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VISION

Towards a virtuous society practicing Buddhist principles....

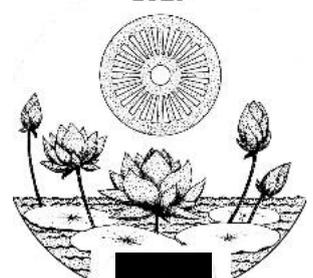
MISSION STATEMENT

To ensure the continuous existence of an exemplary Buddhist society, by creating a righteous and virtuous society that awakens both local and foreign Buddhist communities through the proper implementation of tasks for the furtherance, promotion and development of the Sambuddha Sasana.



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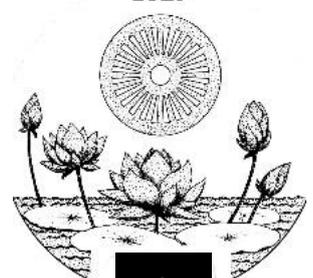
Objectives

- Protection, fostering and propagation of Theravada Buddhism
- Protecting and organizing properties belonging to Maha Sanga and utilizing them for the well-being of the Sambuddhasana itself.
- Developing a virtuous and creative society that appreciates the ethics of Buddhism.
- Maintaining, fostering and developing Buddhasasana and other ideologies associated with it from time immemorial, to suit the timely needs.
- Conservation, fostering and development of Buddhist literature and arts and crafts.
- Orientating and directing the Buddhist community towards building up of an organized Buddhist economy, compatible with modern techniques.



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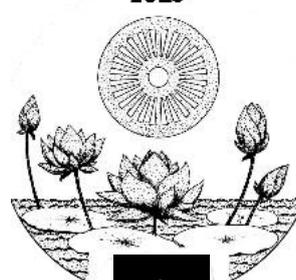


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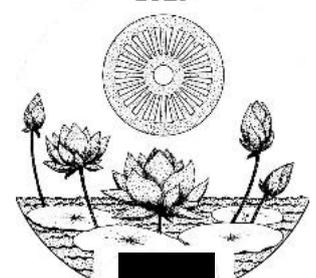
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Message from the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs

The onerous responsibility of the protection, promotion, development and fostering of the Buddhasasana, in accordance with the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, has been entrusted to the Department of Buddhist Affairs of the Ministry of Buddhasasana. I am happy to mention that the Department of Buddhist Affairs has always been able to act with a vision to fulfill this noble responsibility.



Our vision is the building up of a society which protects Buddhist principles. Various activities and programmes are being implemented in order to achieve this objective. Specially, the creation of spiritual development is more important than physical development. Accordingly, our primary task is to work with commitment and dedication for spiritual development.

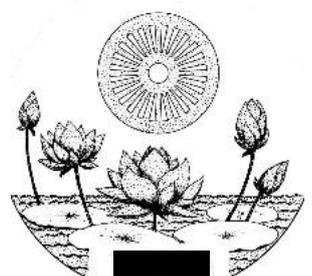
The temple is the main institution which provides guidance for the spiritual development of a person. What is special is that the temples and Dhamma schools, whilst being engaged in the field of physical development, promote mutual relationships between the person and the temple. All divisions of the Department are working with dedication to build up a society which protects the “Panchseela” principles. I wish to express my thanks to all members of the staff, including the executive officers, for their corporation in this.

Chandraprema Gamage

Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs

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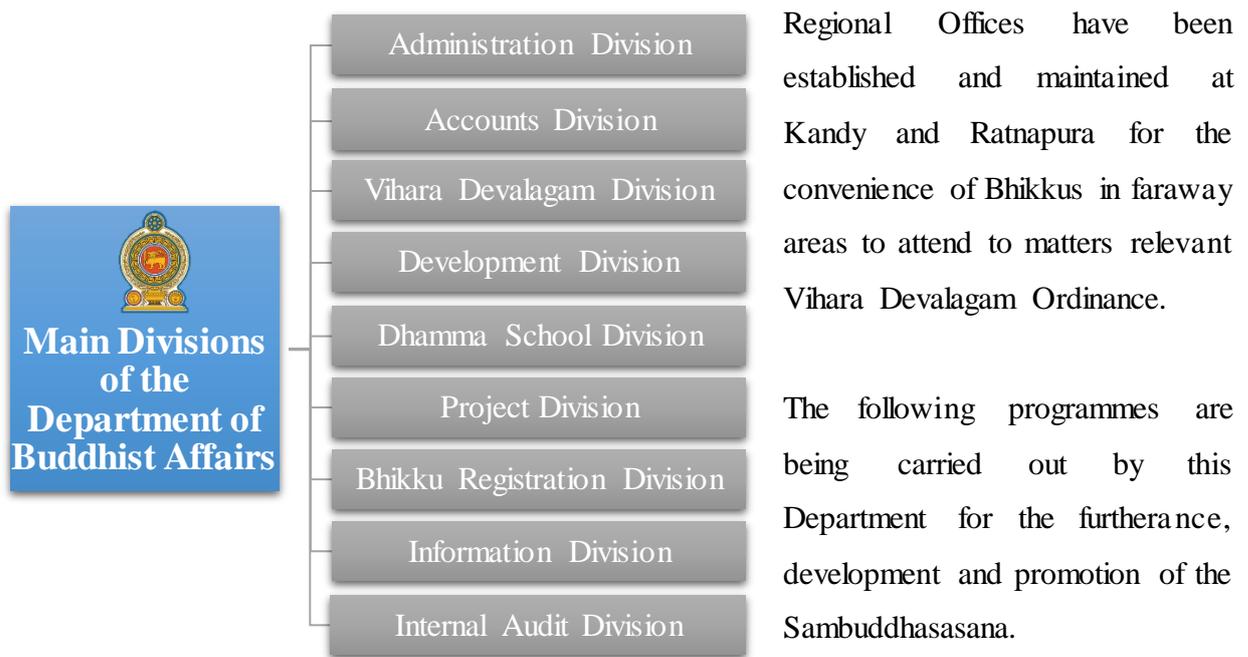


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Introduction

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

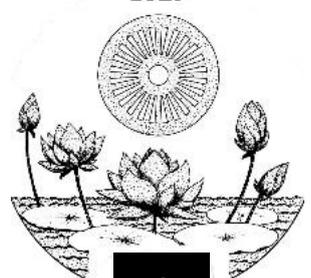
In order to carry out these activities successfully, the Department of Buddhist Affairs has the following divisions and the relevant duties have been entrusted to them:



01. Maintenance and implementation of Sasnarakshana Mandala
02. Dhamma School Activities
 - i. Printing and distribution of Dhamma School books.
 - ii. Conducting Dhamma School's grading examinations throughout the island.
 - iii. Conducting Dhamma school children evaluation programmes at Regional, district and all island levels.

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- iv. Conducting the Dhamma schools certificate examination to up-lift the educational standards of Dhamma school teachers.
 - v. Providing uniforms for Dhamma school teachers.
 - vi. Providing library allowance for Dhamma school teachers.
 - vii. Preparing Identity Cards for Dhamma school teachers.
 - viii. Conducting training workshops for Dhamma school teachers.
 - ix. Providing assistance for Dhamma school buildings.
 - x. Distributing equipment to difficult Dhamma schools.
 - xi. Appreciating the services of Dhamma school teachers who have served long periods continuously and awarding certificates to them.
 - xii. Conducting classes for the promotion of Pali language proficiency of Dhamma school teachers and conducting an examination.
 - xiii. Implementation of the Daham Sarsaviya programme in collaboration with the Jayawardenapura University and also the Pali University, in order to provide a higher Dhamma education for Dhamma school teachers with a low educational level.
03. Whilst carrying out coordinating activities to achieve the objectives of the institution, performing duties with regard to administrative functions pertaining to the staff of the Department, maintenance of buildings, postal and vehicles.
 04. Whilst controlling the expenses of the institution and utilizing the funds allocated for the relevant activities, carrying out financial and accounts functions including maintaining the relevant accounts, payment of salaries etc.
 05. Appointing Basnayaka Nilmes/Custodians for Buddhist places of worship coming under the purview of the Commissioner General in terms Section 4 (1) of the Buddhist Temporalities Act and monitoring their administrative activities.
 06. Providing necessary assistance to administer the properties of Buddhist places of worship. Carrying out duties such as giving lands belonging to temple on long term lease basis and giving necessary approval to the temple to get the income from such lands, taking measures for the protection of immovable properties belonging to the Sanga and getting involved for the settlement of disputes with regard to temple properties.
 07. Registering all Buddhist temples in the island in the Department of Buddhist Affairs and the acceptance of the posts of Chief Incumbents.

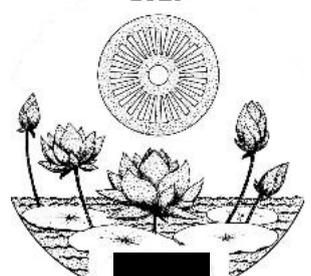


08. Providing temple assistance, Siwpasa assistance and assistance for temples with financial difficulties.
09. Relevant activities for the establishment of regional Sasanarkshaka Mandalas.
10. Providing assistance for carrying out funeral activities of Buddhist monks.
11. Carrying out various activities for the commemoration of the Independence Day, Wesak and Poson festivals.
12. Registration Temple Performance Societies.
13. Giving necessary recommendations for providing facilities such as telephones, water and electricity to temples, on concessionary rates.
14. Activities pertaining to Nikayas and Nikaya sects.
15. Ordinations and higher ordination of novices.
16. Payment activities for Nikaya headquarters (drivers/labourers).
17. Purchasing of books under assistance for writers.
18. Function regarding Dasa Sil Mathas :
 - i. Registration of Aramyas
 - ii. Issuing identity cards
 - iii. Matters pertaining to educational institutions
 - iv. Activities regarding meetings and commemorating the Sangamitta Day
19. Registration of Samanera and Upasampda of monks.
20. Preparation of identity cards of Buddhist monks.
21. Activities regarding properties and funds in Bank accounts belonging to temples.

In addition to the activities mentioned above, conducting of the National Independence Day ceremony, State Wesak festival, annual student's skills competitions at regional, district and all island levels, Sangamitta Perahera and Sangamitta commemoration ceremony, can be mentioned as special programmes which are being conducted continuously by the Department of Buddhist Affairs.

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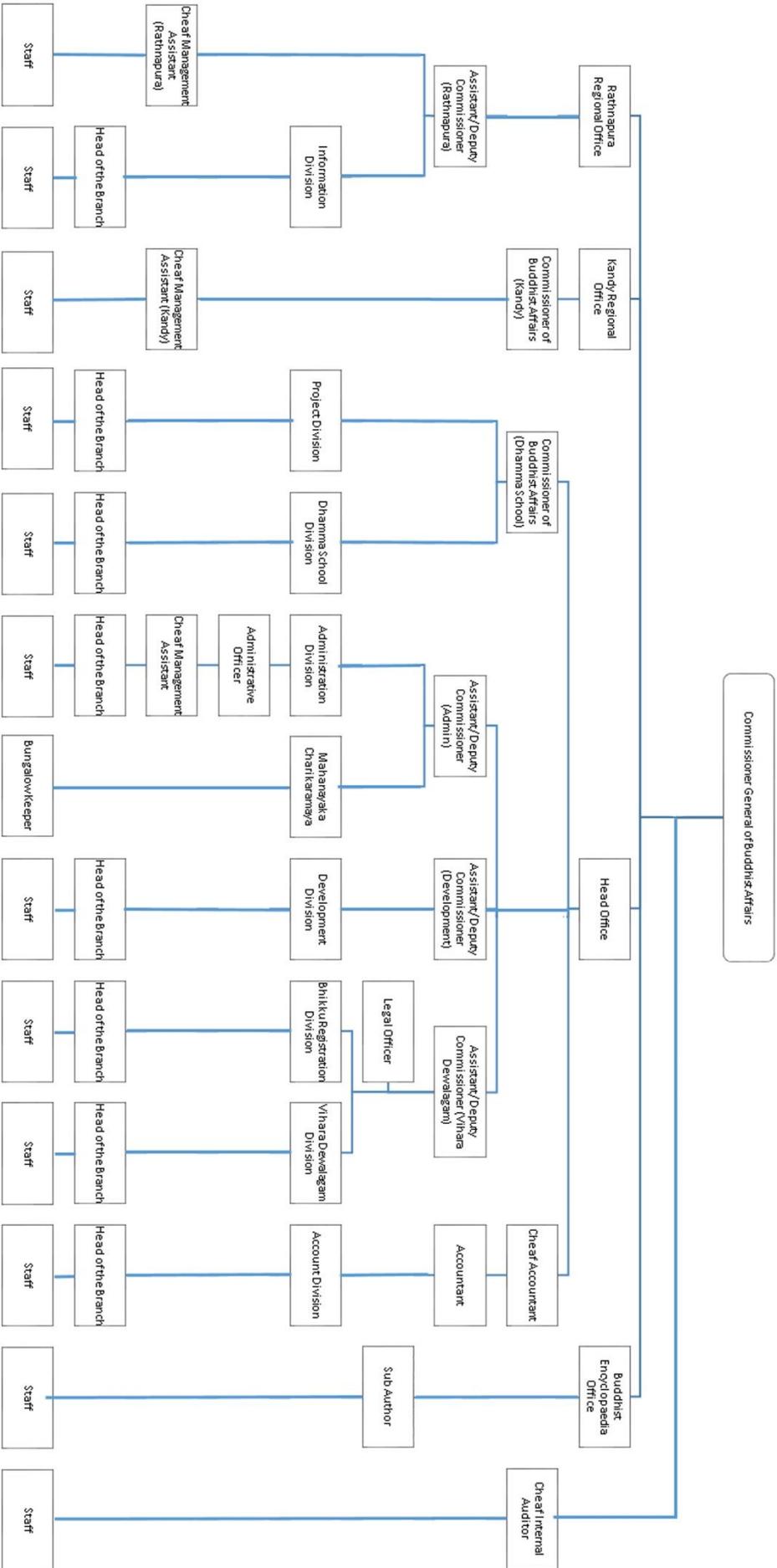
ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division of the Department, is performing a very important role and some of the major functions carried by it are mentioned below:

- ❖ Maintaining the personal files of all officers of the Department and attending to all matters related to them.
- ❖ Staff training, directing for training courses and conducting workshops
- ❖ All duties pertaining to the subject of vehicles, including vehicle maintenance.
- ❖ All duties regarding the settlement of water, electricity and telephone bills.
- ❖ All duties regarding postal works
- ❖ All administrative functions regarding the officers of the Department.
- ❖ All establishment matters including getting approval for posts, preparing schemes of recruitments, recruitments, updating the changes in the staff, preparation of Parliamentary reports and preparation of Cabinet Memorandums.
- ❖ All matters with regard to attendance, leave etc. of the staff.
- ❖ All duties with regard to discipline matters of officers
- ❖ Distress loans and property loans for staff members
- ❖ All matters pertaining to transfers, placements of officers.
- ❖ Accepting and approval of vouchers pertaining to overtime and traveling
- ❖ Matters pertaining to Agrhara Insurance of officers
- ❖ Transaction with other institutions with regard to administration
- ❖ Maintenance of all equipment including telephones, computers, photo copy machines, fax machines.
- ❖ Maintenance and repair of buildings (Mahanayaka Charikaramaya, Regional Office, Kandy and Regional Office, Ratnapura.
- ❖ Conducting the meetings of Staff Officers and Heads of Divisions.
- ❖ Conducting district coordinating officers meetings and attending to relevant matter.
- ❖ Maintaining Public Administration circulars and all other circulars and taking action regarding relevant matters.

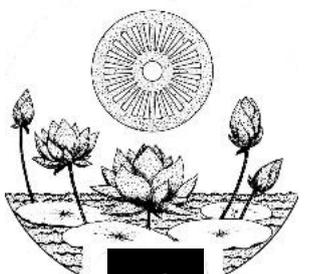


01.1. Organizational Chart of the Department of Buddhist Affairs



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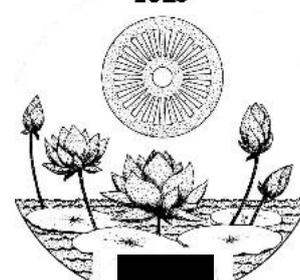


01.2. Approved cadre of the Department and the number in service (as at 31.12.2015)

Post	Service	Grade	No. approved	No. in service	No. vacant
Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs	S.L.A.S.	Grade 1 Special	1	1	-
Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs (Dhamma Schools)	S.L.A.S.	1	1	1	-
Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs (Kandy)	S.L.A.S.	1	1	1	-
Chief Accountant	S.L.A.S.	1	1	1	-
Chief Internal Auditor	S.L.A.S.	1	1	1	-
Deputy/Assistant Commissioner	S.L.A.S.	11/111	4	4	-
Accountant 11/111	S.L.A.S.	11/111	1	1	-
Legal Officer	Dept.		1	1	-
Sub Editor (Buddhist Encyclopedia)	Dept.		1	1	-
Administrative Officer	P.M.A.S.	Supra Grade	1	0	1
Public Management Assistant	P.M.A.S.	1/11/111	45	25	20
Project Officer	Dept.		5	4	1
Buddhist Affairs Co-ordinator	Dept .		481	465	16
Accounts Assistant	Dept.		2	2	-
Development Assistant	Dept.		39	38	1
Development Officer	Dept.		204	151	53
Asst. Legal Officer	Dept.		2	1	1
Bungalow Keeper (Charikaramaya)	Dept.		1	1	-
Driver	C.D.S.	1/11/111	12	11	-
K.K.S.	K.K.S.	1/11/111	20	19	1
Lorry Assistant	Dept.		2	0	2
Bungalow Keeper Assistant	Dept.		1	1	-

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01.3. Special activities carried out by the Administrative Division during the year 2015

1. Taking action to give transfers to Buddhist Affairs Coordinators and Development Assistants for the year 2016.
2. Taking action to recruit 75 Development Officers, who are being appointed by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management.
3. Implementation of a programme to provide official traveling bags to Buddhist Affairs Coordinators.
4. Taking action to repair the internal telephone connections of the Department and obtaining two new connections to the Legal Officer and the Accounts Office.
5. It was possible to get the approval of the Management Services Department for the recruitment of 03 Editors on contract basis for compiling the Buddhist encyclopedia, which is under this Department. Further action regarding these recruitments are being carried out through the Ministry of Buddhasasana.
6. Maintaining the vehicle pool of the Department and taking action regarding repairs and transport.

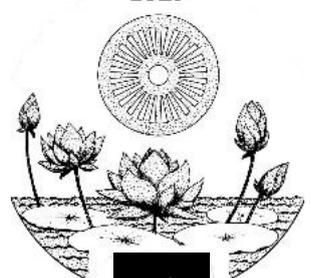
The vehicle pool of the Department as t 31.12.2015 is as follows:

❖ Vans	- 03
❖ Lorries	- 03
❖ Motor Cars	- 03
❖ Cabs	- 02

7. Taking action to absorb the post of the Sub Editor of the Buddhist encyclopedia to the scheme of promotions.
8. Owing to the necessity of up-dating the data base of the Department, action was taken to submit a Cabinet Memorandum for obtaining Laptop computers on concessionary basis for the officers of the Department.

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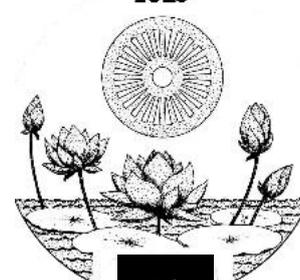
9. Taking necessary measures for obtaining Agrahara Insurance entitlements of 98 officers of the Department.
10. Preparing official identity cards for 56 officers of the Department.
11. Carrying out repairs activities of the Mahanayaka Charikaramaya and the building behind the “Dhahampaya” building.
12. Conducting special residential training workshop for officers serving in the Department.

Date Conducted	Place	Main topics included in the workshop
27 & 28.02.2015	Sri Lanka Youth Farm Training Centre, Batangala	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Introduction on Vihra Dewalagam Act ❖ Time Management and usage of information technology for official purposes ❖ Office and Accounting methods
13 & 14.03.2015	Management Development Centre, Uva	
26 & 27.06.2015	Wildlife Training Centre, Girithale	
17 & 18.07.2015	Viharaamahadevi Human Development Centre, Mirijjwila	
16 & 17.10.2015	Sri Lanka Youth Farm Training Centre - Batangala	

13. Carrying out official duties relevant to the Presidential and Parliamentary elections 2015.
14. Taking necessary measures for obtaining motor cycles to Field Officers serving in the Department.

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VIHARA DEWALAGAM DIVISION

Fulfilling the responsibilities entrusted to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs by the temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931, has been entrusted to the Devalagam Division and thereby the well-being and advancement of Buddhasasana have been ensured.

02.1. Registration of Buddhist Temples

Registration of all Buddhist temples in the island in the Department and the acceptance of posts of Chief Incumbents are being carried out by the Vihara Dewalagam Division.

By the year 2015, the number of Buddhist temples which have applied for registration in the Department of Buddhist Affairs was 11,345 and the number of temples registered was 8,233.

The registration of Buddhist temples in the Department will be immensely helpful for their legal validity as well as for their religious developments.

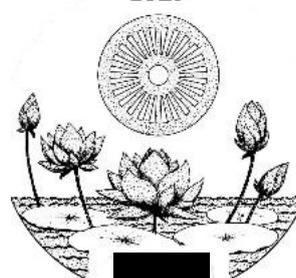
02.2. Appointments of Basnayaka Nilames

Appointments of Basnayaka Nilames/ Custodians for Buddhist Places of Worship coming under the administration of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs under Section 4 (1) of the Temporalities Ordinance and monitoring their administrative activities, are being carried out by the Vihara Dewlagam Division. Accordingly, in the year 2015, 19 Basnayaka Nilames have been appointed by conducting elections for Devalas controlled by Section 4 (1) of the Temporalities Ordinance. In addition, a Diyawadana Nilame has been appointed for Sri Dalada Maligawa too.

By giving the authority under the Temporalities Ordinance to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs to monitor and direct the official activities of the Basnayaka Nilames, it has been possible to perform their duties in a more transparent manner.

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02.3. Assisting the administration of properties belonging to Buddhist temples

Providing lands belonging to temples on long term lease basis, giving necessary approval for getting an income to the relevant temples and taking measures for the safety of immovable temple properties are being carried out. By analyzing the expenses by obtaining probable and half yearly income records, a significant growth is shown regarding such activities during the year 2015.

Instances where lands belonging to Buddhist temples have been given on lease with the approval of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs in the year 2015, was 171.

02.4. Coordinating activities of Ratnapura and Kandy regional offices

Only the registration of temples in the districts coming under the Ratnapura and Kandy regional offices, is being done by Head Office and other official duties entrusted by the Temporalities Ordinance are being carried out by the regional offices. Thereby, Buddhist monks and Basnayaka Nilames of such Districts have got the opportunities to carry out the above activities more conveniently.

Activities pertaining to leasing of lands and other relevant issues in the districts of Nuwara Eliya, Matale and Kandy districts, are now being carried out by the Kandy regional office while such matters in the Districts of Ratnapura, Badulla, and Monaragala districts, are being carried out by the Ratnapura regional office. Income received from such lands are being spent for development of such temples as well as for religious and educational purposes of the Buddhist monks.

02.5. Release of funds in temple accounts for development activities

Action is being taken, with the approval of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs, to release funds belonging to temples deposited in the accounts of the Public Trustee Department, for temple development activities and other expenses.

In the year 2015, funds were released for 101 temples and such funds have been utilized for temple development activities and in order to



carry out a follow up action, action was also taken to obtain a report from the relevant Divisional Secretary regarding the manner in which developments have been done.

Temples registered in the year 2015 have increased up to 8233. What is expected from it is to facilitate the obtaining financial assistance properly from the government etc.

Unauthorized occupants of lands belonging to temples, have been identified through the Divisional Secretaries and this Department is getting involved in taking action to grant the income received from such lands to the temples concerned.

02.6. Supervision of calculating gratification money

Supervision of calculating income from gratification monies at Devundara Sri Vishnu Devalaya, Devundara Rajamaha Viharaya, Seenigama Devalaya, Kelaniya Rajamaha Viharaya and Jayasekaramaya, which are coming under the administration of Section 4 (1) is being carried out by two officers from the Head Office and a Buddhist Affairs Co-ordinator from the relevant Divisional Secretariat. By the supervision of calculating such monies in a transparent manner, it has been possible to take into the accounts gratification money, without misappropriations.

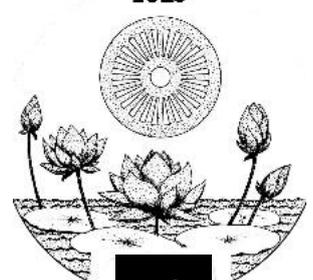
02.7. Settlement of land disputes in Temples

The relevant Divisional Secretaries are informed regarding the problems relating to the title of Chief Incumbent as well as land problems in temples, and action is being taken to settle such problems, based on the report of the Divisional Secretary. The observations of the Internal Audit Division of this Department too are obtained on such matters.

In the year 2015, 38 such problems have settled and some problems are expected to be settled in the future with legal intervention.

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DHAMMA SCHOOLS DIVISION

03.1. Registration of Dhamma Schools

Dhamma schools are immensely helpful for the development of moral values of children. All Dhamma schools which have been started with this objective, are being registered in the Department of Buddhist Affairs. After the registration, details are being obtained annually for providing essential materials such as test books, registers etc, for maintaining Dhamma schools

No. of Dhamma Schools registered	No. which has provided details	No. of Teachers	No. of Students
10,720	9,857	126,039	2,113,454

Table 03.1 – Information regarding registration of Dhamma Schools

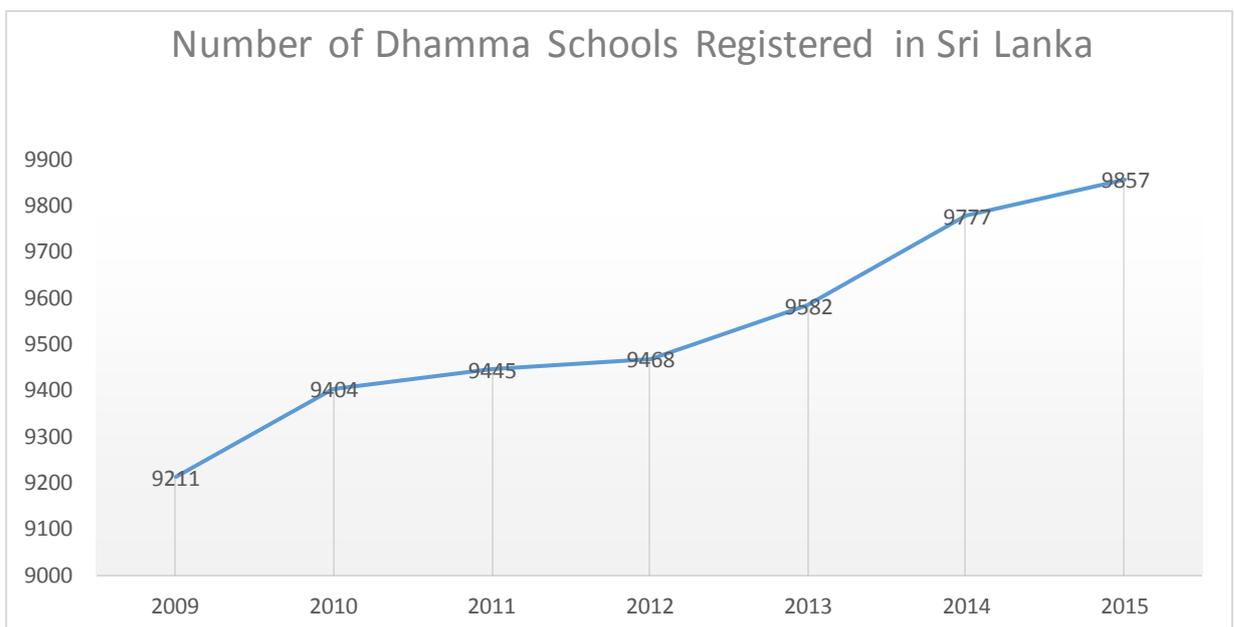
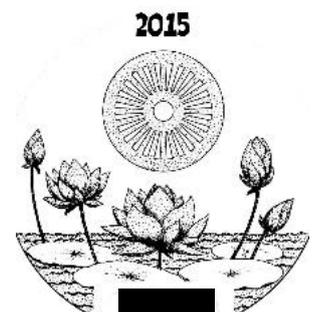


Diagram 03.1 - Progress regarding the number of Dhamma Schools registered in Sri Lanka

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03.2. Collection and maintenance of information on Dhamma School teachers and students

Maintaining of statistics regarding children studying Dhamma schools and Dhamma school teachers, is being carried out under this programme. Thereby it is possible to get necessary information from Dhamma schools and plan the future activities.

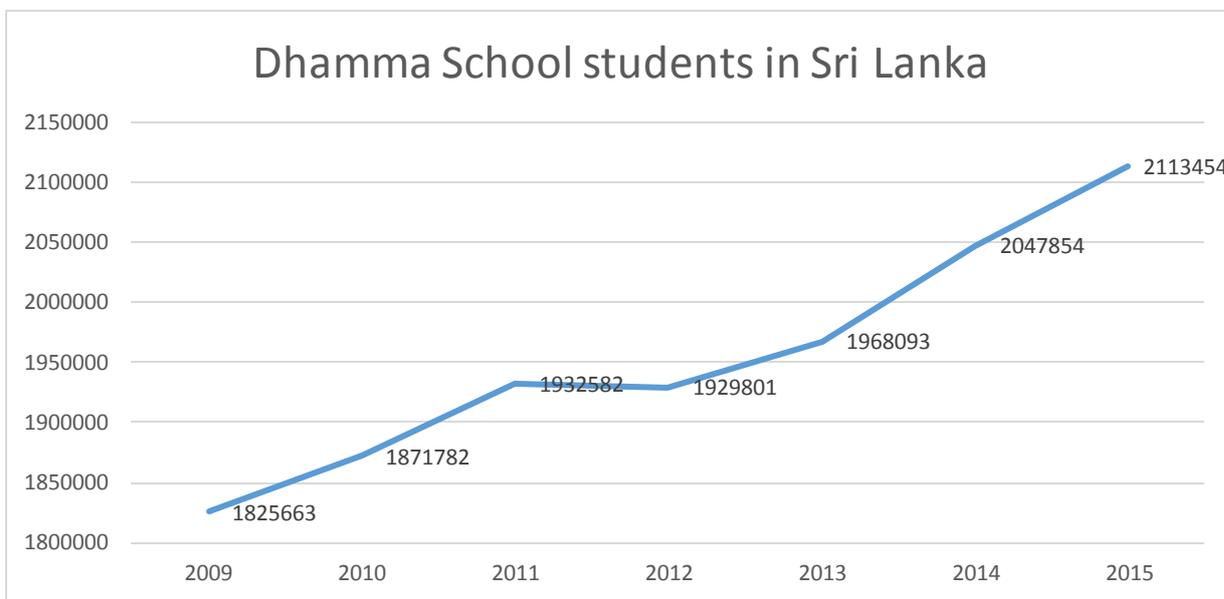


Diagram 03.2. The growth in the number of Dhamma School students in Sri Lanka

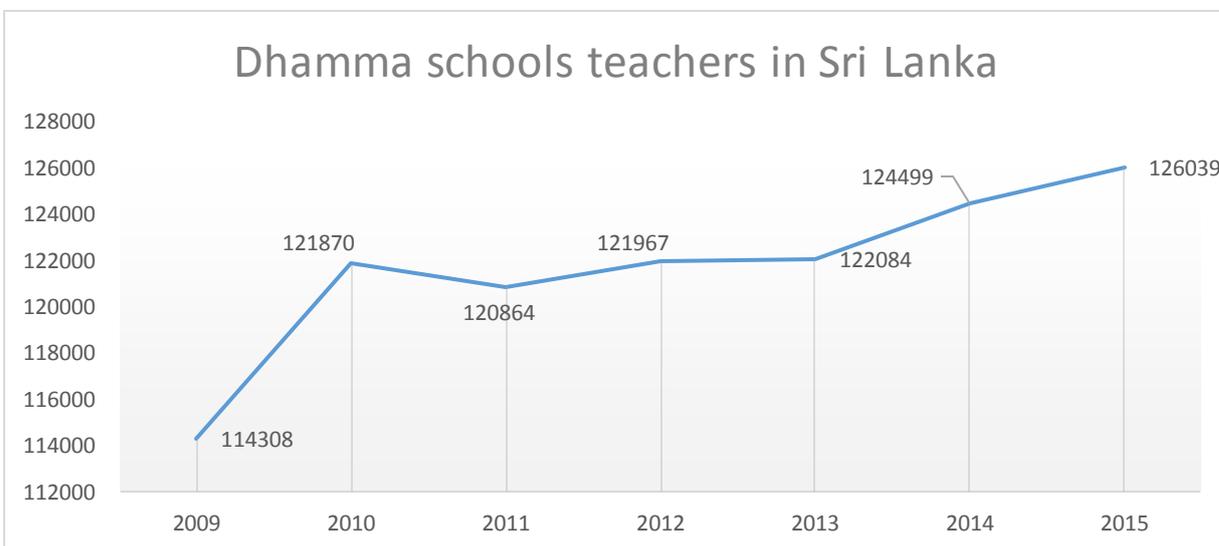


Diagram 03.3. Growth in the number of Dhamma schools teachers in Sri Lanka

These statistics are being obtained annually with the objective of obtaining necessary information for providing library allowances and uniforms to Dhamma school teachers and for other programmes.



- ❖ In the year 2015, the number Dhamma school students in 10,720 Dhamma schools in 21 districts was 2,113,454.

In the year 2015, 60,000 forms have been printed for obtaining Dhamma school student details and the amount spent was Rs. 154,560.00.

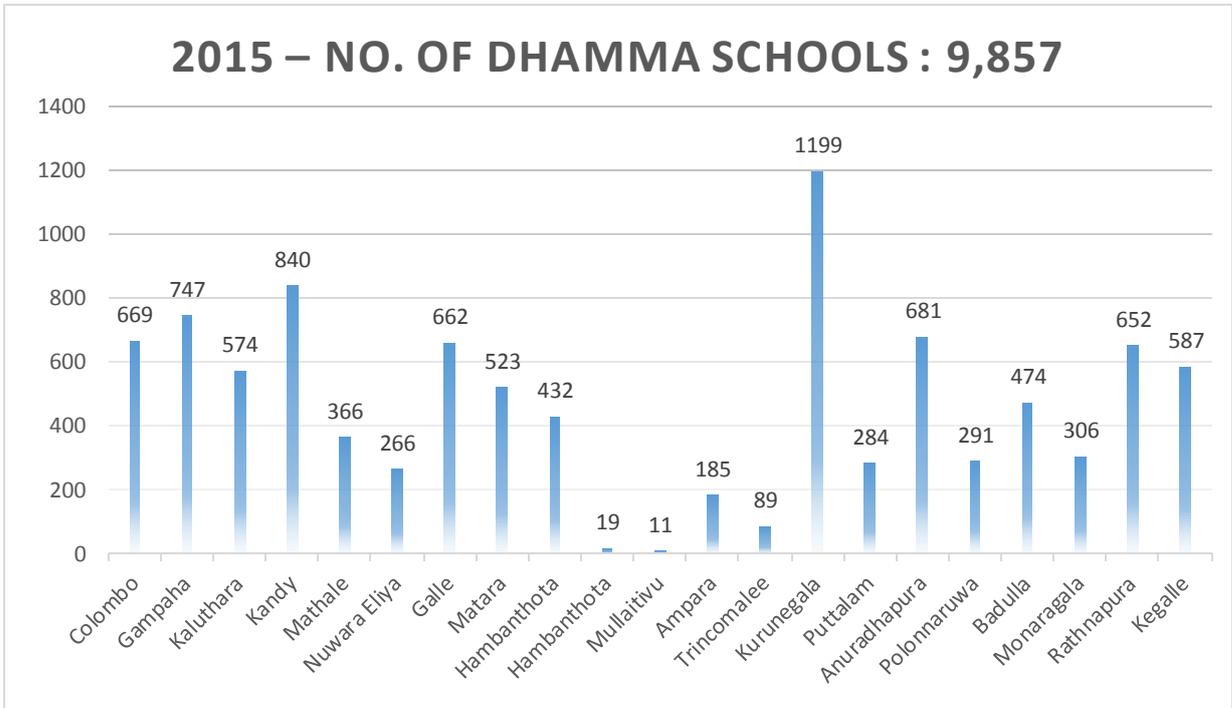


Diagram 03.4 - No.of Dhamma Schools 2015

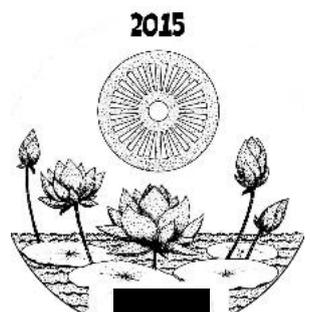
03.3. Conducting Dhamma schools grading examinations

This examination is being held to test the Dhamma knowledge of children studying in Dhamma schools. In the year 2015, examinations were held in 3,914 centres for 953,416 applicants. The amount allocated for it was Rs. 21,000,000 and the amount spent was Rs. 17,510,072.

03.4. Commemoration of the 120th Dhamma Schools Day

Since Sri Lanka's first Dhamma schools, Galle, Weliwatta and Wijayananda Dhamma schools, were started on 03rd August 1895, every year August 03rd is the all island Dhamma Schools commemoration Day. The 120th Dhamma School Day commemoration ceremony, which fell in the year 2015, was held in the auditorium of Bandarawela Urban Council.

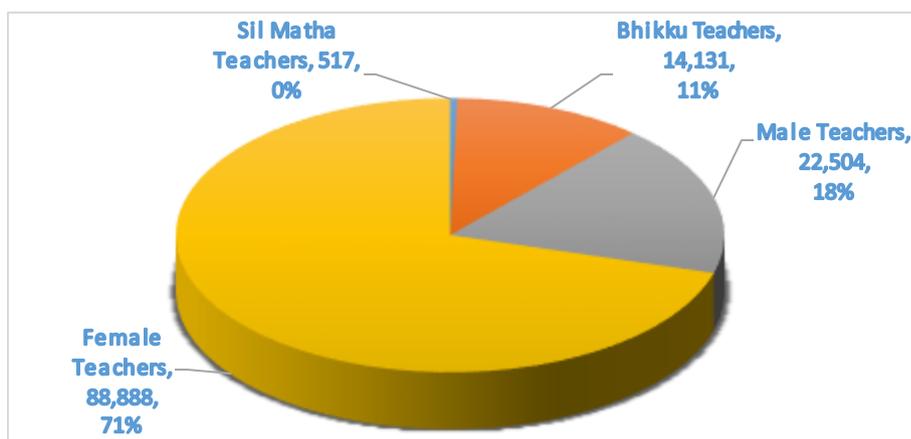
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On this occasion, under the Sisu Saviya scholarship awards, Dhamma school children who obtained highest marks at the Grade 10 examination, were awarded scholarships of Rs.500 for two years until they complete the .C.C.E (A.L.) examination. These scholarships are being awarded by the Samastha Lanka Sasarakshaka funds.

In order to encourage Dhamma school teachers, Dhamma school teachers who have served for over 30 years, are being appointed as Justices of Peace and a programme is also being implemented to give medical assistance of Rs.1000 per month, to Dhamma school teachers who have served for more than 50 years. The expenditure incurred for this programme was Rs. 580,000.00.

03.5. Providing library allowances, uniforms and monthly allowances to Dhamma school teachers



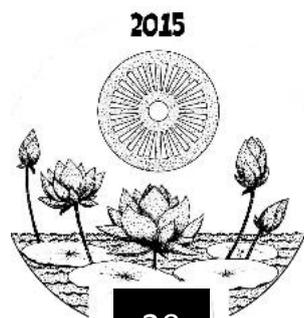
Graph 03.5 - 2015 – No of Dhamma School Teachers

In the year 2015, the library allowance was granted 9,857 Dhamma schools in 317 regional Sasarakshaka Mandalas.

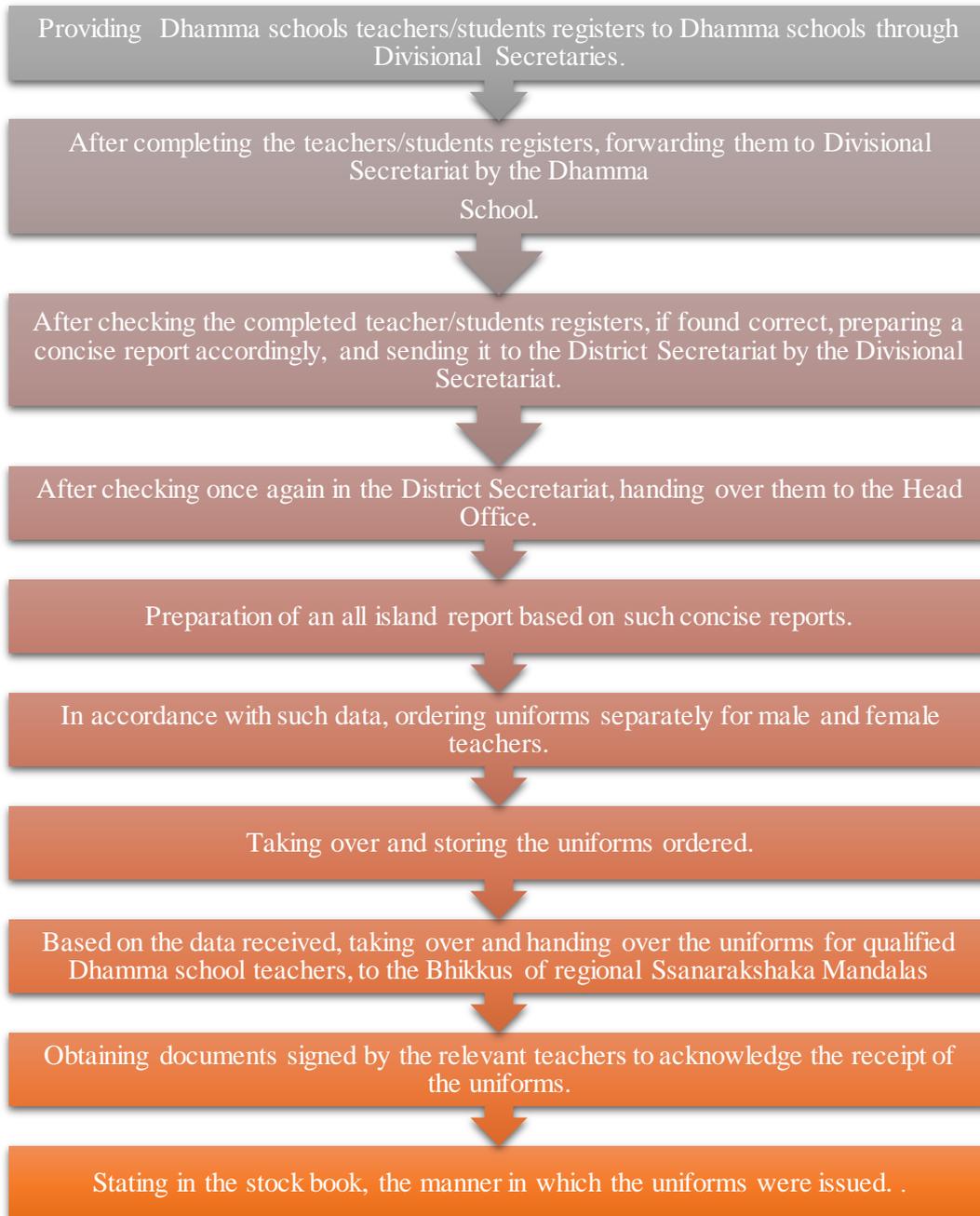
The total number qualified to receive this allowance is 93,473. A library allowance of Rs. 2000/- is paid annually to a teacher the provision allocated for it was 170,000,000 and the expenditure was Rs. 152,624,785.

In the year 2015, a library allowance of Rs. 200.00 per month was paid to all Dhamma school teachers in 9,857 Dhamma schools. Teachers in the Western province were paid Rs.200.00 per month for 06 months and for the other provinces (other than the districts of Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar), this allowance was paid to 126,039 teachers for 07 months.

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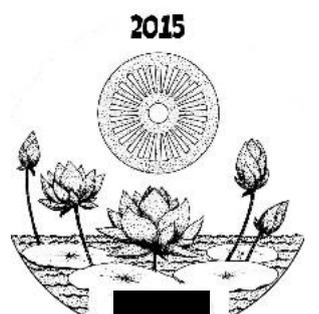


As an encouragement to those who voluntarily serve as Dhamma school teachers, a uniform is being provided from the year 2004 to all Dhamma school teachers who have completed the age of 18 years, and served a period of one year continuously.



All Dhamma school teachers were very happy to receive uniforms. With the issue of uniforms, a rapid increase can be seen in the number of Dhamma school teachers. Along with it, an increase is also seen in the number of Dhamma school students. Accordingly, the awarding of uniforms in this manner to Dhamma School, will be immensely helpful

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for building up of a virtuous society. Every year, the government incurs an expenditure of over Rs. 100 million in this regard. Accordingly, about Rs. 150 million has been spent for it this time also.

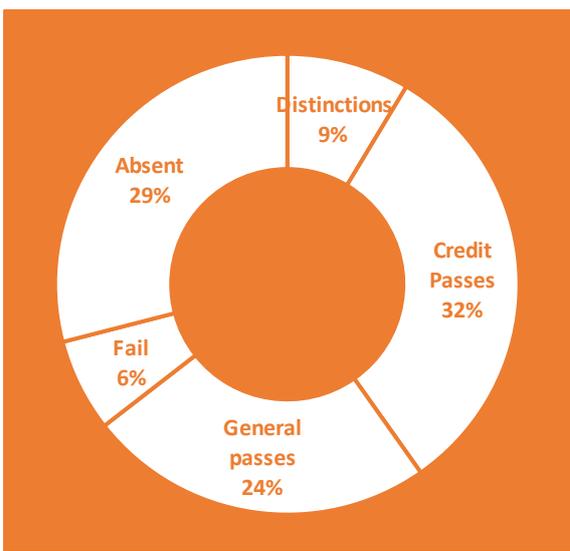
Nature of expenses for providing uniforms -

- Expenditure for a female uniform - Rs. 1,400.00
- Expenditure for a male uniform - Rs. 940.00
- Total amount spent for transportation at regional Sasanaraksha Mandala level - Rs. 1,000,000.00

03.6. Dhamma School Teachers Certificate examination

It is expected to achieve the following objectives by conducting this examination.

1. Enhancing the educational qualifications of Dhamma schools teachers who are now in serve.
2. Appreciating the services of teachers who are teaching in Dhamma schools.
3. Developing further, the knowledge of Dhamma school teachers and motivating them for higher education.
4. Creating social recognition for Dhamma school teachers and thereby getting the people to appreciate their services.



Graph 03.6 - Dhamma School teachers Certificate Examination Results - 2015

In the year 2015, this examination was at 21 centers for applicants from districts. The number of applicants was 8,659 and 7,676 out of them qualified for the examination. The number of applicants who appeared for the examination was 5,433. The number of qualified applicants who did not sit for the examination was 2,243. It is 29.22% of the applicants who were qualified for the examination.



A sum of Rs.1,035,536.00 was spent for this examination, which was held on 23rd May 2015. Results were released by 11th August 2015.

Serial Number	District	No. of Centres	No. of Applicants	No. of Qualified Candidates	No. of Present	Excellent	Credit	General	Fail	Absentees
1	Colombo	1	638	546	356	78	197	73	8	190
2	Gampaha	1	486	448	338	21	145	157	15	110
3	Kaluthara	1	519	466	305	36	171	79	19	161
4	Kandy	2	731	648	441	9	110	193	129	207
5	Mathale	1	337	308	241	20	70	120	31	67
6	Nuwara-Eliya	1	273	237	162	15	32	75	40	75
7	Galle	1	691	620	439	46	211	168	14	181
8	Mathara	1	406	372	264	42	127	85	10	108
9	Hambanthota	2	377	338	245	98	113	34	50	93
10	Ampara	1	404	352	240	27	127	75	11	112
11	Kurunegala	1	966	860	71	75	302	202	33	248
12	Trincomalee	1	121	101	612	22	44	2	3	30
13	Puttalam	1	327	299	202	26	88	69	19	97
14	Anuradhapura/ Vavuniya	1	536	467	341	21	128	160	32	126
15	Polonnaruwa	1	472	397	277	21	124	101	31	120
16	Badulla	1	379	338	256	42	161	43	10	82
17	Monaragala	1	13	13	8	0	2	3	3	5
18	Rathnapura	1	603	538	394	15	174	174	31	144
19	Kegalle	1	380	328	241	49	120	58	14	87
	Total	21	8659	7676	5433	663	2446	1871	503	2243

Table 03.4 - Overall summary for Dhamma School teacher certificate examination results - 2015

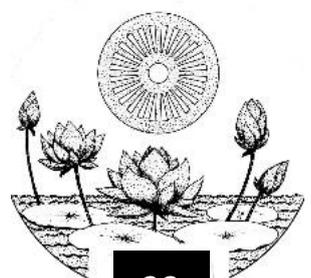
03.7. Evaluation of the skills of Dhamma School students

The programme to evaluate the skills of Dhamma school students, is being conducted annually, to develop the knowledge of Dhamma school children, to apply practically the teaching Buddhism and for the creation of an intelligent and virtuous generation of children, was conducted very successfully this year also.

This skills evaluation is being conducted in four stages as Dhamma schools, divisional, district and all Island levels. Introducing a new event in the year 2015, evaluation of skills on the recital songs on the merits of parents was conducted. This event, which was started on a concept of the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs, was the most popular and successful event of the programme.

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The programme was held this time at the D.S. Senanayake national school in Ampara and His Excellency the President was the chief guest.

For organizing activities at divisional level, the Sasanarakshaka Mandala Registrar Bhikkus, were granted Rs.10,000.00 each and for organizing activities at district level, district Sasanarakshaka Mandala Registrar Bhikkus , were granted Rs.18,000.00 each.

The estimated amount of this programme was Rs. 16,536,000 and Rs. 16,252,785 was spent in respect of the year 2015.

03.8. Printing of Dhamma School text books

With the objective of improving Dhamma school education, which is very essential for the creation of a virtuous society, printing and distribution of Dhamma school text books are being carried out by this Department. On being informed by the Dhamma schools the quantity of Dhamma School required for the year, printing are being carried out. Printing of these books was done by the Government Press, State Printing Corporation and Printers Excellent, a private company. The amount allocated for it was Rs.80,000,000.00 and the amount spent was Rs.79,799,619.00.

After handing over the printed books to the stores of the Department, books for the year 2015 were distributed among all registered Dhamma schools located throughout the island.

The text book for Grade 8 of Dhamma schools, was revised this year.

Total number of districts	- 21
Number of divisional Sasanarakshaka Mandalas	- 319
Number of Dhamma schools	- 9,846
Total number of books distributed	- 1,973,239

Table 03.5 - Distribution of Dhamma schooltext books – Summary 2015



03.9. Buddha Jayanthi Book Shop

Marketing of books on Dhamma is being carried out by the Buddha Jayanthi book shop, which is under the Department of Buddhist Affairs. Sixty four (64) categories of books, including Tripitakaya, translated into simple Sinhala and Buddhist Encyclopedia have kept here for marketing.

In the year 2015 alone, eight hundred sixty four (864) books have been marketed and the received was Rs. 736,127.00. Amounts received, have been handed over to the Head Office on the respective dates.

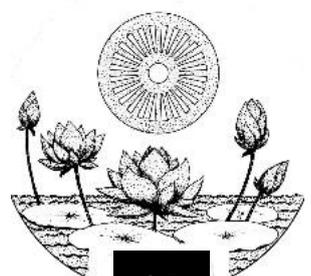
Measures taken to give publicity regarding book shop;

- Creating awareness among district and divisional Sasanarakshaka Mandalas
- Details have been given to the Information division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs, to give publicity through newspapers and the internet.
- A banner has been fixed in front of the book shop.
- Index of the books, prepared according alphabetical order, is displayed in front of the bookshop

As the room in which the book shop is maintained was threatened by termites, pesticides were used for it. An iron rack belonging to the Department was repaired and given to the book shop.

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DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

In order to achieve the objective of creating a virtuous society, a programme is being implemented by this Department for providing assistance for the construction and renovation of infra-structure facilities in temples in difficult areas.

04.1. Providing assistance for temple in difficult areas

Out of the provisions allocated in the year 2015 for temples in 20 Districts, action was taken to improve physical resources in temples, throughout the island, which do not have common amenities. The special objective of this is to renovate temples which are being ruined and decayed and provide opportunities for the spiritual development of the people.

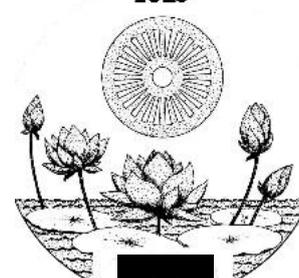
Index No	District	No. of Temples	amount of aid	Index No	District	No. of Temples	amount of aid
1	Colombo	21	1,050,000.00	13	Galle	4	200,000.00
2	Gampaha	46	2,450,000.00	14	Ampara	10	1,000,000.00
3	Kaluthara	22	1,100,000.00	15	Mathale	3	150,000.00
4	Kandy	33	1,650,000.00	16	Monaragala	21	2,100,000.00
5	Kurunegala	53	2,750,000.00	17	Anuradhapura	28	2,900,000.00
6	Kegalle	29	1,500,000.00	18	Trincomalee	19	1,900,000.00
7	Hambanthota	4	400,000.00	19	Batticaloa	3	400,000.00
8	Puttalam	12	1,200,000.00	20	Mannar	5	500,000.00
9	Mathara	4	200,000.00	21	Vavuniya	1	100,000.00
10	NuwaraEliya	21	2,100,000.00	22	Mullaitivu	5	500,000.00
11	Badulla	347	18,550,000.00	23	Jaffna	5	500,000.00
12	Polonnaruwa	17	1,700,000.00	24	Kilinochchi	1	100,000.00
Total = Rs. 45,000,000.00							

Table 04.1 - Assistance for difficult temples – 2015

Out of the provision of Rs.45,000.00 received under this programme to improve 714 temples, Rs.43,917,107 has been spent.

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04.2. Improvement of Sil Matha hermitages

Under the implementation of Sil Matha educational institutions, a sum of Rs.7,000.00 was allocated in the year 2015 for the construction of Sil Matha headquarters at Kelaniya and construction activities have been completed by now. Purchasing of furniture has also been finalized. The amount spent for it was Rs. 6,978,111.00.

Further, out of the provision of Rs.4,000,000.00 allocated for the administration and construction activities of Piyadasa Ratnayake Memorial Sil Matha Training Institute at Mulatiyana, sum of Rs.3,399,249.00 has been spent. Short term and long term courses are being successfully carried out by this institution. Sil Mathas scattered throughout the island, being able to promote their religious activities and develop their spiritual standards and educational knowledge, can be pointed out as a special progress in the year 2015.

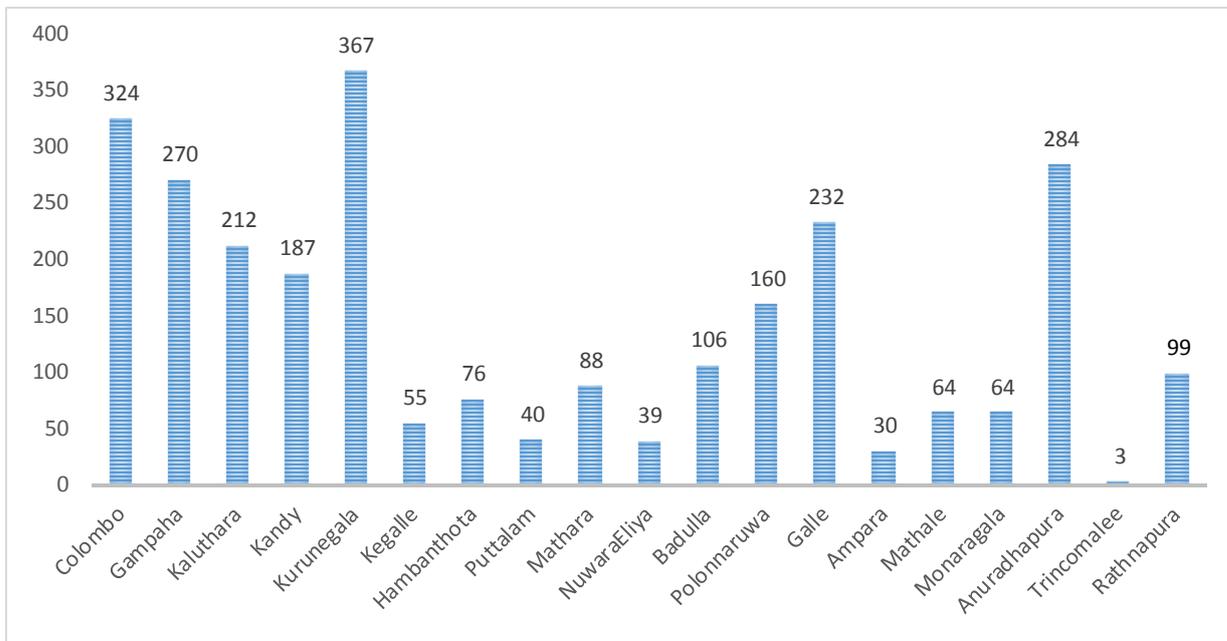


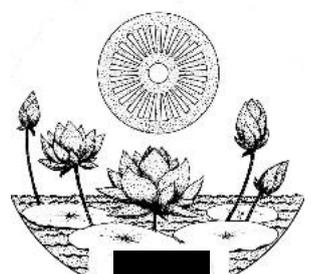
Diagram 04.1 - Number of Sil Mathas registered in Sri Lanka as at 31.12.2015

04.3. Providing assistance for Upasampada ceremonies.

A sum of Rs. 2,750,000.00 was allocated in the year 2015, for providing assistance for Upasampada ceremonies and an expenditure of Rs.2,141,151.00 was incurred for traveling expenses and Pirikara for Upsampada ceremonies of 713 Bhikkus of various Nikayas. Providing assistance for Upasampada ceremonies in this manner will be helpful for the survival of the Sasana and for developing further the religious inclinations of the Bhikkus.

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04.4. Providing Siwpassa assistance

Rs. 1,615,890.00 was allocated for this in the year 2015 and action has been taken to provide Siwpassa assistance by spending the total provision allocated. It was immensely helpful for Bhikkus living in difficult areas to carry out their educational and religious activities and also for the survival of the Sasana.

04.5. Encouraging Buddhist writers

By encouraging writers who disseminate the knowledge on Dhamma to the Buddhist people, it is possible to create books which are necessary to promote Buddhist virtues and with this objective a provision of Rs.250,000.00 was allocated for it in the year 2015. The number of books obtained from 17 authors, was 196. A sum of Rs.163,836.00 was spent for it.

04.6. Providing provisions for the promotion of Dhamma Schools

District	Buildings	Amount	Equipment	Amount	Total
Colombo	10	1,000,000.00	0	-	1,000,000.00
Kandy	0		17	850,000.00	850,000.00
NuwaraEliya	4	400,000.00	0	-	400,000.00
Kegalle	4	400,000.00	0	-	400,000.00
Anuradhapura	26	2,600,000.00	23	1,150,000.00	3,750,000.00
Polonnaruwa	13	1,300,000.00	6	300,000.00	1,600,000.00
Kurunegala	6	600,000.00	5	250,000.00	850,000.00
Puttalam	0	-	15	750,000.00	750,000.00
Badulla	4	400,000.00	16	800,000.00	1,200,000.00
Monaragala	17	1,700,000.00	8	400,000.00	2,100,000.00
Trincomalee	5	500,000.00	1	50,000.00	550,000.00
Mullaitivu	0	-	7	350,000.00	350,000.00
Ampara	1	100,000.00	0	-	100,000.00
Gampaha	1	100,000.00	0	-	100,000.00
Total	91	9,100,000.00	98	4900000	14,000,000.00

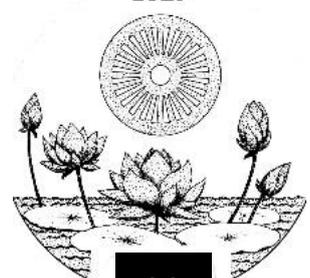
Total 04. 2 – Assistance provided for Dhamma Schools in the year 2015

A provision of Rs.14,000.00 was allocated under this in the year 2015 for the construction of Dhamma school buildings and for obtaining equipment for Dhamma schools. The amount spent for the relevant development activities and for providing equipment, was Rs. 13,308,183.

Through this, it was possible to improve the physical resources in Dhamma schools and to motivate school children further towards Dhamma schools.

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04.7. Registration of Performance Societies in temples.

The number of Performance Societies registered in the year 2015 in 12 districts, was 30.

District	No. of Societies
Anuradhapuraa	01
Kaluthara	01
Kegalle	04
Kurunegala	05
Colombo	03
Gampaha	03
Galle	03
Polonnaruwa	03
Kandy	02
Mathara	03
Mathale	01
Hambanthota	01

Table 04.3 – Number of Temple Performance Societies registered in the year 2015

District	No. of Dayaka Sabha
Anuradhapuraa	173.
Kaluthara	144
Kegalle	176
Kurunegala	492
Colombo	93
Gampaha	179
Galle	200
Polonnaruwa	72
Kandy	271
Mathara	194
Mathale	85
Hambanthota	164
Puththalam	108
Batticaloa	4
Nuwaraeliya	93
Monaragala	74
Badulla	325
Rathnapura	188
Trincomalee	16
Ampara	22
Vavuniya	16

Table 04.4. - Number of Registered Dayaka Sabhas by the year 2015

04.8. Promotion of Sasanarakshaka Mandala activities

04.8.1. Expenses in respect of equipment

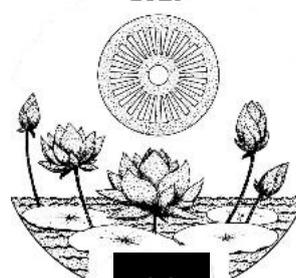
Providing essential items such as tables, benches as well as computers etc. to temples was carried out under the Sasanarakshaka Mandala promotion activities and the entire provision of Rs. 4,000,000.00 allocated for it in the year 2015, was spent. Through this, it was possible to fulfill the short comings in temples.

04.8.2. Expenditure for Sasanarakshaka Mandalas

Expenses in connection with conducting and organizing Sasanarakshaka meetings and for providing traveling expenses and Sivpasa to Bhikkus participating in such meetings, are being borne by

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the Department. The allocation for it in the year 2015 was Rs. 7,000,000.00 and the expenditure incurred was Rs. 6,898,919.00.

- Amount granted to Registrar Bhikku of each divisional Sasanarakshaka Mandala for stationary, traveling expenses and postal charges - Rs.15,000.00
- Amount granted to Registrar Bhikku of each district Sasanarakshaka Mandalaya - Rs. 7,500.00

04.9. Organizing National Festivals

04.9.1. National Independence Day Pirith Chanting ceremony and alms giving

This is a religious activity which is being conducted annually, parallel to the National Independence Day Commemoration ceremony. Every year on the day before Independence Day, a Pirith ceremony is held, followed by an alms giving on the following day.

The expenditure incurred for this in the year was Rs. 976,855. Commemorating the National Independence as well as the relevant religious programmes, were helpful to improve the spiritual development of the general public.

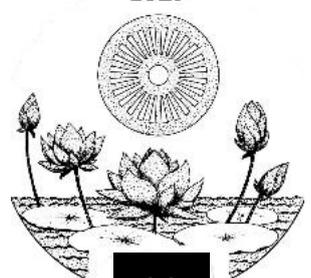
04.9.2. National Wesak Day

Every year, a national Wesak Day ceremony programme is being implemented by this Department. Based on the respective religions, assistance is provided at national level under State sponsorship for renovation activities of places of worship in the region. Thereby the spiritual development of school children and Dhamma school students, is further improved.

Under this programme, 2015 State Wesak festival was held centering the Mahiyanganaya Raja Maha Vihara temple in the Badulla district. The allocation for it was Rs. 215,455.80 and a sum of Rs. 215,755.80 was spent.

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04.9.3. Sangamitta Commemoration Festival

2323rd Sangamitta commemoration festival was held at Anuradhapura on the 06th and 07th of December 2015. Sangamitta Perahera was held on December 06th, centering Viharaa Maha Devi Aramaya, Anuradhapura, with the participation of about 800 Sil Mathas representing 16 districts.

All island Sil Matha national seminar, which is being held annually, was held at the Sannipatha hall of Anuradhapura Maha Viharaya on December 07th. A distinguished gathering including the Minister of Buddha Sasana and Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs, participated for this occasion.

Serial No.	District	Provision Allocated (Rs.)	Serial No.	District	Provision Allocated (Rs.)
01	Colombo	172,000	10	Kandy	316,000
02	Gampaha	632,000	11	Ampara	228,000
03	Kalutara	430,000	12	Kurunegala	56,000
04	Galle	308,000	13	Puttalam	256,000
05	Matara	258,000	14	Anuradhapura	168,000
06	Hambantota	174,000	15	Polonnaruwa	220,000
07	Matale	148,000	16	Badulla	108,000
08	Nuwaraeliya	100,000	17	Monaragala	1,208,000
09	Kegalle	60,000	18	Ratnapura	208,000

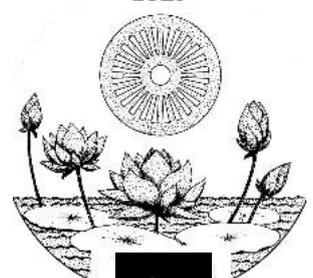
Table 04.5 - Providing provisions for obtaining office equipment including computers for Sasanarakshaka activities.

04.10. Expenses for cremations

Under this programme, financial assistance is being given for cremations of Venerable Bhikkus who pass away and out of the total provision of Rs. 1,750,000.00 allocated for it, a sum of Rs. 1,721,000.00 was spent.

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PROJECT DIVISION

05.1. Programme for the skills development of Dhamma school teachers

Head Masters and Assistant Head Masters programmes were conducted in the year 2015 to give more dignity and maturity for the roles of Dhamma School Head Masters. Thereby it is expected to improve the quality of Dhamma school education

The number of workshops held in the year 2015 was 08 and the number of Head Masters and Assistant Head Masters who participated was 7,642. The amount allocated for this project was Rs. 600,000.00 and the amount spent was Rs. 5,800,000.00.

05.2. Daham Sarasavi Course

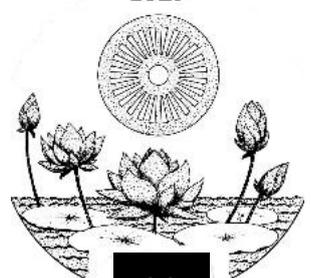
Daham Sarasavi Diploma course for the year 2015, is being conducted in collaboration with the Sri Jayawardenapura University. The amount estimated for it is R. 4,597,350.00. These courses are being held in 24 centres throughout the island and no fees are charged for following this course. According to the above estimate, a sum of Rs. 2,699,109.71 has been paid by now to the University.

Arrangements are being made to hold the convocation ceremony for the group who have passed the Sarasavi Diploma Course in the previous year i.e. 2013/2014. Arrangements are also being made to conduct this course in the year 2016 in collaboration with Sri Lanka Buddhist and Pali University.

For the year 2015, a sum of about Rs. 4,000,000.00 was allocated for this Course. The amounts allocated were, Rs.1,800,000.00 for allowances to the Lecturers, Rs.190,000.00 for inauguration ceremony activities, Rs. 1,044,000.00 for Jayawardenapura University and Rs. 821,381.50 to the Buddhist and Pali University for the activities of the convocation ceremony. Accordingly, the total expenditure was Rs.9,148,161.00.

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05.3. Preparation of Dhamma School teachers Identity Cards

Dhamma School is the main institution for donating the core of the noble religion of Buddhism. Identity cards are being issued as an encouragement to Dhamma school teachers who voluntarily work to create a generation nurtured by Buddhism and also to build up a dignified environment for them in the society. In the year 2015, 2,827 Dhamma school teachers identity cards were prepared incurring an expenditure of Rs. 224,236.66.

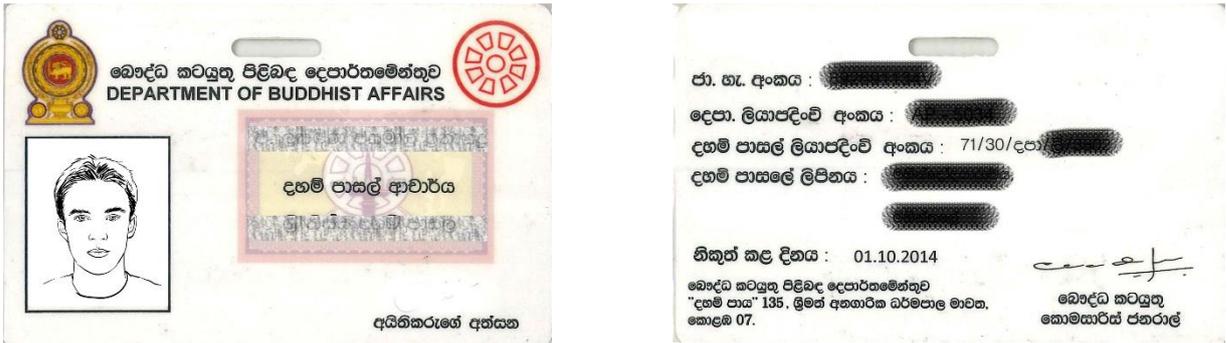


Figure 05.1 – A model of a Dhamma School Teacher Identity Card

05.4. Buddhist Encyclopedia

The final proof of the index volume of the Buddhist Encyclopedia has been printed and handed over to the Department of Buddhist Affairs. Since it is necessary to re-check the proofs before preparing for the final print, approval has been obtained by the Department of Public Management Services for the recruitments to the posts of Chief Editor, Deputy Editor and Assistant Editor and action is being taken for recruitments to these posts. Sum of Rs. 1,300,000.00 was allocated for this project in the year 2015 and the amount spent was Rs. 780,000.00.

05.5. Translation Tripitaka

Jataka Pali 1, 2 and 3 books have been printed and handed over to the Department. The prizes of the books have been fixed and by now they are kept for sale.

Madum Sangiya book and Apadana Pali book 1, are being printed. A sum of Rs. 2,500,000.00 was allocated in the year 2015 for Tripitaka translation activities and this amount has been spent for this project.



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BHIKKU REGISTRATION DIVISION

06.1. Issue of Samanera/Upasampada certificates and providing Bhikku identity Cards

Services carried out by this division:

- ❖ Registration of new Samanera declarations
- ❖ Registration of new Upasaampada declarations
- ❖ Issue of ordination certificates
- ❖ Issue of disrobing certificates
- ❖ Making necessary amendments in Samanera and Upasampada declarations
- ❖ Issue of certified copies of Samanera and Upasampada declarations, which have registered.
- ❖ Computerizing and up-dating Samanera and Upasampada documents
- ❖ Providing necessary evidence on legal issues

In the year 2015:

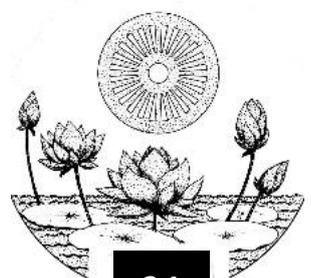
Number of Samanera Bhikkus registered	- 3,151
Number of Upasampada Bhikkus registered	- 973
Number of ordination certificates issued	- 1,200
Number of Bhikku identity cards issued	- 1,440

A computer software has been has been created by this division to computerize information regarding Samanera and Upasampda Bhikkus. By this software information regarding 14,303 Upsampada Bhikkus and 25,714 Samanera Bhikkus, have now been included in the data base.

By this, Samanera and Upasampada certifications can be issued without any delay to those who apply for such certificates.

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INFORMATION DIVISION

The Information Division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs was established on 14th February 2015. But throughout the last 07 years, services to be performed for the Department by the Information Department have been carried out. Functions performed by this Department are as follows.

07.1. Collection of information on Buddhism in Sri Lanka

Information regarding all temples, covering the entire island, has been computerized. They have been categorized as temples, Raja Maha Viharas, ancient temples, Maha Viharas, Buddhist Centres, International Buddhist, Aranya Senasna etc. Preparation of information according to respective Nikayas, has commenced.

Computerizing all all Dhamma school information has commenced.

07.2. Updating Information

Under this, updating and renewal of information below, are being carried out.

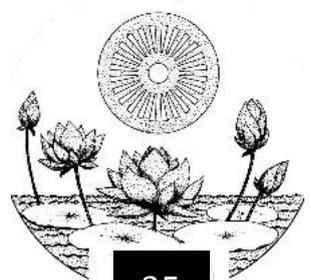
- Preparing a list of temples in Sri Lanka
- Information regarding Bhikkus and Nikayas in Sri Lanka.
- It is planned to carry out a census regarding the temples and Bhikkus in the first quarter of 2016.

07.3. Pali Language Promotion Course

This programme is being carried out annually as a solution to the shortage of teachers with a knowledge on the Pali language in the Dhamma school sector. The expected objective is to nurture the Dhamma school teachers with a knowledge on the Pali language and get them to be engaged in the teaching process. In addition, creating liking for the use of the Tripitaka is also being carried out by this.

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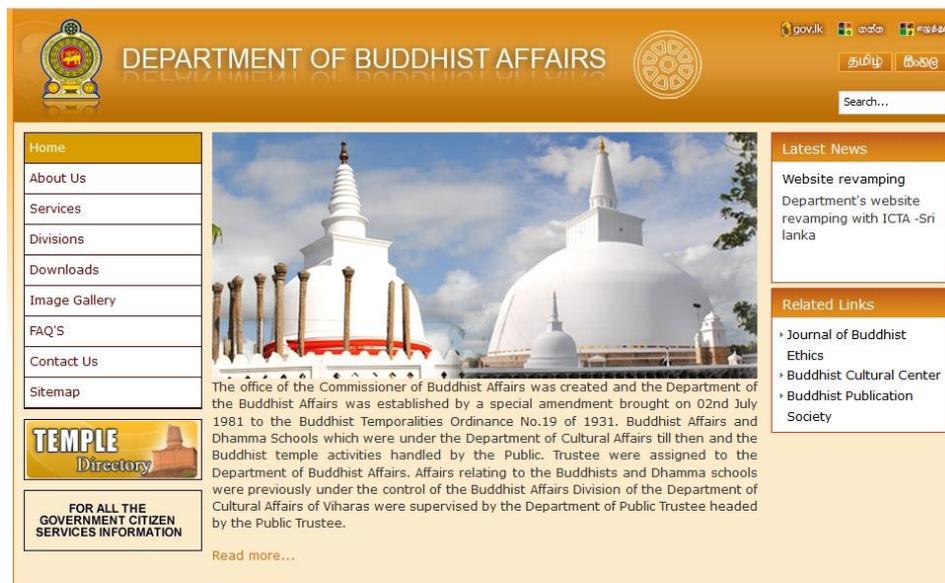
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This course is being successfully implemented in 30 selected centres in 19 districts, by providing compositions prepared in accordance with a syllabus, recommended by experts proficient in Pali language. The number of course recipients is 1500.

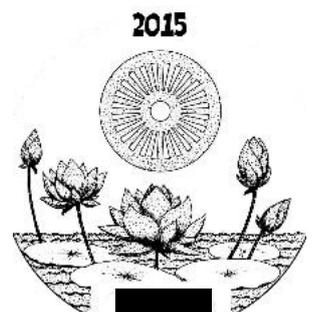
07.4. Media activities and other services

- ❖ Information collected according to various needs are being released for the use of the general public.
- ❖ Updating the official web site of the Department, www.buddhistdept.gov.lk, is being carried out by this division.



- ❖ All activities of the Department and prior publicity for festive occasions, media coverage, Media discussions and all media activities are being carried out.

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ACCOUNTS DIVISION

The role of this Division is to utilize funds allocated by the General Treasury for the furtherance, promotion and development of the Buddhasasana, economically, efficiently and in a manner considered as most appropriate and forward monthly and annual statements of accounts to the General Treasury regarding the manner in which the funds were utilized and also forward any other reports requested by the General Treasury.

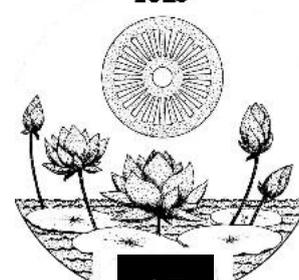
❖ Staff employed in the Accounts Division -

Chief Accountant	01	Buddhist Affairs Coordinator	01
Accountant	01	Development Assistant	01
Head of the Branch	01	Management Assistant	04
Accounts Assistant	02	Office Employee Service	01

Vote	Estimate	Expenditure	Savings
Recurrent expenditure			
Printing and distribution of Dhamma school books 201-2-2-1-1501	80,000,000	79,799,519	200,381
Conducting Dhamma schools grading examinations 201-2-2-1508	20,464,000	17,510,072	2,953,928
Maintaining All Island Sasanarakshak Mandaala 201-2-2-0-1405* 3	6,700,000	6,598,919	101,081
Alms giving for Buddhist monks - 201-2-2-0-1405* 7	1,615,890	1,615,890	-
Implementation of the All Island Silmatha Society 201-2-2- 1405*7	2,051,412	2,051,412	-
Issue of identity cards to Dhamma schoolteachers 201-2-2-0-1405* 7	359,821	359,821	-
Translating and printing of Tripitakaya - 201-2-2-0-1405*2	2,090,000	2,086,361	3,639
Activities for the compilation of the Buddhist Encyclopedia 201-2-2-0-1405* 2	1,300,000	780,000	520,000

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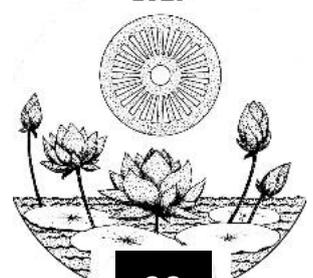


Issue of uniforms to Dhamma schoolteachers 201-2-2-2- 1501	100,000,000	99,065,976	934,024
Paying tributes to eminent Buddhist scholars - 201-2-2-0-1405*7	50,000	50,000	
Improvement of Buddhist crafts - 201-2-2-0-1405*7	944,930	944,930	-
Programme for evaluation of student skills - 201-2-2-1508	16,536,000	16,252,785	283,215
Upasampada ceremonies - 201-2-2-0-1405*1	2,750,000	2,141,151	608,849
Cremations - 201-2-2-0-1405*5	2,460,000	2,416,000	44,000
Providing library allowances to Dhamma schoolteachers 201-2-2-3-1501	170,000,000	152,624,785	7,375,215
National Wesak Festival - 201-2-2-0-1405*7	215,456	215,456	-
Capital expenses			
Temple Assistance payment - 201-2-2-7-2502	45,000,000	43,917,107	1,082,893
Providing necessary equipment for Sasarakshaka Mandala 201-2-2-9-2502	4,000,000	3,865,321	134,679
Daham Sarasaviya - 201-2-2-11-2502	10,000,000	9,148,161	851,839
Construction of Dhamma school buildings 201-2-2-8-2502	14,000,000	13,308,183	691,817
Providing Dhamma schools equipment - 201-2-2-8-2502	14,000,000	13,308,183	691, 817
Construction of Silmatha hermitages - 201-2-2-10-2502*2	7,000,000	6,978,111	21,889
Maintaining the Dakshina Lanka Silamatha Educational Institute - 201-2-2-10-2502*1	4,000,000	3,130,130	869,870
Payments as assistance for maintaining difficult temples 201-2-2-7-2502	45,000,000	43,917,107	1,082,893

Note 08.1 – The manner in which the estimated financial provisions were spent in the year 2015 relevant to respective votes.

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INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION

This Division provides assistance in the performance of responsibilities entrusted to the Commissioner General of Buddhist Affairs by the Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931. The Internal Audit Division of the Department of Buddhist Affairs was established on 01.07.2013.

Objectives:

- Assisting the strengthening of the internal control system
- Assisting in maintaining proper accounts and management systems
- Assisting in the proper utilization of resources
- Assisting to achieve the performance targets

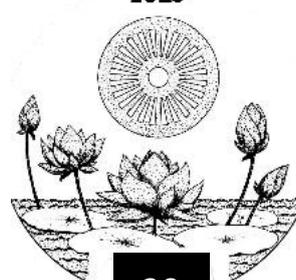
This Division which is functioning under the Chief Internal Auditor and his staff, take necessary measures to reach the objectives of the Department.

09.1. Special functions carried out by the Internal Audit Division in the year 2015

1. Introducing books of accounts to be maintained in a temple in accordance with the provisions of the Temporalities Act and strengthening the control systems in them.
2. Temples coming under Section 4 (1) of the Act, being subjected to internal audit and providing guidelines to such temples.
3. Conducting Audit and Management committee meetings.
4. Providing contributions and co-operation for various programmes which are being organized by the other Divisions of the Department.
5. Providing co-operation for the very special duties of the Department.

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REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST AFFAIRS

10.1. Ratnapura Regional Office

Through the Ratnapura Regional Office, it has been possible to implement the powers of the Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs in temples and Dewalas in the Districts of Ratnapura, Badulla and Monaragala conveniently.

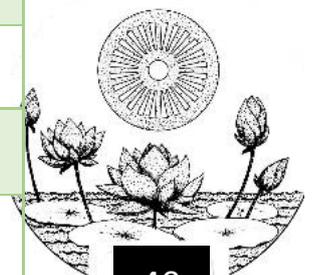
By this office, services such as leasing of lands, making amendment regarding leases and issuing of timber licenses have been implemented widely, especially in the year 2015 and comparatively an improvement can be seen. Settlement of temple disputes and issuing of licenses for gem mining are also being carried by this office.

Official Duties	District			Total
	Ratnapura	Badulla	Monaragala	
Appointment of custodians	05	03	09	17
Leasing of lands	45	175	68	288
Amending lease amounts	25	250	30	305
Issuing of licences for felling of trees and for transporting them	210	27	225	442
Releasing of monies in Bank accounts of Bhikkus who have passed away	08	02	05	15
Providing approval for grant of Pooja deeds	01	02	03	06
Releasing of interest payments on compensation	03	-	-	03
Settlement of problems relating to temples	85	35	30	150
Sending letters to Maha Nayaka Theros for registration of temples	08	06	12	26
Recommending the issue of licences for gem mining	145	-	11	156
Recommending the extension of licences granted for gem mining	181	-	04	185

Table 10.1 - Duties that was carried out in 2015 by the Regional Office in Ratnapura

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10.2. Kandy Regional Office

Staff

Commissioner of Buddhist Affairs (Kandy) - 01	Buddhist Affairs Co-ordinator - 04
Chief Management Assistant - 01	Development Officer - 05
Assistant Legal Officer - 01	Driver - 01
Public Management Assistant - 04	Office Employee Service - 02

Total number of officers: 19

Area of Control

Temples and Dewalas in the Districts of Kandy, Matale, Kegalle and Nuwaraeliya and Muthiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya, Mahiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya, Mahiyangana Saman Dewalaya in the Badulla district, which are controlled under Section 4 (1) and 4 (2) of the Temporalities Act, are included.

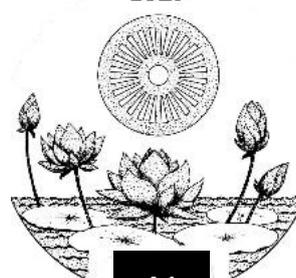
District	Temples Administered under 4(1)	Devalas Administered under 4(1)	Places of worship not administered under 4(1)
Kandy	43	13	996
Mathale	08	01	338
Kegalle	17	03	512
Nuwara-Eliya	03	02	247
Badulla	02	01	-
Total	73	20	2,093

Table 10.2 - Buddhist temples and Devalas administered by the Kandy Regional Office

All activities relevant to these places of worship are being carried out by this office under the provisions of Temporalities Ordinance No. 19 of 1931 and appointment of custodians for such places and participating and assisting for other religious activities pertaining to Sri Dalada Maligawa, Sathara Maha Devalas and election activities for the appointment of . Diyawadana Nilames, Basnayake for rural Devalas, depositing and releasing of money and handing over of temple properties to the custodians, renting of temple lands, obtaining, inspecting and releasing of annual accounts reports, matters relating temple disputes, Sri Dalada Perahera, assisting

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Upasampada activities, activities pertaining to Dhamma schools ceremonies, are specially being carried out.

After the setting up of this office in the District Secretariat in August 2013, measures were taken in the year 2014 to carry out it systematically as far as possible and by now, with the cooperation of the staff, it has been possible to perform the duties more effectively. With the intension of expanding the facilities further, fixing of new cupboards and purchasing of equipment were made in the year 2015 by using provisions provided by the Head Office. Accordingly, by utilizing the necessary resources within the limited office accommodation, the staff has made an immense commitment carry out their duties with a vision.

1. Number of lease applications issued	880
2. Deeds of Lease finalized	275
3. Number of letters sent for valuations	147
4. Number of field inspections	46
5. Number of office inspections	01
6. Letters of confirmation for Chief Prelates	05
7. Letters for appointing Custodians	20
8. Appointment of Basnayaka Nilames	13
9. Handing over of goods	17
10. Release of funds	21
11. Cutting of trees	90
12. Shramadana	05
13. Gratification money official duties	73
14. Court cases being heard	19
15. Cases finalized	01
16. Cases which have been released, to be re-called when necessary	02

Appointment of custodians for 20 temples administered by the Temporalities Act, confirmation of titles of Chief Incumbents and conducting of 13 elections for the selection of Basnayaka Nilames, were carried out in the year 2015. Handing over of properties to the custodians, depositing relevant security deposits and release of deposits and educating the newly appointed custodians were also carried out during the year. There were several instances for releasing of security deposits.



A significant role was carried out during this year to educate the custodians regarding the maintaining the accounts of the temples systematically. In addition, letters were sent to them regarding maintaining income and expenditure records and regarding those who do not send reports in time or getting delayed in sending them. A seminar was conducted successfully on 1st October 2015 to create awareness in this regard. They were engaged in visiting temples and inspecting the relevant books and records to rectify the short-comings

During this year, 46 field inspections and 75 office inspections were carried out and thereby steps have been taken to provide solutions for disputes prevailing in temples. In this connections discussions were held with the leasers, custodians and Bhiikkus. Solutions were provided regarding matters such as official lands in temples, “Kapu” duties in Devalas, defaulting of payments for lands leased.

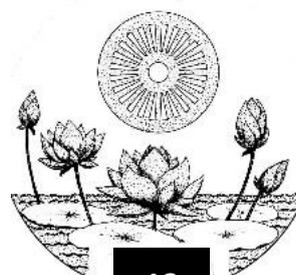
In the year 2015, a successful progress was seen in activities relating to granting of deeds in respect of lands belonging to places of worship within and outside urban limits. Accordingly, 880 applications have been issued and the number of letters sent for obtaining valuation reports .was 147. Number of deeds given on long term basis is 275. Similarly, an up-dating procedure has been successfully implemented by preparing files regarding leases operative in temples and by computerizing them. Further, procedure regarding up-dating of files regarding amendments of lease payments, every five years, is now being implemented. In addition, obtaining information regarding all places of worship in the relevant districts, Divisional Secretary level, is also being implemented.

During this year. 73 supervising activities were carried out regarding gratification monies in Sri Dalada Maligawa, Sathara Maha Devalas and other temples. In this connection, the officers were engaged on a systematic programme and the relevant calculations were done correctly. By this systematic supervision, it was possible to increase the total collection of gratification monies in the year 2015 to Rs. 38,808,964.00.

The number of court cases in the year 2015, for which this office intervened was 19. One out of them has been finalized. Number of cases released, to be called when necessary, was 02. Appearing for court cases, obtaining advice from the Attorney General and providing legal advice required by custodians of temples/Bhikkus, are being provided by the Assistant Legal Officer and guide lines have been provided for reducing legal activities.

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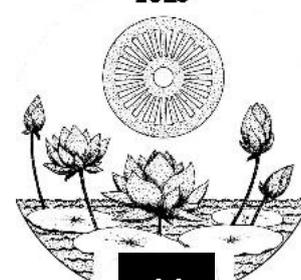
With regard to productivity, about 05 Shramadna campaigns were held with the participation of all members of the staff. Activities such as keeping the office files systematically, were successfully carried out and the special assistance of the staff was received in this connection. Due to the formulation of a new computer system and providing facilities for marinating files, it was possible to obtain a productive progress in the year 2015 by adhering to more systematic and efficient office procedures.

Serial no	Temple	No. Of times	Total amount during the year
01	Sri Dalada Maligawa	19	20356680.00
02	Vishnu Devalaya, Kandy	03	349261.00
03	Paththini Devalaya, Kandy	06	1486812.00
04	Natha Devalaya, Kandy	02	238005.00
05	Katharagama Devalaya, Kandy	11	2955490.00
06	Ambkka Kataragama Devalaua	02	375971.00
07	Muthiyangana Rajamaha Viharaya	02	473250.00
08	Rangiri Dambulu Raja Maha Viharaya	02	1669683.00
09	Hanguranketha Vishnu Devalaya	01	247740.00
10	Gtambe Rajopawanaramaya	11	3927293.00
11	Mahiyangan Saman Devalaya	03	2492900.00
12	Dodanweala Natha Devalaya	03	430543.00
13	Mahiyangana Raja Maha Viharaya	01	408000.00
14	Aluthnuwara Dadimunda Devalaya	05	2947715.00
15	Medagoda Paththini Devalaya	01	248591.00
16	Lankathilaka Vishnu Devalaya	01	201030.00
	Total	73	38,808,964.00

Table 10.3 – Removal of gratification money in temples in the year 2015

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