



# **Performance Report 2022**

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# **Annual Performance Report for the year 2022**

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# Chapter 01

## Organizational Profile/Summary of Implementation

### 01.1 Introduction

As per ensured by Article 9 of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, Implementation of Public responsibility having enforced to protect and nurture the Sri Sambuddha Sasana, with Buddhism at the forefront has been mainly empowered to the Department of Buddhist Affairs.

The Department of Buddhist Affairs, whilst carrying out a large number of projects for the furtherance of the Buddhasasana and for maintaining a virtuous Buddhist society, provides necessary administrative support for utilizing Buddhist temples and properties totally for the furtherance of the Buddhasasana, for development of temples, improvement of Dhamma school education and for the registration of all Samanera/ Upasampada Bhikkus in the island, which are responsibilities empowered to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs by the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931.

The Department of Buddhist Affairs was established on June 1, 1981 as a result of a recommendation of a committee appointed at that time to reorganize the Department of Cultural Affairs. Until, the Department implements a number of activities for the perpetuation and improvement of the Buddha Sasana, including functions related to the Buddha Sasana, which were carried out by government departments such as the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Department of Public Trustees and the Registrar General's Department.

The Department of Buddhist Affairs has established the following divisions in order to carry out these activities successfully and the relevant duties have been empowered to them. Kandy and Ratnapura and Kurunegala Regional Offices have been established and maintained for the convenience of Bhikkus in remote areas for attending to matters relevant to the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance. The following programmes are being carried out by this Department for the furtherance, development and promotion of the Sambuddha Sasana.

Appointing Basnayaka Nilames/Trustees for Buddhist places of worship coming under the purview of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs in terms Section 4 (1) of the Buddhist Temporalities Act and monitoring their administrative activities and providing necessary assistance to administer the properties of shrines. (Carrying out duties such as giving lands belonging to temple on long term lease basis and giving necessary approval to the temple to get the income from such lands, taking measures for the protection of immovable properties belonging to the Sanga and getting involved for the settlement of disputes with regard to temple properties) Registering all Buddhist temples in the island in the Department of Buddhist Affairs and the acceptance of the posts of Chief incumbent of relevant Nikayas, Registration of Samanera and Upasampda Bhikkus ,preparation of identity cards of Buddhist Bikkus.Activities regarding properties belonging to temples and funds in Bank accounts are carried out under the Vihara Devalagam Division

Further assistance for temples, Siwpassa assistance, providing assistance for temples with economic difficulties, activities relevant to the establishment of regional Sasanarakshaka Mandalas, Providing assistance for cremations of Bhikkus, Performing various activities for the commemoration of the Independence Day, Vesak Full Moon Day and Poson Full Moon Day ,Registration of Temples Performance Committees, granting necessary recommendations for providing facilities such as telephones, water and electricity to temples, on concessionary rates, activities pertaining to Nikayas and Nikaya sects, Ordinations and higher ordinations, Payment activities for Nikaya headoffices (drivers/ labourers), Purchasing of books under assistance for writers, functions regarding Dasa Sil Mathas, registration of Aramyas, issuing identity cards , activities regarding educational activities and meetings and commemorating the Sangamitta Day. There is a wide range of activities such as establishing and maintaining Silmatha training institutes.

The following activities are carried out by Dhamma School Division

- Maintenance and operation of Sasnarakshaka Mandalas.
- Dhamma School Activities
- Printing and distribution of Dhamma School books
- Conducting Dhamma School grading examinations throughout the island
- Conducting Dhamma school students' skills evaluation programmes at Regional, district and all island levels.
- Conducting the Dhamma school teacher certificate examinations in order to enhance the educational standards of Dhamma school teachers.
- Providing uniforms for Dhamma school teachers.
- Providing library allowances for Dhamma school teachers.
- Preparing Identity Cards for Dhamma school teachers.
- Conducting training workshops for Dhamma school teachers.
- Providing donations for Dhamma school buildings.
- Providing equipment for arduous Dhamma schools.
- Awarding certificates for the appreciation of the service of Dhamma School teachers who have been teaching continuously for a long time.
- Conducting Pali language promotion classes and conducting examinations to improve the Pali language knowledge of Dhamma school teachers.
- Implementation of Dhamma Sarasaviya program with collaboration of the University of Jayewardenepura and the Buddhist and Pali University to provide higher Dhamma education to Dhamma School teachers who are in low levels of education.

Whilst carrying out coordinating activities by administrative division to achieve the objectives of the institution, performing official duties with regard to administrative functions pertaining to the staff of the Department, maintenance of buildings, postal services duties and duties related to vehicles.

Spending the funds allocated to vote for the relevant activities whilst controlling the expenditure of the institution and carrying out financial and accounting functions such as maintaining of accounts, payment of salaries etc. are carried out by the accounts division.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, conducting the National Independence Day ceremony and State Vesak festival which are being held annually, annual student skills competitions, Sangamitta Perahera and Sangamitta commemoration ceremony can be mentioned as special programmes which are being conducted continuously by the Department of Buddhist Affairs.

## 01.2 Vision/ Mission/Objectives

### Vision

“Towards a virtuous society which protects Buddhist principles”

### Mission

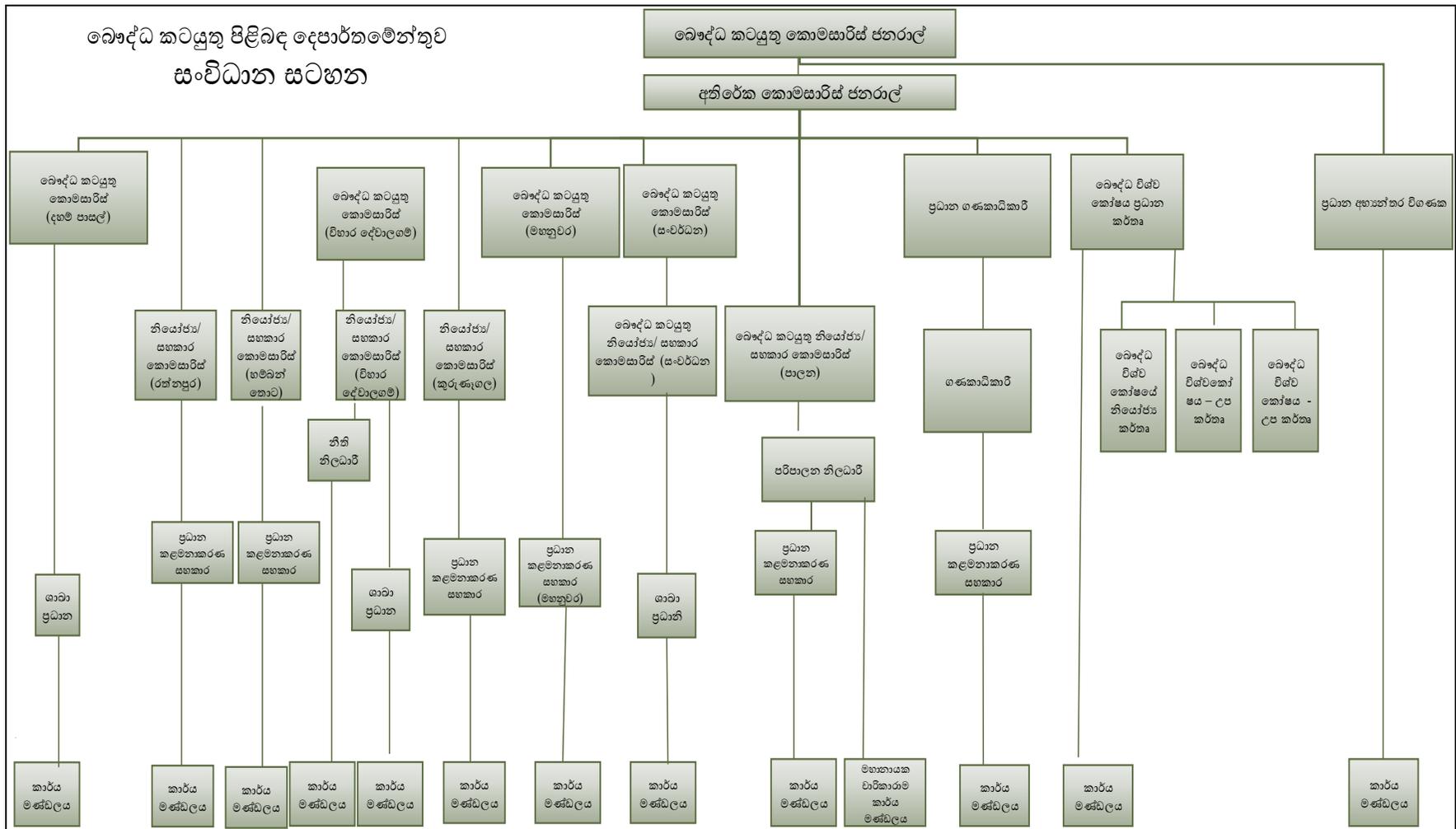
“To achieve the continuous existence of an exemplary Buddhist society by creating a righteous and virtuous Society through the proper implementation of tasks for the furtherance, promotion and development of the Sambuddha Sasana”

### Objectives

- Protecting and organizing the properties belonging to Maha Sangha and utilizing them for the furtherance of the Sambuddha Sasana
- Creating a virtuous and creative society that appreciates the ethics of Buddhism
- Maintaining, fostering and developing the practices and traditions associated with Buddha Sasana and having protected them for the future generation in accordance with the contemporary requirements.
- Preserving, fostering and development of Buddhist literature, crafts and arts.
- Coordinating and lining up the Buddhist community for building Buddhist economy in compliance with the organized and modern technology
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## 01.3 Functions are carried out by the Department of Buddhist Affairs

- Providing administrative assistance and regulating the use of Buddhist places of worship and properties for the perpetuation of the Buddha Sasana, which are the responsibilities vested in the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs by Vihara Devalagam Ordinance No. 19 of 1931.
- Development of temples
- Maintenance and Improvement of Dhamma school education and the development of Dhamma schools
- Maintain registers by registering of all Samanera/ Upasampada Bhikkus in the island
- Conducting training programs for Samanera / Upasampada Bhikkus
- Registration of Silmatha, Maintaining Silmatha training institutes and conducting training programs
- Registration of temples and Silmatha Arama
- Maintaining the office of the Buddhist Encyclopedia and the succinct Tripitaka Board
- Conducting social development programs to ensure the existence of a society disciplined in the Buddhist manners



01.5 Organizational Chart

## **01.5 Main Divisions of the Department/Regional offices**

### **01.5.1 Administrative division**

The administrative division of the department performs some of the main functions related to the administration of the department and some of the major functions are as follows

#### **01.5.1.1 Activities related to personal files**

- Maintaining and updating the personal files of all the officers of the department
- Granting salary increments
- Providing recommendations for granting property loans of officers.
- Registration of widows and orphans pension scheme.
- Insurance activities regarding the public officers
- Training activities

#### **01.5.1.2 Transportation**

- Repairing of vehicles
- Servicing of vehicles
- Engaging vehicles for office duties
- Vehicle insurance
- Checking of running charts of vehicles
- Checking the fuel consumption
- Obtaining Revenue Licenses
- Providing fuel for vehicles

#### **01.5.1.3 Establishment Affairs**

- Creating new posts for the Department
- Supervision of arrivals and departures of officers
- Performing duties regarding the leaves of officers
- Issuing of Railway warrants
- Obtaining and approval of vouchers for overtime.
- Obtaining and approval of vouchers for travelling expenses
- Performing official duties pertaining to overseas leave obtained by officers
- Official duties for granting maternity leave for female officers
- Confirmation in the service at the completion of their probationary period of officers recruited to the post of Development Officers
- Formulation of a Scheme of Promotion for the post of Assistant Editor of the Buddhist Encyclopedia
- Conducting Efficiency Bar examination for minor staff.
- Official matters regarding computer type setting.
- Providing allowances to officers for the period of visiting foreign countries for official duties that they are in abroad.
- Training of staff, directing them for courses and conducting workshops
- All duties regarding the settlement of water, electricity and telephone bills.
- All duties pertaining to the tapal.
- All administrative functions pertaining to the officers of the Department.

- All establishment matters including recruitments, formulating of scheme of recruitment, updating the changes in the staff, preparation of Parliamentary reports, Cabinet Memorandums etc.
- Duties pertaining to the discipline of officers
- Approval of distress loans and property loans
  
- All activities regarding the transfers and attachments of the officers.
- Activities related to the Agrahara Insurance
  
- Negotiation with other institutions regarding administrative matters
- Building Maintenance and repairing and maintenance of all equipment including telephones, computers, photocopiers, fax machines and air conditioners (including Mahanayake Charikaramaya, Kandy Regional Office and Ratnapura Regional Office, Kurunegala Regional Office).
- Conducting meetings of Staff Officers, Heads of the division
- Conducting Management Meetings of District Buddhist Affairs Coordinating Officers and their related matters.
- Maintaining public administration circulars and all other circulars and directing to related activities.
- Directing officers for the activities related to election duties
- Preparation of office identity cards.
- Providing uniforms for minor staff.
- Delegating of key duties.
- Restructuring the staff

### **01.5.2 MEDIA AND INFORMATION DIVISION**

Although the Media and Information Division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs was established on 14th February 2015, the Information Division has rendered its services to the Department throughout the last 07 years

The main function of the Media and Information Division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs is,

1. Providing media coverage and publicity with respect to the various programs of the department,
2. The preparation of various information and statistics belonging to the Department, collecting, and up-dating them. Preparing of such information systematically and releasing them to the Government and Private sectors are also carried out by this Division.

The functions carried out by this Division are as follows.

#### **01.5.2.1 Updating website and information system and Training Programmes**

The Information Management data base has been established in 2013 with the assistance of Information Technology division of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and cultural Affairs. It is presently at the final stage. Depending on the proper entering data to the information management data system. A role to be carried out with an analysis of information spread as follows.

Information Management Data System (MIS)	The sect- party in which the temple belongs
	Number of residing Bikkus
	Number of Samanera and Upasampada Bikkus
	Educational background of Bikkus
	Information of Bikkus according to the age
	Dasasil Arama Information
	Information about the Dasasilmatha
	Dhamma School
	Information for Dhamma school teachers
	Dhamma school student information
	Grants given for the temples up to now ( From Central Government/ Provincial Council/ Others)

It is possible to obtain detailed information under various units. The regular updating of this information is carried out by the information division. The continuous training was conducted through online methods regarding the updating of this information system.

#### **01.5.2.2 Maintaining departmental Facebook having updated**

This is to make the public awareness of the various trainings and programs of the department

#### **01.5.2.3 Maintaining and updating a YouTube channel under the name of Department.**

The important videos and programmes related to the department from time to time are broadcast to the public by making aware through this channel having organized by the department.

#### **01.5.2.4 Media activities**

Providing media publicity for various programmes carried out by the Department, supplying information to the media, organizing media discussions, taking photographs of programmes and giving them to the required persons and institutions , preserving photographs and also issuing of well-wishing messages of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs.

#### **01.5.2.5 Daily newspapers reports**

Providing assistance for taking necessary legal action regarding various reports revealed by daily newspapers, and obtaining reports from various parties for the confirmation of such reports.

Specially taking action regarding reports and photographs which are defamatory to Buddhism, making aware and providing reports to the Maha Nayaka Theros and informed about various allegations, insults made to temples and Bhikkus.

#### **01.5.2.6 Online Operations**

The organizing meetings (MS office-Team) related to the online system for various meetings/discussions organized by the department and actions are taken to obtain various information online systems (MS Form).

Issuing messages and information for WhatsApp Group, DBA – GOV.lk, DBA.DIS.lk, Sect./chapter Rev. Registrars Group, Shasanarshaka Mandala Executive Council.

The messages, requests and services received at dba.gov.lk@gmail.com are promptly forwarded to the relevant division and updated. (24 hours active service)

#### **01.5.2.7 Website**

The website of the department (www.dba.gov.lk) was updated and the system was installed in the service area of the Sri Lanka Information Agency Technology Institute (LGC) in this year. The relevant information can be downloaded from the website of the Department of Buddhist Affairs.

### **01.5.3 Vihara Dewalagam Division**

The main functions of the Vihara Dewalagam Division have been organized under 03 main streams. Such as ,

- (a) Vihara Dewalagam Activities
- (b) Bhikkhu registration proceedings
- (c) Legal and judicial affairs.

#### **(a) Vihara Dewalagam Activities**

- Performing the duties related to the management of the property of places of worship assigned according to the Buddhist Temporalities Act No. 19 of 1931.
- Appointment of Guardians of places of worship
- Acknowledgment of Chief incumbent
- Registration of temples.

#### **(b) Bhikkhu registration proceedings**

- Registration of new Samaneras and Upasampada declarations.
- Issuance of disrobing certificates
- Issuance of certified copies of registered Samanera/Upasampada declarations.
- Making necessary amendments in the registered Samanera/Upasampada Declaration Forms.
- Issuance of Bikku identity cards.
- Conducting training programs for new Samanera and upasampada Bikkus

#### **(c) Legal and Judicial Affairs**

- Obtaining the Attorney General's assistance in court proceedings where the department, heads of departments or an officer is named as a party, prepare the necessary documents and reports and appear in the court.
- Maintaining case files.
- Obtaining legal advices.
- Submission of observations on property rights of the places of worship
- Checking tax bills.
- Conducting activities related to the preparation of amendments to laws, regulations and other legal documents.

#### **01.5.3.1 Registration of Buddhist Temples**

The application for temple registration is issued by the department while registration of temples, it should be completed by the Chief Incumbent of the temple and submitted through the Buddhist Affairs Coordinator / Development Officer of the respective Divisional Secretariat with a summary of the report regarding the registration as a temple having recommendation of the divisional Secretary and the secretary of relevant Divisional Sasarakshaka Balamandala with a letter confirming the Nikaya chapter of the temple should be submitted from the most Venerable Mahanayake Thero of the chapter in which the temple belonged.

After obtaining the approval of places of worship Division of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Culture and Religious Affairs for the temples started after 10.09.2008, the application for registration of the above temples should be submitted with the letter confirming the ownership of the temples. Upon the submission the relevant documents, A certificate of registration for the temple will be issued with the signature of the Commissioner General of Buddhist affairs.

#### **01.5.3.2 Affairs for the acceptance of Chief Incumbent**

In case of the name change of the Chief Incumbent after the registration of a temple, for example, in the event of the passed away of the former Chief Incumbent, when the post of Chief Incumbent is transferred to another name, the Chief Incumbent will be appointed by the Most Venerable Mahanayake Thero and notified of the acceptance of the post of Chief Incumbent with a letter is issued by appointed chief incumbent to the Most Venerable Mahanayake Thero with the copies of Divisional Secretary, Divisional Buddhist Affairs Office .

#### **01.5.3.3 Appointments of trustees of temples and Devalas under the administration of Vihara Devalagam ordinance 4 (1) and appointment of Basnayake Nilames including Diyawadana Nilame of the Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Tooth)**

The Diyawadana Nilame of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Tooth) is appointed under Section 7 of the Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931. His term of office is 10 years. According to section 8 of the said ordinance, Basnayake Nilame to be appointed and his term of office is 05 years. His Excellency the President has the power to extend the term of office twice yearly after the expiration of his term of office. Meanwhile, after the end of the term of office, the election is held and persons are selected for the post of Diyawadana Nilame and Basnayake Nilame.

While appointing a trustee of a temple, appointments are made under Section 10 of the Temporalities Ordinance where the Chief Incumbent of the temple makes the appointment for a period of five years after submitting the nomination for the post of Trustee and the Chief Incumbent of the temple shall also be appointed for the post of Trustee.

Security should be deposited in the Department of Buddhist Affairs for post of the above Diyawadana Nilame, Basnayake Nilame and the post of trustee. 5% of the total revenue head of the relevant bi-annual budget reports for the nearest year of the relevant place of worship should be deposited as security.

#### **01.5.3.4 Bringing the Estimated Budget and bi-Annual Budget of the place of worship administered under Section 4 (1) of the Temporalities ordinance and Preparation of Asset documents of place of worship of trustee and forwarded them for the audit.**

The Diyawadana Nilame, the Basnayake Nilame and the trustee of the relevant place of worship should prepare and submit estimated budget to the Department for approval the relevant budget report for the coming year and it has been forwarded by the Department to the places of worship administrated by Section 4 (1) of the Temporalities Ordinance. And also the bi-annual budget reports including the actual revenue and expenditure of the year should be submitted to the department every six months.

Assets registers are prepared by the department including information regarding the properties of the place of worship and a copy of the same is handed over to the department and to the Diyawadana Nilame, Basnayake Nilame and the trustee of the relevant place of worship. Through preparing of such asset register, handing over of goods, files etc. to the persons who appointed to those posts it can be done in a transparent manner.

Conducting audits of the place of worship of the Trust will carry out to prevent irregularities and ability to be made aware of the instructions and actions to be taken for maintaining the administrative and financial affairs of the place of worship in a transparent manner.

#### **01.5.3.5 Supervision of the banking of donations at places of worship controlled under the Section 4 (1) of the Vihara Devalagam ordinance.**

Departmental officers are participated in supervising the calculation and banking of donations at revenue earning places of worship governed under the Section 4 (1) of the Vihara Devalagam Ordinance. The purpose of this is to make the calculations and banking of the donations in a systematic and transparent manner and a copy of the cash revenue reports of the donations is also filed in the department.

#### **01.5.3.6 Leasing of lands belonging to places of worship.**

Leasing of lands belonging to places of worship is made in accordance with the Section 29 of the Vihara Devalagam Ordinance. In case of the lease application issued by the Department of Buddhist Affairs should be completed and submitted to the department along with a copy of the plan of the leased land and the identity card copy of the lessee. Accordingly, the leasing proceeding is carried out according to the recommendations of the Divisional Secretary's report, the report of the Valuation Department and the reports of other relevant agencies. The lease deeds are prepared with the approval of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs. The lease amount is revised every five years according to the prevailing prices in the area.

#### **01.5.3.7 Appearing in the court on behalf of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs.**

While a case is pending in the court regarding matters related to the registration of a place of worship, the post of Chief Incumbent, land etc., for the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs will appear before the respective court.

#### **01.5.3.8 Other functions**

- I. Amendments to the post of Chief incumbent.
- II. Bank deposits which are belonged to passed away monks, release for development activities in the relevant temples.
- III. Granting approval for felling down and selling trees in the lands belonged to temples and devala.
- IV. Giving recommendations for Pooja deeds.
- V. Transferring of vehicles of passed away Bhikkus.
- VI. Notice that the privately purchased property by the Bhikkus is not belonged to Sanga on relevant request.
- VII. Granting recommendation for Aranya Senasana maintained lands belonged to the Forest Department.
- VIII. Giving recommendation for gem mining licenses.
- IX. Duties related to the release of compensation money deposited in the Public Trustee Department for the development activities of the relevant places of worship and those lands belonged to the places of worship.
- X. Interest on various trusts deposited in the Public Trustee Department can be released for the administrative and development activities of the same place of worship.

### 01.5.3.9 Progress for the year 2022 (General Administrative Activities)

Serial No	Duties to be performed	Number
1	Registration of Temples	183
2	Acceptance of letters of appointment of Incumbent	337
3	Abolition of the post of Incumbent	27
4	Revision of the post of Incumbent	14
5	Inquiries on confirmation from the most venerable Maha Nayaka Thero regarding the position of Incumbent	98
6	Sectarian Amendments	15
7	Obtaining reports regarding new places of worship	33
8	Submission of information to Ministry of Buddhasashana regarding new places of worship	21
9	Solving problems regarding new places of worship	25
10	Giving evidences by appearing in the court regarding ownership of the places of worship	17
11	Giving recommendations with respect to the places of worship	24
12	Giving recommendations regarding the granting of Pooja Deeds	13
13	Granting Licenses of Aranya Senasana	02
14	Granting letters with respect to the ownership	07
15	Issuance of confirmation letters for the residence	04
16	Leasing of properties belonged to the places of worship and related duties (obtaining divisional secretary reports, valuation reports and including the preparation of tax bills)	114
17	Obtaining Estimated Budget Reports	53
18	Obtaining of bi-annual budget documents	35
19	Taking Legal Proceedings regarding the Accounts of passed away Bikkus	213
20	Transferring Vehicles of passed away Bikkus	28
21	Giving approval for cutting trees belonged to the places of worship	23
22	Granting permission to use the place of worship lands for government development works	06
23	Holding elections to appoint Basnayaka Nilame	11
24	Holding special meetings for solving problems	04
25	Necessary steps to be taken in respect of issues and allegations submitted by various parties	166
26	Obtaining instructions and advices from the most venerable Maha Nayaka Thero	72
27	Providing information to other legal entities	28
28	Providing information requested from other institutions related to Act.	123
29	Necessary steps to be taken regarding letters forwarded by the President's office	62
30	Taking actions in respect of letters received from the Prime Minister's Office	72
31	Giving recommendations to the land registrars related to registration of deeds	09
32	Granting advices to the places of worship or regional offices regarding audit reports	22
33	Releasing trustee security bond	01
34	Deposit of Security Bond	11
35	Forwarding letters to the regional offices	695
36	Obtaining Divisional Secretary Reports	129
37	Miscellaneous letters	211
38	The total balance of compensation amount that released	Rs. 58,545,245.00
39	The total balance temple accounts that released	Rs. 38,426,496.00

### 01.5.3.10 Future Goals

#### (a) Management of the property of place of worship

- Identification of lands belonged to the place of worship
- Conducting surveying of lands and assisting in the preparation of documents for the Ownership of the place of worship.
- Lands which held and possessed illegally, granted on leases legally
- Updating official documents
- Utilization of unused and non-productive land belonged to the places of worship for productive purposes.

#### Assets

- Registration of assets belonged to place of worship

#### (b) Preparation of regulations relating to the Temporalities Act

- Regulations relating to the updating of documents to be maintained by place of worship and to be submitted to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs.
- Regulations regarding the preparation of criteria relevant to the Section 4-1 of the Temporalities Act
- Regulations regarding the procedures to be followed in the selection of Basnayaka Nilame
- Regulations relating to determination of tax amount in the lease of property of the place of worship
- Regulations regarding the regular staff to be kept by the place of worship and their qualification and regulation of salary scales.

#### (c) Awareness programs and training programs

- make aware the duties related to the Temporalities Act for the in charge of the places of worship, officers on duty and the lawyers.

(d) Obtaining necessary assistance for the places of worship through the Legal Aid Commission, there are no assets for legal matters.

(e) Improvement of Bhikkhu registration data system and management data system.

### **01.5.4 Registration Division of Bhikkus**

In accordance with the section 41 in the Vihara Dewalagam Ordinance No. 19 of 1931, actions have been taken to register the samanera Upasampada Bhikkus and maintained those registers.

#### **01.5.4.1 Performance Report related to the main functions from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022**

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| • Number of Samanera Bhikkus registered                        | - 3286  |
| • Number of Upasampada Bhikkus registered                      | - 1831  |
| • Number of registered certificates revised                    | - 476   |
| • Number of copies of Samanera, Upasampada certificates issued | - 19536 |
| • Number of dis-robing certificates issued                     | - 1890  |
| • Number of Bhikku identity cards issued                       | - 154   |

#### **01.5.4.2 Performance Report related to the special programmes from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022**

##### **(ආ) Computerization of Samanera and Upasampada documents and information**

According to the temporalities Ordinance bearing No. 19 of 1931, all Bhikkus who enter to the clergy and become ordination must be registered in the Department of Buddhist Affairs. Since this Ordinance becomes enforce up to now (31.12.2022) Samanera documents of 116286 and 59685 Upasampada documents have been registered.

According to the Act, it is the responsibility of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs to provide a copy of the Certificate of Registration upon request made after having charged the required the fee. A large number of people request copies of their Certificate daily and as they do not know the registration number of their Certificate, they have to find the registration number in the Register of Samanera and Upasampada which is being regularly updated by the Department of Buddhist Affairs. Since this is a very tedious and time consuming task, computer software has been developed and a database has been prepared to computerize all these documents and information using modern technological devices so that it can be done very easily. The database contains information and documents of 46204 Upasampada monks and 79267 samanera bikkus as at 31.12.2022 have been entered in to the data base.

Copies of Samanera and Upasampada Certificates were issued by the Regional Offices of the Department in Ratnapura, Kandy and Kurunegala using this method. This has enabled to any person does not come to the Department of Buddhist Affairs from difficult areas and can do their work in a convenient place.

#### **01.5.4.3 Training programs for the development of attitudes of new Samanera and Upasampada Bhikkus**

A district level training programme was started in 2017 and is being continued up to now as per the instructions of the Most Venerable Mahanayake Thero and Scholarly Thero for new samanera and Bhikkus in sri lanka with the assistance of Ministry of Buddhasasana and Department of Buddhist Affairs with the aim of impart the knowledge, understanding and discipline required at the early age of the Samanera and Bhikkus for the perpetuation and prosperity of the Sambuddha Sasana. This programme is implemented for achieving following objectives.

- Provide the basic knowledge and practical training required presently for the success of their religious practices and their clerical life of samanera in Sri Lanka
- Training on performing religious duties of Samanera and developing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the Bhikkus

To achieve these goals of the Samanera Bhikkus

- Personality development (presenting, accepting challenges, developing resilience and patience, avoiding bashfulness)
- Identify the abilities and skills
- Create the ability to work collectively
- Familiarization with Sasana rituals
- Respect for others and opinions of others
- Developing of basic knowledge of Tripitaka
- Basic understanding about Pali, Sanskrit and English languages
- Developing skills of preaching, singing and chanting
- Basic understanding on meditation

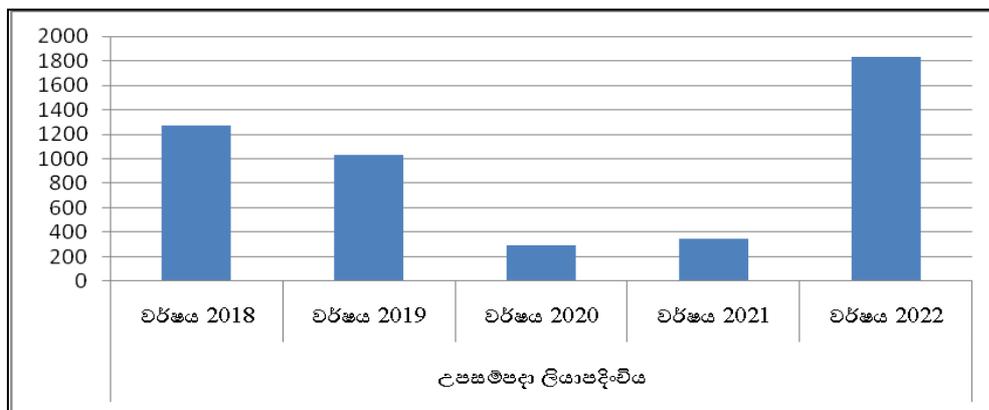
This training program is conducted with the focus on aforesaid matters

This program is conducted as a residential training. The training is granted through lectures and practical activities conducted by the learned Bikkus on a daily schedule.

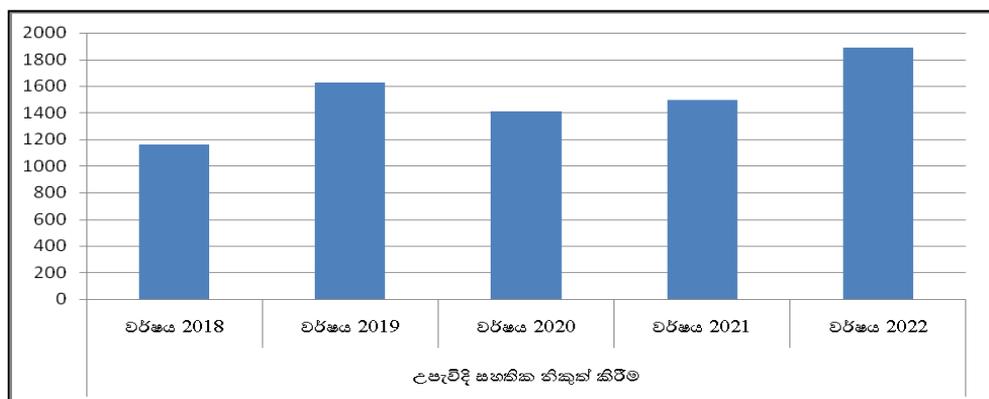
In the year 2022, 05 training programs for samanera monks and 03 programs for upasampada monks were organized to hold 08 programs centered in Pannipitiya Devaram Maha Viharaya but due to the present situation in the country, only 04 programs were conducted for upasampada monks. The details of those programs are given below.

**01.5.4.4** Information (progress) regarding the training programs required for the development of attitudes of new samanera and upasampada Bikkus from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022.

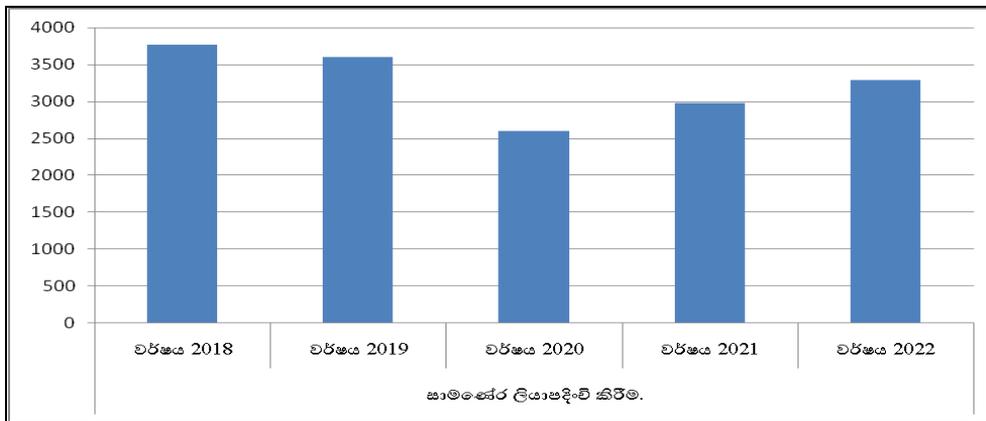
Number of days that the programme held	Place where the programme held	Number of participants to the programme	Expenditure (Rs.)
From 2022-02-05 to 2022-02-13	Devram Mahaviharaya Pannipitiya	40	Rs. 154875.00
From 2022-03-20 to 2022-03-27	Devram Mahaviharaya Pannipitiya	41	Rs..158500.00
From 2022-06-18 to 2022-06-24	Devram Mahaviharaya Pannipitiya	64	Rs..191000.00
From 2022-12-11 to 2022-12-18	Devram Mahaviharaya Pannipitiya	70	Rs..230000.00



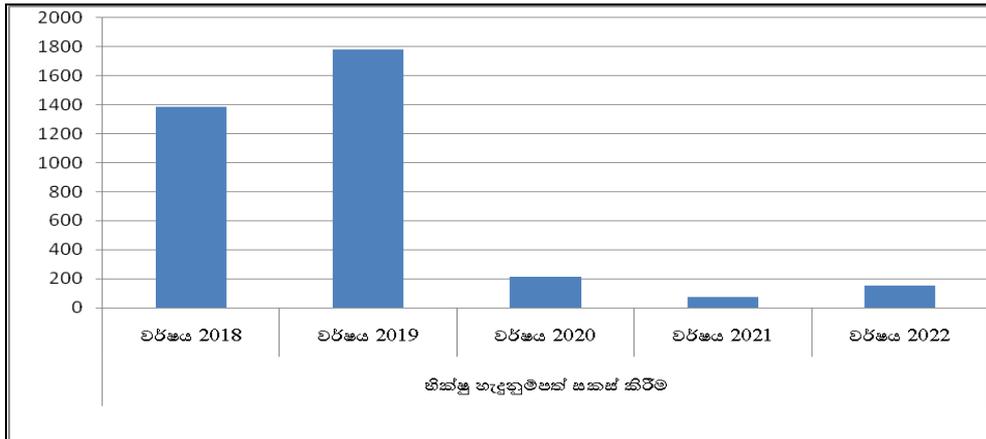
**Registration of Upasampada Year 2018, year 2019, year 2020, year 2021, year 2022**



**Issuance of disrobing certificates**



**Registration of Samanera**



**Preparation of Identity cards for Bikkus**

## 05 Future Targets

- Conducting training programs together with the University Grants Commission for Bikkus who qualify for university admission.
- Entering all Samanera and Upasampada certificates currently registered to the data base about Samanera and Upasampada Bhikkhus.

## 01.05.5 Legal Division

### 01.05.5.1 Progress of case files

Matter	Initiation of case files										Total
	Before 15.08.2014	From 15.08.2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Number of cases pending at the date 30.12.2022	40	5	8	8	8	16	27	16	16	15	159
Number of cases completed on 30.12.2022	54	1	12	8	11	14	8	2	8	3	121
<b>Total</b>	94	6	20	16	19	30	35	18	24	18	280

The progress of the cases cannot be stated in relation to only one year and from 2006 up to now, decrees have not been granted against the Department of Buddhist Affairs in the cases filed against the Hon. Minister of Buddhasasana, Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs and other officials of the Department of Buddhist Affairs named as defendants or respondents. 121 out of 280 cases filed have been concluded by releasing or settlement concluding the acquittal of the respondent or defendant. The risk of granting decrees against the Department of Buddhist Affairs has been mitigated by submitting correct facts to the courts although these cases are terminated, the case files have to be updated again on appeal to the higher courts against the judgments.

### 01.5.5.2 Proceedings in cases on the instructions of the Attorney General's Department

Serial Number	Task
1	Initiation and maintenance of files related to cases
2	Collection of subject files related to cases
3	Collection of relevant documents
4	Document Photocopying
5	Proxy filing
6	Preparation and submission of affidavits
7	Study the subject files and prepare and present the case observations
8	Preparation of evidence List
9	Appearance in the Court while required for cases
10	Obtaining Copies of exam notes and schedules related to the cases
11	Submission of required documents while having notified by the Attorney General's Department
12	attended for Legal consultation

### 01.5.5.3 Providing observations for files forwarded by various divisions and regional offices of the Department of Buddhist Affairs and progress of other activities.

Serial Number	Task	Number of Submissions	Number of Answers/observations	Progress (%)
1	Providing observations for the files sent from other divisions of the Department	114	103	90.3
1.1	Observations on Property belonged to the places of worship	45	41	91.1
1.2	Tax Draft Inspection	38	32	84.2
1.3	Other	31	29	93.5
2	Providing observations for the files sent by regional offices	12	12	100
3	Providing observations on Acts.			100
4	Preparation of project plans			100
5	Maintenance of case files			100

## **01.5.6 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**

### **01.5.6.1 Role of Development and Progress Division**

#### **(a) Coordination of National and Religious Festivals**

- Contributing to the state Vesak festival
- Contributing to the State Poson Festival
- State Katina Festival
- Conducting sermons and religious programs on Independence Day for the National Independence Day
- Assistance for the cremation
- Payment of travelling allowances to expected upasampada Bikkus during upasampada ceremonies
- Organizing the Sanghamitta Guna Samaru Festival
- Providing support for the organizing of special events held for the most venerable Mahanayake Theros.

#### **(b) Organizing activities for Shasana**

- Assisting and facilitating for the organization of All Island Sasanarakshaka Mandala activities
- Coordinating local and district Sasanarakshaka Mandala
- Assist and facilitate for the organizing , Coordination of District Silmatha and National Board meetings
- Coordination and facilitation of briefing tripartite Mandala
- Coordination of Sri Maha Bodhi Development Fund and Gold fence Conservation Fund
- Coordinating of the activities of Buddhist Encyclopedia
- Providing facilities to sect/chapter headquarters

#### **(c) Development Activities for Shasana**

- Registration and issuance of disrobing certificates of Silmatha
- Preparation of Silmata Identity cards.
- Registration of Silmata Arama
- Registration of Temples and Silmata Arama contributory council
- Granting recommendations for the registration of performance societies
- Registration of temple Shasanarakshaka Mandala
- Providing all-rounding assistance (*Siwpasa*) to arduous temples
- Preparation of standards regarding Atapirikara Preparation and taking steps to register shops
- Implementation of the project to computerize and upload the proposed Buddhist Encyclopedia to the internet.

#### **d) Infrastructure development activities**

- Providing facilities for underdeveloped Dhamma schools ( providing Dhamma school buildings and equipment)
- Giving recommendations for Mihindu Sevana project
- Providing equipment for Shashanarakshaka Mandala
- Carrying out physical development activities in Silmatha training institutes
- Purchase of books under subscription.

#### **(e) Training programs**

- Conducting training programs called “Kusalassa Upasampada” for new Samanera and upasampada Bikkus.
- Conducting training programs for incumbents
- Conducting training programs for Hon. Chairman of Divisional Shashanarakshaka Mandala and Registrar Bikkus .
- Conducting training programs at Mulatiyana Piyadasa Ratnayake Memorial Silmatha Training Institute
- Conducting training programs at Anuradhapura Silmatha Training Institute
- Conducting training programs at Silmata Training Institute, Kelaniya
- Conducting Island wide Silmatha training programs called "Anjalikarani".

#### **01.5.6.2 Contributing to the State Vesak Festival**

The State Vesak festival could not be held with the public participation as planned due to the Covid-19 pandemic situation across the country in 2020 and 2021. However, in the year 2022, Vesak full moon day programs were held centering in the historical Kuragala Rajamaha Viharaya, Balangoda



### 01.5.6.3 Conducting Posen festival under sponsorship of the State

The annual state Posen Festival was held centered Mihintala Raja Maha Viharaya. The Posen State Festival of the year 2022 was held under the patronage of the most venerable Mahanayake, Anunayake Theros and contribution of this department has been granted for this purpose.

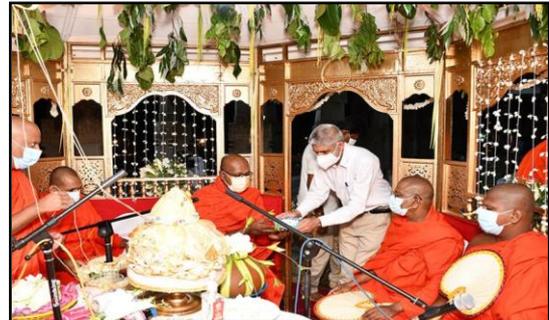


### 01.5.6.4 Pirith Chanting and religious observances held for the National Independence Day

The Pirith Pinkama and the Sangha Dakshina are also held on the 2nd of February in every year at the Independence Square premises for the benefit of the community and the Sangha Dakshina on the following day. According to the instructions of Trinikaika Maha Nayaka Theros, Organizational activities are made by changing Nikayathraya in every year. In the year 2022 too, the Pirithrana Dhamma Preaching was conducted with a minimum of community participation.

Among the interfaith observances held in the morning session on National Independence Day, Buddhist ceremonies are organized having centered at one temple. Accordingly, the religious observances of the Independence Day of the year 2022 were held in the morning of the 4th of February at the Narahenpita Abhayaramaya.

In line with the 74th National Independence Day, The amount of 1.2 million rupees spent for the Pirith Chanting at the Independent



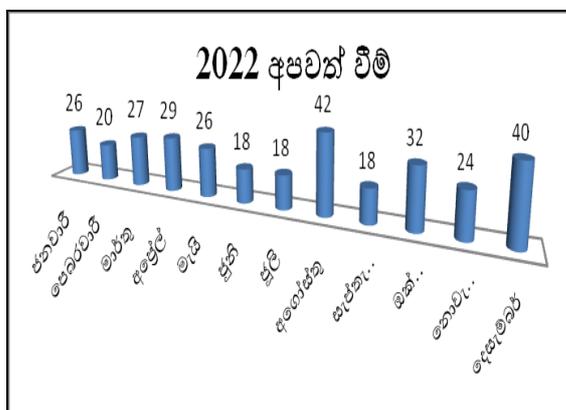
### 01.5.6.3 Cremation ceremonies

The cremation ceremonies of the passed away Mahanayake Theras are conducted with full state honors and leading Nayaka Theras with the state sponsorship and provisions for the local Bhikkus granted funds for the cremation ceremonies which were held and the provisions granted from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022 are as follows.

Serial No	Month	Number of Bikkus passed away	Total Provision Granted
01	January	26	252,500.00
02	February	20	757,500.00
03	March	27	240,000.00
04	April	29	285,500.00
05	May	26	280,000.00
06	June	18	215,000.00
07	July	18	170,000.00
08	August	42	390,000.00
09	September	18	192,500.00
10	October	32	307,500.00
11	November	24	247,500.00
12	December	40	257,500.00
	Total		3,595,500.00

### Passing away – 2022

(January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sep., Oct., Nov., December)



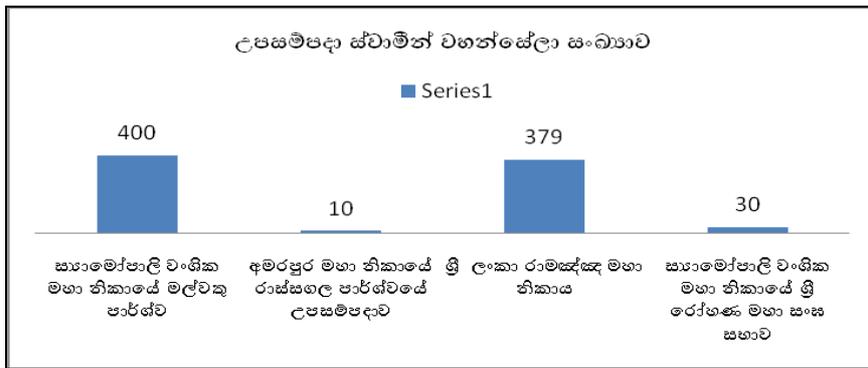
### 01.5.6.6 Upasampada festival

The presence of righteous monks is essential for the furtherance of the Shasana. The provisions of rupees 3000 are granted for all monks by the Department of Buddhist Affairs under the contribution of government for upasampada festivals conducted by all Nikaya chapters organized under this programme. Provisions granted under this in the year 2022 are as follows.

Serial No	Nikaya Chapter	Number of monks that the Upasampada to be expected	Provisions allocated (Rs.)
01.	Shyamopali Wanshika Maha Nikaya Malwathu Chapter	400	1200,000.00
02.	Amarapura Maha Nikaya of Rassagala chapter Upasampadawa	10	30,000.00
03.	Sri Lanka Ramanghaya Maha Nikaya	379	1,137,000.00
04.	Sri Rohana Maha Sanga Sabhawa of Shyamopali Wanshika Maha Nikaya	30	90,000.00
	Total	819	2,457,000.00

**Number of Upasampada Bhikkus**

- 01. Shyamopali Wanshika Maha Nikaya Malwathu Chapter,
- 02. Amarapura Maha Nikaya of Rassagala chapter Upasampadawa
- 03. Sri Lanka Ramanghaya Maha Nikaya
- 04. Sri Rohana Maha Sanga Sabhawa of Shyamopali Wanshika Maha Nikaya



**01.5.6.7 Chanting of Jaya Pirith -2022**

According to the concept of His Excellency the President, in accordance with the theme "Blessings of the Triple Gem for a Prosperous New Year", the Jaya Pirith Chanting festival was held on January 26, 2022 at the Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall premises with the participation of thousands of Hon. Maha Sanghas.

The amount of 591,475.00 Rupees was spent for the traveling expenses and other facilities for the Bikkus who travelled for the Jaya Pirith Chanting.



### 01.5.6.8 Special Ceremony for awarding of Credentials held for the Mahanayake Theros

Fourth Supreme Mahanayake of Sri Lanka Amarapura Maha Nikaya, Mahanayake of Amarapura Sri Kalyanivansa Maha Nikaya, Amarapura Ganapamokkhacharya, Kalyanivansa Keerthi Sri Vangeesa Vansalankara Vipassana Kammattanacharya, Aggamaha Pandita, the most venerable Dompahala Chandrasiri Thero . Awarding of Credentials Ceremony on 14.01.2022 at Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference held in the hall premises.

The awarding of credentials to the most venerable Aggamahapandit Makulewe Sri Wimala Thero, who became the 14th Maha Nayaka of the Sri Lankan Ramanya Sect, was held on 07.05.2022 with the participation of President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa at Freedom Square, Colombo 07.



### 01.5.6.9 Activities organized for Shasana

The Sponsorship of the government is provided to proceed the Buddha Sasana having organized strongly with the uplift and furtherance of the Buddha Sasana throughout the island. The objective is to create a spiritually occupied society through strong Buddhist leadership.

#### 01.5.6.9.1 Implementation of Sasanarakshaka Mandalas ( Boards )

Facilities for the implementation of the All Island Shasanarakshaka Mandalas are provided by the Department of Buddhist Affairs, all Island Shasanarakshaka Mandalas are incorporated under the Act, No. 16 of 2014 for the welfare and promotion of the Buddha Sasana and the development of the Bhikku Society. And holding of all island and divisional Shasanarakshaka Board elections, executive council meetings and payment of stationery and travelling expenses for the divisional Shasanarakshaka Board registrars in the island wide. Expenditure incurred for the year 2022 is as follows.

Meeting	Expenditure incurred ( Rs.)
All Island Shasanarakshaka Mandala General Meetings and Executive Council Meetings (for travelling expenses and other facilities)	561,860.00
Stationery, postage and traveling expenses to the Di.Sha.Ma. Registrar Monks 15000x326	4,890,000.00
Stationery, postage and traveling expenses to the District Sha.Ma Registrar Monks 7500x24	180,000.00
Stationery, postage and traveling expenses to the All Island Sha.Ma. Registrar Monks	25,000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>5,656,860.00</b>

In addition to this, the provision for office equipment including computers for the Buddhist Affairs Coordinators of the Divisional Secretariats is also made under the provisions of the Department for facilitating the activities of the Sasanarakshaka Mandala. Details of Provisions granted for the year 2022 are as follows

District	Divisional Secretariat	Amount
Ratnapura	Kalthota	210,450.00

#### 01.5.6.9.2 Implementation of the Boards of Silmatha

Silmatha registration activities are being carried out according to the report of the Presidential Commission on Buddhasasana in the year 2002 and Silmatha Boards are held at the national, district and divisional level . 02 all island National Board Meetings and 02 District Silmatha Board Meetings were held to implement these Silmatha Boards in the year 2022. Accordingly, the amount spent in the year 2022 for the implementation of Silmatha Boards is 849,500.00 rupees.



#### 01.5.6.9.3 Maintenance of Nikaya (sect.) Head offices

An allowance will be granted to the offices taking into consideration of the number of the temples administered under each Nikaya (sect.) to maintain the offices of the Nikaya head offices. An allowance of rupees 20,000 per each month, the amount of rupees 240,000.00 has been granted in two occasions as office assistant and driver allowance under this purpose. Following expenses for the year 2022 incurred as follows.

Nikaya Chapter	Amount granted (Rs.)
Malwathu chapter of the SiyamNikaya	240,000.00
Asgiriya chapter	240,000.00
Sri Lanka Amarapura Maha Nikaya	240,000.00
Sri Lanka Ramaghgha Maha Nikaya	240,000.00
Sri Lanka Kotte Kalyani Samagri Sangha Sabha	240,000.00
Total	1,200,000.00

#### **01.5.6.10 Updating the Buddhist Encyclopedia**

The Buddhist Encyclopedia is the basic Buddhist book that clarifies the main concepts of all subjects related to the Buddhism.

Accordingly, the Editorial process of this book is to write and include articles explaining Buddhist philosophical and cultural values of community, books, concepts as well as places of archaeological value belonging to all the Buddhist traditions of Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana. It needs to be updated timely and should continue to develop the book in line with the development of Buddhism in the world. The main objective of this is to grant an understanding of the basic matters required by any scholar in the world who is involved in a study or research related to Buddhism.

Apart from this, this book will help to have a better understanding of any concept of Buddhism for a scholar who is interested in Buddhism and presently 08 volumes of books had been completed and it is expected to increase unto 12 books of that volume.

For the year 2022, the provision for the Buddhist Encyclopaedia is Rs. 6.33 million. Since the chief editor's salary payment, the deputy editor's salary payment and the books for sale at Buddhajayanthi Bookstore and Vayangoda Bookstore were finished, the total cost including printing of 500 books of 4th volume and 500 books of 6th volume of the Buddhist encyclopedia was 6,036,812.00 rupees.

#### **01.5.6.11 Updating the Buddhist Encyclopedia and uploading it to the Internet**

This is being made to expand the Buddhist knowledge for the international Buddhist community. presently, the task of preparing the index volume is in the final stage and the necessary arrangements have been made to print the index volume as a book at the end of this year. In addition to this, in accordance with the letter sent to the Director of the Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Agency to obtain observations and recommendations regarding the uploading Buddhist encyclopedia to the Internet and their recommendations and criteria have been submitted by the agency regarding how the project should be implemented.

Since this department does not have knowledgeable IT officers to carry out this project, it has been suggested to the Ministry that it is appropriate to appoint a committee on how to carry out the project and proceed according to the recommendations of the committee.

#### **01.5.6.12 Mahanayake Charikaramaya**

The Mahanayake Charikaramaya at Wijayarama Mawatha in Colombo has been reserved to accommodate the Maha Nayaka Theras when they visit to the capital for their duties. The estimated cost of the development is rupees 16.308 million. The repairing work is being made by the Sri Lanka Navy and due to the additional tasks identified during the renovation and the higher price of market value of the goods; these renovation tasks have not been completed.

An estimate of 76.41 million has been submitted by Sri Lanka Navy for Charakarama building, for the year 2022, the amount of Rs. 6,500,000.00 has been allocated for the vote of Mahanayaka Charikaramaya and the expenditure for the repairing activities is 6,499,661.65 rupees in the year 2022.

### **01.5.6.13 Infrastructure development activities**

#### **01.5.6.13.1 Mihindu Niwahana Housing Project**

“The pooja offered to parents who don’t have a house under the theme of “Hitha Niwana Gatha Niwahana Hitha Niwanaknethi” the recommendation of applications for the program carried out under building a house for the parents of Buddhist monks which was started in the year 2020. The 531 applications have been received to the department up to 31.09.2022 and forwarded them to the Ministry of Housing.

#### **The Development of Silmatha Training Institute**

The three Silmatha Training Institutes have been maintained by the Department of Buddhist Affairs to strengthen the Sil Matha Organizations established under the patronage of the Mahanayake Theras to achieve women's liberation in the Buddhist community of Sri Lanka.

#### **01.5.6.14.1 Mulatiyana Silmata Training Institute**

An amount of 4,390,468.29 rupees was spent for the short-term and long-term courses conducted for 30 Silmathas.



#### **01.5.6.14.2 Silmata Training Institute, Kelaniya.**

Actions have been taken to do minor renovations of the roof of the three-storied building



#### **01.5.6.14.3 Anuradhapura Silmata Training Institute**

The installation of the multi-media projector with the screen and the construction of the safety fence and the first stage of the construction of the almsgiving hall have been completed.



### 01.5.6.15 Providing Buddhist art and Buddhist writing aids

Payments for processions and ceremonies on compliments to protect Buddhist cultural heritage will also be made as a tribute to scholars. Payments for the year 2022 are as follows.

Payments for Buddhist arts	processions /ceremonies	District Secretariat	Divisional Secretariat	Allocated amount Rs.
1.	Historical Raigampura Olabodua Navam Maha Perahera Festival - Olaboduwa Sri Jayawardana Ramaraja Maha Viharaya, Olaboduwa-Horana.	Kalutara	Horana	12,500.00

### 01.5.6.16 Granting Buddhist Aids

Serial No.	Name of the book	Author	The amount incurred for the purchase (Rs.)
1	Buddhist Public Administration Principles and Usage	Vajira Narampanawa	9,600.00
2	“Nivan Maga Helikarana Samanera Pana samaga Devena Sitha Nivana Maga”	Hon. Wekada Badra Silmatha	5600.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>15,200.00</b>

### 01.5.6.17 Granting all round support (Siwpassa ) to the places of worship

Ten bags of dry ration worth 5,000.00 are provided by the Coordinator of Buddhist Affairs for the 10 temples which were hard to provide additional facilities in the Divisional Secretariat, Colombo of the Colombo District.



### 01.5.6.18 Development of underdeveloped Dhamma schools in line with state Vesak festival

In line with the state Vesak festival, aids for Dhamma school buildings and equipment are annually provided for the development of underdeveloped Dhamma schools. Accordingly, for the year 2022, building and equipment aids have been provided for selected Dhamma schools in Sabaragamuwa province.

### 01.5.6.19 Dhamma school development projects in Ratnapura district in line with State Vesak festival 2022 and provisions granted.

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretary's division	Project	Provisions Rs. Million
01	Ratnapura	Balangoda	Vijanatkumbura Sri Dharmashoka Dhamma School Building Renovation ,Rassagala	0.5
02	Ratnapura	Balangoda	completed the work of Sri Rahula Dhamma School Building, Talakolahinna, Mawela.	0.5
03	Ratnapura	Balangoda	Development of sanitary facilities of Rajawaka Somananda Dhamma School, Balangoda,	0.5
04	Ratnapura	Balangoda	Reconstruction of Sri Ratanananda Dhamma School Building (Preaching Hall ), Mahawalathenna, Teladiriya,	0.5
05	Ratnapura	Weligepola	Completion of work of the building of Sri Vijayabodhi Dhamma School, Buluwela, Ranwala.	0.5
06	Ratnapura	Weligepola	Construction of toilet system at Sri Sumanarama Dhamma School, Delwalakanda, Rangwala,	0.5
07	Ratnapura	Weligepola	Construction of toilet system of Sri Sugathananda Dhamma School ,Ranwala	0.5
08	Ratnapura	Weligepola	Preparation of toilet system of Sri Dharmavijaya Dhamma School, Panana, Medagama.	0.5
09	Ratnapura	Kaltota	Development of sanitary facilities at No. 01 Sri Ghanissara Dhamma School ,Welipatha, Balangoda	0.5
10	Ratnapura	Kaltota	Development of sanitary facilities at Sri Saddhananda Dhamma School, Diyavinna, Handagiriya, Balangoda.	0.5
11	Ratnapura	Kaltota	Development of sanitary facilities of Sri Sudharmodaya Dhamma School Kalthota , Balangoda.	0.5
12	Ratnapura	Kaltota	Development of sanitary facilities of Sri Narada Dhamma School ,Molamure,Balangoda.	0.5
<b>Total</b>				<b>6.0</b>



**01.5.6.20 providing aids for the development of underdeveloped Dhamma schools-2022**  
 Dhamma school development projects selected for aids in 2021 but not allocated, allocated Dhamma school development projects in 2022.

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretary's Division	Project	Allocated amount Rs. Million
01	Puttalam	Karuwalagaswewa	Providing Dhamma school equipment of Rahula Dhamma School at Siri Mangalarama temple, Neliwewa	0.25
02	Puttalam	Karuwalagaswewa	Providing Dhamma school equipment for Mayurawansa Dhamma School Bodhirukkarama Temple, Nelumwewa	0.25
03	Ratnapura	Ayagama	Building renovation of Sri Sobhitha Dhamma School, Gangarama Temple	0.5
	Nuwaraeliya	Kothmale	Construction of toilet system of No- 02, Sri Sugatha Dhamma School ,Halgolla	0.5
05	Kalutara	Matugama	Construction of building of Sri Seelavisuddhi Dhamma School, Sri Vivekarama Temple, Yatudola	0.5
	Anuradhapura	Province E.Nu.	Development of sanitary facilities at Viharamahadevi Monastery Dhamma School	0.5
07	Anuradhapura	Galenbidunuwewa	Construction of toilet system in Sri Subodha Dhamma School, Valenagama, Aliwanguwa, Upuldeniya.	0.5
08	Kandy	Patadumbara	Construction of toilet system at Sri Mahinda Dhamma School, Sri Priyadarshanarama Viharastha, Gunnapana , Napana.	0.5
09	Kalutara	Panadura	Building construction work of Siri Siddhartha Dhamma school , Siddhattharama Temple, Galthude Panadura.	0.5
<b>Total</b>				<b>4.0</b>



### 01.5.6.22 Training programs

#### 01.5.6.22.1 “Anjalikarani” silmatha training

A great task is being carried out by Silmathas for the uplift and perpetuation of Buddhism in the Sri Lankan Buddhist society. At present Silmatha lineage that has grown up and further confirming the accuracy of that matter. Even though, it has become a matter to think whether the courage and assistance from the society is sufficient for the Silmatha to carry out their religious mission. Therefore, nearly 3000 nuns living in various provinces of Sri Lanka are performing with good faith in Buddhism, but it is essential to provide them with government assistance to further develop their knowledge and academic cognition of Buddhism in the right way.

Accordingly, two programs were held at the Silmata Training Institute, Kelaniya, for the practical training and make aware the silmathas about their dharma communication, theological knowledge of Dharma, religious practices, spiritual development, counseling and maintaining relationship with lay-priests and granting related practical training.

The amount of 0.55 million rupees was spent for the two training programs including the required facilities and travel expenses of silmatha. Nearly 100 nuns participated in this programme . In addition, a total of two days residential workshop was conducted for nearly 75 nuns at New Sanghamittarama in Anuradhapura. The amount of nearly Rs. three lakhs has been spent for this purpose.



Medical clinic and two-day residential workshop held at New Sanghamittaramaya, Anuradhapura





### **01.5.6.23 Registrations of Development Division in the year 2022**

- Number of Silmatha - 284
- Disrobing ( Silmatha ) - 10
- Number of Silmatha Arama - 14
- Number of contributory council of the temple - 21
- Number of Contributory council of Arama - 03

### **01.5.7 Dhamma Schools Division**

In accordance with the concept of American Henry Steel Olcott, the first Dhamma School was started at Sri Vijayananda Temple ,Weliwatta, Galle on August 3, 1895. The Buddhist Dhamma school education that started in this manner, spread throughout the island at the beginning of the twentieth century and presently there are 10,320 Buddhist Dhamma schools running in the island and 2,153,050 students are studying Dhamma in those Dhamma schools. 126,090 teachers are granting their services voluntarily for this purpose.

"The purpose of Dhamma school education is to produce a group of virtuous children who have a correct understanding of themselves and the surrounding environment based on Buddhism, those who behave in accordance with the understanding and gain the outcome of such behavior."

To achieve this noble goal, the Dhamma school education is conducted by the Dhamma school division and programs are implemented under 4 main areas to achieve said goal.

1. Dhamma school student development
2. Development of Dhamma school teachers
3. Dhamma school management
4. Other programs

The following programs are implemented under these areas.

#### **1. Student development of Dhamma School**

- i. Printing and distribution of Dhamma school textbooks
- ii. Conducting Dhamma School Examination, Grades 6-10
- iii. Conducting student skills programs at divisional, district and all island level

#### **2. Development of Dhamma school teachers**

1. Providing Dhamma school teacher allowances
2. Providing Dhamma school uniforms
3. Conducting Dhamma School Teacher Certificate Examination
4. Conducting Dhaham Sarasaviya Diploma Course
5. Conducting Dhamma School teaching skill development training workshops
6. Awarding the post of Justice of the Peace

### **3. Daham school management and development**

1. Collection of annual teacher student information
2. Dhamma School Day Celebration
3. Preparation of Dhamma school teacher Identity cards
4. Registration of Dhamma schools
5. Implementation of Dhamma School Flag Week

### **4. Other programs**

- I. Translation of the Tripitaka into Simple Sinhala
- II. Buddhajayanti Bookstore

### **01.5.7.1 Student Development of Dhamma Schools**

#### **(i) Printing and Editing of Dhamma School text books**

With the objective of improving Dhamma school education which is very essential for the creation of a virtuous society, so that editing printing and distribution of Dhamma school text books are carried out by Dhamma School Division.

After printing those books of the government press and to be distributed to Veyangoda warehouse after handing over to the stores of the Dhamma school books, books are directly distributed to the Divisional Shasanarakshaka Mandala.

3,953,300 textbooks were printed in the year 2021, 50% out of the text books were distributed for the year 2022. The remaining 50% of the textbooks are being distributed in the year 2023. For the year 2022, the provision for textbook printing was not allocated and The amount of Rs. 6 million was taken for the distribution of textbooks, the distribution of Dhamma school books has been started up to now.

Total number of Districts	= 22
Number of Divisional Sasanarakshaka Mandals	= 280
Number of Dhamma schools	= 8000
Total number of books distributed	= 1868896

#### **(ii) Conducting Dhamma school examinations for grades 6-10**

This Grade Examination is held at the end of November every year with the objective of testing the knowledge of Dhamma of the children who are learning in all the Dhamma Schools all over Sri Lanka.

Although 1067946 candidates for 10262 centers are scheduled to sit for the examination in the year 2020, the examination could not be held due to the closure of Dhamma schools because of the COVID 19 pandemic. The grade examination for the year 2021 was held on April 24, 2022. The granting certificates for said exam have been completed up to now. The amount of Rs. 22 million had been allocated for the year 2022 for the Dhamma school grade examination and due to its insufficiency, another Rs. 17.7 million was taken over. By the end of 2022, all the money has been spent.

Arrangements are being made to hold the Dhamma School Grade Examination- (2022) on March 26, 2023 at the end of the third school term of the government schools.

### **(iii) Conducting student competency program at divisional, district and all island level**

The student skills evaluation program is conducted annually in order to create a generation of virtuous children for the development of the knowledge of Dhamma school students and to grant them the opportunity to apply the teachings of Buddhism in practice.

It was not possible to hold the evaluation program for the year 2022 due to the economic, fuel crisis and related practical problems as well as the Covid pandemic situation arisen in the island in the years 2020 and 2021.

Arrangements are being made to hold the program at the end of the year for the year 2023.

#### **01.5.7.2 Development of Dhamma school teachers**

##### **(i) Granting Dhamma school Teacher allowances**

Since in the year 2006, every teacher completed the age of 18 years who has completed a continuous year of service in the Dhamma School teaching service and to be encouraged and praised to the Dhamma School teaching service, has been granted a library allowance since 2006.

The library allowance of Rs. 2,000.00 given since 2006 for Dhamma school teachers and the monthly Rs. 200.00 each Dhahan Diriya allowance has been added together and Rs. 5,000.00 will be given annually as an allowance for a teacher from 2017.

For the year 2022, Even Rs.5,000.00 each should be granted, but based on the existing provision, an allowance for a teacher of Rs.3,300.00 each has been given to 11,1614 teachers of 10,279 Dhamma schools in 323 divisional Shasanarakshaka Mandala. The total number of provisions given is Rs. 368,326,200.00. The provision allocated under the expenditure vote of providing facilities for Dhamma school teachers was used for this purpose.

##### **(ii) Granting Dhamma school Uniforms**

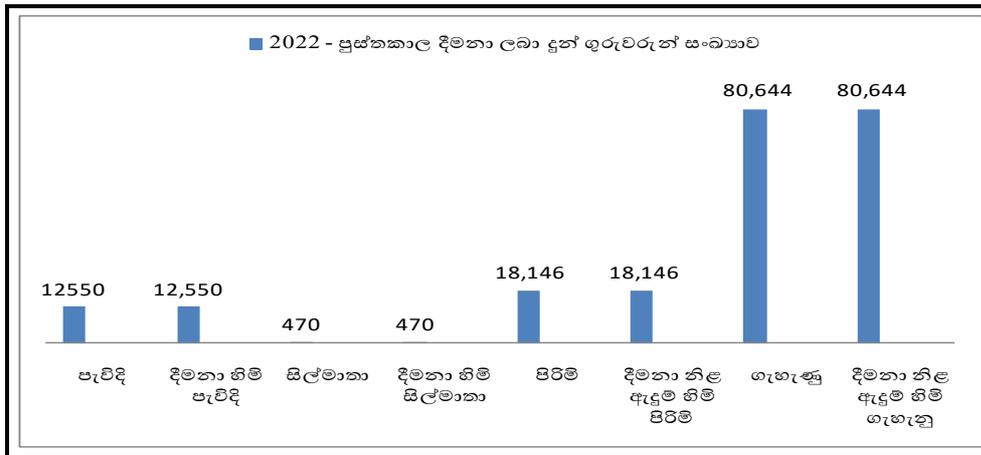
Since in the year 2004, every teacher completed the age of 18 years who has completed a continuous year of service in the Dhamma School teaching service and to be encouraged and praised to the Dhamma School teaching service, has been granted a uniform.

Every teacher has a good attitude about receiving a uniform. 98,790 teachers have qualified to receive uniforms for the year 2022. Among these teachers, uniforms were granted to 50,489 and the amounts of Rs. 1,700.00 per male teacher and Rs. 2,500.00 per female teacher were awarded for the 48,301 teachers. For this purpose, the provision of Rs 107,372,500.00 was allocated to the divisional secretariats. The provisions allocated under the expenditure vote of providing facilities for Dhamma school teachers were used for this task.

The amount of Rs. 2,500.00 uniform allowance to be proposed to grant from the year 2023 but Sufficient Provisions have not been received.

**Number of teachers that the library allowances granted -2022**

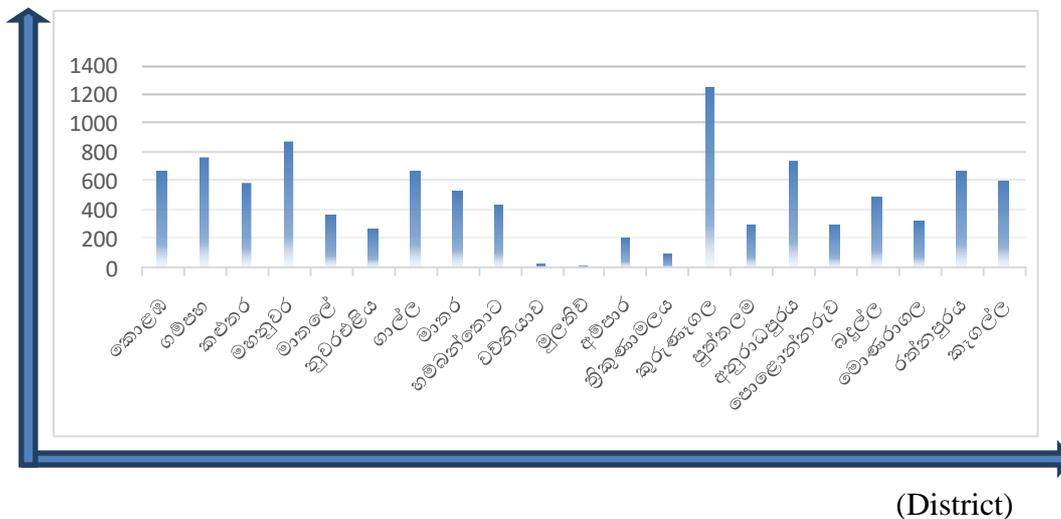
Bhikkus, Bhikkus entitled to allowance, Silmatha, Male, Male entitled to uniform allowance, Female, Female entitled to uniform allowance



**Number of Dhamma Schools -10320**

Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Nuwaraeliya, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu, Ampara, Trincomalee, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Badulla, Monaragala, Ratnapura, Kegalle

District Level 2022



**(iii) Conducting Dhamma School Teachers Certificate examination**

There are a number of primary objectives for conducting the Dhamma School Teacher Certificate Examination, which is unique to Dhamma School teachers and has a higher response for the teachers, enhancing the educational qualifications of Dhamma schools teachers who are now in service, appreciating the services of teachers and further development of the knowledge and motivating them to the higher education, creating social recognition for Dhamma school teachers and thereby getting the people to appreciate their services and fulfilling basic qualifications of Dhamma school Teachers in the service.

The Dhamma School Teacher Certificate Examination scheduled to be held on June 18, 2022 was not held due to the prevailing economic crisis and related practical problems in the island as per the instructions of the all island Shasanarakshaka Mandala Ceylon and arrangements are being made to hold the Teacher Certificate Examination on June 17, 2023.

#### (iv) Dhaham Sarasavi Diploma Program

Dhaham sarasaviya diploma course is conducted under the supervision of 19 District Secretariats with the collaboration of the Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka and the University of Sri Jayawardenepura with a view to develop the knowledge and skills of Dhamma School Teachers. So far, over 10,000 teachers have become as diploma holders, and the course has now been upgraded to an advanced diploma course.

For the year 2022, two million rupees had been allocated at the beginning of the year and as a result of the amount was not enough to run the program, the amount of another 6.5 million rupees was taken at the end of the year. The provision of Rs. 6.2 million has been allocated to the district secretariats and divisional secretariat for the payment of preaching fees and center expenses of the Dhaham Sarasaviya program.

The certificate awarding ceremony in 2018/2019 for 1544 Dhamma school teachers in the course conducted with the Buddhist and Pali University is planned to be held in January 2023.

The first year, second semester of the course 2021/2022 was started and to be held with the Jayawardenepura University from 01/10/2022.

#### (v) Conducting Dhamma school teacher skill development training workshops

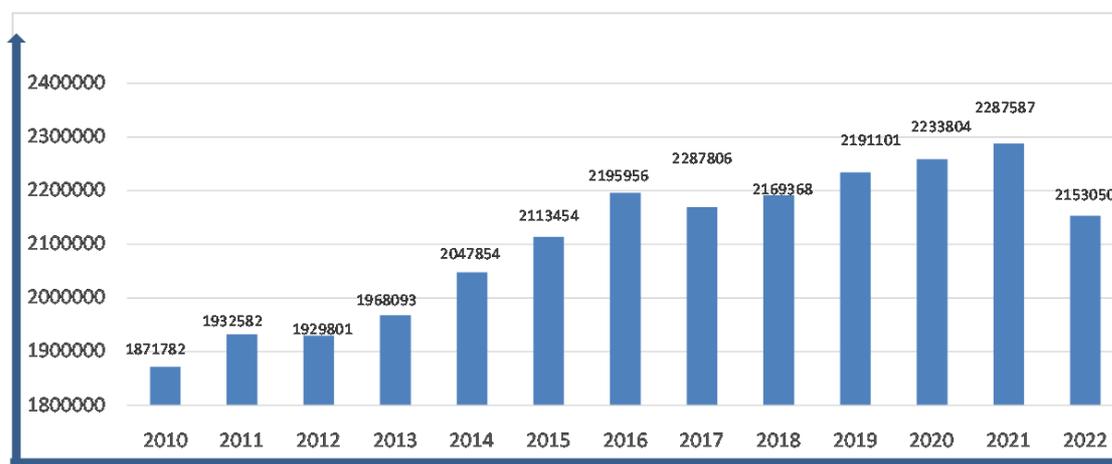
Voluntarily, various programs are implemented by various parties to train Dhamma school teachers, and there is a need to carry out these programs formally and under a regulation according to a specific method. Training programs are being conducted under 04 modules by the preparation of teacher training pool with the resource persons and established a teacher training pool. Arrangements are being made to hold its first program in the year 2023.

### 01.5.3.2 Management and Development of Dhamma Schools

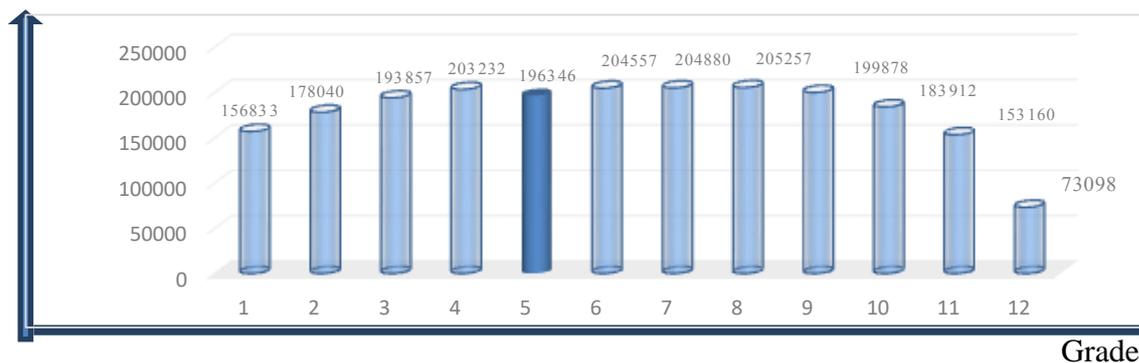
#### (i) Collection of annual teacher student information

This program is conducted to obtain information for policy decision and the preparation of the goals of the development of Dhamma School teachers. According to the information of 2022, 10297 Dhamma schools are in active level out of registered Dhamma schools and 126090 teachers are in Dhamma school teaching service and 2,153,050 students are studying them.

#### The Growth of number of students of Dhamma schools



The number of students in 10320 Dhamma schools in 21 districts is 2,153,050 in the year 2022.



### Number of Dhamma school teachers in Sri Lanka

Number of Teachers



Year

#### **(ii) Commemoration of Dhamma Schools Day**

The first Dhamma School which has been established in Sri Lanka was Vijayananda Dhamma school at Weliwatta, Galle. It was established on 03rd August 1895 and accordingly, Dhamma School Commemoration programme is held on 03rd of August in every year.

All arrangements have been made to hold the 127th Dhamma School Day celebrations on August 03, in the year 2022 but it was not possible to perform due to the prevailing Covid 19 pandemic situation and practical issues related to the economic crises in the country.

#### **(iii) Preparation of identity cards for Dhamma school teachers**

This Identity Card is issued to the Dhamma School Teachers who have completed one year of continuous service of the dhamma school teaching service and rendering Dhamma School Education voluntarily.

1500 applications have been received for the year 2022 and actions are being taken to prepare new identity cards from the provisions allocated.

#### **(iv) Registration of Dhamma schools**

All Buddhist Dhamma schools established with the aim of creating a virtuous society has been registered by the Dhamma School Division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs. The registered Dhamma schools to be given the opportunity to join the programs conducted by this department, and will be provided benefits as giving textbooks and uniforms for the

teachers and granting allowances etc. Presently, the number of registered Dhamma schools is 11150.

#### **(v) Implementation of Sunday School Flag Week**

The primary objective of this project is to obtain financial support for the task carried out by the all island Shasanarakshaka Mandala for the perpetuation of Buddhasasana and the welfare of Dhamma school teachers as well as students. Accordingly, the sale of Dhamma school flags is considered as the main source of income of the all island Shasanarakshaka Mandala. It is implemented with the concurrent of Dhamma school day.

Many projects are implemented such as Dhamma Guru Suvasavaya programme offers financial assistance of Rs. one lakh for kidney, liver, cancer and heart disease surgeries of Dhamma school teachers, providing bursaries for Education of GG.C.E.A/L, temple to village program which is implemented at the time of emergency, Buduputh Parent Tribute Housing Project to build or develop a house for the low-income parents who don't have a suitable house and offered a child to the Shasana.

Due to the economic crisis in the country, it was not possible to implement the Dhamma School Flag Week in the year 2022.

### **4. Other Programmes**

#### **(i) Translation of Tripitaka Books into simple Sinhala**

The complete Tripitaka Pali Dhamma written in Pali language books has been translated into Sinhala by the Books Editorial Board at the request of the Buddhist community on the occasion of the completion of 2500 years (used year 1956) with the Parinirvana of Sri Sambuddha and 57 books have been printed under the name of the Buddha Jayanthi Tripitaka series.

In 1993, it was decided to rewrite the Sinhala translation of the first Buddha Jayanthi Tripitaka series into simple Sinhala language to make it easier for Sinhala readers to read and understand these translations and the summarized Tripitaka Books editorial board has been established in consist of the most ven. Maha Nayaka Theros. Presently 32 out of aforesaid 57 books, translation of 27 books have been completed.

Tripitaka books compiled by the board as established are printed by the government press and popularized among the community.

The provision of 3 million rupees was allocated for this purpose in the year 2022 and by the end of the year; all these provisions have been completed.

#### **(ii) Buddha Jayanthi Book Shop**

The Buddha Jayanthi Bookshop performed under the Department of Buddhist Affairs to provide a large number of unique Dhamma books at the cost of printing which will be greatly helpful for the development of the Dhamma knowledge of the Public. Concise Sinhala Tripitakas and Buddhist encyclopedias, many Buddhist commentary books in Sinhala and English are available for sale here. Presently, there are 37 books related to Tripitaka, 21 Buddhist encyclopedias (English), 04 Sinhala Buddhist Commentaries and Magazines 12 English Buddhist Commentaries and Magazines available for sale.

A sum of sale of books Rs. 16,026,153.00 has been received up to the month of December 2022.

## **1.5.8 Internal Audit Division**

This section provides an independent certification on risk management, good governance and internal control systems of the head office divisions of the Department of Buddhist Affairs and its regional offices and places of worship governed by Section 4 (1) of the Vihara Dewalagam ordinance No. 19 of 1931 and makes advisory functions and conducts audits of those places of worship and provides guidelines for those places of worship.

### **1. Main functions**

- Carrying out audit activities of all places of worship coming under Section 4 (1) of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931.
- Carrying out audit activities of the Department of Buddhist Affairs
- Conducting committee meetings of Management and Audit
- Assisting to strengthen the internal control system
- Assisting to make good accounts and financial Management
- Assisting to certify good resource Usage
- Assisting to fulfill performance targets

#### **01.5.8.2 Internal Audit Plan**

After preparing and approving the internal audit plan before 31st January of every year and performs accordingly.

#### **01.5.8.3 Future Goals**

The internal audit plan for the year 2023 has been approved before January 31 and the schedule of the audits planned for the year 2023 is as follows.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of audit reports to be planned to carry out</b>
Audits related to administrative and financial activities of places of worship	23
Audits in the department	06
Audits of Regional offices /Silmatha Training centers	03
Other investigations	-
Management Committee Meeting (Quarterly)	04
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>

#### **01.5.8.4 Special Achievements (Challenges)**

In the first quarter of 2022, the Covid Pandemic and the year-long economic difficulties existed in the country throughout the year as well as the strict financial control of the government it can be presented as an achievement of the internal audit division that it has been recorded as 97% progress by carrying out audit tasks in accordance with the audit plan.

#### **01.5.8.5 Progress**

According to the audit plan for the year 2022, audits were conducted under the following items and its progress can be summarized and presented as follows.

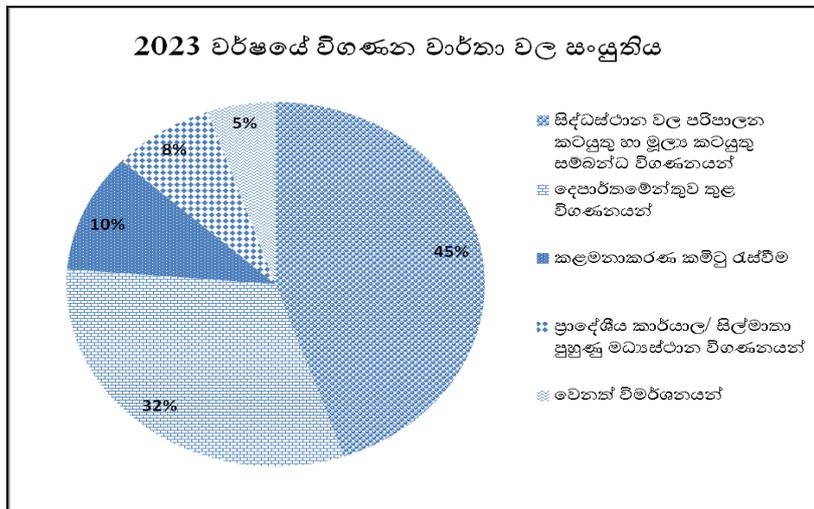
<b>Item</b>	<b>Number of audit reports to be planned to carry out</b>	<b>Number of Audit reports carried out</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Audits related to administrative and financial activities of	17	17	<b>100%</b>

places of worship			
Audits in the department	13	12	93%
Audits of Regional offices /Silmatha Training centers	03	03	100%
Other investigations	02	02	100%
Management Committee Meeting (Quarterly)	04	04	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>97%</b>

Even the audit of the organizing of various festivals and meetings was included in the internal audit plan due to the existing situation in the country; there was no need to carry out the audit due to the festivals and meetings were not organized by the department .

\*\*\* Combination of Audit reports in the year 2023

- Audits related to administrative and financial activities of places of worship
- Audits in the department
- Audits of Regional offices /Silmatha Training centers
- Other investigations



**Audit reports submitted in the year 2022**

01. Small Kataragama Devalaya, Anamaduwa
02. Sri Maha Kataragama Devalaya
03. Sapparagamuwa Maha Saman Devalaya
04. Sri Dalanda Maligawa
05. Pothgul Rajamaha Viharaya
06. Sri Vishnu Devalaya, Devinuwara
07. Saman Devalaya, Boltumbe
08. Sri Paththini Devalaya ,Wilbawa
09. Kataragama Devalaya , Uggal Aluthnuwara
10. Sri Maha Natha Devalaya,Kandy
11. Sri Maha Devol Devalaya, Seenigama
12. Silmata Headquarters and Training Institute, Eriyawetia
13. Audit query on Maintenance of Official Reserve Vehicles (Report 2)
14. Audit report regarding New Sanghamitta Aramaya, Anuradhapura
15. Audit Report on Rajamaha Viharaya, Kiriwehera
16. Audit Report of Mulatiyana Piyadasa Ratnayake Memorial Silmatha Training Institute
17. Audit on departmental building maintenance work
18. Deposits of security of public officers
19. Audit report regarding petty cash
20. Audit of procurement regarding the purchases of capital goods of the Department (reports - 2)

21. Kuda Kataragama Devalaya , Kotabowa
22. Paththini Devalaya, Medagoda
23. The report regarding uniforms and library allowances of Dhamma school teachers
24. Audit of Annual board of Survey and disposal (Reports- 2)
25. Rajamaha Viharaya ,Palamadulla
26. Rajamaha Viharaya , Adams peak
27. Audit of the progress of the underdeveloped Dhamma schools that the provisions in the first quarter provided in Ratnapura district with the concurrent of State Vesak festival 2022.
28. Mahiyanganaya Rajamaha Vihara
29. Muthianganaya Rajamaha Vihara
30. Dambulla Rajamaha Temple

In addition to the above audits, the following tasks have been performed.

- Conducting 04 audit management committee meetings related to the year.
- The audit plan for the year 2023 has been approved.
- For supporting other activities organized by the department.

### **01.5.9 Buddhist affairs Regional Office - Kandy**

This office covers the duties of 92 places of worship and 2580 other places of worship including Temples and Dewalas controlled by Sections 4 (1) and 4 (2) of the Buddhist Temporalities Act, in the districts of Kandy, Matale, Kegalle and Nuwara Eliya including Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya, Mahiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya, and Mahiyangana Saman Dewalaya in the Badulla district. Further, development activities of temples implemented divisionally, activities in relation to the dhamma school students and teachers as well as Buddhist societies and large number of various programmes implemented divisionally by the Department for the spiritual development of the Buddhist community is fulfilled by this office with the cooperation of the Department.

#### **01.5.9.1 Main functions**

- Carrying out election activities in the appointments of Diyawadana Nilames and Basnayaka Nilames for Sri Dalada Maligawa, Sathara Maha Dewalayas and Dewalayas in rural areas.
- Appointment of trustee for temples and Dewalaya under administration
- Depositing and releasing of trustee security deposits
- Handing over of properties of places of worship to the trustees
- Leasing of lands belonged to temple and Dewala
- Maintaining the registers of the acquisition of traditional rights
- Taking and inspecting annual accounts reports and releasing of funds
- Taking action regarding temple disputes
- Assisting Sri Dalada Perahera, and Upasampada activities
- Participating and assisting Dhamma school ceremonies and other religious occasions.

#### **01.5.9.2 Future Goals**

1. The preparation for the program to inform the trustees of the places of worship regarding the lease files in which the lease agreement has terminated and maintained by this office.
2. The entering data was started to a computerized data system based on the Internet related to the tax on land of the places of worship at the end of 2022; around 80% of that task was completed. By the end of the first quarter of 2023, the completion of entering the data and keeping it up to date.
3. Actions are taken to facilitate the work of updating the files easily related to the revision of tax amount in every five years based on the updating of the above mentioned data system.
4. In accordance with the National Budget Circular No. 03/2022, this office has prepared a program to include several letters to be sent to other institutions in the same envelop and to be given on by hand related to nearby institutions and places of worship. Two letters are being typed on A4 paper to reduce stationery costs. Further a program has been prepared to reduce expenditure in this office.

5. Preparation of a report containing in all the information of each and every place of worship in relation to the 92 places of worship controlled by this office. The information of the report is expected to include photos of the place of worship, details of the trustee, accessed road, land owned by the place of worship, number of deeds on lease etc. A program is prepared to obtain the support to carry out the Shradana and development work in the places of worship with the less facilities with the participation of the officials of this office in the selected places of worship in the year 2023.

### **01.5.9.3 Social welfare and awareness programs**

1. By providing the report on the clarity obtained from the Divisional Secretary for leasing the place of worship land, the Grama Niladhari in charge of the division and the officers of the Land Division of the Divisional Secretariat are constantly informed that there are difficulties for identifying portion of the land proposed to be leased. Accordingly, preparing a program to provide information and inform the relevant parties about the land owned to the place of worship by contacting the trustees of the place of worship.

2. Conducting awareness programs with the assistance of resource persons to develop their attitudes targeting the students of selected Dhamma schools in the Kandy district.

3. Organizing of an environment cleaning program with the participation of officials of this office and other government officials after the Sri Pada pilgrimage season is over.

### **01.5.9.4 Special Challenges**

1. Due to the imbalance arising due to charging the same amount of tax for urban and rural land for granting lands as the residence, the possessors of the land are not presented to get the place of worship land on lease and those lands are not safe as well as becoming loss of revenue.

2. Even in the disposal of hereditary land, Actions could not be taken to notify the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs before the disposal of lands within one month but due to the lack of notification before the disposal of the land, the official land has been disposed from the place of worship and passed into the hands of other religionists.

3. The reminders are made constantly but the estimated budget reports and semi-annual budget reports of the place of worship are not given on time and actions couldn't be taken according to the provisions of the Act.

4. The information related to the land of the place of worship is in the custody of the trustees of the respective place of worship and only the information provided by them is available in this office. In the case of land leasing activities and land related problems, the necessary information should be obtained from the trustee and in some cases, receiving correct information from them is at a minimum level.

5. When providing the clearance report obtained from the Divisional Secretary in the lease of land of place of worship, the Grama Niladhari in charge of the division and other parties involved have difficulties for identifying the portion of the land proposed to be leased.

6. This office has a large number of subject files and the existing cupboards are not enough to store them safely and there is no enough space in the record room to keep old files that cannot be destroyed.

### **01.5.9.5 Progress**

Summary of general information related to the year 2023

• Number of lease applications issued	- 548
• Number of deeds on lease completed	- 282
• Number of letters that sent for the valuation	- 204
• Number of Field inspections	-32
• Number of office inspections	-43
• Confirmation Letters of incumbent	- 00
• Number of trustees that appointed	- 16

• Appointing Basnayake Nilame	- 06
• Delivery of goods	- 10
• Number of release - cash	- 43
• Tree cutting	- 122
• Shramadana	- 02
• Duties of contributory money	- 96
• Pending Cases	-19
• Cases completed by the 31.12.2022	- 02

### **1.5.10 Regional Office- Kurunegala**

The duties of 45 places of worship and 06 Devalayas including other places of worship are covered by this office governed under the Section 4 (1) of the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance.

#### **1.5.10.1 Main functions**

- Obtaining approved and semi-annual accounts and estimated budget estimates of places of worship
- Appointment of trustees to control the places of worship
- Lease on land belonging to temples and Devala
- Carrying out the necessary duties related to the properties of the late Bikkus, releasing the money in the bank accounts
- Obtaining approval for felling of trees of the lands in the places of worship
- Releasing funds available in Public Trustee Department for the development works
- Issuance of Samanera/Upasampada Certificates
- Granting approval for business activities conducted on the lands of places of worship
- Activities related to release of compensation of the lands in the places of worship acquired for Central Expressway
- Granting permission to acquire land of places of worship for government development tasks
- Attending Dhamma School Festivals and other religious events

#### **01.5.10.2 Future Goals**

1. Regularization of Estimated Budget
2. Regularization of informal land usage
3. Preparation of accurate records of goods belonging to places of worship and Preparation of accurate record of land
4. Preparation of books containing information of places of worship with historical value
5. Settlement of land-related issues as much as possible and regularization of lease-related activities
6. Correct the duties related to appointment of trustees

#### **01.5.10.3 Special Achievements (Challenges)**

1. Constant reminders are made but not providing the estimated budget reports and bi-annual budget reports of the places of worship on time and not being able to comply with the provisions of the Act in this regard.
2. Due to lack of sufficient office tables and chairs for the officers who perform their duties, moreover there are difficulties in performing their duties.
3. The incumbents who held the Viharadipathi posts of number of places of worship, passed away, there are problems for selecting the specific temple in the release of money in those bank accounts.
4. Updating the old tax files and actions to be taken to obtain money on tax to the temple.

#### **01.5.10.4 Progress**

- Number of appointments of trustees – 18
- Leasing of temple lands - 74
- Issuance of Samanera and Upasampada Certificates – 135
- Solving problems in temples - 06
- Releasing money of passed away Bikkus in temples - 07
- Field Investigations – 180

## **01.5.11 Regional Office of Buddhist Affairs –Ratnapura**

### **01.5.11.1 Introduction**

Ratnapura Regional office of the Department of Buddhist Affairs has been initiated with a staff consisting of four persons at the Sirivishuddharama Viharastanaya, Muwagama , Ratnapura on 11/10/1982. Thereafter, it was brought to the district secretariat complex,, Ratnapura where the Buddhist Affairs Regional office has presently been established on 15.06.1985. At present, twelve officers in the staff are serving here.

<u>Post</u>	<u>Number</u>
Assistant Commissioner (Temporary Acting)	01
Chief Management Service Officer	01
Development Officer	04
Management Service Officer	04
Office Assistant	01
Multipurpose assistant (driver)	01

The Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931 is being implemented in relation to the districts of Ratnapura, Monaragala and Badulla. Accordingly,

District	Places of worship governed under Section 4(1)	Places of worship governed under Section 4(2)
Ratnapura	20	574
Monaragala	11	373
Badulla	07	398
Total	<b>38</b>	<b>1345</b>

### **01.5.11.2. Main functions**

01.Assisting to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs to implement the powers vested in him under the Buddhist Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931 and by-laws.

02.Specially assisting for the control of lands, finance and assets of the places of worship existing under the section 4(1).

03.Taking necessary actions to protect the property belonging to the Bikku of the places of worship controlled under the section 4(2).

04.Development of places of worship in the district of Ratnapura, Monaragala and Badulla and giving guidance and cooperation required for the administration.

05.Developing by protecting the historical characters of the places of worship and giving correct guidance to protect historical heritages

06.Giving required facility to use the properties belonged to the places of worship with due management and making follow up.

07.Granted guidance and cooperation to protect religious and cultural items

### 01.5.11.3. Progress

Duties carried out by our office in the year 2022 are summarized as follows:

Serial No.	Duties	District			Total
		Ratnapura	Badulla	Monaragala	
01	Appointment of Trustees (Only the reference of relevant information to the Vihara Dewalagam Division)	No	01	01	02
02	Leasing of lands	40	62	58	160
03	Revising lease amounts	22	72	44	138
04	Issuing of licenses for felling trees and for transporting timber	66	No	58	124
05	Releasing of money in Bank accounts of Bhikkus who have passed away	08	07	04	19
06	Providing approval for granting of Pooja Deeds	No	No	No	00
07	Releasing of compensation and interests	No	No	02	02
08	Settlement of lands and other disputes in temples	44	04	12	60
09	Recommending the issuing of new licenses for gem mining				224
10	Recommending the extension of licenses given for gem mining				
11	Tax Revenue				Rs. 82 210 800.00
12	Timber Revenue				Rs.1 152 290.00
13	Contributory Revenue				Rs. 58 722 632.00
14	Release of Money				Rs. 1 101 240.00

The field investigations and office investigations conducted by this office were able to provide solutions for the disputes in the places of worship and special attention has been drawn to the defaults of tax and not paid the legal taxes for the lands belonged to the places of worship.

The supervision of counting and banking of donations in number of times in the year at the places of worships as Sapparagamu Maha Saman Devalaya, Ruhunu Maha Kataragama Devalaya, Kirivehera Raja Maha Viharaya, Sellakataragama Mahasen Rajamaha Viharaya governed under Section 4(1) of Vihara Devagalam Act, is carried out by the staff of this office.

### 01.5.11.4. Future goals

- To further improve the tasks carried out in 2022 by avoiding the shortcomings
- Providing required facilities to be given more effective and efficient service
- Actions are taken to identify the assets and properties of places of worship and take measures for their further protection.

## Chapter 02 – Progress and Future outlook

### 2.1 Projects implemented in 2022 and progress of the programmes

Serial No:	Programme/Project	Provisions received by the budget 2022 (Rs.M)	Physical Progress (%)	Financial Progress at 31.12.2022 (Rs.M)	Special Matters
1.	National Vesak Festival	1.00	0%	0.00	
2.	Operations of Silmata Training Institutes	5.3	100%	5.3	-
3.	Providing facilities to Silmata training institutes	0.5	80%	0.4	
4.	Implementation of Shashanarakshaka Mandala	8.3	67%	5.61	
5	Arts	0.05	100%	0.05	
6	Tributes to scholars	0.05	100%	0.05	
7	Purchase of publications by Buddhist authors	0.05	100%	0.05	
8	Sect headquarters driver Allowances	1.2	100%	1.2	
9	Dasasil Mata District and National Board Training	2.5	100%	2.5	
10	Cremation ceremony	12.37	60%	7.43	
11	Dasasilmata training programs	2	100%	2	
12	Providing facilities for Dhamma schools	34.2	62%	21.4	
13	Facilitation for Shashanarakshaka Mandala	0.8	26%	0.21	
14	training programs for Bhikkus	1.7	100%	1.7	
15	For additional facilities	0.2	100%	0.2	
16	Teacher Certificates	3.5	11%	0.4	Due to the economic crisis, the program was not implemented and only circulars were sent
17	Student Competency Index	28	1.42%	0.4	Due to the economic crisis, the program was not implemented and only circulars were sent
18	Sunday school grade exams	22	100%	22	
19	Dhamma University and Advanced Diploma	6.5	69%	4.5	
20	Tripitaka	3	100%	3	
21	Independence Day Pirit Pinkama and Buddhist rituals	1.2	100%	1.2	
22	Upasampada ceremonies	3.98	96%	3.85	

## 2.2 Future Targets

### Proposed Projects and programmes to be implemented in 2023

Serial No:	Programme	Expected provisions/targets as per the action plan – 2023 (Rs.M.)	Targets as per the future outlook - 2023
1.	National Vesak Festival	1.00	100%
2.	National Silmatha training programme	2.5	100%
3.	Trainin Buddhist Bikkus	1.5	100%
4.	National Independence Pirith Ceremony	0.7	100%
5.	Printing of Dhamma school text books	163	100%
6.	Ceremony of Dhamma School day	1	100%
7.	Student Skill National programme	28	100%
8.	Dhamma School Teachers Training	2	100%
9.	Allowances for Dhamma School Teachers	650	100%
10.	Dhamma school Teachers Certificates	4.00	100%
11.	Dhamma School Examination for Grades	80.00	100%
12.	Printing of Buddhist encyclopedia	5.00	100%
13.	Thripitaka Manifesto	3	100%



## Chapter 03

### Entire financial performance for the 31 December 2022

#### 3.1 Financial performance statement

				ACA-F	
<b>Statement of Financial Performance</b>					
<b>for the period ended 31st December 2022</b>					
Budget 2022		Note	Actual		
Rs.			2022 Rs.	2021 Rs.	
-	<b>Revenue Receipts</b>				
-	Income Tax	1			
-	Taxes on Domestic Goods & Services	2			} ACA-1
-	Taxes on International Trade	3			
-	Non Tax Revenue & Others	4			
-	<b>Total Revenue Receipts (A)</b>				
-	<b>Non Revenue Receipts</b>				
-	Treasury Imprests			605,003,000.00	ACA-3
-	Deposits			4,780,185.00	ACA-4
-	Advance Accounts			24,116,866.00	ACA-5
-	Other Main Ledger Receipts				
-	<b>Total Non Revenue Receipts (B)</b>			633,900,051.00	
-	<b>Total Revenue Receipts &amp; Non Revenue Receipts C = (A)+(B)</b>			633,900,051.00	
-	<b>Remittance to the Treasury (D)</b>			1,071,988.00	
-	<b>Net Revenue Receipts &amp; Non Revenue Receipts E = (C)-(D)</b>			632,828,063.00	
-	<b>Less: Expenditure</b>				
-	<b>Recurrent Expenditure</b>				
512,400,000.00	Wages, Salaries & Other Employment Benefits	5		446,383,447	} ACA-2(ii)
126,900,000.00	Other Goods & Services	6		87,085,511	
577,700,000.00	Subsidies, Grants and Transfers	7		864,712,077	
-	Interest Payments	8		0	
-	Other Recurrent Expenditure	9		0	
<u>1,217,000,000.00</u>	<b>Total Recurrent Expenditure (F)</b>			1,398,181,035	
	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>				
3,400,000.00	Rehabilitation & Improvement of Capital Assets	10		895,572	} ACA-2(ii)
11,600,000.00	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11		14,050,961	
44,000,000.00	Capital Transfers	12		52,283,745	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13		0	
500,000.00	Capacity Building	14		780,484	
-	Other Capital Expenditure	15		0	
<u>59,500,000.00</u>	<b>Total Capital Expenditure (G)</b>			68,010,762	
	Deposit Payments			5,148,553	ACA-4
	Advance Payments			28,045,173	ACA-5
	Other Main Ledger Payments			0	
	<b>Total Main Ledger Expenditure (H)</b>			33,193,726	
	<b>Total Expenditure I = (F+G+H)</b>			1,499,385,523	
	<b>Balance as at 31st December J = (E-I)</b>			(866,557,460)	
	<b>Balance as per the Imprest Reconciliation Statement</b>			(866,557,460)	ACA-7
	<b>Imprest Balance as at 31st December</b>			1,071,988	ACA-3
				0	

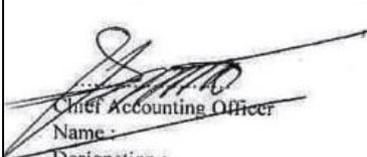
### 3.2 Statement of Financial Position

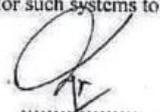
#### Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2022 ACA-P

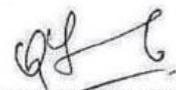
		ACA-P	
Statement of Financial Position As at 31st December 2022			
	Note	Actual	
		2022 Rs	2021 Rs
<b><u>Non Financial Assets</u></b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	209,098,947	179,675,989
<b><u>Financial Assets</u></b>			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	75,677,217	70,837,104
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	-	-
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>284,776,164</b>	<b>250,513,093</b>
<b><u>Net Assets / Equity</u></b>			
Net Worth to Treasury		74,293,106	70,772,104
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		209,098,947	179,675,979
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)		
<b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	1,384,111	65,000
Unsettled Imprest Balance	ACA-3	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>284,776,164</b>	<b>250,513,083</b>

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 4 to 50 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 51 to 84 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. The Financial Statements have been prepared in complying with the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles whereas most appropriate Accounting Policies are used as disclosed in the Notes to the Financial Statements and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

We hereby certify that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Reporting Entity and carried out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of internal control system for the financial control and accordingly make alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

  
 Chief Accounting Officer  
 Name :  
 Designation :  
 Date : 28/02/2023

  
 Accounting Officer  
 Name :  
 Designation :  
 Date : 28/02/2023

  
 Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/  
 Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)  
 Name :  
 Date : 27/02/2023

**Sunanda Kariyapperuma**  
 Commissioner General  
 Department of Buddhist Affairs  
 Dahampaya, No. 135,  
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Somarathne Vidanapathirana  
 Secretary  
 Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs  
 No. 135, "Dahampaya"  
 Srimath Anagarika Dharmapala Mwa,  
 Colombo - 07.



### 3.3 Cash flow Statement

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#### Cash flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Actual	
	2022 Rs.	2021 Rs
<b><u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u></b>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, penalties and license	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non-revenue receipts	28,912,026	25,445,172
Revenue Collected from the Other Heads	-	-
Imprest received	587,184,000	605,003,000
Advance Payments	25,577,848	24,107,249
Deposit Payments	4,067,801	4,780,185
<b>Total cash generated from Operations ( a )</b>	<b>645,741,675</b>	<b>659,335,606</b>
<b><u>Less – cash disbursed for :</u></b>		
Personal Emoluments & operating payments	552,537,952	488,743,634
Subsides & Transfer Payments	34,177,376	115,387,575
Expenditure on Other Heads	2,675,377	498,989
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	1,438,915	1,071,988
Advance Payments	30,809,521	28,045,173
Deposit Payments	2,748,690	5,148,553
<b>Total Cash disbursed for Operations ( b )</b>	<b>624,387,831</b>	<b>638,895,912</b>
<b>Net cash flow from operating activities ( c ) = ( a ) – ( b )</b>	<b>21,353,844</b>	<b>20,439,694</b>
<b><u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u></b>		
Interest	-	-

dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from on Lending	-	-
<b>Total cash generated from Investing Activities ( d )</b>	-	-
<b><u>Less – cash disbursed for:</u></b>		
Purchase or Construction of physical Assets & Acquisition of Other investment	21,353,844	20,439,694
<b>Total cash disbursed for Investing Activities ( e )</b>	<b>21,353,844</b>	<b>20,439,694</b>
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities ( f ) = ( d ) – ( e )</b>	<b>(21,353,844)</b>	<b>(20,439,694)</b>
<b>Net cash flows from operating &amp; Investment activities ( g ) = ( c ) + ( f )</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b><u>Cash Flows from Financial Activities</u></b>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants received	-	-
<b>Total Cash generated from Financial activities ( H )</b>	-	-
<b><u>Less – cash disbursed for :</u></b>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
<b>Total cash disbursed for Financing Activities ( I )</b>	-	-
<b>Net cash flow from financing activities ( H ) = ( J ) – ( I )</b>	-	-
<b>Net Movement in Cash ( k ) = ( g ) + ( j )</b>	-	-
<b>Opening Cash Balance as 01<sup>st</sup> January</b>	-	-
<b>Closing Cash balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	-	-

### 3.5 Performance of collecting revenue (Rs.000)

Revenue Code	Description of Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Original Estimate	Final Estimate	Amount	As a Percentage of Final Revenue ( % )
20.02.02.99	Interest-Other	2,500	2,500	3,020	121%
20.03.99.00	Sales and Fees - Other Receipts	700	700	4,529	647%

### 3.6 Performance of Utilization of Allocated Provisions (Rs.000)

Type of Provision	Allocated provision		Actual Expenditure	Provision used, as % of final provision amount completed
	Original Provision	Final Provision		
Recurrent	1157000	1209917	1131763	94%
Capital	88000	66583	48842	73%

### 3.7 In terms of F.R.208, Provisions granted to this Department/District Secretariat/Provincial Council as a representative of other Ministries/ Departments(Rs.000)

Serial No	Ministry/ Department that allocation made	Objective of the provision	Provisions		Actual Expenditure	Provision that utilized , Amount of Final Allocation Completed as %
			Original Provision	Final Provision		
1	Ministry of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government	Salary Payments	2433.2	2433.2	1969	80.90%
2	Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs	Vesak Festival	695.9	695.9	598.9	86%

### 3.8 Non-Financial Asset Reporting Performance (Rs.000)

Assets code	Code description	Balance as per Financial position Report as at the 31.12.2022
9151	Buildings and structures	76482
9152	Machinery	95644
9153	lands	8500
9154	Intangible assets	-
9155	Biological assets	-
9160	work in progress	16003
9180	Leased assets	12469

## Chapter 04 – performance Indicators

Vihara Devalagam Division Performance Indicators of the Institution (Based on Action Plan)

Special Indicator	Actual output as a percentage (%) of expected output		
	100%-90%	75%-89%	50%-74%
Registration of temples		85%	
Acceptance of letters for the appointment to the post of incumbent	90%		
Confirmation/inquiry taken from the Most venerable Mahanayake regarding the incumbent			67%
Obtaining reports regarding new places of worship		75%	
Leasing properties belonged to the places of worship			64%
Obtaining of estimated budget reports		81%	
Obtaining bi-annual budget reports		77%	

### Bhikku Registration Division

Special Indicator	Actual output as a percentage (%) of expected output		
	100%-90 %	75%- 89 %	50% -74 %
Number of Samanera Bhikkus registered	92 %		
Number of Upasampada Bhikkus registered	94 %		
No. of copies of Samanera, Upasampada Certificates issued		89%	
Number of disrobed Certificates issued		85%	
Number of amendments made in registered certificates		88%	
Number of Bhikku Identity cards issued		80%	

### Regional office – Kandy

Special Indicator	Actual output as a percentage (%) of expected output			
	100% - 90%	89% - 75%	74% - 50%	Less than 50%
1. Budget Reports				
1. Receipt of first bi-annual report during the year 2022 (39/92)	-	-	-	42%
2. Receipt of second bi-annual report during 2022 (39/92)	-	-	-	42%
3. Receipts of Estimated Budget Report for the year 2022 (68/92)	-	-	74%	
2. Number of awareness programs conducted during the year 2022 (expected number 15, actual number 13)**	-		73%	

\*\* In the year 2022, due to the unfavorable economic situation in the country, it was not possible to conduct the number of awareness programs which were expected to be held.

### Regional office – Kurunegala

Special Indicator	Actual output as a percentage (%) of expected output			
	100%-90%	89%- 75%	74%- 50%	Less than 50%
Budget Reports				
The first bi-annual report in the year 2022		76%		
The second bi-annual report in the year 2022			64%	

## Chapter 5

### Performance of achieving Sustainable Development Goals

#### 5.1 Identified relevant sustainable development objectives

Goal/objective	Goals	Achievement Indicator	Achieving percentage up to now		
			0-49	50-74	75-100
1. Spiritually create perfect children	Providing physical facilities for Dhamma Schools	Quantity of increasing Physical infrastructure of Dhamma Schools			√
2 Social, economic and creating spiritually perfect individuals.	Social, economic and Creating spiritually complete individuals	Social, economic and Creating spiritually complete individuals			√
3. Samanera Bhikku Training for furtherance and Prosperity of Shasana	Training of Samanera monks.	Creating spiritually complete Bhikku society			√
4. Mihindu Housing Project	Providing a house for homeless parents who have entrusted their children to the Sasana.	From January to December 2022, 208 applications for Mihindu Houses have been forwarded to the Ministry of Housing.			√

#### 5.2 Achievements and challenges of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

Among the Sustainable Development Goals, this Department is granted a direct contribution to achieve the 16th Development Goal of "Giving Access to all for Peaceful and Integrated Social Promotion for Sustainable Development and Building Corporate Institutions with Effective Responsibility".

Accordingly, in order to make the children society becomes effective and disciplined, a system of Dhamma Schools have been established in Buddhist temples on Sundays for the purpose of Buddhist teachings by implementing Dhamma schools system with the help of voluntary teachers. Poor attendance of children in Dhamma schools due to other tuition classes for the children on Sundays that they are the barriers for the development of Dhamma knowledge in the children's society.

Majority of the population of Buddhist all over the island, there are few or no Bhikkus in some of the temples in remote areas, which is a restriction to grant the mission of Shasana.

Although, efforts were made to achieve the due targets in the year 2022 by utilizing the existing resources at the optimum level and this is confirmed by having achieved higher level of physical progress of the projects.

Among the achievements of this department, according to the report of the Committee on Public Accounts for the year 2018, this department was able to achieve a gold award for higher performance at the awards ceremony held in Parliament on 28.02.2020.

As well as our Department has obtained a significant achievement, it is to be among the best public sector accounting institutions organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants for the years 2018 and 2019.

## 6. Chapter- Human Resource profile

අංකය	තනතුර	වැටුප් කේත අංකය	සේවය	සේවා ගණය	පන්ති/ ශ්‍රේණිය	අනුමත සේවක සංඛ්‍යාව			සේවයේ නියුතු නිලධාරී සංඛ්‍යාව			මුළු සංඛ්‍යාව
						ස්ථිර	කොන්ත්‍රාත්	වැඩබැඳීම	ස්ථිර	කොන්ත්‍රාත්	වැඩබැඳීම	
01	බෞද්ධ කටයුතු කොමසාරිස් ජනරාල්	SL 3-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ප.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	විශේෂ	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
02	අතිරේක කොමසාරිස් ජනරාල්	SL 3-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ප.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	විශේෂ	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
03	බෞද්ධ කටයුතු කොමසාරිස්	SL 1-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ප.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	I	4	0	0	1	0	3	0
04	ප්‍රධාන ගණකාධිකාරී	SL 1-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ග.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	I	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
05	ප්‍රධාන අභ්‍යන්තර විගණක	SL 1-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ග.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	I	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
06	නියෝජ්‍ය/ සහකාර කොමසාරිස්	SL 1-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ප.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	II/ III	6	0	0	3	0	0	3
07	ගණකාධිකාරී	SL 1-2016	ශ්‍රී.ලං.ග.සේ	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	II/ III	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
08	නීති නිලධාරී	SL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ	III	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
09	ප්‍රධාන කර්තෘ	SL 1-2016	කොන්ත්‍රාත්	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ		0	1	0	0	1	0	0
10	උප කර්තෘ	SL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
11	නියෝජ්‍ය/ සහකාර කර්තෘ	SL 1-2016	කොන්ත්‍රාත්	ජ්‍යෙෂ්ඨ		0	2	0	0	1	0	1
12	පරිපාලන නිලධාරී	MN 7-2016	ක.සේ.නි.සේ.	තෘතීයික	අධි	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	ව්‍යාපෘති නිලධාරී	MN 4-2016	ආශ්‍රිත නිලධාරී	ද්විතීයික		2	0	0	0	0	0	2
14	බෞද්ධ කටයුතු සමායෝජක	MN 4-2016	ආශ්‍රිත නිලධාරී	ද්විතීයික		245	0	0	207	0	0	38
15	සංවර්ධන සහකාර	MN 4-2016	ආශ්‍රිත නිලධාරී	ද්විතීයික		38	0	0	13	0	0	25
16	ගිණුම් සහකාර	MN 4-2016	ආශ්‍රිත නිලධාරී	ද්විතීයික		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
17	සහකාර නීති නිලධාරී	MN 4-2016	ආශ්‍රිත නිලධාරී	ද්විතීයික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
18	සංවර්ධන නිලධාරී	MN 4-2016	සං.නි.සේ	ද්විතීයික		452	0	0	452	0	0	0
19	කළමනාකරණ සේවා නිලධාරී	MN 2-2016	ක.සේ.නි.සේ.	ද්විතීයික	I/ II/III	51	0	0	38	0	0	13
20	රියදුරු	PL 3-2016	ඒ.රි.සේ	ප්‍රාථමික		12	0	0	12	0	0	0
21	බංගලා භාරකරු	PL 2-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	0	0	0	1
22	කාර්යාල සේවක සේවය	PL 1-2016	කා.සේ.සේ.	ප්‍රාථමික	I/ II/III	20	0	0	15	0	0	5
23	ලොරි සහායක	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		2	0	0	0	0	0	2
24	බංගලා භාරකරු සහායක	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
25	කාර්යාල කාර්ය සහායක	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
26	බංගලා භාරකාරු සහායක (වාරිකාරාම)	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
27	මුරකරු (මූලධර්ම)	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
28	කම්කරු (මූලධර්ම)	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
29	ත්‍රිපිටක ග්‍රන්ථ සම්පාදක සහායක	PL 1-2016	දෙපාර්තමේන්තුගත	ප්‍රාථමික		1	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>එකතුව</b>						<b>849</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>91</b>

## 6.1 Cadre Management

	Approved cadre	Existing cadre	Vacancy
Senior	20	16	4
Tertiary	1	1	0
Secondary	790	711	79
Minor	41	33	8

## 6.2 How the lack of human resources affects for the performance of the Institution

- Chief Editor and Deputy Editor / Assistant Editor posts – 03 posts have been approved on contract basis.
- Posts from Nos. 24 to 29 are approved to the post as personal to him. It has been approved as to revoke the relevant post after the person holds the post.
- Newly appointed Development Officers are recruited for filling the vacant posts of Buddhist affairs Coordinator.

## 6.3 Human Resource development

Name of the programme	Number of employees trained	Duration of the programme	Total Investment (000)		Nature of the programme (Local / Foreign)	output/ Knowledge obtained*
			Local	Foreign		
Capacity Development Programme	One employee	38 Days	0.00	-	Local	Public administration, procurement, data analysis, make understanding on public finances, soft skills development
Higher National Diploma in Procurement and Contract Administration	One employee	One Day	120,000.00	-	Local	Provide understanding of procurement and contract administration
Metropolitan Institute of Higher Education	One employee	03 Days	18,000.00	-	Local	Training on salary preparation
training program for Staff	All Employees	One Day	33,600.00	-	Local	Knowledge on office procedures and productivity
Post Graduate Course in Human Resource Management	One employee	-	100,000.00	-	Local	Knowledge on human resource management

## Chapter 07 - Compliance Report

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1	<b>The following Financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date</b>			
1.1	Annual financial statements	✓		
1.2	Advance of public officers account	✓		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts	-		
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts	-		
1.5	Special Advance Accounts	-		
1.6	Others	-		
2	<b>Maintenance of books and registers</b>			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and updated in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	✓		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	✓		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	✓		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and updated	✓		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA – N20) has been maintained and update	✓		
03	<b>Delegation of functions for financial control</b>			
3.1	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	✓		
3.2	The controls have been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 by using the Government Payroll Software Package	✓		
4	<b>Preparation of Annual Plans</b>			
4.1	Preparation of the annual action plan.	✓		
4.2	Preparation of the annual procurement report	✓		
4.3	Preparation of the annual internal audit plan.	✓		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
4.4	Preparation and Submission of the annual estimate to the Department of National Budget by due date	✓		
4.5	Submission of the annual cash flows to the Department of Treasury Operations by due date.	✓		
5	<b>Audit queries</b>			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	✓		
6	<b>Internal Audit</b>			
6.1	The internal audit plan have been prepared at the beginning of the year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2) ) DMA/1 -2019	✓		
6.2	All the internal audit reports has been replied within one month	X	Answers have not given for all internal audit reports within a month	Officers were made aware in the audit management committee meeting for the answers which have not been given for all internal audit reports within a month
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	✓		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3).	✓		
7	<b>Audit and Management Committee</b>			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee have been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1 - 2019	✓		
8	<b>Asset Management</b>			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of chapter 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	✓		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of 13 the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of chapter 13 of the aforesaid circular	✓		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
8.3	The board of survey was conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	✓		
8.4	The excesses, deficits and other relating recommendations that were disclosed through the board of survey and actions were carried out during the period of specified in the circular	X	Delays in disposal activities of annual board Survey	It has been informed to the officers in charge of the subject and made the necessary guidance.
8.5	The disposal of condemned articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	✓		
9	<b>Vehicle Management</b>			
9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	✓		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	X	There were no such vehicles	
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	✓		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	✓		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re -tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.06.2016	✓		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term	✓		
10	<b>Management of Bank Accounts</b>			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	✓		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had been existed in the year under the review or since previous years settled	✓		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and in which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month	✓		
11	<b>Utilization of Provisions</b>			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	✓		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the utilized provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	✓		

No.	Applicable Requirement	Compliance Status (Complied/Not Complied)	Brief explanation for Non Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
12	<b>Advances to Public Officers Account</b>			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	✓		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	✓		
12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	X	There are balances related to recovery of the loan of the officer who vacate the post and the gratuity on death	Forwarded to the Attorney General's Department. Informed to the Pensions Department.
13	<b>General Deposit Account</b>			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	✓		
13.2	The control Account for general deposits had been updated and maintained	✓		
14	<b>Imprest Account</b>			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	✓		
14.2	The ad -hoc sub imprests issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	✓		
14.3	The ad -hoc sub imprests had been issued not exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	✓		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly	✓		
15	<b>Revenue Account</b>			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	√		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	√		
15.3	Reports of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	×	Not Applicable	
16	<b>Human Resource Management</b>			
16.1	The staff had been maintained within the approved cadre	✓		
16.2	The duty lists in writing have been issued to all members of the staff	✓		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	✓		
17	<b>Provision of information to the public</b>			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulation	✓		

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17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided on Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	✓		
17.3	reports have been submitted bi - Annually and Annually as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	✓		
18	<b>Implementing citizens charter</b>			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	✓		
18.2	A methodology has been prepared by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	✓		
19	<b>Preparation of the Human Resource Plan</b>			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	✓		
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	✓		
19.3	Annual performance agreements have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular	✓		
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, Development of capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular	✓		
20	<b>Responses to Audit Paragraphs</b>			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified.	✓		