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01 Chapter 01 – Institutional Profile / Executive Summary of Implementation

1.1 Introduction

The Sri Lankan civilization and culture, which inherits a proud history spanning over two thousand five hundred years, is one of the most valuable legacies possessed by our nation. Safeguarding this noble heritage in the present and transmitting it expressively to future generations remains an indispensable responsibility of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. In line with the national policy framework, “A Thriving Nation – A Beautiful Life,” our primary mission is to build a civilized society enriched with spiritual well-being and moral values, extending beyond mere material development.

In accordance with the Constitution of Sri Lanka, we remain committed to giving foremost place to Buddhism and to protecting and fostering the Buddhasasana, while at the same time ensuring the dignity and freedom entitled to all other religions and promoting inter-religious coexistence. National heritage and cultural elements constitute the lifeblood of a nation. Accordingly, a policy framework is hereby formulated to nurture citizens with a sense of pride and self-esteem by preserving our historical and archaeological values through modern technology and by promoting inherent arts and cultural values.

All plans implemented from the year 2025 onwards have been aligned with national initiatives such as “Clean Sri Lanka” and digital transformation programmes, to steer a disciplined and ethical societal transformation. By integrating all sectors and institutions under the Ministry and leveraging both national and international cooperation, our intention is to pave a sustainable path towards a spiritually and culturally enriched “beautiful life.”

1.2 Vision, Mission, and Objectives

Vision

“Sustainably developed Sri Lanka”

Mission

“Formulating and implementing necessary policies and programs to create a better future through the promotion, conservation of arts-cultural and heritage for producing a virtuous, disciplined and spiritually developed future generation based on all religious core systems led by the Buddhism”

Objectives

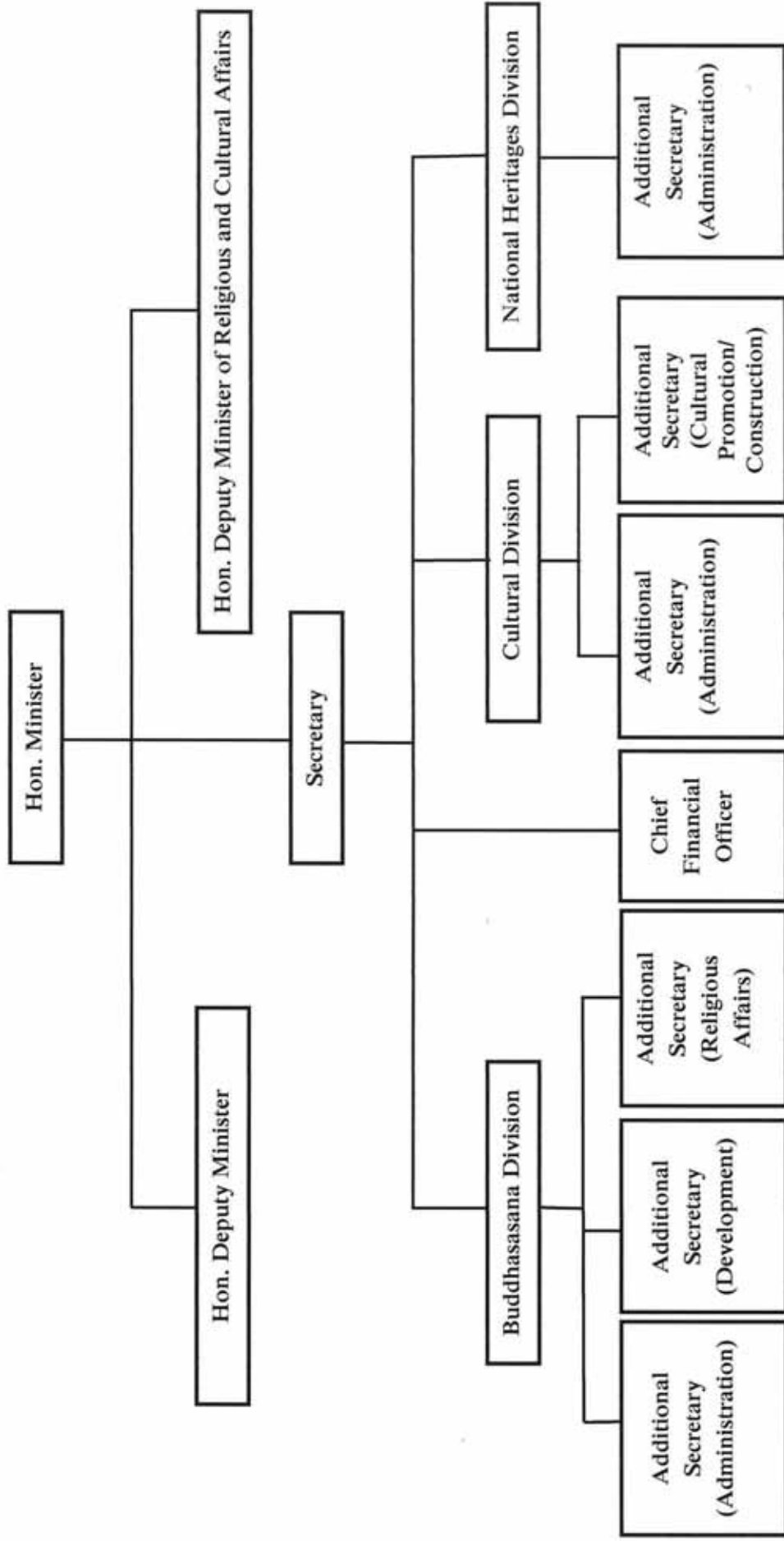
- **Safeguarding Buddhism:** Protecting and nurturing Buddhism and socializing Buddhist values in accordance with the Constitution.
- **Upliftment of the clergy and religious institutions:** Systematic management and development of places of worship, ensuring the welfare of the clergy.
- **Ensuring religious coexistence:** Creating a religious environment for national unity, fostering respect and mutual understanding among all religions.
- **Promoting moral education:** Modernizing the Dhamma school education system and creating a virtuous and disciplined future generation.
- **Enhancing human capital through spiritual development:** Laying the necessary foundation for a "beautiful life" by developing mental well-being and qualities in citizens.
- **Cultural Promotion:** Acknowledging Sri Lanka's multi-ethnicity, preserving the identity of each sub-culture, while bringing all sub-cultures together to maintain Sri Lanka as a country with a great culture, and preventing the positive cultural elements that are being damaged through various forces from such damage.
- **Nurturing local arts and cultural elements:** Preservation of traditional and modern arts through state sponsorship, ensuring the welfare and professional respect of artists.
- **Encouraging cultural tourism:** Making a direct contribution towards the economic development of the country by opening up Sri Lanka's unique cultural heritage to the world.
- **National Heritage Conservation:** Legal recognition of Sri Lankan national heritage and conservation of national heritage.
- **Protecting the rights of indigenous people:** Protecting the rights of indigenous and distinctly identified communities and making them a prosperous community.
- **Conservation of Archaeological Heritage:** Protecting historical monuments and archaeological sites scattered throughout the island through modern scientific methods.

1.3 Key functions

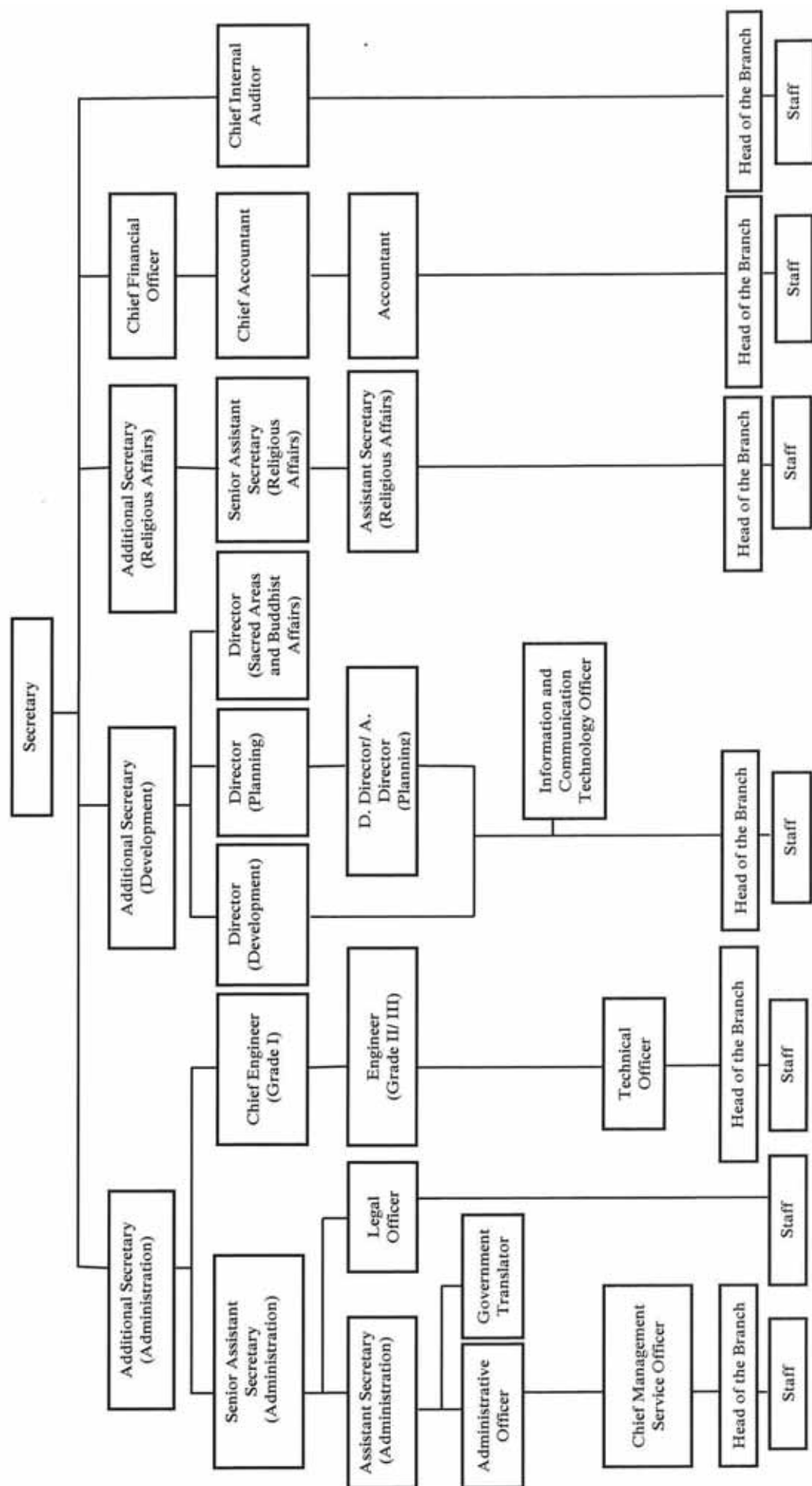
- Formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, strategies, programs, and projects related to Buddhasasana, religious and cultural affairs subjects, and subjects under the departments, statutory institutions, and state corporations under the Ministry based on national policies implemented by the government.
- Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people-friendly manner.
- Reforming all the systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Assuring the right to practice Buddhism and all other religions.
- Protecting all the rights granted to all the religions and taking actions against religious extremism.
- Provision of facilities to promote Dhamma School education.
- Conservation and development of sacred areas.
- Implementation and monitoring of programmes in relation to religious and cultural affairs.
- Development of religious places in remote areas.
- Creation of a digital archaeological encyclopaedia for all the religions.
- Systematic management and preservation of state records
- Effective administration of the Central Cultural Fund.
- Adoption of necessary measures for the advancement of all aspects of the national culture of Sri Lanka.
- Maintenance of cultural relations with foreign countries.

- Extending necessary cooperation for tourism promotion programmes that show the pride of cultural and national heritage in a manner that protects cultural and archaeological heritages.
- Identifying trends in the cultural contribution in building inter – ethnic cooperation and taking necessary measures to implement them.
- Adoption the necessary measures for the conservation of historical, archaeological, and cultural heritages.
- Adoption necessary measures for the promotion of modern and traditional cultural creations and to incentivize artists.
- Identification and implementation of measures for the advancement of aesthetic subjects.
- Introduction of a mechanism for the payment of royalties in line with international conventions.
- Establishing a national fund for literature, cinema, drama, and other arts supported continuously by both the government and private sectors.
- Establishing cultural zones in every major city in collaboration with the institutions for arts and culture.
- Encouraging the translation of world literature and drama scripts to national languages.
- Modernizing and reorganizing national archives by providing the latest technology.
- Creating a structured plan to promote theatre from the grass root level to national level through a network of multipurpose cultural centres.
- Establishing a national institute for research and training in contemporary theatre arts.
- All the other subjects that are assigned to the institutions under this Ministry.
- Supervision of all institutions under the Ministry.

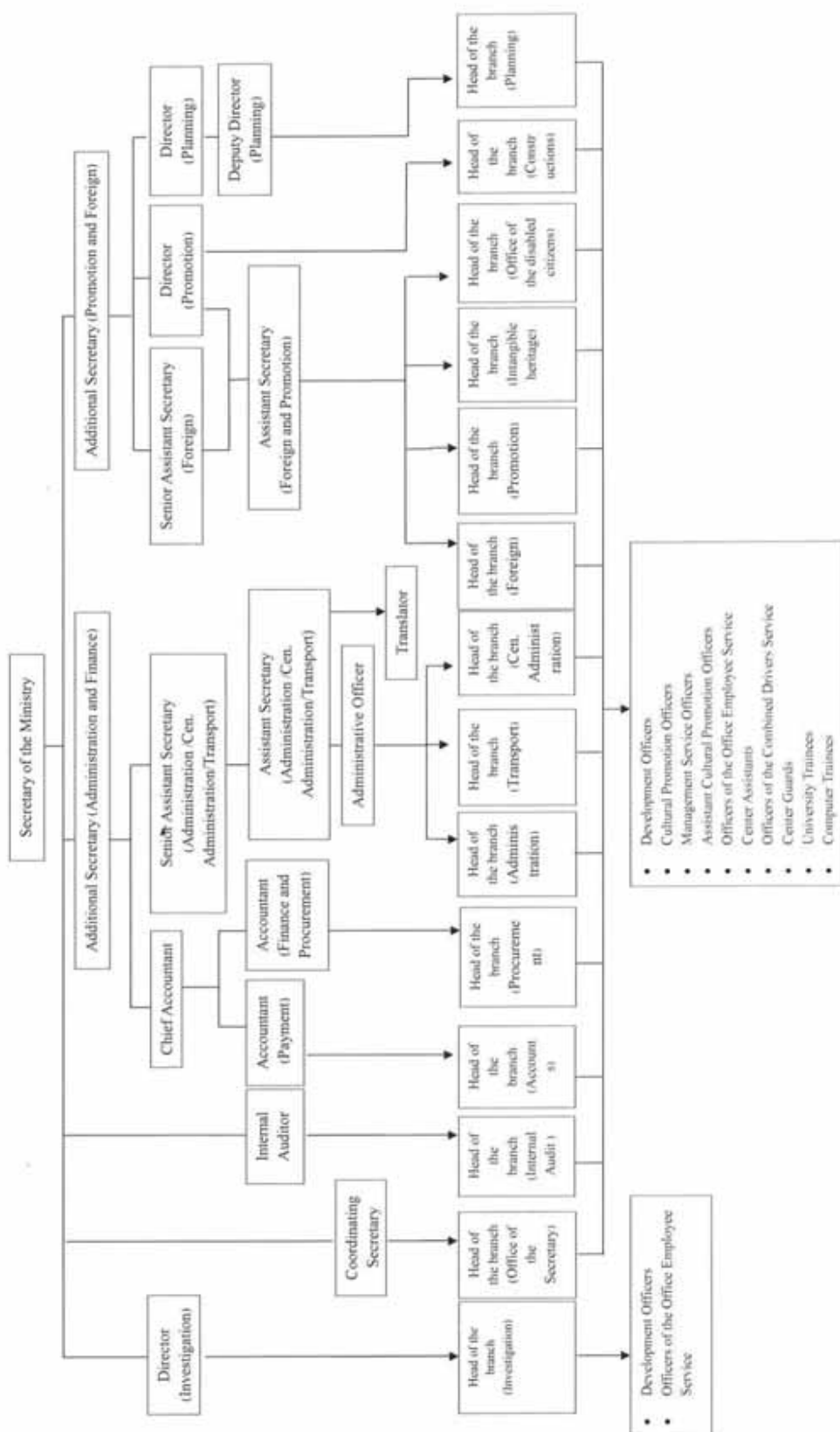
1.4 Organizational Chart - Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs



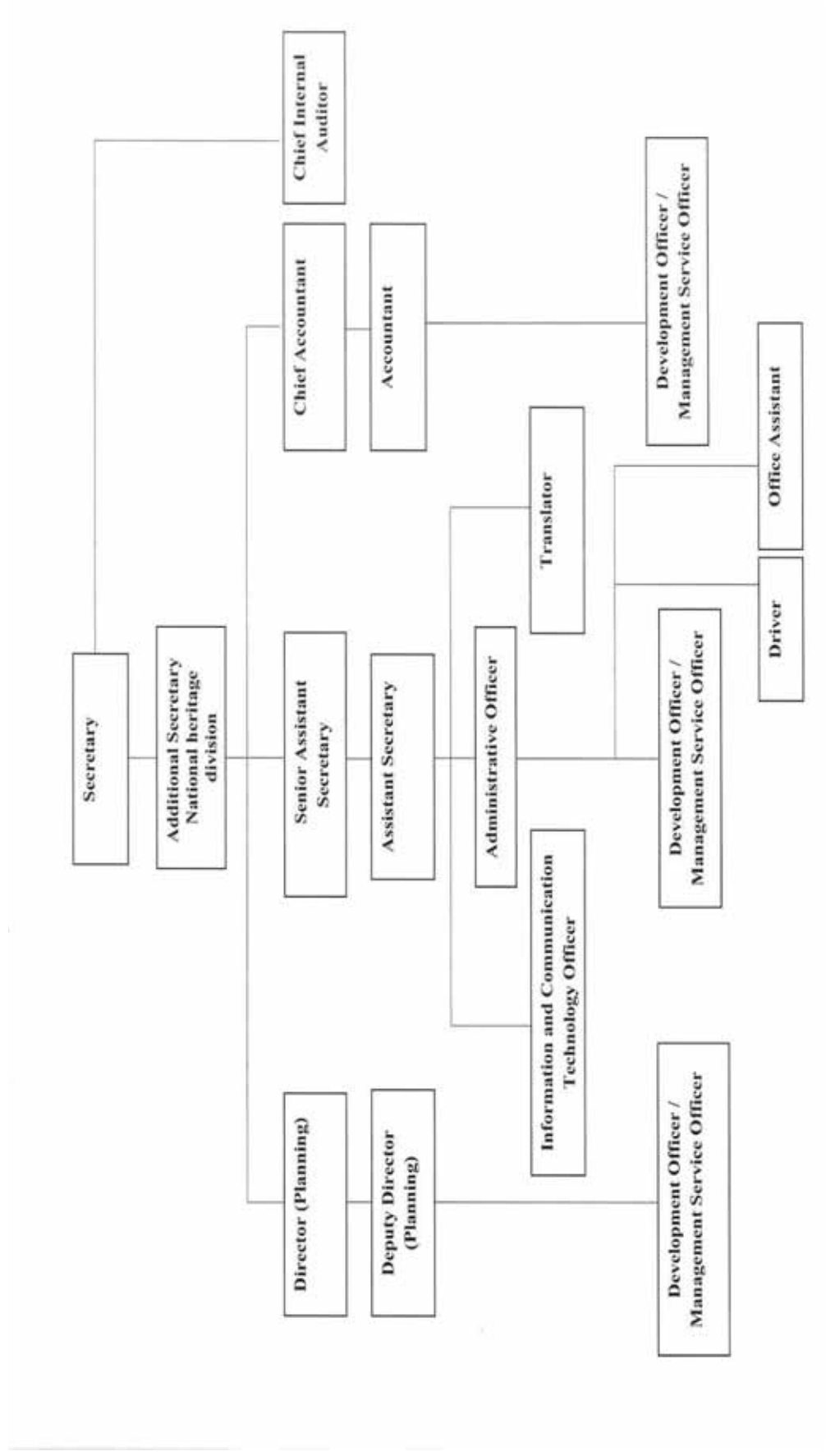
1.4.1 Organizational Chart – Buddhasasana and Religious Division



1.4.2 Organizational Chart – Cultural Division



1.4.3 Organizational Chart – National Heritage Division



1.5 The affiliated Departments/ Institutions coming under the Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs Division

- **Department of Buddhist Affairs**



The Department of Buddhist Affairs primarily implements a range of contemporary projects to support the sustainability of the Buddhasasana and maintain a virtuous Buddhist society. In addition, in accordance with the responsibilities assigned to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs under the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance, No. 19 of 1931, the Department provides the necessary administrative support to ensure that Buddhist places of worship and their properties are utilized to sustain the Buddhasasana. It also undertakes the development of temples, the improvement of Dhamma school education, and the registration and maintenance of records of all novice and ordained monks in the country.

In order to successfully carry out these functions, various divisions have been established within the Department of Buddhist Affairs, and relevant responsibilities have been assigned thereto. Further, with the objective of facilitating the performance of duties relating to the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance for resident monks serving in distant religious establishments, Regional Offices have been established and maintained in Kandy, Kurunegala, and Rathnapura.

- **Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs**



The Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs was established on 01 January 1986, pursuant to the Cabinet Decision No. 1985/123-12 dated 02 October 1985, as the Department responsible for all matters relating to Hindu religious affairs in Sri Lanka.

This Department was established with the objective of protecting and promoting the Hindu religion and Tamil culture. Its primary responsibility is the registration of Hindu kovils located throughout the island and the provision of necessary assistance for their administration and management. In addition, the Department administers the Hindu Dhamma School (Araneri) system, conducts teacher training programmes, and prepares relevant textbooks. The organization of national-level religious festivals such as Thai Pongal and Deepavali, as well as the provision of financial assistance for the welfare of Hindu priests and the renovation of kovils, are also among its key functions.

- **Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs**

The Department operates with the objective of safeguarding the religious rights of the Muslim community and upholding the principles of Islam. Its core mandate includes the registration of mosques (Masjids) and the resolution of their administrative issues.

It is also responsible for the supervision of Islamic religious schools (Madrasas), the maintenance and development of Islamic cultural centres, and the facilitation of necessary arrangements for pilgrims undertaking the Hajj. In addition, the Department provides state support during significant religious observances such as Ramadan and Hajj, and carries out regulatory oversight of Islamic foundations and charitable endowments (Waqf).

- **Department of Christian Religious Affairs**

Established in May 1999 by a Cabinet Paper under the Ministry of Cultural and Religious Affairs as the Department of Christian Religious Affairs and Cultural Affairs, this Department was subsequently reorganized and developed into a more active and systematically structured institution with effect from 01 August 2007.

The primary objective of this Department is to coordinate and promote the religious activities of the Catholic and Christian communities in Sri Lanka. This includes providing legal and administrative guidance through the registration of churches and Christian organizations. A key function of the Department is to enhance Christian religious education by conducting teacher training programmes and providing educational materials. In addition, the Department is responsible for organizing major religious celebrations such as Christmas and Easter at the national level, offering assistance for the maintenance and development of churches, and implementing programmes that promote religious harmony and interfaith understanding within society.

- **Department of Public Trustee**

The Department of the Public Trustee was established on 22 November 1930 under the Public Trustee Ordinance No. 1 of 1931.

The primary objective of the Department is to safeguard and administer properties and trusts entrusted by the public in a transparent and accountable manner, while ensuring that the intentions and objectives of such trusts are fulfilled. Its key responsibilities include the administration of estates of deceased persons, acting as the trustee and guardian of property belonging to minors, and managing religious, educational, and charitable institutions and endowments.

- **Department of National Museums**



The Department of National Museums was established in 1877 and is responsible for preserving, exhibiting, and promoting the national heritage for a prosperous future. The Department also ensures the scientific and systematic conservation of cultural and natural heritage resources, while making them accessible to the public for appreciation, education, and enrichment.

The Department of National Museums comprises ten national museums established across the island, together with specialized divisions covering Anthropology, Ethnology, Geology, Zoology, Entomology, Botany, Education and Publications and Conservation, as well as a library.

- **Department of National Archives**



As part of safeguarding the nation's cultural heritage, the Department of National Archives is responsible for implementing the National Archives Law and related regulations to ensure the proper management and preservation of public records. The Department acquires public records and unique private collections of permanent archival value, manages and preserves both conventional and non-conventional public records in accordance with established legal and regulatory requirements, and collects newspapers and publications under the provisions of legal deposit. In addition, it facilitates access to archival information for public administration purposes and for research by providing information from its archival holdings to government institutions, scholars, and the general public.

Main Divisions of the Department of National Archives

- Records Management and Acquisition Division
- Exhibition designing Division
- Books and Newspapers Registration Division
- Conservation Division
- Newspaper Microfilming Division
- Archives Building Expansion Division
- Records Management Project Division
- Research Division
- Public Relations Office

- **Department of Cultural Affairs**



The Department of Cultural Affairs formulates and implements programmes for the preservation, promotion, and dissemination of literary arts, and cultural activities embodying the Sri Lankan identity, with the objective of fostering Sri Lankan culture and thereby fulfilling the sole aspiration of nurturing the people of Sri Lanka into spiritually developed and sensitive human beings.

Institutions Functioning under the Purview of the Department of Cultural Affairs

- National Art Gallery and John de Silva Memorial Theatre
- Mahawamsa Compilation Office
- Sinhala Dictionary Office

- Encyclopaedia Office
- Ediriweera Sarachchandra Drama Research and Training Centre
- Walisinghe Harischandra Museum and Cultural Centre
- National Arts Academy in Kundasale
- Uthuru –Dakunu Mithuru Sewana - Mihinthale
- State Dance Ensemble and State Music Ensemble

Other Activities Carried Out by the Department

- Organizing state ceremonies and festivals to promote cultural, artistic, and literary activities, and implementing welfare programmes for artists.
- Implementing special programmes and projects to promote cultural, artistic, and literary activities.
- Implementing staff training programmes.

• Sri Lanka Arts Council



The main functions include appointing and providing leadership and guidance to sub-panels required for the promotion, preservation, and development of the arts; organizing island-wide activities through literature, drama, music, dance and ballet, visual arts, intangible cultural heritage and traditional arts, as well as television, radio, and cinema sub-panels; elevating artists to national recognition and introducing them to the national level of evaluation in order to establish high standards in the respective fields; improving the quality of fine arts; uplifting Sri Lanka's indigenous arts and crafts; coordinating with other related departments, institutions, and voluntary organizations engaged in arts activities; and creating a conducive cultural environment to build a value-based society.

• J.R. Jayewardene Centre



The J.R. Jayewardene Centre is a statutory institution established under Parliament Act, No. 77 of 1988 in accordance with the concept of Sri Lanka's first Executive President, Junius Richard Jayewardene. The Centre comprises a library, museum, presidential archives, and a Japanese museum. Its museum houses Mr. Jayewardene's personal library collection, documents related to his political career, selected records from the Presidential Secretariat, and gifts received during his tenure. The Centre is open to the public and also implements a range of social service activities at present.

• National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka



The National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka, established under the Act, No. 47 of 1971 as amended by the Act, No. 45 of 1980, is the sole state institution responsible for the

administration and regulation of the country's film industry. The Corporation works towards establishing a quality cinematic culture by providing education, support, and welfare for creators while delivering efficient, responsible, and customer-friendly services through the adoption of modern technological methods. In accordance with the National Film Policy and Guidelines issued on 17.06.1999 by the then Secretary to the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Mr. Dixon Nilaweera, film distribution is carried out through five designated boards.

- **National Library and Documentation Services Board**



The development of knowledge among the public is a vital component of a country's development process. The fundamental objective of a library system is to provide opportunities for different segments of society to access necessary knowledge in a scientific and systematic manner. With the aim of developing the library system in Sri Lanka, the National Library Services Board was established under the Parliamentary Act, No. 17 of 1970, and its functions were later expanded under the Parliamentary Act, No. 51 of 1998, under which it was renamed the National Library and Documentation Services Board. The functions of the National Library and Documentation Services Board are carried out under two main areas of;

- Maintaining the National Library and Documentation Centre.
- Implementing national-level library services and development activities.

The National Library and Documentation Centre serves as the National Library of Sri Lanka and functions as the mother library for other libraries in the country. Under its national-level library development mandate, it provides advisory services to libraries, undertakes library improvement initiatives, conducts research and surveys in the library sector, implements library development projects, supports the establishment of regional digital libraries, sets up library conservation centres for book preservation, collaborates with Provincial Library Services Boards for library development, organizes library cooperation programmes, and provides assistance for book publishing. Furthermore, it carries out the digitization of information resources of the National Library and maintains the National Digital Library based on these resources.

- **Public Performance Board**



The scope of public performances affecting Sri Lankan society includes local films, stage dramas, and all forms of public exhibitions. These are examined under the purview of the Public Performance Board to determine their suitability for public exhibition. Accordingly, the main function of the Board is to review such performances as necessary and classify them appropriately for public viewing.

- **Department of Archaeology**



The Department of Archaeology was established on 07 July 1890 as the Archaeological Survey Department to conduct systematic archaeological surveys in Sri Lanka, and it was legally constituted under the Antiquities Ordinance, No., 9 of 1940. As an academic institution, its main responsibility is to legally identify Sri Lanka's archaeological heritage through exploration, excavation, and research, and to conserve and properly maintain it for future generations. To fulfil these responsibilities, the Department operates under its Head Office with 15 regional archaeological offices at provincial and district levels, as well as 99 zonal maintenance offices across the island.

- **Tower Hall Theatre Foundation**

The Tower Hall Theatre Foundation is an institution established under the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation Act, No. 01 of 1978. It is administered by a Board of Trustees comprising ten ex-officio members, including the Honourable Prime Minister, and five members appointed by the Prime Minister for a term of three years.

- **Galle Heritage Foundation**

The Galle Heritage Foundation is a statutory institution established under the Parliamentary Act, No. 07 of 1994. Its main objectives are the promotion, protection, conservation, and development of the Galle Fort and its historic hinterland. Having previously functioned under various ministries, the Foundation is currently operating under the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

Following the designation of the Galle Fort Ramparts as an Archaeological Monument in 1971 and its declaration as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988, the Galle Heritage Foundation has undertaken various measures to ensure its protection and conservation, in response to increased attention from both the government and the general public.

- **Ape Gama**

Following the establishment of “Ape Gama” in conjunction with the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting held in 2013, the project was administered under various ministries and was later managed as a project of the Central Cultural Fund. However, by the Gazette Extraordinary dated 2021/11/20, it was brought under the purview of the State Ministry of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion with effect from 01.04.2021. At present, it operates under the National Heritage Division of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

“Ape Gama” Folk Heritage Exhibition Centre is established on a land extent of 13 acres, 3 roods, and 25.1 perches owned by the Urban Development Authority, located in Battaramulla, Pelawatta in the Colombo District.

- **Gramodaya Folk Art Centre – (Craft Village)**

The Gramodaya Folk Art Centre was established on 17 November 1988 with the noble objective of preserving and safeguarding Sri Lanka’s traditional folk arts and intangible cultural heritage, which were gradually diminishing, and transmitting them to future generations. Initially, the Centre was limited to conducting vocational training programmes. Subsequently, it expanded its scope by introducing aesthetic and performing arts courses. As students from various parts of the island participated in these programmes, the courses were conducted on a residential basis to facilitate their effective delivery and accessibility.

Since 2013, the Centre has been offering courses in Dance, Music, Painting, and Sculpture. At present, these programmes have been upgraded as Performing Arts vocational courses at NVQ Levels 4, 5, and 6, with the approval of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) and the National Apprentice and Industrial Training Authority (NAITA). The Folk Arts Centre can be recognized as the first institution in Sri Lanka to obtain National Vocational Qualifications (NVQ) for aesthetic and performing arts disciplines.

- **National Performing Arts Centre (Nelum Pokuna)**

Sri Lanka possesses a rich heritage of performing arts spanning over 2,500 years. These art forms, which exist in diverse styles and traditions across different regions of the country, reflect distinctive cultural characteristics and identities. Throughout history, the performing arts have enjoyed royal patronage, and continued state support remains essential for their advancement and preservation. The establishment of the National Performing Arts Theatre by the Government of Sri Lanka was undertaken with this objective in mind. The theatre represents the realization of a long-cherished aspiration of Sri Lankan artists and provides an ideal venue for the promotion, appreciation, and development of art and culture. It also serves as a platform for showcasing and exchanging indigenous performing arts traditions of different ethnic communities, thereby fostering cultural understanding, national integration, and social harmony among the people of Sri Lanka.

- **Ranmihithenna National Tele-Cinema Park**



This is a specialized institution established in Sri Lanka with the noble vision of creating a “society enriched through the arts.” Its primary mandate is to provide international-standard studio facilities, diverse film sets, and accommodation facilities for both local and international film and television producers.

In addition to facilitating the development of the television and film industry, the park also functions as an attractive tourist destination where visitors can gain knowledge and leisure experiences. The park provides opportunities for pre-wedding shoots, commercial advertising shoots, and educational training programmes related to the arts sector. Through revenue-generating services such as ticketing, golf cart transportation, and conference hall facilities, the park effectively manages its own resources. It stands as a vibrant cultural hub dedicated to preserving and passing on Sri Lanka's artistic heritage to future generations.

- **Inter-Statutory Board for the Safeguarding of the Kandyan Heritage**

By the Gazette Extraordinary Notification No. 2020/76, the subject "Kandyan Heritage" was formally established as a statutory subject, with its scope defined as "the preservation and development of the Kandyan heritage." Accordingly, Cabinet approval was granted on 18 August 2017 for the Cabinet Memorandum submitted on 05 July 2017. In line with these decisions, the Inter-Institutional Board for the Preservation of the Kandyan Heritage was officially established on 02 March 2018.

1.6 Funds operates under the Ministry

1.6.1 Buddhasasana Fund

The Buddhasasana Fund is a specialized state institution established under the Act, No. 35 of 1990 with the objective of ensuring the continuity and advancement of the Buddhasasana in Sri Lanka. Its primary purpose is the protection and promotion of the Buddhasasana. The Fund is operated with financial contributions from both local and foreign donors, as well as financial support from the Government.

The services provided by the Buddhasasana Fund primarily include the provision of scholarships for novice monks (Samanera Bhikkhus) and Dasa Sil Matas, as well as medical assistance and welfare support for sick and elderly monks. The Fund also undertakes the development of basic infrastructure in under-resourced temples, the printing of Dhamma literature, and the provision of practical training programmes for the Buddhist clergy. By issuing tax relief certificates under the Inland Revenue regulations, the Fund encourages donor participation and contributions. The Buddhasasana Fund thus serves as a key financial institution dedicated to sustaining and safeguarding Buddhism in Sri Lanka.

1.6.2 Central Cultural Fund

The Central Cultural Fund is a foremost state institution in Sri Lanka established under the Parliamentary Act, No. 57 of 1980, for the preservation and management of the country's unique cultural heritage. Originating with a focus on the world-renowned "Cultural Triangle," the institution plays a significant role in the exploration, conservation, and promotion of both tangible and intangible cultural heritage across the island.

In addition to the maintenance of large-scale projects such as ancient monuments and the Jethavanaramaya, the institution is primarily responsible for promoting religious activities and supporting artists. It also contributes to the national economy and fosters national unity by utilizing modern technology for the presentation of heritage and enhancing tourist attraction. In particular, the institution operates through self-sustaining revenue streams while streamlining its services, and remains committed to safeguarding and preserving the national heritage for future generations.

1.7 Foreign Funded Projects

I.

- Name of the Project : Indian-funded Solar Power Project for Buddhist Temples
- Donor Representative Agency : Government of India and Government of Sri Lanka
- Implementing Authority : Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Estimated Cost : Indian grant: USD 10.00 million

II.

- Name of the Project : Conduct a three-day workshop on the development of a National Heritage Policy for Sri Lanka.
- Donor Representative Agency : Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO
- Implementing Authority : Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Estimated Cost : Rs. 6.06 million
- Project Period : 2024-2025

Chapter 02 – Progress and Future Outlook

2.1 Progress of Programmes and Projects Implemented in 2025

2.1.1 Buddhasasana Division

(Table 1 - Progress of the Programmes and Projects Implemented in 2025 as at 31.12.2025)

S/No.	Programme / Project	Receipt of Allocations through the Budget 2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Physical Progress (%)	Financial Progress as at 31.12.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Remarks
1.	Development Programme for Sacred areas	25.00	100%	24.91	-
2.	Development Programme for Rural Buddhist Temples	110.89	100%	108.28	-
3.	Construction of the new building for the ministry	52.00	-	-	Construction completed. No necessity arose for the utilization of the allocated funds
4.	“Punyagrama” programme	10.00	100%	8.89	
5.	Construction of Vidyalankara International Buddhist Centre - Kelaniya	137.11	100%	84.13	
6.	Indian-funded Solar Power Supply Project for Buddhist Temples	13- 1040.00 17- 90.00	18%	0.71	Land acquisition activities for this project have been completed. The pre - feasibility study has also been completed. In addition, a request has been submitted to the Ceylon Electricity Board for grid connectivity facilities.

2.1.1.1 Sacred Area Development Program

In order to accomplish the Ministry's mandate of conserving the religious and cultural heritage of Sri Lanka's civilization and bequeathing it to future generation, to nurture culturally and spiritually enriched citizens, temples, churches, kovils, or shrines are identified and declared as sacred areas through Gazette notification, issuance of Sacred Area Sannas and the development of such sacred areas are carried out under the Sacred Area Development Programme. This is a collaborative initiative implemented jointly by the Department of National Physical Planning and the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

Criteria to consider when designating a sacred area:-

- Religious importance
- Historical importance
- Archaeological importance
- Cultural importance
- Architectural importance
- Environmental importance
- Economic and Social importance

Accordingly, the Department of National Physical Planning classifies ancient religious sites into three categories as national, regional, and divisional on their sacred value as well as archaeological and historical significance. Sites that meet the relevant criteria are declared as sacred sites through Gazette notification under Sections 6(2)(b) and 21(2)(b) of the Town and Country Planning Ordinance, No. 13 of 1946 (Chapter 269). Furthermore, land areas proposed for development under this scheme are also declared as "Urban Development Areas" through a Gazette notification.

The budgetary allocation in 2025 for the Sacred Areas Development Programme amounted to Rs. 25 million. An amount of Rs. 25.00 million was released for the implementation of development activities covering 13 projects at 11 sacred sites across 8 districts in 6 provinces. Of this, Rs. 24.91 million was utilized. In addition, Rs. 2.1 million was provided under this programme for the Mihintale National Poson Festival. During the year, 14 sites were declared as sacred sites through a Gazette notification.



Development of the Almsgiving Hall
at Lankaramaya Raja Maha Vihara



Completion of the remaining works
of the Preaching Hall at
Theraputtabhaya Raja Maha Vihara,
Hambantota

Table 2 – Summary of provision Released for Sacred Areas Development Projects in 2025 (As at 31.12.2025)

S/No.	Province	District	No. of Approved Projects	Expenditure as at 31.12.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Progress as at 31.12.2025	
					Financial Progress	Physical Progress
01.	Northern	Vavuniya	01	3.50	100%	100%
02.	North Central	Anuradhapura	02	3.00	100%	100%
				2.50	100%	100%
03.	Eastern	Ampara	05	1.98	100%	100%
				0.50	100%	100%
				2.00	100%	100%
				1.00	100%	100%
				2.00	100%	100%
04.	Southern	Hambantota	01	1.99	100%	100%
05.	Central	Nuwara Eliya	01	1.99	99%	100%
		Kandy	01	1.00	100%	100%
		Matale	01	1.47	98%	100%
06.	North Western	Kurunegala	01	1.98	99%	100%
Total	06	08	13	24.91	99.7%	100%

Sacred Area Sannas Awarding 2025

State Vesak Festival – Awarding of Sannas

The 2025 State Vesak Festival was held in a respectful manner at the Municipal Council Hall in Nuwara Eliya District. During the event, Sacred Area Sannas were awarded, under the patronage of His Excellency Anura Kumara Dissanayake, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, for the Kotmale Maliyadeva Raja Maha Vihara in Nuwara Eliya District and the historic Gonnawa Sri Vishnu Devalaya in Kurunegala District.



Batapotha Sri Sudarshanaramaya - Awarding Sannas

Awarding of the Sacred Area Sannas for Batapotha Sri Sudarshanarama Viharaya, located in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat of Colombo District, was held ceremonially on 02.02.2025 at the temple premises, under the patronage of the Hon. Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

Historical Henkaduwa Raja Maha Viharaya - Awarding Sannas on 13.03.2025

Awarding of the Sacred Area Sannas for the historic Henkaduwa Raja Maha Vihara, located in the Tangalle Divisional Secretariat of Hambantota District, was held ceremonially on 13.03.2025 at the temple premises, under the patronage of the Hon. Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Mr. Gamagedara Dissanayake.

Sankhapitti Raja Maha Viharaya - Awarding Sannas

Awarding of the Sacred Area Sannas for the historic Sankapitti Raja Maha Vihara, located in the Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat of Colombo District, was held ceremonially on 18.08.2025 at the temple premises, under the patronage of the Hon. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.



Vidiyagoda Raja Maha Vihara- Awarding Sannas

Awarding of the Sacred Area Sannas for Vidiyagoda Raja Maha Vihara, located in the Horana Divisional Secretariat of Kalutara District, was held ceremonially on 08.11.2025 at the temple premises.



2.1.1.2 Rural Buddhist Temples Development Programme

This programme is implemented to uplift physical infrastructure of Buddhist temples in order to operationalize the Ministry's mandate to ensure the long-term sustainability of Buddhism and protecting Buddhist heritage sites. In this process, consideration is given to the contribution made by each temple to the continuity of the Buddhasasana, and essential development activities as well as restoration works for damaged temples are selected and implemented as projects.

For the year 2025, a provision of Rs. 110.89 million was allocated for the Rural Buddhist Temples Development Programme. Of this allocation, Rs. 108.28 million had been expended by 31.12. 2025 for the development of 215 selected projects at the district level.



Completion of the remaining works of the Preaching Hall building at Sri Muni Gunarama Viharaya, Dankotuwa, Western Katukenda



Development of the Preaching Hall at Priyadarshanarama Viharaya, Pussellawa, Navakadadora

Table 3 – Summary of Provision on Temple Development Projects in 2025 (As at 31.12. 2025)

S/No.	District	provision for temples		Disasters		Total Provision		Expenditure as at 31.12.2025 (Rs.Mn.)
		Number of Projects	Provision (Rs.Mn.)	Number of Projects	Provision (Rs.Mn.)	Number of Projects	Provision (Rs.Mn.)	
1.	Colombo	4	2.00	3	0.73	7	2.73	2.71
2.	Gampaha	9	4.50	5	1.05	14	5.55	5.43
3.	Kalutara	3	1.50	4	1.19	7	2.69	2.68
4.	Kandy	14	7.58	4	2.55	18	10.13	9.53
5.	Matale	12	5.75	-	-	12	5.75	5.75
6.	Nuwara Eliya	21	12.2	2	0.61	23	12.81	12.69
7.	Galle	14	6.92	6	1.90	20	8.82	8.51
8.	Matara	5	2.50	3	1.50	8	4.00	3.95
9.	Hambantota	8	3.59	-	-	8	3.59	3.55
10.	Jaffna	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Mannar	4	2.00	-	-	4	2.00	1.99
12.	Vavuniya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Mullaitivu	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14.	Kilinochchi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	Batticaloa	-	-	1	0.70	1	0.70	0.68
16.	Ampara	5	2.50	1	0.14	6	2.64	2.59
17.	Trincomalee	2	1.00	-	-	2	1.00	0.99
18.	Kurunegala	15	7.29	3	1.50	18	8.80	8.26
19.	Puttalam	9	6.50	-	-	9	6.50	6.42
20.	Anuradhapura	17	14.17	3	1.20	20	15.37	15.32
21.	Polonnaruwa	8	4.00	-	-	8	4.00	4.00
22.	Badulla	4	1.90	2	1.50	6	3.40	3.37
23.	Monaragala	5	2.30	-	-	5	2.30	2.28
24.	Rathnapura	6	2.60	2	1.08	8	3.68	3.44
25.	Kegalle	3	1.50	8	2.93	11	4.43	4.13
	Grand Total	168	92.30	47	18.58	215	110.89	108.28

2.1.1.3 Vidyalkara International Buddhist Conference Hall in Kelaniya

As per the approval granted for the Cabinet Memorandum, which outlined the need to reconstruct the electrical system of the conference hall and carry out identified essential construction works, of the Vidyalkara International Buddhist Conference Hall project, which was initiated to provide financial support to Kelaniya Vidyalkara Pirivenaa, provision of Rs. 137.11 million was allocated for 2025. The reconstruction of the electrical system has been fully completed, and a portion of the essential works identified as completable by 31 December 2025 was also carried out. As at 31 December 2025, the financial progress of this expenditure amounted to Rs. 84.13 million. The commencement of work was delayed due to the unavailability of an engineer at the Ministry, which consequently did not allow sufficient time to complete some additional identified tasks before the end of the year.



2.1.1.4 Construction of the New Ministry Building

By completing the remaining construction works of the partially completed nine-storey building located at T. B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10, in phases, the Department of Christian Religious Affairs and the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs, which had previously been operating in rented premises at private locations under the Ministry, were relocated and established in this building.

The provision of Rs. 52.00 million allocated for the year 2025 was not utilized. This allocation had been made because Value Added Tax (VAT) had not been accounted for during the preparation of the initial estimate. However, the work was completed entirely under a cost lower than the original estimate. Therefore, there was no need to utilize this provision.

2.1.1.5 Punyagrama Programme

The Sustainable Punyagrama Programme aims to create virtuous villages that contribute to the development of a disciplined, ethical, value-oriented, healthy, and just society. Accordingly, values promotion programmes and drug prevention programmes were implemented under this programme.

For the year 2025, an allocation of Rs. 10 million was made for the Punyagrama Village/ Drug Prevention expenditure category. As at 31.12.2025, Rs. 8.89 million had been spent on implementing 847 programmes under the Punyagrama – Values Promotion Programme across 98 villages in 20 Districts.

Due to the disaster situation caused by the severe cyclone Ditwah, several programmes that were approved for implementation in December could not be carried out.

Table 4 – Summary of Provision on Projects under the Punyagrama Programme (as at 31.12.2025)

S/No.	District	For the value and social development programmes	
		Number of Programmes	Approved Provision (Rs. Mn.)
01.	Colombo	14	0.17
02.	Gampaha	16	0.21
03.	Kalutara	28	0.29
04.	Kandy	59	0.66
05.	Matale	43	0.29
06.	Nuwara Eliya	52	0.27
07.	Galle	62	0.59
08.	Matara	70	0.70
09.	Hambantota	65	0.55
10.	Ampara	36	0.28
11.	Trincomalee	10	0.17
12.	Batticaloa	11	0.07
13.	Kurunegala	108	1.07
14.	Puttalam	64	0.52
15.	Anuradhapura	21	0.19
16.	Polonnaruwa	16	0.16
17.	Badulla	29	0.34
18.	Monaragala	30	0.48
19.	Rathnapura	44	0.48
20.	Kegalle	67	0.72
21.	“Siri Dalada Wandanawa” -Art Exhibition	01	0.47
22.	State Vesak Festival	01	0.10
Total		847	8.78



“Value for Harmony” Interfaith Coexistence Programme held at Sri Punyawardhanarama Viharaya, Vitikuliya, in the Kobeygane Divisional Secretariat.



Awareness programme on child abusing and violence against women held at Seruwawa Yakgirilen Raja Maha Viharaya in Kurunegala Divisional Secretariat



Mental well-being Programme for Young Children of Kandewatta Village affected by the Ditwah Cyclone



Drug prevention awareness programme implemented at the Asgiri Mahavihara Maha Pirivena in Kandy

2.1.1.6 Indian-Funded Solar Power Project for Buddhist Temples

The Government of India provides financial grant assistance for solar power programme with the objective of easing the electricity expenses of Buddhist temples in Sri Lanka. Under this programme, electricity generated through a 10 MW ground-mounted solar panel system will be connected to the national grid, thereby providing concessions to offset the electricity consumption of Buddhist temples.

Accordingly, a 30-acre plot of land located in Hambantota and owned by the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka has been legally acquired for the establishment of the project. In addition, the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, serving as the project’s consulting agency, has completed the preliminary feasibility study. The project is scheduled to be completed within the proposed project period.

2.1.1.7 Other

- **Issuance of Visa Recommendations**

Visa recommendations are issued for Buddhist monks travelling overseas and for foreign Buddhist monks entering and residing in Sri Lanka, to facilitate the obtaining of the relevant visa.

- i. In the year 2025, 1,191 visa recommendation letters were issued for Sri Lankan Buddhist monks travelling abroad.
- ii. A total of 276 recommendation letters were issued for the issuance of entry visas for foreign Buddhist monks intending to visit Sri Lanka, and 650 recommendation letters were issued for the extension of residential visas for foreign Buddhist monks who have arrived in Sri Lanka and are residing in the country.

- **Issuance of Recommendations for Customs Duty Concessions**

Recommendations are provided for granting customs duty concessions in respect of religious offerings imported to places of worship. Accordingly, 15 recommendation letters were issued in the year 2025 for the purpose of obtaining customs duty relief.

- **Issuance of Recommendation Letters for Obtaining Timber/Sand at Concessionary Prices**

Recommendations are issued to the Ministry of Justice for the allocation of timber and sand confiscated by courts at concessionary rates for the construction activities of places of worship. Accordingly, 362 recommendation letters were issued in the year 2025, comprising 28 for timber and 334 for sand.

- **Registration of Dambadiva Pilgrimage Associations and Issuance of Recommendations for Visa Fee Concessions for Pilgrimages**

Dambadiva pilgrimage tour organizations are registered under this Ministry. Recommendation letters are issued to such registered organizations to obtain visa concessions for pilgrimage tours.

In the year 2025, free visa recommendation letters were issued for 29,276 pilgrims undertaking Dambadiva pilgrimage tours.

- **Maintenance and Development of Pilgrim Rests**

This Ministry owns and operates the following pilgrim rests both locally and internationally. The maintenance and administration of these pilgrim rests are carried out by the Ministry.

- **Dutugemunu Pilgrim Rest, Nepal**

This pilgrim rest is located at Rupandehi, Lumbini in Nepal, belonging to this Ministry. This pilgrim rest is located on a land donated to the Government of Sri Lanka by the Lumbini Development Trust in Nepal. It is administered by the Ministry under the supervision of the Embassy of Sri Lanka in Nepal.

It provides accommodation facilities for 161 persons at a time. It consists of a conference hall and an open-air function hall.



▪ **Rajarata Circuit Bungalow, Kurundankulama, Anuradhapura**

This holiday bungalow, which can accommodate approximately 30 persons at a time, is located at Kurundankulama, Mihintale Road, Anuradhapura.



2.1.1.8 Functions Performed under the Religious Affairs Division

For the promotion of religious harmony, the Departments representing all religions have been established under a single Ministry. The Religious Affairs Division is responsible for coordinating and supervising all activities carried out by the Buddhist, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian Religious Affairs Departments.

The following functions are carried out by this Division to promote religious and social coexistence.

- Supervision and guidance of all non-institutional duties of the Buddhist Affairs Department, Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department, Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs Department, and Christian Religious Affairs Department which fall under the supervision of the Ministry.

- Providing necessary support for the preparation of Cabinet Memoranda relevant to the subject areas of the said Departments and facilitating the implementation of the decisions thereof.
- Carrying out land-related and other administrative functions connected to the activities of all religious Departments.
- Forwarding recommendations received from the Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs Department, Muslim Religious Affairs Department, and Christian Religious Affairs Department to the Ministry of Defence to obtain security clearance required for the issuance of entry visas and extension of residence visas for religious dignitaries and other relevant individuals of respective faiths; taking appropriate action on any special matters communicated by the Ministry of Defence; and coordinating and communicating with the Department of Immigration and Emigration and other relevant institutions.
- Issuance of recommendations for visa concessions for pilgrimages.
- Forwarding requests submitted for the provision of financial assistance for the renovation and development of temples, kovils, churches, and shrines to the relevant Departments for necessary follow-up action.
- Intervening through the Ministry to resolve legal or social issues arising in society related to all places of worship, and providing necessary guidance and recommendations to the Departments for taking appropriate actions in this regard.
- Obtaining the required security clearance from the Ministry of Defence for the release of imported Islamic religious publications by Customs, and communicating the relevant decisions to the Department of Customs and other concerned stakeholders.
- Organized and implemented coexistence programmes aimed at fostering interfaith cooperation, mutual understanding, and brotherhood among different religious communities.
- Submitted recommendations to the Ministry of Justice for the provision of confiscated building materials at concessionary prices for the renovation and development of religious places of worship.
- Provided ministerial intervention and coordination to facilitate the Customs clearance of overseas donations received by the Departments for religious affairs activities and programmes.
- Overseeing the construction and maintenance of all religious places of worship, addressing matters relating to the establishment of unauthorized religious sites, and making policy decisions pertaining to such activities.
- Handling and overseeing international affairs relating to all religious departments, including requests and proposals received through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, embassies, and high commissions, and monitoring the implementation of related activities.

2.1.2 Cultural Affairs Division

The Cultural Centres Programme is a major initiative implemented under the Cultural Affairs Division. Under this programme, action has been taken to establish a “Cultural Centre” in each Divisional Secretariat Division with the objective of enhancing the artistic talents of children and artists scattered in the island by providing drama and performing arts training facilities, library services, and an auditorium equipped with modern amenities. This serves as a structured mechanism for the preservation of traditional performing arts and classical cultural elements, the promotion of a culture enriched by such heritage, and the dissemination of these cultural traditions among the general public.

2.1.2.1 Primary Services Delivered through Cultural Centres

- **Conducting Training Courses**

With the aim of transforming the 222 Cultural Centres established island-wide into an institutional framework capable of providing the necessary education and training for the production of high-quality artistic creations, arrangements have been made to conduct training courses at these Cultural Centres to impart new knowledge to emerging artists. In this regard, standardized programmes are conducted to enable participants who desire to develop skills in singing, instrumental music, and dance. Furthermore, these centres provide opportunities for the collection of information and research on folklore, and the following courses have also been organized.

- Upcountry, Lowcountry, Sabaragamuwa, Bharata, Kathak and Folk Dance Course
- Eastern and Western Music Course
- Drama and Performing Arts Course
- Painting, Sculpture and Engraving Course
- Astrology Course
- Physical and Mental Development Course
- Handicrafts, Batik Design Course
- Sinhala, Tamil, English, Pali and Sanskrit Languages Course
- Angampora Art Course
- Muslim Tambourine / Lee Keli Dance Course
- Mass Communication Course
- Indigenous Medicine Course
- Chinese Traditional Martial Arts Course
- Beauty Culture Courses

- **Providing Library Services**

This service has been implemented with the objective of enhancing the reading habits of schoolchildren and the general public, and supporting education through the libraries established in each Divisional Cultural Centre. In addition, certain centres have also introduced mobile library services for rural communities in remote and underserved areas.

- **Provision of Cultural Services**

Based on the needs of the local community, cultural services are provided through the respective Cultural Centres for religious and cultural ceremonies and events. Under this programme, services are made available through groups such as Jayamangala Gatha recitation teams, Hewisi ensembles, Magul Bera groups, Ves dance troupes, dance groups, street drama groups, and Gihi Pirith chanting groups, among others.

- **Implementation of religious, cultural, educational, and social welfare programmes.**

Cultural Centres implement various religious, cultural, and educational programmes throughout the year at the divisional level, for the benefit of the local community, using their development funds, contributions from local residents, and government support.

- **Maintenance of the National Dance Troupe of Cultural Centres**

A dance troupe comprising talented male and female students selected from those pursuing aesthetic studies at Cultural Centres is maintained. This troupe contributes to national and state ceremonies as well as to international cultural exchange programmes and overseas cultural tours.

2.1.2.2 Progress of the projects and programmes implemented by the Cultural Affairs Division in the year 2025

S/No.	Description of Expenditure Item	Provision for 2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Expenditure as at 31.12.2025 (Rs.Mn.)	Financial Progress	Physical Progress
Implementation of the Cultural Centres Programme					
1.	Cultural Centres 101-02-05-09-1409 (112)	82.00	70.85	86%	86%
2.	Buildings and Constructions 101-02-05-2001	43.60	37.33	85%	95%
3.	Plants & Machinery 101-02-05-2002	2.00	1.84	92%	88%
4.	Provision of furniture and office equipment to the Cultural Centres 101-02-05-2102	8.40	7.91	94%	100%
5.	Provision of plants and machinery to the Cultural Centres 101-02-05-2103	10.00	8.54	85%	100%
6.	Construction and upgrading of Cultural Centres 101-02-05-23-2104	64.70	50.81	78%	84%
7.	Training of staff of the Cultural Centres 101-02-05-2401	1.90	1.79	94%	94%
Implementation of Special Cultural Promotion Programmes (Capital)					
8.	Other 101-02-05-09-1409(99)	20.00	13.52	68%	68%
9.	Programme of Foreign Cultural Relations 101-02-05-09-1409(113)	1.00	0.41	41%	41%
Implementation of Special Cultural Promotion Programmes (Recurrent)					
10.	National Heritage Conservation and Promotion Programmes 101-02-05-31-2509	24.90	18.45	74%	81%
11.	Construction of the Amaradeva Asapuwa 101-02-05-37-2104	146.54	13.10	9%	83%

2.1.2.3 Detailed progress of projects and programmes implemented by the Cultural Affairs Division in 2025

Implementation of the Cultural Centres Programme

I. Cultural Centres - 101-02-05-09-1409 (112)

For the year 2025, courses were commenced at centres where resource persons had been registered, and payments were made to the resource persons. In addition, payments were also made to resource persons at centres where Early Childhood Development courses had been initiated.

Furthermore, out of the 222 Cultural Centres scheduled to conduct skills development courses in 2025, skills development programmes have been commenced at 212 Cultural Centres.

II. Buildings and Constructions - 101-02-05-2001

For the renovation of 37 Cultural Centres, funds amounting to Rs. 43.53 million were released to District Secretaries. Out of these, 31 centres have achieved 100% physical progress, while 02 centres have recorded physical progress between 75% and 95%. Funds for 05 centres were released in November and December; however, renovation work was delayed due to Cyclone Ditwah conditions. Nevertheless, the remaining works are currently being in progress.

(01. Dompe 02. Bandaragama, 03. Kalmunai (North), 04. Kelaniya, 05. Giribawa, 06 Galgamuwa, 07. Udubaddawa, 08. Mallawapitiya, 09. Puttalam, 10. Dankotuwa, 11. Central Nuwaragam Province, 12. Kebithigollewa, 13. Kekirawa, 14. Naula, 15. Gomarankadawala, 16. Sangarajapura, 17. Ududumbara, 18. Yakkalamulla, 19. Bope Poddala, 20. Eravur Town, 21. Lankapura, 22. Beliatta, 23. Point Pedro , 24. Veyangoda, 25. Kalmunai (Moor), 26. Yatinuwara) 27.Yatawatta 28.Mathugama 29.Pannala 30.Maradankadawala 31.Galewela 32.Medadumbara 33.Soranathota 34.Siyambalanduwa 35.Kotapola 36.Kuruwita 37.Pallama.)

III. Plants and Machinery - 101-02-05-2002

Funds amounting to Rs. 1.9 million were released to District Secretaries for the repair of dance and musical instruments in 16 Cultural Centres. Out of these, 15 centres have achieved 100% physical progress, while work is still ongoing at one centre.

(01. Attanagalla, 02. Polgahawela, 03. Tihagoda, 04. Denipitiya, 05. Kamburupitiya, 06. Weeraketiya, 07. Katuwana, 08. Kaduwela, 09. Welivitiya–Divitura, 10. Baddegama, 11. Karandeniya, 12. Pallepola, 13. Matale, 14. Sangharajapura, 15. Galigamuwa, 16. Kegalle)

IV. Furniture and Office Equipment - 101-02-05-2102

Provisions have been released for the procurement of furniture and office equipment for 28 Cultural Centers in accordance with the 2025 Action Plan.

(1. Galigamuwa, 2. Mahawilachchiya, 3. Nuwara Gam Palatha (Central), 4. Thirappane, 5. Padiyathalawa, 6. Weeraketiya, 7. Niyagama, 8. Karandeniya, 9. Bentota, 10. Baddegama, 11. Kathankudi, 12. Eravur Town, 13. Lankapura, 14. Sandilippai, 15. Mallawapitiya, 16. Pannala, 17. Wariyapola, 18. Puttalam, 19. Dodangoda, 20. Korasa, 21. Divulapitiya, 22. Eheliyagoda, 23. Balangoda, 24. Sangharajapura, 25. Kamburupitiya, 26. Laggala, 27. Ambangangakorale, 28. Gomarankadawala)

V. Provision of Plants and Machinery - 101-02-05-2103

In accordance with the 2025 Action Plan, an allocation of Rs. 10 million was released to District Secretaries for the procurement of plants and machinery for 18 Cultural Centres. Out of this allocation, Rs. 6.8 million was utilized for the purchase of fingerprint machines.

(01. Horowpothana, 02. Kebithigollewa, 03. Mahawilachchiya, 04. Irakkamam, 05. Padiyatalawa, 06. Kalmunai (Muslim), 07. Kalmunai (Tamil), 08. Panduwasnuwara, 09. Polgahawela, 10. Kuliypitiya West, 11. Korasa, 12. Meerigama, 13. Madampe, 14. Maspotha, 15. Point Pedro, 16. Palindanuwara, 17. SAARC Cultural Centre, 18. Beliatta.)

VI. Constructions and Improvements - 101-02-05-23-2104

Provisions of Rs. 58.3 million have been released to the District Secretariats for the renovation of 20 cultural centres. Out of these, 13 centres have indicated 100% progress, 03 centres have indicated 80%-100% progress, and 02 centres have indicated 50%-80% progress.

Provisions of Rs. 6.4 million have been forwarded to the Accounts Division for the settlement of bills related to the construction of the Sooriyawewa Centre, but the bill has not been settled.

(1. Uhana, 2. Padiyathalawa, 3. Thirukkivil, 4. Irakkamam, 5. Weligepola, 6. Harispattuwa, 7. Pathadumbara, 8. Kuliypitiya-West, 9. Polgahawela, 10. Mawathagama, 11. Dehiowita, 12. Kegalle, 13. Bope-Poddala, 14. Sandilippai, 15. Galenbindunuwewa, 16. Mahaoya, 17. Attanagalla, 18. Gampola Udapalatha, 19. Sooriyawewa, 20. Millaniya.)

VII. Training of Staff in Cultural Centres - 101-02-05-2401

A three-day workshop on accounting, office management and financial affairs of the Development Association was held for the new officers in charge on April 4, 5 and 6, while two cultural workshops were held for the officers of the Cultural Centres and officers attached to the Divisional Secretariats of the Department of Cultural Affairs on December 26 and 27, 2025 at the Veyangoda National Training Centre for the Colombo and Gampaha Districts and on December 27 and 28, 2025 at the Embilipitiya Leadership Training Centre for the Southern and Sabaragamuwa Provinces.

2.1.2.4 Implementation of Specific Cultural Promotion Programmes (recurrent)

VIII. Other - 101-02-05-09-1409 (99)

- **Conducting Special Programmes for Socio-Cultural Integration.**

Provide financial assistance for the processions and festivals in 2025.

- Contribution of cultural events for the National Vesak Festival.
- Contribution of cultural events for the National Poson Bethigee Festival etc.
- Provide cultural elements for the processions and other special festivals.
- Provide funds for the Mihinthala Vihara Poson Hevisi Pooja.
- Provide c funds for the Veyangoda Sri Nagendrarama Vihara Perahera.
- Payment to the cultural centre artists who participated in the Pitabeddara Rotubu Vihara Perahera and Horana Isipathanarama Perahera.
- Provide funds for 16 outlying Devalayas in the Nuwara Eliya District in parallel with the Esala Perahera.
- Provide funds for the Ambokka Sri Patthini Devalaya Perahera in the Matale District in parallel with the Esala Perahera.

- **Holding the Inter-Governmental Service Awards Ceremony 2025**

Number of 1,765 creations were submitted for this competition. The competition was held in both Sinhala and Tamil languages, under 15 competition categories, and 181 competitors were awarded.

- **Conducting promotion programmes implemented through the Ministry.**

Provision of funds for special cultural programmes held by the Ministry and the following cultural centres under the Ministry for the year 2025.

- Manmunai North - Mahashiva Rathri programme
- Kebithigollewa - Gee Rasa Vindana programme
- Pathadumbara - Sokari drama show
- Alawwa - "Dathin Dathata" New Year's Eve programme
- Wariyapola - Punsith Janani programme
- Polgahawela - For the Sokari folk drama programme
- Kesbewa - Madu Besima Festival and the Devol Madu Shanthikarma Programme
- Kuliyapitiya (West) - Hela Cultural Exchange Programme
- Akkarapattu - Silver Jubilee Celebration
- Pallepola – Silver Jubilee Celebration
- Dambulla – Allowance for Kohomba Kankari artists
- Medadumbara - "Nupura Nada" cultural concert
- Gampaha Udapalatha and Matara-Nupe – Daha Ata Shanthikarama rituals

- **Promoting the cultural rights of the disabled community.**

The Singing/Instrumental Competition 2025 for Persons with Disabilities was held and the award ceremony was also held.

The Autobiography of Persons with Disabilities has been printed and the Mobile Library Programme for Persons with Disabilities has been initiated at the Cultural Centre level.

- **Conducting artistic talent and personality development programmes for prison inmates.**

Weekly aesthetic courses were conducted to promote the artistic talents and personality development of prison inmates, and one-day personality development training workshop was conducted for inmates at Ambepussa Prison on 05.07.2025 and at the Dalupotha Correctional Centre for Youthful Offenders on 03.08.2025.

IX. Foreign Cultural Relations Programme - 101-02-05-09-1409 (113)

Discussions have been held regarding the revision of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Sri Lanka and foreign countries regarding culture and new projects.

Artists from the State Dance Ensemble and Dance Troupe participated in programmes with the foreign countries and foreign tours.

BIMSTEC meeting and the discussions regarding Jaffna Cultural Centre have been conducted.

2.1.2.5 Implementation of specific cultural promotion programmes (capital)

X. National Heritage Conservation and Promotion Programmes - 101-02-05-31-2509

- **Holding the Inter-Cultural Centre “Prathibha” Competition.**

The Inter-Cultural Centre "Prathibha" Competition, held between cultural centres, can be introduced as a programme organized with the view of introducing traditional dancing to the modern generation, and introducing the Upcountry, Lowcountry and Sabaragamuwa dance traditions to the modern student community in a fresh way.

The main objective of this programme, which is organized annually, is to promote and publicize the traditional art of dance.

The 2025 Awards Ceremony was held on 24.12.2025. The 2025 “Prathibha” Competition was held with the participation of about 5,000 artists and national level certificates were awarded to 3,390 artists in the dance and music categories and 40 artistes in the art category.

- **A performance by the dance troupe.**

The Ministry's Dance Pool has been established by selecting talented young artists at the provincial level. The aim is to provide and encourage these young artists with national and international performance experiences through local and foreign performance opportunities, and to provide them with opportunities to present performances in collaboration with the tourism industry.

At present, the National Dance Pool has been established, consisting of 125 artists selected at the district and national levels.

Although arrangements were made to hold the dance concert in December at the Nelum Pokuna Theatre in conjunction with the "Sri Lankan Day" national programme, the dance concert was not held due to the disaster situation that affected the island.

- **Protection and promotion the cultural rights of the disabled community.**

The three-day Human Library Programme was successfully held at the BMICH premises with the aim of changing social attitudes towards people with disabilities, in conjunction with the Colombo International Book Fair.

A literary workshop for writers with disabilities was held on 29.12.2025.

- **Undertake programmes to preserve intangible heritage and bequeath it to future generations.**

The National Committee was appointed on the instructions of the Secretary to the Ministry regarding the protection of intangible heritage.

The process of submitting the nominations of Laksha and Sesath and the nomination of Cinnamon to UNESCO was planned.

A training workshop on documenting intangible heritage for Southern Provincial Cultural Promotion Officers was conducted by the Library and Documentation Services Board at the Southern Provincial Council Training Centre, and the monthly meeting of the National Committee on Intangible National Heritage was held.

- **Promotion of Children's Literature.**

The launch of the YouTube channel for the promotion of children's literature was carried out in April, and the Cultural Centre Pre-School Teacher Training Workshop was held on November 01, 02, and 03.

- **Conduct Socio-Cultural Programmes to Empower Marginalized Communities.**

Taking the children of the Dematagoda Halgahawatte Community Development Welfare Association to visit the National Museum and conducting an art workshop for them.

A cultural training workshop was conducted on 27,28,29 and 30.2025, involving children from the areas of Narahenipita - Dabare Mawatha, Wanathamulla, Halgahawatte and Seewalipura for the Human Library Programme.

Furthermore, a training programme related to the Marginal Community Empowerment Programme was conducted at the Mihinthale North-South Mithuru Sevana Cultural Exchange Centre on 27 and 30 November 2026.

- **Identify the Cultural Aspects of the Hill Country Estate People and Conducting Programmes.**

A special drama workshop was held for children at the Pedro Tea Estate in Nuwara Eliya and the Dambethenna Estate in Haputale, while a programme was held for the Jaffna and Thelippalai tea estate communities under the cultural exchange programme.

Establishment of new Cultural Societies for the tea estate community at Hanguranketha - Hewaheta Estate and Balangoda - Rassagala Estate.

Also, as a promotional programme to identify and protect the cultural identities of the hill estate people, activities such as teaching Bharatha dance, music and art courses by employing resource persons and conducting 02 cultural and socio-aesthetic workshops were carried out for the Ragala, Pedro, Dambetenna, Hewaheta and Rassagala estates.

- **Prepare Guidelines for Aesthetics Courses.**

A workshop on the preliminary steps for the preparation of guidelines for aesthetic courses at cultural centres was held at the Veyangoda National Training Centre on 10, 11 and 12 October 2025. Preliminary steps have been taken.

XI. Amaradeva Asapuwa - 101-02-05-37-2104

In gratitude for the invaluable national service rendered to the music industry by Dr. Pandit W. D. Amaradeva, the Amaradeva Asapuwa was constructed by a special budget proposal in 2017. The construction of this Asapuwa was initiated with the aim of creating a excessive space for artists that could be used as a place to develop the talents of emerging artists, carry out research and conduct workshops.

Subcontracting works related to the construction of the Amaradeva Asapuwa, purchasing raw materials related to the estimates submitted, and landscaping works have been carried out by now.

Basic information about construction of cultural centres

Province	District	No. of DS Divisions	Number of Cultural Centres constructed by the Ministry and in operation	Number of Cultural Centres to be opened	Number of new Cultural Centres under construction	Number of Cultural Centres where constructions have been suspended
Central	Kandy	20	15	-	-	-
	Matale	11	11	-	-	-
	Nuwara Eliya	05	04	-	-	-
Eastern	Ampara	20	10	03	01	-
	Batticaloa	14	06	-	-	-
	Trincomalee	11	06	-	-	-
North Central	Anuradhapura	22	15	01	-	-
	Polonnaruwa	07	06	-	-	-
Northern	Jaffna	15	09	-	-	-
	Kilinochchi	04	-	-	-	-
	Mannar	05	-	-	-	-
	Mullaitivu	06	-	-	-	-
	Vavuniya	04	02	-	-	-
North Western	Kurunegala	30	23	02	-	-
	Puttalam	16	09	02	-	-
Sabaragamuwa	Kegalle	11	09	-	-	-
	Ratnapura	17	08	-	01	02
Southern	Galle	19	14	-	-	-
	Hambantota	12	07	-	01	-
	Matara	16	16	-	-	-
Uva	Badulla	15	14	-	-	-
	Monaragala	11	07	01	-	-
Western	Colombo	13	07	-	-	-
	Gampaha	13	09	01	-	-
	Kalutara	14	13	01	-	-
	Total	331	220	11	03	02

Public Performance Board

1. Introduction

The primary objective of the Public Performance Board, as stipulated in its founding legislation, the Public Performances Ordinance, No. 7 of 1912, is to grant approval for films and stage performances intended for public exhibition. Moreover, the scope of authority conferred by the Ordinance at the time of its enactment was wider than at present. The regulation and oversight of carnivals, cinemas, and clubs were also within its jurisdiction.

The Ordinance of 1912 was amended in 1918 and 1919. Subsequently, a permanent Public Performance Board was established under the Ordinance No. 23 of 1952. A further amendment was made in 1956, followed by amendments in 1961 (No. 41), 1964 (No. 26), and 1969 (No. 11). Under the 1961 amendment, the original Ordinance was confined exclusively to the regulation of public performances, thereby limiting its scope to that specific area.

Composition of the members of the Public Performance Board

The responsibility of the members of the Public Performance Board is to monitor and approve films, stage plays, and shows submitted for exhibition in Sri Lanka.

The composition of the Governing Body was increased to 25 members in 1983, and according to the 1997 Senaka Bandaranaike Committee report, it was proposed that its number of members be limited to 15. It was further suggested that the Public Performance Board should be established under the highest authority and its scope should be expanded to include the television media and video industry. But the television sector has not yet been subjected to the supervision of the Public Performance Board.

The Film Review Board of the Public Performance Board is responsible for monitoring and approving films, stage plays, and non-film or stage performances submitted for exhibition in Sri Lanka.

Here, work has been made more efficient with one-day service and 24-hour service to provide permission without any delay. The Public Performance Board is working with the National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka, Embassies in Sri Lanka, film producers, importers, theatre directors and concert organizers in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities.

Vision, Mission, and Objective

Vision

Building a free and positive creative environment

Mission

Providing classification certificates for films, dramas, music, and performing arts shows, and delivering an efficient service to support the development and advancement of the arts sector.

Objective

Encouraging the presentation of performances and artistic creations for public exhibition based on the principles of social responsibility, creative freedom, and public welfare

Key Functions

- The scope of the Public Performance Board covers local and foreign films, stage dramas, and all forms of public performances that may have an impact on Sri Lankan society.
- Accordingly, these productions and performances are reviewed and assessed to determine their suitability for public exhibition in accordance with the provisions of the Public Performances Board Act.

Social Responsibility of the Public Performance Board

- The Public Performance Board grants or refuses approval for the public exhibition of films, dramas, and other performances, and recommends any necessary modifications or revisions where required.
- In granting approval for public exhibition or imposing restrictions, the Public Performance Board exercises a significant responsibility by carefully considering the following principles and criteria before making its decisions.
 - The law of the country shall not be undermined.
 - The customs and traditions of all nations and ethnic groups shall be respected.
 - The religious sentiments of all people shall be respected.
 - No sympathy shall be evoked in the audience for crime, wrongful acts, or immoral conduct.

- The sanctity of marriage shall be recognized, and sexuality shall not be depicted in a manner that promotes immorality.

In implementing the above provisions, the Public Performance Board takes into consideration the audience's right to appreciate and enjoy the most important forms of art that contribute to human progress, as well as the freedom of expression. It also ensures that such freedom is not misused. In doing so, priority is given to social responsibility. The Board's policy is to exclude content that is harmful to society.

The responsibility of the Public Performance Board is to determine whether a film, drama, or musical performance is suitable for public exhibition. In making such decisions, the Board may impose appropriate restrictions and responsibilities on the relevant audience where necessary.

The above rules and regulations are implemented in accordance with the powers and functions vested in the Board.

The motion picture is the most powerful medium of communication, capable of exerting a strong influence on audiences. It can also be directed towards the promotion of public welfare.

In addition to considering the above-mentioned policies, the Public Performance Board reserves the full right to submit relevant matters for consideration or to require amendments where necessary.

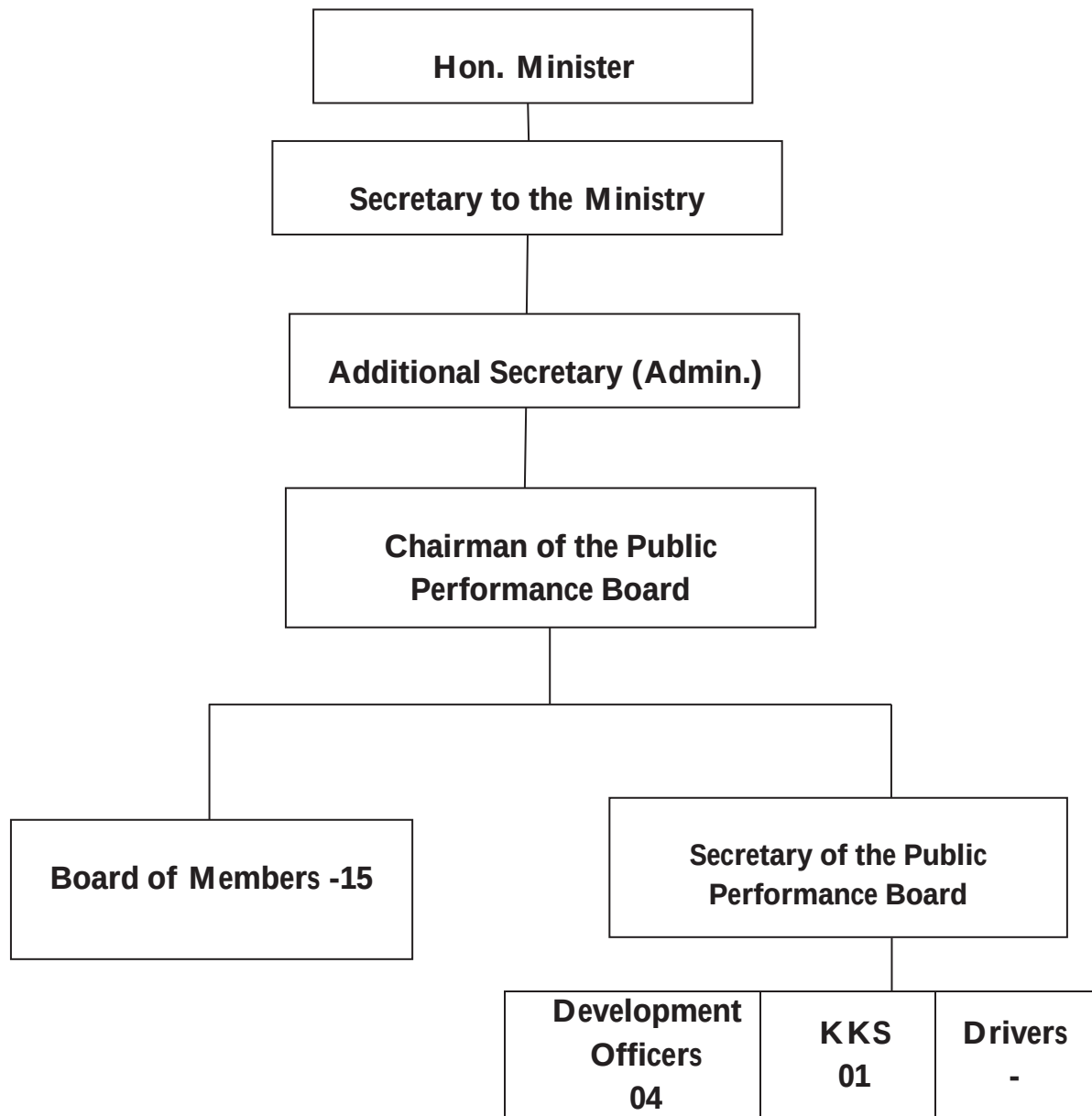
At present, theories of social responsibility are applied internationally. In this context, the freedom for Western art to develop as a purely liberal form of expression is balanced by the critical factor of social responsibility prevailing in Eastern countries.

In simple terms, as these artistic works are intended for public exhibition, it is the primary responsibility of the Board to make decisions by considering any potential adverse effects on society.

The Public Performance Board Ordinances No. 07 of 1912 and No. 07 of 1919, as subsequently amended by Acts No. 23 of 1951, No. 40 of 1961, No. 26 of 1964, and No. 11 of 1969, provide authority for the better regulation of public performances, festivals, and related events or matters arising therefrom. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Performance Ordinance.

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Public Performance Board - Organizational Structure - 2025



3. Cadre

S/No.	Designation	Salary Code as per Management Services Circular No. 03/2016	Number of posts approved by the Department of Management Services	Actual	Vacant
1.	Secretary	JM 1-1	01	-	01 Currently, this is covered by the position of Development Officer
2.	Programme Officer	MN 4 2006	04	04	-
3.	Information Technology Assistant	MA2-1	01	-	01
4.	Management Assistant	MA1-2	01	-	01
5.	Driver	PL3	02	-	02
6.	Projection Machine Operator	PL2	01	-	01
7.	Office Work Assistant	PL1	01	01	-
Total			11	06	05

4. Financial Statistics

4.1 License income.

S/No.	Year	Income (Rs.Mn.)
1.	2023	8.29
2.	2024	10.00
3.	2025	10.10

4.2 Capital and recurrent expenditure.

2025		Estimated Provisions (Rs. Mn.)	Expenditure (Rs. Mn.)	Overall Expenditure (%)
1.	Recurrent	10.41	7.46	72%
2.	Capital	1.0	0.74	74%
		11.41	8.20	71%

5. Institutional Progress

5.1 Film monitoring -2025

Total number of movies Monitored	Language						Classificati on U Universal - Suitable for all	Classific ation A More suitable for adults	Classific ation X Adults only	Cens ored
	Sinhala	Tamil-Local	Tamil-Foreign	English	Hindi	Other				
235	49	22	66	63	30	05	159	51	25	-

5.2 DVD Monitoring -2025

Total number of DVDs monitored	Approved no.	Unapproved
62	62	-

5.3 Monitoring of stage plays -2025

Total number of stage plays monitored	(X - Classification) - Adults only = 05 - censored for exhibition = 03					
	Sinhala		Tamil		English	
	Short	Long	Short	Long	Short	Long
364	107	121	20	05	69	42

5.4 Monitoring of shows-2025

Non-film or non-drama Shows	Local		Foreign	
	Regular shows	Television media shows	Out door shows	Indoor shows
712	648	06	11	47

2.1.3 National Heritage Division

2.1.3.1 Programmes implemented by the National Heritage Division

The responsibility of the National Heritage Division is to "assist in the formulation of policies related to the conservation of cultural and archaeological national heritage in accordance with relevant laws and ordinances, and to implement projects under the National Budget, National Investment and National Development Programmes in order to preserve national heritage and maintain culture, literature and art at a high standard". Several programmes and projects were directly implemented by the National Heritage Division and the allocation allocated for the year 2025 was utilized with maximum efficiency.

- **Provision of conservation services for indigenous / uniquely identified communities.**

Conservation services for indigenous communities primarily involve collaborative efforts that promote the conservation of natural resources and biodiversity while respecting indigenous knowledge, values, and rights. Accordingly, a number of special programmes were implemented during the year to preserve and promote their unique cultural identity.

- **Organized and facilitated the World Indigenous Peoples' Day celebration at Dambana Indigenous Village, the annual Hathma Shanthikarma ritual in Henanigala, and the Honey Offering Ceremony at the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic.**

The Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration held at the Indigenous Village was successfully conducted with the participation of His Excellency the President. A total expenditure of Rs. 2,366,486.34 was incurred for the event.



The Hathma Shanthikarma, a cultural tradition of the indigenous community, was conducted at the Dambana Indigenous Village. An expenditure of Rs. 269,815.00 was incurred for this programme.



Transportation facilities required for the Honey Offering Ceremony to the Sacred Tooth Relic, a long-standing traditional practice of the indigenous community, were arranged under the coordination of the Ministry. An expenditure of Rs. 84,500.00 was incurred for this purpose.



▪ Infrastructure development in indigenous villages

Renovation of the Henanigala Wariga Sabha building.

Due to the dilapidated condition of the Variga Sabha building used for gatherings of the Henanigala Indigenous community, restoration work was carried out, including the construction of a steel framework and repairs to the roof. An expenditure of Rs.2,857,650.79 was incurred for this rehabilitation work.



Provision of toilet facilities for families in the Pollebedda Indigenous Village.

It was observed that the health condition of the families with school-going children in the Pollebedda Indigenous village was at a very low level due to the lack of toilet facilities. Accordingly, funds were provided to families with school-going children and construction of toilets was carried out for 50 such families. The amount spent for this was Rs. 6,418,918.97.



▪ Implementation of social mobilization programmes in indigenous villages.

Awareness programme on spiritual and attitudinal development conducted in Henanigala.

The programme on spiritual and attitudinal development of the Henanigala Indigenous community was conducted with the participation of the Buddhist Affairs Coordination Officer, Productivity Development Officer, Drug Prevention Treatment and Rehabilitation Officer, and Mediation Development Officer. An expenditure of LKR 21,000.00 was incurred for this programme

Home production training programme to open up self-employment opportunities for women in Henanigala.

To strengthen the economy of indigenous women, a training programme was conducted on the production of mixed baite, murukku, gajoru and bello baite, and the sale of these products is carried out with the intervention of the Small Business Development Division of the Divisional Secretariat. The amount spent for this was Rs. 33,220.00.

Programme to create a costume set for the Henanigala Indigenous Dance.

A costume and jewellery set for tribal dance was created with the aim of preserving the fading cultural elements of tribal dance, singing, and instruments, and to raise them to a professional level. The cost of the project was Rs. 107,050.00.

Conducting a social mobilization programme in the Rathugala Indigenous Village.

The said programme was carried out with the aim of building a righteous society by dispelling the misconceptions existing among the indigenous people and developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of school-age children. The Child Rights Promotion Officer, Human Resources Officer, Cultural Officer and Police Officer of the Children

and Women's Bureau were provided with the resources. The amount spent for it was Rs. 89,800.00.



Song entertainment and school equipment distribution programme for children of Dambana College

This programme was carried out to provide school bags to 180 poverty-stricken indigenous and mixed indigenous children at Dambana Vidyalaya, directing them towards education and socializing them as creative, disciplined and sensitive citizens through the enjoyment of songs. The amount spent for this was Rs. 502,800.00.



Dalukana Pan production training programme.

Self-employment opportunities were created by training low-income indigenous women and young indigenous men and women in reed crafts using reeds commonly found near the tanks in the area. The amount spent for this was Rs. 49,400.00.



Social mobilization programme focused on the Pollebedda indigenous community.

These programmes were carried out with the aim of preserving the identity of the indigenous people, developing their attitudes, spirituality, social and economic development and properly socializing the isolated indigenous people. The amount spent for this was Rs. 58,000.00.



▪ **Renovation and reorganization of the Dambana Folk Heritage Museum.**

The indigenous bones and antiquities brought to this country from the Basel Museum in Switzerland were placed in the Dambana Folk Heritage Museum and renovated and reorganized under the advice of an expert committee led by Professor K. M. Alexander of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and were opened for public exhibition by the Hon. President on the occasion of Indigenous Peoples Day on 09.08.2025. Some modernization work was carried out in the museum with the assistance received from the Canadian Fund and with the intervention of the Solidaridad Institute and the Ministry spent Rs. 8,330,824.10 and carried out the following works.

- o Installation of doors at the Folk Heritage Museum - Rs. 1,696,667.68
- o Preparation of the courtyard of the Folk Heritage Museum – Rs. 346,045.98
- o Land preparation for the entrance to the Folk Heritage Museum - Rs, 1,582,775.70
- o Roof renovation and corridor preparation. - Rs. 1,263,990.25
- o Carpeting the floor of the Folk Heritage Museum. - Rs.. 288,071.62
- o Translation of information content for the boards into English and Tamil. - Rs. 11,810.00
- o Repairing the museum's human figures and preparing nameplates. – Rs. 2,364,874.87
- o Transportation, food and other expenses required for the renovation of the museum. Rs. 776,588.00



- **Payment of salaries to the staff working at the Dambana Folk Heritage Centre**

The Dambana Folk Heritage Museum is a unique museum containing the bones of the indigenous people, animal skeletons, and ancient indigenous tools, and the Ministry pays salaries to maintain it. The amount spent for this is Rs. 1,500,000.00.

- **Conducting a series of national heritage and cultural awareness programmes**

Project of "Deye Urumaya Daruwantai"

In the year 2025, a provision of Rs. 3.5 million was allocated for the National Heritage for Children project. Under it, 6 national heritage and cultural awareness programmes were conducted focusing on archaeological sites in 6 districts. Accordingly, 540 students studying Advanced Level and Ordinary Level in schools near each archaeological site participated in each programme. The total cost of the project was Rs. 1,645,734.25.

▪ First Programme - Vessagiriya Archaeological Site in Anuradhapura District



▪ Second Programme - Galle Fort Archaeological Site in Galle District



▪ Third Programme - Maduwanwala Walawwa Archaeological Site in Ratnapura District



- **Fourth Programme - Yudaganawa Archaeological Site in Monaragala District**



- **Fifth Programme - Rajagala Archaeological Site in Ampara District**



- **Sixth Programme - Bingiriya Tampita Vihara Archaeological Site in Kurunegala District**



- **Preparing a policy to protect national heritages**

(“Developing a National Heritage Policy for Sri Lanka” – *UNESCO Participation Programme*)

Under the UNESCO Participation Programme, a workshop to prepare a draft National Heritage Policy was held at the Laya Beach Hotel, Wadduwa on 24, 25 and 26 September 2025, with the participation of relevant stakeholders from the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, the public sector, the private sector and the non-governmental organization sector, under a UNESCO financial grant of US\$ 20,000 (Rs. 6,068,953.97) in coordination with the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO to prepare a strong integrated national policy on national heritage. An amount of Rs. 2,785,501.00 has been spent for this. Public comments are scheduled to be received for the draft National Heritage Policy.



Identifying national heritages, preparing a program for management of national heritages and conservation

Number of 24 nominations has been received at the district level as of 31.12.2024 for the determination and identification of national heritage. Out of those nominations, the field investigation conducted by the members of the sub-committee for the determination and identification of national heritage was carried out on 29.11.2025 in the vicinity of the National Namal Park and Kahatagaha Mine. This field research was conducted by Emeritus Professor Jinadasa Katupotha, , University of Sri Jayewardenepura and K. Upul Nishantha, Conservation Officer, Central Cultural Fund.



Conducting a leadership training workshop

A two-day training workshop, which included practical activities based on developing the capabilities of staff, building capacity, improving leadership qualities, managing challenges, promoting team spirit and developing mental well-being through enjoyment, was held at the Ranmihitenna premises with the resources of External Lecturer Udaya Kumara and Human Resources Officer and Career Guide L.P. Pemasiri.



❖ Department of Archaeology

Conservations & Maintenance



Conservation of Bingiriya Tampita
Viharaya

Verification of the Ancient Canal Route
at Ranmasu Uyana, Anuradhapura



Verification of the Southern Stupa at Anuradhapura



Applying floor tiles for new circuit bungalow at Anuradhapura



Conservation of the Enclosing Wall of the Meewalapathaha Stupa, Matale



Maintenance and Upkeep of the Mapa Ella Pattini Devalaya in Lunugala, Badulla



Conservation of the Ancient Tampita Vihara at Walawela, Pamunuwa, Matale



Completion of the remaining works of the official residence at Deegawapi, Ampara



The ancient horse stable located at the lower section of the Sea Bastion within the UNESCO World Heritage Galle Fort has been conserved and subsequently converted into a library and an archaeological publications sales outlet.



Scientific maintenance of Ampara Magul Maha Viharaya

Maintenance of the Ambalangoda Dutch Stable





Scientific maintenance
of Ampara Owagiriya

Supervision of archaeological works



Supervision of the conservation of the
Deegawapiya Stupa

Supervision of the
conservation of
Neelagiriya Stupas

Exploration documentation, excavation and research

Site inspection and field work



Comprehensive exploration
of the Divulapelessa
Divisional Secretariat
Division - Badulla

Recording of
archaeological sites and
monuments in the
Anuradhapura Thalawa
Divisional Secretariat
Division

Exploring Balapitiya
Walawwa

Excavation Projects



Kushatharajagala Research
Excavation - Matara



Excavation of Shravastipura



Excavation of Anuradhapura Citadel

Epigraphy and Numismatics



Copying of Inscriptions - Ampara Neelagiriya



Copying of Inscriptions -
Ampara Shashthrawela

Heritage Promotion Programmes and Public Exhibitions

Museum Division

Museum Exhibition Promotion, Management and Maintenance of Museums

Number of 28 museums and information centres are maintained at an optimal level island wide with the aim of providing knowledge, understanding and entertainment to the public by preserving collections of artifacts acquired through excavations, explorations, court orders and other methods. Accordingly, through the Museum Exhibition Promotion and Management Project, the museum galleries and premises are cleaned daily, the collection of artifacts is cleaned and preserved, minor maintenance and repairs are carried out. The aim is to provide an optimal museum exhibition to the public and to protect our ancient heritage.



Redesigning exhibition boards as LED boards with the aim of streamlining exhibitions at the Kotte Museum

Exhibition of Neelagiri Relics and Antiquities

The Museum Division carried out the task of displaying the collection of relics and antiquities uncovered during the excavation of the Neelagiriya and Lahugala Stupa in Ampara to the public, and the relics and antiquities were re-enshrined in the relic vault on March 3, 2025.



State Vesak Festival

The 2025 State Vesak celebrations were held at the International Buddhist Centre, in Nuwara Eliya, and an antiquities exhibition was organized by the Museum Division.



An antiquities exhibition was held at the University of Peradeniya in conjunction with Archaeology Week.

The 133rd National Archaeological Conference was held at the University of Peradeniya on 07.07.2025. On that day, in conjunction with Archaeology Day, an exhibition of antiquities and replicas was held by the Department of Archaeology at the Faculty of Arts premises of the University of Peradeniya.



Exhibition of the remains of King Dutugemunu which has been deposited under the Department was held at the Gangaramaya temple, Ambalangoda, Akuressa. A Central Acquisition Register has been prepared to include information on the collections of artefacts in museums in a permanent register. As an initial step, the information on the artefacts of the Kotte Museum was included in the register. The inaugural ceremony was held with the Kandy Museum as the base, and the practical training with lectures and activities was held with the Polonnaruwa Technical Museum as the base.

Promotion Division

Conducting an archaeological conference

The National Archaeological Conference is held every year in conjunction with Archaeology Day, with the aim of exchanging knowledge between expert and amateur scientists and archaeologists in the field of archaeology and to provide opportunities for archaeological researchers for future archaeological research and field work. The National Archaeological Conference was held on 7th July 2025 at the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya under the patronage of the Hon. Minister. Presentation of research papers, launch of online publications and awarding of prizes also took place on that day.



Special heritage promotion programmes are conducted annually in selected archaeological sites in each district, named as Archaeological Week, in conjunction with Archaeological Day. The objective of this is to provide understanding/knowledge about the preservation of living monuments of archaeological sites in their locality and to involve the public in maintenance and conservation activities through Shramadana. The objective is to provide understanding/knowledge about preserving archaeological sites and living monuments in their local area and to involve the public in maintenance and conservation activities through Shramadana.



Giving lectures on prevention of destroying antiquities to public and private institutions, schools, public in Galle/ Matara Districts

Publishing Prints

Printing of Publications under the Promotion Division's publications, work has been carried out on 25 publications, including books, brochures and a magazine



Media Unit

Short video series based on archaeological sites

Filming was carried out at several archaeological sites related to the year 2025, and several of them have been completed and released on social media.

(1) The filming locations which were covered the Badulla district.

- Badulla Soragune Shrine
- Haldummulla Fort
- Sir Andrew's Church in Haputale
- Bandarawela Prehistoric Site of Church Hill
- Keppetipola Fort
- Halpe Paththini Shrine
- Dowa Rajamaha Viharaya
- Bandarawela Nine Arch Bridge
- Bogoda Bridge
- Badulla Welekade Archaeological Site
- Historical Buduge Kanda
- Mahiyangana Nagadeepa Rajamaha Vihara
- Ravana Ella Prehistoric Cave
- Badulla St. Mark's Church

(2) Several short videos created and released on social media in 2025

- The ancient ruins of Urusita tank in the Sevanagala Divisional Secretariat Division of the Monaragala District
- Historical Buduruwagala archaeological site in Wellawaya
- Rakkhithakanda Archaeological Site in Wellawaya
- Wattavana Cave Complex in the Werugal Divisional Secretariat Division of the Trincomalee District
- The Kesikili Rock (toilet bowl) located at the West Monastery of Anuradhapura
- Archaeological excavation of the ancient Sthupa of Dematagala, Shravastipura in Anuradhapura
- Historical Gonagolla Rajamaha Viharaya (Little Sigiriya), Ampara
- Archaeological excavations at Manikkamadu Archaeological Site in Ampara District
- Short videos of the Martello Tower and several other sites in Hambantota District
- The continuation of the short video series explaining the facts about the Dimbulagala inscription (Part - I and Part - II)
- Historical Galabedda Biso Pokuna in Monaragala District
- Historical Mayuragiriya Temple in Monaragala
- Sacred relic depositing festival in historical Neelagiri Sthupa in Ampara



Dova Rajamaha Vihara



Nine Arch Bridge in
Bandarawela



Ravana Ella Prehistoric
Cave



Sir Andrew's Church in Haputale



St. Mark's Church in Badulla

(3) “Dayada” Archeology News Commentary has been printed in 2025

❖ Tower Hall Theatre Foundation

Tower Drama Festival 2025

The festival was held for 10 days from 11 February to 20 February 2025 focusing on Maradana Tower Theatre and Elphinstone Theatre. For this, 34 plays including long plays - 14, short plays - 12, children's plays - 8 were staged.



- **Appreciation of Tower Artist and Presentation of Prizes and Awards**

The Tower Artist Recognition and Awards Ceremony, which is an once-in-a-lifetime event, was held in conjunction with the Tower Theatre Festival in February 2025 under the patronage of the Chairman of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation, Her Excellency the Prime Minister.

For this, 20 exceptional artists were recognized and they were awarded a cash prize of Rs. 30,000/- and an award. Two artists were recognized each day from 11.02.2025 to 20.02.2025 in conjunction with the Tower Drama Festival. On the opening day of the drama festival, the Prime Minister presented awards to veteran artist Wijeratne Warakagoda, while on the other days, the Deputy Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Gamagedara Dissanayake, Father Cyril Gamini Fernando, officials of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, and veteran artists presented awards and prizes.



- **World Theatre Day Celebration**

World Theatre Day was held on March 27th at the Elphinstone Theatre under the patronage of the Honourable Minister of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. The event was held with the participation of more than 600 participants including expert dramatists, artists, university professors and school teachers, and school students.

Students of Tamil and Sinhala Medium Drama and Theatre Schools in Jaffna and Colombo presented other dance elements including the drama "Do or Die".

- **Surya Mangalya 2025 New Year Thilina Award and Kalakauru Avurudu Festival 2025**

The first-ever “Tower Kalakauru Bakmaha Festival” organized by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation under the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs was held at the Elphinstone Theatre premises in Maradana on 08 April 2025. The event was graced by the Hon. Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Deputy Minister Gamagedara Dissanayake, Secretary to the Ministry, W.P. Senadheera, Additional Secretary (Administration) of the National Heritage Division, Mrs. S.G. Palliyaguruge, Tower artists, sponsors, students of the Tower School of Drama and Performing Arts, the Director General of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation, Dr. D.M.S. Dissanayake and the entire staff joined in this event.



Holding the Tower Prabhashwara Concert

1. The first concert was held at Pallegama Central College in Matale District on 30th April 2025, under the auspices of the Moragahakanda Zone of the Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka.
2. The second concert was held at the Nuwara Eliya Town Hall
3. The third concert was held at the North Western Provincial Council Auditorium.
4. The fourth concert was held at the Ananda College Main Hall, Chilaw
5. Held with the participation of the Uva Provincial Council, Badulla Municipal Council, and Monaragala District Secretariat.



- **Conducting Tower Ranga Yatra Concerts**

The first concert of the year 2025 was held at Kegalle Balika Vidyalaya on 29.05.2025.05 an educational concert including Nurthi, Nadagam, Teeter, Gramophone songs and segments.

- **Conducting a Buddhist devotional song concert**

A concert was held at the Colombo Municipal Council premises on behalf of the Buddha Abhiwandana Vesak Zone for the Vesak Festival.

A Buddhist devotional song concert was held on a stage set up at the Gangaramaya Beira Lake for the Buddha Rashmi Vesak Zone.

A Buddhist devotional song concert was held for the Raigampura Poson zone on the occasion of the Poson festival.



- **Judging of the final round of the All-Island School Drama Competition**

An awareness workshop related to the All-Island School Drama Competition was held for Sinhala and Tamil medium teachers of drama and performing arts on 24 and 25 February 2025 at the Savsiripaya Auditorium.

The final round or national level competition of the All-Island School Drama Competition 2024/25, organized for the 30th time by the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, was held at the Maradana Tower Theatre from 19th August 2025 to 27th August 2025. 30 Sinhala medium schools and 23 Tamil medium schools that secured maximum marks in the provincial round had qualified for the final round or national competition.



- **Providing concession to artists in incurable condition**



Providing financial concession for two veteran artists who were in incurable condition

- **Conducting the Higher Diploma Course in Drama and Performing Arts (Sinhala and Tamil Medium)**



A drama training workshop conducted by Danish-based performing arts artist Adhavan

- **Enrolment of new students in the School of Drama and Performing Arts (Sinhala Medium) academic year 2026/2027**

The admission of new students for the two-year full diploma course in Drama and Performing Arts (Sinhala medium) was held on 25.11.2025 at the Savsiripaya Auditorium.

- **Conducting the Vada Baila concert at the Rukmani Devi Theatre, Negombo**

A lyrical debate (Wada Baila) concert was held at the Rukmani Devi Theatre, Negombo on 15.11.2025 with the aim of updating the dying art of lyrical debate.



- **Pilgrimage Tour of Artist (Sacred City of Anuradhapura)**

Organizing a pilgrimage to visit the Anuradhapura Atamasthana for artists working with the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation



❖ **Galle Heritage Foundation**

Construction of an optimal toilet system for local and foreign tourists visiting Galle Fort

This project, which is included in the Galle Heritage Foundation's action plan for the year 2025, was approved in May 2025. Accordingly, a provision of Rs. 40 million was allocated by the Treasury. Out of this, only Rs. 25 million was received in the year 2025.

The procurement was carried out with the intervention of the Ministry in accordance with the procurement documents prepared under the consultancy of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau of Sri Lanka and the contract was awarded on 29.10.2025.

The contractor commenced work on 06 November 2025 and by 31.12.2025, 44% of the physical progress had been completed. This is 34% of the allocation. Due to late commencement of work, shortage of labour and weather conditions, the work could not be completed on the scheduled date.



❖ Ape Gama

The main way this premises generates income is by renting out various spaces within the premises for various customer needs. Accordingly, the ancient village area was allocated for New Year programmes and programmes that do not harm its concept and attract tourists, the A, B, and C halls were allocated for conducting classes in music, dance, art, yoga, etc., the theatre hall was allocated for drama, workshops, stage plays, book launches, etc., and the “Mahawalawwa Hall” was allocated for wedding ceremonies, get-togethers, musical programmes, etc.

Apart from that, 16 artisans from the existing stalls in Shilpa Gammana section were engaged in their trade and production activities in 2024 and public notices were published and the opportunity was given to 05 new artisans through the eligibility test in 2025. Due to the inability to repair the roofs of the stalls, all the stalls have not been provided.



The minor repairs of the 11 existing cottages in the ancient village section have been completed, and 27 human replicas and animal figurines that were partially destroyed have been restored through the National Replica School and put on display in suitable places to give visitors the opportunity to enjoy the appearance of a living village again.

The Ministry has taken over the administrative activities of this premise physically from 01.04.2021, and the highest income recorded since that date was recorded in the year 2025 and its value is Rs. 21.66 million This is an excess of the targeted income indicator, and if it had not been for the cancellation of 12 programs in December due to the sudden disaster situation in the country, this value could have been reached to Rs. 24 million.

Out of the Rs. 21 million allocated for the development of the premises, essential and priority projects were identified and 10 projects were implemented last year with 100% physical progress compared to the estimated amount.

In addition, more than 10 types of equipment essential for work on the premises, such as polishers, long ladders, chain saws, and high pressure guns, were also purchased.



The condition of the stall roofs before they were repaired



The condition of the stall roofs after they were repaired



The condition of the ancient village cottages before renovation



The condition of the ancient village cottages after renovation



The condition of the ancient village area before ground preparation



The condition of the ancient village area after filling it with soil



The condition of the roof of the office section of the Mahawalawwa Hall before renovation



During the renovation of the roof of the office section of the Mahawalawwa Hall

A 2025-2029 Business Development Plan has been prepared for the premises, focusing on the matters mentioned in Cabinet Decision No. 24/1687/620/034 dated 10.09.2024, and Cabinet approval has been obtained for the same by the Cabinet approval CP/25/1485/822/038 dated 04.09.2025

As per that approval, all the basic activities required to generate income by allocating funds for the year 2026 and activating the income generation sources mentioned therein have been prepared.

With the aim of developing this area as a tourist attraction, which had attracted the attention of local and foreign tourists a few years ago, various programmes were planned in 2025 through the Sri Jayewardenepura Kotte Divisional Secretariat, the Western Province Governor's Office and the Provincial Tourism Board to promote this area as a new tourist destination.

Accordingly, a tourism promotion programme called the Tourism Trail of Kingdom of Kotte was carried out at this premise on 27.07.2025 with the participation of a large number of foreigners in collaboration with those institutions.



The media coverage received through the programme resulted in a slight increase in tourist arrivals. Also, one Sunday on every month was made available to the public through a special programme organized by the Kotte Green Tourism Network, a community-based organization, called 'Sunday to Our Village'.



Based on the experiences gained last year and in line with the approved business plan, it is planned to carry out a number of renovation works and various programmes this year.

The Rs. 95 million allocated for renovation works this year has been allocated for the renovation of the Mahawalawwa Hall, which is the main source of income for this premises. It is also expected that more motivation for night programmes will be provided through the renovation of the electrical lighting system in the ancient village and the adjacent area.

It is hoped that the currently underutilized space in the theatre will be utilized more effectively through the development of the theatre's facilities.

It is hoped that the renovation of the stalls in the Craft Village section will enhance the facilities of existing artisans and create business opportunities for new artisans.

The plans have been made to provide optimal service to visitors to the premises and those booking programmes by issuing a ticket to visit the premises, holding cultural events on weekends, facilitating payment transactions, conducting promotional and advertising activities via the internet, revising fees, and identifying new revenue-generating locations and activities.

❖ Gramodaya Folk Art Centre

(01) Course development and maintenance of new courses

I. Obtain the National Competency Level

- **Arts NVQ 04** - Our institution has obtained accreditation.
- **Dancing NVQ 04 and 05** - Has obtained accreditation.
- **Music NVQ 04 and 05** - Has obtained accreditation.
- **Sculpting NVQ 04** - Validated. Accreditation is pending.

II. Obtain external resource contributions for the National Skills Course

1. Dancing (Kathakali/Manipuri/Drums/Foreign Drums)
2. Music (Percussion instrument)
3. Common modules (workplace communication, literacy, health and safety, teamwork)

III. External Activities



11 and 12 February 2025 -
Gangaramaya Perahera Festival



Skills Expo Programme - Temple Trees.



04.02.2025 - National Independence Day
Celebration





Conducting music workshops

❖ **Ranminithenna National Tele Cinema Park**

Under the sets design, modernization and infrastructure development of the Ranminitenna premises;

- Repair of the iron trusses in Buildings B and C.

As per the provision allocated in 2025 for the development of infrastructure facilities at Ranminitenna National Tele Cinema Park, an allocation of Rs. 1,037,668.00 was released to the Hambantota District Secretariat under the expenditure Head 101-02-05-053-2001, while the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat repaired the rusted iron trusses of the hostel buildings C and B of the Ranminitenna National Tele Cinema Park by removing the rust and painting them with normal paint.



- **Development of Infrastructure**

As per the allocations allocated in 2025 for the development of infrastructure at Ranminitenna National Tele Cinema Park, an allocation of Rs. 289,200.00 was released to the Hambantota District Secretariat under the expenditure Head 101-02-05-053-2001, while the Tissamaharama Divisional Secretariat carried out the renovation of the main entrance gate of the Ranminitenna National Tele Cinema Park.



- **Installation of 03 new air conditioners for villa rooms.**



- **Installing curtains for the villa rooms and conference hall**

The curtains used in the conference hall and villa rooms of the Ranminitenna National Tele Cinema Park were those used at the beginning of the park and were currently in an unusable condition. Therefore, the need to install new curtains was completed as a new development work this year



❖ Inter-statutory Board for the Protection of Up country Heritage

- Renovation of the roof of the Monk's Residence of Sri Weeraparakrama Narendrasinghe Rajamaha Viharaya. The cost incurred was Rs.0.6 million.



- Preservation of the proud Kadawara Yak Kankari of the Kandyans for future generations through live performance and video recording. The cost incurred was Rs. 0.72 million.



- Renovation of the Monk's Residence of the Thalaguna Rajamaha Viharaya. The cost incurred was Rs.0.8 million.

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- Renovation of the Preaching Hall building of the ancient Kollegama Raja Maha Viharaya located in Holike, Padiyathalawa, which reflects the proud Kandyan characteristics. The cost incurred was Rs. 0.5 million.



- Minor export crop cultivation project to increase the economic standard of the people of Nupe village in Siyambalanduwa Divisional Secretariat Division. The cost incurred was Rs.0.33 million.



- Renovation of the Preaching Hall of the Seluttharama Temple. The cost incurred was Rs.0.65 million.



• **Special policy decisions of the National Heritage Division in 2025**

S/No.	Policy decisions/Cabinet decisions	Progress
01..	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/18 30.05.2025 Abolition of the Inter-Statutory Board established for the protection of Kandyan Heritage CP/25/0952/822/022 - 24.06.2025 Take action as indicated in the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the proposal mentioned in sub-paragraph 03.02 of paragraph 03 of the Memorandum to abolish the Inter- Statutory Board for the Protection of Kandyan Heritage with effect from 31.12.2025.	Steps were taken to close the institution from 31.12.025
02.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/16 14.08.2025 Implementation of development projects within Ape Gama premises. Grant approval to make the relevant payments to the Urban Development Authority as proposed in sub-paragraph 03.01 of Chapter 03 of the Memorandum CP/25/1485/822/038 dated 04.09.2025; and to direct the Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to take action as indicated in paragraph 2 of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development regarding the proposal mentioned in sub-paragraph 03.02 of paragraph 03 of the Memorandum.	A letter was issued on 04.09.2025 seeking consent from the Urban Development Authority to transfer the land. However, that consent has not been given.
03.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/14 28.04.2025 Presentation of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation's Annual Performance Report and Accounts for the year 2023 to Parliament. CP/25/0756/822/017 – 11.06.2025 Grant the approval to submit the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation's Annual Performance Report and Accounts for the year 2023 to Parliament.	Submitted to Parliament.

S/No.	Policy decisions/Cabinet decisions	Progress
04.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/36 04.09.2025 Revise the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation 2023 Performance Report, approved by the Cabinet for submission to Parliament, as the 2023 Annual Report. CP/25/1755/822/017-1 – 30.12.2025 The above Memorandum and the attached Annual Report of the Tower Hall Theatre Foundation for the year 2023 were considered by the Cabinet Committee. After discussing the matter, it was decided to recommend to the Cabinet to grant approval for the submission of the above annual report to Parliament, taking into account the specific matters mentioned in the Memorandum.	Submitted to Parliament.
05.	MBRCA/CA/CN/2025/11 24.03.2025 Nelum Pokuna National Performing Arts Centre (Nelum Pokuna Theatre) Reservation prices and charging for time taken in addition to the contracted period for providing additional services CP/25/0559/822/011 – 29.04.2025 Approval has been given on 2024.03.07 for 24/0419/620/011 and a concept paper prepared by a committee consisting of experts in the field will be submitted to the Cabinet.	The Committee has been appointed
06.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/51 05.12.2025 Reservation of Nelum Pokuna National Performing Arts Centre (Nelum Pokuna Theatre) “Sankhetha” Musical Concert 25/2319/822/055 – 16.12.2025 Taking into account the specific matters mentioned in the Memorandum, approval is granted to reserve the Nelum Pokuna National Performing Arts Centre (Nelum Pokuna Theatre) for the 'Sankhetha' musical concert scheduled to be held on 21-12-2025 free of charge and directing the Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to take necessary steps accordingly without delay, paying due attention to the matters stated in the last paragraph of the observations submitted by the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development in this regard.	The Cabinet decision has been implemented.

S/No.	Policy decisions/Cabinet decisions	Progress
07.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/12 16.10.2025 Amendment of the National Archaeological Policy of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka CP/25/1972/822/050 – 18.11.2025 Grant approval for the appointment of the Expert Committee with the composition as set out in the document attached as Annexure-01 to the Cabinet Note referred to in (I) above to update and revise the National Archaeological Policy; and to instruct the Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to inform the Expert Committee referred to in (i) above to take the necessary steps to prepare the National Archaeological Policy in accordance with the task force recommendations attached as Annexure-01 to the above-mentioned memorandum dated 2025-10-16 regarding the update and revision of the National Archaeological Policy.	An expert committee has been appointed and is currently making the relevant amendments.
08.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/21 03.07.2025 Obtain approval to amend the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940 and the Antiquities (Amendment) Act, No. 24 of 1998. CP/25/1219/822/030 – 05.08.2025 Grant in-principle approval to amend the Antiquities Ordinance No. 9 of 1940	The relevant expert committee is being appointed and discussions are underway.
09.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/01 Filling the vacancy in the post of Director General of the Department of Archaeology. 25/1186/822/029 – 08.07.2025 It was decided to grant the approval of the Cabinet.	The Cabinet decision has been implemented.
10.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/23 14.08.2025 Conservation of Tampita Viharaya of the Bingiriya Devagiri Raja Maha Viharaya CP/25/1484/822/037 – 04.09.2025 Approval has been granted.	The Cabinet decision was informed to the Department of Archaeology.

S/No.	Policy decisions/Cabinet decisions	Progress
11.	MBRCA/CA/CP/2025/25 18.07.2025 and CP/25/1286/822/029-1 – 05.08.2025 Appointment of Mrs. Thusitha N. W. Ranasinghe, who is serving as the Additional Director General (Administration) of the Department of Archaeology, to perform the duties until a permanent replacement is made to the position of Director General, which will become vacant due to the resignation of Professor Thusitha D. Mendis, who is serving as the Director General of the Department of Archaeology, with effect from 11.07.2025.	Appointments were made as per the Cabinet decision.

2.2 Future Targets

2.2.1 Buddhasasana Division

(Table 5 - Programmes expected to be implemented in 2026)

S/No.	Programme	Expected financial targets according to the 2026 Action Plan (Rs.Mn.)	Physical targets according to the 2026 way forward
01.	Development of rural Buddhist temples	125.50	- Allocation for temples affected by disaster - Rs. 80.00 million - Development of temples in other districts - Rs. 44.90 million - payment of bills in hand - Rs. 0.60 million
02.	Punya Grama/Drug Prevention Programme	10.00	Programmes will be launched under the concept of Clean mind - Clean family, in conjunction with the Clean Sri Lanka programme In 2026.
03.	Development of sacred sites	25.00	Development of physical infrastructure at sacred sites that have been gazetted
04.	Construction of the new building of the Ministry	1.8	Completion of constructions
05.	Providing solar power facilities for religious places	1240.00	Solar electricity generated by a ground-mounted panel system will be added to the national grid, thereby providing relief for the electricity needs of temples.

2.2.2 Cultural Affairs Division

It has been observed that, under the prevailing socio-economic conditions, opportunities for citizens to engage in cultural activities have become increasingly limited. Consequently, a decline in both individual empathy and social cohesion within society has also been observed. This has been identified as a matter requiring urgent attention and timely intervention. Accordingly, the Ministry's three-year strategic plan places greater emphasis on expanding access to arts and cultural spaces, promoting cultural participation and consumption, and creating the necessary opportunities and incentives for citizens to actively engage in cultural activities. To achieve these objectives, a range of programmes has been identified under the following priority areas.

- Expand arts and cultural spaces by providing the necessary facilities to promote literature, performing arts, drama, and culture.
- Provide opportunities for emerging artists to gain international exposure and participate in international exchange programmes.
- Expand the existing pool of artists and cultural practitioners.
- Review the existing policies and revise them where necessary.
- Formulate the necessary policies to encourage and support artists whose creative works receive international recognition.
- Identify sites and elements of outstanding national heritage and nominate them to UNESCO for inscription as World Heritage.
- Strengthen, promote, and ensure the effective operation of the network of Cultural Centres.
- Empower marginalized communities through culture and improve their access to cultural activities.
- Implement cultural programmes targeting persons with disabilities.
- Develop a national cultural calendar based on major national and regional cultural festivals conducted through Cultural Centres.

The implementation of the above programmes requires substantial financial resources, while efforts to strengthen cultural values within the prevailing socio-economic context remain a significant challenge. Nevertheless, the Cultural Affairs Sector remains firmly committed to fostering a cultural renaissance within society by making the fullest possible contribution to the promotion of arts and culture, safeguarding the nation's cultural identity, and continuously striving to cultivate culturally enriched and socially responsible citizens in Sri Lankan society.

Recurrent programmes expected to be conducted by the Cultural Affairs

Division

S/No.	Programme	Expected allocations according to the 2026 Action Plan (Rs.Mn.)	Goals according to the 2026 way forward
01.	Other 101-02-05-09-1409 (99)	25.00	Conducting special programmes for socio-cultural integration. • Carrying out activities related to the printing of Sinhala Hindu New Year auspicious times and conducting the Sinhala Hindu New Year festival. • Conducting cultural activities at other special festivals etc.

			Conducting cultural promotion programmes • Conducting promotional programmes implemented through cultural centres. • Conducting promotional programmes implemented through the Ministry. • Conducting artistic talent and personality development programmes for prison inmates. • Conducting promotional programs for the disabled community. • Conducting inter-governmental service competitions with the aim of enhancing cultural activities in government institutions.
02.	Cultural Centres 101-02-05-09-1409 (112)	76.50	Payment of resource persons to implement aesthetic courses in 221 cultural centres operating in 2026.
03.	Foreign Relations 101-02-05-09-1409 (113)	13.00	Implement the proposed foreign tours in 2026 and holding programmes organized by international organizations. Involving artists/officials for this.
04.	Construction of Amaradeva Asapuwa 101-02-05-37-1509	5.00	Successful implementation of the Amaradeva Asapuwa Art Centre. (Providing opportunities for budding artists to enter the art field, conducting research, training artists and operating it as a studio.)
05.	Sri Lankan Day 101-02-05-054-1409	350.00	Promoting religious and cultural coexistence.
06.	Promotion of drama, performing arts and literature 101-02-05-055-1409	25.00	Promotion of drama, performing arts and literature

Capital programmes expected to be held by the Cultural Affairs Division

S/No.	Programme	Expected allocations according to the 2026 Action Plan	Goals according to the 2026 way forward
01.	Building and Construction 101-02-05-2001	166.40	Carrying out minor repairs and improvements to cultural centres throughout the island.
02.	Plants and Machinery 101-02-05-2002	2.00	Repairing goods and equipment used for skill development programmes at regional cultural centres as requested by cultural centres.
03.	Furniture and Office Equipment 101-02-05-2102	15.00	Purchase of furniture and office equipment, musical and dance equipment and library books, in accordance with requests submitted by cultural centres, for the implementation of skill development programmes at regional cultural centres.
04.	Plants and Machinery 101-02-05-2103	23.60	Purchase of machines and equipment as per requests submitted by cultural centres.
05.	Construction and improvement of cultural centres 101-02-05-23-2104	190.00	Completing the remaining deficiencies in the cultural centres currently under construction and all cultural centres scheduled to be opened.
06.	Conservation and promotion of national heritage 101-02-05-31-2509	62.50	• Holding the 2025 Intercultural Centre “Prathibha” Talent Competition • Conducting training workshops for the dance pool. • Safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage. • Conducting cultural promotion programmes to empower marginalized communities. • Implementing promotional programmes to identify and protect the cultural identities of the people in hill plantations

			• Establishment of an Artists' Retreat Centre). • Establishment of a language translation centre • Promotion of children's literature • Establishment of 6 multicultural centres • Launching an audio-visual performance with the participation of people with disabilities
07.	Cultural Centre Staff Training 101-02-05-2401	4.00	• Implementing training programmes for officers of cultural centres.
08.	Construction of Amaradeva Asapuwa 101 -02 -05 -37 -2104	100.00	• Complete construction of the Amaradeva Asapuwa Art Centre.
09.	Promotion of drama, performing arts and literature 101-02-05-055-2509	25.00	• Promotion of drama, performing arts and literature

2.2.3 National Heritage Division

National heritage refers to the collection of valuable cultural, historical, and traditional assets inherited from the past and preserved up to the present day. Ancient temples, historic Raja Maha Vihara, archaeological sites of significant value, language, arts, and customs and rituals constitute essential components of this heritage. However, the preservation and safeguarding of this valuable heritage has become a major challenge in the contemporary context.

Rapid urbanization and ongoing development projects have increasingly placed many heritage sites at risk of destruction. With the construction of new roads and buildings, sites of significant physical and historical value are often overlooked or neglected. In addition, there is a growing lack of awareness, particularly among the younger generation, regarding the value of national heritage.

Furthermore, violations and circumvention of existing legal provisions have led to illegal excavations, theft of antiquities, and unauthorized constructions. Natural disasters such as floods and landslides have also contributed to the destruction and deterioration of ancient heritage sites.

With the increasing influence of foreign cultures due to globalization, local arts, traditions and customs are gradually disappearing. The lack of funds for heritage conservation due to economic problems further exacerbates these challenges.

Therefore, preserving national heritage is not only the responsibility of the government, but of all the people. It is our duty to preserve our heritage and bequeath it over to future generations in a safe manner.

Indigenous people are an important social group in our country who have preserved their ancient culture and way of life. Their lives are deeply intertwined with nature. However, today, protecting them and fulfilling their needs has become a major challenge.

Indigenous people often lose their land due to urbanization and development projects. This has a severe impact on their traditional way of life. Also, the lack of full access to education and health services are the main problems they face.

Furthermore, indigenous traditions, language and customs are gradually disappearing due to new cultural influences. These challenges are further exacerbated by the lack of awareness in society about their problems and the lack of proper implementation of laws and policies.

Therefore, protecting indigenous peoples is a shared responsibility of the government and society. This valuable heritage should be preserved for future generations by protecting their rights, fulfilling their needs and supporting the preservation of traditions.

Implementation of National Heritage Promotion Programmes

Project/Programme Start/Proposed Date	Commenced/ Proposed Date	Expected benefits		Period of receiving benefits
		Quantitative	qualitative	
1. Indigenous community conservation work 101-2-05-044-2001				
● Preservation of the heritage of indigenous people	Year 2026	Identified activities related to conservation work	Increase in tourist attraction.	Long-term
● Creating documentary videos about indigenous people		Conservation videos about indigenous people	Awareness of the social status and heritage of indigenous peoples	
2. Promoting heritage and protecting indigenous peoples. . 101-02-05-044-2509				
● Conducting the National Heritage and Cultural Programme of “Deye Urumaya Daruwantai”	Year 2026	Developing students' knowledge and attitudes towards heritage and conservation through conducting art and cultural camps	Make Sri Lankan children aware of national heritage and traditional values and to create a cultured man capable of continuing to uphold such heritage.	Long-term

Project/Programme Start/Proposed Date	Commenced/ Proposed Date	Expected benefits		Period of receiving benefits
		Quantitative	qualitative	
Infrastructure development in the indigenous villages of Vakarai, Dalukana, Dambana, Rathugala, Pollebedda and Henanigala		Selected indigenous villages with developed infrastructure	Facilitate the daily activities of the indigenous community.	
3. Conducting conservation services for indigenous/special communities 101-2-05- 044-1409				
Conducting conservation services for indigenous/special communities	Year 2026	Celebration of World Indigenous Peoples Day, Hekma Shanthikarma Programme in Dambana/Henanigal a have been completed.	Protecting the rights of indigenous and special communities and becoming a satisfied part of society.	Long-term
Conducting social mobilization programmes in indigenous villages.		Completion of social mobilization programme	The indigenous community adapts to new social conditions while preserving their identities.	
Identification of National Heritage, conservation and management		Declared National Heritage	The existence of a stable and systematic methodology for the conservation and research of national heritage	
4. Ape Gama Premises				
Renovations	Year 2026	Renovated buildings and equipment	Increase revenue by increasing customer attraction	Long-term
5 .Gramodaya Folk Art Centre				
Renovations and constructions	Year 2026	Renovated buildings and facilities	Increasing customer attraction.	Long-term
6. Tower Hall Theatre Foundation				
Perform theatre renovations	Year 2026	Theatre renovations	Increase revenue by increasing customer attraction	Long-term

Project/Programme Start/Proposed Date	Commenced/ Proposed Date	Expected benefits		Period of receiving benefits
		Quantitative	qualitative	
7.Department of Archaeology				
● Preservation and development of historical sites	Year 2026	Preserved and developed ancient sacred sites	Increasing tourist attraction.	Long-term
8.Ranmihithenna premises				
● Infrastructure development at the Ranmihitenna premises	Year 2026	Renovation of Building	The tele-cinema industry will have improved visual settings. Consumers will be satisfied. High-quality tele-cinema creations will be produced.	Long-term

For the preservation of national heritage and the maintenance of culture at a high standard, and in accordance with the relevant Laws and Ordinances, the National Heritage Sector has been entrusted with responsibilities in the areas of culture and national heritage under the national policy framework of “A Prosperous Country, A Beautiful Life.” Accordingly, the Sector is mandated to support policy formulation, facilitate the implementation of projects under the National Budget, National Investment, and National Development programmes, and oversee the subjects, functions, policies, programmes, and projects assigned to statutory institutions and departments under its administrative purview.

In order to achieve the goals and objectives of the Ministry, we have set a course to preserve the national heritage that represents the pride and identity of a country and pass it on to future generations by implementing projects identified to cover each priority separately. A formal programme has been prepared so that it can also contribute to the social development process of the country.

Future actions have been planned to implement projects under the vision of a proud Sri Lanka with the preservation of national heritage. To implement these plans, some projects will be implemented directly by the National Heritage Division, while other projects and programmes will be implemented by institutions and departments assigned under the purview of this division.

Future programmes include implementing necessary programmes to sustain and preserve indigenous and other special communities living in Sri Lanka, protecting the community rights of those communities, and providing necessary assistance to maintain their daily lives.

The aim is to create and promote a digital application to create interest and understanding in this field through the practical application of modern technologies with the aim of preserving,

promoting, protecting and guiding tourism through more attractive and effective communication of Sri Lanka's tangible and intangible national heritage to the local and foreign community.

The lack of a specific methodology for identifying national heritage was identified as a major problem in the field. An expert committee was appointed and it is expected that a Research and Conservation Committee for National Heritage will be established to implement the decisions taken and that a stable and systematic methodology will be established for the conservation and research of national heritage.

In order to protect Sri Lankan pride and identity, we must preserve our national heritage and pass it on to future generations. At a time when attention is decreasing on preserving the nation's national heritage, this task is expected to develop knowledge, skills, attitudes among school students in subject areas such as national heritage, identification and reporting of heritage sites, archaeology, history, and to create the necessary background for the promotion of heritage, thereby making Sri Lankan children aware of traditional values and motivating them to continue to maintain those traditions.

The National Heritage Division prioritizes assisting in the management of culture, national heritage and the archaeological heritage of Sri Lanka in accordance with relevant laws and regulations to preserve national heritage and maintain cultural, literary and artistic heritage at a high standard.

I hereby certify that I have checked the information given on pages 01 to 92 and that I agree with the figures.

Chief Accounting Officer
Name
Designation
Date

Chapter 03 – Overall Financial Performance for the Year

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3.1 Statement of financial performance for the year ended at 31st December in 2025

Revised budget allocation 2025	Note	Actual	
		2025	2024
Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
- Revenue receipts		-	-
- Income tax	1	-	-
- Tax on goods and services	2	-	-
- Tax on international trade	3	-	-
- Non tax revenue & others	4	-	-
- Total revenue receipts (A)		-	-
- Non revenue receipts		-	-
- Treasury imprests - 2025		1,702,916,582	1,371,465,250
- Treasury imprests - 2024		1,232,544	
- Deposits		148,682,507	124,873,486
- Advance accounts		50,445,678	48,713,031
- Other main ledger receipts			-
- Total non revenue receipts (B)		1,903,277,311	1,545,051,767
- Total revenue receipts and non revenue receipts (C) = (A) + (B)		1,903,277,311	1,545,051,767
- Remittances to the treasury (D)		44,205,107	427,033
- Net revenue receipts and non revenue receipts (E) = (C) - (D)		1,859,072,205	1,544,624,734
Less – Expenditure			
- Recurrent expenditure		-	-
Wages, salaries & other			
1,011,000,000 employment benefits	5	990,377,238	862,529,390
809,375,098 Other goods and services	6	416,666,752	350,358,910
580,370,184 Subsidies, grants and transfers	7	536,175,536	119,607,947
- Interest payments	8	-	-
154,258 Other recurrent expenditure	9	104,258	-
2,400,899,540 Total recurrent expenditure (F)		1,943,323,783	1,332,496,247
Capital expenditure			
407,972,264 Rehabilitation & improvement of capital assets	10	135,884,789	146,767,841
266,223,365 Acquisition of capital assets	11	115,433,579	79,434,939
1,617,000,000 Capital transfers	12	347,767,699	187,337,726
- Acquisition of financial assets	13	-	-
4,400,000 Capacity building	14	3,960,790	2,712,700
75,831,957 Other capital expenditure	15	32,659,109	30,605,364
2,371,427,586 Total capital expenditure (G)		635,705,966	446,858,570
Deposit payments		155,990,677	116,612,046
Advance payments		57,633,300	51,425,830
Other main ledger payments		-	-
Main ledger expenditure (H)		213,623,976	168,037,876
Total expenditure (I) = (F + G + H)		2,792,653,726	1,947,392,694
4,772,327,126 Balance as at 31 st December		(933,581,521)	(402,767,960)
Balance according to the imprest reconciliation statement		(933,581,521)	(404,406,112)
Imprest balance as at 31 st December		-	1,638,152

3.2 Statement of financial position as at 31st December 2025

		Actual	
	Note	2025	2024
		Rs.	Rs.
<u>Non – financial assets</u>			
Property, plant and equipment	ACA-6	5,197,898,344	5,075,317,158
<u>Financial assets</u>			
Advance accounts	ACA-5/5(A)	150,934,501	143,746,880
Cash and cash equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
Total assets		5,348,832,845	5,219,064,038
<u>Net assets / Equity</u>			
Net assets to the treasury		(6,843,279)	(22,977,221)
Property, plant & equipment reserve		5,197,898,344	5,075,317,158
Rent and work advance reserve	ACA-5(B)	-	-
<u>Current liabilities</u>			
Deposit accounts	ACA-4	157,777,781	165,085,950
Imprest balance	ACA-3	-	1,638,152
Total liabilities		5,348,832,845	5,219,064,038

Detail Accounting Statements in above ACA format Nos. 2 to 7 presented in pages 93-94 and notes and accounts presented in pages from 96 to 126 and integral parts of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Financial Regulation 150 and 151 and Public Accounts Guidelines 02/ 2025 dated 17.12.2025. Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found to in agreement.

We ensure that an effective internal control system for financial control exists within the reporting body according to section 38(1)(c) of Audit Act No 19 of 2018 and that periodic reviews are made to supervise the effectiveness of the internal control system for financial control and to make changes as required to make those systems work effectively.

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Chief Accounting Officer
Name
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Chief Financial Officer
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Chief Accountant
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Designation
Date

3.3 Statement of cash flows for the year ended at 31st December in 2025

	Actual 2025 Rs.	Revised 2024 Rs.
<u>Cash flow from operational activities</u>		
Total tax receipts	-	-
Fee penalties and licenses	-	-
Profits	-	-
Non revenue receipts	-	-
Revenue collected for other votes	143,165,337	72,131,083
Imprest receipts	1,702,916,582	1,371,465,250
Charges of advance	53,358,587	41,088,578
Deposit receipts	148,682,507	124,873,486
Cash flow generated from operational activities (A)	2,048,123,014	1,609,558,398
<u>Less – cash spent</u>		
Personal emoluments & operational expenses	1,386,605,862	1,197,571,378
Subsidies & transfers	164,472,794	75,707,947
Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets, capital transfers, capacity building and other capital expenses	167,324,020	136,144,391
Expenses incurred on other votes	16,733,382	11,157,731
Imprest paid to the Treasury	44,205,107	427,033
Advance payments	58,932,586	45,687,251
Deposit payments	155,990,677	116,612,046
Cash flow spent for operational activities (B)	1,994,264,426	1,583,307,777
Net cash flow generated from operational activities (C) = (A) - (B)	53,858,588	26,250,620
<u>Cash flow from investment activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Claim removal provisions and sales of physical assets	-	-
Charges of equipments	-	-
Cash flow generated from investment activities (D)	-	-
<u>Less – cash spent</u>		
Purchases, construction of capital assets & acquisition of other investments	53,858,588	24,612,468
Total cash flow spent for investment activities (E)	53,858,588	24,612,468
Net cash flow generated from investment activities (F) = (E) - (D)	(53,858,588)	(24,612,468)
Net cash flow generated from operational and investment activities (G) = (C) + (F)	(0.00)	1,638,152
<u>Cash flow generated from financial activities</u>		
Local borrowings	-	-
Foreign borrowings	-	-
Donation receipts	-	-
Total cash flow generated from financial activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less: cash spent</u>		
Repayment of local borrowings	-	-
Repayment of foreign borrowings	-	-
Total cash flow spent for financial activities (I)	-	-
Cash flow generated from financial activities (J) = (H) - (I)	-	-
Net movement in cash (K) = (G) + (J)	0.00	1,638,152
Opening cash balance as at 1 st January	-	-
Closing cash balance as at 31 st December	-	-

3.4 Financial statement notes

3.4.1 Buddhasasana Division

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)				Expenditure	Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)	
	Provision			Expenditure		Provision			Expenditure		
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 transfers (3)			Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)			F.R. 66/69 transfers (8)
<u>Recurrent expenses</u>											
<u>Personal emoluments</u>	294,500,000	-	2,000,000	296,500,000	281,141,726	659,500,000	55,000,000	-	714,500,000	709,235,512	990,377,238
<u>Traveling expenses</u>	16,400,000	-	(1,000,000)	15,400,000	6,030,435	5,500,000	-	(1,000,000)	4,500,000	3,779,039	9,809,474
<u>Supplies</u>	77,100,000	-	(3,700,000)	73,400,000	53,377,725	14,000,000	-	(3,000,000)	11,000,000	10,403,884	63,781,609
<u>Maintenance expenses</u>	37,450,000	-	(6,476,522)	30,973,478	24,324,533	8,000,000	-	-	8,000,000	5,990,470	30,315,003
<u>Services</u>	212,600,000	-	435,000	213,035,000	192,673,132	452,800,000	11,681,620	(11,415,000)	453,066,620	120,087,534	312,760,666
<u>Transfers</u>	1,900,000	-	(535,000)	1,365,000	766,690	510,200,000	67,390,184	1,415,000	579,005,184	535,408,846	536,175,536
<u>Interest payments</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Other recurrent expenses</u>	50,000	-	104,258	154,258	104,258	-	-	-	-	-	104,258
Total	640,000,000	-	(9,172,264)	630,827,736	558,418,498	1,650,000,000	134,071,804	(14,000,000)	1,770,071,804	1,384,905,286	1,943,323,783

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)				Expenditure	Program (2)					Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Provision					Provision					
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	Expenditure (10)	
<u>Capital expenses</u>											
<u>Rehabilitation & improvement of capital assets</u>	93,200,000	-	6,172,264	99,372,264	37,352,513	297,000,000	-	11,600,000	308,600,000	98,532,276	135,884,789
<u>Acquisition of capital assets</u>	13,300,000	16,286,000	7,000,000	36,586,000	35,059,214	85,500,000	141,537,365	2,600,000	229,637,365	80,374,365	115,433,579
<u>Capital transfers</u>	-	-	-	-	-	1,607,000,000	-	10,000,000	1,617,000,000	347,767,699	347,767,699
<u>Acquisition of financial assets</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Capacity building</u>	2,500,000	-	-	2,500,000	2,174,492	1,000,000	-	900,000	1,900,000	1,786,298	3,960,790
<u>Other capital expenditure</u>	-	-	-	-	-	85,500,000	5,431,957	(15,100,000)	75,831,957	32,659,109	32,659,109
Total	109,000,000	16,286,000	13,172,264	138,458,264	74,586,219	2,076,000,000	146,969,322	10,000,000	2,232,969,322	561,119,747	635,705,966
Total Recurrent and Capital expenses	749,000,000	16,286,000	4,000,000	769,286,000	633,004,716	3,726,000,000	281,041,126	(4,000,000)	4,003,041,126	1,946,025,033	2,579,029,749

3.4.2 Cultural Division

Note 05

Vote	Program (1)						Program (2)					Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation		Expenditure	Allocation		Expenditure	Total net allocation	F.R. 66/69 Transfers	Supplementary estimated allocation			
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)					Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	
Personal emoluments	63,328,000	-	-	63,328,000	61,143,709	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	(10)	770,379,221

Note 06

Vote	Program (1)		Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)			
	Allocation		Expenditure							
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	Expenditure (10)
Traveling expenses	4,301,000	-	-	4,301,000	909,541	-	(1,000,000)	4,500,000	3,779,039	4,688,580
Supplies	17,578,000	-	(2,000,000)	15,578,000	13,095,640	-	(3,000,000)	11,000,000	10,403,885	23,499,525
Maintenance expenses	8,556,000	-	(104,258)	8,451,742	8,176,029	-	-	8,000,000	5,990,470	14,166,499
Services	81,039,000	-	1,200,000	82,239,000	77,559,338	-	2,585,000	417,385,000	93,133,233	170,692,571

Note 07

Vote	Program (1)		Program (2)				Expenditure			Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation		Expenditure		Expenditure					
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+ (3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+ (8)	(10)	
Transfers	202,000	-	-	202,000	376,200,000	27,215,184	1,415,000	404,830,184	369,121,144	369,316,669

Note 09

Vote	Program (1)		Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)			
	Allocation		Allocation							
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	Expenditure (10)
Other recurrent expenses	-	-	104,258	104,258	-	-	-	-	-	104,258

Note 10

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)		Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)				
	Allocation		Expenditure	Allocation				Expenditure			
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+ (3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)			Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+ (8)
Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets	13,076,000	-	800,000	13,876,000	12,547,684	197,500,000	-	11,600,000	209,100,000	68,566,281	81,113,965

Note 11

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)		Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)			
	Allocation		Expenditure							
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+ (3)	Allocation					
					Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+ (8)	Expenditure (10)
Acquisition of capital assets	5,229,000	-	-	5,229,000	85,500,000	141,537,365	2,600,000	229,637,365	80,374,366	84,826,328

Note 12

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)						Program (2)						Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation						Allocation						
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Expenditure (5)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	Expenditure (10)			
Capital transfers	-	-	-	-	-	109,000,000	-	-	109,000,000	58,224,810	58,224,810		

Note 13

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)						Program (2)						Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation				Expenditure		Allocation				Expenditure		
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)				
Acquisition of financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note 14

Rs.

Vote	Program (1)						Program (2)						Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation						Allocation				Expenditure (10)		
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplemen tary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+ (3)	Expenditure (5)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+ (8)				
Capacity building	1,524,000	-	-	1,524,000	1,239,163	1,000,000	-	900,000	1,900,000	1,786,298	3,025,461		

Vote		Program (1)		Program (2)				Total		
		Allocation		Expenditure		Allocation		Expenditure		Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
		Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
Other capital expenses		-	-	-	-	40,000,000	-	(15,100,000)	24,900,000	18,452,709

3.4.3 National Heritage Division

Vote	Program (1)				Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Expenditure (5)	Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Expenditure (10)
Recurrent expenses									
Personal emoluments									
1001 Wages and Salaries	40,000,000.00	-	8,700,000.00	48,700,000.00	47,886,540.90	-	-	-	47,886,540.90
1002 Overtime and holiday pay	7,500,000.00	-	(1,200,000.00)	6,300,000.00	766,985.98	-	-	-	766,985.98
1003 Other allowances	31,972,000.00	-	(7,500,000.00)	24,472,000.00	23,987,291.80	-	-	-	23,987,291.80
Traveling expenses									
1101 Local	874,000.00	-	-	874,000.00	256,015.60	-	-	-	256,015.60
1102 Foreign	1,125,000.00	-	-	1,125,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies									
1201 Stationary and official requirements	5,500,000.00	-	1,600,000.00	7,100,000.00	7,054,107.90	-	-	-	7,054,107.90
1202 Fuel	6,590,000.00	-	-	6,590,000.00	4,017,812.91	-	-	-	4,017,812.91
1203 Food, beverage and uniforms	36,000.00	-	-	36,000.00	12,000.00	-	-	-	12,000.00
1204 Medical supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1205 Other	100,000.00	-	-	100,000.00	12,480.00	-	-	-	12,480.00
Maintenance expenses									
1301 Vehicles	3,644,000.00	-	-	3,644,000.00	3,603,034.20	-	-	-	3,603,034.20
1302 Machines and equipments	900,000.00	-	-	900,000.00	521,130.00	-	-	-	521,130.00
1303 Buildings and constructions	350,000.00	-	-	350,000.00	24,780.00	-	-	-	24,780.00
1304 Software maintenance	1,000,000.00	-	-	1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
Services									
1401 Transport	1,623,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	3,123,000.00	2,900,057.60	-	-	-	2,900,057.60
1402 Postal and communication	1,391,000.00	-	-	1,391,000.00	779,084.66	-	-	-	779,084.66
1403 Electricity and water	5,000,000.00	-	-	5,000,000.00	3,668,646.68	-	-	-	3,668,646.68
1404 Tax rent and local authority institution tax	65,007,000.00	-	-	65,007,000.00	64,937,951.91	-	-	-	64,937,951.91
1405 Payment for cleaning and janitorial services	1,100,000.00	-	-	1,100,000.00	862,131.60	-	-	-	862,131.60
1406 Interest payments for leased vehicles									
1407 Security services									
1408 Premium payments for vehicles procured on operating lease basis									
1409 Other	7,340,000.00	-	(2,565,000.00)	4,775,000.00	2,323,579.76	5,000,000.00	-	-	3,633,621.99
									5,957,201.75

Vote	Program (1)					Program (2)				
	Allocation				Expenditure (5)	Allocation				Expenditure (10)
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
Transfers										
1501 Welfare programs										
1502 Retirement benefits										
1503 Government institutions										
1504 Development subsidies						51,000,000.00	-	-	51,000,000.00	48,578,310.66
1505 Grants and contributions										
1506 Property loan interest for government employees	898,000.00	-	(535,000.00)	363,000.00	236,275.89					236,275.89
1507 Donations for provincial councils										
1508 Other										
1509 Government institutions (Other operational expenses)						48,500,000.00	-	(1,000,000.00)	47,500,000.00	45,402,783.01
Interest payments										
1601 Payment of interest for local loans										
1602 Payment of interest for foreign loans						34,500,000.00	8,300,000.00	1,000,000.00	43,800,000.00	41,831,609.14
1603 Discounts on treasury bills and treasury bonds										
Other recurrent expenses										
1701 Loss and deductions										
1702 Unexpected services										
1703 Implementing official language policy	50,000.00	-	-	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	182,000,000.00	-	-	182,000,000.00	163,849,907.39	139,000,000.00	8,300,000.00	-	147,300,000.00	139,446,324.80
										303,296,232.19

Vote	Program (1)					Expenditure (5)	Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation			Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)	Allocation			Expenditure (10)			
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66/69 Transfers (3)		Budget estimated allocation (6)		Supplementary estimated allocation (7)		F.R. 66/69 Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets											
2001 Buildings and constructions	-	-	-	-	-	99,500,000.00	-	-	99,500,000.00	29,965,993.42	29,965,993.42
2002 Machines and equipments	200,000.00	-	-	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003 Vehicles	724,000.00	-	-	724,000.00	666,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	666,500.00
Acquisition of capital assets											
2101 Vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102 Furniture and office equipments	496,000.00	-	-	496,000.00	495,977.40	-	-	-	-	-	495,977.40
2103 Machines and equipments	275,000.00	16,286,000.00	-	16,561,000.00	16,222,265.62	-	-	-	-	-	16,222,265.62
2104 Buildings and constructions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2105 Lands and improving lands	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2106 Software development vehicles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital transfers											
2201 Government institutions	-	-	-	-	-	90,000,000.00	-	-	90,000,000.00	59,245,000.00	59,245,000.00
2202 Development assistance	-	-	-	-	-	5,000,000.00	-	-	5,000,000.00	3,365,630.00	3,365,630.00
2203 Grants for provincial councils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2204 Transfers to foreign countries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2205 Capital grants for non government institutions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisition of financial assets											
2301 Entitlement contributions											
2302 Loans											
Capacity building											
2401 Staff training	476,000.00	-	-	476,000.00	435,344.00	-	-	-	-	-	435,344.00

Vote	Program (1)				Expenditure (5)	Program (2)				Total expenditure (11)=(5)+(10)
	Allocation			Allocation						
	Budget estimated allocation (1)	Supplementary estimated allocation (2)	F.R. 66(6) Transfers (3)	Total net allocation (4)=(1)+(2)+(3)		Budget estimated allocation (6)	Supplementary estimated allocation (7)	F.R. 66(6) Transfers (8)	Total net allocation (9)=(6)+(7)+(8)	
Other capital expenses										
2501 Re-structuring	-	-	-	-	-					-
2502 Investments	-	-	-	-	-					-
2503 Unexpected services	-	-	-	-	-					-
2504 Contribution for the provincial councils	-	-	-	-	-					-
2505 Procurement preparations	-	-	-	-	-					-
2506 Infrastructure facilities development	-	-	-	-	-					-
2507 Research and development	-	-	-	-	-					-
2509 Other	-	-	-	-	-	45,500,000.00	5,431,957.00	-	45,500,000.00	14,206,399.66
Total	2,171,000.00	16,286,000.00	-	18,457,000.00	17,820,087.02	240,000,000.00	5,431,957.00	-	240,000,000.00	106,783,023.08
Total of recurrent and capital expenses	184,171,000.00	16,286,000.00	-	200,457,000.00	181,669,994.41	379,000,000.00	13,731,957.00	-	387,300,000.00	246,229,347.88
										427,899,342.29

3.5 Performance of Revenue Collection

3.5.1 Buddhasasana Division

Rs.000

Revenue code	Description of the Revenue code	Revenue estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original estimate	Final estimate	Amount	As a % of final revenue estimate
Not Relevant					

3.5.2 Cultural Division

Not Relevant

3.5.3 National Heritage Division

* Not a revenue collecting institution

Rs.000

Revenue code	Description of the Revenue code	Revenue estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original estimate	Final estimate	Amount	As a % of final revenue estimate
20.03/99/00	Sales and Othes	34.25		30.820	90%
20.02/02/99	Loan Interest	0.70		0.584	83%

3.6 Performance of the utilization of allocation

3.6.1 Buddhasasana Division

Rs.000

Type of allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of final allocation
	Original allocation	Final allocation		
Recurrent	316,000	337,184	287,182	85%
Capital	1,490,000	1,512,372	265,460	18%

3.6.2 Cultural Division

Rs.000

Type of allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of final allocation
	Original allocation	Final allocation		
Recurrent	1,653,004	1,734,419	1,352,847	78%
Capital	452,829	595,166	245,643	41%

3.6.3 National Heritage Division

Rs.000

Type of allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of final allocation
	Original allocation	Final allocation		
Recurrent	321,000,000	329,300	303,296,232.19	92%
Capital	242,171,000	258,457,000	124,603,110.10	48%

3.7 In Terms of F.R. 208 grant of allocations to this Department / District Secretariat / Provincial council as an agent of the other ministries / departments.

3.7.1 Buddhasasana Division

Seri al No	District	Vote	Upliftment of religious affairs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expenditure
	Vote		101-2-6-1409-(8)													
	Approved allocation		Allocation	Debit												
	12,000,000															
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	127,750.00												127,750.00	127,750.00
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	400,000.00										365,950.00		25,980.00	391,930.00
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	500,000.00												500,000.00	500,000.00
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	2,000,000.00						1,985,000.00							1,985,000.00
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-

Seri al No	District	Vote	Upliftment of religious affairs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expenditure
	Vote		101-2-6-1409-(8)													
	Approved allocation		Allocation													
	12,000,000															
26	Department of Buddhist affairs	201	4,859,901.44			90,000.00	577,500.00		2,010,221.54		34,152.74		180,311.36	89,500.00	1,428,315.80	4,410,001.44
27	Department of Government Printing	211	88,622.43		88,622.43											88,622.43
28	Sri Lanka Customs	247	-													-
29	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	112	-													-
30	Sri Lanka Airforce Headquarters	224	-													-
31	Sri Lanka Navy Headquarters	223	-													-
32	Civil Security Department	320	-													-
33	Ministry of Power, Energy and Business Development		-													-
34	Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs	204	927,575.00	524,168.50	122,500.00	30,000.00									250,000.00	926,668.50
35	Department of Christian Religious Affairs	203	70,000.00												70,000.00	70,000.00
	Total		8,973,848.87	524,168.50	211,122.43	120,000.00	577,500.00	-	3,995,221.54	-	34,152.74	-	546,261.36	89,500.00	2,402,045.80	8,499,972.37
		101		687,200.80		832,565.50	(385,333.20)		181,585.00	-	-	235,675.00	130,980.00	81,163.94	248,561.43	2,012,398.47
	Total expenditure			1,211,369.30	211,122.43	952,565.50	192,166.80	-	4,176,806.54	-	34,152.74	235,675.00	677,241.36	170,663.94	2,650,607.23	10,512,370.84

Serial No	District	Vote	Sacred area development	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expenditure	%
	Approved allocation		101-2-6-1-2205														
	25,000,000		Allocation														
1	Colombo	255	-													-	
2	Gampaha	256	-													-	
3	Kalutara	257	-													-	
4	Kandy	258	1,000,000.00													1,000,000.00	100%
5	Matale	259	1,500,000.00								1,455,000.00					1,471,138.36	98%
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	2,000,000.00								8,500.00		1,318,336.80	16,138.36		1,986,853.70	95%
7	Galle	261	-													-	
8	Matara	262	-													-	
9	Hambantota	263	2,000,000.00									1,941,582.12			57,265.00	1,998,847.12	100%
10	Jaffna	264	-													-	
11	Mannar	265	-													-	
12	Vavuniya	266	3,500,000.00											2,342,392.90	1,157,607.10	3,500,000.00	100%
13	Mullativu	267	-													-	
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-	
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-	
16	Ampara	270	7,500,000.00													3,369,043.10	100%
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-	
18	Kurunegala	272	2,000,000.00													1,977,164.62	99%
19	Puttalam	273	-													-	
20	Anuradhapura	274	5,500,000.00				3,000,000.00							2,500,000.00		5,500,000.00	100%
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-	
22	Badulla	276	-													-	
23	Monaragala	277	-													-	
24	Retnapura	278	-													-	
25	Kegalle	279	-													-	
	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	112	-													-	
26	Sri Lanka Army Headquarters	222	-													-	
27	Sri Lanka Airforce Headquarters	224	-													-	
28	Sri Lanka Navy Headquarters	223	-													-	
29	Department of National Physical Planning	311														-	
30	Department of Archaeology	207	-													-	
31	Civil Security Department	320	-													-	
32	Ministry of Power and Energy		-													-	
33			25,000,000.00	-	-	-	3,000,000.00	-	-	-	1,463,500.00	5,552,539.02	1,818,336.80	4,858,531.26	8,221,096.72	24,914,003.80	100%
Total		101					3,000,000.00				1,463,500.00	5,552,539.02	1,818,336.80	4,858,531.26	8,221,096.72	24,914,003.80	100%

Serial No	District	Vote	Rural Buddhist Temple Development	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expenditure
	Approved allocation		101-2-6-8-2205													
	110,890,000		Allocation													
1	Colombo	255	2,730,000.00							149,832.44		500,000.00	1,565,098.91	494,021.41		2,708,952.76
2	Gampaha	256	5,548,000.00							99,936.00	970,136.89	1,937,578.07	661,421.67		1,764,098.61	5,433,171.24
3	Kalutara	257	2,695,000.00				485,000.00			300,000.00		499,445.75		695,000.00	703,899.10	2,683,344.85
4	Kandy	258	11,625,000.00						1,261,000.00	485,000.00	10,025.00	1,925.00	513,500.00	1,940,000.00	5,322,284.11	9,533,734.11
5	Matale	259	5,750,000.00								985,000.00	2,235,000.00	500,000.00	30,000.00	1,998,980.63	5,748,980.63
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	12,810,000.00						500,000.00	970,000.00	2,925,000.00	2,485,000.00	985,000.00	1,385,000.00	3,440,000.00	12,690,000.00
7	Galle	261	8,824,793.11							490,000.00	635,000.00	2,238,928.80	1,295,145.89	1,413,302.23	2,439,428.45	8,511,805.37
8	Matara	262	4,000,000.00						194,000.00	485,000.00			1,747,135.92	962,700.34	557,617.89	3,946,454.15
9	Hambantota	263	3,592,000.00								485,030.38	604,015.00	968,250.63	499,417.00	993,200.12	3,549,913.13
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	268	-													-
12	Vavuniya	265	2,000,000.00				500,000.00			269,815.00		500,000.00	187,160.00		539,975.42	1,996,950.42
13	Mullaitivu	266	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	267	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	700,000.00												679,611.65	679,611.65
16	Ampara	270	2,640,000.00									478,938.00	489,813.51		1,622,200.60	2,590,952.11
17	Trincomalee	271	1,000,000.00												994,276.32	994,276.32
18	Kurunegala	272	8,796,000.00								972,500.00	495,000.00	1,955,000.00	498,782.83	4,338,186.55	8,259,469.38
19	Puttalam	273	6,500,000.00							492,500.00	1,939,346.91	485,000.00		971,679.78	2,530,308.19	6,418,834.88
20	Anuradhapura	274	15,367,804.83				200,000.00	500,000.00	2,215,812.50	3,368,069.33	2,055,510.17	20,881.47	451,366.08	2,005,560.24	4,500,878.00	15,318,077.79
21	Polonnaruwa	275	4,000,000.00								500,000.00	1,000,000.00	850,715.51		1,649,284.49	4,000,000.00
22	Badulla	276	3,400,000.00						500,000.00			388,350.00	500,000.00	1,488,530.00	496,586.89	3,373,466.89
23	Monaragala	277	2,300,000.00										1,483,400.00	485,000.00	314,550.00	2,282,950.00
24	Ratnapura	278	4,185,000.00							388,000.00				416,423.22	2,633,096.18	3,437,519.40
25	Kegalle	279	4,926,000.00						100,000.00				510,000.00	1,767,325.03	1,748,885.88	4,126,210.91
26	Department of Archaeology		-													-
27	Sri Lanka Army	222	-													-
28	Sri Lanka Airforce	224	-													-
29	Department of Buddhist affairs	201	-													-
Total			113,389,597.94	-	-	-	1,185,000.00	500,000.00	4,770,812.50	7,498,152.77	11,477,549.35	13,870,062.09	14,663,008.12	15,052,742.08	39,267,349.08	108,284,675.99
		101		-	-	-	1,185,000.00	500,000.00	4,770,812.50	7,498,152.77	11,477,549.35	13,870,062.09	14,663,008.12	15,052,742.08	39,267,349.08	108,284,675.99
Total expenditure				-	-	-										

Serial No	District	Vote	Punvagama	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	%
	Approved allocation		101-2-6-9-2205														
	10,000,000		Allocation														
1	Colombo	255	175,000.00				25,000.00	25,000.00					100,000.00		25,000.00	175,000.00	100.00
2	Gampaha	256	245,000.00				25,000.00	24,460.00		25,000.00			45,000.00	25,000.00		218,060.00	89.00
3	Kalutara	257	302,000.00				3,000.00	22,000.00	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00		37,000.00	39,700.00	32,550.00	297,250.00	98.43
4	Kandy	258	919,000.00				103,950.00	146,830.00	136,682.00	13,200.00	97,458.00	70,895.00	112,820.00	89,400.00	147,765.00	919,000.00	100.00
5	Matale	259	294,500.00			10,000.00		15,000.00	36,000.00	39,000.00	36,900.00	34,200.00	16,000.00	54,400.00	52,000.00	293,500.00	99.66
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	400,000.00			20,000.00		105,000.00	100,000.00	30,200.00	11,200.00	34,500.00	64,050.00			379,950.00	94.99
7	Galle	261	592,000.00			27,655.00	39,300.00	83,045.00		24,900.00	94,800.00	135,700.00	55,450.00	97,350.00	33,800.00	592,000.00	100.00
8	Matara	262	726,800.00				118,000.00	56,300.00	25,000.00	45,000.00	93,340.00	111,470.00	58,500.00	129,535.00	67,290.00	704,435.00	96.92
9	Hambantota	263	583,900.00			25,000.00	100,000.00	25,000.00		15,000.00	152,240.00	68,670.00	52,910.00	68,100.00	50,400.00	557,320.00	95.45
10	Jaffna	264	-													-	
11	Mannar	265	-													-	
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-	
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-	
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-	
15	Batticaloa	269	75,000.00						25,000.00					6,709.00		75,000.00	100.00
16	Ampara	270	300,000.00				47,700.00	25,000.00			21,000.00	53,960.00	22,500.00	12,500.00	106,635.00	289,295.00	96.43
17	Trincomalee	271	185,700.00				50,000.00				47,105.00	42,020.00		25,000.00	14,440.00	178,565.00	96.16
18	Kurunegala	272	1,105,250.00				244,500.00	80,400.00		11,500.00	119,400.00	207,400.00	157,500.00	134,080.00	120,485.00	1,075,265.00	97.29
19	Puttalam	273	545,260.00			15,100.00	98,000.00		9,900.00		177,860.00	56,100.00	5,000.00	32,700.00	126,955.00	521,615.00	95.66
20	Anuradhapura	274	191,500.00				50,000.00					67,800.00	13,000.00	22,000.00	37,300.00	190,100.00	99.27
21	Polonnaruwa	275	185,800.00				17,664.80	2,335.20		12,500.00	12,500.00	8,000.00		40,900.00	66,900.00	160,800.00	86.54
22	Badulla	276	346,400.00				99,975.00				26,300.00	82,580.00	62,700.00	25,000.00	49,700.00	346,255.00	99.96
23	Monaragala	277	494,435.00				124,800.00	25,000.00			26,250.00	162,430.00	61,550.00	52,600.00	30,585.00	483,215.00	97.73
24	Ratnapura	278	489,715.00			8,000.00	67,000.00	49,978.00		39,970.00	2,700.00	171,785.00	12,000.00	79,160.00	56,000.00	486,593.00	99.36
25	Kegalle	279	734,870.00			25,000.00	113,000.00	70,000.00	17,000.00	47,500.00	68,050.00	173,935.00	45,925.00	30,100.00	132,320.00	722,830.00	98.36
	Department of Government Printing																
26	Printing	211	-													-	
27	Ceylon Electricity Board	119	-													-	
28	Department of Christian Religious Affairs	203	-													-	
Total			8,892,130.00	-	-	130,755.00	1,341,889.80	755,348.20	399,582.00	328,770.00	1,012,103.00	1,650,616.00	932,625.00	964,234.00	1,150,125.00	8,666,048.00	97%
		101						50,000.00	177,000.00	-						227,000.00	
Total expenditure				-	-	130,755.00	1,341,889.80	805,348.20	576,582.00	328,770.00	1,012,103.00	1,650,616.00	932,625.00	964,234.00	1,150,125.00	8,893,048.00	89%

Serial No	District	Vote	Buildings and constructions	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-2-2001													
	14,372,264		Allocation													
	Approved allocation															
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	1,782,263.25												1,756,585.25	1,756,585.25
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Buildings	309	4,872,263.25												2,471,976.48	2,471,976.48
27	Department of Muslim Affairs	202	-													-
Total			6,654,526.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,228,561.73	4,228,561.73

Serial No	District	Vote	Buildings and constructions	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-1-2001													
			Allocation													
	Approved allocation															
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Buildings	309	1,000,000.00												154,580.00	154,580.00
27	Department of Muslim Affairs	202	-													-
Total			1,000,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,580.00	154,580.00

Serial No	District	Vote	Other allowances	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-2-0-1003													
	39,000,000		Allowances													
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Sri Lanka Railway Department	306			36,150.00	107,550.00	28,450.00	7,350.00	-	11,200.00			18,900.00	13,500.00	109,800.00	332,900.00
Total			-	-	36,150.00	107,550.00	28,450.00	7,350.00	-	11,200.00	-	-	18,900.00	13,500.00	109,800.00	332,900.00

Serial No	District	Vote	Other allowances	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-1-0-1003													
	10,200,000		Allowances													
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Sri Lanka Railway Department	306											2,375.00			2,375.00
Total			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,375.00	-	-	2,375.00

Serial No	District	Vote	Local traveling expenses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-2-0-1101													
	2,000,000		Allowances													
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	10,547.00				1,100.00	5,165.00	4,042.00							10,307.00
5	Matale	259	1,680.00				1,680.00									1,680.00
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	8,086.00					4,316.00	3,770.00							8,086.00
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	9,030.00				6,710.80	2,210.00								8,920.80
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	25,150.00					21,292.50								21,292.50
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	3,600.00				3,552.60									3,552.60
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	17,000.00												3,000.00	3,000.00
22	Badulla	276	25,745.00				7,620.00	10,645.00	4,560.00							22,825.00
23	Monaragala	277	27,200.00				27,200.00									27,200.00
24	Ratnapura	278	2,910.00				2,910.00									2,910.00
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Government Printing	211	-													-
Total			130,948.00	-	-	-	50,773.40	43,628.50	12,372.00	-	-	-	-	-	3,000.00	109,773.90

Serial No	District	Vote	Printing letterheads	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
			101-1-2-0-1201													
	5,700,000		Allowances													
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Government Printing	211	52,510.00					52,510.00								52,510.00
Total			52,510.00	-	-	-	-	52,510.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,510.00

Serial No	District	Vote	Various service expenses	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
	Vote		101-2-6-1409-(140)													
	Allowances															
	13,681,620															
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	78,715.00					54,915.00			5,800.00	18,000.00				78,715.00
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullativu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Government Information	210	1,605,000.00				191,435.74	215,060.00								406,495.74
	Total		1,683,715.00	-	202,039.00	258,449.48	191,435.74	269,975.00	-	-	5,800.00	18,000.00	-	-	-	485,210.74
	Total expenditure	101		35,734.50	202,039.00	258,449.48	6,261,189.02	1,963,220.50	491,340.50	152,202.00	207,450.50	119,908.00	194,191.00	181,928.50	(986,722.12)	9,080,930.88
	Balance			35,734.50	202,039.00	258,449.48	6,452,624.76	2,233,195.50	491,340.50	152,202.00	213,250.50	137,908.00	194,191.00	181,928.50	(986,722.12)	9,566,141.62

Serial No	District	Vote	Welfare programs	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total expenditure
	Vote		101-2-6-25-1501													
	Allocation															
	31,875,000															
1	Colombo	255	-													-
2	Gampaha	256	-													-
3	Kalutara	257	-													-
4	Kandy	258	-													-
5	Matale	259	-													-
6	Nuwara Eliya	260	-													-
7	Galle	261	-													-
8	Matara	262	-													-
9	Hambantota	263	-													-
10	Jaffna	264	-													-
11	Mannar	265	-													-
12	Vavuniya	266	-													-
13	Mullaitivu	267	-													-
14	Kilinochchi	268	-													-
15	Batticaloa	269	-													-
16	Ampara	270	-													-
17	Trincomalee	271	-													-
18	Kurunegala	272	-													-
19	Puttalam	273	-													-
20	Anuradhapura	274	-													-
21	Polonnaruwa	275	-													-
22	Badulla	276	-													-
23	Monaragala	277	-													-
24	Ratnapura	278	-													-
25	Kegalle	279	-													-
26	Department of Muslim Religious and Cultural Affairs	202	4,000,000.00												4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00
27	Department of Christian Religious Affairs	203	1,750,000.00												1,750,000.00	1,750,000.00
28	Department of Buddhist affairs	201	18,750,000.00												17,350,000.00	17,350,000.00
29	Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs	204	7,375,000.00												7,375,000.00	7,375,000.00
	Total		31,875,000.00	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,475,000.00	30,475,000.00
	Total expenditure	101		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,475,000.00	30,475,000.00

3.7.2 Cultural Division

Rs. '000

Serial No.	District secretariat / Department / Ministry from which provision was received	Allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of final allocation
			Original allocation	Final allocation		
1	Election Commission (020-1-1-7-1409)	Parliamentary election	1,532	1,532	1,532	100
2	Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils and Local Government (130-1-16-0-1409(067))	77th Independence Day Celebration	11,795	11,795	9,441	80
3	Department of Project Management and Monitoring (280-02-01-0-2509(102))	For the assessment activities of SAARC Cultural Center at Nawimana in Matara	500	500	465	93
4	Department of Pensions (253-1-02-004-1502)	Settlement of gratuity	1,718	1,718	1,718	100

3.7.3 National Heritage Division

Rs. '000

Serial No.	District secretariat / Department / Ministry from which provision was received	Allocation	Allocation		Actual expenditure	Utilization of allocation as a % of final allocation
			Original allocation	Final allocation		
1	Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education	Development of Cultural and National Heritage Policies	2,427,582	6,068,955	2,785,751	45%

3.8 Performance of the reporting non – financial assets

3.8.1. Buddhasasana Division

Rs. 000

Asset code	Code description	Balance as per board of survey report as at 31.12.2025	Balance as per financial position report as at 31.12.2025	To be accounted in the future	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Buildings and Structures	378,500	378,500	-	100%
9152	Machinery and equipment	301,054	301,054	-	100%
9153	Lands	352,000	352,000	-	100%
9154	Intangible assets	963	963	-	100%
9155	Biological assets			-	
9160	Work in progress			-	
9180	Leased assets			-	

3.8.2. Cultural Division

Rs. '000

Asset code	Code description	Balance as per board of survey report as at 31.12.2025	Balance as per financial position report as at 31.12.2025	Yet to be accounted	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Buildings and Structures	3,093,190	3,093,190		100%
9152	Machinery and equipments	441,079	441,079		100%
9153	Lands	168,076	168,076		100%
9154	Intangible assets	-	-		100%
9155	Biological assets	-	-		100%
9160	Work in progress	213,923	213,923		100%
9180	Leased assets	-	-		100%

3.8.3. National Heritage Division

Asset code	Code description	Balance as per board of survey report as at 31.12.2025	Balance as per financial position report as at 31.12.2025	To be accounted in the future	Reporting progress as a %
9151	Buildings and Structures				
9152	Machinery and equipment		249,114,270.60		9.5%
9153	Lands				
9154	Intangible assets				
9155	Biological assets				
9160	Work in progress				
9180	Leased assets				

3.9 Report of the Auditor-General

My No. CAA/C/MOB/2/2026/15

Date . 06/06/2026

Secretary,

Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Vote 101 - Auditor General's Summary Report in terms of Section 11 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on the Financial Statements of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year ending 31st December 2023

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The above mentioned report and a copy of audited financial statements are attached herewith.

K.H.U.D. Sarath Kumara
Deputy Auditor General
On behalf of the Auditor General

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1. Director General, Department of State Accounts (Original copy of the audited financial statements and the consolidated reports are attached herewith)

Secretary,

Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs

Vote 101 - Auditor General's Summary Report in terms of Section 11 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on the Financial Statements of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year ending 31st December 2025

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified opinion

Vote 101- The Audit of the Statement of Financial Status as at 31st December 2025 and the Financial Statements consist of Financial Performance Statement and the Cash Flow Statements of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year ending on 31st December 2025 have been conducted under my direction in accordance with the provisions contained in Article 154 (1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka which should be read in conjunction with the provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. This report contains my views and observations on these financial statements submitted to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs in terms of Section 11 (1) (as revised) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. The Annual Detailed Management Audit Report will be issued to the Chief Accounting Officer in due course in terms of Section 11 (2) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. The Auditor General's Report in accordance with Article 10 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 which should be read in conjunction with Article 154 (6) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka will be tabled in Parliament in due course.

I view that, except for the effect of the facts indicated in the paragraph 1.6 of this report, from the Financial Statements of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs for the year ended at 31st December 2025, a fair position is reflected regarding all the quantities in accordance to the basis of preparing financial statements mentioned in note 1 relevant for the financial status, cash flow and the financial performance financial statements.

1.2 Basis for the qualified opinion

My opinion is qualified by being based on the facts indicated in the paragraph 1.6 of this report. I conducted the audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards. My responsibility in regard of the financial statements is further explained in the Auditor's Responsibility in this report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Emphasizing a fact – Basis of preparing financial statements

I draw your attention for note 1 relevant for the financial statements describing basis of preparation of these financial statements. financial statements have been prepared for the requirement of Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, General Treasury and Parliament according to Public Accounts Guidance 02/2025 dated 17th December 2025 and Financial Regulation 150 and 151. Therefore, these financial statements cannot be appropriate for other purposes. My report is focused on usage of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, General Treasury and Parliament. My opinion regarding this matter will not be modified.

1.4 Responsibility of the Chief Accounting Officer and Accounting Officer in relation with financial statements

It is the responsibility of Chief Accounting Officer to determine internal control required for the capability of preparing financial statements reflecting true and fair condition regarding all the quantitative facts without quantitative misrepresentations due to any frauds and errors in accordance with the Public Accounts Guidance 05/2025 dated 17th December 2025 and Financial Regulation 150 and 151

In terms of Section 16 (I) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the ministry is required to maintain proper books and records on its own income, expenditure, assets and liabilities so as to be able to prepare annual and periodic financial statements.

The Chief Accounting Officer should ensure that an effective internal control system is in place for the financial control of the ministry in terms of sub-section 38 (1) (c) of the National Audit Act and the effectiveness of the system should be reviewed from time to time and changes should be made as required for the effectiveness of the system.

1.5 Responsibility of the Auditor on Financial Statements Audit

It is my objective to issue the audit report that includes my opinion and to provide a fair confirmation that there are no quantitative misrepresentations due to any frauds and errors in the financial statements as a whole. Fair certification is a high level of certification, but it is not always a guarantee that quantitative misrepresentations will be detected when conducting an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Audit Standards. Fraud and error can result in quantitative misrepresentations, either individually or collectively, and its adequacy depends on the impact on the economic decisions made by users based on these financial statements.

As part of the audit in accordance with the Sri Lanka Audit Standards, I acted with professional judgment and professional skepticism during the audit. I further,

- Planned and implemented the appropriate audit procedures to identify and assess the risk of quantitative misrepresentations resulting from fraud or errors in financial statements in

order to form basis for a published audit opinion. The impact of fraud is far stronger than the impact of quantitative misrepresentations due to the reasons such as collusion, forgery, Intentional avoidance, misrepresentation and the avoidance of internal control.

- Although without having an intention to express an opinion regarding the effectiveness of internal control, an understanding of internal control was gained in order to plan appropriate audit procedures for the opportunities.
- Evaluating the fair and appropriate inclusion of transactions and events based for the structure and content of financial statements including disclosures.
- The overall presentation of the financial statements including disclosures and the fair and appropriate inclusion of transactions and events based on the structure and content of the financial statements were evaluated.

I inform Chief Accounting Officer about the important audit findings identified during my audit, key internal control weaknesses and other issues.

1.6 Comments on financial statements

1.6.1 Recurrent expenses

The recurrent allocation that has been granted to Sri Lanka Art Board by ministry according to Vote 101-2 - 05 - 1503(38) and 101-2 - 05 - 1509(38) of ACA (ii) included in financial statements submitted for the year ended from 31st December 2025 by the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and expenditure have been respectively indicated as Rs 14, 200,000 and Rs 13, 105,328. But the expenditure of financial performance statement has been stated adding Rs 218,881 as the recurrent allocation received from ministry has been stated as Rs 12,886,447 in financial performance statement of financial statements submitted for the year ended from 31st December 2025 of Sri Lanka Art Board.

1.6.2 Non financial assets

- (a) Although the total expenditure under acquisition of capital assets of the financial performance statement has been Rs 115,433,579, acquisition of capital assets relevant for the year in ACA – 6 has been indicated as Rs 53,871,068 without an amount of Rs 61, 562, 511.
- (b) Value of 04 vehicles owned by ministry as at 31st December 2025 has not been assessed and included in accounts and 03 vehicles with a value of Rs 12,300,000 that have not been owned by ministry to that date were included in financial statements

1.6.3 Imprest balance

- (a) Unsettled sub imprest balance of Rs 1,638,152 as at 01st January 2025 relevant for the Imprest account no 209/24, had been stated as balance to the date of 01st January 2025 under Imprest account no 209/25 of ACA3 statement on imprest accounts.
- (b) Although, the treasury imprest receiving in year under review was Rs 1,702,916,582 as per SA – 71, it was stated as Rs 1,414,907,582 according to balance check and it was stated as Rs 1,704,149,126 in financial performance statement

1.6.4 Failure to maintain documents and books

It was observed during the sample audit that the ministry had not maintained the following documents formally and those documents were not up-to-date.

Type of document	Relevant regulation	Observation
(A) Document of bails	Financial Regulation 891	Had not been updated
(B) Vehicle log books	Financial Regulation 1645(a)	Had not been updated

2. Report on other legal requirements

In terms of Section 6 (1) (d) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, I declare the following mentioned facts

- (A) The financial statements correspond with the previous year.
- (B) The following recommendation which I had made regarding the financial statements of relevant to the previous year had not been implemented.

Paragraph reference of the report relevant for the previous year	Recommendation that has not been implemented	Paragraph reference of this report
1.6.1	Value of 06 vehicles owned by the ministry as at 31st December 2024 had not been assessed and 03 vehicles with a value of Rs 12,300,000 that were not owned by the ministry to that date had been included in the financial statements	1.6.2(b)
1.6.3(a)	Document of bails had not been updated	1.6.4(a)

3. Financial Review

3.1 Expenditure management

- (A) An amount of Rs 378, 437, 947 was remaining out of the net provisions of Rs 457, 660, 742 which is a total allocation of thirty nine (39) recurrent votes and that balance was remaining in a range between 30% and 99% percentage to the net allocation.
- (B) A total of Rs 3,850, 000 was remaining for six (06) recurrent votes and a total of Rs 1,092,000,000 for two (02) capital votes also was remaining
- (C) Out of the total allocation of Rs 31, 550,000 that had been transferred under financial regulation 66, Rs 19,865,176 was remaining and that was in a range between 43% and 96% as a percentage of transfers under financial regulation 66.
- (D) Total allocation of Rs 4,200,000 that had been transferred under financial regulation 66 and it was totally remaining.
- (E) Out of the total allocation of Rs 153,218,985 that had been transferred from supplementary estimates for a recurrent vote and a capital vote, Rs 137,548,141 was remaining and it was in a range between 30% and 91% as a percentage from the net allocation.
- (F) Although an allocation of Rs 5,431,957 had been obtained from supplementary estimates for a capital vote without a basic estimated allocation, total allocation was remaining at the end of the year .
- (G) Out of the total net allocation of Rs 676,810,000 allocated for 14 capital votes Rs459,192,822 was remaining and it was in a range between 32% and 99% as a percentage from the net allocation.
- (H) Out of estimated allocation of Rs 2,000,000 for a recurrent vote, an amount of Rs 1,000,000 had been transferred to another vote and the remaining amount was also had not been spent for the relevant objective.
- (I) There were variations between basic estimated allocation and revised allocation of sixteen (16) recurrent votes and nine (09) capital votes and that variation was in a range between 31% and 2831% as a percentage from the estimated allocation.

3.2 Entering into liabilities and obligations

- (a) Total liabilities of Rs 34,060,482 relevant for 81 recurrent votes and 23 capital votes related to 2024 and settled in 2025 had been indicated as liabilities to be settled in liabilities and obligations report of the financial statement of the year under review.
- (b) Total expenses of Rs 2,475,856 that had been paid in 2026 under four recurrent votes for the year under review had not been included as liabilities in liabilities and obligations statement.

3.3 Non-compliance with rules and regulations

Reference to rules and regulations	Non-compliance
(a) Financial Regulation 104(4) of Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Although a full report should be submitted within 3 months from the date of damage, full reports on two motor vehicles that had been faced to accidents on 27 th June 2025 and 09 th September 2025 had been submitted after exceeding 05 months.
(b) Financial Regulation 756(6) that has been revised from Public Finance Circular No 01/2020 dated 28 th August 2020	Actions were not taken to submit board of survey reports of the ministry as per the financial regulations
(c) Section 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No 30/2016 dated 29 th December 2016	Fuel inspections were not carried out according to the circular.

3.4 Issuance and settlement of ad hoc interim imprests

Although a staff officer that has obtained an ad hoc interim imprest as per Financial Regulation 371(2)(b) that has been revised from State Finance Circular No 01/2020 dated 28th August 2020 should settle that ad hoc interim imprest immediately after finishing that task, delays from 15 days to 42 days were occurred in settling interim imprests with a total of Rs 407,212 that had been given in 20 times in the year under review.

3.5 Deposits

The actions have not been taken in accordance with Financial Regulation 571 (2) and (3) regarding expired deposits with a total amounting to Rs 11,721,398 relevant for a general deposits account of the ministry.

4. Operational review

4.1 Performance

4.1.1 Planning

The annual action plan and procurement plan should be prepared by all the ministries with votes approved under the budget as per Public Finance Circular No 02/2020 dated 28th August 2020. Accordingly, an action plan and a procurement plan should be prepared for the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs under expenditure head 101. But 03 procurement plans and 03 action plans had been separately prepared for Buddhasasana division, Cultural division and Heritage division and had been approved by the Secretary.

4.1.2 Not fulfilling the role

- (a) According to the action plan approved for Cultural division of the ministry,
 - (i) Although provision of Rs 800,000 has been allocated for supervising cultural centers and conducting provincial progress review meetings relevant for the 220 regional cultural centers, progress review meetings were not held as fully covering any provision related to 2025. Investigations and progress review meetings were held covering an extent about 1.3% which means three centers.
 - (ii) Although provision of Rs 01 million was allocated for supplying necessary facilities for conducting foreign cultural relations, Rs 550,000 out of it, which means 55% was remaining inactive and the duties that had to be fulfilled during the year were not identified sufficiently. There were incompatibilities between tasks that had been planned in assessing performance and tasks that had been submitted in progress report.
- (b) According to the action plan approved for National Heritage Division of the ministry
 - (i) Although an amount of Rs 8.7 million was allocated for renovation of the roof of Maha Walawwa Hall in Ape Gama premises, this renovation had not been completed in the year under review. Allocation of Rs 6.211 million which means 71% out of total allocation was remaining inactive as the tasks of only Rs 2.489 million had been carried out.
 - (ii) Although Rs 6.4 million for construction of a building in Gramodaya Jana Kala Kendraya, Rs 0.301 million for wiring and repairing roof of the music class (H/01), Rs 1.67 million for purchasing office equipment were allocated, provision of Rs 8.371 million was remaining inactive as these tasks had not been carried out in the year under review.

4.1.3 Not obtaining expected output level

Although actions should be taken to maintain at least 5 skill development programs by each cultural center using provisions of the ministry, 40 cultural centers out of 220 cultural centers that were active in the year under review which means 18% was in underperforming level and actions were not taken by the ministry to analyze information on courses being held by those cultural centers to identify cultural centers of underperforming level and to give guidance for the courses.

4.1.4 Annual performance report

According to the compliance report included in performance report draft 2025 that was submitted to the audit with annual financial statements as per Section 16 (2) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the ministry had reported compliance with the following matters which were non-compliant

- i. Preparing monthly summary reports and daily running charts for pool vehicles and submitting to the Auditor General on due date
- ii. Maintaining vehicle log books up to date
- iii. Vehicles had been disposed less than 06 months after being condemned
- iv. The outstanding loan balances that have been existed for more than a year had been settled
- v. Actions were taken regarding overdue deposits as per FR 571.
- vi. The deficiencies pointed out by the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for previous years had been rectified.

4.2 Asset Management

- (a) Disposal activities of a car that had been recommended to be disposed in 2022, had not been finished to the end of the year under review.
- (b) A cab that was owned by the Road Development Authority had been handed over to the ministry through Transport division of the Presidential Secretariat on 09th December 2024 and the actions were not taken to make its current registered ownership vested to the ministry as at 29th May 2026.
- (c) According to the Asset Management Circular No 03/2018 dated 10th October 2018, the actions should be taken to make current registered ownership vested to the ministry in situations that the ownership cannot be taken by the institution currently using vehicle. But the registered ownership of two vehicles with a total value of Rs 49,000,000 had not been obtained.
- (d) The land on which the Rajarata Circuit House used by the ministry is located and that building had not been vested under the ministry as at 29th May 2026.

- (e) Although lands and buildings should be reassessed for every 5 years according to paragraph 2.3 of Guidance on Valuation of Non-Financial Assets issued by the Office of the Comptroller General contained in the Asset Management Circular, an assessment report had not been taken after 28th October 2013 for the Building of the Ministry of Buddhasasana located in No 135, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 07. 12 years had exceeded for that assessment report.

4.3 Bailing of government officers

- (a) Although transfers, resignations, dismissals, deaths etc. should be monthly reported to the Auditor General regarding all the new appointments and officers that deposited bails relevant for the positions need to deposit bail as per Financial Regulation 883 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.
- (b) Actions were not taken to charge the bail money from 20 officers need to deposit bail in the ministry according to 12th Authority of the Public Officer's Bail Ordinance as per Financial Regulation 880 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

4.4 Losses and damages

Only an amount of Rs 142,867 out of the loss of Rs 320,450 related to the theft of A4 size photocopy papers in 2023 had been charged and actions were not taken to charge the remaining amount of Rs 177,583 as at 17th June 2026.

4.5 Management weaknesses

- (a) A difference of Rs 1,426,148 was mentioned between the single balance classification balance and the control account balance in the statement comparing the sum of the single balance classification summary with the control account balance as at 31st December 2025 in the Advance "B" account of the ministry. The reasons for this difference were 04 unidentified balance changes from 2004 to 2010 and a wrongful debit made by the Department of Motor Traffic in December 2008. Although these were indicated, no actions were taken to rectify them in 2025 either.
- (b) The Ministry had not prepared a method of checking in regard of identifying programs that should be implemented by each cultural center in a manner suitable for those areas, functioning in accordance with the action plan approved annually by the cultural centers and reaching the expected performance level.
- (c) Although the operational costs could have been reduced by obtaining the services of cultural center officials of the respective provinces or officials assigned to regional and district secretaries offices by the Department of Cultural Affairs for the organizing activities of the provincial competitions of the Prathibha program, actions were not taken accordingly. As the officers of the head office had been made engaged

in relevant duties, 53% of the total cost of the program was spent on accommodation, catering and transportation expenses of the officers.

- (d) Although the estimated overtime expenditure for Prathibha program is Rs.300,000 which means 3.5% of the basic estimate, the actual overtime cost was Rs1,034,819. It had been increased by 8.5% as 12% of the basic estimate. Therefore, there were no sufficient internal controls to control the overtime work of officers.
- (e) Actions should be taken regarding debt balances due from deceased officials in accordance with the provisions of Public Accounts Circular No 262/2017 dated 29th December 2017. But a total loan balance of Rs 738,799 was still remaining as a debt balance of Rs.200,983 due from 3 deceased officers for a period of 3-5 years, and a debt of Rs.537,816 due from 3 deceased officers for a period of 1-3 years.
- (f) Actions should be taken regarding debt balances that should be collected from retired officers according to provisions of Public Accounts Circular No. 262/2017 dated 29th December 2017. But a total loan balance of Rs. 391,980 was remaining as loan balance of Rs.139,170 that should be collected from 6 retired officers for a period of 1-3 years and a loan balance of Rs 124,077 that should be collected from one officer for 3-5 years and a loan balance of Rs 128,732 due from one officer over 20 years
- (g) Actions should be taken regarding collecting loan balances of officers who have left the service according to provisions of section 3.1 (b) of the Public Finance Circular No 1/2020 dated 28th October 2020. But a total loan balance of Rs. 492,220 was still remaining as a debt balance of Rs.300,510 due from two officers who have passed between 1-3 years after leaving the service and a balance of Rs.127,580 due from an officer who has passed between 3-5 years and another debt balance of Rs 64,130 due from an officer who had passed between 10-20 years
- (h) Although actions should be taken in accordance with Section 4.5 of Chapter XXIV of the Establishment Code in relation to the loan balances due from the suspended officers, there was a total loan balance of Rs 464,070 including a loan balance of Rs 20,195 that should be charged from two officers remained for 5 - 10 years, a loan balance of Rs 443,875 that should be charged from six officers remained for 10 - 20 years
- (i) The cinema hall with hundred seats that had been constructed in 2020 owned by the Public Performance Board had been remained inactive as at May 2026 and it was not possible to make this cinema operational due to the malfunctioning of the Digital Cinema Project machine that was purchased when the old cinema was existed. Although it was approved to purchase a Digital Cinema Project machine subject to manage within the budget allocated to the ministry according to the cabinet decision AMP/25/1837/822/047 dated 14th October 2025, the ministry had not been taken actions accordingly.

- (j) The land on which the Mahinda Rajapaksha National Tele Cinema Park is located is a government land and during the period when this park was under the Ministry of Mass Media and Information, the ownership of this land had been transferred to the authorized officer of that Ministry. This land which was in the name of the authorized officer of the Ministry of Mass Media and Information had not been vested to this ministry even as at 31st May 2026.
- (k) According to 5.2 of the Public Finance Circular No 01/2020(III) dated 31st May 2024, in cases where provisions are not made by an act passed by the Parliament or any other law, the fees charged by public institutions in providing services to the public must be reviewed once in 3 years. But the fees decided to be charged at the beginning of Tele Cinema Park were not revised until 31st May 2026. The additional revenue that could have been obtained by increasing fees has been lost for several years due to this and actions were not taken according to Financial Regulation 156 (i) (a) regarding the officials responsible for this
- (l) According to the corporate service agreement of the Mahinda Rajapaksa National Tele Cinema Park, all the bills related to that day must be paid when 75% of the shooting of the production is completed. Although it was informed that the final bills related to the works of the creation should be paid before leaving the park, there were cases where all the arrears were not collected.
- (m) The ministry had not prepared an adequate information system to obtain all the information about each cultural center such as the number of courses conducted according to the staff and resource persons assigned to the cultural centers, the amount of income generating activities engaged according to the physical resources of the center etc.

5. Human resource management

5.1 Attached staff, actual staff

- (a) As on 31st December of the year under review, the number of staff approved by the Department of Management Services for the ministry was 1189 and the actual staff was 1194 with a total surplus of five individuals. Also, there were vacancies in 6 senior level posts, 3 tertiary level posts, 35 secondary level posts and there was an excess of 49 primary level posts.

- (b) At least two secondary grade officers and one office assistant officer shall be employed for each cultural center in the cultural center staff. But there was a shortage of 60 secondary grade officers and 29 office assistant officers respectively as only 386 secondary grade officers and 194 office assistant officers were assigned to 223 cultural centers.

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Chapter 04 - Performance Indicator

4.1 Performance Indicators of the Institute (Based on Action Plan)

4.1.1 Buddhasasana Division

Specific Indicators	As a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100-90 %	89-75%	74-50%
1. Level of the improvement of facilities in sacred areas. - Planned development programs – 13 - Completed development programs – 13 - Planned amount to give Sannas – 14 - Sannas given - 14	100%	-	-
2. Level of the improvement of physical infrastructure facilities in rural temples. - Planned temple development programs – 215 - Completed temple development programs – 215	100%	-	-
3. Level of the completing electric systems and remaining works of the Vidyalkara Buddhist Conference Hall - Expected output - 100% - Actual output - 100%	100%	-	-
4. Number of the programs held to empower individuals socially economically and spiritually - Planned programs – 800 - Programs held - 847	100%	-	-
5. Level of the completing constructions of new building of the ministry - Completing payment of 100% VAT of Planned extent - Actual output – 0%	-	-	-
6. Number of temples provided solar power electricity / constructed panel system - Planned extent - 9000 - Actual output - 0	-	-	-

4.1.2 Cultural Division

Specific Indicators	As a Percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100% - 90 %	75% - 89%	50% - 74%
1. Number of students studying courses in cultural centers, actual number – 44, 855 (Cultural centers – 221) (Expected value – 45, 000)	100%	-	-
2. Number of regional library members obtaining library facilities through libraries of cultural centers, actual number – 50, 115 (Expected value – 40, 000) (Has exceeded 100% and actual value 125%)	100%	-	-
3. Number of national/ special programs, annually held by Cultural Division, actual value – 05 (Expected value – 10)	-	-	50%
4. Number of special programs, annually held by Cultural Division, actual value – 05 (Expected value – 10) (Has exceeded 100% and actual value has become 158%)	100%	-	-
5. Number of foreign cultural relations programs, held by Cultural Division Actual value – 05 (Expected value – 10) Actual output (14%)	-	-	-
6. Number of implemented cultural bilateral agreements and memorandums of understanding, actual value – 50 (Expected value – 68)	-	-	74%
7. Submitting creations for Inter – Government Officer's Creative Competition (Sinhala & Tamil medium) Actual value – 1765 (Expected value – 3000)	-	-	59%

4.1.3 National Heritage Division

Special indicators	Annual budget allocation (Rs.M)	Financial progress		Actual output as a percentage of the expected output (%)			Other
		Actual output (Rs.M)	As a percentage of the allocation	100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%	
(1).Project - Indigenous community conservation activities * Indicator - Indigenous heritage conservation	9.397	8.419	89%	√			
(2) Promoting heritages and protecting indigenous people * Indicator - Facilitating daily activities of the Indigenous community	10.9	9.301	84%		√		*Providing toilet facilities for 50 families in indigenous village of Pollebedda *Preparing roof of the Wariga Sabha building of the Henanigala Jna Uruma premises
* Indicator - Making Sri Lankan children to have awareness on traditional values and creating a cultural man who is capable for continuing those traditions.	2.6	1.646	63%	√			*06 programs that have been planned to be implemented in 2025, have been completed.
* Indicator - National heritage conservation through electronic media and social media	1.5	0.003	0.2%			√	*Documentary videos were given to the Department of Railway for publicity and only a minimum quarterly expense of Rs 3000.00 per year had to be incurred. The necessary basic activities for the publicity have been carried out by the Tourism Promotion Bureau, Sri Lankan Airlines and Sri Lanka Airport and any financial cost had not to be incurred.
(3).Project - Conducting conservation services for the community with an indigenous/ specific identity. * Indicator - Cultural and traditional functions for protecting rights of the community with an indigenous/ specific identity	3.014	2.721	90%	√			*Targetted physical progress could be achieved
(4). Project - Conducting social animation program *Indicator - Indigenous community empowered by the social animation	1.7	0.861	51%			√	*There were minimum project proposals appropriate to be implemented as social animation programs among the project proposals that have been submitted and implementation of 07 programs

Special indicators	Annual budget allocation (Rs.M)	Financial progress		Actual output as a percentage of the expected output (%)			Other
		Actual output (Rs.M)	As a percentage of the allocation	100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%	
(5).Gramodaya Jana Kala Kendraya * Project - Project development *Indicator - Number of developed projects	11.664	2.5	21%			√	
* Project - renovation activities, construction and purchases *Indicator - Developed infrastructure facilities selected on priority basis							
(7). Department of Archaeology Project - Buildings and constructions *Indicator - Conservation and maintenance of explored archaeological monuments	667.284	282.399	42%			√	
(8) .Ape Gama project - Renovation activities of the Ape Gama premises *Indicator - Developed infrastructure facilities selected on priority basis	48.8	16.399	34%			√	
(9).Tower Hall Theatre Foundation * Indicator - Infrastructure facilities renovated on priority basis (Air condition and wiring system) and confirmation of stability of the continuing courses	50.0	34.245	68%		√		
(10) Galle Heritage Foundation *Positive responses on tourist satisfaction	40.0	8.42	21%				
(11)Ranmihithenna National Tele Cinema Village	60	5.585	9%				It was decided not to implement other projects except for the projects essential for maintaining the institution as the aspirations were called for selecting an investor.
(12) .Inter - Statutory Board for the Protection of Kandyan Heritage Project - Traditional village development program	5	3.365	67%			√	

Chapter 05 - Performance of the achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1 Identified respective Sustainable Development Goals

5.1.1 Buddhasasana division

Goal /Objective	Targets	Indicators of the Achievements	Percentage of the achievement till now (%)		
			0-49 (%)	50-74 (%)	75-100 (%)
SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals	Target: 17.16 (Multilateral partnership)	- Educational and religious agreements made with other countries for sharing knowledge regarding Theravada Buddhism with the world - Concession visa services, issuing and extending visa for religious tours and educational services - Improving friendship through religious ties with other countries – Coordinating as supervising institution for foreign aid projects	-	-	80%
	Target: Improving global partnership for sustainable development. Providing support through multi – stakeholder partnerships sharing knowledge, specialization, technology and financial resources		-	-	100%
	Sharing knowledge : Cultural diplomacy :		-	-	100%
SDG 16: Peace, Justice and strong institutions	Objective 16 .1: Minimizing violence of all kinds and related death ratio (Minimizing conflicts through religious coexistence)	- Preparing Polices for religious co-existence/ making policy decesions - Establishing all - religious council	-	-	100%
	Confirming national harmony and religious reconciliation Objective 16 .b: Promoting and enforcing laws and policies without considering difference for sustainable development		-	-	100%

5.1.2 Cultural division

Target/ Objective	Targets	Achievement indicators	Progress of obtaining achievements till now		
			0%- 49%	50%- 74 %	75%- 100%
SDG 4 : Confirming complete, fair, virtuous education and making opportunity to all for learning in entire lifetime	4.7 Making all with knowledge and skills for promoting sustainable development by 2030, Promoting a culture without violence, peace, human rights, sustainable lifestyles and education on sustainable development, global citizenship and cultural variety	1.Number of cultural centers constructed, implemented island wide	-	66%	-
		2.Number of students successfully completing courses held by the cultural centers	-	61%	-
		3.Number of readers created from regional libraries in cultural centers 125%	-	-	100%
		4.Number of special cultural programs that have been held regionally by the cultural centers 158%	-	-	100%
		5.Evaluation of number of special cultural programs that have been annually contributed by the cultural affairs division and cultural contribution to the sustainable development	-	50%	-
		6.Foreign cultural relations, cultural bilateral agreements and number of memorandums of understanding	-	74%	-
SDG 11: Completely strong, sustainable and protective preparation of cities and settlements	11.4 Strengthening efforts for saving and protecting natural and cultural heritages of the world	1.Number of winners in national level of Prathibha competition	-	67%	-
		2.Submitting items for Inter – Government Officer's Creative Competition	-	59%	-
		3.Conservation and promotion of national heritages	35%	-	-

5.1.3 National heritages division

Targets	Objective/ Target	Achievement indicator	Progress of obtaining achievements till now		
			0%-49%	50%-74%	75%-100%
11.4. Strengthening efforts for protecting cultural and natural heritages of the world	*Indigenous community conservation activities - Renovations related to the Indigenous Heritage Museum of Dambana	Conservation of Indigenous heritage			√
	*Indigenous villages with developed selected infrastructure facilities	Facilitating the daily activities of the community			√
	*Conducting cultural camps	Making Sri Lankan children to have awareness on traditional values and creating a cultural man who is capable for continuing those traditions.			√
	*Conducting conservation services for the community with an indigenous/ specific identity. Celebrating indigenous day and conducting annual Shanthi Karma	Protecting rights of the community with an indigenous and specific identity and making those people satisfied.			√
	*Identifying published national heritages and conservation	Conservation of national heritages and having a stable and formal method for research			√
SDG 9 Building infrastructure facilities, promoting combined and sustainable industrialization and nourishing innovations	* Department of Archaeology Upgrading archaeological sites with universal importance to the world heritage status	Conservation and maintenance of the explored archaeological monuments		√	
11 Sustainable cities and communities	*Ape Gama Renovation activities of the Ape Gama premises	Developed infrastructure facilities selected on the priority basis			√
	*Inter - Statutory Board for the Protection of Kandyan Heritage	Traditional village development program			√
	* Galle Heritage Foundation Strengthening efforts for protecting natural and cultural heritages of the world	Total per capita expenditure for conservation and protection of all the cultural and national heritages from funding source (Public, private), type of heritage (cultural, natural) and state level (national, regional and municipal)			√
4.1. Confirming that all the girls and boys have completed high valued , primary and secondary education free and equal with ability to obtain results of effective education 4.2. Existing opportunity for all the girls and boys to approach pre primary education for virtuous early childhood development	*Gramodaya Jana Kala Kendraya Appointing as an institution capable of attaining the national competency level with approval of the National Apprenticeship Training Authority and the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission for the aesthetic courses	Number of developed courses			√
	*Tower Hall Foundation Purchasing essential equipments for starting 04 diploma courses	Giving knowledge of high level from creating dramas			√

5.2 Achievements and challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

5.2.1 Buddhasasana division

An outstanding progress has been achieved in fulfilling sustainable development goals (SDG) under the Buddhasasana division. Specially, the target of creating virtuous citizens through value promotion programs under virtuous education (Objective 04) has been fulfilled 100%. Also, establishment of all religious council and preparation of religious coexistence policies to confirm peace and strong institutions (Objective 16) have been totally successful.

Infrastructure development of sacred areas and temples under protecting cultural heritages (Objective 11) is in 100% level. Sharing knowledge and growth of religious ties under partnership for objectives (Objective 17) are in a high level. Providing solar power facilities for temples under renewable energy (Objective 07) is in a minimum level of 18% and it is a challenge.

5.2.2 Cultural division

- **Achievements**

- Identifying new programs and implementing to confirm cultural rights of marginal community including prisoners and city estate community and hill country estate community.
- Holding a human library program and printing autobiography of disabled community under identification of new programs to confirm rights of the disabled community and implementation.
- Holding “Prathibha 2025’ function of inter cultural centers from developing and encouraging art skills of children of the nation.
- Making artists of cultural centers and dance reserve participated for cultural events in 77th National Independence Day Celebration.
- Evaluation of art skills of government officers and retired government officers through Inter – Government Officer’s Creative Competition

- **Challenges**

- Holding personality development training workshops for prisoners in Dalugama Prison for Young Offenders in Negambo.
- Maintaining island wide cultural centers net actively.
- Performing basic tasks necessary for implementing “Sri Lankan Day” national program.

5.2.3 National Heritages Division

A major gap in this field was the lack of a specific method to work towards the long-term goals of identifying and conserving national heritages. Accordingly, criteria was prepared for identifying and naming national heritages. As the nominations were called on cultural heritages and natural heritages that can be designated as national heritage in Sri Lanka, 24 proposals have been received to be designated as national heritages. The sub-committee of scholars appointed for that purpose are working to review the proposals and designate them as national heritage, and it takes a long time to conduct the field inspection and give the recommendations of the relevant institutions.

We had to face various challenges such as reserving days for conducting the National Heritage and Cultural Camp program, obtaining the names of school students, getting students to be participated in the camp, and not being able to hold camp programs on the reserved days due to natural calamities (heavy rains and floods).

It was possible to successfully intervene in the problems and challenges faced by the aboriginal community. Accordingly, modernization of the Dambana folk heritage museum as the aboriginal identity and cultural heritages are protected and development of infrastructure facilities in aboriginal villages, social animation were successfully completed.

Although an action plan was prepared to maintain culture, literature and art with high standards and maximum efficiency and conservation of national heritage according to the main objectives and functions of the ministry, it was not possible to implement 100% of the action plan of 2025 due to weather changes and emergency disaster situations. But it can be satisfied comparing to the situation existed.

Chapter 06 - Human Resource Profile

6.1 Cadre Management

6.1.1 Buddhasasana Division

Employee Level (To the date of 31.12.2025)	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies
Senior	19	16	03
Tertiary	03	03	00
Secondary	106	92	14
Primary	44	36	08

6.1.2 Cultural Division

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies/ Excess
Senior	13	11	02
Tertiary	03	02	01
Secondary	534	501	33
Primary	517	462	55

* After the retirement of employees holding positions of primary or secondary categories that endorsed as personal to the holder (Cultural Promotion Officer, Center Watchman), those positions are not taken under vacancies of the staff. Therefore, the vacancies of primary or secondary categories have been counted without number of those officers.

6.1.3 National Heritage Division

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies/ Excess
Senior	07	06	01
Tertiary	03	01	02
Secondary	59	57	02
Primary	10	07	03

6.2 Effects of the Shortage or excess in human resources for the performance

6.2.1 Buddhasasana Division

Not relevant

6.2.2 Cultural Division

It has been requested from the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils & Local Government to attach officers for existing 03 vacancies of staff level. Currently, Assistant Secretary (Promotion) serves as the acting officer of the position of Assistant Secretary (Administration). Other two positions (Internal Auditor and Information and Communication Technology Officer) are vacant.

It has been requested from the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils & Local Government to attach officers for existing vacancies of secondary level. Existing vacancies are being managed from the officers serving currently.

Approval has been requested from the Ministry of Public Administration, Provincial Councils & Local Government and recruitment reviewing committee established in the Prime Minister's Office to make open recruitments to the vacancies of primary level. It is to be implemented on the instructions. Duties are managed by the existing staff till then.

6.2.3 National Heritage Division

The shortage of human resources affects on performance of the National Heritage Division and various difficulties are occurred in carrying out duties.

6.3 Human resource development

6.3.1 Buddhasasana Division

Serial No	Name of the program	No. of employees trained	Duration of the program	Total investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the program (Local/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge acquired
				Local (Rs.)	Foreign (Rs.)		
1.	Dharma Deshana	130 officers	02 hours	-	-	Local	Enhancem ent of knowledge / attitude of officers Improvem ent of the efficiency of officers
2.	New Procurement Guidelines Code - 2024	1 officer	2 Days	10.00	-	Local	
3	Government Pay System Software (GPS)	1 officer	3 Days	-	-	Local	
4.	Training program for the officers that have been appointed in 2025 and recruited under Limited Competitive Exam of recruitment to the Grade III of the Management Service Officers	3 Officers	5 Days	-	-	Local	
5.	A workshop for Senior Government Officers on Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB)	2 Officers	4 Hours	-	-	Local	
6.	Procurement process and practical usage	1 Officer	3 Days	18.00	-	Local	

Serial No	Name of the program	No. of employees trained	Duration of the program	Total investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the program (Local/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge acquired
				Local (Rs.)	Foreign (Rs.)		
7	Government procurement and contract administration	1 Officer	1 Year	75.00	-	Local	Enhancement of knowledge / attitude of officers Improvement of the efficiency of officers
8.	JICA Technical assistance project for Capacity Development Management in the Department of National planning (NPD) Sri Lanka	1 Officer	3 Days	-	-	Local	
9.	Preliminary Investigation	3 Officers	1 Day	19.5	-	Local	
10	Training program related to process of government procurement	56 Officers	1 Day	143.215	-	Local	
11.	Office management and procedures	1 Officer	1 Day	7.5	-	Local	
12.	Scientific economical safe driving	3 Drivers	1 Day	18.00	-	Local	
13.	Uplifting attitudes and professional knowledge of office employees and drivers	3 Officers	1 Day	22.5	-	Local	
14.	Government Payroll System	1 Officer	3 Days	18.00		Local	
15.	Workshop on maintaining personal files	2 Officers	1 Day	15.0	-	Local	

Serial No	Name of the program	No. of employees trained	Duration of the program	Total investment (Rs.000)		Nature of the program (Local/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge acquired
				Local (Rs.)	Foreign (Rs.)		
16.	Using Microsoft Excel in your workplace	3 Officers	02 Days	42.00	-	Local	Enhancement of knowledge/ attitude of officers Improvement of the efficiency of officers
17.	Disciplinary procedure	1 Officer	10 Days	25.00	-	Local	
18.	Speech Training Program - 2025	1 Officer	10 Days	35.00	-	Local	
19.	Workshop on Disciplinary Inquiry Procedure for government officers	1 Officer	01 Day	7.5	-	Local	
20.	Workshop Transformation with Artificial Intelligence	2 Officers	1 Day	15.00	-	Local	
21.	Nomination of Risk Committee members for the Training Program	4 Officers	1 Day	-	-	Local	
22.	Training session of identifying institutional problems and subject matters	15 Officers	1 Day	1.5	-	Local	
23.	One day training program for office employees of cultural centers and office employees of Cultural Division	2 Officers	1 Day	-	-	Local	
24.	Capacity building program on strategic leadership and governance for Civil Servants of Sri Lanka	1 Officer	12 Days	-	**	Foreign	

6.3.2 Cultural Affairs Division

Serial No	Training	Names of the officers	Number	Dates held	Location
01.	Conducting II Efficiency Bar Exam of Assistant Cultural Promotion Officers	Assistant Cultural Promotion Officers	132	31.08.2025	Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration
02.	Program of two days for New Procurement guidelines code	Chief Accountant Accountant (Finance and procurement) Accountant (Payment)	03	27 and 26.03.2025	Institute of Chartered Accountants
03.	Master degree on Public Administration and Management	Mrs. Sajeewani Wickrama Assistant Secretary (Administration)	01	2025	University of Colombo
04.	Personal files training	Management Service Officers (4) Development Officers (1)	05	29.04.2025	National Institute of Labour Studies
05.	Disciplinary Management Training	Development Officers	04	26.05.2025	National Institute of Labour Studies
06.	Preliminary Investigation Training	Development Officers	03	26.05.2025	National Institute of Labour Studies
07.	Providing answers for the audit queries Inspections under damages and losses F.R. 104	Development Officers	01	28.05.2025 19.06.2025	National Institute of Labour Studies
08.	Workplace training for Assistant Officers	Assistant Cultural Promotion Officers/ Cultural Center Officers	125	13/12.07.2025	National Cultural Training Center Veyangoda
09.	Training conducted in Tamil language in Akkaraipattu	Tamil resource persons	112	13/12.07.2025	National Cultural Training Center Akkaraipattu

Serial No	Training	Names of the officers	Number	Dates held	Location
10.	How to minimize audit issues in government institutions?	Development Officers Head of the branch (Investigation)	01	16/15.07.2025	Skills Development Fund SDFL
11.	Training on maintaining a personal file	Development Officers	02	16/15.07.2025	Skills Development
12.	Training for ministerial officers regarding Anti – Corruption Act	Officials of the ministry	60	17/16/15.08.2025	Kundasale National Art Resort Kandy
13.	Capacity Development of Administrative Officers	Administrative Officer	01	30/ 23/16.09.2025	National Institute of Labour Studies
14.	Contract administration, payment procedure and maintaining contract files	Miss P.K.T.C. Kaushalya Accountant Payments	01	27.08.2025	SDFL Institution
15.	Certificate course on Disciplinary Procedure	Mr. R. H. A. R. E. Ranasingha	02	From 10.09.2025 to 19	National Institute of Labour Studies
16.	Conducting II Efficiency bar examination for Assistant Cultural Promotion Officers (Paying last installment of 50%)	Assistant Cultural Promotion Officers of Cultural Centers	132	31.08.2025	Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration
17.	II Efficiency bar examination for Cultural Center Watchman/ Office Employees	Junior Service Officers	350	02/01.11.2025 09/08.11.2025 09/08.11.2025 01.11.2025 17/16.11.2025 16/15.11.2025 01.11.2025 08.11.2025	Cultural Centers in Matara – Nupe Wariyapola, Ella, Kalmune, Nuwaragam Palatha Central Kundasale Dehiowita, Weyangoda

6.3.3 National Heritage Division

Name of the program	No. of employees trained	Duration of the program	Total investment	Nature of the program (Local/ Foreign)	Output/ Knowledge acquired
Certificate course on procurement of the government	01 Officer	27.09.2024 – 24.01.2025	Rs 40,000.00	Local	Knowledge on procurement activities
Training program on Government procurement procedure including changes of procurement guidelines for goods, tasks and non advisory services	49 Officers	16.07.2025	Rs 23, 470.00	Local	Obtaining training on Procurement Guidelines Code
Leaves, Office systems and filing	46 Officers	28.08.2025	Rs 86, 434.00	Local	Training on leaves, office systems and filing
Ranmihithenna	48 Officers	04.10.2025 – 05.10.2025	Rs 155, 440.00	Local	Improving leadership skills, team spirit and positive attitudes
Diploma course on Government procurement and Contract Administration	01 Officer	One year from 11.10.2025	Rs 80, 000.00	Local	Government procurement and Contract Administration
Certificate course on Disciplinary Procedure	02 Officers	10.09.2025 – 19.11.2025	Rs 50, 000.00	Local	Understanding of Disciplinary Procedure

Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

7.1 Buddhasasana Division

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following financial statements /accounts have been submitted on due date.			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Compliant		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Compliant		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing (Advance Accounts)	Not relevant		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Not relevant		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Not relevant		
1.6	Others	Not relevant		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (F.R.445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Compliant		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.4	Register of internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.6	Register of checks and money orders have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.10	Register of Liabilities has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GAN 20) has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
3	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	Delegation of powers regarding financial powers within the institution	Compliant		
3.2	Notification within the institution about the transfer of financial powers	Compliant		
3.3	The Financial authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Compliant		
3.4	The control has been adhered to the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Development (NBD) on due date	Compliant		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on due date	Compliant		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified date by the Auditor General	Compliant		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/1-2019	Compliant		
6.2	All the internal audit reports should be replied within one month	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Compliant		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Compliant		
7	Audit and management committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 Audit and Management Committees have been held in the relevant year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Compliant		
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals were submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No.01/2017	Compliant		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's office in terms of paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
8.3	The board of survey has been conducted and submission of the relevant reports to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No.01/2020	Compliant		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Compliant		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles has been carried out according to the terms of FR772	Compliant		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles have been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Compliant		
9.2	The condemned vehicles have been disposed within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Compliant		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
9.4	The actions have been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
9.5	The fuel combustion of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of the Public administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated on 29.12.2016	Compliant		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Compliant		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements have been prepared, certified and submitted for audit on the due date	Compliant		
10.2	The dormant accounts that existed in the year under review or since previous years have been settled	Compliant		
10.3	The actions have been taken in terms of Financial regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made. Those balances have been settled within one month	Compliant		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated have been spent without exceeding the limit	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per FR 94(1)	Compliant		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	Have been compliant with the limits	Compliant		
12.2	A time analysis have been carried out on the loans in arrears	Compliant		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year have been settled	Compliant		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The actions have been taken as per F.R. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Compliant		
13.2	The control register for general deposits has been updated and maintained	Compliant		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the Cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to the Department of Treasury Operations.	Compliant		
14.2	The ad-hoc interim imprests are issued as per F.R.371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Compliant		
14.3	The ad-hoe interim imprests have been issued as not exceeding the limit approved in F.R.371	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Compliant		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue have been made in terms of the regulations	Not relevant		
15.2	The revenue collection have been directly credited to the revenue account without making credited to the deposit account	Not relevant		
15.3	Reports of arrears of revenue forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Not relevant		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff has been maintained within the approved cadre	Compliant		
16.2	All the members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Compliant		
16.3	All the reports have been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of the MSD Circular No.04/2017 dated on 20.09.2017	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information has been maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulations.	Compliant		
17.2	Information about the institution has been provided to the public by its Website and it has been facilitated to appreciate/ complain to public in regard of the institution by this website or alternative measures.	Compliant		
17.3	Bi-annual or annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act	Compliant		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2018 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Compliant		
18.2	A methodology has been prepared by the institution in order to monitor and evaluate the formulation and the implementation of Citizens charter/Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of that circular	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
19	Compilation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared based on the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated on 24.01.2018	Compliant		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human resource Plan	Compliant		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Compliant		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned to the responsibilities of preparing the human resource development plan, Developing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid circular.	Compliant		
20	Responses to the Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	The Shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified.	Compliant		

7.2 Cultural Division

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following financial statements /accounts have been submitted on due date.			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Compliant		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Compliant		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts	Non-Compliant	Advance accounts except for the advance account of public officers have not been maintained under the ministry	
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Non-Compliant		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Non-Compliant		
1.6	Others	Non-Compliant		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (F.R.445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Compliant		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.4	Register of internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.6	Register of checks and money orders have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.10	Register of Liabilities has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GAN 20) has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
3	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	Delegation of powers regarding financial powers within the institution	Compliant		
3.2	Notification within the institution about the transfer of financial powers	Compliant		
3.3	The Financial authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Compliant		
3.4	The control has been adhered to the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Development (NBD) on due date	Compliant		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on due date	Compliant		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified date by the Auditor General	Compliant		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/1-2019	Compliant		
6.2	All the internal audit reports should be replied within one month	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Compliant		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Compliant		
7	Audit and management committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 Audit and Management Committees have been held in the relevant year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Compliant		
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals were submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No.01/2017	Compliant		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's office in terms of paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
8.3	The board of survey has been conducted and submission of the relevant reports to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No.01/2020	Compliant		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Compliant		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles has been carried out according to the terms of FR772	Compliant		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles have been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Compliant		
9.2	The condemned vehicles have been disposed within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Compliant		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
9.4	The actions have been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
9.5	The fuel combustion of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of the Public administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated on 29.12.2016	Non-Compliant	Fuel consumption has not been checked in 2025	Conducting it in 2026
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Non-Compliant	Leased vehicles are unavailable	
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements have been prepared, certified and submitted for audit on the due date	Compliant		
10.2	The dormant accounts that existed in the year under review or since previous years have been settled	Compliant		
10.3	The actions have been taken in terms of Financial regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made. Those balances have been settled within one month	Compliant		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated have been spent without exceeding the limit	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Compliant		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	Have been compliant with the limits	Compliant		
12.2	A time analysis have been carried out on the loans in arrears	Compliant		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year have been settled	Non-Compliant	Being charged from debtors or guarantors	
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The actions have been taken as per F.R. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Non-Compliant	Actions are taken according to FR 571 regarding 6000-13-0-138 deposit account. Actions regarding 6000-0-15-073 retained contracts have been taken under FR571 as there are contracts related to constructions	
13.2	The control register for general deposits has been updated and maintained	Compliant		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the Cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to the Department of Treasury Operations.	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
14.2	The ad-hoc interim imprests are issued as per F.R.371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Compliant		
14.3	The ad-hoc interim imprests have been issued as not exceeding the limit approved in F.R.371	Compliant		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Non-Compliant	Has been carried out by the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs which is the head office	
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue have been made in terms of the regulations	Compliant		
15.2	The revenue collection have been directly credited to the revenue account without making credited to the deposit account	Compliant		
15.3	Reports of arrears of revenue forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Compliant		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff has been maintained within the approved cadre	Compliant		
16.2	All the members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
16.3	All the reports have been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of the MSD Circular No.04/2017 dated on 20.09.2017	Compliant		
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information has been maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulations.	Compliant		
17.2	Information about the institution has been provided to the public by its Website and it has been facilitated to appreciate/ complain to public in regard of the institution by this website or alternative measures.	Compliant		
17.3	Bi-annual or annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act	Compliant		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2018 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Non-Compliant	Has not been prepared in last year	Actions are taken to prepare the citizens charter in 2026

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
18.2	A methodology has been prepared by the institution in order to monitor and evaluate the formulation and the implementation of Citizens charter/Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of that circular	Non-Compliant	Has not been implemented in last year	Actions are taken to prepare a method for 2026
19	Compilation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared based on the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated on 24.01.2018	Compliant		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human resource Plan	Compliant		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Compliant		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned to the responsibilities of preparing the human resource development plan, conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid circular.	Compliant		
20	Responses to the Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	The Shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified.	Compliant		

7.3 National Heritages Division

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	The following financial statements /accounts have been submitted on due date.			
1.1	Annual Financial Statements	Compliant		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Compliant		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing (Advance Accounts)	Not relevant		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	Non-Compliant		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	Non-Compliant		
1.6	Others	Non-Compliant		
2	Maintenance of books and registers (F.R.445)			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Compliant		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.4	Register of internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Compliant		
2.6	Register of checks and money orders have been maintained and updated	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.10	Register of Liabilities has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GAN 20) has been maintained and updated	Compliant		
3	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	Delegation of powers regarding financial powers within the institution	Compliant		
3.2	Notification within the institution about the transfer of financial powers	Compliant		
3.3	The Financial authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Compliant		
3.4	The control has been adhered to the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Compliant		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Compliant		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Not relevant	Has been implemented from Internal Audit section in Buddhasasan a division of the ministry	
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the National Budget Development (NBD) on due date	Compliant		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on due date	Compliant		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified date by the Auditor General	Compliant		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134 (2) DMA/1-2019	-	Has been implemented from Internal Audit section in Buddhasasan a division of the ministry	
6.2	All the internal audit reports should be replied within one month	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports have been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	-	Has been implemented from Internal Audit section in Buddhasasan a division of the ministry	
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	-	Has been implemented from Internal Audit section in Buddhasasan a division of the ministry	
7	Audit and management committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 Audit and Management Committees have been held in the relevant year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	-	Has been implemented from Internal Audit section in Buddhasasan a division of the ministry	
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals were submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No.01/2017	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's office in terms of paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Compliant		
8.3	The board of survey has been conducted and submission of the relevant reports to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No.01/2020	Compliant		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Compliant		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles has been carried out according to the terms of FR772	Compliant		
9	Vehicle Management			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles have been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Compliant		
9.2	The condemned vehicles have been disposed within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
9.3	The vehicle logbooks have been maintained and updated	Compliant		
9.4	The actions have been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Compliant		
9.5	The fuel combustion of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of paragraph 3.1 of the Public administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated on 29.12.2016	Compliant		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	Compliant		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements have been prepared, certified and submitted for audit on the due date	Compliant		
10.2	The dormant accounts that existed in the year under review or since previous years have been settled	Compliant		
10.3	The actions have been taken in terms of Financial regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made. Those balances have been settled within one month	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated have been spent without exceeding the limit	Compliant		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Compliant		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	Have been compliant with the limits	Compliant		
12.2	A time analysis have been carried out on the loans in arrears	Not relevant	Loan balances are unavailable	
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year have been settled	Compliant	Loan balances are unavailable	
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The actions have been taken as per F.R. 571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Compliant		
13.2	The control register for general deposits has been updated and maintained	Compliant		
14	Imprest Account			
14.1	The balance in the Cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to the Department of Treasury Operations.	Compliant		
14.2	The ad-hoc interim imprests are issued as per F.R.371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
14.3	The ad-hoc interim imprests have been issued as not exceeding the limit approved in F.R.371	Compliant		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	Compliant		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue have been made in terms of the regulations	Not relevant		
15.2	The revenue collection have been directly credited to the revenue account without making credited to the deposit account	Not relevant		
15.3	Reports of arrears of revenue forwarded to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Compliant		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff has been maintained within the approved cadre	Compliant		
16.2	All the members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Compliant		
16.3	All the reports have been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of the MSD Circular No.04/2017 dated on 20.09.2017	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information has been maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulations.	Compliant		
17.2	Information about the institution has been provided to the public by its Website and it has been facilitated to appreciate/ complain to public in regard of the institution by this website or alternative measures.	Compliant		
17.3	Bi-annual or annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act	Compliant		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2018 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Compliant		
18.2	A methodology has been prepared by the institution in order to monitor and evaluate the formulation and the implementation of Citizens charter/Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of that circular	Compliant		

No	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Compliant/ Non-Compliant)	Brief explanation for Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
19	Compilation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared based on the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated on 24.01.2018	Compliant		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human resource Plan	Compliant		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	Compliant		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned to the responsibilities of preparing the human resource development plan, Developing capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No. 6.5 of the aforesaid circular.	Compliant		
20	Responses to the Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	The Shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified.	Compliant		

