

UMT SPOTLIGHT

THE VOICES OF UMT YOUTH

JANUARY - MARCH 2023

"UMT is dedicated to building up young leaders to foster unity, integration, peace building and harmony between communities across Sri Lanka"

" IT IS GOOD TO LOVE MANY THINGS, FOR THEREIN LIES TRUE STRENGTH, AND WHOSEVER LOVES MUCH PERFORMS MUCH, AND CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH, AND WHAT IS DONE IN LOVE IS WELL DONE "
- VINCENT VAN GOGH

UNITY MISSION TRUST
AS AT APRIL 2023

- **-16,000+ HAVE ATTENDED PROGRAMMES**
- **- 300+ EVENTS / PROJECTS ACROSS SRILANKA**
- **- CURRENT TOP PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP.**
- **/ NORTH (INCLUDING ISLANDS) :- 51**
- **/ SOUTH :- 68**
- **/ MIDLANKA (CENTRAL, UVA , SABARAGAMUWA) :- 76**
- **/ WEST AND LOW COUNTRY (WEST, NCP, NWP AND PARTS OF EAST) :-63**
- **/ EAST (MUTTUR TO POTHUVIL) :- 52**

ACTIVE MEMBERS IN EVERY MAIN CITY OF SRILANKA !

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OPERATIONAL REPORTS IN THE 1ST QUARTER, 2023

- UMT HAS HAD A VERY ACTIVE TIME OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY DURING THE 1ST 3 MONTHS OF 2023
- THE MIDLANKA LEADERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME WAS HELD IN KANDY
- ALSO LINKED TO THAT EVWNT WAS THE 12TH POWER ONE HUNDRED PROGRAMME FOR 100 HAND PICKED LEADERS FROM ACROSS SRILANKA
- THE 2022 AWARDS CEREMONY WAS HELD DURING THIS EVENT AS WELL
- THE AWARDS INCLUDED THE ANNUAL AWARDS CAPTIONED AS :
- SPIRIT OF UNITY ANNUAL AWARD
- LEADERSHIP SERVICE AWARDS
- AND THE MOST OUTSTANDING MONTHLY CHAMPIONS AWARDS
- AS WELL AS SOME OTHER SPECIAL AWARDS
- THE HIHGLIGHTS OF THE AWARD CEREMONY WERE THE PROVINCIAL AND MONTHLY REGIONAL CHAMPION AWARDS FOR 2023.
- NEW APPOINTMENTS WERE MADE FOR CHIEF PROVINCIAL LEADERS FOR 5 PROVINCES OF UMT ACROSS SRILANKA AS WELL AS A KEY PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP TEAMS FOR ALL PROVINCES
- A NEW NATIONAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES TEAM WAS ALSO APPOINTED FOR 2023 AS WELL AS A NEW NEWSLETTER PRODUCTION TEAM !
- THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY THE THAI PONGAL FESTIVAL WHERE YOUTH REACHED OUT TO EACH OTHER
- SPECIAL PROGRAMME WAS PLANNED FOR THE 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS.
- MANY REGIONAL TEAMS DID UP THEIR GREETINGS COLLAGES TO SHARE WITH OTHERS !
- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WAS CELEBRATED WITH A WELL ATTENDED ZOME MEETING ON THE TOPIC SAFETY, EQUALITY AND EMPOWERMENT OF SRILANKAN WOMEN "
- A HIGHLY REGARDED PANEL OF SPEAKERS HONOURED UMT BY DELIVERING WELL PRESENTED SPEECHES.
- IN TERMS OF NEW MEMBERS A STEADY INCREASE IN NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS WERE SEEN THROUGHOUT THE QUARTER
- THESE NEW MEMBERS WERE FROM EVERY AREA OF SRILANKA
- A NUMBER OF HAND PICKED MEMBERS WE'RE PROMOTED INTO THE TOP PROVINCIAL LEADERS GROUPS .
- THESE PROMOTIONS WERE DONE BASED ON THE COMMITMENT, ENTHUSIASM, ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL/ PROVINCIAL ACTIVITY AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN .
- HE DAILY MOTIVATION/ INSPIRATION POSTERS CONTINUE TO BE DONE IN HOUSE AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL REGIONS AND ALSO TO MANY OUTSIDE OF UMT !

EDITORIAL



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Building Bridges and Empowering the Youth: The Innovative Work of Unity Mission Trust

Unity Mission Trust (UMT) is a visionary and dynamic Not -for- Profit organization, committed to harnessing the power of youth to foster and build up unity, integration and connectivity between young people all across SriLanka.
As the famous idiom goes, "united we stand, divided we fall" , UMT takes this principle to heart, by working on the belief that " Unity in our diversity " as being a core belief! This was evidenced by the extensive work completed in the first quarter of 2023, empowering youth, building up leadership capabilities and celebrating diversity as well as building bridges of friendship and understanding all across SriLanka!

In January, UMT held its 10th Power One Hundred Programme and also the Midlanka Provincial Leadership and Fellowship Development Program in Kandy.
This was with the aim of further motivating the leadership potential of young people in the Midlanka Operational Area of UMT.

The organization firmly believes in the proverb, "give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime." UMT's investment in the youth of Srilanka is not a short-term oritented Operation, but a long-term investment in creating future leaders where the mindsets, benefits and results of the work of UMT will be seen in the next 10-15-20 -25 years ahead!

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UMT's commitment to continuous growth and development was evident in February when it announced a new structural/hierarchical change. As the adage goes, "the only constant in life is change," and UMT's focus on progress and evolution demonstrates its unwavering commitment to serving and building up our membership,so that in turn , that they can be very strong catalysts impacting SriLankan communities even more effectively in the future.

The Administrative change resulted in Hand Picked Youth being Appointed as Key Provincial Leaders. They will work closely with the Regional Network of Leaders to ensure greater operIn February, UMT celebrated the 75th Independence Anniversary of Sri Lanka, by encouraging UMT Regional Teams to reach out into their own area commutnities to carry out even small scale projects to support economically challenged groups of families to strengthen them and particularly to give their youth, the encouragement to have renewed hope in uplifting themselves through their own effort and their spirit, with the knowledge that there are people who care about their future! We encourage our youth to keep climbing the mountains ahead of them , without ever giving up !

In March, UMT celebrated International Women's Day by hosting a Zoom Conference with inspiring and exemplary women from various backgrounds being the Speakers.

UMT recognizes that women are the backbone of society and works to empower and further encourage all of the Young Women Leaders of UMT from every corner of SriLanka to believe in themselves, so that they can reach for their own dreams in the journey of their lives!

UMT is dedicated to empowering them towards creating a brighter, vibrant, fulfilling and successful future for themselves, through self belief and empowering of their mindset !

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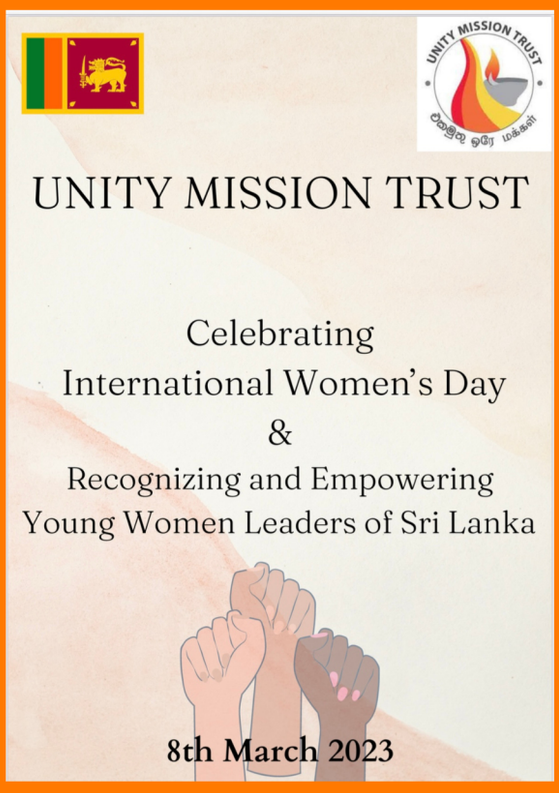
At the same time, UMT also educates and strengthens awareness in all the Male Youth Leaders that respecting a woman ; protecting the safety of a woman; and giving space to women in their own lives - be they their sisters or their future life partners - so that they can grow to reach their full capabilities and that this is one of the main ways that a Nation can grow in success as well as their own families developing and prospering, because of the strength and value addition that the women of their families and communities can bring to them by being encouraged to grow and reach their full potential!

UMT's innovative grassroots work in every corner of SriLanka encapsulates UMT's ethos and the initiatives implemented in the first quarter of 2023 serve as a vibrant example of the potential, power and ability of our Youth and the value of unity in diversity - resulting in genuine integration and reconciliation - implemented step by step , across communities , with our youth accepting and believing that their are all equally valuable sons and daughters of One Mother !

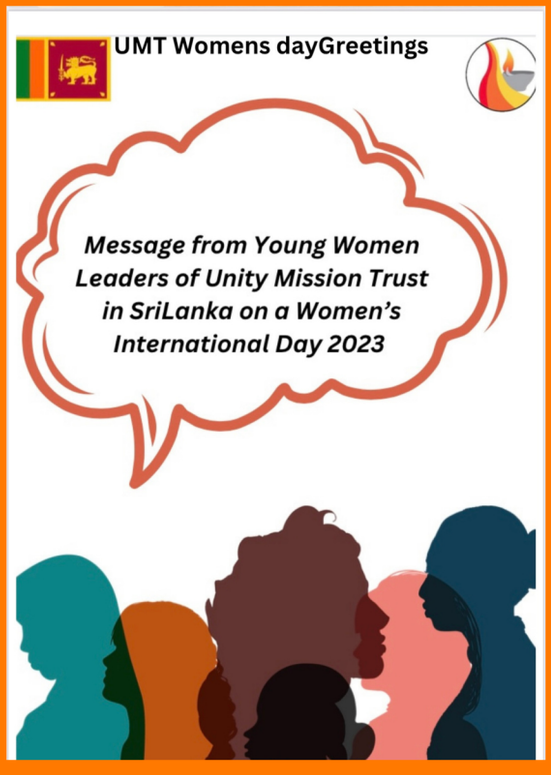
Truly that they are -

One People .One SriLanka !

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY



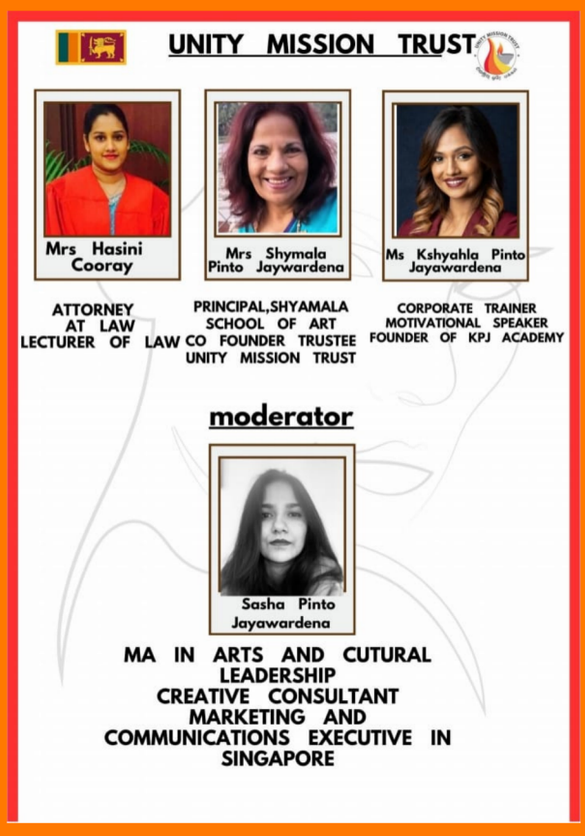




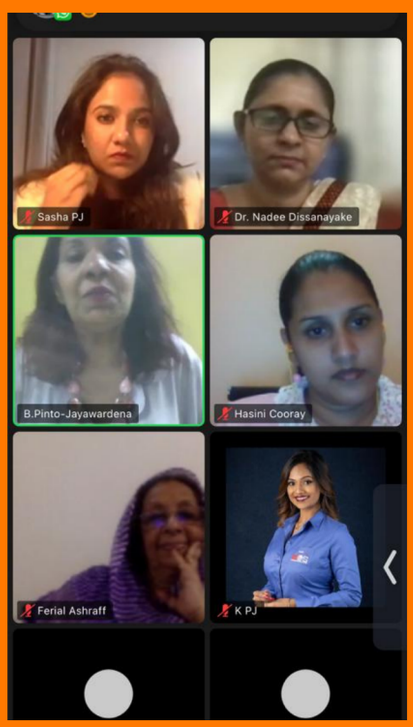


INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CONFERENCE POSTERS











LIVE PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE ZOOM CONFERENCE OF THE SPEAKERS AND THE MODERATOR ON 8TH MARCH,2023

UMT ANNUAL AWARDS 2022



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CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 2022 FOR BEST PERFORMING REGIONS AND PROVINCES

Awards Ceremony - 7th January 2023, Kandy

Best Performing Province and Regional Teams - 2022



Best Performing Region in South-**Galle**



Best Performing Province - East



Best Performing Region in East-**Batticaloa**



Best Performing Region in Sri Lanka - Batticaloa



Best Performing Region in North-**Kilinochchi**



Best Performing Region in West and Low Country-**Colombo**



Best Performing Region in Mid Lanka-**Kandy**

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDERS OF UMT FOR THE 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY ANNIVERSARY



A MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF UNITY MISSION TRUST

As Sri Lanka celebrates 75 years of Independence we want to share this message with all of our sons and daughters of Unity Mission Trust.

We want you to accept these thoughts; believe in them; practice them through all the days of your life!

- You are a SRILANKAN. This above all is what matters!
- Believe that YOU are an equally valuable son or daughter of ONE Mother, Sri Lanka, your Motherland.
- Accept and respect all who are different to you in appearance, religion or cultural practice! You are all Sri Lankan!
- Unity in diversity and respect for each other is the ONLY WAY that will make Sri Lanka grow strong and successful in the future!
- Be INDEPENDENT in spirit and mind; do not ever allow yourself to get addicted to drugs, alcohol, smoking, pornography or anything that will pull you down and destroy your self-respect!



MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS OF UNITY MISSION TRUST

- Have the courage and strength to refuse to pay any bribe or be a party to accepting a bribe. Big robbery always begins with small robbery! Big corruption begins with small corruption!
- Do not speak LIES! It's against all Religous principles. One lie will lead to another lie and your word will not be valued and you will not be trusted!
- Do not be a party to divisive, narrow-minded politics that is based on greed for power and does not recognise equality of all people!
- Always working for the oppressed, the poor, the downtrodden, the voiceless, and orphans - is how we can work together to truly build-up our Nation.
- Add positive value and make a difference to your Motherland. Live and work to make Sri Lanka a more united, successful and a happier Nation!

UNITE. HEAL. INTEGRATE.

ONE PEOPLE .
ONE SRI LANKA.

Bertal & Shyamala Pinto- Jayawardena
Founder Trustees,
Unity Mission Trust

GREETINGS MESSAGES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FROM REGIONAL TEAMS

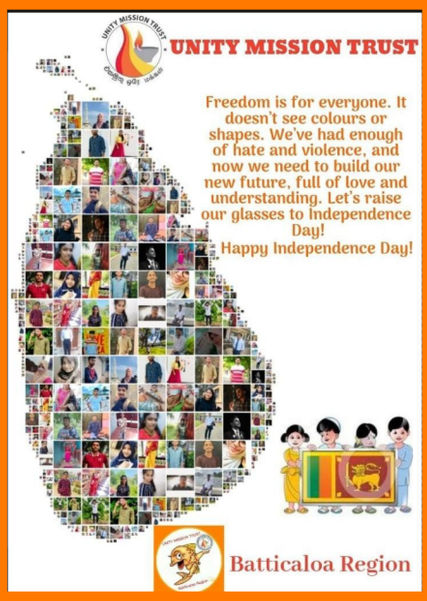
JAFNA REGION



PUTTALAM REGION



BATTICALOA REGION



MANNAR REGION



KURUNEGALA REGION



KEGALLE REGION



NUWARAELIYA REGION

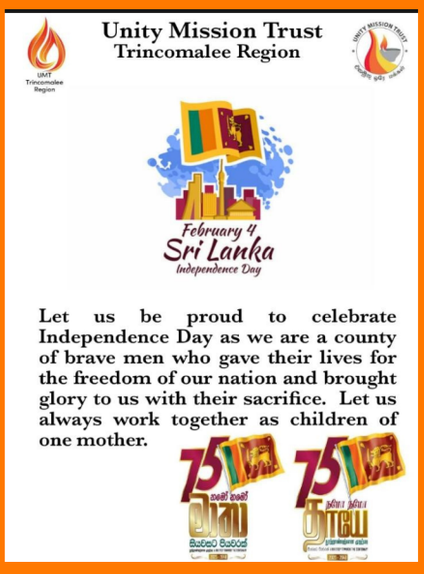


GREETINGS MESSAGES FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY FROM REGIONAL TEAMS

HAPUTALE REGION



TRINCOMALEE REGION



AMBALANGODA REGION



KILINOCHCHI REGION



GAMPOLA REGION



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COLLAGES BY REGIONS

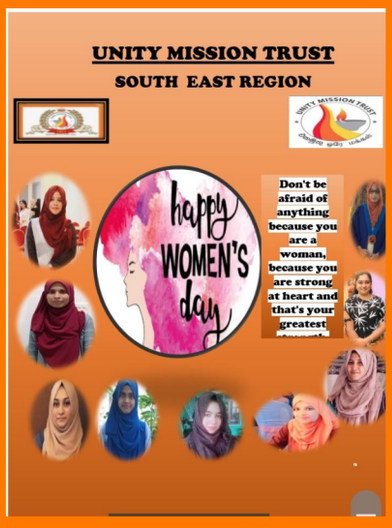
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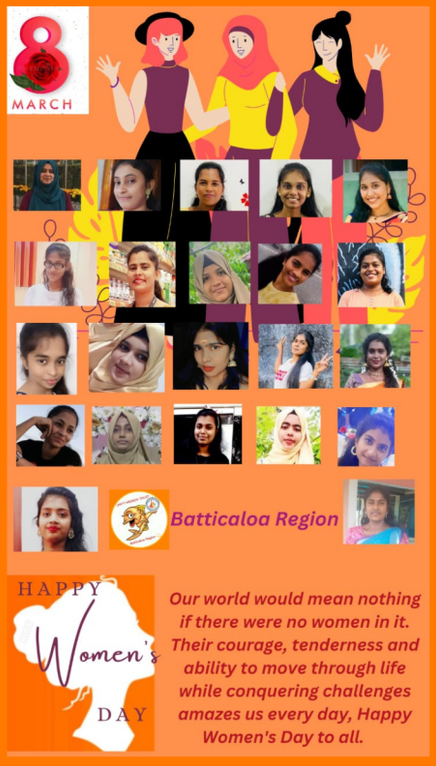
KILINOCHCHI REGION



SOUTH EAST REGION



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ELPITIYA REGION REGION



KEGALLE REGION



GAMPOLA REGION

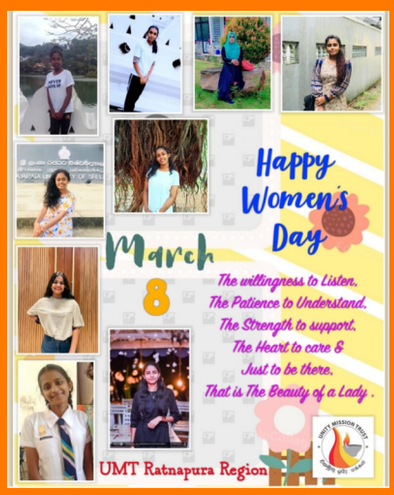


MATARA REGION



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY COLLAGES BY REGIONS

RATNAPURA REGION



HAPUTALE REGION



MAHA OYA REGION



PUTTALAM REGION



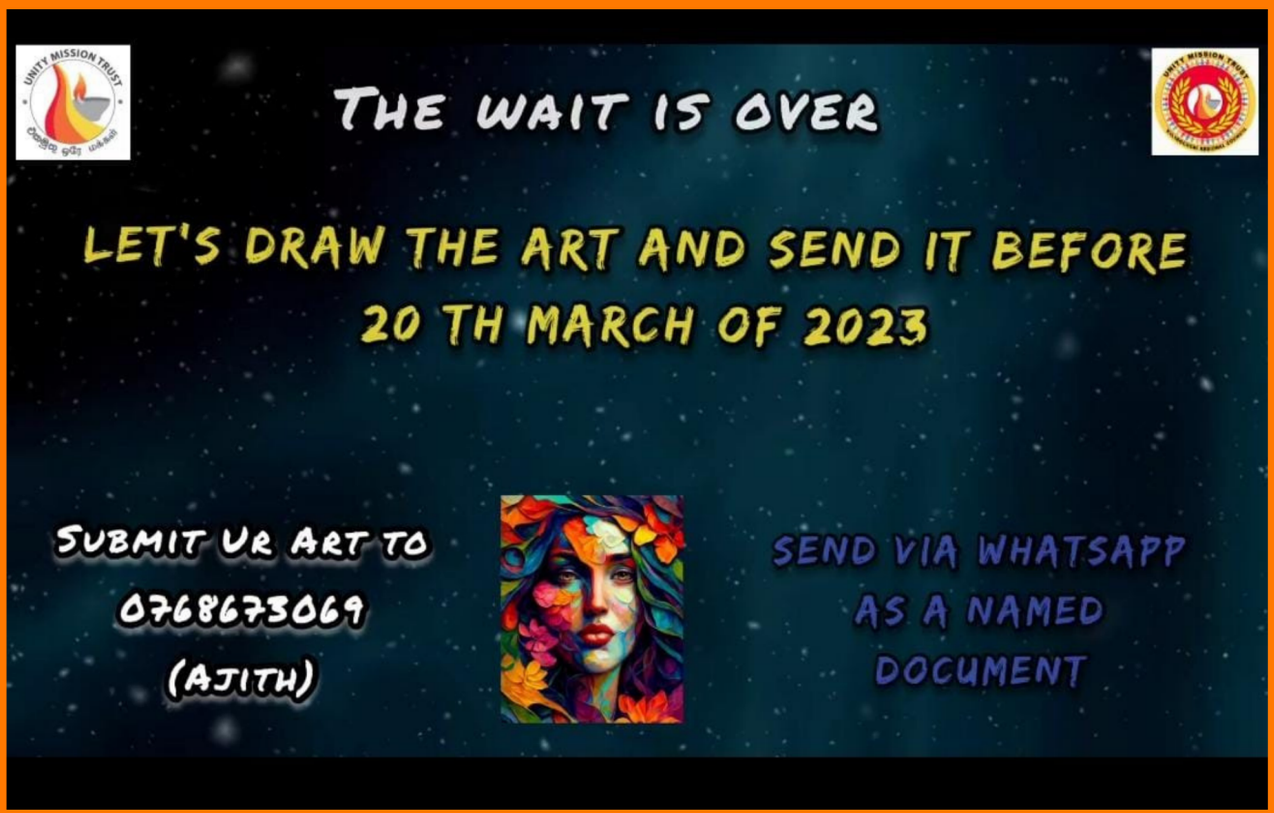
NUWARAELIYA REGION



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY PROJECTS - KILLINOCHCHI ART COMPETITION













A BOOK DISTRIBUTION PROJECT CARRIED OUT AT AN ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED SCHOOL THAT HAS MIXED COMMUNITIES

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROJECTS - SOUTH EAST REGION







A PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY THE SOUTH EAST REGION TO SUPPORT NEEDY CHILDREN WITH BOOKS AND GIFT PACKS

INDEPENDENCE DAY PROJECTS - JAFFNA REGION

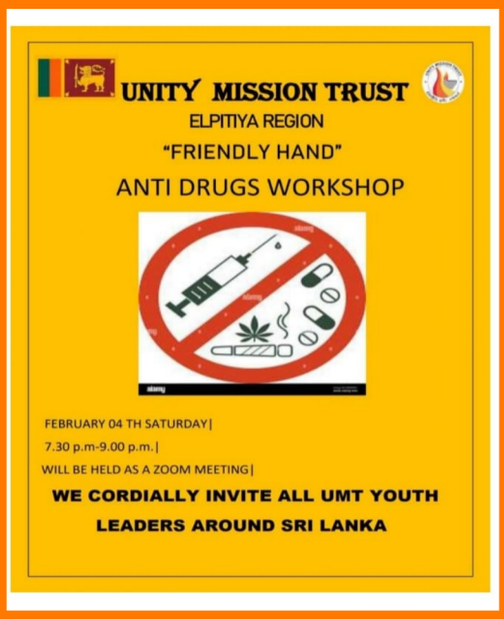






JAFFNA REGION CELEBRATED A INDEPENDENCE DAY BY CARRYING OUT A PROJECT TO REACH OUT TO NEEDY PEOPLE IN HUNGER AND PROVIDED FOOD AND DRY RATIONS

REGIONAL PROJECTS - ELPITIYA REGION







ELPITIYA REGION CARRIED OUT A 75TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY PROJECT BY CONDUCTING A ZOOM MEETING TO CREATE AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG USAGE. PARTICIPANTS RANGED FROM ACROSS SOUTH SRILANKA AND OTHER REGIONS TOO WERE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

NEW APPOINTMENTS

















NEW APPOINTMENTS









NEW APPOINTMENTS

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New Appointments 2 of 2

UMT Motivation Team

The Following have been Appointed to the above Team with Immediate effect



Nisar Nuha
Aluthgama Region



Nawshad Muklish
Kegalle Region

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UMT Motivation Team

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Senaya Dharmasena
Regional Coordinator
Colombo Region



Kusal Jayasooriya
Kandy Region



Pavithra Nagarasa
Senior Regional Coordinator
South East Region

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New Appointments 1 of 10

UMT National Events and Activities Team

The Following are Appointed to the above very Important Team for 2023



Milan Rajapaksha
Senior National Leader
Team Leader

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UMT National Events and Activities Team

Team Supervisors



Nizam Mohamed Anfaz
Regional Coordinator
Kandy Region



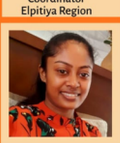
Asindu Edirisinghe
Senior Regional Coordinator
Elpitiya Region



Nifra Niyaz
Senior Regional Coordinator
Nawalapitiya Region



Dinusha Loganathan
Senior Regional Coordinator
Haputale Region



Kaushila Pramodani
Regional Leader
Ratnapura Region



Maithily Thiyakalingam
Regional Coordinator
Kilinochchi Region

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Members



Jeenusha Mahendiram
Jaffna Region



Kangeswaran Kokulan
Jaffna Region



Thuthisriya Kamalanadan
Jaffna Region



Anusha Jeyaweerasingham
Kilinochchi Region



Sajika Shanthirakumar
Kilinochchi Region



Tharshiny Thiyagarasa
Mullaitivu Region

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UMT National Events and Activities Team

Members



Fasmi Aasim
Mannar Region



Sobika Balakrishnan
Vavuniya Region



Uthayakulasingam Ilankumaran
Vavuniya Region



Dileeka Udayangani
Matara Region



Sandaru Dilmin
Regional Coordinator
Galle Region



Aruthsha Kasadun
Elpitiya Region

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UMT National Events and Activities Team

Members



Mayumi Weerasinghe
Elpitiya Region



Sachini Madushani
Ambalangoda Region



Hashini Bhagya
Ambalangoda Region



Sainudeen Farhath
Kalutara - Aluthgama Region



Samadhi Delpachitra
Kandy Region



Thanuka Dissanayake
Kandy Region

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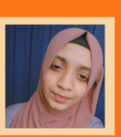
Members



Azmy Akeela
Kegalle Region



Haleema Iniyas
Regional Coordinator
Matale Region



Naziha Nisar
Gampola Region



Chamini Weerasinghe
Nuwara Eliya Region



Virasha Hewage
Badulla Region



Rasiah Sriskandarajah
Badulla Region

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Members


Vishwanathan Sarathkumar Ratnapura Region


Devindi Thathsarani Ratnapura Region


Shanmuganathan Dhanushan Nawalapitiya Region


Punyaletchumy Velusamy Haputale Region


Priyanka Jeyakumar Haputale Region


Yasoda Chandraboss Nuwara Eliya Region

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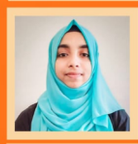
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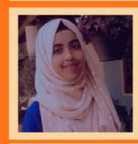

Senaya Dharmasena Regional Coordinator Colombo Region


Hanees Ibrahim Anuradhapura Region


Asanar Saburas Anuradhapura Region


Fasla Sithik Regional Coordinator Puttalam Region


Gani Nisha Kurunegala Region


Asma Ajmeer Kurunegala Region

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UMT National Events and Activities Team

Members


Dilsha Dharmasiri Maha Oya - Padiyatalawa Region


Afra Akbar Batticaloa Region


Kirupairetnam Sathurshan Batticaloa Region


Samhan Faizal South East Region

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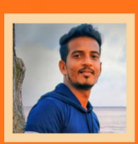
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UMT National Events and Activities Team

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Ahsan Ahnaff South East Region


Rizvi Rimsan Trincomalee Region


Roashan Uvais Trincomalee Region

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UMT IS VERY PROUD OF ANEEK AHAMED , SON OF FARVEEN AHAMED , RC OF SOUTH EAST REGION AND WINNER OF THE AWARD FOR THE MOST COMMITTED MARRIED MEMBER OF UMT FOR 2022.

ANEEK SET A NEW WORLD RECORD IN DECEMBER 2022 , OF BEING ABLE TO NAME 100 NATIONAL FLAGS IN JUST 1 MINUTE AND 18 SECONDS !

THIS IS A WORLD RECORD NOW AND WE ARE PROUD OF OUR MOST JUNIOR MEMBER OF UMT !! - AND WE WISH HIM A GREAT FUTURE WITH HIS STUDIES AND WITH HIS FUTURE CAREER GROWTH !

THE NEWSLETTER TEAM 2023



Raashid Lafthan:
Matara Region



Sahiru Allas:
Colombo region



Kihanduwage Himaya Anjani: Elpitiya Region



Senaya Dharmadasa:
Colombo Region



Nifra Niyas:
Nawalpitiya Region



Thanarakavi Ketheeswaran: Jaffna Region



Pavithra Nagarasa:
South East Region



Farwin Abdullah :
South East Region



Thanusiya Satkunarasa:
Jaffna Region



Renata Melvani:
Colombo Region



Lakshiya Yogarathnam:
Haputale Region



Luxshana Sanmuganathan-
Batticaloa Region