

Chapter 01

Institutional Profile / Implementation Summary

1.1. Introduction.

The Archaeological Survey of Sri Lanka began in 1871, during the reign of Hon. Governor Sir Hercules Robinson, after a man named Lowton had taken photographs of the monuments in Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa. The Department of Archaeological Survey was established in 1890 to carry out archaeological survey activities in a systematic manner which began with the exploration of material culture based on curiosity. This Department was regularized by the Antiquities Ordinance No. 09 of 1940 and later restructured as the Department of Archaeology. The main role of the Department is to legally identify the National Heritage of Sri Lanka and to conserve the National Heritage and to promote proper management thereof. The Department of Archaeology was established on July 07, 1890 and completed 133 years as on 07.07.2023.

The maintenance of archaeological sites and monuments is carried out under 99 archaeological maintenance zones throughout the island. To make this work a success, 15 Regional Archaeological Offices under the Head Office and Zonal Offices under the Regional Offices have been established.

1.2. Vision, Mission and Objectives of the Institute

❖ **Vision**

Proper management of overall archeological heritage and endowing it to the future generation.

❖ **Mission**

Act as the supreme institute and the main regulating organization responsible for the management of archeological heritage of Sri Lanka.

❖ Objectives

There are several objectives of the Department of Archeology in order to achieve the above Mission.

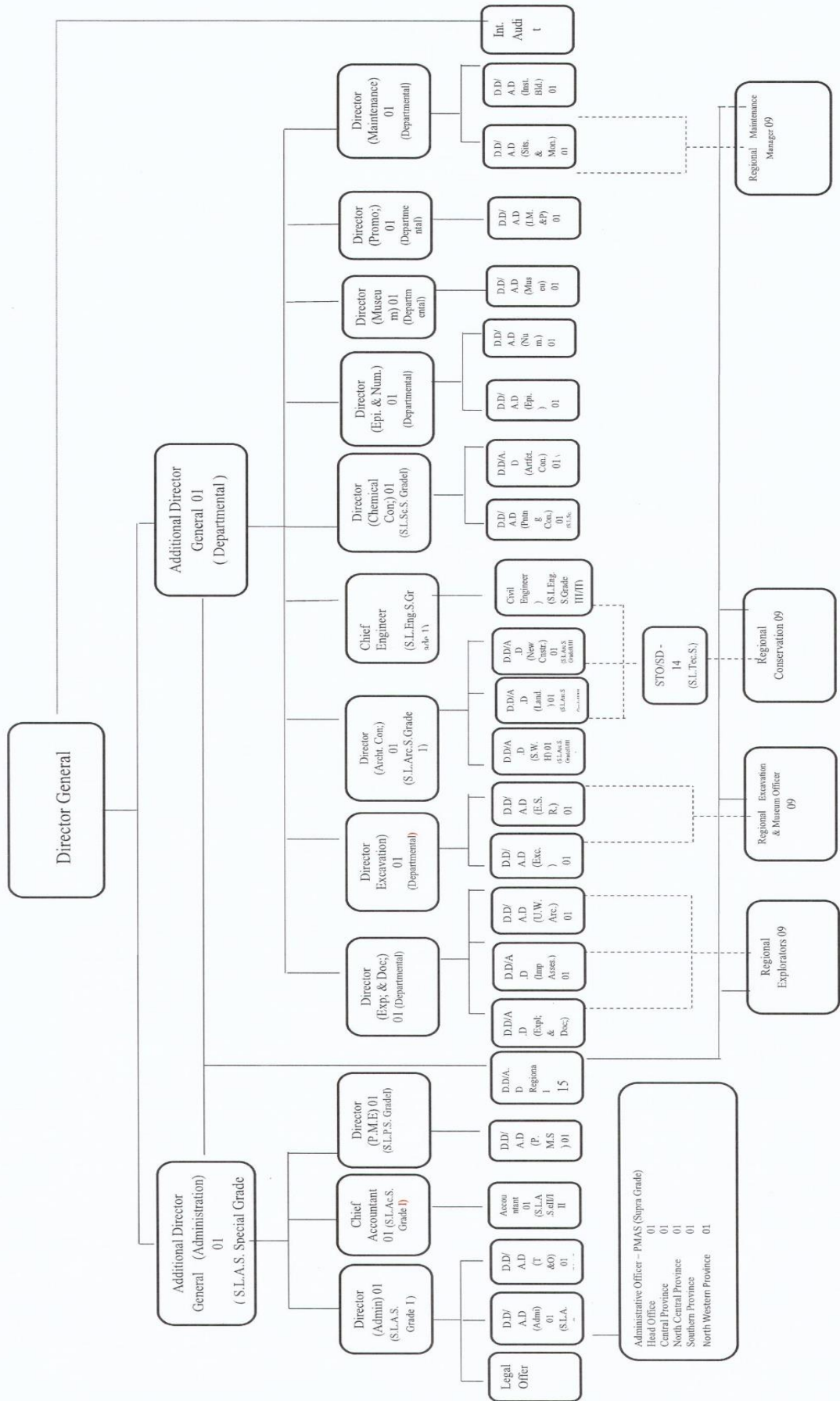
01. Securing overall archeological heritage
02. Registration of archeological heritage
 - i). Sites and monuments
 - ii). Movable artifacts
03. Enhance the public awareness about archeological heritage.
04. Conservation and maintenance of archeological sites/ monuments and movable artifacts.
05. Research.
06. Promotion of Resources
 - i). Human
 - ii). Institutional

1.3. Key Activities

1. Identification of archeological heritage of Sri Lanka.
2. Registration of movable and immovable archeological heritage of Sri Lanka.
3. Conservation and maintenance of archeological heritage in accordance with the disciplinary procedures and enhance infrastructure facilities.
4. Implementation of Archeological Ordinance.
5. Implementation of Cultural Property Act.
6. Exhibiting archeological sites and monuments to the public.
7. Conducting losses evaluation surveys in respect of damages caused to the sites of archeological value when various developmental projects are carried out.

1.4. Organization Chart

Organizational Structure - Department of Archaeology



01. Admin	-	Administration
02. T & O	-	Training & Other
03. P.M.A	-	Project Operations & Assessment
04. P.M.S	-	Project Monitoring Supervision
05. Expl. & Doc.	-	Exploration & Documentation
06. Ipct. Asses	-	Archaeological Impact Assessment
07. U.W. Arc.	-	Underwater Archaeological
08. Exc.	-	Excavation
09. E.A.R.	-	Excavation Assessment & Research
10. Archi. Con.	-	Architectural Conservation
11. S.W.H.	-	Sites & World Heritage
12. Land	-	Landscaping
13. New Constr.	-	New Constructions
14. Chemical Con.	-	Chemical Conservation
15. Pntng. Con.	-	Painting Conservation
16. Artfct. Con.	-	Artefact Conservation
17. Epi. & Num.	-	Epigraphy & Numismatics
18. Epi.	-	Epigraphy
19. Num.	-	Numismatics
20. Promo.	-	Promotions
21. I.M.& P.	-	Information Monitoring & Publications
22. Site & Mon.	-	Site & Monuments
23. Ins. Bld.	-	Institutional Buildings
24. STO/SD	-	Senior Technical Officer / Senior Draughtmen
25. DD / AD	-	Deputy Director / Assistant Director
26. S.L.A.S.	-	Sri Lanka Administration
27. SL.Ac.S	-	Sri Lanka Accounting services
28. S.L.Eng.S.	-	Sri Lanka Engineering services
29. S.L. Arc.S.	-	Sri Lanka Architectural Services
30. SL.Sc.S.	-	Sri Lanka scientific Services
31. P.M.A.S.	-	Public Management Assistant Services
32. SL.T.cc.S	-	Sri Lanka Technical services

1.5. Main Divisions / Provincial and District offices under the purview of the Department

❖ Main Divisions of the Department

Academic Divisions

- Exploration and Registration Division
- Excavation Division
- Museum Division
- Architectural Conservation Division
- Chemical Conservation Division
- Epigraphy and Numismatics Division
- Maintenance Division
- Promotional Division
- Media Division

Non-Academic Divisions

- Accounts Division
- Administrative Division
- Project Operation and Evaluation Division
- Legal

❖ Provincial and District Archeological Offices under the purview of the Department

	Privincial Office	District Office
1	Western Provincial office	
2	Central Provincial office	
3	Southern Province - Districts office	Galle/Matara Districts office
4		Hambanthota District office
5	Northern Province - Districts office	Jaffna/ Kilinochchi Districts office
6		Mannar/Mulativ/ Vawniya Districts office
7	North Western Provincial office	
8	North Central Province - Districts Office	Anuradhapura District office
9		Polonnaruwa District office
10	Uva Province – Districts office	Badulla District office
11		Monaragala District office
12	Sabaragamuwa Province - Districts office	Kegalle District office
13		Rathnapura District office
14	Eastern Province - Districts office	Ampara / Baticaloe District office
15		Trincomalee District office

❖ **Maintanance Zones functioned under Provincial Offices**

1	Western Province Gampaha /Colombo /Kaluthara Districts	No. 01	Udugampola Zone
		No. 02	Pilikuththuwa
		No. 03	Kotte
		No. 04	Olcott
		No. 05	Pathahawatta
		No. 06	Ganeuda
2	Central Province Matale/ Kandy/Nuwara Eliya Districts	No. 01	Sigiriya
		No. 02	Dambulla
		No. 03	Menikdena
		No. 04	Moragahakanda
		No. 05	Nalanda Gedige
		No. 06	Matale
		No. 07	Harispaththuwa
		No. 08	Kandy
		No. 09	Yatinuwara
		No. 10	Udunuwara
		No. 11	Kundasalaya
		No. 12	Hanguranketha
		No. 13	Kothmale
		No. 14	Nuwara Eliya
3	Southern Province - Galle/Matara Districts	No. 01	Hikkaduwa
		No. 02	Galle
		No. 03	Galle Four Gravets and Galle Fort
		No. 04	Matara
		No. 05	Galgane
		No. 06	Kamburupitiya
4	Southern Province - Hambanthota District	No. 01	Katuwana
		No. 02	Kasagala
		No. 03	Hambanthota
		No. 04	Tissamaharamaya
5	North Province - Jaffna/ Kilinochchi Districts	No. 01	Jaffna
		No. 02	Islands
		No. 03	Walikamam

		No. 04	Wamarachchi
		No. 05	Thenwarachchi
		No. 06	Kilinochchi
6	Northern Province - Vawuniya District	No. 01	Vawuniya
		No. 02	Vawuniya North
		No. 03	VAWuniya South
	Mulativ Dsitriacts	No. 01	Mulliyweli
		No. 02	Pudukudirippu, Oddusudan
		No. 03	Manthei East
	Mannar District	No. 01	Mannar
		No. 02	Madu
7	North Western Province Kurunegala / Puttlam Districts	No. 01	Puttalm
		No. 02	Thonigala
		No. 03	Rajanganaya
		No. 04	Yapahuwa
		No. 05	Arankele
		No. 06	Kurunegala
		No. 07	Paduwasnuwara
		No. 08	Dambadeniya
		No. 09	Chilaw
8	North Central Province Anuradhapura District	No. 01	Padaviya
		No. 02	Kiralagala
		No. 03	Mihinthalaya
		No. 04	Nuwaragam Palatha East
		No. 05	Sacred City
		No. 06	Thanthirimalaya
		No. 07	Manakanda
		No. 08	Ritigala
		No. 09	Upulwehera
		No. 10	Medawachchiya
		No. 11	Thambuththegama
		No. 12	Nochchiyagama
		No. 13	Ethul Nuwara

9	North Central Province Polonnaruwa District	No. 01	Pollonaruwa
		No. 02	Medirigiriya
		No. 03	Namalpokuna
		No. 04	Elahera
10	Uwa Province Badulla District	No. 01	Nagadeepaya
		No. 02	Badulla Welekade
		No. 03	Diyathalawa
		No. 04	Passara
11	Uwa Province Monaragala District	No. 01	Galabedda
		No. 02	Maligawila
		No. 03	Bibila
		No. 04	Buduruwagala
12	Sabaragamuwa Province Kegalle District	No. 01	Danagirigala
		No. 02	Dedigama
		No. 03	Avissawella
		No. 04	Deliwala
13	Sabaragamuwa Province Rathnapura District	No. 01	Rathnapura
		No. 02	Maduwanwela
		No. 03	Galtempaya
14	Eastern Province Ampara District	No. 01	Padiyadora
		No. 02	Owagiriya
		No. 03	Deegawapi
		No. 04	Samanthure
		No. 05	Lahugala
	Batticaloa District	No. 01	Wakare
		No. 02	Kiran
		No. 03	Chenkaladi
		No. 04	Batticaloe Fort
		No. 05	Wellawali
15	Eastern Province Trincomalee District	No. 01	Gomarankadawala
		No. 02	Trincomalee
		No. 03	Seruwala

1.6 Institutes/ Funds under the purview of the Department

❖ Treasury Provisions

Provisions allocated for the Department under the budgetary allocations for the year 2023

Program / Expenditure Vote	Financial Provisions (Rs.Millions)		
	Capital	Recurrent	Total provisions
Program 1 207 – 01 - 01	11.000	319.000	330.000
Program 2 207 – 02 - 02	150.000	967.000	1,117.000
Total	161.000	1,286.000	1,447.000

❖ Financial Provisions allocated from General Deposit and External Agency Assistant Fund for the year 2023

Item	Financial Provisions (Rs.)
External Agency Assistance Fund	25,240,364.84
Uva Provincial Central Cultural Fund	200,550,00

*Note

Provisions of Central Cultural Fund and aids from External Agency Assistance Fund will be operative for the ensuing years also.

1.7. Details of Foreign Funded Projects

1. Conservation of Kandy Rajawasala

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|---|----|----------------------------------|
| (a) Name of the project | :- | Conservation of Kandy Rajawasala |
| (b) Contributing Agency | :- | U.S. Embassy Fund |
| (c) Estimated expenditure for the project | :- | US\$ 265,000.00 |
| (d) Duration of the project | :- | August 2021 - December 2024 |

Chapter 02

Progress and Future Vision

2.1 Special accomplishments, challenges faced and future goals

A financial provision of Rs. 1,477.00 million has been allocated to the Department of Archaeology under the budgetary allocation for the year 2023. Out of this, Recurring Expenditure was Rs. 1,286.00 million and Capital Expenditure was Rs. 161.00 million.

The projects were not implemented under the Capital Provisions during the first six months of the year 2023 due to the unexpected financial crisis prevailed in the country during the year 2022, and the implementation of the projects under the capital expenditure was started as a result of a discussion held on 16.06.2023 with the Department of Budget regarding the implementation of essential flagship projects. Accordingly, 170 projects were implemented at provincial and district levels under the programs of investigation, excavation and research, conservation and maintenance of archaeological sites and monuments, promotion of archaeological sites and monuments and public display.

Allocation of budgets for the Department of Archeology and progress for the year 2023

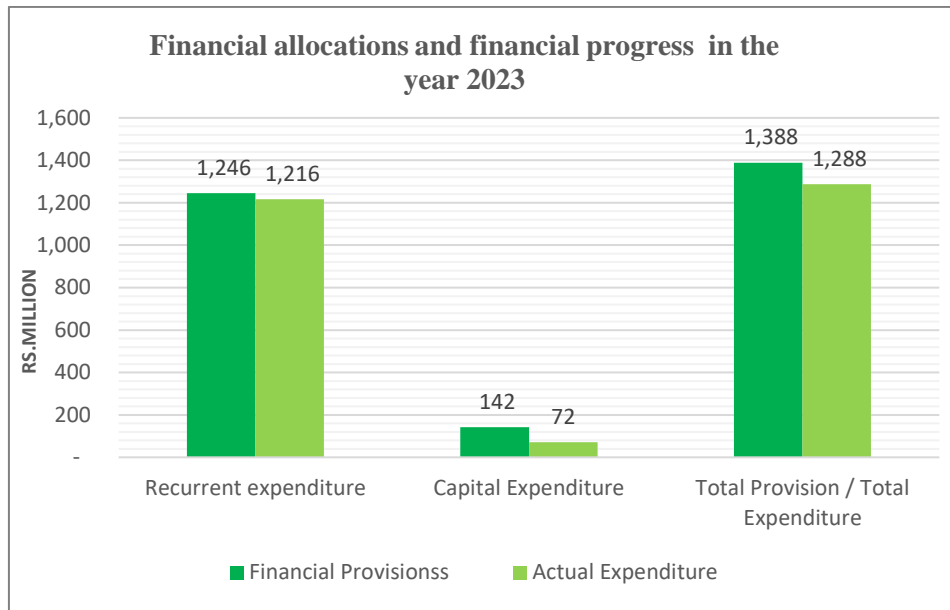
Table No: 01

Program	Expenditure Description	Budget Allocations (Rs.M.)	Amended * Alocations (Rs.M.)	Actual Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Financial Progress (%)
Program 01 207-01-01 General Administration	Recurrent Expenditure	319.000	311.740	296.981	95%
	Capital Expenditure	11.000	15.350	9.719	63%
	Sub Total	330.000	327.090	306.699	94%
Program 02 207-02-02 Archeological Service	Recurrent Expenditure	967.000	934.065	918.927	98%
	Capital Expenditure	150.000	126.790	62.171	49%
	Sub Total	1,117.00	1,060.855	981.098	92%
Overall Alocations/ Overall Progress	Recurrent Expenditure	1,286.000	1,245.805	1,215.907	98%
	Capital Expenditure	161.000	142.140	71.890	51%
	Sub Total	1,447.000	1,387.945	1,287.797	93%

Source: CIGAS - Department of Archeology

*NB : The capital allocation under the development program has been revised in June 2023 on the basis of the implementation of essential leading projects out of the 248 projects proposed to

be implemented under the development program of the approved action plan of 2023. There was a revision of Recurrent and Capital allocations due to the cutting down of Recurrent allocations by 6%, and transferring of FR as per Budget Circular 01/2023.



Accordingly, considering the financial performance for the year 2023, the Capital Expenditure was Rs. 71.890 million and its financial progress was 51%, the Recurrence Expenditure was Rs. 1,215.907 and its financial progress was 98% million and the actual expenditure was Rs. 1,287.797 million. Thus, the overall financial performance in 2023 was 93%.

Some projects remained inactive due to the commencement of project implementation at the end of the second quarter of the year under capital expenditure, delays in starting projects which raised publicity issues in regional offices for some projects and some project games, the prices of materials decreased in the last months of the year compared to the estimated amount for the projects based on the economic situation in the country in the first half of 2023, heavy rains hindered the project works. The Kandy Rajawasala conservation project, which has been operating since August 2021 under the funds of US\$ 265,000.00 of US Embassy, was scheduled to be completed in 2023, and an excess of capital allocations has been recorded due to the inclusion of an amount of 71,100 million rupees in the estimates of the year 2023 in respect of that project.

It was not able to achieve the desired performance level of Kandy Rajawasala Conservation Project in 2023 due to the commencement of the project work in the second half of the year and procurement problems. The Kandy Rajawasala Conservation Project is scheduled to be completed in 2024.

The initial provisions allocated and progress for the year 2023 (Table No. 02) and the progress of the projects implemented by the Academic Divisions (Tables No. 3 to 11) are given in the following numerical figures.

Table No: 02 Capital provisions allocated for the year 2023 and Progress

	Expenditure Vote	Expenditure Discription	Budget Allocations (Rs.M.)	Amended Allocations (Rs.M.)	Actual Expenditure (Rs.mn.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Operational Programm - 01 (General Administration)							
	Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets						
1	207-01-01-2001	Buildings and Constructions	5.000	5.000	0.522	10%	31%
2	207-01-01-2002	Machines and Machinery	1.000	1.000	0.959	96%	
3	207-01-01-2003	Vehicles	3.000	7.350	6.485	88%	
	Acquisition of Capital Asets						
4	207-01-01-2102	Furniture an doffice equipment	0.500	0.500	0.422	84%	
5	207-01-01-2103	Machine and Machinery	1.000	1.000	0.880	88%	
	Capacity Building						
6	207-01-01-2401	Staff Training	0.500	0.500	0.451	90%	
			11.000	15.350	9.718	63%	
Development Programs - 02 (Archeology Service)							
	Rehabilitation and improvement of Capital Assets						
7	207-02-02-2001	Buildings and Constructions	2.000	2.000	1.778	89%	95%
8	207-02-02-2002	Machiens and Machinery	0.500	1.155	1.006	87%	
	Acquisition of Capital Assets						
9	207-02-02-2102	Furniture and office equipment	0.500	0.500	0.496	99%	
10	207-02-02-2103	Machines and Machinery	1.300	1.300	1.105	85%	
	Capacity Building						
11	207-02-02-2401	Staff Training	0.500	0.500	0.108	22%	

		2509- Other					
12	207-02-02-05-2509	Maintaining Rajagalathenna Archeological site	10.000	10.000	8.953	90%	94%
		*Liabilities			1.047		
13	207-02-02-08-2509	Exploration, Excavation and rearsch of archeological sites and monuments	2.600	2.600	2.104	81%	90%
14	207-02-02-09-2509 -11	Conservation and maintenance of archeological sites and monuments	52.000	29.696	23.838	80%	78%
		*Liabilities			2.287		
15	207-02-02-09-2509 -13	Conservation project of Kandy Rajawasala	71.100	71.100	15.091	21%	57%
16	207-02-02-10-2509	Promotion of archeological sites and monuments and public exhibition	7.500	5.939	5.813	98%	77%
17	207-02-02-12-2509	Conservation of Ritigala Archeological site	1.000	1.000	0.881	88%	95%
18	207-02-02-15-2509	Maintenance of Kanniya Hot Water Wells premises	1.000	1.000	1.000	100%	68%
		Total	150.000	126.790	62.171	49%	76%
		Grand Total	161.000	142.140	71.890	51%	76%

* Liabilities have no been added.

Financial progress and physical progress of the projects implemented in 2023

Table No.: 3 **Manitaining Rajagala Archeological site**

Se.No.	District	Program	Allocated provisions (Rs.)	Financial expenses (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote : 207-02-02-05-2509						
1	Ampara / Uhana	Obtaining maintenance stuff for Rajagala Archeological Site	3,992,570.00	3,622,083.07	91%	95%
2	Ampara / Uhana	Construction of a warehouse at Rajagala Archeological Site	1,229,055.50	1,104,680.00	90%	95%
3	Ampara / Uhana	All the repairing activities at Rajagala	2,700,109.50	1,785,577.00	66%	95%
4	Amapara / Uhana	Construction of Buildings - ticket counter	2,078,265.00	2,247,150.00	108%	95%
			10,000,000.00	8,759,490.07	88%	95%
		*Liabilities		1.046,557.00		

Table Number: 4 Exploration and Registration

Se.No.	District	Program	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote : 207-02-02-08-2509 (Including recurrent expenditure relating to projects)						
Western Province						
01	Colombo/ Thimbirigasyaya	Declaring the Directory of Archeological sites - Rathnapura	600,000.00	600,000.00	100%	100%
02		Declaring Archeological monuments	50,000.00	50,000.00	100%	100%
03		Declaring Archeological sites as reserves	700,000.00	700,000.00	100%	100%
04		Updating GIS internet Portal and inserting information	370,000.00	370,000.00	100%	100%
05		Site inspections and field activities	194,300.00	194,300.00	100%	100%
06	Colombo/ Gampaha/ Kaluthara/ All Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	200,000.00	200,000.00	100%	100%
07	Kaluthara/ Bulathsinhala	Pahiyangala exploration	233,900.00	213,900.00	91%	90%
Central Province						
08	All the Divisional Secretariats in Kandy	Site inspections and field activities	400,000.00	400,000.00	100%	100%
Southern Province						
09	Galle / Matara	Site inspections and field activities	100,000.00	100,000.00	100%	100%
10	Hambanthota	Registration of movable artifacts in Martelo Tower	261,159.00	261,159.00	100%	100%
11	All the Divisional Secretariats in Hambanthota	Site inspections and field activities	357,000.00	357,000.00	100%	100%
Northern Province						
12	Jaffna/ Kilinochchi	Site inspections and field activities	175,000.00	175,000.00	100%	100%
13	Vavuniya	Site inspections and field activities	300,000.00	300,000.00	100%	100%
North Western Province						
14	Kurunegala/ Puttlam	Site inspections and field activities	391,070.00	391,070.00	100%	100%
North Central Province						
15	Anuradhapura/ All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	416,093.00	416,093.00	100%	95%

16	Anuradhapura / Plagala	Identification of Archeological Sites at Palagala Divisional Secretariat Division	107,050.00	107,050.00	100%	95%
17	Polonnaruwa/ All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	36,000.00	36,000.00	100%	100%
18	Polonnaruwa/ Dimbulagala	Preparing reports at Central Mahaweli Valley exploration	20,000.00	20,000.00	100%	100%
Uva Province						
19	Badulla/ All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	200,000.00	200,000.00	100%	100%
20	Badulla/ Rideemaliyadda	Exploring Kanugolla Archeological Site	120,830.00	120,830.00	100%	100%
21	Monaragala/ All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	200,000.00	200,000.00	100%	100%
22	Monaragala/ Buttala	Exploring Miniyannagala Site in Buththala Divisional Secretariat Division	120,500.00	120,500.00	100%	100%
Sabaragamuwa Province						
23	Kegalle / All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	250,000.00	250,000.00	100%	100%
24	Rathnapura / All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	300,000.00	300,000.00	100%	100%
25	Rathnapura / Weligepola	Settling boundary posts of Handagiriya Archeological Site	96,500.00	96,500.00	100%	100%
Eastern Province						
26	Ampara / All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	292,550.00	292,550.00	100%	100%
27	Trincomalee / All the Divisional Secretariats	Site inspections and field activities	45,000.00	45,000.00	100%	100%
			6,536,952.00	6,516,952.00	100%	100%

Site inspection and field activities



Exploration of
Handagiriya
Archeological site



Exploring the
Shithulpawwa
Archaeological Site



Exploration of
Lunugamwehera



Exploration of
Bendiwewa



Exploration of Sankhapala Archeological site



Exploration of Pahiyangala Cave



Exploration of Kanugolla Archeological site, Badulla

Declared Archaeologically Protected Monuments and Archaeological Reserves

At the end of the year 2023, the number of archaeological protected monuments was 2,793 and the number of archaeological reserves was 136. In the year 2023, names of 06 archaeological reserves have been sent to the Government Press for gazette and the number of archaeological reserves published after receiving the document is 142.

Updating the GIS Web Portal

So far 1707 archaeological sites representing 22 districts of Sri Lanka have been included in the web portal and updated.

Se.No.	District	Number of Archeological Sites
1	Anuradhapura District	103
2	Badulla District	67
3	Colombo District	55
4	Galle District	68
5	Gampaha District	40
6	Hambanthota District	99
7	Jaffna District	46
8	Kaluthara District	98
9	Kandy District	222
10	Kegalle District	22
11	Kilinochchi District	14
12	Kurunegala District	163
13	Mannar Dsitric	60
14	Matara District	216
15	Matale District	51
16	Monaragala District	51
17	Mulativ District	175
18	Nuwara Eliya District	41
19	Polonnaruwa District	39
20	Rathnapura District	17
21	Trincomalee District	28
22	Vawuniya District	32

09 archaeological damage assessment projects under General Ddeposit and 02 exploration and registration projects under the assistance of external parties were implemented in 2023.

Table No.: 5 Excavation

Se.No.	District	Program	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote : 207-02-02-08-2509 (including recurrent expenditure relating to projects)						
North Central Province						
01	Anuradhapura/ Nuwaragam Palatha Central	Excavations of ditches for the construction of Thuparama New Building	79,574.00	-	-	10%
Eastern Province						
02	Ampara/ Lahugala	Excavation of the Garbha of Neelagiri Stupa	151,710.00	103,585.00	68%	80%
Sabaragamuwa Province						
03	Rathnapura/ Balangoda	Research Excavation of Kuragala	70,500.00	70,500.00	100%	100%
04	Trincomalee/ Seruwila	Excavation of the damaged parts of the Seruwila stupa courtyard for conservation.	15,750.00	15,750.00	100%	95%
			237,960.00	189,835.00	80%	71%

The main objective of a excavation project is to uncover national heritage, conduct research on it, make aware the public, conserve and protect it for the future generation.



Excavation of the Garbha of Neelagiri Stupa



Kuragala Research Excavation



10 excavaton projects were implemented in the year 2023 with the assistance of General Deposits and aids from external parties. Some of the excavation projects implemented are given below.



Excavation of Anulatissa Stupa in Mihinthalyaya



Excavation of Deeghavapiya stupa courtyard



Conservation of damaged parts of Seruwila Stupa Courtyard



Table No.: 5 Epigraphy and Numismatics

Se. No.	District	Program	Allocated amount (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote: 207-02-02-08-2509 (Including Recurrent Expenditure relating to the projects)						
01	Colombo/ Thimbirigasyaya	Tracing Inscriptions	200,000.00	160,601.00	80%	100%
02		Inspection and reporting of sites with Epigraphic and numismatic data.	70,000.00	69,839.00	100%	100%
03		Indexing and digitalization of Ola books.	80,000.00	80,000.00	100%	100%
04		Printing of Rev. Ellawala Medhananda Felicitation (Abhinandana) Book.	700,000.00	700,000.00	100%	100%
05		Tracing of the inscriptions found on the Dimbulagala Mountain Range.	662,500.00	392,534.00	59%	100%
06		Printing of Epigraphy Volume Academic Book	637,500.00	637,500.00	100%	100%
			2,350,000.00	2,040,474.00	87%	100%

Tracing inscriptions including the inscription of Dimbulagala mountain range

The largest inscription found so far in Sri Lanka was traced under the project organized by Mr. Tanura Dayananda, Archaeological Research Officer under the direction of Mr. Douglas Bandara, archaeologist, former Assistant Director of the Division of Epigraphy and Numismatics under the guidance of the General of Archaeology. This inscription is 48 feet long and comprising 10 lines. This inscription was written in Pre-Brahmi script dating back to the 2nd Century BC.

After the tracing of this inscription, the strengthening of the traced work was carried out at Weliveria Poorvarama. The process of reading the letter and issuing the preliminary report was conducted by a committee comprising the Assistant Director and Officers of the Epigraphy and Numismatics Division namely Rev. Kantale Sumitha Thero, Buddhi Nagodavithana, Dr. Dammi Bandara, Tanura Dayananda, Namli Kannangara, Champa Wikramarachchi, Ajith Atukorala, I.P.S. Nishanta, by Nishantha, co chaired by Dr. Malini Dias, former Director of The Division of Epigraphy and Numismatics and Prof. Karunasena Hettiarachchi of Jayawardenapura University.

In addition, 39 inscriptions from Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Ratnapura, Hambantota, Ampara and Batticaloa districts were traced.



Inspection of sites where epigraphic and numismatic data is available

16 sites where inscriptions, coins and Ola books are available in Ampara, Batticaloa, Gampaha, Anuradhapura, Colombo, Ratnapura and Colombo districts were inspected and documented. One of the special tasks achieved during the inspection of these places was repairing the caves that had collapsed at Gonagolla, Ampara and to implement two training programs on inscriptions for the officers in Ampara and Batticaloa districts.



Indexing and digitalization Ola Books

31 Ola books have been identified from the Ola Book Collection in Sri Ariyanandanarama Viharaya in Nelligahamulla and 50 books have been identified from Sri Nagavanarama Viharaya in Diulapitiya and external data have been obtained. As a preliminary step for digitalizing these Ola Books, full folios of 67 Ola Books in these two locations have been photographed. They are being digitalized enabling the researchers to use them. Plans have been made to provide a QR code for the relevant books in the ensuing year and to insert them to a computer data system.



Table No: 7 Architectural Conservation

Se. No.	District	Program	Allocated provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote: 207-02-02-09-2509 (Including Recurrent Expenditure relating to Projects)						
Western Province						
01	Colombo/ Dehiwala	Conservation of Bhikku Resience of Subldharama Viharaya, Dehiwala	1,300,001.00	1,051,222.00	81%	95%
02	Kaluthara/ Beruwala	Conservation of Pantheon of Payagala Mulamaha Viharaya	654,307.00	546,029.00	83%	90%
03	Kaluthara/ Beruwala	Conservation of Ceiling of the front portion of Payagala Mulamaha Viharaya - Phase 02	184,250.00	162,410.00	88%	10%
North Western Province						
04	Kurunegala/ Pallama	Conservation of Sri Nandimithra Dagoba in Pallama	500,000.00	499,150.00	100%	95%
North Central Province						
05	Anuradhapura/ Palugaswewa	Conservation of Mahadiwulwewa Tempita Viharaya	500,000.00	446,433.00	89%	100%
Sabaragamuwa Province						
06	Kegalle/ Mawanella	Conservation of Ambulugala Danthapaya Viharaya	500,000.00	500,000.00	100%	100%
Eastern Province						
07	Amapara/ Addalachchena	Obtaining Brick Testing Furnace, Deeghavapiya	3,400,000.00	2,578,794.00	76%	35%
08	Amapara/ Lahugala	Conservation of Neelagiri Dagoba	2,517,632.50	1,169,731.00	58%	90%
09	Ampara/ Addalachchena	Completion of remaining work of Deeghawapi Official Quarters and Conservation of Deeghawapi	2,891,116.50	2,442,641.00	84%	90%
			12,447,307.00	9,396,410.00	75%	92%



Conservation of Nawa Wangu Viharaya in Pallama



Conservation of Ambulugala Danthapaya Viharaya



Conservation of Deeghavapi Dagoba



Conservation of Neelagiri Dagoba

The Conservation activities of Dighavapiya and Nilagiria Stupas are carried out by the Ministry of Defence under the supervision of the Department of Archaeology. 36 architectural conservation projects have been implemented in 2023 with the assistance of General Deposits and aids from external parties.

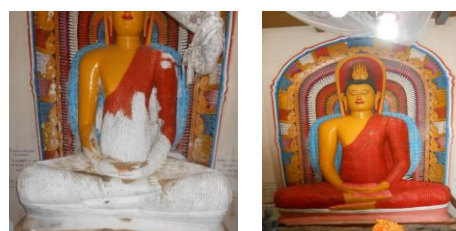
Table No: 8 Chemical Conservation

Se. No	District	Program	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote: 207-02-02-09-2509 (Including Recurrent Expenditure relating to Projects)						
Head Office						
01	Colombo/ Thimbrigasyaya	Purchasing materials required for chemical conservation	1,472,490.00	1,007,325.00	68%	100%
02		Immegency Verification – All island	150,000.00	150,000.00	100%	83%
03		Purchasing consumer products required for chemical conservation	498,200.00	326,661.00	66%	100%
04		Purchasing color tubes required for chemical conservation	200,000.00	142,800.00	71%	100%
05		Conservation of paintings at Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya	131,030.00	45,768.00	35%	60%
Southern Province						
06	Hambanhot	Conservation of Wooden Gallow Hambanthota	151,248.00	33,000.00	22%	35%
			2,602,968.00	1,705,554.00	66%	62%
207-02-02-09-2509-13 (Foreign Funds)						
07	Kandy/ Gangawata Koralaya	Conservation of Artifacts of Kandy Museum	43,050.00	28,383.00	66%	85%

16 painting and sculpture conservation projects were implemented by the Chemical Conservation Division in the year 2023 by General Deposits and under the assistance of external parties.



Conservation of paintings of Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya



Panthiya Ganepurana viharaya, Mathugama



Meegahaella Sudarshanaramaya, Badulla



Vipassanaramaya Viharaya, Maharagama



Kumara Maha Viharaya, Kumarakanda, Hikkaduwa



Hiththetiya Rajamaha Viharaya, Matara

Table No.: 9 Maintenance Division

Se. No	District	Program	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote: 207- 02-02-09-2509 (Including Recurrent Expenditure relating to the Projects)						
Western Province						
1	Gampaha/ Minuwangoda	Maintianing Zone No 01 (Udugampola)	33,333.00	24,150.00	72%	95%
2	Gampaha/ All Divisional Secretariats	Maintianing Zone No 02 (Pilikuththuwa)	36,146.00	33,425.00	92%	95%
3	Colombo/ Sri Jayawardhanapura	Maintianing Zone No 03 (Kotte)	33,333.00	33,333.00	100%	95%
4	Colombo/ Thimbirigasyaya	Maintianing Zone No 04 (Olcott)	33,333.00	33,040.00	99%	100%
5	Kaluthara/ Horana/ Bandaragama/ Panadura/ Milaniya/ Ingiriya/ Dodamgoda	Maintianing Zone No 05 (Pathahawatta)	33,333.00	33,333.00	100%	95%
6	Colombo/ Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte	Rampart of Kotte	200,000.00	195,290.00	98%	100%
7	Gampaha/ Minuwangoda	Maintainance of the roof of Wegowwa Ambalama	34,700.00	24,810.00	71%	95%
8	Gampaha	Maintenance of net fence around Henarathgoda old railway station office and maintenance of the access road	204,280.00	204,280.00	100%	95%
9	Kaluthara/ Bandaragama	Maintanance of the roof the Preaching hall of Rajamahaviharaya Rambukkana	300,000.00	298,511.00	100%	95%
10	Gampaha/ Diwulapitiya	Reparing Purana Tempita Viharaya Hapuwalana	287,049.00	287,049.00	100%	95%
11	Kaluthara/ Palindanuwara	Construction of a cover for the boat found in the Lathpandura river	449,145.00	351,210.00	78%	95%
12	Colombo/ Sri Jayawardhanapura, Kotte	Setting up of fence, gate, drain system at Kotte Archaeological Museum.	1,069,106.00	828,720.00	78%	95%
13	Colombo/ Bulathsinhala	Site Promotion for Tourist Attraction - Pahiyangala Historic Site	586,793.00	590,196.00	101%	65%

14	Colombo/Sri Jayawardhanapur, Kotte	Maintenance of front embankment of Kotte Archaeological Museum	35,000.00	35,000.00	100%	95%
15	Colombo	Maintenance of Kaiman Tower	248,910.00	210,735.00	85%	100%
			3,584,461.00	3,183,082.00	90%	94%
Central Province						
16	Kanady/ Yatinuwara	Maintenace of protective embankments of watching square (Balana Kotuwa)	30,000.00	30,000.00	100%	92%
17	Kandy/ Udunuwara	Maintenace of Wattappala Preaching Hall	60,380.00	59,026.00	98%	92%
18	Matale/ Naula	Ponting the embankments of Nalanda Gedige	48,800.00	48,400.00	99%	92%
19	Matale/ Ukuwela	Maintenance of Guruluwela Ambalama	162,225.00	131,750.00	81%	92%
20	Kandy/ Galagedara	Maintenance of the roof of Udarandeniya Viharaya, Uduwa	1,800,000.00	1,792,169.00	100%	70%
21	Kandy/ Galagedara	Laying floor stones at Udarandeniya Viharaya, Uduwa	785,180.00	573,150.00	73%	30%
			2,101,405.00	2,061,345.00	98%	73%
Southern Province						
22	Galle/ Galle Four Gravets	Monor maintenance activities at Zone Numbers 02,04,05,06	300,000.00	273,650.00	91%	95%
23	Galle/ Balapitiya	Conservation of Bhikku Residence at Subhadrarama Viharaya, Balapitiya	1,938,689.00	1,535,769.00	79%	95%
24		Conservation of Bhikku Residence at Subhadrarama Viharaya, Balapitiya - Amended	112,000.00	112,000.00	100%	100%
25	Matara/ Matara	Maintenance of Wooden bridge – Star Fort - Matara	445,797.00	384,299.00	86%	90%
26		Maintenance of the roof of Nupe Trading Center - Phase 01	150,000.00	150,000.00	100%	35%
27		Maintenance of the roof of Nupe Trading Center - Phase 02	19,600.00	19,600.00	100%	95%
28	Galle/ Hikkaduwa	Laying floor stones in front of Thilakaramaya , Hikkaduwa	305,500.00	304,580.00	100%	13%
			2,834,486.00	2,779,898.00	98%	75%
29	Hambanthota	Construction of Wooden Stair Case at Martelo Tower	244,684.00	243,379.00	99%	50%

30	Hambanthota	Repairing Lawn Mover Machine	30,000.00	30,000.00	100%	95%
			274,684.00	273,379.00	100%	75%
Northern Province						
31	Jaffna/ Uduwill	Construction of a net fence around the Archeological Monumnet, Kandarodaya	455,757.00	406,925.00	89%	95%
32	Kilinochchi/ Punarin	Maintenance of Gowridarimunai Kovil	138,335.00	45,534.00	33%	85%
33	Mannar/ Mulativ/ Vawuniya/ All Divisional Secretarits	Preparing Road Sign Boards	594,000.00	594,000.00	100%	100%
			1,188,092.00	1,046,459.00	88%	95%
North Western Province						
34	Kurunegala/ Mallawapitiya	Maintenance of Maligawa Premises Site- NWP 06 – 1	27,667.00	27,000.00	98%	95%
35	Kurunegala/ Polpithigama	Maintenance of Zone No. 04 (Maligathenna)	16,500.00	15,000.00	91%	95%
36	Kurunegala/ Narammala	Maintenance of Zone No. 08 (Dambadeniya)	24,500.00	24,400.00	100%	95%
37	Kurunegala/ Polpithigma	Maintenance of Nagolla Archeological Site No.04	33,900.00	31,100.00	92%	95%
38	Kurunegala/ Ibbagamuwa	Construction of a roofing cover for the Batalagoda Inscription	88,016.50	82,800.00	94%	85%
39	Kurunegala	Construction of barbed wire fence of the Cave Premises at Soorathissa Mawatha	120,202.00	37,475.00	31%	25%
40	Puttalam/ Mhawewa	Maintenance of Nagarama Tampita Viharaya, Mahawewa	21,760.00	19,180.00	88%	100%
41	Puttalam/ Karuwalagaswewa	Maintenance of Salapathala courtyard in front of Vilandagoda cave temple	32,425.00	-	-	25%
42	Kurunegala/ Polpithigama	Setting up a barbed wire fence around Maligathenna archeological site	58,080.00	58,000.00	100%	95%
43	Kurunegala/ Pandwasnuwara – West	Minor maintenance work at Panduwasnuwara Archeological site	201,600.00	187,380.00	93%	100%
44	Kurunegala / Bamunakotuwa	Minor maintenance work at Nathaganaya Archeological Site	33,500.00	33,000.00	99%	95%
45	Kurunegala/	Stickering Road Sign board	36,720.00	36,720.00	100%	95%
			658,150.50	552,055.00	84%	83%

North Central Province						
46	Anuradhapura / Nuwaragam Palatha East	Minor maintenance of Anuradhapura Zones	323,170.00	258,970.00	80%	90%
47	Anuradhapura/ Nuwaragam Palatha – Central	Arranging the Mudivariya of Southern Dagoba	1,169,720.00	808,715.00	69%	95%
48		Preparing and installing boards	322,000.00	285,705.00	89%	90%
49		Maintenance of laboratory and roof of the warehouse of Anuradhapura Museum	2,528,495.50	1,329,314.00	53%	60%
50		Arranging the ceiling of laboratory store building in Anuradhapura Archaeological Museum premises	1,000,000.00	913,231.00	91%	45%
			4,021,385.50	3,595,935.00	89%	82%
51	Polonnaruwa/ Thamankaduwa/ Medirigiya/ Lankapura/ Welikanda	Maitaining Polonaruwa Zone	366,970.00	361,950.30	99%	95%
52	Polonnaruwa/ Thamankaduwa	Development of Thiwanka Image House premises	500,000.00	499,235.00	100%	95%
			866,970.00	861,185.30	99%	95%
Uva Province						
53	Badulla/ All Divisional Secretariats	Minor maintenance activities	333,460.00	248,480.00	75%	95%
54		Placing Sakka stones to protect the Murungagala warehouse building	832,150.00	521,515.00	63%	95%
55	Badulla	Setting up boards at Archeological sites in Badulla District	968,929.00	967,465.00	100%	100%
56	Badulla/ Ella	Maintenance of the roof of the throne (Sinhasanaya) of the Halpe Pattini Devalaya	84,470.00	84,225.00	100%	50%
57	Badulla/ Ella	Repairing Lindamulla Pattini Devalaya	300,000.00	278,792.50	93%	95%
			2,134,539.00	2,100,477.50	98%	87%
58	Monaragala/ Siyambalanduwa	Maintenance of Galabedda Pokuna and surrounding premises	500,000.00	426,595.00	85%	100%
59	Monaragala/ Buttala/Bibila	Monor maintenance activities	86,658.00	45,760.00	53%	35%
			586,658.00	472,355.00	81%	68%
Sabaragamuwa Province						
60	Kegalle/ Rambukana	Maintenance of Zone No. (Deliwala)	27,875.00	24,770.00	89%	95%

61	Kgalla/ Mawanella	Maintenance of the roof of Anwarama Sri Senevirathnarama Viharaya	300,000.00	290,886.00	97%	95%
62	Kegalla/ Warakapola/ Rambukkana	Imergency maintenance activities at Dedigama	27,710.00	24,797.00	89%	95%
63	Kegalla/ Bulathkohupitiya	Maintenance of Alawathura Ganegoda Cave Temple	396,930.00	321,447.00	81%	95%
			752,515.00	661,900.00	88%	95%
64	Rathnapura / All Divisional Secretariats	Minor maintenance activities at Rathnapura Zone	46,000.00	9,400.00	20%	50%
65	Rathnapura/ Rathnapura	Repairing damaged walls at Maduwanwela Walawwa	267,190.00	239,500.00	90%	81%
66	Rathnapura/ Pelmadulla	Maintenance of Iddamal goda Tomb, Pelmadulla	147,565.00	113,400.00	77%	95%
67	Rathnapura/ Rathnapura	Maintenance of the ceiling and walls of Gilimale Purana Viharaya	116,105.00	93,360.00	80%	90%
			576,860.00	455,660.00	79%	79%
Eastern Province						
68	Ampara/ Pothuwil	Pointing Lahugala Dagaba, maintaining the embankments of Magul Maha Viharaya and Samudra Maha Viharaya	82,995.00	44,890.00	54%	95%
69	Ampara/ Manimunchi	Maintenance of old official Quarters of the Government Agent	308,979.00	308,674.00	100%	95%
70	Ampara/ Uhana	Construction of the walls of the cave in Punchi Sigiriya Archaeological Site	68,670.00	65,835.00	96%	60%
71	Ampara /Ampra	Pointing Ovagiriya Stupa and maintenance of Embankment	39,900.00	36,550.00	92%	50%
			500,544.00	455,949.00	91%	75%
72	Trincomalee/ Gmarankadawala	Maintenance of Gomarankadawala Zone	51,590.00	-	-	20%
		Total	20,132,340.00	19,411,577.80	96%	79%
	All Island	Obtaining fuel for maintaining maintenance zones	1,993,004.00	1,292,313.00	65%	50%
		Grand Total	22,125,344.00	20,703,900.80	96%	79%

A total of 21 projects have been implemented by the Maintenance Division in the year 2023 with the assistance of General Deposits and aids from external parties.

Table No.: 10 Promotion Division

Se. No.	District	Programme	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expense (Rs.)	Financial Status (%)	Physical Progress (%)
01	Head Office	Preparing and printing additional reading books for school children	2,963,458.00	2,963,458.00	100%	95%
02		Conservation of old books in the library	212,542.00	-	-	10%
03		National Archaeological Conference - 2023	353,300.00	297,727.00	84%	95%
04		Obtaining an exhibition outlet with the sidelines of the National Science Day.	45,000.00	38,472.50	85%	95%
05		Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
06	Kandy/ Kandy	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	35,000.00	35,000.00	100%	100%
07	Galle/ Galle Four Gravets / Matara	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	35,550.00	32,575.00	92%	100%
08	Hambanthota/ Hambathota	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
09	Jaffna/ Kilinochchi/ All Divisional Secretariats	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	37,500.00	94%	95%
10	Vawuniya/ Vawuniya South (Mulativ/Mannar/ Vawuniya Districts)	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	95%
11	Kurunegala/ Puttlam	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	39,900.00	39,580.00	99%	95%
12	Anuradhapura/ Nuwaragam Palatha – East	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
13	Polonnaruwa/ Thamankaduwa	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	95%
14	Badulla/ Badulla	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
15	Monaragala/ Manaragala	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	30,050.00	30,050.00	100%	95%
16	Kegalle/ All Divisional Secretariats	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
17	Rathnapura/ Rathnapura	Conducting Archeological Week Programs	40,000.00	39,963.00	100%	100%
18	Ampara/ Baticaloa	Conducting Archeological Week Program	40,000.00	40,000.00	100%	100%
19	Trincomalee/ Galle Four Gravets	Conducting Archeological Week Program	37,610.00	37,610.00	100%	100%
			4,152,410.00	3,871,935.50	93%	78%
Media Division						
20	Colombo/ Thimbirigasyaya	Making vedio clips on archeological heritage	970,000.00	178,500.00	18%	80%

Conducting Archeological Conference

The Archaeological Conference is held every year on the occasion of Archeological Day with the aim of sharing the results of previous year's archeological activities and knowledge among the eminent and amateur scientists and archaeologists in the field of archaeology and opening up space for archaeological researchers for further archaeological research and field activities. The Archaeology Conference 2023 was held online.



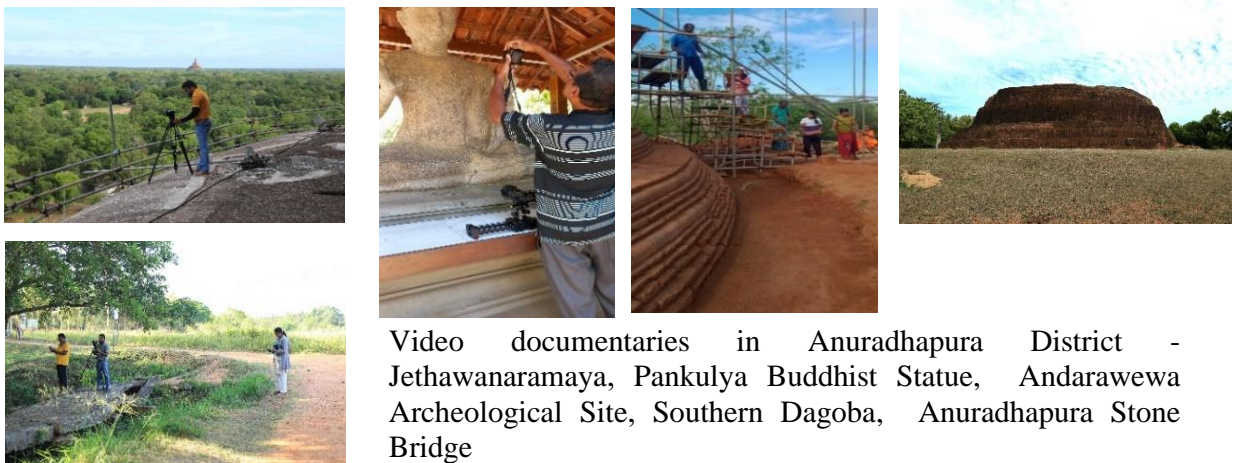
Research papers were presented and online publications were published on that day.

07 days from 01-07 July is designated as Archeological Week with the sidelines of the occasion of Archeological Day, and special heritage promotion programs are organized annually under the patronage of the Government in selected archaeological sites in every district throughout the island. The objective of this program is to provide an understanding/ knowledge about the conservation of archaeological sites / living monuments around their village area and to involve the public in the maintenance and conservation activities through Shramadana.

Conducting awareness programs with the sidelines of Archeology Day - Anuradhapura Regional Office



Making video documentaries on archaeological heritage for public awareness



Video documentaries in Anuradhapura District - Jethawanaramaya, Pankulya Buddhist Statue, Andarawewa Archeological Site, Southern Dagoba, Anuradhapura Stone Bridge

Table No : 11 Museums Division

Se N o.	District	Program	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)	Financial Expenditure (Rs.)	Financial Progress (%)	Physical Progress (%)
Expenditure Vote : 207-02-02-10-2509 (including recurrent expenditure relating to projects)						
Site inspection, Museum Exhibitions, Promotion and Management Activities						
1	Colombo / Thimbirigasyaya	Coordination of museum activities and site inspection	75,000.00	54,820.00	73%	75%
2	Colombo/Jayaward hanapura Kotte	Kotte Museum	112,510.00	98,142.00	87%	85%
3	Kandy/ Gangawata Korale	Kandy Museu	83,000.00	80,145.97	97%	92%
4	Matale/ Nawula	Nalanda Mudeum	25,000.00	24,020.00	96%	92%
5	Matale/Dambulla	Pidurangala Museum	8,000.00	7,900.00	99%	92%
6	Matara/Matara	Museum at Star Fort - Matara	90,000.00	89,884.00	100%	100%
7	Hambanthota/ Angunakolapelessa	Kasagala Museum	48,300.00	15,720.00	100%	100%
8	Hambanthota/ Thissamaharamaya	Yatala Museum	93,000.00	93,000.00	100%	95%
9	Jaffna/Jaffna	Jaffna Museum	58,000.00	58,000.00	100%	95%
10	Vawuniya / Vawuniya	Vawuniya Museum	22,000.00	22,000.00	100%	100%
11	Kurunegala/ Panduwasnuwara	Panduwasnuwara Museum	152,000.00	143,238.00	94%	95%
12	Kurunegala/ Narammala	Maintaining Panavitiya Information Center	21,000.00	19,100.00	91%	95%
13	Kurunegala/ Maho	Yapahuwa Museum	86,250.00	81,695.00	95%	95%
14	Kurunegala/ Giribawa	Rajanganaya Museum	13,000.00	10,476.00	81%	95%
15	Kurunegala / Narammala	Dambadeniya Museum	36,000.00	29,127.00	81%	95%
16	Puttlam/Puttlam	Puttlam Museum	79,000.00	68,366.00	87%	95%
17	Anuradhapura/ Mihinthalaya	Mihinthalaya Museu	46,000.00	45,069.00	98%	98%
18	Anuradhapura/ Mahavilachchiya	Thanthirimalaya Museum	81,000.00	51,642.00	64%	95%
19	Anuradhapura/Nuw aragam Palatha – Central	Anuradhapura Museum	124,000.00	114,251.45	92%	98%

20	Anuradhapura/Nuw aragam Palatha – Central	Installing fire extinguishers at Anuradhapura Museum *	1,200,000.00	-	-	100%
21	Anuradhapura/Nuw aragam Palatha – Central	Rectifying displaying deficiencies in Anuradhapura Museum	800,000.00	705,604.76	88%	70%
22	Monaragala/ Monaragala	Maintaining Maligawila Information Center	69,000.00	33,826.00	49%	100%
23	Monaragala/ Wellawaya	Buduruwagala Museum	94,000.00	71,165.00	76%	100%
24	Kegalle / Warakapola	Dedigama Museum	67,000.00	42,930.00	64%	100%
25	Rathnapura/ Kolonna	Maduwanwela Museum	33,000.00	27,410.00	83%	70%
26	Rathnapura/ Kolonna	Ranchamadama Museum	6,390.00	-	-	7%
27	Ampara/ Lahugala	Maintaning Lahugala Information Center	8,000.00	7,937.00	99%	95%
28	Ampara/ Addalachchena	Deeghavapi Museum	8,000.00	7,937.00	99%	95%
29	Trincomalee/ Kadawathsathara	Maritime museum of Naval History	86,850.00	49,925.00	57%	65%
30	Trincomalee / Serunuwara	Welgamwehera Museum	42,000.00	8,891.00	21%	60%
31	Trincomalee/ Seruwila	Seruwila Museum	73,000.00	23,786.00	33%	60%
			3,740,300.00	2,086,008.18	56%	77%

Maintaining Museums



Kotte Museum



Vawuniya Museum



Buduruwagala Museum



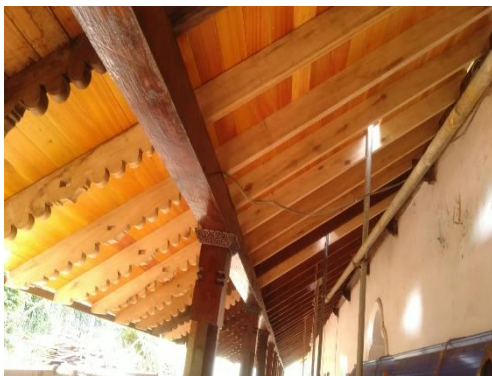
Jaffna Museum

Kandy Old Rajavasala Conservation

This is a project implemented under the U.S. Embassy Fund from August 2021. The roof of this monument was severely damaged due to non-maintenance for a long time. In addition to this, the stone pillars, walls, door windows, and wooden towers were also to be conserved. This conservation project is implemented on contract basis under the supervision of the Department of Archaeology in consultation with the Department of Buildings. The objective of the project is to establish the existence of the Rajawasala of Kandy. The Kandy Archaeological Museum has been established in this monument since 1960 and the reconstruction of the museum is also being carried out under this project.

Conservation works at Kandy Rajawasala

Conservation of the roof



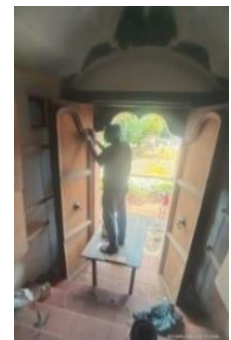
Conservation of the pillars



Observing by the Diplomat officer



Conservation of doors and windows



Conservation of outer walls



Conservation of artifacts



Summery

Despite the challenges to be faced in the year 2023, 170 projects including 36 archaeological sites and monuments exploration, excavation and research projects under the development program, 97 conservation and maintenance projects, and 37 projects under the promotion and public exhibition of archaeological sites and monuments were implemented by the academic departments in association with the regional and district offices, out of which 145 projects have completed the project works and achieved an overall physical progress of 76% by utilizing the provisions allocated to the department more efficiently and effectively.

The allocations provided under General Deposit and assistance of External Agencies for the year 2023 is 25.441 million rupees, and the number of projects that had been implemented at the provincial and district level was 29. 17 projects under the transfers of the remaining allocations of the central cultural fund allocations of the previous years and 57 projects under the assistance of external parties (approval for tasks) were implemented during the year, and accordingly 103 projects under the General Deposit and the assistance of external parties were implemented in the year 2023.

In the year 2023, 299 illegal excavations, 116 destructions of antiquities, 129 thefts of antiquities and 04 other incidents were reported. The amount charged as court fines in the year 2023 is Rs. 24,477,000.00.

16 training programs were conducted in the year 2023 under academic, theoretical and practical knowledge, and attitude and skill development, based on the objectives of improving the human resources of the department, providing efficient public service and securing the archaeological heritage. 842 multi-purpose development trainees have been recruited on a permanent basis for vacancies in Regional Offices and attached to the Department in the year 2023.

Challenges and Future Goals

Sri Lanka's archaeological heritage consists of thousands of archaeological sites, monuments and movable artifacts that are the physical remains belonging to the history of the nation. It is the prime requisite of the nation to manage these heritages well and safeguard them for the next generation. The main responsibilities of the Department are implementing exploration and conducting research projects, reporting of its results, conservation, maintenance, and handing over the responsibility of the regulation of artifacts to the people. The main future goals and objectives of the department are optimizing archaeological sites by maintaining and enhancing the stability quality and sustainability of archaeological activities in Sri Lanka, upgrading

exceptional archaeological sites, upgrading unique archaeological sites, upgrading archaeological sites of universal importance to World Heritage status, contributing to the promotion of the tourism industry and government revenue generation. The department has to face various problems and challenges in achieving these objectives.

- ❖ Difficulty in carrying out survey activities of identified monuments and reserves with archaeological value due to practical problems arising in maintaining living cultures as the opportunity within the legal framework is limited and delay in publication by the Government Gazette.
- ❖ Problems in providing damage assessment reports for mineral extraction licenses and development proposals.
- ❖ Problems in respect of the safety of artifacts due to the destruction of antiquities caused by unauthorized mining and illegal human activities.
- ❖ Problems in investigating the destruction of antiquities and practical issues arising in law enforcement.
- ❖ Non-active involvement of staff in the implementation of projects.
- ❖ Non-preparation of annual estimates or priority lists as per approved pilot proposals.
- ❖ Lack of proper coordination with external agencies and stakeholders.
- ❖ Lack of basic facilities for tourists at many archaeological sites.
- ❖ Problems in the deployment of officers for the security of archaeological sites.
- ❖ Considerable time is wasted, since permission should be obtained to carry out archaeological activities in the areas where antiquities are found belonging to other institutions (such as The Department of Wildlife, Department of Forestry, Department of Irrigation and Ministry of Defence).
- ❖ Limited financial and physical resources, vacancies in approved staff, shortage of expertise knowledge, new concepts, attitudes, new technologies, new dimensions of staff, national needs, subject expertise and training needs are not recognized and understood.

2.2 Short term and medium term measures expected to be implemented for improving the performance of the institute in the future

- ❖ Taking immediate steps to amend the Antiquities Ordinance and the National Archaeological Policy to strengthen the legal background required for better management of archaeological heritage.
- ❖ Preparation of pilot plans, timely monitoring, direction, reviewing and following-up of programmes and projects implemented for the achievement of objectives.
- ❖ When projects are implemented, deploying officers who has the subject knowledge in archeology, and supervision and coordination of the head office.
- ❖ Making necessary arrangements for timely receipt of the imprest and timely completion of procurement activities.
- ❖ To expedite the necessary activities for gazetting the monuments and reserves identified and proposed to be gazetted.
- ❖ Collection, registration of accurate spatial data and preparation of geographical data files for heritage management, implementation of new exploration and research projects identified.
- ❖ Recovery of a percentage (25%) of the fines levied during the judicial process to the Department and allocating a portion from it for the conservation and maintenance of monuments.
- ❖ Implement programmes for conservation of heritage by making aware the public through documentaries about sites of historical archaeological value and obtaining community participation in conservation activities.
- ❖ Since the Antiquities Protection Special Police Unit is inactive, restoration of Antiquities Protection Special Police Unit to minimize unauthorized excavation and destruction of antiquities.
- ❖ To explore the possibility of providing Divisional Staff Officers as per approved carder.
- ❖ Although provisions for the conservation of monuments are provided by external agencies, all the demands cannot be met annually due to the shortage of Technical Officers. Therefore, considering obtaining Technical Officers.
- ❖ Technical equipment (such as computers, photocopy machines, cameras, fax machines) currently available in regional offices are not adequate and they are not at optimum level and provide those equipment for improving the efficiency of the regional offices.
- ❖ Identifying academic activities and expanding training opportunities for enhancing the productivity of the Department.

- ❖ Promotion of sanitation and infrastructure facilities (in Archaeological Sites / Tourist Bungalows / Offices)
- ❖ Taking action to regularly and clearly maintain archaeological sites at an exhibition level for the public at all times.
- ❖ Identification of projects to be carried out by the Department of Archaeology with minimal involvement for the promotion of tourism and inclusion of project proposals in the annual estimates.
- ❖ Identification of places and projects from which direct revenue can be obtained for the Department of Archaeology and focussin on the the benefits to be obtained from other projects to the Department of Archaeology.
- ❖ Updating and maintaining the Department's website so that the information of the archaeological sites can be easily obtained or downloaded through e-technology. Provision of basic equipment and facilities for this purpose. Publishing accurate information about archaeological sites as well as the publication of attractive photos and videos, regularization of archaeological publications in order to increase tourist attraction.
- ❖ Use of modern technology for conservation/ protection and promotion of archaeological heritage.
- ❖ Taking necessary measures for the control of expenditure and to utilize alternative energy sources (solar panels) for selected archaeological sites/ tourist bungalows and offices.

Development programmes expected to be implemented in 2024

The summary of the action plan proposed to be implemented in the year 2024 is given below along with the allocation of treasury funds.

Financial Provisions allocated for the year 2024

		Capital Expenditure (Rs. Mn)	Recurrent Expenditure (Rs. Mn)
Programme 01	207 - 01 - 01	22.000	296.000
Promme 02	207 - 02 - 02	254.000	1404.000
		276.000	1,700.000
Overall Financial Provisions			1,976.000

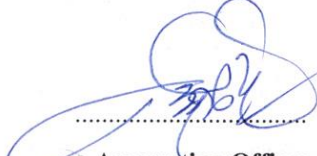
Table No.: 12 Allocation of funds for capital projects proposed to be implemented in the year 2024 (Summary)

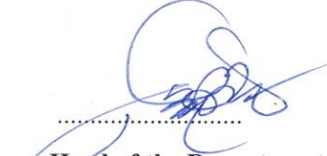
Se.No.	Project / Division	Activities	Budget Allocation - Capital (Rs.M.)	Recurrent Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Total Provisions (Rs.M.)	Number of proposed projects
Operation Program - 01 (General Administration)						
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets			19.000		19.000	
1	207-01-01-2001	Buildings and Constructions	10.000		10.000	1
2	207-01-01-2002	Machines and Machinery	1.000		1.000	
3	207-01-01-2003	Vehicles	8.000		8.000	
Acquisition of Capital Assets			2.500		2.500	
4	207-01-01-2102	Furniture and Office Equipment	0.500		0.500	
5	207-01-01-2103	Machines and Machinery	2.000		2.000	
Capacity Building			0.500		0.500	
6	207-01-01-2401	Staff Training	0.500		0.500	
Sub Total			22.000		22.000	

Development Program - 02 (Archeological Service)						
Rehabilitation and Improvement of Capital Assets			15.000		15.000	
1	207-02-02-2001	Buildings and Constructions	13.000		13.000	14
2	207-02-02-2002	Machines and Machinery	2.000		2.000	
Acquisition of Capital Assets			4.000		4.000	
3	207-02-02-2102	Furniture and Office Equipment	2.000		2.000	
4	207-02-02-2103	Machines and Machinery	2.000		2.000	
Capacity Building			0.600		0.600	
5	207-02-02-2401	Training of carders	0.600		0.600	
2509 - Otherr						
6	207-02-02-05-2509	Maintenance of Rajagalathenna Archeological site	6.100		6.100	2
7	207-02-02-08-2509	Exploration, excavation and research of archaeological sites and monuments	5.000	24.047	29.047	64
		Investigations and registration	1.500	16.447	17.947	49
		Excavations	0.500	5.825	6.325	09
		Epigraphy and Numismatics	3.000	1.775	4.775	06

Se.No.	Project / Division	Activities	Budget Allocation Capital (Rs..m.)	Recurrent Expenditure (Rs.M.)	Total Allocations (Rs. M.)	Number of Proposed Projects
8	207-02-02-09-2509 (11)	Conservation and maintenance of archaeological sites and monuments	200.000	46.484	246.484	268
		Architectural Conservation	113.200	20.662	133.862	58
		Chemical Conservation	6.094	6.167	12.261	65
		Maintenance	80.706	19.655	100.361	145
9	207-02-02-09-2509 (13)	Conservation project of Kandy Rajawasala	5.300		5.300	1
10	207-02-02-10-2509	Promotion of Archeological sites and monuments and public exhibition	15.000	11.402	26.402	57
		Promotion	11.650	5.280	16.930	21
		Museum	2.075	5.307	7.382	34
		Media	1.275	0.815	2.090	02
11	207-02-02-12-2509	Conservation of Ritigala Archeological Site	1.500		1.500	1
12	207-02-02-15-2509	Maintenance of Kanniya Hot Water Wells Premises.	1.500		1.500	2
		Total (Program 02)	254.000	81.933	335.933	409
	Total	Total	276.000	81.933	357.933	410


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Chapter 03

Overall Financial Performance for the year ended on 31st December 2023

3.1. Statement of Financial Performance

ACA -F

Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended on 31.12.2023

Budget 2022 (Rs.)		Note	Actual (Rs.)		
			2023	2022	
-	Revenue receipts		-	-	
-	Revenue Tax	1	-	-	ACA-1
-	Tax on local goods and services	2	-	-	
-	Tax on international trading	3	-	-	
-	Non Tax Revenue and other	4	-	-	
-	Total receipts of revenue (a)		-	-	
-	Non-revenue receipts		-	-	
-	Treasury Imprest		1,264,265,303	1,104,020,000	ACA-3
-	Deposits		76,059,289	64,503,922	ACA-4
-	Advance Accounts		46,538,303	43,793,644	ACA-5
-	Other Main Ledger Accounts Receipts		-	-	
-	Total of Non-Revenue receipts (b)		<u>1,386,862,895</u>	<u>1,212,317,566</u>	
-	Total of revenue receipts and non-Revenue receipts C = (a)+(b)		<u>1,386,862,895</u>	<u>1,212,317,566</u>	
-	Treasury Remittance (d)		<u>26,788,750</u>	<u>221,982</u>	
-	Net revenue receipts and non-revenue receipts e = (c)-(d)		<u>1,360,074,145</u>	<u>1,212,095,584</u>	
-	Deducted : Expenditure				
	Recurrent Expenditure				
1,101,989,000	Salaries, wages and other employee benefits	5	1,085,858,644	1,021,476,351	ACA-2(ii)
173,506,000	Other goods and services	6	125,921,660	74,498,599	
5,500,000	Subsidies, grants and transfers	7	4,127,085	4,445,945	
-	Interest payment	8	-	-	
-	Other recurrent expenditure	9	-	-	
<u>1,280,995,000</u>	Total Recurrent Expenditure (f)		<u>1,215,907,389</u>	<u>1,100,420,895</u>	
	Capital Expenditure				

16,505,000	Rehabilitation of Capital Assets and Improvements	10	10,750,082	4,769,315	ACA-2(ii)
3,300,000	Acquisition of Capital Assets	11	2,902,294	3,395,945	
-	Capital transfers	12	-	-	
-	Acquisition of Financial Assets	13	-	-	
1,000,000	Capacity Building	14	558,394	1,190,334	
145,200,000	Other Capital Expenditure	15	57,679,067	76,083,350	
<u>166,005,000</u>	Total Capital Expenditure (g)		<u>71,889,837</u>	<u>85,438,944</u>	
-	Deposit Payments		93,481,635	64,158,747	ACA-4
-	Payment of Advances		50,558,620	45,634,134	ACA-5
-	Payments of the main ledger accounts (e)		-	-	
-	Main ledger expenditure (h)		<u>144,040,255</u>	<u>109,792,881</u>	
1,477,000,000	Total Expenditure i = (f+g+h)		<u>1,431,837,481</u>	<u>1,295,652,720</u>	
	Imprest balance as the date 31 December j = (f-i)		<u>(71,763,336)</u>	<u>(83,557,136)</u>	
-	Balance according to the imprest reconciliation statement		<u>(71,763,336)</u>	<u>(83,557,136)</u>	ACA-7
-	Imprest balance as at the 31 st December		-	-	ACA-3
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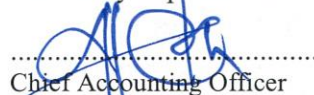
3.2 Statement of Financial Performance

Statement of Financial Performance
for the year ended on 31.12.2023

	Note	Actual	
		2023 (Rs.)	2022 (රු.)
<u>Non-Financial Assets</u>			
Property Plant and Equipment	ACA-6	1,131,093,016	1,128,190,722
<u>Financial Assets</u>			
Advance Account	ACA-5/5 (A)	115,104,660	111,084,342
Finance and things equal to Finance	ACA-3	-	-
Total Assets		1,246,197,676	1,239,275,064
<u>Net Assets / Mass</u>			
Net Assets to the Treasury		59,483,753	38,041,089
Property and equipment reserve		1,131,093,016	1,128,190,722
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5 (B)	-	-
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Deposit Accounts	ACA - 4	55,620,907	73,043,253
Imprest balance	ACA - 3	-	-
Total liabilities		1,246,197,676	1,239,275,064

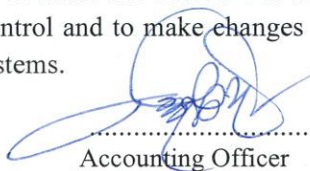
Account details submitted in forms ACA 1 to ACA 7 from pages 01 to 43 and account notes contained in pages 44 to 73 are also included in this Final Account. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and the most appropriate accounting policies have been used as revealed by the notes in the financial statements. We hereby certify that the figures mentioned in the above Final Account, the relevant account notes and other account information have been compared with the Treasury Account Books and that they are agreed with those figures.

We certify that the an effective internal control system for financial control is established in the reporting agency and periodic reviews are carried out to monitor the effectiveness of the internal control system for financial control and to make changes accordingly to make necessary changes to effectively implement those systems.


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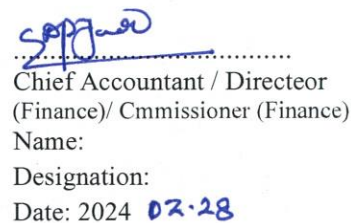
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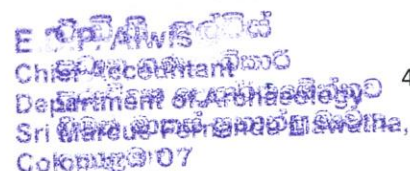
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3.3. Statement of Financial Flow

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Statement of Financial Flow for the year Ended on 31st December 2023

	Actual (Rs.)	
	2023	2022
Cash Flows generated from operational activities		
Total receipt of Tax	-	-
Fees, Surcharges, Fines and License Fees	-	-
Profits	-	-
Non-Revenue receipts	-	-
Revenue added for other Votes	119,353,739	107,133,463
Receipt of Imprest	1,264,265,303	1,104,020,000
Recovery of advances	44,636,746	43,736,680
Receipt from deposits	76,059,289	64,503,922
Financial Flow generated from Operational Activities (a)	<u>1,504,315,077</u>	<u>1,319,394,065</u>
Deducted : Expenditure of Finance		
Personnel emolument and operational expenditure	1,207,409,779	1,100,424,994
Subsidies and Transfers	4,127,084	4,445,945
Expenditure incurred for Other Heads	50,202,937	25,719,061
Imprest paid to the Treasury	26,788,750	221,982
Payment of advances	50,547,220	46,003,453
Payment of Deposits	93,481,635	64,158,747
Cash Flows incurred for operational activities (B)	<u>1,432,557,405</u>	<u>1,240,974,182</u>
Net Cash Flow generated from Operational Activities (c)=(a)-(b)	71,757,672	78,419,883
Cash Flows generated from investment activities		
Interests	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Title Seccession Provisions and Selling Physical Assets	-	-
Recovery of Sub – Credits	-	-
Recovery of Advances		
Cash Flows generated from investment activities (d)	-	-
Deducted : Expenditure of Finance		
Capital Expenditure	71,757,672	
Total Cash Flow spent for investment activities (e)	<u>71,757,672</u>	<u>78,419,883</u>
Net Cash Flow generated from Investment Activities (f)=(d)-(e)	(71,757,672)	(78,419,883)

Net Cash Flow generated from Operations and Investment activities (g)=(c) + (f)	-	-
Cash Flows generated from Financial Activities		
Obtaining local loans	-	-
Obtaining foreign loans	-	-
Receipts of grants	-	-
Deposit receipts		
Total Cash Flow generated from Financial Activities (h)	-	-
Deducted : Expenditure of Finance		
Settling local loans	-	-
Settling Foreign loans	-	-
Total Cash Flow spent for Financial Activities (i)	-	-
Cash Flow generated from Financial Activities (j)=(h)-(i)	-	-
Net changes of cash (k) = (h)+(j)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at the date of 01 January	-	-
Final Cash Balance as at the date of 31 December	-	-

3.4. Financial Statement Notes

* Financial Statement Notes have been submitted.

3.5. Performance of Revenue collection

Revenue Code	Description on Revenue Code	Revenue Estimate		Collected Revenue	
		Initial Estimate (Rs.)	Final Estimate (Rs.)	Amount (Rs.)	As a percentage (%) of the Final Revenue Estimate
20.02.02.99	Interest on Advance B Account	3,500,000.00		3,857,979.92	110.2
20.03.02.99	Sales and Charges	16,000,000.00		30,453,152.77	190.3
20.03.03.02	Court Fines	20,000,000.00		24,477,000.00	122.4

3.6. Performance of utilizing allocated provisions

Type of Provisions	Allocated Provisions (Rs.)		Actual Expenditure (Rs.)	Utilized provisions as a percentage (%) out of the final provisions finished
	Initial Provisions	Final Provisions		
Recurrent	1,286,000,000	1,280,995,000	1,215,907,389	95%
Capital	161,000,000	166,005,000	71,889,837	43%

3.7 Provisions allocated to this Department/ District Secretariat/ Provincial Council as a representative of other Ministries / Departments in terms of F.R. 208.

Ministry/ Department from which provisions were granted	Objective of the Provisions	Provisions (Rs.)		Actual Expenditure (Rs.)	Utilized provisions as a percentage (%) out of the final provisions Provided
		Initial Provisions	Final Provisions		
District Secretariat - Trincomalee	Maintenance of Kanniya Hot Water Wells Premises	1,000,000.00	150,000.00	132,164.63	88

* Allocations of Rs.850,000.00 has been re transferred from 01.03.2023.

3.8 Performance of reporting Non – Financial Assets

Asset Code	Description of the Code	Balance according to the Report of Board of Survey as at the date of 31.12.2023 (Rs.)	Balance according to the Report of Financial Status as at the date of 31.12.2023 (Rs.)	Due to be accounted in the future	Reporting Progress as a %
9151	Buildings and structures		138,320,748		
9152	Machinery		81,272,268		
9153	Land		911,500,000		
9154	Intangible Assets				
9155	Biological Assets				
9160	Work which are being carried out				
9180	Assets let				

3.9 Auditor General's Report **

Head 207 - Summer Audit Report in terms of Section 11 (1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 on the Financial Statements of the Department of Archeology for the year ending on 31st December 2023.

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Qualified Opinion

Head 207 - The Financial Statement of the Department of Archeology as at 31st December 2023, the Financial Performance Statement for the year ended on that date and the Cash Flow Statement for the year ended on the 31st December 2023 were audited under my direction in accordance with the provisions contained in the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to be read in conjunction with the provisions of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018. This Report is issued in accordance with Section 11 (2) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018 and the remedial action taken or consideration taken within 03 months from the date of this report in compliance with the provisions of Section 39 of the National Audit Act by the Accounting Officer should be reported to me. If there is a reason for the failure or inaction of any action or matter referred to in this report, it shall be communicated to me as well.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Department of Archaeology as at 31 December 2022, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

1.2 Basis for Qualified Opinion

My opinion is qualified based on the matters described in paragraph 1.6 of this report. I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibility for the financial statements is further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities Section. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Responsibilities of the Chief Accounting Officer and the Accounting Officer for the Financial Statements

The Accounting Officer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and provisions in Section 38 of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018 and for the determination of the internal control that is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act, No.19 of 2018, the Department is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities to enable the preparation of annual and periodic financial statements.

In terms of Sub-section 38(1)(c) of the National Audit Act, the Accounting Officer shall ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the Department and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out.

1.4 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and to issue an auditor's summary report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate and its materiality depends on the influence on economic decisions taken by users on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Appropriate audit procedures were designed and performed to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement in financial statements whether due to fraud or errors in providing a basis for the expressed audit opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- An understanding of internal control relevant to the audit was obtained in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control.
- Evaluate the structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements including disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Accounting Officer regarding, among other matters significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

1.5 Report on Other Legal Requirements

I express the following matters in terms of Section 6 (1) (d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

- (a) The financial statements are consistent with the preceding year,
- (b) The recommendations made by me on the financial statements of the preceding year had been implemented.

Reference to Paragraph in relation to previous year	Audit Observation which were not implemented	Reference to this report
3.8 (g) 154 (6) Report	Action should be taken to take over the ownership of the lands and property of the Department.	1.6.1

1.6 Comments on Financial Statements

1.6.1 Non – Financial Assets

Action was not taken to reevaluate and account for the correct value of the lands and buildings for which the value of Rs.911,500,000 and Rs. 138,320, 748 respectively included in the Financial Statement of the Department and, as per the instructions of Asset Management Circular No. 04/2018 dated December 31, 2018. Moreover, the acquisition of the property where the Head Office of the Department is located was not finalized.

1.6.2 Financial Assets

Following observations are made

(a) Although the total amount of the balances in the single balance classification summary of the Government servant's Advance B account is Rs. 114,722,046, as on 31st December 2023, it was mentioned as Rs. 115,104,660 and therefore a difference of Rs.382,614 was observed.

(b)The loan balance to be recovered from 70 officers who were currently not in service due to death, suspension and vacation of post as at 31st December 2023 was Rs. 3,716,348, and action was not taken to recover loan balances in arrears amounting to Rs. 1, 440,671 from 28 officers for a period more than 05 years, in terms of paragraphs 4.5 and 4,6 of Chapter XXIV of the Establishment Code.

(c) According to the Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation Statement as on 31st December 2023, it was over stated by an amount of Rs.1,512,068,902 by mentioning it as Rs.67,168,237,084

1,6,3 Registers and books were not updated

Type of the Document	Relevant Regulation	Observation
(a) Surety Register	Financial Regulation 891 (1)	It was not updated
(b) Register of Electric Equipment	Financial Regulation 454 (2)	Not maintained
(c) Register of Debtors and Creditors	Paragraph 5 of Public Accounts Circular No. 256/2017 dated 05 th July 2017	It was not updated
(d) Register containing information about the reports sent to the Magistrate	Section 15 (c) of Artifact Ordinance No. 09 of 1940 amended by Artifact Ordinance (Amendment) Act No. 24 of 1998	It was not updated
(e) Register of artifacts	Artifact Ordinance No. 09 of 1940 amended by Artifact Ordinance (Amendment) Act No. 24 of 1998	It was not updated
(f) Centralized Inventory of Artifact	F.R. (751)	Not maintained

2 **Financial Review**

2.1 **Incurring Liabilities and commitments**

Action has not been taken to disclose information, in a note in the financial statements, in respect of doubtful liabilities relating to the case No. M 4251 filed in the Bandarawela Magistrate Court in the year 2026 naming 04 persons including the Director General of Archeology as respondents and demanding compensation of Rs. 07 Billions from each person and No. M 13703 pending in the Matara District Court for a period of 07 years naming an Inquiry Officer of the Department, two Research Officers, the Village Officer and the Attorney General as respondents, demanding a compensation of 10 lakh rupees from each person.

2.2 **Certification to be done by the Accounting Officer**

Although the following matters should be certified by the Accounting Officer in terms of provisions of section 38 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, it had not been done accordingly.

The Accounting Officer should ensure that an effective internal control system for the financial control exists in the department and carry out periodic reviews to monitor the effectiveness of such systems and accordingly make any alterations as required for such systems to be effectively carried out. Such reviews should be carried out in writing and a copy thereof should be submitted to the Auditor General, but no statements had been furnished to the Audit that the reviews had been carried out.

2.3 **Non Compliance to laws, rules and regulations**

The instances of non-compliance with the provisions of laws, rules, and regulations observed during the sample audits were as follows.

Reference to the Laws, Rules and Regulations

(a) Section 43 a(2) of Artifact Ordinance No. 09 of 1940 amended by Artifact Ordinance (Amendment) Act No. 24 of 1998

Non-compliance

Although the Director General of Archeology should arrange to conduct damage assessment surveys of the proposed development projects to at the expense of the sponsors of the project or scheme, investigations were not made and necessary measures were not taken in respect of 08 development projects that were carried out without

obtaining the relevant request.

(b) Public Accounts Guidelines
No. 05/2023

The total value of total assets as at 31st December 2023 was mentioned as Rs. 1, 239,275,064 in Sinhala and English versions of the Statement of Financial Position but it was understated as Rs. 111,084,342 in the Tamil Version.

2.4 Deposits

Following observations are made

(a) Although provision should be allocated from the annual estimate for the purchase of non-financial assets required by the Department, contrary to that, A sum of Rs. 3,934,350 or 63 percent had been utilized for purchasing office equipment out of the sum of Rs. 6,210,550 allocated for the maintenance and management of archaeological sites from the Central Cultural Fund in the year 2023.

(b) Action was not taken in terms of F.R. 570 and F.R. 571 to settle deposits exceeding Rs. 22,724,458 in the 02 deposit accounts maintained by the Department, over 02 years.

2.5 Operation of Bank Accounts

Although a current account was opened in 2022 at the Thimbirigasyaya Branch of the Peoples Bank, according to the cabinet approval received on November 16, 2021 to establish a separate account for crediting the funds received from donors for archaeological research and conservation activities, it was observed that the current account remains inactive due to the fact that donations have not been received from local or foreign donors even by 28th March 2024 the date of auditing.

03 Operational Review

3.1 Performance

3.1.1 Vision and Mission

Following observations are made

(a) It was observed that many issues, problems and confusions have been arisen in the field of archeology due to the non-implementation of a formal monitoring plan in the Department of Archeology in conjunction with all the Archeology Zonal Offices and Regional Offices with the Head Office to measure the success of all activities of the Department of Archaeology including streamlining the processes such as protecting, conserving and maintaining archaeological sites and reserves, taking legal actions related to people who cause damages to archaeological sites and monuments, emphasizing other issues related to all

existing archaeological sites in the country, identifying the progress of exploration, documenting and storing artifacts received in time.

(b) It was observed that the role of the department is not being done efficiently due to the lack of a formal system of getting the antiquities identified by external parties to the department through the excavation permit given by the Director General of Archeology and the fact that taking a long time like 04 years to provide the related excavation reports.

c) Archaeological recommendation for mineral and rock extraction has been given annually from 01st June 2018 as per Circular No. 02/2018 dated 01 June 2019 of the Director General of Archaeology, but attention was not paid on the probability of causing damages to antiquities due to the non-revealing of information on archaeological factors, and lack of staff and vehicle facilities, due to not giving recommendation at length as per the Cabinet Decision dated 05th March 2020.

(d) Since Archeological factors were not revealed during the field inspection conducted in 2013 in respect of 03 granite projects in Kurunegala district, Archaeological damage evaluation recommendations were given for the particular project and granite mining projects were carried out, but in 2019, the permits were revoked due to the finding of archeological factors in the site inspection. Accordingly, by giving archaeological recommendations without proper inspection, during the period of 07 years, the archaeological monuments were damaged during the blasting of granite by boring stones.

(e) In most of the archaeological sites in the Northern Province, only preliminary excavations have been carried out, and no further archaeological work has been carried out through an extensive investigation. Furthermore, it was observed that the department has failed to protect, conserve, maintain and manage archaeological sites, monuments and archaeological reserves.

(f) In the year 2018, Regional Offices of Archeology were established as per the cooperative agreement made among Disaster Management Centers, Central Environment Authority and the Department of Archeology under the financial and technical support provided by the United Nations Development Program in 2010, and the total number of identified of archeological sites in the Northern Province by July 2023 was 479, but action was not taken to transfer the ownership of 252 archeological sites by installing boundary posts and publish them by the Gazette.

(g) Stupa mounds at the identified archeological sites such as Naga Thamran, Vavuni Kulam, Sivapuram Sri Male Kovila where archeological ruins were available were completely demolished to the ground level and other religious structures were built thereon and upon the Stupa mounds at the archaeological sites of Nedu Keni Shiva Nagar, Kulamurippu, Koddiamalai. Also, it was observed that a problematic situation may be arisen towards the safety and survival of these archaeological sites due to the fact that the army camps that were temporarily built in the Northern Province in the archaeological sites of Kachchilamadu, Mutiankattu, were being removed from those places.

(h) The boundaries of monuments at Vedikkinarimalai Archaeological Site, Nelukkulama, Kimbulagala Nandimithragama Archaeological Site, Nedunkeni, Shivanagar Archaeological Site, Samankulam Archaeological Site and Mathota Harbor Town in Northern Province, have not been identified and gazetted as an archaeological reserves or monuments till now.

(i) Cultivation activities were suspended at the illegally deforested land in extent exceeding 100 acres within the land in extent of 229 acres land, the land which has been cleared by various groups where the remains of the archaeological site of Kurudumale (Kurindi) were widely scattered. Soil factors mixed with Slag were widespread at the excavated land near Kurindi Lake which could be believed to have established an iron ore extraction plant. Padmakara shaped Dagaba built of Kabok stones, image house, Bodhigara, pond, ramparts, *Pohoya Geya*, inscription, stone bridge, stair case, and building structures that cannot be specified and settlement factors were there, and it was observed that 07 cases in the Court of Appeal and 02 cases in the Supreme Court are pending due to the problematic situation that arose regarding this archaeological site. Although requests were made to the relevant government institutes to survey this land in extent of 299 Acres and prepare survey plans from November in 2020, these tasks have not been completed, and, it was also observed that the monuments are severely damaged due to the delay of conservation activities of the image house of which excavation activities were finalized.

3.1.2 Delay in finalizing project activities

After completing the archaeological interventions of identifying, excavating and establishing the main monuments related to the Maha Vihara site, other monuments including Sri Maha Bodhi, Lowamahapaya, Ruwanvelisaya, Thuparamaya are maintained by the Central Cultural Fund, but there were delays in the preparation of the ancient landscape of the site where these monuments are available. When Anuradhapura Sacred City was published by Gazette, the area of Maha Vihara land was identified as 276 acres, but the boundary of the ancient Maha Vihara land had not been precisely identified and surveyed so far. It was observed that it's a timely need to declare the entire Maha Vihara Monastery Complex as an archaeological reserve by identifying the expansion of the monastery complex and carrying out surveying activities of the monastery land.

3.2 Although the United States Government had entered in to an agreement to provide US\$265,000, approximately Rs.52,99,350, for the renovation of the Kandy Royal Palace(Rajwasala) and Museum,the amount given by the United States government was US\$ 156,750, approximately Rs. 45,940,661.30 only, considering the physical performance of the project, and the contract period of this two-year project was extended till August 31, 2024. By the end of the year under review, the physical progress of this project was 57 percent and the financial progress was only 21 percent and, the imprest received from the treasury for the year 2023 was Rs. 41, 879, 303.50 and 63 percent or Rs. 26,788,749.80 out of the said imprest had been sent back to the treasury. This was happed due to the poor management of the department.

3.3 Asset Management

Following observations are made.

(a) The HP type Design Jet 800 Ps model plotter printer purchased for GIS Unit for the purpose of printing maps was inactive in the year 2015 and in the year 2016 it was repaired by spending an amount of Rs. 128,520 and handed over to the GIS Unit but continued to remain inactive even as of July 2023 and it was reported that exact information about the time this machine was purchased and the cost of the machine was hard to find.

(b) It was observed that there is a problematic situation in obtaining the most accurate GPS coordinates for the relevant archaeological sites due to the fact that 04 of the 05 GPS machines in the GIS unit which are utilized for obtaining the location of archaeological sites are not working.

(c) Even though the Mechanical Engineer had recommended that the vehicles No. KS-1862 and KL-4294 could not be run, the necessary repairs had not been done and it was observed that due to the delay in getting the mechanical engineer's recommendation and parking without cover, the expenses had to be incurred in excess of the stipulated cost.

3.4 **Losses and Damages**

Following observations are made.

(a) Action was not taken to carry out a formal investigations in respect of 10 vehicles of the Department which were met with accidents during the period from 18th September 2018 to 19th July 2023, in accordance with Finance Regulation 104 (1) and to assessed the loss and identify the persons responsible for them and include them in the loss and damage register in accordance with Finance Regulation 110. Also, action was not taken to finalize investigations in respect of the 6 vehicles which were met with accidents during the period between 12th April and 18th November 2023, and to reimburse the total loss amounting to a sum of Rs. 274,000 from responsible persons in accordance with the Financial Regulation 104.

(b) The Attanagalla ferry, which was found in the Attanagalla Oya and placed in the National Museum of Colombo and the ownership and conservation work of which was assigned to the Department of Archaeology, was wrecked in to very small pieces of wood due to not being conserved according to the appropriate conservation methods during the prescribed periods. Although a support was constructed to place the wrecked wooden parts by spending an amount of Rs. 1,770,876 in the year 2021, the ferry was brought back to the Department of Archeology and placed in the laboratory to prepare a replica of its true size because those wooden parts were beyond conservation limits. Although the conservation limits of this ferry have been exceeded, it was unanimously decided by the committee appointed by the concerned ministry that it cannot be disposed due to its historical and archaeological importance. However, the ferry has not been conserved.

3.5 **Management deficiencies**

Following observations are made.

(a) There were some abandoned places filled with water due to blasting and removal of rocks to a depth of 50 feet, without obtaining a special approval from the Department of Archeology, at Rankethgama Gala in Vavuniya and Vamalankulam which was surrounded by Oddusudan Vamalankulam Reserve in Mullaitivu district, but no legal action was taken against it according to the conditions mentioned in the letter granting archaeological recommendations for mineral and rock extraction. Furthermore, although it was stated in the conclusions and proposals that no historical or archeological factors were found based on the observation made only on the surface of the earth of the proposed site of Rankethgama and its surroundings within an area of 50 meters, it was observed during the field inspection that archeological factors were evident on the adjacent rock.

- (b) Arrangements have not been made to gazette Thonigala Archaeological Site which has been declared as a Protected Monument by Gazette No. 1553 dated 06th June, 2008, as an archaeological reserve by identifying the entire land area by means of a comprehensive survey, and carrying out the related surveys. The On-Site Development Plan 2022 for essential construction to open the site for public exhibition was not implemented.
- (c) The archaeological site of Mamaduwa, Pre Historical Graveyard located in Mamaduwa Village, Agbopura Grama Niladhari Division, Vavuniya South Divisional Secretariat Division, Vuvuniya District, where archaeological ruins were scattered in an area of about 26 acres, a large rock site belonging to Rock Casket type, was severely damaged due to forest cultivation by the Department of Forest Conservation without obtaining archaeological recommendations, and after the archeological factors were severely damaged, the site was declared as an archaeological reserve by Gazette No. 2290/33 dated 28 July 2022.
- (d) Although Arippu Fort in extent over an area of 0.4465 hectare, located in Mukkariputtaraya village of Arippu East Grama Niladhari Division of Musali Divisional Secretariat Division of Mannar District believed to be built by the Portuguese and later renovated by the Dutch according to the sources of evidence, has been declared as Ancient / Protected Monument by Gazette No. 1823 /73 dated 16th August 2023, no archeological work had been carried out there, and attention has not been focused by the Department on the implementation of conservation projects to attract tourists.
- (e) The slab inscription of 160 cm in length and 61 cm in width believed to be belonging to 2nd-3rd centuries AD. Considered to belong to the, located at the Murukan Hospital premises in the Murukan Grama Niladhari Division, in Nanattan Divisional Secretariat Division, in Mannaram District, and the slab inscription with weathered Aparabrahmic characters was declared as Ancient / Protected Monument vide Gazette No. 1868 dated 20th June, 2014, but it was observed that due to use of it for seating by the hospital staff, the vulnerable characters were faded away.
- (f) Although an area of 03 acres and 33.8 roods 0 perches allotted by Gazette No. 14763 dated 25th August, 1967 was declared as a Protected Site by Gazette No. 1868 dated 20th June, 2014, private landowners were gradually acquiring the land of Kandarodai (Kandurugoda) archaeological site ignoring the 400 yard limit where archaeological monuments are abundant. Also, the Hume pipes, which had been purchased by spending Rs. 67,000/ as per the estimate of Rs. 534,150 submitted in 2016, for laying a pipe system to drain rainwater from the premises where small Stupas are located, were piled up on the premises without using them for the said purpose.
- (g) The number of final academic reports due to be furnished under the issuance of excavation licenses to external parties as on 30th June, 2023 was 53, and out of them, the number of excavation licenses exceeded 10 years was 07, and the number of excavation licenses exceeded 05 years was 15.
- (h) Arrangements have not been taken to submit the artefacts survey reports of 13 archaeological museums functioned under the Department for the year 2022 in terms of Section 6.1.3 of the Excavation Procedure, and to prepare the annual administration report for the year 2022 as per Section 7.1 of the Excavation Procedure.

- (i) Although a new permit for excavation activities shall not be issued to a person who has not completed the previous excavation reports in terms of Section 16 of the Excavation Guideline 03 and Section 2.1.2.2 of the Excavation Procedure mentioned in the Standing Order, excavation permits were issued again to two professors of the Post Graduate Institute of Archeology who did not provide the previous excavation reports, and although final academic reports were not submitted in respect of 08 excavation permits during the period from 2006 to 2017, 14 new excavation permits were issued up to 2022. Further, the period for submission of reports under the permits issued for excavation activities at the places such as Thuparama image house, Vijayarama image house, and Kiribathwehera had also expired.
- (j) It was observed that most of the artefacts were deteriorating due to lack of attention to identify artefacts, referral for public exhibition or other alternative measures by conducting a systematic survey to register the movable artefacts according to section 02 of the procedure executed in the Research and Registration section of the Department, and a large number of antiquities identified at departmental excavations, unauthorized excavations, and with public assistance were piled up in the Hambantota and Kegalle Archeology office premises.
- (k) Although Survey Reports for 18 investigation projects implemented by the Department after 2020 have been submitted in terms of Section 1.2.2.2 of Procedural Rules, the collected data has not been provided to the GIS unit.
- (l) The number of archaeological sites identified by the Department till the year 2023 was 5,664. Among them, the total number of archaeological sites published by the Gazette in the National Archaeological Site Directory on 31st December, 2023 was 2,958 and the number of archaeological sites included in the geospatial data file included in the Department's website was 1,758. Accordingly, 48 percent of the total archaeological sites identified by 31st December, 2023 had not been gazetted, and 69 percent of archaeological sites from which geospatial calibration data were not obtained, had not been entered in the geospatial data file.
- (m) Although a fine of Rs. 46,500 was imposed for the driver of the vehicle, who was the accused of the accident of the double cab belonging to Central Regional Archeology Office on 09th October 2018, action was not taken to recover the loss Rs. 5,882, 769 caused to the vehicle, in terms of F.R. 104 and arrangements were not made to repair the vehicles over a period of more than 05 years.
- (n) It was observed that a sum of Rs. 2,105, 152 is still retained in the General Deposit Account, out of the amount deposited on 14th February 2017 for obtaining archeological damage survey report in respect of the Yan Oya Irrigation Reservoir Project.
- (o) An advance amount of Rs. 2,239,596 was given to the Department of Government Factories on 25th August 2020 for manufacturing a Rotatable Arched Template for the reconstruction of Dighavapi Dagaba costing Rs. 4,147,400. Later, it was decided to do it according to the method of obtaining measurements by means of measuring instruments since the said work was implemented by the Ministry of Defense. After the construction of the Stupa, it was proposed to make a removable stair case, by using the iron parts purchased by the advance amount, for the use of necessary maintenance work, but the work was not carried out accordingly.

- (p) Although the 28 museums all over the island under the classification of grades A, B, C, are maintained by the Department of Archeology bearing annual maintenance expenses by the government, due revenue were lost due to the fact that adopting the system of levying fees only from Trincomalee Maritime and Naval History Museum and not charging fees from other museum visitors.
- (q) 2,000 copies each of books on local food pattern of the Sri Lankan people (Local food pattern of Hela people), anthropology (Anthropology), Rock carvings made by our Sri Lankans (Wonders made by the Helas in stone), conservation of paintings (Conservation of murals) non-trivial arts (Non-Minor Arts), 1,000 copies of the book on the catalog of archaeological sites Ratnapura (Directory of Archaeological Sites Ratnapura) and 100 copies of the book called Proceeding of the National Archeology Symposium in December 2023 had been printed at the cost of Rs. 3,732, 210 and, 02 scheduled projects of Rs.1,632,210 were suppressed since the allocated amount had been exceeded. It was observed during the inspection conducted on 27th March, 2024 that the about 12,380 books were stored in the two containers installed in the Department premises due to the lack of a well-planned program to sell or distribute the printed books.
- (r) Although a recommendation was made by the Special Survey Board for disposal of Vehicle on 11th August, 2023 for disposal of 04 vehicles, the recommendation had not been implemented until 28th March, 2024.
- (s) It was observed that out of 179 cases of theft of antiquities, destruction of antiquities and unauthorized excavations, there were 12 cases where the suspects were not identified, and 64 cases where the suspects were identified but not prosecuted under the Violation of Antiquities Act during the year under review. The amount of court fine charged during the year under review was Rs. 130,479,050 and half of it was credited to the Archaeological Gift Fund and was unable to perform the prescribed duties due to the delay in drafting and implementing laws in terms of Section 46 (1) of the Antiquities Ordinance Act No. 09 of 1940 as amended by the Antiquities Amendment Act No. 24 of 1998.
- (t) According to the letter dated 28th February, 2019 of the Director General of Public Finance, it was instructed that the fees charged in providing the archaeological recommendation for mineral and rock extraction should be revised as Rs.10,000 with effect from 25th February, 2019 and the fee should be revised once in 03 years in the future and according to paragraph number 05 of the Public Finance Circular No. 01/2020 (II) dated 28th August, 2020, the fees were required to be revised subject to a maximum of 15 percent once in 03 years. However, since the steps had not been taken by the Department of Archeology to revise the fee in that way, the government had lost the due revenue. The Nupe Old Dutch Market building complex located within Matara Municipal Council, which is temporarily leased by the department, has been leased for an inadequate fee of Rs. 5,000 without revising the fees as per the Circular instructions.

4 **Human Resource Management**

4.1 **Attached Carder, Actual Carder**

Following observations are made.

- (a) The total approved carder of the Department of Archeology was 4,317 as on 31st December 2023, and the number of vacancies in the Department as on that date was 1,660 or 38 percent of the approved carder. 08 vacancies of Director posts at executive level for academic affairs unique to the Department, which have been vacant for more than 15 years, and a vacancy for the post of Legal Officer of the Department were included.
- (b) Although approved number of posts of Development Officers for the Department was 250, actual number of officers employed as at 31st December 2023 was 285, and therefore, there was a surplus of 36 officers but an action was not taken to revise the approved cadre or release them to the Combined Service.
- (c) Although 688 trainees for the post of Archaeological Assistant, 201 trainees for the post of watchman and two trainees for the post of driver were recruited as Multiple Purpose Development Assistants in the year 2023 to fill the vacancies in the primary level posts of the Department, it was observed that more than the proposed planned number were attached to the Regional Offices irrespective of the service requirement.

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For Auditor General

Chapter 04

Performance Index

4.1. Performance Index of the Institute (On the basis of Action Plan)

Special Index		Actual output as a percentage (%) of the desired output		
		100% - 90%	75% - 89%	50% - 74%
1	Number of conserved building units		√	
2	Number of explored archaeological sites	√		
3	Number of sites and monument site units maintained	√		

Chapter 05

Performance in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

5.1. Indicate the relevant Sustainable Development Goals identified.

11.4 Strengthening the efforts to protect and conserve the natural and cultural heritage of the country.

11.4.1 Key performance indicators

1. Number of building units conserved.
2. Number of archeological sites explored.
3. Number of sites and monument work site units maintained

Goal/ Objective	Targets		Achievements Index	Progress of obtaining achievements to date		
				0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
Strengthening the efforts to protect and conserve the cultural and natural heritage of the country	1.1	Upgrading archaeological sites of universal importance to World Heritage Status.				
	1.1.1	Declaring an archaeological site as a World Heritage Site by 2030.	Number of Archaeological Sites	The work is being implemented		
	1.2	To achieve the optimum level through the programmes identified in the pilot plan.				
	1.2.1	Preparation and implementation of pilot plans - (05 per year)	Number of Archaeological Sites		√	
	1.3	Investigation /Increasing old archaeological monuments and sites to be gazetted.				
	1.3.1	Declaration of Protected Monuments and Reserves				
		(i.) 100 protected monuments per year	Number of protected monumnets			√
		(ii.) 25 reserved areas	Number of reserves		√	
	1.3.2	Collection of accurate spatial data for heritage management.	Percentage of collected data		√	
	1.3.3	Publication of Directory of Archaeological Sites.	Number of Archeological sites published		√	
	1.3.4	Carrying out daily field activities.	Number of sites explored			√
1.3.5	Registration of movable antiquities.	Artifacts registered		√		

Targets / Objectives	Target		Achievement Indicators	Progress in making achievements so far.		
				0%-49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
11.4 Strengthening efforts to preserve and conserve the natural and cultural heritage of the country.	1.4	Organizing site related activities with the participation of community, school and university children.				
	1.4.1	Spot Awareness Workshops - (15 Locations per year)	Number of workshops conducted			√
	1.4.2	Establishment of archaeological sites for the Department of Archaeology and educational institutions.	Number of Archeological outlets			
	1.4.3	Handing over of archaeological sites to schools and universities for looking after them - (60 per year)	Number of places	√		
	1.4.4	Conducting Shramadana - (30 per year)	Number of Shramadana conducted			√
	1.5	Programmes for making aware the local and foreign community.				
	1.5.1	Conducting mobile exhibitions - (30 per year)	Number of exhibitions conducted		√	
	1.5.2	Book Printing - (10 per year)	Number of Books printed		√	
	1.5.3	Conducting lectures (100 per year)	Number of lectures conducted			√
	1.5.4	Preparation of video programs - (25 per year)	Number of Video programs prepared			√
	1.5.5	Promotion of communication activities.	Number of programs conducted			
	1.5.6	Purchase of books for libraries - (200 per year)	Number of books purchased			
	1.5.7	Maintenance of 28 museums.	Number of Museums maintained			√
	1.5.8	Increase the knowledge of tourist guides. (Contributing resources as per the request of the Tourist Board)	Number of programs conducted			

Targets / Objectives	Target		Achievement Indicators	Progress in making achievements so far.		
				0%-49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
11.4 Protection of natural and cultural heritage of the country and strengthening efforts to protect natural and cultural heritage of the country.	1.6	Maintenance of Archeological sites and monuments (200 per year)				
	1.6.1	Protection of archaeological sites and monuments and maintenance of them at the exhibition level - 99 zones (Within about 200 sites).	Monuments maintained			√
	1.6.2	Maintenance of archeological monuments - (50 per year)	Monuments repaired			√
	1.6.3	Fixing boundary posts.	Number of boundary posts installed			√
	1.6.4	Fixing of information boards, guiding boards, protective monument boards, warning boards for the promotion of archaeological sites - (200 per year)	Number of boards installed			√
	1.6.5	Sanitation and provision of infrastructure for archaeological sites - (05 per year)	Number of sites			√
	1.6.6	Providing facilities to people with special needs.	Number of sites		√	
	1.6.7	Purchasing equipment for the maintenance of 96 zones.	Equipment purchased		√	
	1.6.8	Conservation project of Rajagalathenna Archeological Site	Monumnets maintained			√
	1.7	Implementation of archaeological research projects.				
	1.7.1	Excavations - (10 per year)	Number of projects in progress			√
	1.7.2	Field Surveys and registration - (20 per year)				√
	1.7.3	Epigraphy and Numismatics – (10 per year)				√
	1.8	Departmental Infrastructure – (Sites, management, physical resources, buildings, office tools)				
	1.8.1	Construction of new laboratories - (1 per year)	Constructed laboratories			
	1.8.2	Modernization of old laboratories.	Modified laboratories			

Targets / Objectives	Target		Achievement Indicators	Progress in making achievements so far.		
				0%-49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
11.4 Protection of natural and cultural heritage of the country and strengthening efforts to protect natural and cultural heritage of the country.	1.8.3	Maintenance of 1 official residence 1 and construction of new quarters for officers.	Houses maintained		√	
	1.8.4	Construction of office storage facilities and new zonal offices - (3 per year)	Constructed Zonal offices			√
	1.8.5	Other - Maintenance of 100 buildings including head office, regional offices, Circuit bungalows and museums.	Buildings maintained			√
	1.8.6	Providing facilities for all the circuit Bungalows (15).	Number of Circuit Bungalows			√
	1.8.7	Construction of new circuit Bungalows (Jaffna, Katharagama, Panduwasnuwara)	New circuit Bungalows			
	1.9	Conservation of Archeological sites and Monuments				
	1.9.1	Architectural Conservation - (50 per year)	Number of conserved monuments		√	
	1.9.2	Conservation of Ritigala Archeological Site	Percentage of conserved sites			√
	1.9.3	Chemical Conservation - (50 per year)	Monuments conserved		√	
	1.10	Amendment of Artifact ordinance	Amendments made to the Act			√

5.2. Victories and Challenges in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals

As the main regulatory body for the management of Sri Lanka's archaeological heritage, the Department of Archeology has played a significant role in the year 2023 by implementing projects such as by declaring protected monuments and archaeological reserves, preparing geographical databases of archaeological sites and monuments and collecting accurate spatial data for heritage management, registration of archaeological heritage, updating the GIS internet portal, preservation and maintenance of archaeological sites and monuments/ movable antiquities, organizing Shramadana activities with community participation, preparing environmental features and landscape and maintaining archaeological sites in an exhibition level, promoting archeological sites and monuments and public exhibition.

Chapter 06

Human Resources Profile

6.1. Management of carders as at 31.12.2023

Level of Designation	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre	Number of Vacancies
Senior	54	12	42
Tertiary	56	34	22
Secondary	782	611	201
Primary	3424	2000	1421
Total	4316	2657	1686

6.2. **** briefly state how the shortage of human resources has influenced towards the performance of the institution**

- ❖ All the posts in the executive level of the Department are vacant and the officers of lower levels are employed on the basis of performing duties / covering duties as a temporary measure due to not issuing the decree in respect of the case No. SC (FR) 248/2016 filed in the Supreme Court filed by a group of officers belonging to the Associated Service Category of the Department of Archaeology regarding the violation of fundamental right in respect of the recruitment procedure of the Executive Service Category (SL-1) and the recruitments were not made as per the recruitment procedure. A request has been forwarded by the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to the Department of Attorney General to take action to retrial the case through a motion, by pointing out the problematic situation faced by the Department and necessary measurs will be taken accordingly.
- ❖ 3275 persons have been recruited by 31.12.2023 for the posts of primary service category (Archaeological Assistant/Watchman) and the remaining number of vacancies are to be filled by recruiting the trainees of the Department of Multipurpose.
- ❖ Further, a request has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance requesting to grant approval to fill up the existing vacancies as recruitment in the public service has been stopped as per the National Budget Circular 03/2022, but recruitments cannot be made as the approval has not been granted yet.

6.3 Human Resource Development

Se.No.	Name of the Training Program	Duration of the Training Program	Overall Investment (Rs.)		Nature of the Program (Domestic/ Foreign)	Output / Knowledge Gained
			Domestic	Foreign		
01.	Theory / Practical Training Program on preparing Payroll	01 Day	30,000/-		Domestic	To impart necessary knowledge on preparation of payroll to the officers / newly recruited officers who are preparing payrolls in the regional offices of the head office.
02.	Staff Meeting Archeology Department	01 Day	18,175/-		Domestic	Discussing the future plan of the Department of Archaeology.
03.	Training on stores and equipment survey	01 Day	114,470/-		Domestic	Making aware of officials about stores and equipment and survey activities on equipment.
04.	Training on checking Vouchers	01 Day	59,570/-		Domestic	To impart knowledge to officials on checking vouchers.
05.	Training on Advance B Account	01 Day	44,275/-		Domestic	Making aware of new officers and other officers on Advance B Account.
06.	Training on procurement	01 Day	56,950/-		Domestic	To impart knowledge on procurement to all the officers involved in procurement activities in the Department.
07.	Training program on Management and Leadership Skills	01 Day	25,369/-		domestic	To impart knowledge to the officers regarding development of management and leadership skills.

08.	Trainin program on removing Lichens on stone monuments	01 Day	100,000/-		Domestic	To impart academic knowledge on conservation of monuments.
09.	Training program on management and file mamagment	01 Day	9,800/-		Domestic	Providing knowledge about office management and file management activities to the officers and new officers of the Administration Division department.
10.	Awareness of Technical Service Officers on conservation issues	01 Day	33,250/-		Domestic	To impart academic knowledge to Technical Service Officers in Architectural Division.
11.	Awareness training program for drivers on their duties related to departmental workload	01 Day	32,056/-		Domestic	To provide knowledge about the responsibility of drivers and the way of handling vehicles when performing duties of the department
12.	Training Program on registration of Movable Artifacts	01 Day	35,900/-		Domestics	Imparting academic knowledge to officers.
13.	Training program on performance of duties while maintaining Employee Management and mutual understanding	01 Day	74,284.22		Domestic	Providing knowledge about the concepts and activities required to perform duties by building mutual understanding among officers.
14.	Training program for the officials of the department on designing of an archaeological site	01 Day	19,150/-		Domestic	To impart academic knowledge to officers on designing.
15.	Orientation program for new appointees assigned to Ampara / Batticaloa Regional Office	01 Day	88,500/-		Domestic	To impart knowledge to new appointees on public service and office work.

16.	Training program to impart knowledge about chemicals in respect of termite control activities	දින 01	49,900/-		Domestic	To impart knowledge to officers on termite and damage control activities.
Total Expenditure			791,649.22			

- **Briefly explain how the training program contributes to the organization's performance.**

As a Department carrying out academic activities, it is necessary to provide local and foreign training for updating the academic knowledge of the employees. Further, in order to increase the knowledge of the officials employed in the Administration Divisions of the institute (Office procedures such as procedural rules, establishment code, financial regulations, etc.) training should also be provided on that areas. Attitude development programs and effective subject awareness training programs should be carried out as an attitude change needs to be constantly built for increasing the efficiency of duty performance.

Chapter 07

Compliance Report

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
1	The following Financial Statements/ Accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1.	Annual Financial Statement	In Compliance		
1.2.	Advance Account of Public Officers	In Compliance		
1.3.	Business and Products Advance Account (Commercial Advance Account)	Non-Compliance	These accounts are not operated in the Department of Archaeology.	
1.4.	Stores Advance Accounts	Non-Compliance		
1.5.	Special Advance Accounts	Non Compliance		
1.6.	Other	Non Compliance		
2	Maintenance of Books and Documents (F.R. 445)			
2.1.	Update and maintenance of Fixed Asset Register in terms of Public Administration Circular No. 267/2018	In Compliance		
2.2.	Update and maintenance of registers of personnel emoluments/ Personnel emoluments Cards	In Compliance		
2.3.	Update and maintenance of the Register of Audit Queries	In Compliance		
2.4.	Update and maintenance of Internal Audit Query Reports	In Compliance		
2.5.	Preparing all the monthly accounts (CIGAS) and presenting them to the General Treasury on due date.	In Compliance		
2.6.	Update and maintenance of the register of Cheques and Money Orders	In Compliance		
2.7.	Update and maintenance of Inventory Register	In Compliance		
2.8.	Update and maintenance of Stock Register	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
2.9.	Update and maintenance of Losses and damages register	In Compliance		
2.10.	Update and maintenance of the register of Liabilities	In Compliance		
2.11.	Update and maintenance of Counterfoil Register (GA - N20)	In Compliance		
3	Delegation of duties for financial control (F.R.135)			
3.1.	Delegation of financial powers within the Institute	In Compliance		
3.2.	Officers within the institute had been made aware on delegation of financial powers	In Compliance		
3.3.	Powers were delegated enabling to grant approval for every transaction through two or more officers	In Compliance		
3.4.	Taking actions under the control of Accountants when government salary sheets software package is used, in terms of Public Accounting Circular No. 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014	In Compliance		
4	Preparing Annual Plans			
4.1.	Preparing Annual Action Plan	In Compliance		
4.2.	Preparing Annual Procurement Plan	In Compliance		
4.3.	Preparing Annual Internal Audit Plan.	In Compliance		
4.4.	Preparing and forwarding Annual Estimate to the National Budget Department (NBD) on due date.	In Compliance		
4.5.	Annual Financial Flow Statement had been submitted to the Department of Treasury Operations on due date.	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
5	Audit Queries			
5.1.	Answering all the audit queries on the dates prescribed by the Auditor general	Non Compliance		Officials have been informed.
6	Internal Audit			
6.1.	Preparing an internal auditing plan in consultation with the Auditor General at the beginning of the year, according to F.R. 134 (2) DMA/1-2019.	In Compliance		
6.2.	Answers are given for every internal audit report within a period of one month.	Non-Compliance	Delayed replies were provided by regional offices for reports requiring information.	
6.3.	Copies of all the Internal Audit Reports had been submitted to the Department of Management Audit, in terms of Sub Section 40(4) of National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018.	In Compliance		
6.4.	Copies of all the internal audit reports are submitted to the auditor General, as per F.R. 134 (4)	In Compliance		
7	Audit and Management Committees			
7.1.	At least 04 Audit and Management Committees had been conducted within the relevant year, in terms of DMA Circular No. 1 – 2019.	Non-Compliance	03 audit management committee meetings have been held for the year 2023.	Arrangements are being made to hold the 4 th meeting.
8	Asset Management			
8.1.	Information on purchase and disposal of assets had been submitted to Comptroller General's Office, in terms of Chapter 07 of Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017.	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
8.2.	A qualified Coordinating Officer had been appointed for the implementation of provisions of the aforesaid circular and coordination purposes, and reported to the Comptroller General's Office, in terms of Chapter 13 of the aforesaid Circular.	In Compliance		
8.3.	Conducting Board of Surveys and submitting respective reports to the Auditor General on due date, in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2020.	In Compliance		
8.4.	Implementing Surpluses, deficiencies and other recommendations revealed at the Board of Survey during the prescribed during the period specified in the Circular	In Compliance		
8.5.	Disposal of Condemned items in terms of F.R. 772.	In Compliance		
9	Management of Vehicles			
9.1.	Daily running charts and monthly summery reports in respect of pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date.	In Compliance		
9.2.	Condemned vehicles had been disposed within a period less than 06 months after condemning the vehicles.	Non-Compliance	Due to the Corona Pandemic prevailed in the country in 2020 and 2021, it was impossible to appoint the Diposal Committee for the annual disposal, and 04 vehicles have been dentified for disposal	The committee will be appointed for the year 2024 and after identifying the condemned vehicles, necessary actions will be taken to dispose them.

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			according to the recommendations of the reports of the Disposal Committee appointed for the survey work in 2023. The relevant information for the disposal of those vehicles has now been given to the Engineering Division.	
9.3.	Vehicle Log Books are updated and maintained	In Compliance		
9.4.	Taking action in respect of every vehicle accident in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110	Non-Compliance	Necessary arrangements have been made to obtain F.R. 104 reports regarding the vehicle accidents, and further action will be taken once the reports are received.	Making a plan in accordance with Financial Regulations and to follow and proceed accordingly as soon as a traffic accident occurs.
9.5.	Rechecking of fuel combustion of vehicles in terms of the provisions of Chapter 3.1 of Public Administration Circular No. 2016/30 dated 29.12.2016	In Compliance		
9.6	Transferring full ownership of the log books of leased vehicles on completion of leasing periods	In Compliance		
10 Management of Bank Accounts				
10.1.	Preparing Bank reconciliation statements and presenting them to the Audit on due date after certifying them.	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
10.2.	Settling dormant bank accounts taken ahead within the year under review or since preceding years	In Compliance		
10.3.	Settling balances disclosed from bank reconciliation Statements and balances that had to be adjusted within a period of month.	In Compliance		
11	Utilization of provisions			
11.1.	Incurring expenses without exceeding the limit of the allocations provided	In Compliance		
11.2.	After utilizing the allocated provisions, entering in to liabilities at the end of the year without exceeding the limit of the remaining provisions in terms of F.R. 94(1)	In Compliance		
12	Public Officers Advance Accounts			
12.1.	Complying to limitations	In Compliance		
12.2.	A time analysis had been made in respect of loan balances in arrears.	In Compliance		
12.3.	Loan balances in arrears for a period of more than one year had been settled.	Non-Compliance		Settlement activities are in progress.
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1.	Action had been taken in respect of lapsed deposits in terms of F.R. 571	In Compliance		
13.2.	Control Account existing for General Deposits has been updated and maintained.	In Compliance		
14	Impress Account			
14.1.	Balance of the cash book has been remitted to the Department of Treasury Operations at the end of the year under review.	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
14.2.	Ad hoc Interim Imprest had been settled within a month after the issue of ad hoc interim imprest in terms of F.R. 371.	In Compliance		
14.3.	Ad hoc Interim Imprest had been issued so as not to exceed the approved limit as per the F.R. 371.	In Compliance		
14.4.	Monthly reconciliation of Treasury Books with the balance of imprest account,	In Compliance		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1.	Repayment from collected revenue, in compliance with the relevant regulations.	In Compliance		
15.2.	Collected income had not been credited to the Revenue without crediting them to Deposit Account	In Compliance		
15.3.	Revenue in arrears had been reported to the Auditor General in terms of F.R. 176	Not relevant		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1.	The staff had been maintained within the approved cadre.	Non-Compliance	Presently, 31 development officers are employed in the department, exceeding the number of approved development officer posts. In order to get the 31 positions approved requests have been submitted to the Department of Management Services after filling F.R. 71.	

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
16.2.	Duty lists had been issued in writing to all the members of the staff.	In Compliance		
16.3.	All the reports had been submitted to the Department of Management Services in terms of MSD Circular No. 04/2017 dated 20.09.2017.	In Compliance		
17	Providing information to the public			
17.1.	An Information Officer had been appointed and a Register of Information had been updated in terms of Right for Information Act and Regulations.	In Compliance		
17.2.	Information of the Institute have been provided through web sites and facilities have been provided to give commendation/ allegations in respect of public about the institute, through web sites or alternative approaches	In Compliance Non Compliance	Arrangements will be made to provide those facilities in the future.	
17.3.	Reports have been submitted twice a year or a once a year in terms of Section 08 and 10 of Right for Information Act.	Non Compliance	Action will be taken to submit in the future.	
18	Implementation of Citizen Charter			
18.1.	A citizen/ Client Charter had been compiled and executed in accordance with the Circular No. 05/2008 and 05/2018 (1) issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management.	In Compliance		
18.2.	A system had been prepared by the institute for supervision and evaluation of compilation and implementation activities of Citizen/ Client Charter, as per Section 2.3 of the aforesaid Circular.	In Compliance		

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
19	Compilation of Human Resource Plan			
19.1.	A Human Resource Plan had been prepared according to the format given in the Annexure 02 of the Public Administration Circular No. 02/2018 dated 24.01.2018	In Compliance		
19.2.	A training opportunity of not less than a minimum period of 12 hours per annum for every member of the carder had been confirmed in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan.	Non Compliance	Taking into account the amount of provision allocated for conducting training programs and the nature of the proposed training programs, every effort was made to provide the maximum number of training hours that could be given to each officer, but it was not able to achieve as expected in the year 2023.	Action will be taken to conduct programs aiming every officer covering a comprehensive range of training topics, thereby to provide training opportunities to more officers, and organizing training programs to cover every officer within the approved allocation limit within the year 2024.
19.3.	Annual Performance agreements had been signed for overall staff based on the format given in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular.	In Compliance		
19.4.	A senior officer had been appointed by assigning the responsibility of preparing a Human Resource Development Plan, Development of a Capacity Development Plan, and implementation of Skill Development Programs as per Section 6.5 of the aforesaid Circular.	Non-Compliance	The post of Assistant Director / Deputy Director (Training and Other) under Sri Lanka Administrative Service is vacant.	The relevant training activities are carried out by the officer who is currently working as Assistant / Deputy Director (Control).

No.	Requirement to be applied	Status of conformity (in compliance/ Non Compliance)	If non-compliance the brief clarification	Correct decisions and procedures proposed for preventing such non-compliance in the future.
20	Responding for the Audit Paragraphs			
20.1.	Rectifying the deficiencies pointed out by the audit paragraphs issued by the by the auditor General for the preceding year.	In Compliance		