



# JAFFNA COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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To : The Members of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College

## **Regarding Bishop Pathmathayalan's Membership and Role in the Board, Jaffna College and the Affiliated Institutions**

The Jaffna College Alumni Association strongly condemns the fraudulent actions of Bishop Pathmathayalan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Jaffna College, since he took over the leadership of the Board in 2023. His conduct has brought serious disrepute to Jaffna College, its affiliated institutions, the Board of Directors of Jaffna College (JCBOD), the Trustees of the Jaffna College Funds (TJCF), alumni, and the Northern community at large.

Due to his actions, particularly the totalitarian control he exercised over the Board from January 2023 until recently, a lawsuit (SP/04/2025) has been filed on allegations of financial fraud.

An example of his questionable leadership was the replacement of Mrs. Thamari Inparaj, who served as Treasurer of the Board, with her husband, Mr. Joe Inparaj for membership on the Board. Mrs. Thamari Inparaj resigned after refusing to answer questions related to the Board's finances from other members of Board and failing to submit the accounts for the years 2023 and 2024 as stipulated by the Constitution of the JCBOD. Appointing her spouse in her place reflects despicable conduct that violates basic principles of professional governance.

The continued presence of Bishop Pathmathayalan on the JCBOD is harmful to Jaffna College and its affiliated institutions. The fact that the JCBOD itself has been named as the second defendant in the lawsuit further underlines the seriousness of the matter. It is both inappropriate and unprecedented for a person facing such grave allegations to remain on the Board. The JCBOD should be serving Jaffna College and its affiliated institutions without being hindered or compromised by the presence of an individual accused of financial misconduct.

Our requests are as follows:

- Bishop Pathmathayalan must resign from the JCBOD immediately, in order to protect the reputation of Jaffna College

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- Bishop Pathmathayalan must not enter Jaffna College or its affiliated institutions at this time. He must not influence and issue orders to the administrators of Jaffna College directly or indirectly. Should he attempt to do so or interfere in the affairs of Jaffna College and affiliated institutions, we will launch a public campaign.

We request the Board to act on these matters without any delay. The community around Jaffna College and all those who are interested in the wellbeing of Jaffna College expect the Board to act on this matter in a principled manner.

This communication is made as per a decision of taken at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Jaffna College Alumni Association held on 5th September 2025.

Thank you.



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G. Gokilaramanan  
Secretary



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