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Chapter 01

Institutional Profile/Executive Summary

1.1.Introduction

The science, technology and innovation sector is assigned a crucial role in improving the quality of life of Sri Lankan citizens and in the attainment of the sustainable development goals.

Research and development initiatives were implemented for nearly 10 months of the year 2024, while operating as the Research and Innovation Division under the Ministry of Education and through the establishment of the Ministry of Science and Technology by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/08, dated 25.11.2024, of 2024 the groundwork has been laid to effectuate the said tasks in a more comprehensive and efficient manner.

Accordingly, by the end of 2024 it was possible to appoint the governing boards including the Chairpersons of the institutions coming under the scope of the new ministry with a view to managing and directing the future affairs of the said institutions. This enabled the Ministry to execute the role of the institutions in rendering a positive contribution to the national economy in a people friendly manner with a novel approach in pursuance of the manifesto "A Thriving Nation - A Beautiful Life".

10 institutions were operating under this Ministry for the duration of the first 10 months of the year 2024, and by the end of the year, 12 institutions were operating under this Ministry. A summary of the development activities implemented by both the Ministry and institutions during the year 2024 is presented as follows.

Support was extended for institutions in developing strategic plans to promote demand-driven research, strengthen industry-research and partnerships, create enabling environments for technology-based entrepreneurship and innovation and also for the preparation of action plans accordingly and their implementation. Also, the Ministry was most committed to the administrative and operational activities of the institutions, and among these, distribution of assets between SLINTEC and SLIBTEC, settlement of land rights of the institutions, acquired a prime position. Moreover, a significant contribution was made by the Ministry towards creating an innovation ecosystem through the coordination of the establishment of necessary forums for the commercialization of the research outcomes of the institutes under the Ministry.

To this end, steps were taken to preserve the research infrastructure of NIFS by constructing retaining walls to stabilize the 50 year-old buildings and land.

Pertaining to the international relations that the Ministry has fostered in the fields of science and technology, steps were taken to further strengthen the cooperation with global partners as per agreements entered into with countries like India, China, South Africa, Cuba, Nepal and Thailand. The currently ongoing research under the Indo-Sri Lanka Bilateral Cooperation Research Programs focused on finding solutions to issues related to the agricultural sector having an impact on the country's economy and preliminary work was undertaken to initiate new research collaborations between the two countries.

Establishing research information system is a primary responsibility entrusted to the Ministry and a prototype was created to establish a national research management information system.

Programs were implemented island wide through 267 Vidatha Resource Centers with a view to expanding market access of emerging entrepreneurs at the rural level while uplifting their livelihoods. Also, with the commencement of operations under the Ministry of Science and Technology, the benefits of the innovation sector have also been planned with a reasonable approach.

The Sri Lanka Planetarium has succeeded in fulfilling its worthy mission of bringing the astronomy related knowledge and experience closer to school students and the general public and has managed to earn an income of Rs.25.12 M in the year 2024 through its planetarium shows and outdoor shows.

The development and commercialization of Biofilm Biofertilizer (BFBF) continues to achieve remarkable progress as a project implemented by the National Institute of Fundamental Studies, under the supervision of the Ministry. The widespread use and distribution of Biofilm Biofertilizers at the national level as an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional fertilizers and the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices have resulted in increasing the income of farmers.

Through its human resources and international relations, ranging from the grassroots level to the international level, the Ministry has created the necessary background to plan ahead with the aim of making Sri Lanka a prosperous nation in line with the current government policies and the new science and technology policy.

1.2

Vision

A developed nation through Science, Technology and Innovation

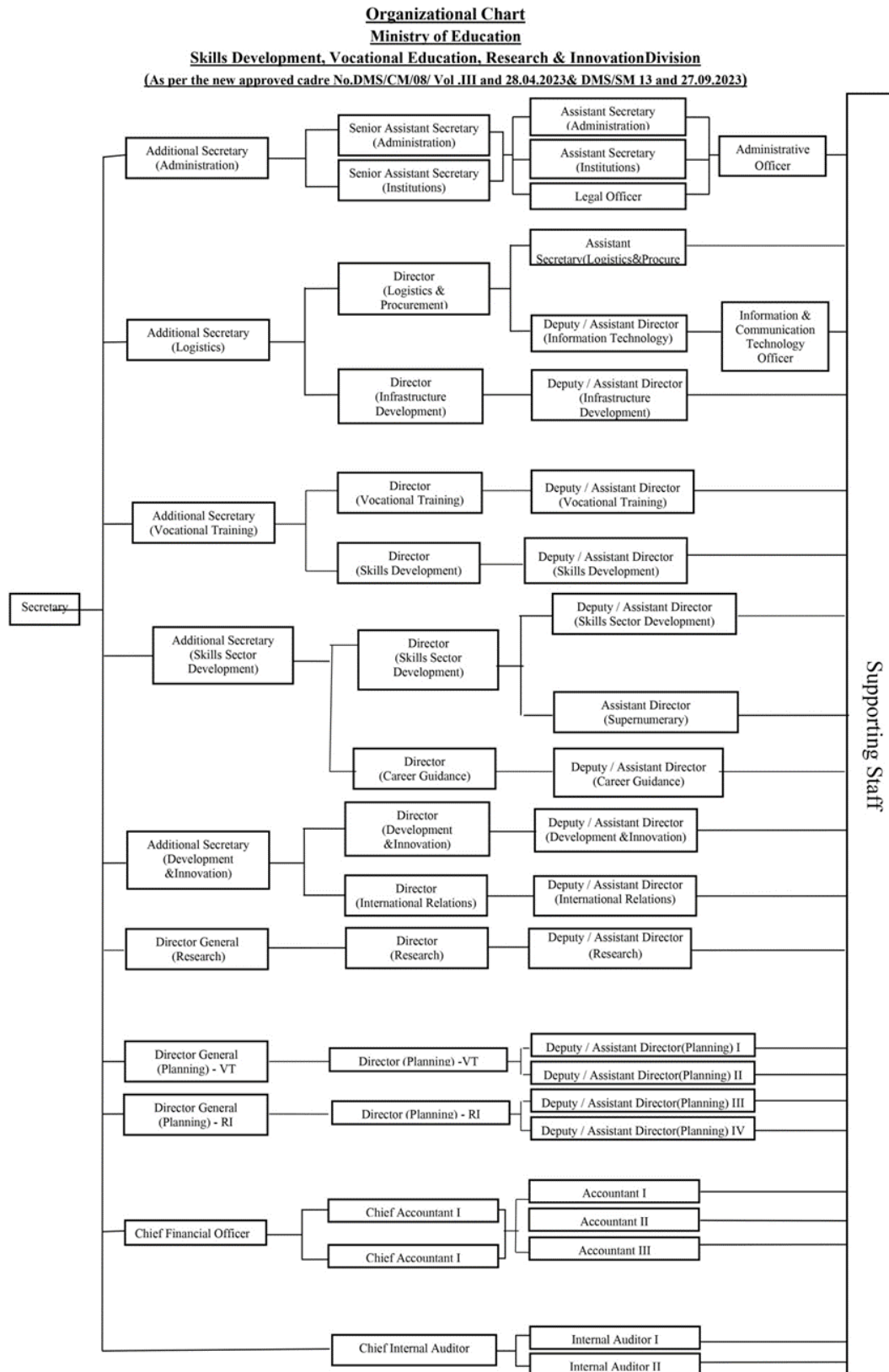
Mission

To create an effective STI ecosystem which drive economic growth to improve the quality of life addressing national and global challenges within the sustainable development framework.

1.3. Priority Functions in the Ministry of Science and Technology

- Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, programmes and projects, in relation to the subjects of science and technology, and those subjects that come under the purview of Departments, Statutory Institutions and Public Corporations listed in Column II based on the national policies implemented by the government.
- Provision of public services under the purview of the Ministry in an efficient and people friendly manner.
- Reforming all systems and procedures using modern management techniques and technology, thus ensuring that the functions of the Ministry are fulfilled while eliminating corruption and waste.
- Facilitating research institutions to collaborate with international research institutions.
- Formulating an efficient mechanism to utilize innovations and outcomes of research.
- Taking steps to expand scientific, industrial, social and economic research and development activities.
- Motivating and directing communities towards innovation.
- Enforcing standards and matters related to administration in science and technology sector
- Provision of technical assistance to relevant Ministries for developing Green Technology Projects.

1.4. Organizational Structure



**Organizational structure for the former Ministry as at 25.11.2024 (Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation Division of the Education Ministry)*

1.5. Institutions under the Former Ministry of Education Research & Innovation Division

- Arthur C. Clarke Institute for Modern Technologies (ACCIMT)
- National Science and Technology Commission (NASTEC)
- National Engineering Research and Development Centre (NERDC)
- National Innovation Agency (NIA)
- National Institute of Fundamental Studies (NIFS)
- National Research Council (NRC)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Sri Lanka Institute of Biotechnology (SLIBTEC)
- Sri Lanka Inventors Commission (SLIC)
- Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (SLINTEC)
- Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) *
- Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) *

** New institutions brought under the purview of the Ministry of Science & Technology in terms of the Gazette Extraordinary No.2412/08 dated 25.11.2024 of 2024.*

1.6. Details of the Foreign Funded Projects

Not Applicable

Chapter 02

Progress and Future Outlook

2.1. Achievements of the Ministry of Science and Technology in year 2024

Progress of the Scientific Development Programme

➤ Science & Technology Popularization Programme

The Research Division of the Ministry is tasked with promoting scientific and technical knowledge to improve scientific literacy among Sri Lankans, including school and university students.

The National Science Week-2024 celebrations were coordinated in collaboration with the R&D institutions under the Ministry purview. Accordingly, National Science Foundation has been organized “School Science Research Symposium” as the National ceremonial event for the celebration at the Auditorium of Medical Faculty –University of Colombo held on 27th November 2024 collaboratively with other institutions. The Ministry was coordinated 18. No of programs were organized by other institutes as parallel for the celebration of National Science week such as Open Day, Symposiums, Awareness programs, exhibitions etc.

Initial discussion was made with the Ministry of Education to promote and facilitate various types of knowledge dissemination programs organized by the institutions under this Ministry purview among school community. As a result, a collaborative program will be arranged with the participation of both Ministries in upcoming year.

➤ Science and Technology Collaboration under Bilateral and Multilateral cooperation

- **Indian Science & Research Fellowships for Sri Lanka (ISRF) Programme**

Aim of this programme is to provide opportunities to scientists and researchers from neighboring countries namely Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand to work in contemporary research areas across all major disciplines of science and technology including engineering and medical sciences at premier research laboratories and academic institutions in India.

2023/2024 Call for the ISRF programme was received on 01.05.2024 and the advertisement was published in the Ministry website in Sinhala, Tamil and English languages. Three reminders were sent to Indian side requesting the number of fellowships for 2024.

- **Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Cooperation Programme**

Under the Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Program of Cooperation signed in 2019, initiatives include the exchange of scientific knowledge, organizing bilateral conferences, training young scientists, publishing research papers, and issuing patents.

Financial allocations were provided for 08 research projects and a workshop, with the two bi-annual progress reviews held on 22.03.2024 and 29.10.2024 respectively. A workshop on controlling White leaf disease in sugarcane was conducted in Pelawatta Sugarcane Research Institute, involving researchers from both countries, and results were shared with cultivators. Additionally, research output on integrated multi-standard antennas for automotive communications was forwarded to the National Innovation Agency for commercialization. In addition, this program has facilitated the publications of 26 journal articles and supported four MPhil students by the end of the year 2024.

The evaluation procedure and timeline were developed and the review was initiated for the 430 received proposals.

- **Ph.D. degree programme on high energy physics at the European organization for Nuclear physics (CERN)**

This was initiated with the European organization for Nuclear physics (CERN) with a view to awarding fellowships to young Sri Lankan scientists and researchers. Accordingly, 04 postgraduate students were provided the opportunity for studying their PhD programmes at CERN from 2018 – 2024. The period for the first project cycle was extended up to the end of 2025.

Necessary arrangements were made for the 04 postgraduate students to visit CERN and pursue studies of their PhD degrees. Compulsory payments for CERN were done and 02 invoices are due to be paid once the financial status of the country become stable. Videos prepared on CERN and particle physics targeting the Advanced Level students and teachers were translated into Sinhala and Tamil languages. Final theses submission required from all 04 PhD scholars before seeking NPD and Cabinet approval for the next (second) cycle (if funds are available). Ambassador to the UN in Geneva inquired about re-engaging with CERN. Accordingly, assistance of the Higher Education Division was sought in search of non-payable opportunities/higher education scholarships on 27.08.2024. Information on CERN Teacher Training Programmes for year 2025 were shared with the Ministry of Education's Foreign Agencies and External Affairs Division to be circulated to teachers in secondary education.

- **Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) already signed and initiatives**

India	The Indo–Sri Lanka Joint Research Programme called for research proposals through an advertisement and format published by both countries on 01.06.2024, with a submission deadline of 31.07.2024. The Sri Lankan side received 448 research proposals, contributing to a combined total of 431 proposals from both sides, which were handed over to the Research Division for evaluation on 21.10.2024. Additionally, workshop proposals were invited on 01.09.2024, with a deadline of 15.10.2024. A total of 208 workshop proposals were received and forwarded to the Research Division on 11.11.2024 for assessment.
China	Establishment of a Joint Laboratory with Wuhan Polytechnic University of China is under discussion.
South Africa	First JCM held on 09.05.2024 in Virtual Mode. Virtual meetings were convened to form SA-SL Collaborations: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nanotechnology - 17.07.2024 (SLINTEC – Mintek) • Innovation - 31.07.2024 (NIA - TIA) • Food, Agriculture, Water Management - 28.10.2024 (NIFS – CSIR/ TIA)
Cuba	Met H.E. the Cuban Ambassador on 29.05.2024. A Concept Paper was submitted to collaborate with Ministry of ST&E of Cuba, during that meeting. Cuban respond received on 22.07.2024.

	Our further requirements were conveyed to Cuban side on 16.08.2024. Eg: Our interests on: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sugarcane Research Collaborations • Vaccine Development Awaiting update.
Nepal	Nepal – Sri Lanka First JCM: - Concept Paper submitted to the MoFA on 09.04.2024. Last reminder to MoFA 09.11.2024.
Thailand	Request was made to Thailand Embassy on 20.09.2024 to build collaboration between Department of Science & Technology based on the signed MoU. with STI institutes of SL. An informal meeting was held on 15.10.2024 with Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) to build collaborations with STI institutes of Sri Lanka and a Concept Paper was shared and discussions are ongoing.

➤ **Facilitation of Research & Innovation**

Focusing on collecting, securing, and facilitating data from national research projects while fostering a market for research outcomes.

A National Research Management Information System prototype has been finalized to register government research institutes and manage research data, ensuring transparency and avoiding duplication. Discussions with universities are ongoing to implement the system, and it is proposed to use as the platform for research grant applications

The Ministry in charge of the subject of research will evaluate research proposals and provide recommendations by convening the Research Management Committee and the Research Supervision Committee for the purpose of the payment of research allowances to government officials. In 2023, 24 research projects were evaluated for allowances under Management Services Circular No. 02/2014, with three committee meetings held. In 2024, 26 projects were reviewed, guidelines were issued for all Research Management Committees appointed under the circular to streamline the evaluation process.

Data on 177 research projects conducted in 2024 was compiled, with preliminary evaluations completed in collaboration with the National Innovation Agency. Institutions were instructed to report bi-annual progress, and Guidelines including the time and targets were issued for preparing the 2025 research plan.

- **Coordinating activities of working group on Science, Technology and Innovation (WGSTI) under Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)**

Sri Lanka is member state of IORA secretariat work under functional body of working group on science, technology and Innovation (WGSTI). As per the IORA Work Plan, Sri Lanka submitted the following 02 Concept Notes to the IORA Secretariat. 04 meetings were held to identify suitable marine research areas for Sri Lanka. 02 Concept Notes on 02 marine research projects, prepared by the Ocean University and National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency (NARA), were finalized. These Concept Notes were submitted to the IORA Secretariat and shared with all member states for their inputs. Accordingly, IORA Secretariat approved the Concept Notes on 24.10.2024. Currently, budget estimation for the aforementioned 02 research projects are being finalized. Additionally, tasks related to Sri Lanka's chairmanship of IORA were coordinated.

Received of the approval of IORA Secretariat for the 02 Concept Notes on 02 marine researches in Sri Lanka.

- **Coordination of tasks related to establishments of BIMSTEC TTF, Holding the 02nd EG-STIC under BIMSTEC**

Second Meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Science, Technology, and Innovation Cooperation (EG-STIC) was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 25–26 July 2024. The meeting discussed the concept paper for the first boot camp, BIMSTEC country assessments, and a request for India to host a start-up conclave.

MoA for establishing the BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (BIMSTEC TTF) was signed during the 05th BIMSTEC Summit in 2022, but it has not yet entered into force due to Nepal's pending internal formalities. Requests were made through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) and the BIMSTEC Secretariat to expedite the process.

- **Implementation of the Research & Development Investment Framework (NRDF)**

Under the NRDF, methods and programs required for the advancement of the country's research and development sector are identified. The details and progress of the programs implemented in the year 2024 are as follows.

Preliminary action was initiated for the development of the National Research Roadmap with a view to adopting a clear vision and strategic direction for research and innovation in Sri Lanka. Under this initiative, Expression of Interests were called to develop a common platform to convene researchers, professionals and scientists. The Ministry received 111 applications across various fields of study and selected 70 applicants, categorizing them into 12 fields.

In 2024, four awareness programs were organized under the NRDF. These included a program on 2024.04.03, in collaboration with the National Innovation Agency (NIA), focusing on commercializing research outcomes while managing intellectual property rights, a two-phase program for ministry staff on using performance indicators to manage research and development activities effectively and an awareness program on Custom import clearance procedures for R&D related imports. These initiatives aimed to align research efforts with national economic development and improve performance evaluation in research and innovation.

- **Maintaining Vidya E-News website and organizing Vidya E-News Article Competition for promotion of modern scientific knowledge.**

The Vidya e-News website (www.vidyaenews.mostr.gov.lk), launched in 2022 as a trilingual platform, has published over 200 scholarly articles in Sinhala, Tamil, and English by 2023, with more than 100 articles added by end of 2024. Knowledge from fields such as AI, Augmented Reality, Astronomy, and nanotechnology is also shared via Facebook and YouTube, while an annual article competition engages students and the public, was organized and reviewing are in progress. The website serves as a portal for accessing government scientific knowledge resources and involves university professors and experts in evaluation process.

➤ **Facilitating institution administration and operations**

- 3 land problems have been resolved under Facilitating for Resolving Land and Building Issues.
- Finalizing the necessary work together with the Urban Development Authority to hand over the ownership of the Nano Technology Park to the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (PVT) Ltd. under the 99-year lease method.
- Distribution of assets between SLINTEC and SLIBTEC.
 - Action is currently being pursued to implement the decisions submitted by the Comptroller General by his letter No. CGO/ASM/EDU/Building/01 dated 26.09.2023 and decisions issued on 20.03.2024 in respect of the Cabinet Memorandum No. CP/24/0407/604/050 dated 20.02.2024 forwarded by the Hon. Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policy, regarding the distribution of assets between SLINTEC and SLIBTEC.

➤ **Coordination of innovation ecosystem**

- Visited 10 science and technology institutes to coordinate innovation ecosystem and discussed current activities, future development plans and possibilities to strengthen them.
- Establishment of Innovation Ecosystem Enhancement Task Force (IEET).
- Prepare and finalize plans to conduct Research and Industry Synergy Forum (RISF).
- Providing necessary assistance for the preliminary activities of 6 programs to promote science and innovation in schools and universities.

➤ **Formulating an implementation mechanism and strategic plan for science, technology and innovation sectors.**

Under this initiative, the amendments were made to the Acts related to the science and technology sector. In addition to this, worked closely with NASTEC to introduce an effective strategic plan for the science and technology sector with BICOST-X.

➤ **Facilitating the establishment of National Science Center (NSC).**

In addition to the land at Technology Park, at Pitipana in Homagama, alternative locations in Colombo suburbs were explored, constant coordination was maintained with foreign embassies and the Department of External Resources for obtaining financial assistance and a proposal seeking foreign funds was submitted.

➤ **Improving Degraded Soil through developing fertilizer and soil management**

The Microbial Biotechnology unit of NIFS upgraded the ‘Improving Degraded Soil using Bio fertilizers’ project to a ‘National Program on Eco-Friendly Fertilizers’ with the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Food Security and Agriculture of the Parliament. Under this program during Yala 2024 season, island wide farmers’ field demonstrations in paddy cultivation with a new fertilizer technology using microbial Biofilm biofertilizers (BFBFs) and hybrid/organic pellet fertilizers to cut down the use of chemical fertilizers by 50%, while increasing paddy grain yield by 20-30%. This program was conducted in seven provinces and three Mahaweli systems, as instructed by the SOC. The results

showed that in about 90% of the locations, there were increased paddy yields with the new fertilizer technology in comparison to the conventional practice of 100% chemical fertilizers alone application. This is the largest field program conducted on eco-friendly new fertilizer technologies in the country. We are planning to expand this program island wide with the private sector in a public-private partnership. All the stakeholders in agriculture including the Ministry and the Department of Agriculture, Mahaweli Authority, Provincial Agriculture Departments etc. are participating in this program.

Due to the increase in crop yields with the use of the eco-friendly fertilizers, paddy farmers will get an additional profit of Rs. 30,000-40,000 per acre and the country can save more than Rs. 30 billion in foreign exchange annually by reducing chemical fertilizer imports. At present, about 20,000 acres of paddy in the country are cultivated using these eco-friendly fertilizers, and this should be introduced to other crops as well.

➤ **Sri Lanka Planetarium**

Sri Lanka Planetarium is the only planetarium in Sri Lanka established in 1965 with the main objective of popularizing knowledge on Astronomy. It is one of the largest planetariums in the world with a 23m diameter dome with the ability to accommodate 560 visitors per session. Throughout the 58 years, Sri Lanka Planetarium has achieved its objectives by conducting planetarium presentations, outdoor programs and Astronomy courses to satisfy the curiosity of knowledge seekers among Sri Lankan school children as well as the general public. The Planetarium upgraded with the installation of a 4D/Digital full dome projector to project the universe as a 3D space in 2014. Recently added Technological Park gives real time experience of Physics phenomena to its visitors. Night sky observation camps, special natural phenomena observation camps, astronomy workshops, science exhibitions and seminars are conducted island wide. Furthermore, Astronomy courses and outdoor programs are conducted totally free of charge. All these activities are conducted for inspiring the public enthusiasm towards Astronomy via conscious experience.

- **Planetarium Presentation**

Planetarium presentation consists of digital full dome films, Introduction to Solar System and demonstration of the night sky. These programs allow students and general public to learn more about space.

- **Outdoor Program**

1. Night sky observation camps have been held all over the country to promote astronomy and improve the observation skills of school students as well as public. These kinds of programs give live experiences of celestial objects by observing from naked eye and using telescopes.
2. Sri Lanka Planetarium has been arranging camps when natural phenomena occur such as solar eclipse, moon eclipse, comets, Mercury or Venus transit etc. Sri Lankans are very interested in engaging with us to observe these kinds of phenomena since some of them take place once their lifetime.
3. The Sri Lanka Planetarium is conducting classes and workshops to secondary level school students to popularize Astrophysics and to primary level students to improve their creativity by engaging interactive astronomy related activities. By conducting these kinds of programs, major objective is to build the next generation of astronomers with higher capacities of observation ability of the universe while improving their out of box thinking.

4. Technological Park has been established as one of the most effective means to explain astronomical phenomena in universe and give real experience of those phenomena to planetarium visitors. This facility was supported by CECB.

Following activities were carried out to popularize science among school children as well as general public.

Programme	Target 2024		Achievement 2024	
	No. of programme	Beneficiaries	No. of programme	Beneficiaries
1. Planetarium Presentations	400	250,000	493	227,931
2. Outdoor Programs	35	35,000	25	25,631
3. Astronomy Courses	3	150	2	75
4. Income (Rs. Mn)	30.00		25.12	

➤ Vidatha Programme

In 2024, as a part of the Ministry of Industry, Vidatha unit focused on sectors such as food and beverages, spices, cosmetics, chemical and herbal products, issuing Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) certificates, and quality test reports. A total of Rs. 9.78 million was spent, out of the allocated Rs. 10 million, to provide these services to eligible entrepreneurs. Under the program of “Empowering potential micro and small-scale industrialists to supply products for local super market chains and export markets” 237 Test reports and 36 GMP certificates were issued to entrepreneurs in 2024.

The Vidatha Unit collaborates with the Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) and Sri Lanka Standards Institute (SLSI) qualified institutions in private sector to issue test reports and GMPs, ensuring product quality and standard at the rural level.

Product standardization plays a critical role in promoting entrepreneurship and expanding market opportunities.

- **Market and Sales Promotion Programs for Entrepreneurs.**

A budget of Rs. 4 million has been allocated to conduct district-level trade fairs aimed at supporting Micro, Small, and Medium Entrepreneurs (MSMEs) across the island. These trade fairs are designed to promote sales and provide a platform for entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services.

To date, 21 trade fairs have been successfully completed, benefiting 1,372 entrepreneurs. A total of Rs. 2.80 million has been utilized for organizing these events at the district secretariat level. An entrepreneur's directory has been compiled to support and encourage the growth of MSMEs. This directory includes information about the businesses of 500 across the country, empowered under the Vidatha unit, to enhance their sales promotion activities. The e-book version of this directory has been successfully completed.

- **Technology transfer programmes**

The Vidatha Unit conducted the following technical transfer programs for entrepreneurs this year.

In the Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship Development programme focusing on spice-based products, cleaning agents, mushroom-related products, fish value addition, and other food value addition products, a total of 34 programmes were conducted. These initiatives trained 1,716 beneficiaries, with a budget allocation of Rs. 7.5 million and an expenditure of Rs. 0.6 million.

The program aimed at empowering 1,716 small and medium entrepreneurs through technology transfer, the sessions were completed successfully within the allocated budget of Rs. 7.5 million, with an actual expenditure of Rs. 0.6 million.

Additionally, 11 programs focusing on coconut, kithul, and palmyra industries trained 525 beneficiaries. These were conducted within the allocated budget of Rs. 6.0 million, with an actual expenditure of Rs. 2.54 million.

- There were 75 special training programmes undertaken island wide parallel to Global Entrepreneurship week. Also 3 programmes had been conducted under Upgradation of micro level entrepreneurs to small level entrepreneurs within Rs. 7.0 million has been allocated and Rs. 1.64 million has been spent.
- Under the training program on preservation and dehydration of vegetables, green leaves and fruits, 7 programmes conducted. No of beneficiaries trained is 214 within Rs. 7.23 million allocated and Rs. 0.67 million has been spent.
- With the objective of increasing new opportunities for entrepreneurs, the new technology training programme of glass blowing and natural flower preservation 05 programs completed.98 beneficiaries trained. National glass blowing center, University of Kelaniya was unable to continue the project as initially agreed due to technical issues.
- To improve the quality of the textile and apparel sector, the training programmes have been organized with Sri Lanka Institute of Textiles and Apparels. 7 programmes have been completed. 118 beneficiaries had been trained within Rs. 9.5 million allocated, and expenditure of Rs. 3.42 million has been incurred.

- **Capacity Building programmes**

To improve access to appropriate technologies for rural entrepreneurs, under the programme creating a resource pool for more effective technology transfer through the capacity building of science and technology officers of Vidatha Unit, 167 officers trained on Milk based products, food value addition and 77 officers trained on cleaning agent based products within Rs. 4.00 million has been allocated and Rs. 3.33 million has been spent.

- In Capacity building for Vidatha officers (Business plan preparation and project proposal writing) Rs. 3.00 million has been allocated and Rs. 0.84 million has been spent. 2 workshops had been conducted and 304 officers participated under this project.
- In Capacity building programmes for Vidatha Unit staff Rs.5.00 million has been allocated and Rs. 1.01 million has been spent. 7 programmes have been completed under this project and 304 officers benefited.

2.2. Targets for year 2025

- Prepare a national research roadmap, and organize related programs align with Science and Technology policy.
- Maintain the Vidya e-News website, organize the Vidya eNews article competition, and conduct a national survey to measure Civic Scientific Literacy. Monitor and coordinate science promotion programs, including National Science Day/Week, to enhance science literacy.
- Establish and manage the National Research Management Information System for government-funded and collaborative research. Monitor and review the progress of ongoing research projects, evaluate the 2025 research plan, and prepare the Annual Research Plan for 2026. Review research proposals for payment of allowances as per Management Services Circular No. 02/2014.
- Provide grants and conduct progress reviews for research projects under the Indo-Sri Lanka Joint Research Programme (2019 and 2024 initiatives).
- Signing new MOUs on science and Technology collaboration and conducting joint committee meeting with the countries with which MOUs has been entered in to.
- Coordinate the activities related to BIMSTEC technology transfer facility, and European organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).
- Plans are underway to establish a network of incubation centers across the island in partnership with university research institutes and academic bodies to foster science and technology ecosystem within small and medium enterprises.
- Continuous enhancement and maintenance of the Vidatha unit database, encompassing human resources, physical infrastructure, and development activities.
- Increase the number of Planetarium Presentations for School children and general public up to 450.
- No of Outdoor Programs to be conducted in rural areas - 40.
- No of students enrolled in Planetarium Astronomy Courses – 200.
- Annual Income expected to be generated by Planetarium presentations Rs (Mn) - 30.00 and Installation of online reservation system.
- Upgrading the full-dome film database to be used in Planetarium presentations.
- Upgrading the Telescopes with binoculars, Astro camera and Solar Filters and purchase of a new mobile planetarium.
- Paint and renovate the planetarium building, renovate the roof of the library building as a solar observatory renovate the technology park and repair the toilet system

2.3. Challenges

- Lack of updated policies and strategies it ensures private sector contribution to the research and development in the country.
- Low numbers of researchers and Scientists due brain drain, and recruitment issues.
- Failure to focus national priorities that would bring major economic benefits.
- Time consuming diplomatic processes, global and local financial constraints (MOUs).
- Inadequate international collaboration and among Sri Lankan R&D institutions.



3.2. Statement of Financial Position*

ACA-P

Statement of Financial Position
As at 31st December 2024

	Note	Actual	
		2024 Rs	2023 Rs
Non Financial Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	ACA-6	6,458,429,662	6,477,826,083
Financial Assets			
Advance Accounts	ACA-5/5(a)	66,349,369	51,960,757
Cash & Cash Equivalents	ACA-3	834,961	-
Total Assets		6,525,613,991	6,529,786,840
Net Assets / Equity			
Net Worth to Treasury		(209,169,887)	(218,598,561)
Property, Plant & Equipment Reserve		6,458,429,662	6,477,826,083
Rent and Work Advance Reserve	ACA-5(b)	-	-
Current Liabilities			
Deposits Accounts	ACA-4	275,519,255	270,559,318
Imprest Balance	ACA-3	834,961	-
Total Liabilities		6,525,613,991	6,529,786,840

Detail Accounting Statements in ACA format Nos. 1 to 7 presented in pages from 07 to 60 and Annexures to accounts presented in pages from 61 to 81 form an integral part of these Financial Statements. **The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024** and hereby certify that figures in these Financial Statements, Notes to accounts and other relevant accounts were reconciled with the Treasury Books of Accounts and found in agreement.

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

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 Chief Accounting Officer
 Name :
 Designation :
 Date : 02.02.2025

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 Accounting Officer
 Name :
 Designation :
 Date : 02.2025

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 Chief Financial Officer/ Chief Accountant/
 Director (Finance)/ Commissioner (Finance)
 Name : H.G.N.Pradeep
 Date : 02.2025

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* The Statement consists of Financial Performance of both Skill Development, Vocational Education division and, Research & Innovation division –now Science and Technology Ministry

3.3. Statement of Cash Flow*

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Statement of Cash Flows for the Period ended 31st December 2024		
	Actual	
	2024 Rs.	2023 Rs.
<u>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</u>		
Total Tax Receipts	-	-
Fees, Fines, Penalties and Licenses	-	-
Profit	-	-
Non Revenue Receipts	59,112,914	50,564,112
Revenue Collected on behalf of Other Revenue Heads	-	-
Imprest Received	1,942,672,624	2,002,904,911
Recoveries from Advance	19,876,739	18,619,896
Deposit Received	19,928,861	72,010,055
Total Cash generated from Operations (a)	2,041,591,138	2,144,098,974
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Personal Emoluments & Operating Payments	858,081,701	782,342,451
Subsidies & Transfer Payments	590,943,884	377,142,777
Expenditure incurred on behalf of Other Heads	20,617,032	1,311,160
Imprest Settlement to Treasury	16,121,803	-
Advance Payments	35,054,460	9,075,408
Deposit Payments	14,968,924	58,640,691
Total Cash disbursed for Operations (b)	1,535,787,803	1,228,512,487
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES(C)=(a)-(b)	505,803,335	915,586,487
<u>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</u>		
Interest	-	-
Dividends	-	-
Divestiture Proceeds & Sale of Physical Assets	-	-
Recoveries from On Lending	-	-
Total Cash generated from Investing Activities (d)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Purchase or Construction of Physical Assets & Acquisition of Other Investment	505,803,335	915,586,487
Total Cash disbursed for Investing Activities (e)	505,803,335	915,586,487
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES(F)=(d)-(e)	(505,803,335)	(915,586,487)
NET CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING & INVESTMENT ACTIVITIES (g)=(c) + (f)	-	-
<u>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</u>		
Local Borrowings	-	-
Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Grants Received	-	-
Total Cash generated from Financing Activities (H)	-	-
<u>Less - Cash disbursed for:</u>		
Repayment of Local Borrowings	-	-
Repayment of Foreign Borrowings	-	-
Total Cash disbursed for Financing Activities (I)	-	-
NET CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES (J)=(H)-(I)	-	-
Net Movement in Cash (K) = (G) -(J)	-	-
Opening Cash Balance as at 01st January	-	-
Closing Cash Balance as at 31st December	-	-

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* The Statement consists of Financial Performance of both Skill Development, Vocational Education division and, Research & Innovation division –now Science and Technology Ministry

3.4. Basis of Reporting

Basis of Reporting

1) Purpose of Preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Government Financial Regulations 150 & 151 and State Accounts Guideline No. 06/2024, dated 16.12.2024.

2) Reporting Period

The reporting period for these Financial Statements is from 01st January to 31st December 2024.

3) Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on historical cost modified by the revaluation of certain assets and accounted on a modified cash basis, unless otherwise specified.

The figures of the Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan rupees rounded to the nearest rupee.

4) Recognition of Revenue

Exchange and non exchange revenues are recognised on the cash receipts during the accounting period irrespective of relevant revenue period.

5) Recognition and Measurement of Property, Plant and Equipment (PP&E)

An item of Property, Plant and Equipment is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefit associated with the assets will flow to the entity and the cost of the assets can be reliably measured.

PP&E are measured at a cost and revaluation model is applied when cost model is not applicable.

6) Property, Plant and Equipment Reserve

This reserve account is the corresponding account of Property Plant and Equipment.

7) Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash & cash equivalents include local currency notes and coins in hand as at 31st December 2024.

3.5. Performance of the Revenue Collection

Not applicable

3.6. Performance of the Utilization of Allocation

Rs.

Type of Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % Final of Allocation
	Original	Final		
Recurrent	1,320,000,000	1,350,482,000	1,192,452,045	88%
Capital	1,026,000,000	1,026,851,000	358,966,020	35%
Total	2,346,000,000	2,377,333,000	1,551,418,065	65%

3.7. In terms of FR 208 grant of allocations for expenditure to this Department/District Secretariat/Provincial Council as an agent of the other ministries/Department

Rs.

Serial No.	Allocation Received from which Ministry / Department	Purpose of the Allocation	Allocation		Actual Expenditure	Allocation Utilization as a % Final of Allocation
			Original	Final		
1	N/A					

3.8 Performance of the Reporting of Non-Financial Assets (SKD & STR)

Rs.

Asset Code	Description	Balance as per Board of Survey report as at 31.12.2024	Balance as per financial position report as at 31.12.2024	Yet to be Accounted	Reporting progress as at
9151	Buildings and Structures	923,514,058.00	923,514,058.00	-	-
9152	Machinery	743,418,791.30	743,418,791.30	-	-
9153	Land	916,818,140.00	916,818,140.00	-	-
9160	WIP	2,112,800,000.00	2,112,800,000.00	-	-

3.9. Auditor General's Report

The Research and Innovation Division had functioned under the Ministry of Education in 2024, and the Division was established as the Ministry of Science and Technology by the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2412/08 of 2024 and dated 25.11.2024.

The Auditor General's Report in respect of the Research and Innovation Division for the year 2024 appears under the Financial Review Section No. 3, which includes information from pages 8 to 9 of the Auditor General's Report issued to the Ministry of Education.

Accordingly, only the section relevant to the Ministry of Science and Technology has been included in this report.



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Chief Accounting Officer,
Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education

Head - 126 - Summarized Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements for the Year Ending as at 31st December 2024 of the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, in accordance with Section 11(1) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

3. Financial Review

3.1 Expenditure Management

3.1.1 Non-utilization of provisions

Following observations are made.

- For the year 2024, the Ministry received a total net provision of Rs. 50,758,131,000 for recurrent expenditures and Rs. 121,153,679,000 for capital expenditures. The recurrent expenditure incurred during the year amounted to Rs. 34,371,228,655, while the capital expenditure amounted to Rs. 102,369,355,183. Accordingly, provisions remained unutilized amounting to Rs. 16,386,902,345 (32%) of the recurrent expenditure provision and Rs. 18,784,323,817 (15%) of the capital expenditure provision.
- Due to the preparation of estimates without proper forecasting or any rational basis, the entire net provision amounting to Rs. 3,741,399,238 under 36 expenditure subjects of the Ministry remained unutilized at the end of the year under review, of which 32 were capital expenditure subjects.
- Contrary to Circular No. 24/2020 issued by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education on 08 September 2020, no action had been taken over the past several years to enroll children into functioning sports schools. In addition, due to the allocation of Rs. 51,900,000 under Expenditure Head 126-01-02-019-1501 for the Nutritional Meal Programme for students of sports schools without proper understanding, a provision of Rs. 24,141,282 remained unutilized.
- Under Expenditure Head 126-01-02-000-2104, an annual budgetary provision of Rs. 50,000,000 had been allocated in the Ministry's financial statements for buildings and construction work, without a justified need. Of this amount, Rs. 17,300,000 had been transferred to other expenditure heads under Financial Regulation 66, while the remaining Rs. 32,700,000 remained unutilized. The reason cited for the unutilized balance was the inability to make payments to the State Engineering Corporation due to the lack of approval from the Standing Price Committee for the 6th and 7th floors of the Ministry's office building. However, as at 31 December 2024, no payments had been made to the State Engineering Corporation for the said construction, and an overpayment of Rs. 6,759,826 to the Corporation was reported.
- In addition to the provisions allocated for personal emoluments during the year under review, a supplementary allocation of Rs. 76,435,000 had been received for 14 institutions under the Ministry of Education. However, by the end of the year, 56% of the supplementary allocation provided to the University of Jaffna, 34% of the amount provided to the National Institute of Fundamental Studies, and the entire supplementary allocation provided to the remaining 12 institutions had remained unutilized. It was observed that the supplementary estimates had been prepared and approved without proper forecasting.
- Under Expenditure Head 126-2-21-014-2001(17), allocated for the Capacity Development Project of the Construction Courses at Sri Lanka Technical Colleges and Institutes of Technology, no provisions had been made for the year under review. However, a supplementary allocation of Rs. 3,000,000 had been received. Due to the approval of this supplementary provision without proper forecasting or any rational basis, Rs. 2,656,697, representing 89% of the approved supplementary allocation, remained unutilized at the end of the year under review.

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Senior Assistant Auditor General
For Deputy Auditor General

Copy – Director General (Department of Public Accounts), Ministry of Finance

Chapter 04

Performance indicators

4.1. Performance indicators (Based on the Action Plan)

Specific Indicators	Actual output as a percentage (%) of the expected output		
	100%-90%	75%-89%	50%-74%
No. of research grants awarded		√	
No. of joint research/research-industry collaborations established	√		
No. of research papers published	√		
No. of local /international evaluations obtained	√		
No. of local/international patents obtained			√
No of programmes conducted aimed at science popularization	√		
No. of participants of programmes conducted aimed at science popularization			√
No. of publications published related to the science field	√		
No. of technology transfer agreements signed locally /internationally	√		
No. of research products commercialized locally/internationally		√	
No of inventions financially supported for commercialization			√
No. of science, innovation and technology collaborations signed locally/internationally			√
Successfully completed science, innovation and technology collaborations			√
Number of PhD's and Mphils awarded/facilitated			√

Chapter 05

Performance of Achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)

5.1. Indicate the Identified Respective Sustainable Developments Goals

Goal/objective	Targets	Indicators of the achievement	Progress of the Achievement to date		
			0% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%
4.Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all	4.3 By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university	4.3.1. Percentage of 15-24 years old enrolled in vocational education			
	4.4. By 2030 substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant Skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship	4.4.1. Percentage of student intake of Information Communication and Multimedia sector by target of the same sector			√
	4.5 By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities ,indigenous people children in vulnerable situation	4.5.1. Percentage of female completion to male completion in vocational education			

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	8.2 Achieve higher levels of economic productivity through diversification, technological upgrading and innovation, including through a focus on high-value added and labor-intensive sectors.	8.2.1 Annual growth rate of real GDP per employed person	√		
9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	9.5 Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending	9.5.1 "Research and development expenditure as a proportion of GDP"			√
	9. b. Support domestic technology development, research and innovation in developing countries, including by ensuring a conducive policy environment for, inter alia, industrial diversification and value addition to commodities	9.b.1 "Proportion of medium and high-tech industry value added in total value added"			√

5.2. Achievements and challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals

Challenges

- Low priority given to investments in Research and Development over the past several years.
- Lack of robust network consisting of Government institutions, regulators, Research Institutions, Universities, Enterprises, Consultancy Firms and Professional/Business groups.
- Inadequate skilled human resources.
- Lack of favorable Research and Innovation ecosystem.
- Issues in retaining professionals in research institutes as a result of government remuneration system.
- Brain drain of scientists and researchers

Achievements

- Ability to contribute towards enhancing technical capabilities of the country's scientific, research and industrial sector by building strong infrastructure facilities at SLIBTEC and SLINTEC is approximately 70%.
- Being able to make a significant contribution to economic growth by increasing agricultural production capacity by further popularizing the use of Bio Film Bio Fertilizer (BFBF) among farmers under the project on improvement of degraded soil through the development of bio fertilizers and soil management

Chapter 06

Human Resource Profile

6.1. Cadre Information at 31.12.2024

Service Level	Approved Cadre	Existing Cadre		Vacancies/Excess
		SDTV	RDT	
Senior	48	27	10	11
Tertiary	05	02	02	01
Secondary	611	495	43	73
Primary	69	48	14	07
other	01	01	-	-
Contract Base/Casual/Temporary	-	-	-	-
Total	734	573	69	92

Staff approved by the Department of Management Services by the letters dated 28.04.2023, 15.05.2023 and 27.07.2023 for Skill Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovation Division.

- Information about the staff approved for Skill Development, Vocational Education Division and Research and Innovation Division which existed before the formation of the new ministry, has been included.
- After 31.12.2024, a separate staff has been approved for Vocational Education Division.

6.2. Human Resource Development

Name of the Program	No of trained cadre	Duration of the Program	Total Investment Nature of the Program	Local/ Foreign		Output/ Knowledge obtained
				Foreign	Local	
S.L.A.S III Post-graduation Mrs..E.A.D.R.Dilani Edirisighe	01	01 year	225,000		Local	Achieving the organization's performance as expected through the effective discharge of duties by enhancing knowledge,
Transport Management	01	01 day	7,000		Local	
Management of Personal Files	01	02 days	13,000		Local	

						attitudes and skills acquired through human resource development programs
Government payroll processing	03	03 days	63,000		Local	
Training Program on Public Procurement Procedure	05	01 day	60,000		Local	
Government payroll processing course	03	03 days	63,000		Local	
Seminar on Leadership Management of Government Officials for Belt and Road Countries	01	2024.07.15 to 2024.07.30	110,812,50	Foreign		
Seminar on High-tech Industry & Innovation Development for Developing Countries- From 24 May to 06 June 2024, in China	01	2024.10.30 to 2024.11.15	110,812.50	Foreign		
Seminar on Chana's Poverty Alleviation Experience for Sri Lanka	01	2024.10.30 to 2024.11.15	134,109.75	Foreign		

Chapter 07

Compliance Report

7.1. Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research& Innovation Division*

No.	Applicable Requirement	Complied Status (Complied / Not Complied)	Brief explanation For Non-Compliance	Corrective actions proposed to avoid non-compliance in future
1.	The following financial statements/accounts have been submitted on due date			
1.1	Annual financial statements	Complied		
1.2	Advance to public officers account	Complied		
1.3	Trading and Manufacturing Advance Accounts (Commercial Advance Accounts)			
1.4	Stores Advance Accounts			
1.5	Special Advance Accounts			
1.6	Others	-		
	Maintenance of books and registers (FR445)/			
2.1	Fixed assets register has been maintained and update in terms of Public Administration Circular 267/2018	Complied		
2.2	Personal emoluments register/ Personal emoluments cards have been maintained and update	Complied		
2.3	Register of Audit queries has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.4	Register of Internal Audit reports has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.5	All the monthly account summaries (CIGAS) are prepared and submitted to the Treasury on due date	Complied		
2.6	Register for cheques and money orders has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.7	Inventory register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.8	Stocks Register has been maintained and update	Complied		

2.9	Register of Losses has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.10	Commitment Register has been maintained and update	Complied		
2.11	Register of Counterfoil Books (GA-N20) has been maintained and update	Complied		
03	Delegation of functions for financial control (FR 135)			
3.1	The financial authority has been delegated within the institute	Complied		
3.2	The delegation of financial authority has been communicated within the institute	Complied		
3.3	The authority has been delegated in such manner so as to pass each transaction through two or more officers	Complied		
3.4	The controls have been adhered to by the Accountants in terms of State Account Circular 171/2004 dated 11.05.2014 in using the Government Payroll Software Package	Complied		
4	Preparation of Annual Plans	Complied		
4.1	The annual action plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.2	The annual procurement plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.3	The annual Internal Audit plan has been prepared	Complied		
4.4	The annual estimate has been prepared and submitted to the NBD on due date	Complied		
4.5	The annual cash flow has been submitted to the Treasury Operations Department on time	Complied		
4.6	Submitted of Annual Cash Flow Report to Department of Treasury	Complied		
4.7	Submission of Quarterly Reports to Treasury on due date	Complied		
5	Audit queries			
5.1	All the audit queries have been replied within the specified time by the Auditor General	Complied		
6	Internal Audit			
6.1	The internal audit plan has been prepared at the beginning of the			

	year after consulting the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(2)) DMA/1-2019	Complied		
6.2	All the internal audit reports have been replied within one month	Complied		
6.3	Copies of all the internal audit reports has been submitted to the Management Audit Department in terms of Sub-section 40(4) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018	Complied		
6.4	All the copies of internal audit reports have been submitted to the Auditor General in terms of Financial Regulation 134(3)	Complied		
7	Audit and Management Committee			
7.1	Minimum 04 meetings of the Audit and Management Committee has been held during the year as per the DMA Circular 1-2019	Complied		
8	Asset Management			
8.1	The information about purchases of assets and disposals was submitted to the Comptroller General's Office in terms of Paragraph 07 of the Asset Management Circular No. 01/2017	Complied		
8.2	A suitable liaison officer was appointed to coordinate the implementation of the provisions of the circular and the details of the nominated officer was sent to the Comptroller General's Office in Terms of Paragraph 13 of the aforesaid circular	Complied		
8.3	The boards of survey were conducted and the relevant reports submitted to the Auditor General on due date in terms of Public Finance Circular No. 05/2016	Complied		
8.4	The excesses and deficits that were disclosed through the board of survey and other relating recommendations, actions were carried out during the period specified in the circular	Complied		
8.5	The disposal of condemn articles had been carried out in terms of FR 772	Complied		
9	Vehicle Management			

9.1	The daily running charts and monthly summaries of the pool vehicles had been prepared and submitted to the Auditor General on due date	Complied		
9.2	The condemned vehicles had been disposed of within a period of less than 6 months after condemning	Complied		
9.3	The vehicle logbooks had been maintained and updated	Complied		
9.4	The action has been taken in terms of F.R. 103, 104, 109 and 110 with regard to every vehicle accident	Complied		
9.5	The fuel consumption of vehicles has been re-tested in terms of the provisions of Paragraph 3.1 of the Public Administration Circular No. 30/2016 of 29.12.2016	Complied		
9.6	The absolute ownership of the leased vehicle log books has been transferred after the lease term.	Complied		
10	Management of Bank Accounts			
10.1	The bank reconciliation statements had been prepared, got certified and made ready for audit by the due date	Complied		
10.2	The dormant accounts that had existed in the year under review or since previous years settled	Complied		
10.3	The action had been taken in terms of Financial Regulations regarding balances that had been disclosed through bank reconciliation statements and for which adjustments had to be made, and had those balances been settled within one month.	Complied		
11	Utilization of Provisions			
11.1	The provisions allocated had been spent without exceeding the limit	Complied		
11.2	The liabilities not exceeding the provisions that remained at the end of the year as per the FR 94(1)	Complied		
12	Advances to Public Officers Account			
12.1	The limits had been complied with	Complied		
12.2	A time analysis had been carried out on the loans in arrears	Complied		

12.3	The loan balances in arrears for over one year had been settled	Complied		
13	General Deposit Account			
13.1	The action had been taken as per F.R.571 in relation to disposal of lapsed deposits	Complied		
13.2	The control registers for general deposits had been updated and maintained	Complied		
14	Impress Account			
14.1	The balance in the cash book at the end of the year under review remitted to TOD	Complied		
14.2	The ad-hoc sub imprest issued as per F.R. 371 settled within one month from the completion of the task	Complied		
14.3	The ad-hoc sub imprest had not been issued exceeding the limit approved as per F.R. 371	Complied		
14.4	The balance of the imprest account had been reconciled with the Treasury books monthly.	Complied		
15	Revenue Account			
15.1	The refunds from the revenue had been made in terms of the regulations	Complied		
15.2	The revenue collection had been directly credited to the revenue account without credited to the deposit account	Complied		
15.3	Returns of arrears of revenue forward to the Auditor General in terms of FR 176	Complied		
16	Human Resource Management			
16.1	The staff had been paid within the approved cadre	Complied		
16.2	All members of the staff have been issued a duty list in writing	Complied		
16.3	All reports have been submitted to MSD in terms of their circular no.04/2017 dated 20.09.2017	Complied		
17	Provision of information to the public			
17.1	An information officer has been appointed and a proper register of information is maintained and	Complied		

	updated in terms of Right To Information Act and Regulation			
17.2	Information about the institution to the public have been provided by Website or alternative measures and has it been facilitated to appreciate / allegation to public against the public authority by this website or alternative measures	Complied		
17.3	Bi- Annual and Annual reports have been submitted as per section 08 and 10 of the RTI Act	Complied		
18	Implementing citizens charter			
18.1	A citizens charter/ Citizens client's charter has been formulated and implemented by the Institution in terms of the circular number 05/2008 and 05/2018(1) of Ministry of Public Administration and Management	Complied		
18.2	A methodology has been devised by the Institution in order to monitor and assess the formulation and the implementation of Citizens Charter / Citizens client's charter as per paragraph 2.3 of the circular	Complied		
19	Preparation of the Human Resource Plan			
19.1	A human resource plan has been prepared in terms of the format in Annexure 02 of Public Administration Circular No.02/2018 dated 24.01.2018.	Complied		
19.2	A minimum training opportunity of not less than 12 hours per year for each member of the staff has been ensured in the aforesaid Human Resource Plan	Complied	Action has been taken to provide essential training program opportunities in controlling public expenditure in accordance with Budget Circular 3/2022	Identifying training needs and prepare plans for the ensuing years
19.3	Annual performance agreements	Complied		

	have been signed for the entire staff based on the format in Annexure 01 of the aforesaid Circular			
19.4	A senior officer was appointed and assigned the responsibility of preparing the human resource development plan, organizing Capacity building programs and conducting skill development programs as per paragraph No.6.5 of the aforesaid Circular.	Complied		
20	Responses Audit Paras			
20.1	The shortcomings pointed out in the audit paragraphs issued by the Auditor General for the previous years have been rectified	Complied		

**The new Ministry of Science and Technology is established as per Special Gazette No. 2412/08 dated 25.11.2024*



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