

Awareness Programme on “Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT)” for Officers of National Gem and Jewellery Authority – July 1, 2025

An awareness programme on “Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism” was successfully conducted by the National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA) on July 1, 2025, at the NGJA Head Office premises in Colombo. The session was organized with the objective of enhancing the understanding and compliance of NGJA officers with AML/CFT obligations.



The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Sri Lanka extended its support by providing experienced resource personnel to lead the session and shared valuable insights into AML/CFT regulations and best practices. The programme was attended by the officials of the NGJA including the senior management, regional managers, enforcement officers and other relevant officials.

Key topics covered during the session included:

- Money Laundering, Terrorist Financing, and Proliferation Financing
- Vulnerabilities of the Gem and Jewellery sector to financial crimes
- Roles and responsibilities of the FIU and NGJA
- Regulatory gaps and challenges within the sector
- Responsibilities of NGJA staff in AML/CFT compliance and way forward

Dr. Ayesha Ariyasinghe, Additional Director, Mr. Sanjeewa Guruge, Deputy Director, Ms. Maheshi Perera, Senior Assistant Director, Ms. Malsha Rathnayake, Senior Assistant Director and Ms. Janani Dayarthna, Legal Officer from FIU, joined the programme as resource persons. The session concluded with a Q&A segment, providing participants an opportunity to address their queries and gain further clarity on AML/CFT requirements.

This initiative marked a continued effort to strengthen the collaboration between the FIU and NGJA in safeguarding the integrity of the Gem and Jewellery sector through effective compliance practices.