.

With the dedication of our Executive Committee and the energy of every Leo in our club, I look forward to making this Leoistic year a journey filled with growth, service, unity, and unforgettable memories.

Let us dream beyond limits, serve with purpose, and together
Make a Difference Beyond the Horizon.

LEO KEHAN LIYANAGE
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



It is with immense pride and responsibility that I serve as the Second President of the Leo Club of ICBT for the Leoistic Year 2026/27. As our club turns a new page, I see before us more than a year of projects and plans - I see an opportunity to shape people, create memories, and leave behind something worth carrying forward.

My vision is to take our club to greater heights while nurturing young leaders who carry the spirit of Leo wherever life takes them.

I want Leadership, Experience and Opportunity to be more than words we represent - to become experiences that change the way our members see themselves and the world around them.

At the heart of it all remains service: reaching a life, strengthening a community, and reminding ourselves that even the smallest act can leave a lasting mark. To me, leadership is not about being ahead of others; it is about helping others discover how far they can go.

Together, we will grow, serve, and leave a path a little brighter for those who follow.

With that spirit, I wish our Leo District and every fellow Leo Club a year filled with purpose, courage, meaningful service, and moments that remind us why we chose to serve in the first place.

LEO SAHAMPATH KANDAMBI
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
ICBT



LEO CLUB OF KIU

I am Leo Savick Perera, and it is with immense gratitude and great humility that I introduce myself as the Club President of the Leo Club of KIU for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027. I sincerely thank every member for placing their trust and confidence in me. It is a privilege to serve a club of passionate young individuals who are committed to service, leadership, and personal growth.

Our theme for this year, “Where Passion Meets Purpose,” reflects the vision that will guide our journey.

Passion inspires us to take action, while purpose gives that action meaning and direction. Together, we aim to transform ideas into impactful initiatives, develop leadership, strengthen fellowship, and create meaningful change within our university and wider community.

The Leo Club of KIU has always stood for dedication, creativity, and the true spirit of Leoism. This year, my vision is to build a stronger and more inclusive Leo family where every student has the opportunity to participate, contribute, lead, and grow. We welcome students from all faculties, bringing together diverse talents, perspectives, and experiences with one common purpose - service.

I am grateful for the support of our Board Members, Project chairpersons, and every Leo who contributes to our journey. Our success will be built on teamwork, trust, and unity.

As we begin this journey, I hope that by the end of the Leoistic year, we will look back with pride on a year filled with remarkable achievements, meaningful memories, and lasting impact.

Together, let us prove that when Passion Meets Purpose, extraordinary things happen.

LEO SAVICK PERERA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



It is a great honour to serve as the President of the Leo Club of Kolonnawa, a club that has always been a family like no other, built on a proud legacy of friendship, leadership, and service.

Established in 1998, our club proudly steps into its 28th year, carrying forward a journey shaped by generations of dedicated Leos who have served our community with commitment and compassion.

As we move forward, we will always keep the good of those who came before us close to our hearts, while giving an open ear to every voice, idea, and perspective within our family.

This year, we aspire to strengthen the bonds that make our club special, create meaningful opportunities for our members to grow, and continue making a genuine difference in our community.

We believe that our strength lies not only in what we achieve, but in how we stand together and support one another along the way.

With the wisdom of our past, the energy of our present, and the hope of our future, we look forward to making our 28th year another meaningful chapter in the legacy of the Leo Club of Kolonnawa.

My heartfelt wishes to Leo District 306 D6 for a successful, inspiring, and impactful Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

LEO LION SUBHANI EMBULDENIYA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



LEO CLUB OF
KOLONNAWA

LEO CLUB OF KOSWATTA UNITED

I am Leo Aruni Vindya, and I am honoured to serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of Koswatta United for the Leoistic Year 2026/27.

My Leo journey began in 2023 as a member of the Leo Club of Horizon Campus. Since then, Leo has given me many valuable experiences, opportunities, and lessons that have shaped me into the person I am today. Along the way, I have gained knowledge, developed my leadership skills, built meaningful friendships, and created valuable connections. Simply, I can say that Leo has given me much more than I expected.

My journey with the Leo Club of Koswatta United began as the Second Vice President, and every opportunity I received helped me become more confident and independent as a leader.

As President, my main goal is to make our club more active, united, and impactful. I hope to encourage every member to participate, learn, grow, and experience the true spirit of Leoism. Together, I believe we can create meaningful projects, serve our community, and make this Leoistic year a memorable one.



LEO ARUNI VINDYA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

I am honoured and grateful to serve as the President of the Leo Club of Lindsay Girls' School for the Leostic Year 2026/2027. This opportunity is not only a position of leadership, but also a responsibility to serve, inspire, and create a positive impact within our school and community.

As we step into this new Leostic year, our goal is to strengthen the spirit of service among our members while encouraging teamwork, creativity, and leadership. We hope to organise meaningful projects focused on community welfare, environmental protection, education, and the well-being of those in need.

Throughout this year, I want our club to be a space where every Leo feels valued, motivated, and confident to contribute.

Together, we aim to build stronger connections, take on new challenges, and turn our ideas into actions that make a difference.

I believe that true leadership is not about leading from the front, but about walking alongside others and growing together.

With the dedication of our members and the guidance of our advisors, I look forward to making this Leostic year a memorable and impactful journey for the Leo Club of Lindsay Girls' School.

LEO SHAFI ISMATH

CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
**LINDSAY GIRLS'
COLLEGE**



LEO CLUB OF NALANDA COLLEGE

I'm Bihan Bandara, and it's a great honor to serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of Nalanda College for the Leostic Year 2026/2027. Being a Leo has given me many opportunities to learn, grow, and work with amazing people, and I'm excited to take on this responsibility and begin this new journey.

As we step into a new year, my goal is to make our club more active, united, and enjoyable for everyone.

I want to give our members more opportunities to take part in meaningful projects, develop their leadership skills, build new connections, and make a positive impact on the community.

We have many plans for this year, including community service projects, fellowship activities, and new initiatives.

We also hope to welcome more members and build a stronger team where everyone feels valued and involved.

I'm looking forward to this journey with my fellow Leos. With teamwork, commitment, and enthusiasm, I hope we can make this year special, create great memories, and take the Leo Club of Nalanda College to greater heights.

BIHAN BANDARA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



It is a privilege to serve as the President of the Leo Club of SCU for the 26/27 Leoistic Year. As we begin this journey, I see our club not simply as a newly established club, but as a community of young individuals with the courage to serve, the willingness to learn, and the determination to create a meaningful impact.

Our vision for this year is to build a strong foundation rooted in service, leadership, integrity, and unity.

We aspire to undertake projects that respond to genuine community needs while creating opportunities for our members to grow, lead, and discover the true value of serving others.

As part of Leo District 306 D6, we look forward to learning from the remarkable work of fellow Leo Clubs, building meaningful friendships, collaborating on initiatives, and contributing to the strength of our District. We believe that a strong District is built when individual clubs come together with one purpose: to serve with sincerity and lead with responsibility.

This year, we are the Griffins. We were not born to remain grounded. We are here to rise, to lead, and to create an impact that reaches beyond us.

Together with D6, we spread our wings, embrace the challenge, and rise above every limitation.

We are the Griffins of D6.
We rise together.
We lead together.
We SOAR FOR CHANGE.

LEO PRATHAP ARAVINTH RASALINGAM
CLUB PRESIDENT - 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
SCU

LEO CLUB OF SLIIT

It is a great honor and privilege to serve as the President of the Leo Club of SLIIT for the Leoistic Year 2026/27. As we begin another exciting year, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to Leo District 306 D6 and all my fellow Leos for a successful and memorable year ahead.

I truly believe that this year will bring us many opportunities to learn, grow, serve, and create a meaningful impact in our communities.

As a club, we are looking forward to working closely with the District and our fellow Leo Clubs, building strong relationships and supporting each other throughout the year.

On behalf of the Leo Club of SLIIT, I wish the District leadership and every Leo a year filled with success, unity, and great achievements.

We are committed to contributing our best towards the growth of the District and to working together in a professional, respectful, and positive manner.

Wishing everyone a successful and fulfilling Leoistic Year 2026/27!

LEO CHETHIYA HERATH
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



Dear D6 Leos,

I am honoured to introduce myself as the President of the Leo Club of Thalangama Golden City for the Leostic Year 2026/2027. It is a privilege to lead a team of passionate and dedicated Leos who are ready to serve, learn, and grow together.

This year, our focus is on creating meaningful, lasting impact through sustainable community initiatives, youth empowerment, and personal development for our members.

We plan to build on our core strengths by launching targeted service projects in education, health, and environmental care, while fostering stronger bonds within our club and across the district.

We aim to not only meet our project goals but to inspire action and cultivate empathetic, forward-thinking leaders. By working together, embracing innovation, and upholding the true spirit of Leos, we expect to elevate our club's service footprint and make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

I look forward to a transformative year of collaboration, growth, and extraordinary service alongside all of you.

Together, let us Lead, Serve, and Inspire.

LEO NIPUNI FONSEKA

CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027

LEO CLUB OF
**THALANGAMA
GOLDEN CITY**



LEO CLUB OF THALANGAMA MALABE

**Leadership is not about holding a position.
It is about the responsibility we take and the
difference we make through it.**

I'm Sadesh Nayodya, and I feel truly grateful to serve as the Club President of the Leo Club of Thalangama Malabe for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027.

As our club steps into its 13th year, I see this year not merely as another chapter, but as an opportunity to strengthen the foundation we have built and prepare the leaders who will carry our club forward.

More than anything, I want every member to experience what leadership really feels like not just by talking about it, but by getting involved, taking responsibility, working with others, facing challenges, and learning through experience. Through meaningful service, I hope we can make a real difference in our community while helping our Leos discover their strengths and confidence.

**Our youth is one of the most
beautiful chapters of our lives,
and I believe Leoism is one
of the best platforms to
make that chapter meaningful.**

It gives us the chance to grow, meet new people, build lasting connections, serve others, and create the kind of memories we will look back on years from now with a smile.

Let's make this journey a beautiful one....

LEO SADESH NAYODYA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



I am Leo Onethra Thissera, the newly elected Club President of Leo Club of University of Colombo for the Leoistic Year 2026/27.

As we step into a new chapter, we carry with us a remarkable legacy built by the leaders and Leos who came before us.

Being recognised as the Most Outstanding Leo Club in Sri Lanka and the Maldives is not merely an achievement, it is a responsibility to continue serving with greater purpose, passion and commitment.

This year, we stand together as One Team with One Vision, guided by our slogan, "Together Beyond Excellence." Our vision is not only to achieve more, but to create meaningful change by reaching the people who truly need us, standing beside our nation during Challenging times and turning service into a lasting impact.

At the same time, we want to make Leo a place where every new member finds an opportunity to discover themselves, develop their talents, build confidence and grow into the leader they aspire to become.

Because we believe true excellence is never achieved alone. It is built together, through service, unit and purpose.

This year, we are ready to serve, grow, inspire and achieve — Together Beyond Excellence.

LEO ONETHRA THISSERA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027



LEO CLUB OF
**UNIVERSITY
OF COLOMBO**

LEO CLUB OF WICKRAMASINGHEPURA

Serving as the Club President of the Leo Club of Wickramasinghepura for the Leoistic Year 2026/2027 is both a privilege and a responsibility that I embrace with great pride and enthusiasm.

During this Leoistic year, our aim is to organize meaningful and sustainable projects that address the real needs of our community while creating opportunities for our members to develop their leadership skills, confidence, and experience.

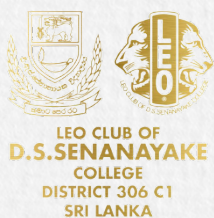
We also hope to strengthen fellowship among our members, welcome more young people into the Leo movement, and build stronger relationships with fellow Leo Clubs and the District.

I strongly believe that a successful Leo Club is built not only through achievements, but through unity, friendship, innovation, and a shared passion to serve. Therefore, one of my key goals is to build a stronger and more connected membership where every Leo feels valued and inspired to contribute.

By the end of this Leoistic year, I hope Wickramasinghepura Leos will be remembered not only for what we achieved, but for the lives we touched and the positive difference we created.

LEO HIMANYA WELAGEDARA
CLUB PRESIDENT – 2026/2027





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THE INK WELL

Where thoughts find a page.

Every Leo journey carries stories that cannot always be captured through photographs, project reports, or event highlights. The Ink Well brings those stories to life through the words of our members—sharing reflections, experiences, ideas, opinions, and perspectives that offer a deeper look into the people behind our movement.

From leadership lessons and personal experiences to creativity, community, service, and everything in between, these articles explore the many ways Leos see and experience the world. Each contribution brings something different to the table, creating a collection that is as diverse as the voices within our district.

So, turn the page and let the words take over. Read, reflect, question, laugh, and perhaps see something from a different perspective. Because sometimes, the most memorable part of a journey isn't what happened—it's the story someone chooses to tell about it.



Shadows of You.....

That smile you used to save for me
Now lights up someone else's eyes.
You left me with these memories,
And walked away without goodbyes.

I see you standing by their side,
Laughing at things I used to say.
It heavy-hits me in the chest
To see you live your life this way.

I wonder if I loved too much,
Or if our timing was just wrong.
A part of me still looks for you,
Even though I know you're gone.

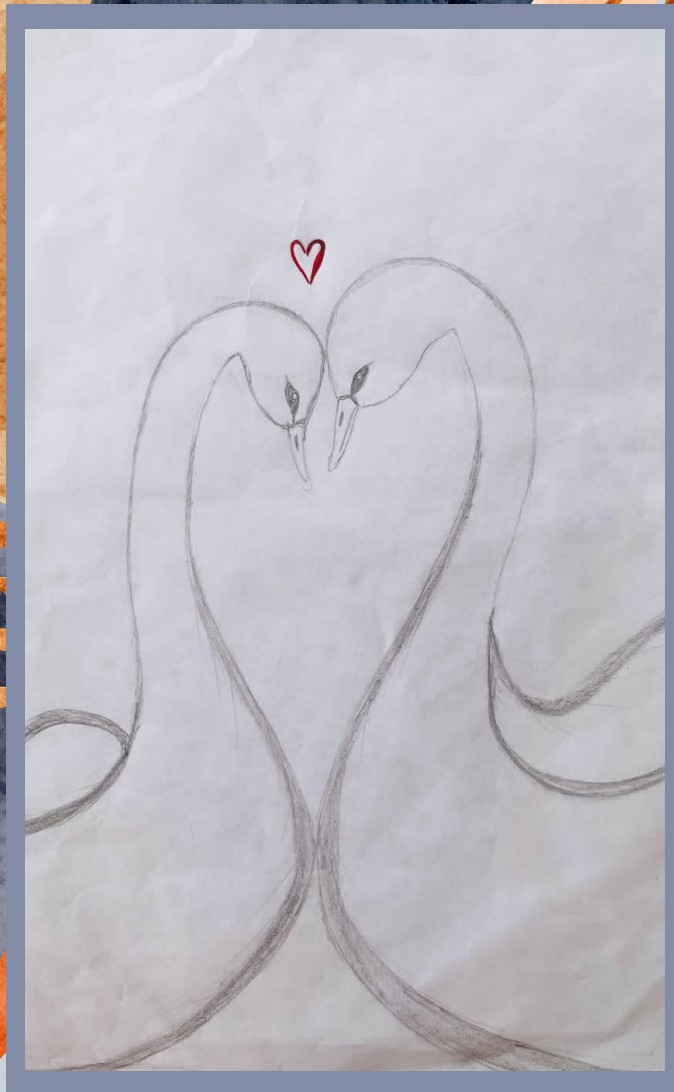
If they can make you happy now,
I'll hold my breath and let you be.
But seeing you with someone else
Still cuts a little deep for me.



LEO ROCHANA WIJEMANNA
LEO CLUB OF AWISSAWELLA



LEO MOVINYA WITHANACHCHI
LEO CLUB OF CINEC CAMPUS



The Quiet Strength of Being Alone:

A Buddhist Philosophy on Loneliness and Aloneness

“Peace comes from within. Do not seek it without.” — Attributed to the Buddha

In today's fast-paced world, we are constantly surrounded by people, conversations and technology. We have more ways to connect with others than ever before yet many people still experience a deep sense of loneliness. This reminds us that being connected with others does not always mean being connected with ourselves.

Although they are often used interchangeably, loneliness and being alone are two very different experiences.

Loneliness is the painful feeling that something or someone is missing from our lives. It often arises when we believe that our happiness completely depends on another person, a relationship or external validation. In contrast, being alone is the ability to enjoy our own company. It is not about isolation or missing others — it is about finding peace, understanding ourselves and becoming emotionally stronger.

Buddhist philosophy offers a meaningful perspective on this experience. It teaches that much of our suffering comes from attachment — holding on too tightly to people, expectations or outcomes. This does not mean that we should stop loving or caring for others. Instead, Buddhism encourages us to build relationships with compassion and kindness while understanding that lasting happiness cannot depend only on external things.

The Buddha also taught about impermanence, the idea that everything in life is constantly changing. Our emotions, relationships and circumstances do not remain the same forever. Just as happiness comes and goes, loneliness is also temporary. Understanding this helps us face difficult moments with patience, acceptance and hope.

The journey from loneliness to peaceful solitude begins with reconnecting with ourselves. We do not need another person to be with us in every moment of our lives. Spending a few quiet moments each day can create a powerful change. Reading a book, writing, enjoying nature, learning a new skill or simply sitting in silence can help us understand our thoughts and emotions more clearly.

Happiness can also be found in small things. Practicing gratitude, showing kindness, helping others and appreciating the present moment can create a deep sense of fulfilment. When we stop searching for happiness only outside ourselves, we begin to recognize the peace that already exists within us.

Being alone should never be mistaken for emptiness. Solitude can become a space for healing, creativity, self-discovery and personal growth. It is often during our quietest moments that we gain a clearer understanding of who we are and what truly matters in life. Being alone is not a weakness. There comes a time in everyone's life when solitude becomes a source of comfort and strength.

Life will always bring moments of joy, change and uncertainty. We cannot control everything that happens around us but we can choose how we respond. When we learn to appreciate our own company, accept changes with wisdom and live with gratitude, we begin to understand that happiness is not something we need to constantly chase.

Sometimes, the greatest relationship we will ever build is the relationship we have with ourselves.



LEO MOVINYA WITHANACHCHI
LEO CLUB OF CINEC CAMPUS

A Flower's Yearning

What about me?
A flower answers.

A flower yearns mellow hands to be plucked, Yet
thrones hurt
A flower yearns a crafted ceramic vase,
Yet in a Bell Jar

A flower yearns lovers' arms wrapped around,
Yet wrapped a lifeless body
A flower yearns a warm kiss of the sun,
Yet wilted fragile little petals

A flower yearns the company of birds and bees,
Company of elated hands,
A glance,
An ode.

"A greedy little flower", a harsh mockery,
So I never bloomed yet withered,
Withered in the night,
And felt softly on the floor,

On the floor, unnoticed.



LEO VIDUNI GAMAGE
LEO CLUB OF CINEC CAMPUS



The Courage to Begin

There is something frightening about a blank page. It holds no mistakes, no failures, and no disappointments. But it also holds no story. Perhaps that is why beginnings are so difficult.

We often wait for the perfect moment. We tell ourselves, "I'll start when I'm ready." When we have more confidence. More knowledge. More time. Less fear.

But what if "ready" never comes?

The truth is, most beautiful journeys begin with uncertainty. The first step may be shaky. The first attempt may fail. The first idea may not work exactly as planned. And that is perfectly fine. Because courage does not always mean being fearless.

Sometimes, courage is sending the application even when you doubt yourself. It is speaking when your voice trembles. It is walking into a room where you know no one. It is trying again after failing. Sometimes, it is simply whispering to yourself, "Let me try."

Every person we admire was once a beginner. Every achievement we celebrate once existed only as an idea. Every great story had a moment when someone had to choose between staying comfortable and taking that uncertain first step.

You do not need to see the entire road before you begin. You only need enough courage for the first step. So start the project. Chase the dream. Learn the skill. Take the opportunity. Make the mistake. And Turn the blank page.

**Because your story does not have to begin perfectly.
It simply has to begin.**



LEO SHARANYA THATHSARANI
LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO PRIDE





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මට ඒ තරම් හයියක් නෑ මගේ මැණිකේ... මම ආස කර මනමාලියක් කරල පෝරුවක් උඩ උග්‍රව මගේ කරගන්න ඒත් මගෙ දෙයියෝ, උඹ කොහොමද ඔහොම පෙට්ටියක් ඇතුළෙ සුදු ඔසරියක් ඇඳන් මුකුත් නොදන්නව වගේ නිදාගෙන ඉන්නෙ අනෙක් මගේ පසුව පැලිල යන්න වගේ පැටියෝ සාලෙ මැද උඹ හර් ලස්සනට නිදි නිකම්වත් හිතුවද උඹ ඔහොම මාව නනිකරල ගියාම මම කොහොමද ඉන්නෙ කියල ආහ් මගෙ කෙල්ලේ

මම දණින් වැටුණේ උඹ මිනි පෙට්ටිය ඉස්සරහ මට හිටගෙන ඉන්න චාරුවක් නැතිම නැතයි දරාග න්ත කොහොමද මැණික මම මේ වේදනාව විශ්වාස කරන්නෙ කොහොමද උඹ මේ ලෝකෙත් ගිහින් කියල අනෙක් මට දරාගන්න බෑ දෙයියෝ මට බෑ

මම හොඳට ම ඇඳුවා කැගහල ඇඳුව මගේ යාළුවෝ මාව සනසන්න කියන කතා මට ඇහුණත් ඒව මගේ ඔළුවට යන්න තරම් පැහැදිලි මනසකින් හිටියෙ නෑ මම මගේ අනාගත හීන එහෙම පිටින්ම උඹ මිනියත් එක්කම මිහිදන් කරන්නෙ කොහොමද දෙයියෙන් අපි දෙනන්නෙ හීන නෙහ් මේව කෝ මට දෙනව කිව ආදරේ කෝ මාව තනි කරන්න කියල කම්මුලට හාදුවක් දිසු රෝසපාට නොල්ලෙකු ඉට්ටක් ලැජ්ජ හිතූණ ගමන් රනුවෙන කම්මුල් දෙක දැන් ඒ මුළු මුණම සුදුවැලි වෙලා ගිහින් මම ඒ කම්මුල් දෙකෙන්ම අල්ලගෙන ඒ නළල ඉමිබෙ ආයෙ කවදාවත් ඒ උණුසුම ලැබෙන්නැති බවත් තේරුම් ගන්න බැරුවයි එදා හරිම රස්තෙට නිබ්බ කම්මුල් අද සිතල වෙලා ගිහින් ඒත් මට උඹව චට්ටව මැණිකේ එදා වගේම ඔයාගෙ අම්ම ඇවිත් හිමිට මගේ ඔළුව අනගානව ඔයාගෙ පොඩි නංගි ඇවිත් මට තුරුල් වෙලා අඩනවා ඉකි ගගහා ඒ හිත්වලටත් කොයි තරම් නම් දුකක් ඇත්ද පව්ලෙ හුරුතලි උන උඹ නෙහ් බන් එයාලගෙයි මගෙයි මුළු ලෝකෙම පසුවෙ සියුම් නහරයක් පාහේම හිටියෙ උඹ නෙහ් දැන් උඹ නැති පිටිතයක් මොකටද මට හැමදේම කරේ උඹ වෙනුවෙන් මාව ගොඩනැගුව උඹ මාව මනුස්සයෙක් කරේ උඹ මගේ පිටිවත් හැමදේම බෙදාගන්නෙ උඹ එක්ක, අනාගතේදිත් එහෙම ඉන්න හීන මැව්වෙ උඹ එක්ක මැරෙන්න ද දෙයියෙන් මම මට බෑ මැරෙන්න උඹ ම උඹව මරාගන්න තරම් උඹට මොකද්ද මැණික නිබ්බ ප්‍රශ්න

"දන්නවද බබො... මගේ හැමදේම ඔයා නෙහ් අපේ අම්මලගෙ හැමදේම මම නෙහ් ඉතිම් මම නැති දවසක එයාලගෙ හැමදේම වෙන්තෙ ඔයා තේරුණාද පැට්ට? අපිව පරිස්සමට බලාගන්න ඕනි ඔයා මගේ නන්ගිලට අයිය වෙන්ත ඕනි ඔයා එයාල හරිම ආසයි අයිය කෙනෙක්ට මනස නියාගන්න ඕනි ඒව තේරුණාද "

"මේ මෝඩි, මේක අහගන්නව හොඳට. නමුසෙ යන්නෙ මට පස්සෙ නමුසෙ නැතුව මම කොහොමද ඉන්නෙ ඒ නිසා මට පස්සෙ යන්න ඕනි නමුසෙ එච්චරයි"

මගේ පසුවට තුරුල් වෙලා ඒ ටික කියපු පුංචි කෙල්ලට මට හිතූණ දේත් කියල නහය මිරිකල නළල ඉමිබෙ ඒ හුරුතල් මුණ කවමදාවත් මම තනි කරන්න කියල හිතන් ඒත් එහෙව් උඹම මාව මේ තරම් ඉක්මනට නනිකරල ආල යයි කියල මම තුන් හිතකින්න හිතුවෙ නෑ රත්තරනේ... මම නාම එනනමයි පසුව රිඳෙනව හොඳටම දැන් උනත් උඹ එක්ක ම වැදලිලා යන්න මම දෙපාරක් හිතන්නෙ නෑ පැටියෝ

ඒත් මම හොයාගන්න ඕනි උඹට මේ තරම් දෙයක් කරගන්න තරම් නිබ්බ හේතුව මොකද්ද කියල ඒ වගේම උඹ යද්දි මට භාරදිල ගියේ උඹව මුළු ලෝකෙම කරගන්න උඹේ පව්ලෙ මිනිස්සුන්ව මම ඒ අයව බලාග න්ත ඕනි නන්ගිලට හොඳ අයියෙක් වෙන්ත ඕනි උඹේ සියදිව් නිසා ගැනීමට හේතුව හොයාගන්න ඕනි මම අඩ අඩම ඒ බව තද්දම හිතට කාවද්ද ගන්නෙ

හැමදේම බෙදාගන්නා ලදිම මම එක්ක බෙදාගන්නා බැරි
 උන ප්‍රශ්නෙ හොයාගන්නෙ කොහොමද කියල හිතන
 ගමන් ඒ අතරෙ ලග්ගි නදලට වැටුණු මගේ උණු කඳුව
 හිනියට ගලන් යන්නෙ ලග්ගි කම්මුල දිහාවටයි

"මම ඇඬුවට උඹ අඩ නන්න ඕන්නැ මගෙ දෙයියෝ
 මම උඹට කිව්ව වගේම ඒ අය වෙනුවෙන් ඉන්නව ඒ
 වගේමයි උඹට ඔහොම කරගන්න හේතු උන හැම
 එකාවම බාවනව ඔව්ව්, මම පොරොන්දු වෙනව."

එහෙමම ලග්ගි මුණ දිහා වනාවක් බලන් ඉදල මම
 ගියේ ලග්ගි පුංචි කාමරේට බිම පුරාම මළගෙදරට
 ඇව මිනිස්සු ගෙනාපු සිනි මලුයි, බිස්කට් මලුයි
 ගොඩගහල ඒත් ලග්ගි ඇඳ හරිම පිළිවෙලට හරි
 ගස්සල තියනව මම ලොකු හුස්මක් පහන දාල ගිහින්
 චාඩ්ලන් ලග්ගි ඒ ඇඳ ලඬින් එහෙමම ඇඳේ හාන්සි
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01. Did You Know?

World Youth Skills Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2014 and has been observed every year on 15 July since 2015. The day recognizes the importance of equipping young people with technical, vocational, and entrepreneurial skills that support employment, decent work, and sustainable development. It also highlights the need for equal access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for youth across the world.

02. Skills for the Future

According to global workforce trends, employers increasingly value skills such as communication, teamwork, digital literacy, creativity, critical thinking, and adaptability. While technical knowledge is important, these transferable skills help individuals succeed in almost every profession. Continuous learning, online courses, volunteering, internships, and leadership experiences are excellent ways for young people to prepare for the rapidly changing world of work.

03. Youth Empowerment

Youth development extends beyond the classroom. Participating in community service, volunteering, leadership programs, and organizations such as the Leo Club enables young people to gain real-world experience while serving society. These opportunities strengthen confidence, teamwork, project management, public speaking, and problem-solving skills, helping young leaders become responsible citizens who are ready to make a meaningful impact in their communities and beyond.

LEO CLUB CONNECTION

Leo Clubs provide young people with an ideal platform to develop essential life skills through service, leadership, and teamwork. Every community service project, environmental initiative, awareness campaign, fundraising activity, workshop, and leadership opportunity allows members to gain valuable real-world experience while making a positive difference in their communities.

By planning and organizing projects, Leo members strengthen their leadership and project management abilities. Working together on service activities enhances communication, collaboration, creativity, and teamwork. Participating in training sessions and workshops encourages continuous learning, builds self-confidence, and improves public speaking and decision-making skills.

Beyond volunteering, the Leo Club experience helps shape compassionate, confident, and socially responsible young leaders who are prepared to face future challenges and inspire positive change wherever they go.

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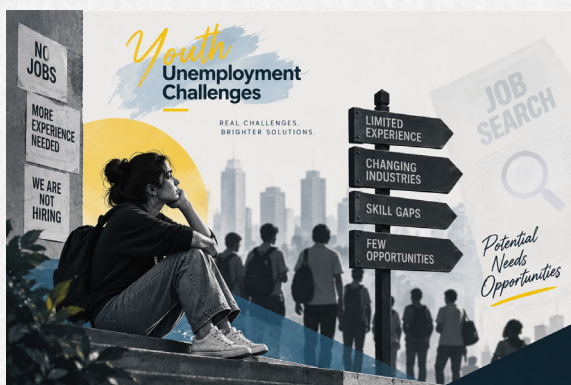
WORLD YOUTH SKILLS DAY 2026

Theme: Youth Empowerment Through AI and Digital Skills

Every year on 15 July, the world celebrates World Youth Skills Day to recognize the importance of equipping young people with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in an ever-changing world. As technology continues to reshape industries and redefine the future of work, the demand for skilled, adaptable, and innovative individuals continues to grow. This day serves as a reminder that investing in the education, training, and personal development of young people is essential for creating stronger communities, sustainable economies, and a brighter future for all.

Skills are no longer limited to technical expertise alone. Alongside vocational and digital competencies, qualities such as communication, teamwork, leadership, creativity, critical thinking, and adaptability have become equally important. By encouraging lifelong learning and continuous self-improvement, young people are empowered to overcome challenges, embrace opportunities, and contribute positively to society.

Why It Matters?



Youth Unemployment Challenges

Many young people face difficulties in finding meaningful employment due to limited work experience and changing industry demands. Expanding access to quality education, vocational training, and practical learning opportunities can help prepare them for successful careers.

Skills Gap in the Job Market

As workplaces continue to evolve, employers seek individuals with technical knowledge, digital literacy, and strong problem-solving skills. Continuous learning and upskilling help young people stay competitive and meet the demands of the modern workforce.



Importance of Vocational & Soft Skills

Career success depends on more than academic knowledge. Vocational skills provide practical expertise, while soft skills such as communication, teamwork, leadership, and adaptability help individuals succeed in both their careers and everyday life. Together, these skills build confidence and improve employability.

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A low-angle photograph of a man climbing a large, moss-covered tree trunk in a dense, green forest. The man is wearing a blue and green plaid shirt, dark shorts, and blue sneakers. He is looking up towards the canopy. The background is filled with thick foliage and sunlight filtering through the leaves. A semi-transparent dark green box is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing text.

Exploring Sri Lanka's Natural Biosphere

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Sri Lanka has many other remarkable hiking destinations. Horton Plains and World's End offer misty highlands and breathtaking viewpoints, while the Knuckles Mountain Range provides challenging trails through forests, grasslands and streams. Adam's Peak combines hiking with centuries of religious and cultural tradition, while Sinharaja Rainforest allows hikers to experience one of Sri Lanka's richest natural ecosystems.

Hiking is especially valuable for young people. It improves physical fitness, builds mental strength and teaches patience. Difficult climbs remind us that progress comes one step at a time. Hiking with friends also creates strong friendships and unforgettable memories while giving us a break from our phones and busy lifestyles.

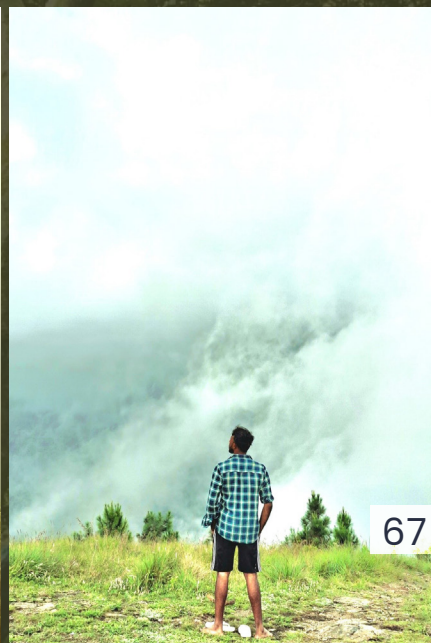
However, exploring nature comes with responsibility. Plastic bottles, food wrappers, fires and excessive noise can damage these fragile environments. We should follow the simple principle of "Leave No Trace." Whatever we bring into the mountains should come back with us.

Our mountains and forests are not merely tourist attractions. They are part of our natural heritage and support countless forms of life.

Let us explore Sri Lanka, but let us leave its beauty for the next generation to discover.



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Whispers to the Moon

Oh, gentle moon, high in the quiet night,
I come to you beneath your silver light.
Alone I stand, my heart so full of grief,
I share with you my sorrow, seeking relief.

They say I've sinned, betrayed the ones I love,
But you, dear moon, watch over from above.
You see the truth that lies beyond the veil,
Where innocence and kindness still prevail.

I gave my heart to them, my loyal kin,
Yet now they see me clothed in shadowed sin.
A traitor's name, they've placed upon my head,
While lies and whispers fill their hearts with dread.

But I am true, you know it in your glow,
You've seen the paths I walk, the seeds I sow.
The ones who bear the guilt, they rest with ease,
While I am left to wander, never pleased.

Dear moon, do you hear the cries I hide?
This pain, this loneliness I feel inside?
I gave them care as though they were my own,
And now I find myself lost, so alone.

I ask the stars, the heavens wide and grand,
To help them see, to help them understand.
For I am innocent, though stained with blame,
A soul unseen, burned by the fire of shame.

Yet in your light, I find a small reprieve,
For you remind me, though I grieve,
That truth will rise like you, from dusk to dawn,
And in the end, this darkness will be gone.

So, moon, I trust your silent, steady grace,
To hold my heart in this cold, empty space.
And though they hate, and though they turn away,
I know, with you, I'll find my strength to stay.



LEO SANJAYA HEWAGE
LEO CLUB OF ICBT

Where Creativity Meets Nature



“An artwork colored with passion and imagination, capturing the serene beauty of mountains, forests, and flowing waters.”



LEO RASHMI JAYATHILAKA
LEO CLUB OF ICBT

Where the Ocean Comes Alive



"Through every colour and detail, this artwork celebrates the beauty, grace, and freedom of one of nature's most fascinating creatures."



LEO SANJAYA HEWAGE
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Symphony of Four Skies



"A captivating four-panel acrylic study capturing the emotional transitions of nature and the sky. Moving seamlessly from the vivid warmth of a twilight sunset to the peaceful enchantment of moonlit dreams, each quadrant invites the reader to step into a distinct realm of solitude, wonder, and peace."



LEO SANJAYA HEWAGE
LEO CLUB OF ICBT

THE MAGIC HIDDEN INSIDE A PIECE OF PAPER

A piece of paper may look simple and ordinary. It can be used for writing, drawing, or keeping memories. But with imagination and patience, that same piece of paper can become a beautiful work of art. This is the magic of origami.

Origami is the Japanese art of folding paper to create different shapes and designs.

The word “origami” comes from two Japanese words: ori, meaning “folding,” and kami, meaning “paper.” Without using scissors or glue, a simple sheet of paper can be transformed into birds, flowers, animals, and many other creative designs.

The beauty of origami is not only in the final creation but also in the process. Every fold needs care and attention. A small mistake can change the whole design, teaching us the value of patience and focus. It reminds us that great things are created step by step.

One of the most famous origami designs is the orizuru (折り紙 ori- “folded,” tsuru “crane”). In Japanese culture, the crane represents peace, hope, and good wishes. Many people fold paper cranes as a symbol of love, healing, and dreams for a better future.

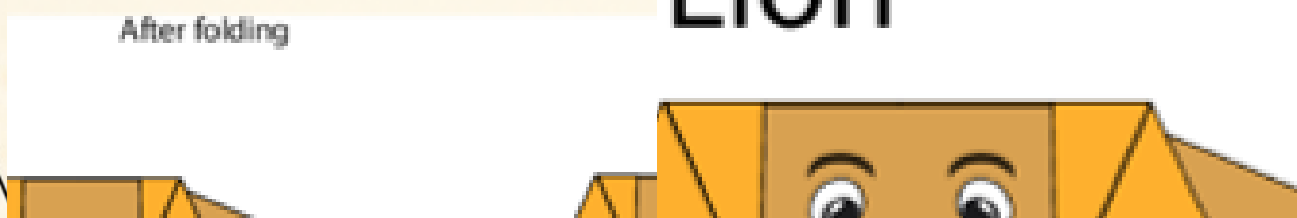
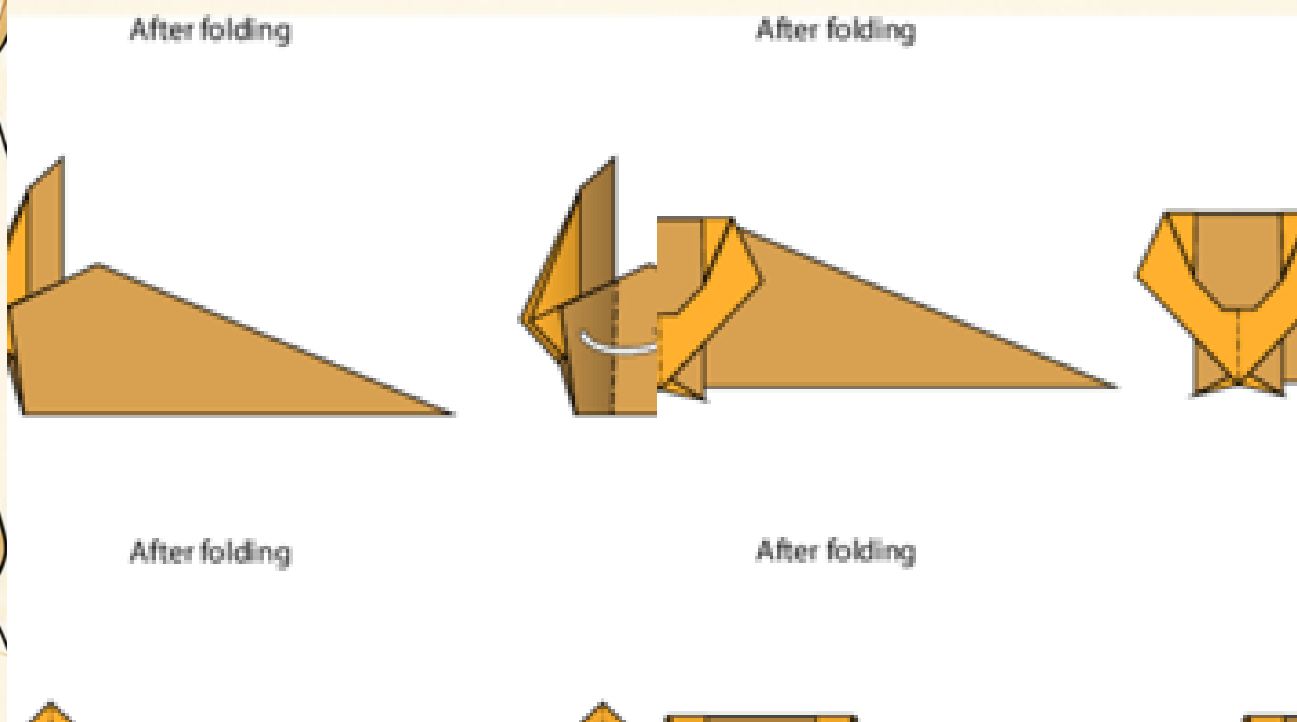
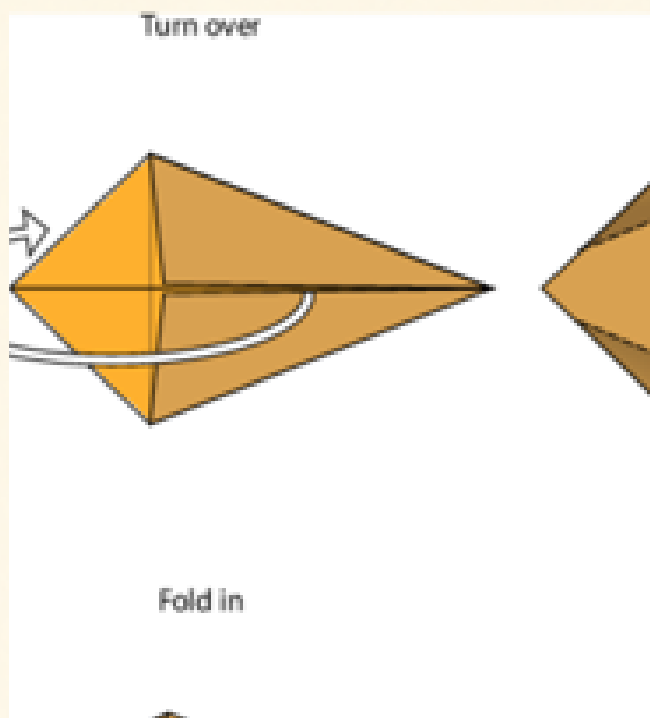
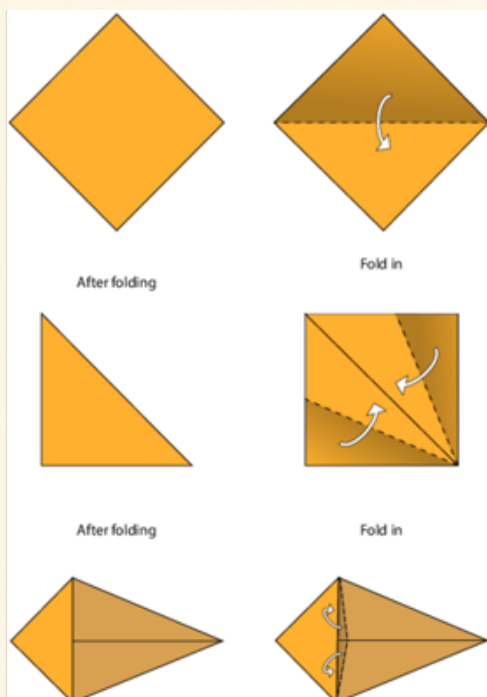
Origami is more than just an art. It helps people develop creativity, concentration, and problem-solving skills. Children learn to be patient and imaginative through paper folding. Even scientists and engineers use ideas from origami to create new designs and solutions in modern technology.

The most beautiful lesson origami teaches us is that something simple can become something special. A plain sheet of paper may seem like it has no value, but with the right hands, it can become a masterpiece.

Life is also like origami. Every experience, challenge, and change creates a new fold in our journey. Some folds may be difficult, but they help shape who we become.

Origami shows us that beauty does not always come from something expensive or complicated. Sometimes, all we need is a simple beginning, a little creativity, and the courage to create something wonderful.

Because within every piece of paper, there is a hidden story waiting to unfold.



Lion

Esala Dansala

The Leo Club of Colombo Centennial successfully organized its first ever Esala Ice Cream Dansala on 29th July 2026 at Sri Wijayasundaramaya, Kesbewa. Conducted as an Inter-District Project, the Dansala brought together Leo members with a shared purpose of serving the community and spreading happiness through a simple act of giving.

More than 1,200 people, including devotees, children, families, and members of the surrounding community, were served with free ice cream. The event created a warm and joyful atmosphere, giving everyone an opportunity to share in the spirit of generosity and togetherness.

The project also provided members with an opportunity to develop teamwork, leadership, communication, and coordination. Leos from different districts worked together to organize and conduct the Dansala successfully.

As the first Esala Dansala organized by the Leo Club of Colombo Centennial, the event became a memorable milestone for the club. More importantly, it showed that even a small gesture of kindness can bring happiness to many people and create a positive impact in the community.



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO CENTENNIAL

VIBRATIONS 2.0

Partnering in every beat to save a heartbeat.

Organized by the Leo Club of CINEC Campus alongside the Leo Club of Thalangama Malabe, VIBRATIONS 2.0 was designed to do more than entertain. It was created to raise funds and awareness for children battling cancer at Apeksha Hospital in Maharagama, through the initiative “**භූෂ්ම බිඳුන්** 2.0”.

With lights cutting through the dark and music echoing across the campus, VIBRATIONS 2.0 took place from 5:00 p.m. on the 4th of August 2026, turning the car park of CINEC Campus into something bigger than a concert venue.

The main focus of the fundraiser was to provide essential medical equipment for the children's ward at Apeksha Hospital. Specifically, the team aimed to fund two infusion pumps in order to enhance the quality and safety of the treatment undergone by pediatric cancer patients. Simply put, from the first ticket sold to the final performance, everything that night was aimed at one thing which is to give children struggling with cancer a better chance at survival.

But what made the night special wasn't just the music. Our performers Lakshitha Mihiran, Yuki Nawarathna, Ravi Jay, and the Dreamers Acoustic Band were the glow of the night, keeping energy alive from start to finish.

VIBRATIONS 2.0 was positioned as a bridge between fun and social impact. For those who attended, it was a way to contribute while enjoying a night out. And for the children at the hospital, it meant real support where it's needed most. By the end of the night, VIBRATIONS 2.0 showed that a concert can be more than sounds. It can be support. It can be unity. And it can be healing.



LEO MOVINYA WITHANACHCHI
LEO CLUB OF CINEC CAMPUS



Senehase Yathra

Beyond the Hospital Corridors

Beyond hospital windows, there is a world waiting to be explored. A world of ancient skies, sacred places, laughter, songs, new friendships, and moments where a child can forget the word “treatment” for a while and simply enjoy being a child.

Senehase Yathra was born from that little wish.

From 21st to 24th August 2026, the newly chartered Leo Club of Colombo Pride will accompany a group of children undergoing cancer treatment on a special journey to Anuradhapura.

But this is more than a journey from one city to another.

Under the peaceful glow of Ruwanwelisaya, prayers will be offered for strength and hope. Beneath the sacred branches of the Jaya Sri Maha Bodhi, little hearts will receive blessings for the journeys still ahead of them. Between those moments will come songs, laughter, conversations, activities, and memories waiting to be made.

And while they begin their journey, another journey begins too.

As a newly chartered club, Senehase Yathra is our first major club project following our charter and one of the biggest steps we have taken together. It represents the kind of beginning we dreamed of; one built not merely through projects, but through lives touched and smiles shared.

Perhaps, years from now, they may not remember every place we visited or every activity we shared. But we hope they remember how those four days made them feel.

Because some journeys take us to places, while others stay within our hearts forever.



LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO PRIDE

Beyond the Badge: A Journey of Hearts, Hands, and Humanity

A Leo badge is more than a symbol worn on a shirt. It represents a heart that cares, hands that serve, and a spirit willing to make a difference. While many young people dream of changing the world, a Leo takes the first step and turns those dreams into meaningful action. That is the true essence of Leoism.

Established on 02nd October 2002, the Leo Club of Colombo Wekanda, Leo District 306 D6, carries a legacy built on service, friendship, and leadership. Standing on the foundation created by those who came before us, the Leoistic Year 2026/27 began with gratitude and blessings through our sacred Ashirwadha Pooja. Guided by our seniors and strengthened by the blessings of our Club and Leo Multiple, we began a year that became more than a collection of projects it became a journey of service, friendship, leadership, and growth.

Throughout the year, our efforts reached more than 1,000 lives in the community. Through "Say No," we raised awareness about drug abuse and encouraged healthier choices. Through "Suwitha Sarana," we shared care, companionship, and happiness with the elderly, reminding them that kindness has no age limit.

But Leoism is also about discovering ourselves. The Leo Olympics strengthened our teamwork and sportsmanship, while our memorable outing to Pussellawa turned friendships into family. Projects such as "Waka One Shot" showcased our creativity and teamwork, while "Beat the Sweet" reflected our commitment to promoting healthier lifestyles.

Our celebrations, including the Christmas gathering and "Punchi Ape Auruddha" joint project, brought us closer together while celebrating friendship, culture, and togetherness.

Our monthly meetings were another important part of our journey. They became spaces where ideas turned into initiatives and where the guidance of our Senior Leos and Lions helped us grow into better leaders and better individuals.

Throughout this journey, we also learned to appreciate ourselves and one another. We celebrated not only our achievements, but also the effort behind them. We may not have been perfect, but we always gave our best, supported one another, learned from our challenges, and continued moving forward together. Every contribution mattered, and every Leo played a part in making this year meaningful.

Finally, "Wekandhabhima," our annual club awarding ceremony, gave us the opportunity to celebrate the dedication and commitment of every Leo who contributed to this remarkable year.

As we look back, we realise that our year cannot be measured only by the projects we completed. It is measured by the lives we touched, smiles we created, friendships we built, and lessons we learned.

The projects may end, and the year may come to a close, but the legacy of our Club, the memories we created, and the spirit of service will continue.

Once a Leo, always a Leo because service is not simply something we do; it is a value we carry for a lifetime.



LEO DISINI ABEYRATHNE
LEO CLUB OF COLOMBO WEKANDA

SERVICE
FRIENDSHIP
LEADERSHIP
A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

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THE CAPTAIN

Some stories are written because they need to be told. Others are written because they deserve to be remembered. NOVARA was created for both.

It is with immense gratitude that I welcome you to the first issue of NOVARA, Volume II, the official magazine of Leo District 306 D6 for the Leoistic Year 2026/27.

As we journey "Beyond the Expected," these pages capture more than achievements. They carry the ideas we believed in, the people we served, the friendships we built, and the moments that shaped us along the way.

Taking on the responsibility of Editor-in-Chief is both an honour and a privilege. NOVARA is not the work of one person, but the result of many individuals who shared their stories, creativity, time, and passion. To everyone who contributed to bringing these pages to life, thank you.

There are still stories to tell, challenges to overcome, and memories waiting to be made. This is only the beginning.

Here's to the stories yet unwritten and a year that takes us truly Beyond the Expected.

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