

Awareness Programme on “Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Compliance Obligations for the Gem and Jewellery Sector”
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The National Gem and Jewellery Authority (NGJA) has organised the “Gem City, Ratnapura” – an International Gem and Jewellery Exhibition at Silver Ray Hotel, Ratnapura from August 15 to 17, 2025, bringing together a large number of dealers and stakeholders from the sector. The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of Sri Lanka was invited to conduct an Awareness Programme on AML/CFT compliance obligations for the Gem and Jewellery sector on the inaugural day of the exhibition.



Accordingly, a panel discussion on AML/CFT compliance was conducted as part of the programme, with the participation of Mr. Sanjeewa Guruge, Deputy Director of the FIU, who shared valuable insights on the regulatory expectations, sector-specific risks, and the importance of robust compliance mechanisms. Recognizing the importance of raising awareness among market participants in this sector, the FIU also established an Information Unit at the exhibition premises to provide continuous guidance and clarification to participants throughout the event.

In addition, the FIU officials made necessary arrangements to enhance sectoral awareness and to explain the requirement of appointment of compliance officers for carrying out AML/CFT measures within gem and jewellery businesses. The exhibition provided an excellent opportunity for the FIU to reach a large number of dealers gathered in one place and to engage them directly on strengthening compliance practices.

The FIU's active participation in this international exhibition emphasized its close collaboration with the sector regulator, NGJA and the continued commitment to working closely with Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPs), including the gem and jewellery sector, in building a more effective national AML/CFT framework.