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SLAF 73RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

73000 Donation of **Books**
Planting of Saplings

Renovation of 73 Schools

Medical & Dental Screenings



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In my role as the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and as the Director General Aeronautical Engineering at the Sri Lanka Air Force, I take immense pride in contributing to this impactful initiative. Education, being the key to unlocking potential, holds the power to shape a skilled tomorrow for these students.

1. Donate Books/ Financial Assistance: Give a new life to those gently used children's books resting on your shelves and give them a new lease of life in the hands of eager young readers. Moreover, you can provide Financial Assistance to boost the school renovation efforts.

2. Spread the Word: Share this message with your family, friends and fellow Sri Lankans worldwide. Let's transform this book drive into a global Sri Lankan effort!

3. Join Us: Reach out to the Sri Lanka Air Force's official social media platforms or contact the officials overseeing the project to explore direct avenues for contribution.

Together, let's embark on a journey of empowering minds and building a better future

I am honoured to convey the exciting news of our upcoming project, led by the Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, Air Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa. In a visionary move, the Sri Lanka Air Force is embarking on a journey to renovate 73 schools, donate 73,000 books (including textbooks, exercise books or any literature with educational value) to schoolchildren and plant 73,000 saplings in the Northern Province.

This educational support endeavour seeks to empower young minds by gifting them the treasure of knowledge, ultimately enabling a brighter future.



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As the Sri Lanka Air Force commemorates its 73rd anniversary, it is setting its sights not on the skies but on a mission that reaches into the hearts and minds of children in the Northern Province. Under the proficient leadership of Commander of the Air Force, Air Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa, a remarkable initiative is taking flight: the donation of 73,000 books to schoolchildren in the North. This extraordinary gift has the potential to kindle a love for reading, unveil new worlds and empower young minds to soar to new heights.

What makes this endeavour even more exciting is that it extends beyond the boundaries of Sri Lanka! I invite our vibrant Sri Lankan community across the globe to join them in spreading the enchantment of books. Every donated book is a seed planted for a brighter future.

What is **WINGS** of Friendship

The "Wings of Friendship" concept is a significant undertaking led by the Commander of the Sri Lanka Air Force, Air Marshal Udeni Rajapaksa. Positioned as a social mobilization initiative, it commemorates the 73rd anniversary of the Sri Lanka Air Force. The project confines various subprojects, including ***"Magen Pothak Uthurata," a commendable effort to donate 73,000 books to schoolchildren in the Northern Province. Furthermore, it features a tree-planting initiative and a programme dedicated to renovating 73 schools, both extending across the Northern and North Central Provinces.*** This comprehensive approach aligns with the broader goal of boosting friendship while addressing crucial aspects such as one of the UN's sustainable goals quality education, environmental sustainability and community development.





The Jaffna Province includes the districts of **Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar and Vavuniya**, collectively housing a total of 1098 schools. Within the Northern Province of Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Air Force has methodically identified and chosen 73 underserved schools for comprehensive renovation. This initiative is driven by the noble intention to cultivate a favourable and enriching learning environment for the students attending these schools.

Simultaneously, this strenuous effort has expanded its scope to include a charitable component, wherein the SLAF has generously committed to donating **73000 books**. This commendable gesture is directed towards nurturing the intellectual growth of the young minds, which undoubtedly represent the heart of our nation.

In alignment with the broader vision, the Sri Lanka Air Force aspires to contribute meaningfully to the realization of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4**, which emphasizes the imperative to **"Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all."** Through this multifaceted endeavour, the SLAF seeks to make a lasting impact on the educational landscape, advancing the cause of accessible and high-quality education

As part of our ongoing project to supporting education of schoolchildren, we conducted a survey in collaboration with school principals in Northern Province. The following needs were identified:

73 Schools Renovation Project:

- Building Construction Materials: Contributions of materials vital for the renovation of school buildings.

Or

- Financial Assistance: Monetary support to facilitate the renovation project.

'Magen Pothak Uthurata' - Donation of 73,000 Books:

- General Exercise Books, CR Books, Drawing Books and etc...

Or

- Used or new Text Books/Library books with educational value in either Tamil or English Medium. This should cover streams like Grade 5 Scholarship, GCE O/L and GCE A/L Past Papers books.

Or

- School Items: Contributions in the form of School Bags, Pens, Pencils, Erasers, Shoes, Lunch Boxes, Water Bottles, School Sports items, Maps, Mathematical Instrument Boxes, and other related items.

Or

- Financial Assistance: Monetary support to address the diverse needs of the children.

We believe that addressing these needs will contribute significantly to the holistic development and well-being of the students. Your support in any of the mentioned areas is highly valued and appreciated.

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