

Responsibility at the Heart of Power: President Dissanayake's Call to Action for Ministers

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President Anura Kumara Dissanayake.

The Weight of Responsibility

President Dissanayake highlighted the importance of wielding the immense power granted to ministers with responsibility. He reminded the new Cabinet Ministers that

their victory marks the beginning of a collective journey toward uplifting the nation.

A Decisive Turning Point in Sri Lanka

The president reflected on the historic electoral victory that united Sri Lankans across regional and ethnic divisions. He emphasized the need for inclusivity, stating that the aspirations of all Sri Lankans, regardless of who they voted for, are now aligned toward common goals.

Commitment to Democracy and Unity

President Dissanayake underscored the peaceful conduct of the elections and the government's dedication to protecting democratic rights. He called for a new political culture where power serves the people and fosters stability, unity, and prosperity.

Acknowledging Struggles and Aspirations

He acknowledged the longstanding struggles of marginalized groups, professionals, and communities who have faced systemic oppression. The election results, he said, symbolize a demand for freedom, justice, and equality across all sectors.

The Responsibility of Power

The president reminded ministers that power must be wielded with accountability. Unlimited power, if unchecked, can lead to corruption, but within a framework of responsibility, it can drive meaningful change. Ministers were urged to focus on fulfilling the people's aspirations and upholding the principles of good governance.

A Shift from Political Activism to Governance

Dissanayake stressed that the government will now be judged not by political slogans but by the quality of governance.

Ministers must deliver tangible results and demonstrate integrity, capability, and commitment in their respective roles.

Building a New Political Culture

He expressed hope that the new Cabinet, though comprising many first-time

members, would set inspiring examples for the nation. He urged them to focus on creating a liberated and just society where every citizen can thrive.

Call to Action

President called for collective effort and dedication to ensure the success of the government's mission. He emphasized that the success of this transformative journey rests on the ministers' ability to deliver good governance.