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Implementation of the Drug Prevention Week in line with the
“Ratama Ekata National Initiative”

Your attention is drawn to the Public Administration Circular 29/2025 dated 26.11.2025 issued regarding the “Ratama Ekata National Initiative” for the eradication of illicit drugs.

02. Taking into account the destructive impact of illicit drug use on the entire society, the Ratama Ekata National Operations Council has decided to declare the week commencing 01st of March 2026 as "**Illicit Drug Prevention Week.**" marking the commencement of continuous drug prevention programs being implemented in line with the "Ratama Ekata National Initiative".

03. Attention should be focused on achieving the following objectives during the Drug Prevention Week.

- 3.1 Controlling and suppressing the sale and distribution of illicit drugs
- 3.2 Rescuing individuals addicted to illicit drugs from that destructive addiction and directing them toward rehabilitation

04. To achieve the objectives mentioned in item 03 above, it is expected that the following programs be planned and implemented within this week, with the contribution of officers from every ministry, department, institution, corporation, and statutory board.

- 4.1 Awareness programs for staff, civil society, and school children.
- 4.2 Publicity programs aimed at creating a broad social dialogue regarding illicit drug prevention
- 4.3 Programs conducted with the active participation of officers and the community
- 4.4 Various promotional programs involving buses, three-wheelers, and school transport vehicles

4.5 Other identified programs relevant to the theme that are appropriate for the occasion and the specific area

05. You are further informed to provide the necessary contribution to make the “**Illicit Drug Prevention Week**” a success by implementing well-planned programs capable of defeating all trends that encourage the use of illicit drugs, thereby helping to eradicate drug use from Sri Lanka.

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