

# **Department of Cultural Affairs**

## **Performance Report - 2023**

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## **Activities in 2023 in the field of culture and arts**

This report includes a concise review on the projects and programs along with other activities carried out by the Department of Cultural Affairs in the year 2023. Amidst several obstacles, the national mission accomplished was, in comply with the mission statement of the Department.

It was unable to carry out several annual festivals and programs as planned due to the decisions made by the Government in 2023 in financial management. Even under such conditions, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge the guidance given in this regard by Hon. **Vidura Wickramanayake** , the Minister of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs and Mr. Somarathna Vidanapathirana, Secretary of the Ministry.

The progress we achieved is special during this challenging period. The assistance to needy artistes, medical aid and funeral aid were given continuously through the Departmental officers who are attached to the District/Divisional Secretariats. Welfare activities were also carried out without a hindrance. The Departmental Officers attached to the District/Divisional Secretariats have carried out a commendable duty during this period.

We have been able to get the patronage from several organizations to launch novel programs such as “Sahithya Yathra” and “Viyamana” including World Puppetry Day Commemoration Ceremony. “Sahithya Yathra” was conducted in Jaffna district. This programs aims at developing the literary skills of the writers. The assistance given in this regard by the staff is greatly appreciated.

I offer my gratitude to Mr. E.A.P. Chandana Prasad, the Assistant Director of the Development and Planning Division for compiling this Performance Report 2023 and to Mr. Kasun Senevirathna the Assistant Director, Accountant and the staff for their assistance.

We strived hard to offer our service and assistance to the artistes in the year 2023 even amidst the prevailed economic situation and restrictions. I fervently believe that we would be able to increase the state revenue in the subject of arts and culture in 2023 by having better avenues for such endeavors.

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## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

### Department of Cultural Affairs

The Department of Cultural Affairs was established as per the Gazette Extraordinary No. 10975 dated 26<sup>th</sup> September 1956 under the People's Government of Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranayake, who came to power in the year 1956.(Annex Page No:53)

The Department renders a great service for the advancement of the culture through compilation and implementation of programs for the preservation, promotion and propagation of literary arts and cultural activities with the Sri Lankan identity.

Mahawamsa Compilation Office, Sinhala Dictionary Office, Sinhala Encyclopedia Office, National Art Gallery, John de Silva Memorial Theater, Uthuru-Dakunu Mithuru Sevana Cultural Centre, Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra Drama Training School, Walisingha Harischandra Museum, Kundasale National Arts Academy, are the institutions that come under the purview of the Department and striving hard for the cultural renaissance with the activities of the Department.

The State Dance Ensemble, which pioneers in the advancement of the traditional art of dancing in Sri Lanka and the State Music Ensemble, are also come under the purview of the Department.

The Department functions with seven (07) Divisions namely, Artistes' Promotion, Literary and Publications, Cultural Promotion, Development and Planning, Administration, Accounts and Procurement. Nine (09) State Advisory Boards that come under Cultural Promotion Division contribute to hold the state festivals and commemoration ceremonies successfully.

Each Divisional Secretariat and District Secretariat has been attached a Cultural Officer or a Cultural Development Assistant/ Development Officer for the better coordination and to perform the functions of the Department at district and divisional level and steps have been taken to extend the functions of the Department to the rural community through these officers.

The officers of the Department work as per an annual work plan and "Dolosmahe Pahana" and Literary Festivals are among the events that play a pivotal role. The department receives the progress of the above programs as quarterly reports. The Deputy Director and the Assistant Directors of the Department give the necessary regulation and the supervision in this regard.

## **1.2 Vision, Mission and Objectives**

### **1.2.1 Vision**

Let's together build a nation replete with subdued, cultured and disciplined people.

### **1.2.2 Mission**

Preparation and implementation of programs for the preservation, propagation and expansion of intangible culture with the Sri Lankan identity.

### **1.2.3 Objectives**

- Passing down the cultural values and ethics of Sri Lankan identity to the future generation for the preservation of intangible cultural heritage.
- Promote the intangible heritage to display the local identity while preserving traditional cultural components and intangible heritage.
- Propagation of intangible heritage to build up a nation with values.
- Standardization of creations to heighten the level of appreciation.
- Heighten the living standards of the artistes.
- Secure the scientific nature of all the cultural components.

## **1.3 Key Functions**

The Department has identified 6 trust areas for its smooth functioning. i.e.

Artistes  
Arts and crafts  
Arts Institutions  
Arts Associations  
Officers  
General Public

Steps are taken to fulfill the targeted activities under the above. Further strategies are developed to heighten the living standards, knowledge, skills and the attitudes of the artistes and to provide them equal opportunities.

Steps are taken to improve the quality of the artwork to create a high level of appreciation and to conduct exhibitions and shows to publicize traditional artwork.

Programs and the projects are launched to have an optimal and island wide service by the Arts Institutions through evaluation and standardizing their service through supervision and monitoring.

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The background required to generate an accountable public officer who performs his duties effectively and with responsibility is created. Further, activities are carried out with relevant to the development of skills, good governance and motivation.

With relevant to the attitudes and the mission towards the public, steps are taken to generate a disciplined and subdued society. Activities pertinent to development of skills, good governance, standardization of artwork and evaluation are carried out for this purpose.



## **1.5 Institutions under the Department and the Divisions in the Department**

### **1.5.1. National Art Gallery and John De Silva Memorial Theatre**

The National Art Gallery and the John De Silva Memorial Theatre that project national recognition are fine abodes for artistes. These institutions are governed by the Department of Cultural Affairs and can be hired for events, exhibitions or various festivals conducted by the government or any other external party.

### **1.5.2. Mahawamsa Compilation Office**

The activities pertaining to the compilation of Mahawamsa, are carried out under the guidance of the Department of Cultural Affairs. In addition to the 03 parts on the eras until 1935, the Part 04 of this Great Chronicle is on the state affairs that begin from 1935 to 1956. Compilation on the era from 1956 to 1978 commenced in 2008. The information on above eras is compiled both in Sinhala and in Pali.

### **1.5.3. Sinhala Dictionary Office**

The Sinhala Dictionary office was established in 1972 with state patronage, recognizing the need of a Sinhala - English Dictionary by the scholars who are pioneering in a compiling a Sinhala Dictionary in alphabetical order. The number of projects launched by the office at the present has increased by 07 in accordance with the changes in government policies, constitutional changes and various decisions taken by the Executive and in accordance with the timely requirements.

### **1.5.4. Encyclopedia office**

The Sinhala encyclopedia is published with the objective of providing universal knowledge in the Sinhala language. It is being compiled in alphabetical order on various topics in volumes. 13 volumes have been issued up to now. The number of volumes targeted is 20. Volumes 1- 12, which have been issued in accordance with the year are 1963, 1965, 1967, 1974, 1978, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1998, 2001, 2006, 2010 and 2014.

### **1.5.5. Ediriweera Sarachchandra Drama Research and Training Centre**

The objective of this center is to appreciate the invaluable service rendered by Professor Ediriweera Sarachchandra towards the drama field in Sri Lanka and to give the opportunity for all to study the art of drama formally by providing a Centre of training in drama. This project was launched with a view to cater to the needs of the drama production, training and studying as per the subject scope of the Department of Cultural Affairs and to enhance national amity by promoting Sinhala and Tamil cultural bonds.

The plot of land with an extent of 31.1 perches, located at Koswatte, in Kaduwela Divisional Secretariat in the district of Colombo, the place where Sri Sumeda School was earlier located,

has been acquired by the Department of Cultural Affairs to renovate the old School building as a drama-training center. After the total renovation of the building, it was ceremonially opened on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

At present, the State Dance Ensemble and Music Ensembles use this premises to carry out their practices and the premises is rented out to external parties on concessionary rates to carry out drama practices.

#### **1.5.6. Walisinghe Harischandra Museum and Cultural Centre**

The ownership of the residence and the land 0.2118 hectares in extent, belonged to Brahmachari Walisinghe Harischandra was transferred to the Department of Cultural Affairs with effect from 24.06.2011.

The premises is used for the promotion of cultural activities as a Cultural Centre. Accordingly, measures are in place to uplift these premises to the level of world recognized Centre with a view to heightening awareness of Sri Lankans as well as foreigners on Sri Lankan cultural trails along with the residence and belongings of Brahmachari Walisinghe Harischandra.

A commemoration festival in honor of great savant Walisingha Harischandra is held annually on 13<sup>th</sup> September at this location. Plans are afoot to set up a background for the renaissance of culture and the arts in the region through this Centre.

#### **1.5.7. National Arts Academy in Kundasale, Kandy**

Construction work of the National Arts Academy in Kundasale has commenced in January 2008. Its object is to establish a National Arts Centre, fully – equipped with physical, technical and intellectual resources, disseminating knowledge on creation of arts, new experiments and research, reference of local and foreign works of art, study and education of arts, creation of new performing arts productions and handicrafts, exhibition and sale of such art works to get international publicity.

The total estimated cost is Rs. 465 million. Under its first stage, works pertaining to construction of open-air theatre, toilet system, roads, walls and draining system were carried out and the construction of holiday bungalows for the artistes and elites, overhead tank and the main tank, open air theatre, dressing room, male and female hostels training halls 1 and 2 and landscaping have been completed under the second stage.

This academy was ceremonially declared open in 2018.

#### **1.5.8. Uthuru –Dakunu Mithuru Sewana**

This center was established to gather artistes from North and East into one place and to give them opportunities to make their creations to build up national reconciliation through the artistes.

The Centre is established at Mihintale, Anuradapura with the use of provision allocated for “DeyataKirula” Exhibition in 2012 and the estimated expenditure amount to Rs.10. This project includes an open-air theatre, main hall and a hostel.

#### **1.5.9. Book Store and Sales Centre**

All the books printed by the Department are stored in the departmental stores located at Katuwawala until they are distributed. The Sales Centre is housed in the premises of the Sinhala Dictionary Office.

All the books published by the Department are available in this Sales Centre at reasonable rates.

#### **1.5.10. State Dance Ensemble**

The State Dance Ensemble is under the Department of Cultural Affairs consists of 29 skilled dancers and instrumentalists with skills of traditional dance forms. The ensemble performs in state ceremonies as well as in the shows of local and abroad

#### **1.5.11. State Music Ensemble**

State Music Ensemble comprises 42 singers and instrumentalists. This ensemble is pioneering in performing in state ceremonies as well as in the shows of local and abroad.

#### **1.5.12. Divisions in the Department**

The management of the Department of Cultural Affairs is carried out with seven Divisions. Namely, Artistes’ Promotion, Literary and Publications, Cultural Promotion, Development and Planning, Administration, Accounts and Procurement. The 04 Assistant Directors and 07 Heads of Divisions supervise the activities of the Department.

### **1.6 Funds of the Department**

#### **1.7 Information on foreign funded projects (No)**

**2. Progress and Future Vision**  
**Special Achievements/ Challenges and future goals**

**2.1 Progress**

**Progress on the activities carried out by the Department for the welfare of the artists**

**2.1.1 Issuing Artistes' Identity Card**

<b>Number Issued</b>	<b>Expenditure (Rs)</b>
346	24,912.00

**2.1.2. Medical Aid**

<b>Number of Aid</b>	<b>Expenditure (Rs.)</b>
71	2,465,000.00

**2.1.3. Assistance to Needy Artistes**

	<b>Recipients</b>	<b>Expenditure (Rs)</b>
Sinhala Medium	2694	26,940,000.00
Tamil Medium	355	3,550,000.00
Total	3049	30,490,000.00

**2.1.4. Assistance to Kalayathana**

**Sinhala Medium**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Expenditure per one Kalayathana</b>	<b>Total Expenditure (Rs)</b>
Super Grade	58	10,000	580,000
Excellent	60	6000	360,000
General	186	4500	837,000
Total	1216		1,777,000

## Tamil Medium

Grade	Number	Expenditure per one Kalayathana	Total Expenditure (Rs)
Super Grade	01	10,000	10,000
Excellent	05	6000	30,000
General	06	4500	27,000
Total	12		67,000

### 2.1.5. Assistance to Perahara (Possessions)

Number	Expenditure (Rs)
01	300,000.00

### 2.1.6 Funeral Aid

Number	Expenditure (Rs)
71	7,349,000.00

### 2.1.7. Assistance to Various Festivals

Number	Expenditure (Rs)
09	365,000.00

### 2.1.8. Number of registered Cultural Associations and Arts Schools

	Cultural Associations	Arts Schools
Sinhala	21	2427
Tamil	00	06
Total	21	2433

### 2.1.9. – Kalaakaru Suwadam Program (National)

Number	Expenditure (Rs)
15	141,000.00

### 2.1.10. Kalaakaru Suwadam Program (Divisional)

Number	Expenditure (Rs)
335	1,675,000.00

#### 2.1.11. Performances by the State Music Ensemble

<b>Local</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
57	01

#### 2.1.12. - Performances by the State Dance Ensemble

<b>Local</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
75	-00

#### 2.1.13. Authors' Aid project

This project was not implemented in 2023.

#### 2.1.14 National Literary Festival

<b>Number of winners</b>	<b>Expenditure(Rs.)</b>	<b>Other Matters</b>
		Competitions for the year 2023 is to be held in 2024.

#### 2.1.15 Issuing "Sadesa" Quarterly magazine

Since provision was not available for printing the magazine it was issued as e-magazine to the internet. The cost is Rs. 64,800.00

#### 2.1.16 National Manuscript Competition

National Manuscript Competition – 2023 was not held due to inadequate provision. Accordingly, the applications for competitions of 2023-2024 is to be prepared in 2024 and to be implemented in 2025. Plans are afoot to print the manuscripts of 2021-2022 and the winning manuscripts in Tamil and English of 2019-2020 by using the provision in 2025.

#### 2.1.17. Income from Books Sales Centre

The income derived was Rs. 1,572,336.50 for the period of 01.01.2023 to 31.12.2023.

#### 2.1.18. Welfare for the artistes in 60-70<sup>th</sup> decade

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>
24.02.2023	Mawawa Vijayaba Central College	Mahawa, Divisional Secretariat
11.03.2023	Kirindiwela Central College	Arawwala Sahana Foundation
01.04.2023	Kekirawa Central College	Traders Union, Kekirawa

02.05.2023	Sri Jayawardenapura University	Sri Jayawardenapura University
10.06.2023	Horana Sri Palee College	ITN
15.06.2023	Cinestra , Nuwaraeliya	Divisional Secretariat, Nuwaraeliya
27.07.2023	Elpheneston Theatre, Maradana	Department of Treasury Operations
03.12.2023	Piliyandala Central College	ITN
16.12.2023	Bandaranayake College, Gampaha	Welfare Society, Amabagahalanda

Co-ordination of these programs were carried out by the Department of Cultural Affairs with the contribution of State Music Ensemble and with the assistance of 60-70<sup>th</sup> Decade Reserve of musicians.

In addition, the Department of Cultural Affairs has organized a musical show named “Subhavitha Gee Viyamana” and which was held on 01<sup>st</sup> October 2023 at BMICH in line with the Word Elders Day and final day of the Colombo International Book Fair at a cost of Rs. 290,000.

## 2.2 Future Vision

- Launching programs for the children aiming to develop their skills.
- Launching Sri Lankan Intangible heritage investigation programs.
- Publicize folk games.
- Organizing of all the festivals and other activities so as not be a burden for state revenue.
- Compiling the intangible heritage list covering the entire island.
- Opening state income generating avenues via State Dance/Music Ensembles and the program named “Swara Abara”.
- Promote income generation by the institutions under the purview of the Department and the Book Sales Centre.
- Organize the programs under the sponsorship of the organizations and draw the attention for unified access.
- Launching of the activities, could be done under the sponsorship of other institutions.
- Launching cultural promotion activities in association with training and awareness programs and usage of the skills and abilities of the Departmental officers.

## 2.3 Special Achievements

The Department was able to carry out the following activities such as state ceremonies and evaluations at its best under the prevailed situation in the country.

## 2.3.1 Activities carried out by the Department of Cultural Affairs by its direct involvement

### 2.3.1.1. State Drama Festival



Altogether 265 drama scripts were received which includes for the State Drama Festival held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at National Youth Services Council under the patronage of Hon. President Ranil Wickramasinghe. There were 57 winners with 02 special award of the Jury and 12 Merit Awards.

Two (02) “Natya Keerthi” Awards were given as lifetime awards in 2023. Professor Sunanda Mahendra was awarded for Sinhala and Mr. Kalei Chelwam for Tamil. The total expenditure for the festival is 15.7 million.





State Drama Festival was organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs along with the State Advisory Council of Drama of the Arts Council of Sri Lanka.

### 2.3.1.2. State Children's Art Festival

State Children's Art Festival was held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at National Youth Services Council, Maharagama under the patronage of Mr. Vidura Wickramanayake, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. Nearly 98,250 drawings were received for the State Children's Art Festival 2023 115 awards were presented. The expenditure was Rs. 3,843,717.00.





### **2.3.1.3. State Literary Awards Presentation Ceremony**

State Literary Awards Presentation Ceremony was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at the Elphineston Theatre, Maradana. Forty- one (41) literati were given awards as 23 in Sinhala, 11 Tamil and 07 English medium.

Three senior literati were presented with ‘Sahithyarathna Award’. i.e. Professor Sunanda Mahendra for Sinhala, Mr. K. Sattanadan for Tamil and Professor Gerald Peiris for Tamil medium. Total expenditure for the ceremony was Rs. 7.6 million. Total number of invitees were 650.



#### 2.3.1.4 State Literary Lecture

The State Literary Lecture was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Sri Lanka Foundation under the patronage of the Minister Vidura Wickramanayake. Mr. Saminadan Wimal and Dr. Ratna Sri Wijasingaha delivered the lecture. The number of invitees were 550 and the expenditure was Rs.668, 503.00

#### 2.3.1.5. World Puppetry Day Celebration

The World Puppetry Day Celebration of 2023 was organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs and the State Advisory Council of Intangible Heritage of the Arts Council of Sri Lanka on the directions of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs. It was held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at the open theater- Kamatha of BMICH and the sponsorship was given by the Sri Lanka Tourist Board.

Total expenditure of the program was Rs. 250,474.25. The contribution made by the Sri Lanka Tourist Board was Rs. 100,000.00. The contribution made by of other sponsors were Rs. 70,000.00. The money spent by the Department of Cultural Affairs was Rs. 68,000.00.

### 2.3.1.6. Kalabooshana State Awards Ceremony



Kalabooshana State Awards Ceremony was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at the National Youth Services Council, Maharagama. Veteran artistes who were selected to represent every district in the country and whose age is above 60 years are feted on this day with the Kalabooshana Award. One hundred and ninety nine (199) artistes were presented with Kalabooshana Award this year and the expenditure was Rs. 7,875,000.00.

### 2.3.1.7. Soosata Kala Mangalya and World Children’s Day Celebration

Soosata Kala Mangalya and World Children’s Day Celebration was held at premises of the Book Fair, organized by the Book Publishers Association. Popular artistes of 50-60-70 decades in Sri

Lanka have performed as singers. In addition, the artistes of 60-70<sup>th</sup> decade performed to celebrate the World Elder's Day.



The program was organized under the guidance of the Arts Council of Sri Lanka with the State Advisory Council of assistance of State Advisory Council of Intangible Heritage, State Advisory Council of Drama, State Advisory Council of Music and the State Advisory Council of Visual Arts.



<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Resource Persons</b>
9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Children's Drawings Workshop	State Advisory Council of Visual Arts
12.00 noon to 2.30 pm	Children's Drama Workshop and Entertaining Program	State Advisory Council of Drama
2.30 pm to 4.40 pm	Music Workshop and Entertaining Program for school children	State Advisory Council of Music
10.00 am to 5.00 pm	Quiz Program on Literature	State Advisory Council of Literature
9.00 am to 5.00 pm	Entertaining Program on puppetry, poetry etc.	State Advisory Council of Intangible Heritage

Total expenditure for this program of Rs. 150,000.00 includes Rs. 100,000.00 from the Arts Council of Sri Lanka and Rs.50,000.00 from the Department of Cultural Affairs.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Program Series</b>
22.09.2023	Friday	Dance and Music Program- State Dance/Music Ensembles- Department of Cultural Affairs
23.09.2023	Saturday	Dance and Music Program- State Dance/Music Ensembles- Department of Cultural Affairs
30.09.2023	Saturday	Dance and Music Program- State Dance/Music Ensembles- Department of Cultural Affairs
01.10.2023	Sunday	Subhavitha Gee Viyamana- 60-70 <sup>th</sup> Decade Musicians Association

#### 2.3.1.8. Poson Hevisi Pooja

Poson Hevisi Poojawa was held on Poson Poya day for the 37<sup>th</sup> consecutive time with the participation of a large number of devotees at Ruwanveli Maha Seya on 03<sup>rd</sup> June 2023. Total expenditure was Rs. 404,000.00.

#### 2.3.1.9 National Manuscript Competition

National Manuscript Competition was organized in 2023 and the number of manuscripts received was 111. After the evaluation by the Board of Judges, 08 manuscripts have been selected for printing but due to the insufficient amount of provision, it was unable to print the manuscripts

#### 2.3.1.10. District and Divisional Literary Competitions

Literary Competitions were held in 335 Divisional Secretariats. The Department of Cultural Affairs has given provision amounting to Rs. 6,700,000.00. As this amount was not sufficient, the Divisional Officers have taken steps to get the patronage from the sources in the region with the assistance of their Heads of the Departments.

Programs such as appreciation of songs, literary concourses, drama, dancing, pacification ceremonies, puppetry shows are among the events that were held to add color to the Literary Competitions. Performances were presented with the assistance of the Arts Schools (Kalayathana) in the region and steps were taken to issue a certificate or a prize to those who participated in the shows. The winners of the literary competitions were presented with the prizes and certificates and in addition to the sets of books given by the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Cultural Officers have taken steps to present the prizes, obtained from other sources.

School students, students in Arts Schools, members of the Cultural Boards and the artistes in the region have participated in the Literary Festivals held in almost all the regions. And a veteran artiste, scholar or a literati in the region has participated as the Chief Guest in these literary festivals.

As the district/divisional literary competition is the key event held by District/Divisional Secretariats across the country, each and every District/Divisional Secretary has taken every necessary step to hold this event on a grand scale.

#### 2.3.1.11. Viyamana Writers Program

The aim of this program is to edify the writers both veteran and amateur on the techniques of creative writing. This was organized as two workshops by the Department of Cultural Affairs, State Advisory Council of Literature and the Arts Council of Sri Lanka in 2023.

Two day workshops were conducted on 07<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and 02<sup>nd</sup> and 03<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 in Veyangoda National Cultural Centre and in Kundasale National Arts Academy. Forty (40) writers were selected via online applications to undergo training at a cost of Rs. 555,347.00.

#### 2.3.1.12. Sahithya Yaathra

Literary and arts promotion program named “Sahithya Yaathra” was carried out in line with the State Literary Awards Presentation Ceremony. This program was held on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at Delft National School and Ushan Ramanadan College, Thendamarachchi, under the patronage of Minister Vidura Wickramanayake.

This program was jointly organized by the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Arts Council of Sri Lanka and the State Advisory Council of Sri Lanka. This program aims to sharpen the literary skills of the school students of remote areas and outside the Colombo region.

Principals, teachers and students of the above two schools including parents and Divisional Secretaries in the region and Cultural Officers participated in this program.

Sponsorship for the program was given by several contributors and the amount of contribution was Rs. 04 lakhs. The total expenditure for the program is Rs. 487,731.00 which includes lectures, literary appreciation programs, cultural performances and library development activities.

## 2.3.2. Activities carried out by the Institutions coming under the purview of the Department

### 2.3.2.1. John de Silva Memorial Theatre

Activities were not carried out due to refurbishment work was in progress even as at the end of 2023.

### 2.3.2.2 Ediriweera Sarachchandra Drama Research and Training Centre

Serial No	Program	Date	Expenditure (Rs)
1	Aashirvaada Narthana Pooja	06.05.2023	-
2	Osupen Dansala	06.05.2023	-
Total			

### 2.3.2.3. Walisingha Harischandra Cultural Centre

Serial No	Program	Date	Expenditure (Rs.)
1.	Walisingha Harischandra Commemoration	13.09.2023	20,000.00
Total			20,000.00

### 2.3.2.4. Uthuru-Dakunu Mithuru Sevana

Serial No	Program	Date	Expenditure (Rs.)
1.	Hunuwataye Kathava Drama	30.06.2023	-
Total			

### 2.3.2.5. National Art Gallery

Serial No	Program	Date	Expenditure (Rs)
1.	Vesak Bathi Gee	07.05.2023	384,771.00
2.	Hawasaka Api Musical Show	28.05.2023	187,389.00
3.	Soovisi Vivarana Nruthya Pooja	06.06.2023	No
Total			572,160.00

### 2.3.2.6. Sinhala Dictionary Office

Serial No	Program	Expenditure (Rs.)
1.	Dictionary Office Commemoration	65,000.00
2.	Printing and Launching of Volume 1 of Sinhala- English Concise Dictionary	308,481.75

3.	International Dictionary Day Commemoration	21,400.00
4.	Purchasing of books to the library	60,000.00
5.	Book preservation activities	14,000.00
Total		468,881.75

### 2.3.2.7. Dolosmahe Pahana – 25 District Secretariats and 335 Divisional Secretariats

Serial No	Program	Expenditure Granted(Rs)
1.	January-December(Rs.25,000.00 per year)	9,025,000.00
Total		9,025,000.00

### 2.3.2.8. Progress of the Development Projects

Serial No	Project	Provision	Financial Progress	Physical Progress
1.	National Art Gallery	Rs. 150 million	1.216	80%
2.	Mihinthale Uthuru-Dakunu Mithuru Sevana	Rs. 3 million	2.79	100%
Total		Rs. 153 million		

## 2.4 Challenges and Goals

### 2.4.1. Targets

#### For the artistes

- To improve their life status
- Provide equal opportunities to the artistes

#### For Artistic creations- crafts

- Heighten the standards of artistic creations to improve the sense of appreciation
- Publicize traditional arts and crafts

#### For Arts Institutions

- Optimum service
- All island services

#### For Arts Associations

- Optimum service
- All island services

### **For the Officers**

- Provide the background required to generate a public officer who serve in responsible and accountable manner.

### **For General Public**

- Creating the necessary background to build a disciplined society
- Take steps to generate people who have a good sense of appreciation

The Department takes steps to achieve the above targets and accordingly,

- Welfare activities of the artistes.
- Evaluate the artistes and their creations through Awards Ceremonies
- Launching programs at district/regional/and rural level through the program “Dolosmahe Pahana”
- Launching programs to provide opportunities to Arts Institutions and to assist them.
- Conducting staff training programs to increase the productivity.

### **2.4.2. Challenges**

- The Department was unable to hold several State Award Ceremonies due to restrictions imposed by the Government and public unrest prevailed in the country. Plans were afoot to hold these ceremonies in the year 2023 but provision is not available.
- No provision was available to carry out the programs by the institutions under the purview of the Department. Therefore, they carried out the programs under the sponsorship.
- Limited amount of provision is available to carry out programs through the program “Dolosmahe Pahana”. Therefore, the officers had taken steps to launch programs that do not require financial costs. However, the officers faced difficulties in finding financial aids to provide refreshment to the participant school students, artistes and others during these programs.
- The other challenge faced by the officers is how to respond to the questions asked by the artistes and the persons who have sent applications/entries to the state competitions organized by the Department. The Department has only limited provision at the end of the year to conduct all the competitions/state festivals.
- Limited provision causes a number of difficulties in providing welfare facilities to the artistes such as medical and funeral aid.
- Construction and maintenance activities were also suffered a lot due to limited provision. For instances, Refurbishment of John de Silva Theatre and fulfilling the requirements of the institutions under the purview of the Department.

## CHAPTER 3

### Overall Financial Performance for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

#### 3.1 Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Budget 2023		Note	2022	2021	
	<b>Revenue Receipts</b>				
	Income tax	1			
	Taxes on local goods and services	2			A.C.A 1
	Taxes in International Trade	3			
	Non tax revenue and others	4			
	Total revenue receipts (A)				
	<b>Non-revenue receipts</b>				
	Treasury Imprests		566,403,000	602,657,000	A.C.A 3
	Deposits		8,044,945	1,354,955	A.C.A 4
	Advance Accounts		27,824,356	22,923,556	A.C.A 5&6 (a)
	<b>Other Receipts</b>				
	Total non-revenue receipts (B)		<b>602,272,301</b>	<b>626,935,511</b>	
	Total revenue receipts (A) + Total non-revenue receipts (B)= (C)		<b>602,272,301</b>	<b>26,935,511</b>	
	Treasury Imprest ©		<b>390,760,517</b>		
	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts e-©-(d)				
	<b>Less Expenditure</b>				
	Recurrent Expenditure				
	Salaries, Wages and other employee benefits	5	451,673,755	469,781,331	
	Other Goods and Services	6	158,975,073	181,815,431	
	Subsidies, grants and transfers	7	50,354,090	58,948,981	A.C.A 2:11*)
	Interest payments	8			
	Other Recurrent	9			
	<b>Total Recurrent Expenditure (D)</b>		<b>661,002,918</b>	710,545,743	
	<b>Capital Expenditure</b>				

	Rehabilitation and Development of Capital Assets	10	3,050,647	32,912,584
	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	3,304,896	3,452,617
	Capital Transfers	12		
	Acquisition of financial assets	13		
	Capacity Building	14	859,000	554,333
	Other Capital Expenditure	15		
	<b>Total Capital Expenditure (E)</b>		<b>7,214,543</b>	36,919,534
	Main Ledger Expenditure (F)		<b>32,285,324</b>	24,271,785
	Deposit Payments		5,654,259	1,910,668
	Advance payments		26,631,064	22,361,117
	<b>Total Expenditure G= (D+E+F)</b>		700,502,785	<b>771,737,062</b>
	<b>Balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>		(488,991,001)	<b>(144,801,551)</b>
	<b>Imprest balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 H=C-G</b>		(488,991,001)	<b>(144,801,551)</b>

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### 3.2 Statement on Financial Status

#### Statement on Financial Status as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

ACA-P

	Note	2023 Rs	2022 Rs
<b>Non-financial Assets</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA_- 6		
Financial Assets			
Advance Account	ACA-5/5(A)		
Cash and Cash equivalents	ACA-3		
<b>Total Assets</b>			
Net Assets/Equity			
Net Assets			
Property, plant and equipment reserve			
Rent and work advance reserve	ACA-5(B)		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Deposit Account	ACA-4		
Imprest Balance	ACA-3		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 6 presented in pages from to and Notes to accounts presented in pages from to page No. 01-67 form and integral parts 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 to be in agreement.

Chief Accounting Officer	Accounting Officer	Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
Name :	Name :	Name
Designation :	Designation :	Designation :
Date :	Date :	Date :

### 3.3. Statement of Cash Flow

#### Statement of Cash Flow for the year ended on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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	Actual	
	2023	2022
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities</b>		
Total tax receipts		
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses		
Profits		
Non-Revenue receipts		
Revenue collected for other Heads	419,887,105	32,317,627
Imprest Received	566,403,000	602,657,000
Recoveries from advance	25,411,789	22,664,210
Deposits Received	8,044,945	1,354,955
<b>Total Cash generated from Operations (a)</b>	<b>1,019,746,839</b>	<b>658,993,792</b>
<b>Less- cash disbursed for:</b>		
Personal Emoluments and Operating Payments	579,338,197	615,330,241
Subsidies and Transfer payments	9,549,478	15,023,058
Expenditure on other Heads	1,670,094	1,108,716
Imprest settled to the Treasury	390,760,517	
Advance Payments	26,631,064	22,497,101
Deposit Payments	5,654,259	1,910,668
<b>Total Cash disbursed for Operations (b)</b>	<b>1,013,603,610</b>	<b>655,869,784</b>
<b>NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIE (C)=(a)-(b)</b>	<b>6,143,229</b>	<b>3,124,008</b>
<b>Cash Flows from investment activities</b>		
Interests		

Dividends		
Divestiture proceeds and sale of physical assets		
Recoveries from on lending		
Recoveries from Advance		
<b>Total Cash disbursed for investing activities €</b>		
<b>Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (d)</b>		
Less cash Disbursed for:		
Purchase or construction of physical assets and acquisition of other investment	6,143,229	3,124,008
<b>Total Cash disbursed for investment activities</b>	6,143,229	3,124,008
<b>NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES (F)=(d)-€</b>	(6,143,229)	(3,124,008)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING 7 INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (g)=(c)+(f)		
<b><u>Cash Flows from financing activities</u></b>		
Local Borrowings		
Foreign Borrowings		
Grants Received		
Deposit Received		
<b>Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (h)</b>		
<b><u>Less cash disbursed for :</u></b>		
Repayment of local borrowings		
Repayment of foreign borrowings		
Deposit Payments		
<b>Total cash disbursed for Financing Activities (i)</b>		
<b>NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(h)-(i)</b>		
Net Movement in Cash (k)=(g)-(j)		
Opening cash balance as at 01 <sup>st</sup> January		
Closing cash balance as at 31 <sup>st</sup> December		

**3.4 Notes on Financial Statements**  
**Summary of Financing the Expenditure by Program**  
**Department of Cultural Affairs**

ACA-2(iv)

**Expenditure Head – 206**

Code	Financing Description	Program 01*		Program 02*		Grand Total		
		Net provision**	Actual Expenditure	Net provision**	Actual Expenditure	Net Provision**	Actual Expenditure	*** % of Expenditure
11	Domestic Funds	150,128,365	123,512,382	793,371,635	544,705,079	943,500,000	668,217,461	71%
12	Foreign Funds							
13	Foreign Grants							
14	Reimbursable Foreign Loans							
15	Reimbursable Foreign Grants							
16	Counterpart Funds							
17	Foreign Finance Associated Cost							
18	Foreign Financing related Domestic							
21	Special Law Services							
	<b>Total</b>	150,128,365	123,512,382	793,371,635	544,705,079	943,500,000	668,217,461	71%

\*Please indicate figures under each program according to ACA 2 (v)

\*\*Allocations, referred to 4<sup>th</sup> column of ACA-2

\*\*\*State the percentage without decimal

**3.5 Performance on revenue collection**

Revenue Code	Description	Revenue Estimate		Added Value	
		Finance Estimate	Final Estimate	Amount	Percentage as the Final Revenue Estimate
2002.01.01	Rents on Public Buildings	2,500,000.00	2,500,000.00	5,378,697.00	215.14%
2002.02.99	Other	3,040,000.00	3,040,000.00	2,778,491.01	91.40%
2003.01.00	Departmental	600,000.00	600,000.00	1,566,206.00	261.03%

	Sales				
2003.99.00	Other receipts	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	*392,004,750 .50	9800.12%

Due to release of bond belong to the Sieraa Constructions, a sum of Rs. 392,004,750.50 was credited to the state revenue on 24.11.2023.

### 3.6 Performance on utilization of allocated provision

#### Expenditure Head - - 206

Department – Department of Cultural Affairs

Type of Provision	Allocated Provision		Actual Expenditure	Net Result (Balance)
	Financial Provision	Final Provision		
Recurrent	781,000,000.00	781,000,000.00	661,002,918.00	85%
Capital	162,500,000.00	162,500,000.00	7,214,543.00	4%
Sub-Total	943,500,000.00	943,500,000.00	668,217,461.00	71%

### 3.7 Provision granted as per F.R. 208 to the Department of Cultural Affairs

Serial No	Expenditure Head	Description	Objective of granting provision	Expenditure incurred by other Ministries/Departments Heads as per the Treasury Printouts	Expenditure incurred by other Ministries/Departments under F.R. 208	Provision		Actual Expenditure	Utilized Provision %
						Original Provision	Final Provision		
1	206	206-1-1-0-1003-0/11	Railway Warrants	306	Department of Railways	252,150.00	-	252,150.00	100%
2	206	206-2-2-0-14091-0/11	Other	265	District Secretariat	0.00	-	0.00	
3	206	206-2-2-0-1409-0/11	Other	278	District Secretariat			-10,000.00	
4	206	206-2-2-0-1409/11	Printing of old Books	259	District Secretariat- Matale			-10,000.00	
5	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Printing of old Books	211	Department of Government Printing			308,481.75	
6	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	261	District Secretariat-Galle			76,604.00	
7	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	263	District Secretariat			112,400.00	
8	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna			195,745.00	
9	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	271	District Secretariat			190,000.00	
10	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	274	District Secretariat			250,000.00	

11	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	275	District Secretariat			112,915.00
12	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	269	District Secretariat			271,695.00
13	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	272	District Secretariat			334,560.00
14	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	260	District Secretariat-			40,000.00
15	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	262	District Secretariat			155,017.75
16	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	255	District Secretariat_ Colombo			70,000.00
17	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	275	District Secretariat			10,000.00
18	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	257	District Secretariat- Kaluthara			155,000.00
19	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	259	District Secretariat- Matale			60,000.00
20	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	279	District Secretariat- Kegalle			60,615.25
21	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	270	District Secretariat- Ampara			369,950.00
22	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	273	District Secretariat			39,682.50
23	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	276	District Secretariat- Badulla			211,779.00
24	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	277	District Secretariat			140,000.00
25	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	258	District Secretariat			99,763.00
26	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	267	District Secretariat- Mullativu			110,000.00
27	206	206	206-2-2-2-1409/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	265	District Secretariat			100,000.00
28	206	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	268	District Secretariat			45,600.00
29	206	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	278	District Secretariat			189,620.13

30	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	256	District Secretariat - Gampaha			80,000.00	100%
31	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Divisional Literary Festivals	266	District Secretariat	3,604, 536.63		113,590.00	
32	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	268	District Secretariat			27,940.00	
33	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	265	District Secretariat			62,059.13	
34	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	266	District Secretariat			34,262.00	
35	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	256	District Secretariat- Gampaha			136,234.70	
36	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	278	District Secretariat			151,125.29	
37	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	267	District Secretariat- Mullativu			18,000.00	
38	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	258	District Secretariat			188,470.00	
39	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	277	District Secretariat			88,071.66	
40	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	276	District Secretariat- Badulla			126,992.10	
41	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	273	District Secretariat			129,544.00	
42	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	270	District Secretariat- Ampara			165,994.46	
43	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	279	District Secretariat- Kegalle			112,706.55	
44	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	259	District Secretariat- Matale			131,274.00	
45	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	257	District Secretariat- Kaluthara			207,960.50	
46	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	255	District Secretariat- Colombo			127,572.00	
47	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	262	District Secretariat - Matara			253,120.00	
48	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	260	District Secretariat			51,440.00	

49	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	272	District Secretariat			450,112.00	
50	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	269	District Secretariat			146,860.66	
51	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	275	District Secretariat			48,260.00	
52	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	274	District Secretariat			154,500.00	
53	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	271	District Secretariat- Ampara			43,266.00	
54	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna			128,539.76	
55	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Commuted Allowance	263	District Secretariat			149,830.00	
56			Commuted Allowance	261		30324 @7740 81		190,102.00	100%
57	206	206-2-3-0-1101/11	Stationery and postal	261	District Secretariat- Galle			29,950.50	
58	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	263	District Secretariat- Galle			29,850.00	
59	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna			6,000.00	
60	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	271	District Secretariat- Ampara			18,800.00	
61	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	274	District Secretariat			32,371.62	
62	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	275	District Secretariat			15,935.00	
63	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	269	District Secretariat			11,870.00	
64			Stationery and postal	272	District Secretariat		2,248,5 00.00	33,838.35	
65	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	260	District Secretariat		13,950. 00	12,000.00	
66	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	262	District Secretariat- Matara		59,461.	46,500.00	

67	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	255	District Secretariat- Colombo	00	12,047.31	
68	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	257	District Secretariat- Kaluthara	120,54 5.12	36,000.00	
69	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	259	District Secretariat- Matale		12,000.00	
70	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	270	District Secretariat		46,500.00	
71	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	273	District Secretariat		49,460.00	
72	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	276	District Secretariat- Badulla		36,480.00	
73	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	277	District Secretariat-		21,597.00	
74	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and postal	258	District Secretariat		6,716.00	
75	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and Postal	278	District Secretariat		14,404.72	
76	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and Postal	256	District Secretariat-Gampaha		18,000.00	
77	206	206-2-3-0-1201/11	Stationery and Postal	266	District Secretariat		13,998.00	
78	206	206-2-3-0-1302/11	ජක්ඩ්ලි ඔවු ඒජයසබරුඔ	265	District Secretariat		22,495.65	
79	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	ඔකාරවයදබර	268	District Secretariat	532,8 14.15	6,000.00	100%
80	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	ඔකාරවයදබර	277	District Secretariat	5,400. 00	5,400.00	100%

81	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	277	District Secretariat				5,223.39
82	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	258	District Secretariat				10,913.00
83	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	267	District Secretariat-Mullativu				949.47
84	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	276	District Secretariat - Badulla				5,625.00
85	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	273	District Secretariat				3,537.00
86	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	270	District Secretariat				3,330.00
87	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	279	District Secretariat- Kegalle				1,800.00
88	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	259	District Secretariat- Matale				3,750.00
89	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	257	District Secretariat- Kaluthara				4,000.00
90	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	255	District Secretariat- Colombo				12,850.00
91	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	272	District Secretariat				2,247.00
92	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	266	District Secretariat				3,923.57
93	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	256	District Secretariat- Gampaha				9,400.00
94	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	278	District Secretariat				5,625.00
95	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	269	District Secretariat				5,725.00
96	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	275	District Secretariat				5,625.00
97	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	274	District Secretariat				13,704.80

98	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	271	District Secretariat			1,875.00	
99	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna			3,671.02	
100	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	263	District Secretariat			3,575.00	
101	206	206-2-3-0-1402/11	Telephone	261	District Secretariat - Galle	108,338.26		989.01	100%
102	206	206-2-3-4-2104/11	Buildings and Constructions	274	District Secretariat-	1,071,314.00		1,071,314.00	100%
103	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	274	District Secretariat			57,500.00	
104	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	261	District Secretariat- Galle			4,500.00	
105	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	263	District Secretariat-			60,500.00	
106	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	275	District Secretariat			69,000.00	
107	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	278	District Secretariat			24,000.00	
108	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	256	District Secretariat- Gampaha			14,500.00	
109	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	272	District Secretariat			40,500.00	
110	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	262	District Secretariat- Matara			9,000.00	
111	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	255	District Secretariat- Colombo			249,500.00	
112	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Assistance to Kalayathana	276	District Secretariat- Badulla			61,500.00	
113	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	258	District Secretariat			10,500.00	
114	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	277	District Secretariat	698,000.00		88,000.00	100%
115	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	277	District Secretariat			78,300.00	
116	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	258	District Secretariat			160,000.00	

117	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	267	District Secretariat- Mullativu			5,000.00
118	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	276	District Secretariat- Badulla			39,599.71
119	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	263	District Secretariat-			40,000.00
120	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	279	District Secretariat- Kegalle			50,000.00
121	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	270	District Secretariat- Ampara			230,000.00
122	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	255	District Secretariat- Colombo			21,000.00
123	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	257	District Secretariat- Kaluthara			115,000.00
124	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	259	District Secretariat- Matale			25,000.00
125	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	262	District Secretariat- Matara			65,000.00
126			Needy Artistes' Assistance	260	District Secretariat	40,730,000.00		315,000.00
127	206	206-2-3-4-1508/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	272	District Secretariat			119,999.96
128	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	265	District Secretariat			10,000.00
129	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	256	District Secretariat- Gampaha			25,000.00
130	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	278	District Secretariat			91,496.86
131	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	269	District Secretariat			20,000.00
132	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	275	District Secretariat			10,000.00
133	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	263	District Secretariat			90,000.00
134	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	261	District Secretariat- Matara			35,000.00
135	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Needy Artistes' Assistance	274	District Secretariat			360,000.00

136	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna		30,000.00	
137	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	271	District Secretariat	2,008, 596.53	20,000.00	97%
138	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	266	District Secretariat		66,324.00	
139	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	278	District Secretariat		209,948.56	
140	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	256	District Secretariat-Gampaha		85,000.00	
141	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	265	District Secretariat		69,700.00	
142	206	206-2-3-6-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	268	District Secretariat		31,750.00	
143	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	272	District Secretariat		344,752.00	
144	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	260	District Secretariat		54,995.00	
145	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	262	District Secretariat-Matara		140,895.00	
146	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	259	District Secretariat- Matale		64,834.00	
147	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	257	District Secretariat- Kalutara		216,530.00	
148	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	255	District Secretariat- Colombo		156,295.00	
149	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	270	District Secretariat- Ampara		232,305.00	
150	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	279	District Secretariat- Kegalle		64,228.00	
151	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	273	District Secretariat-		147,324.00	
152	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	276	District Secretariat-Badulla		265,305.00	
153	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	267	District Secretariat- Mullativu		60,015.00	
154	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	258	District Secretariat		167,398.00	
155	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	277	District Secretariat		163,310.00	

156	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	271	District Secretariat			120,555.00	
157	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	264	District Secretariat- Jaffna			117,129.50	
158	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	274	District Secretariat			275,417.00	
159	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	261	District Secretariat- Galle			136,059.67	
160	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	263	District Secretariat			152,652.50	
161	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	275	District Secretariat			45,085.00	
162	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Dolosmahe Pahana	269	District Secretariat	3,684, 439.23		218,451.00	98%
163	206	206-2-3-9-1409/11	Invaluable Heritage	209	District Secretariat- Department of Archives	45,89 9.00		45,899.00	100%
								<b>15,473,825.36</b>	

### 3.8 Performance on reporting non-financial assets

Asset Code	Code Description	Balance as at 31.12.2023 as per verifications (Rs.)	Balance as at 31.12.2023 as per Financial Status Report	To be under accounting in future	Reporting as progress
9151	Buildings and Structures	826,808,600.14	826,808,600.14		
9152	Machinery	152,621,434.90	152,621,434.90		
9153	Lands	62,000,000.00	62,000,000.00		
9154	Intangible Assets	733,040.00	733,040.00		
9155	Bio Assets	343,105,266.28	343,105,266.28		
9160	Work in progress				
9180	Assets on rent				

### 3.9. Auditor General's Report

The final report, issued by Auditor General, was scanned and attached hereto.

## 4. CHAPTER – 04

### Performance Indicators of the Department (Based on the Action Plan)

Specified Indicator	Actual output as a % of expected output		
	100%-90%	75%-89%	50%-74%
Overall expenditure for State Award Ceremonies, projects and programs.		√	
Overall expenditure, per capita expenditure and number of beneficiaries in carrying out welfare activities to uplift the life status of the artistes.	√		
Overall expenditure, per capita expenditure and number of beneficiaries in cultural district activities	√		
Overall expenditure, per capita expenditure and number of beneficiaries in the development of physical resources for the propagation and promotion of intangible heritage.		√	

## 05. CHAPTER 05- Performance on achieving Sustainable Development Goals

### 5.1 Identified Sustainable Development Goals

Target/Goal	Target	Achieving Indicator	Progress on the achievement up to now		
			%	50%-74%	75%-100%
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.	Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage.	Total per capita expenditure on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural heritage as per type of heritage.			√

### 5.2 Achievements and challenges of Sustainable Development Goals

- Three (03) Award Ceremonies were conducted in 2023 under the programs of State Award Ceremonies, projects and programs- (State Literary Awards Ceremony, State Arts Awards Ceremony, State Drama Awards Ceremony. The artistes of excellence were evaluated and motivated.
- Welfare activities to uplift the life status of the artistes- 346 Artiste's Ids Issued, 71 Medical Aids, 3049 Needy Artistes Aid, 304 Arts Institutes Aid, 01 Perahara Assistances, 71 Funeral Aid, 09 Various Aids for Festivals, 12 Registration of Cultural and Arts Associations, 15 National Level Kalakaru Suwadam and 335 Divisional Level Kalakaru Suwadam, and 57 events by State Music Ensemble with 01 Foreign Event and 75 by State Dance Ensemble.
- District Cultural Activities- Conducted the "Dolosmahe Pahana" program at district and regional levels, Provision at district and divisional level for the Literary Festivals.
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- Development of physical resources for the propagation and promotion of intangible heritage- Conducted World Puppetry day Celebration, "Sooseta Kala Mangalya" in line with the Book Fair and state Poson Hewisi Pooja.
- Preservation activities- Inaugurate the listing of Intangible heritage and mobile software for that purpose with the assistance of Green University and to be completed in 2024.

#### Challenges

- Due to insufficient amount of provision because of the prevailed economic situation in the country, holding festivals havd to be restricted in 2023.
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### 06. Chapter 06 – Human Resources Framework

Human Resources Development Plan for the year 2022 of the Department of Cultural Affairs

- Organization
  - Ministry- Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs
  - Department – Department of Cultural Affairs

- Organizational Structure

- **Vision**

Let's together build a nation replete with subdued, cultured and disciplined people.

- **Mission**

Preparation and implementation of programs for the preservation, propagation and expansion of intangible culture with the Sri Lankan identity.

- **Values**

- State Award Ceremonies, projects and programs for the propagation and promotion of intangible heritage.
- Welfare activities for the advancement of living status of the artistes.
- District cultural activities to develop the sense of appreciation.
- Physical resources development for the propagation and promotion of intangible heritage.
- Preservation activities to secure the scientific nature of all the cultural components.

## 2.4 Targets

For the artistes

- To improve their life status
- Provide equal opportunities to the artistes

For Artistic creations- crafts

- Heighten the standards of artistic creations to improve the sense of appreciation
- Publicize traditional arts and crafts

For Arts Institutions

- Optimum service
- All island services

For Arts Associations

- Optimum service
- All island services

For the Officers

- Provide the background required to generate a public officer who serve in responsible and accountable manner.

For General Public

- Creating the necessary background to build a disciplined society
- Take steps to generate people who have a good sense of appreciation

- **Objectives of the Department**

- Passing down the cultural values and ethics of Sri Lankan identity to the future generation for the preservation of intangible cultural heritage.

- Promote the intangible heritage to highlight the local identity while preserving traditional cultural components and intangible heritage.
- Propagation of intangible heritage to build up a nation with values.
- Standardization of creations to heighten the level of appreciation.
- Heighten the living standards of the artistes.
- Secure the scientific nature of all the cultural components.

### 6.1 Cadre Management

	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Vacancies/Excess
Senior	28	12	16
Tertiary	04	03	01
Secondary	630	556	64
Primary	189	132	57

### 6.2 Describe how the shortage or the excess of human resources affect the performance of the department

Some posts in the Department of Cultural are vacant or there is a cadre excess. (Eg. There is an excess staff in the Development Officers Services in some districts and shortage in cadre in the North and the Eastern provinces. There is shortage of staff in the Management Assistants Service also) It is observed that this shortage or the excess has an effect for the performance. There are no properly trained officers to carry out the relevant function. This was observed in the previous year too.

Shortage of officers who could work using the state of the art technology seems to be an issue in the Department. For instance usage of operating sound system. Therefore, the Department has to resort to other alternatives to get the job done. It seems that lack of proper training has an impact on the performance though the required staff is present.

Difficulties were observed in carrying out the duties due to lack of computer knowledge by the officers and the Internet facility. This was specially observed during the period when work from office in progress due to the restrictions imposed in the past few years.

It was unable to carry out required training during the past year due to the prevailed economic situation and plans are put into place to offer training to the officers of the Department as per the human resources plan.

### 6.3 Human Resources Development

Program	Number of Officers	Time Duration	Total Investment (Rs)		Nature of Program (Local/Foreign)
			Local	Foreign	
Tamil Language Course	60	06 months	75,000		Local

for the Public Officers						educ crea dutie
Training on PAS	04	03 months	200,000		Local	know
Training on Transport management	01	02 Days	6,000		Local	capa stand
Training on Printing Activities	02	06 months	50,000		Local	Know
Course on Stores Survey	01	01 Day	13,500		Local	Know
Certificate Course on Procurement Procedure	02	03 months	120,000		Local	Corr proc
Training on Losses and Damages	01	01 Day	5000		Local	Know Reg
KKS Training	04	01 Day	20,000		Local	Know
Training on Salary Preparations	03	01 Day	15,000		Local	Know
Office management and F.R. Training	04	01 Day	20,000		Local	Know
Post Graduate Courses- Staff Officers	01	01 Year	1,80,000		Local	Fulf requ
Diploma in English	01	01 Year	80,000		Local	To g

#### Chapter 07 – Compliance Report

Number	Requirement	Compliance/Non-Compliance	Give details if -incompliance	Decisions/Strategies to avoid in compliance in future
<b>01.</b>	The following financial statement accounts had been presented on due date			
<b>1.1</b>	Annual Financial Statements	Compliance		
<b>1.2</b>	Advance Account for Public Officers	Compliance		
<b>1.3</b>	Business and Production Advance Account			
<b>1.4</b>	Store Advance Account			
<b>1.5</b>	Special Advance Account			
<b>1.6</b>	Other			
<b>02.</b>	Maintenance of Books and Registers (F.R. 445)			
<b>2.1</b>	Maintenance and update of Fixed Assets Register as per Public Administration Circular 26/7/2018	Compliance		
<b>2.2</b>	Maintenance and update of personnel emoluments register/cards	Compliance		
<b>2.3</b>	Maintenance and update of Audit Queries Register	Compliance		
<b>2.4</b>	Maintenance and update of Internal	Compliance		

	Audit Reports			
2.5	Preparation of monthly account summaries and submit to the General Treasury on due date.	Compliance		
2.6	Maintenance and update of cheques and Money Order register	Compliance		
2.7	Maintenance and update of inventory register	Compliance		
2.8	Maintenance and update of stores Register	Compliance		
2.9	Maintenance and update of Loss and Damage Register	Compliance		
2.10	Maintenance and update of Liabilities Register	Compliance		
2.11	Maintenance and update of counterfoil Register.	Compliance		
03.	F.R.135. Delegation of Functions for Financial Control			
3.1	Delegation of functions within the Institution	Compliance		
3.2	Make aware on the delegation of functions in the Institution			
3.3	Delegation of functions enabling each transaction to passes through two or more officers.			
3.4	Taking action under the control of the Accountant in using Payroll Software Package as per the Public Accounts Circular No. 171/2014 dated 11.05.2014			
4.0	Preparation of Annual Plans			
4.1	Preparation of Annual Action Plan			
4.2	Preparation of Annual Procurement Plan			
4.3	Preparation of Annual Internal Audit Report			
4.4	Preparation and submission of annual estimate to the Department of national Budget on due date.			
4.5	Submission of annual financial flow statement to the Department of Treasury Operations on due date.			
05	Audit Queries			
5.1	Giving answers to all the audit queries on the date prescribed by the Auditor General			
06	Internal Audit			
6.1	Consult the Auditor General in preparation of Internal Audit program at the beginning of the year as per F.R. 134(2)/1-2019			
6.2	Responses to each Internal Audit Report should be made within a period of month.			
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports should be submitted to the Department of Audit Management as per the sub section 40(4) of the Audit Act No 19 of 2018			
6.4	Copies of Internal Audit reports should be furnished to the Auditor – General as per F.R. 134(3)	Compliance		

<b>07</b>	<b>Audit and Management Committees</b>			
<b>7.1</b>	Holding at least 04 Audit and Management Committees in the year as per the Circular 1-2019	Compliance		
<b>08</b>	<b>Asset Management</b>			
<b>8.1</b>	The information related to purchase and disposal of assets should be submitted to the Comptroller General's office as per the Para 7 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017.	Compliance		
<b>8.2</b>	Taking action as per the Paragraph 13 of the above Circular.	Compliance		
<b>8.3</b>	Submit the Inventory Reports to the Auditor General on time as per the Public Finance Circular 01/2020	Compliance		
<b>8.4</b>	Carrying out the surpluses, deficiencies and other recommendations revealed at the inventory during the time prescribed by the Circular	Compliance		
<b>8.5</b>	Disposal of condemned articles as per the F.R. 772	Compliance		
<b>09</b>	<b>Management of Vehicles</b>			
<b>9.1</b>	Preparation of daily running charts and monthly summary reports for the pool vehicles and furnishing them to the Auditor General on time.	Compliance		
<b>9.2</b>	Disposal of condemned vehicles within a period of less than 6 months	Compliance		
<b>9.3</b>	Maintenance and update of log books for vehicles	Compliance		
<b>9.4</b>	Take action as per F.R. 103, 104, 109, and 110 for all the vehicle accidents.	Compliance		
<b>9.5</b>	Reexamining the amount of fuel burnt as per the Public Ad. Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016	Compliance		
<b>9.6</b>	Acquiring the ownership of the log books of the leased vehicles after the leasing.	Not relevant		
<b>10.</b>	<b>Management of Bank Accounts</b>			
<b>10.1</b>	Preparation and certification of Bank Reconciliation Reports and submit for audit on due date.			
<b>10.2</b>	Settling of inactive bank accounts during the year under review or continued from the past years.			
<b>10.3</b>	Taking action with regard to the balances and adjustable balances revealed by the bank reconciliation reports and settling them within a month.			
<b>11</b>	<b>Usage of Provision</b>			
<b>11.1</b>	Using provision not exceeding the limits.			
<b>11.2</b>	No expenditure or commitment shall be incurred unless financial			

	provision exists therefore in the Annual Estimates, and at no time shall the commitments, and the expenditure incurred exceed such provision for the financial year as per the F.R. 94(1)			
<b>12</b>	<b>Public Officers Advance Account</b>			
<b>12.1</b>	Compliance with the limits			
<b>12.2</b>	Time analysis for debt balances			
<b>12.3</b>	Settling of debt balances which remain existed for over one year			
<b>13</b>	<b>General Deposit Account</b>			
<b>13.1</b>	Taking action as per F.R. 571 for lapsed deposits			
<b>13.2</b>	Maintenance and update of control account for the general deposits			
<b>14</b>	<b>Imprest Accounts</b>			
<b>14.1</b>	Balance of the cash book should be surrendered to the Department of Treasury Operations at the end of the year under review.			
<b>14.2</b>	Sub Imprest granted under F.R. 371 should be settled immediately within a month after the completion of the purpose for which it is granted.			
<b>14.3</b>	Issuing imprest not exceeding the approved limit as per F.R. 371	Compliance		
<b>14.4</b>	Monthly reconciliation of balance imprest with the treasury books.	Compliance		
<b>15</b>	<b>Revenue Account</b>			
<b>15.1</b>	Carrying out repayments from the revenue collection as per regulations.	Compliance		
<b>15.2</b>	Directly credit the revenue collection not to the deposit account but to the revenue.	Compliance		
<b>15.3</b>	Furnishing of returns of arrears of collection to the Auditor General			
<b>16</b>	<b>Human Resources Management</b>			
<b>16.1</b>	Maintenance of staff within the approved cadre			
<b>16.2</b>	All the members of the cadre are given the Duty Lists	Compliance		
<b>16.3</b>	All the reports are submitted to the Department of Management Services as per the MSD Circular 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Compliance		
<b>17</b>	<b>Give information to general public</b>			
<b>17.1</b>	Appointment of an Information	Compliance		

	Officer as per the Right to Information Act and maintenance and update of an Information Register			
17.2	The information on the Department can be obtained through its website and this website together with other alternative ways facilitate the general public to publish their commendations/complaints	Compliance		
17.3	Submit reports twice a year or once a year as per the sections 08 and 10 of the Right to Information Act.	Compliance		
18	Implementation of Citizen Charter			
18.1	Compilation and implementation of Citizen/Client Charter as per the Public Ad. Circulars No. 05/2008 and 05/2008(1)	Compliance		
18.2	Adopting a methodology to monitor and evaluate the Compilation and implementation of Citizen/Client Charter as per the Para 2.3 of the said Circular.	Compliance		
19	Compilation of Human Resources Plan			
19.1	Compiling a Human Resources Plan based on the format of the Annex 02 of Public Admin. Circular 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018			
19.2	Ensure training opportunity to all the staff members for at least not less than 12 hours per year.			
19.3	Signing annual performance agreements for all the staff based on the format in the annex 01 of the above Circular.	Non-Compliance		
19.4	Appoint a senior officer with assigning the responsibilities on the preparation of human resources development plan, development of capacity building programs and skills development programs.			
20	Responses to the Audit Paragraphs			
20.1	Rectify the errors shown by the Auditor General in the Audit Paragraphs of the previous years.			

