



## The New Prime Minister and Cabinet Officially Sworn In

- Cabinet Comprises 21 Members
- Defence, Finance, Planning, and Digital Economy Ministries under the President
- Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Training Ministries Assigned to the Prime Minister

The new cabinet of the National People's Power (NPP) government was sworn in today (18) before President Anura Kumara Dissanayake at the Presidential Secretariat.

The cabinet comprises 21 ministers, with President Dissanayake assuming responsibility for the portfolios of Defence, Finance, Planning, and Digital Economy.

Dr. Harini Amarasuriya took the oath as the Prime Minister, and the list of cabinet ministers and deputy ministers is as follows:

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| 01 | President Anura Kumara Dissanayake    | Minister of Defence<br>Minister of Finance, Planning and Digital Economy |
| 02 | Prime Minister Dr. Harini Amarasuriya | Minister of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education         |
| 03 | Mr. Vijitha Herath                    | Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism              |
| 04 | Prof. Chandana Abeyratne              | Minister of Public Administration, Provincial Councils, Local Government |
| 05 | Attorney Harshana Nanayakkara         | Minister of Justice, and National Integration                            |
| 06 | Ms. Sarojani Savithri Paulraj         | Minister of Women and Child Affairs                                      |
| 07 | Mr. K.D. Lalkantha                    | Minister of Agriculture, Lands, Livestock and Irrigation,                |
| 08 | Mr. Anura Karunathilake               | Minister of Urban Development, Construction and Housing                  |
| 09 | Mr. Ramalingam Chandrasekar           | Minister of Fisheries, Aquatic and Ocean Resources                       |
| 10 | Prof. Upali Pannilage                 | Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment |
| 11 | Mr. Sunil Handunneththi               | Ministry of Industry and Entrepreneurship Development                    |



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| 12 | Mr. Ananda Wijepala          | Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs                   |
| 13 | Mr. Bimal Rathnayake         | Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation               |
| 14 | Prof. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi  | Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs                |
| 15 | Dr. Nalinda Jayathissa       | Ministry of Health and Media  |
| 16 | Mr. Samantha Vidyarathna     | Minister of Plantation and Community Infrastructure                     |
| 17 | Mr. Sunil Kumara Gamage      | Minister Youth Affairs and Sports                                       |
| 18 | Mr. Wasantha Samarasingha    | Minister of Trade, Commerce, Food Security and Co-operative Development |
| 19 | Prof. Chrishantha Abeysena   | Minister of Science and Technology                                      |
| 20 | Prof. Anil Jayantha Fernando | Minister of Labour  |
| 21 | Eng. Kumara Jayakody         | Minister of Energy  |
| 22 | Dr. Dhammika Patabandi       | Minister of Environment   |

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