



## Media Release

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### **Sri Lanka Cricket to name a women's cricket tournament under late 'Gwen Herat.'**

Sri Lanka Cricket decided to dedicate the 'Major Club Women's 50-Over Tournament' in memory of the late Gwen Herat, the founding president of the Sri Lanka Women's Cricket Association.

This decision has been made in recognition of the outstanding service rendered by Mrs. Herat towards the founding of Women's Cricket Association in the country.

It was under her leadership that the Sri Lanka Women's Cricket Association was established in 1997, where she served as its founding president.

Accordingly, in memory of her from 2026 onwards, the Major Club Women's 50-Over Tournament will be named the **Gwen Herat Memorial Trophy**.

*"The significant role played by the late Mrs. Gwen Herat in laying the foundation for women's cricket is well remembered by the cricketing fraternity. By naming a tournament in her honor, Sri Lanka Cricket aims to preserve her legacy for future generations,"* said Mr. Bandula Dissanayake.

Marking this significant initiative, the family of Mrs. Gwen Herat presented a trophy to Sri Lanka Cricket, which will be awarded to the champions of future editions of the tournament.

The handover was carried out by Mrs. Herat's family members, including her daughters, Shamarra Herat and Parveen Herat, and her son, Avancka Herat.

The Gwen Herat Memorial Trophy was officially handed over to Mr. Bandula Dissanayake, Honorary Secretary of Sri Lanka Cricket, in the presence of Mr. Ashley de Silva, CEO of Sri Lanka Cricket, and distinguished guests Mr. Chandra Schaffter and Mr. Hemaka Amarasuriya.

Mr. Chinthaka Edirimanne, Head of National Cricket Operations, and Mr. Upul Nawaratne Bandara, Head of Marketing at SLC, also were present at the ceremony, which took place at SLC last week.

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