



Programmes and Performance Report

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Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

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Director's Message



The Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs was established on 1st of January 1986, to preserve, promote and propagate, Hindu Religion and Hindu Culture of Sri Lanka. At present, this Department functions under the Ministry of Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs.

I take this opportunity to add a few words to the Performance Report and Annual Accounts for 2014 of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs. I am proud to state that we were able to achieve the significant role expected from our department according to the government policies during 2014 in an efficient and productive manner.

The efficiency of performance of the department has been increased due to the hard work and dedication of all the staff members including newly recruited development officers. Although it is very difficult to enlist all the activities performed throughout the period of 365 days but tried to publish major administrative and financial performances briefly.

I hereby wish to express my deepest gratitude and sincere thanks to all Hon. Ministers, Hon. Members of Parliament, Hon. Members of Provincial Council, and all Government Institutions and other stakeholders including Hindu religious monks, priests, scholars, institutions, temple trustees and Aranery Schools for extending their fullest support and cooperation to the activities of our department.

In fact I am well fortunate to receive the fullest cooperation from the Secretary and the staff of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs in our efforts to perform the responsibilities of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs very successfully. Hence I wish to extend my thankfulness to the Secretary and all staff members of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs for their great support.

I, whilst appreciating the services of all management staff and members of the staff of our department who had extended their cooperation for providing admirable contribution for our efforts to achieve the targets in 2014. No doubt they deserve my gratitude.

Shanthi Navukarasan

Director

Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

Introduction

The Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs was established on 1st of January 1986 to preserve, promote and propagate Hindu Religion and Hindu Culture.

Vision

Preservation, Promotion and Propagation of Hindu Religion and Culture.

Mission

Preservation, Promotion and Propagation of Hindu Religion, Hindu Religious Education, Hindu Culture and Arts and Renovation of Hindu Temples.

Objectives

- Promoting Hindu Religious education to practice moral characters and Religious values among Hindu youths.
- Preserving Hindu Religious practices for sustaining and developing Hindu Religion and Culture.
- Promoting Research on Hindu Religion and Culture
- Sensitizing the public about the noble character of Hindu Culture and magnificence of Hindu Art and Architecture.

Key Functions

- ❖ Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples
- ❖ Providing Training for Hindu Priest
- ❖ Observing Guru Poojas of Hindu Saints, conducting Hindu Lectures and preserving the traditions by conducting Hindu Festivals.
- ❖ Promoting Hindu Religious education and encouraging to preserve moral values in Aranery Schools
- ❖ Compilation of Hindu Encyclopedia
- ❖ Administration of Hindu Research Library
- ❖ Conducting Research on Hindu Religion and Tami Culture
- ❖ Preserving Hindu Religious Tamil Culture
- ❖ Administration of Hindu Pilgrim's Rest House in Kataragama
- ❖ Administration of Hindu Culture Centre, Batticaloa
- ❖ Administration of Anaipanthi Gurukula Building, Jaffna
- ❖ Administration of Navalari Mani Mandapam, Jaffna
- ❖ Preserving Hindu Culture and Arts
- ❖ Implementation of Provisions of the Hindu Cultural Fund Act

Programmes and Performance Report from 01.01.2014 to 31.12.2014

Introduction

The following Projects are being implemented by the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs in keeping line with the Government Policy towards the creation of a Virtuous Society.

Programmes

- Development of Hindu Aranery Schools
- Promotion of Hindu Religious Activities
- Research on Hindu Religion and Culture
- Promotion of Hindu Culture and Arts
- Development of Hindu Temples and Organizations

The following projects were implemented by the Department up to 31st December 2014.

I. Development of Hindu Aranery Schools

The Hindu Aranery Schools are functioning with the objectives of to impress the values of moral character and making them to have faith in the almighty, prayers and worshipping at temples and preaching them Hinduism. Several projects have been designed to develop the Aranery Schools and implemented by the Department. The main activities are; conducting seminars for teachers, supplying books to the Aranery Schools, supplying uniform materials to the students, and providing financial assistance to fulfill the basic requirement of furniture to the Aranery Schools.

01. Seminars and Workshops for Aranery School Teachers.

The seminars and workshops are being conducted in the districts to regularize the teaching method of Aranery School Teachers, explain the concept of the syllabus and conduct practicals for the students.

Up to 31st December 2014 in the Department

- ❖ No. of Registered Aranery schools - 1,887
- ❖ No. of Aranery School Students - 285,067
- ❖ No. of Aranery School Teachers- 9,407

No	Name of the Programme	District	Beneficiaries
01.	07 Dharmachariyar Residential Seminars have been conducted	Colombo, Gampaha, Galle, Kegalle, Matale, Kalutura, Puttalam, Kurunagala, Kandy, Ratnapura, Nuwara Eliya, Matara, Badulla, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Mannar, Vavuniya.	537 Hindu Dharnachariyars have been benefitted
02.	03 Seminars on Residential Teaching Method have been conducted for Aranery Teachers.	Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Ampara, Polonnaruwa, Jaffana.	682 Hindu Aranery Teachers have been benefitted.
03.	13 seminars for final exam for Aranery Teachers have been conducted.	Kalutura, Ratnapura, Badulla, Colombo, Gampaha, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Galle, Mannar, Batticaloa, Puttalam, Ampara, Jaffna,	1196 Hindu Aranery Teachers participated and benefitted



Dharmasariyar Residential Seminar, Colombo

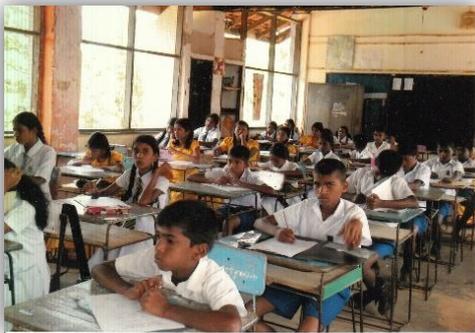


Dharmasariyar Residential Seminar, Batticaloa

02. General Knowledge Competitive Examination for Aranery School Students

The Hindu Religious Competitive Examination is being conducted from 2006 by the Department for Grade 2 – Grade 11 for the purpose of promoting knowledge on Hindu Religion, Evaluation, and Capacity Building with the cooperation of principals, teachers and Hindu Cultural Officers. Certificates and cash are awarded for the students who got the highest marks in National level and District level.

A General Knowledge Competitive Examination was conducted on 28th June 2014 in 160 exam centers Island wide for the students of Aranery School and around 69,783 students sat for this examination. Prize Giving Ceremony for the students who passed the examination was held on 28th October 2014 at New Kathiresan Hall, Bambalapity. 31 Students got first place, 07 students got second place and 08 students got third place at national level and certificates and Rs. 5,000, Rs. 4,000 and Rs.3,000 were provided for each students who got first, second and third places respectively. At district level, certificates and cash awarded to 161 students got first place and received Rs.3000 per each, 144 students got second place and received Rs. 2000 per each and 129 students got third place and received Rs. 1000 per each. Special book on Hindu Religious General Knowledge examination prize giving has also been published. 1000 Students of Aranery Schools, their parents and the teachers of Aranery Schools participated for in this ceremony.



03. Allowance for Aranery School Teachers for Library Books

An allowance of Rs. 2000/= is provided once a year to each Aranery School Teachers to purchase books to improve their knowledge on religion. 3250 Teachers from 773 Aranery Schools in 22 Districts namely Jaffna, Batticaloa, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Ampara, Kegalle, Matale, Badulla, Puttalam, Trincomalee, Ratnapura, Kalutura, Polonnaruwa, Colombo, Kurunagala, Galle, Matara, Gampaha, Mannar and Vavuniya have been paid the allowance this year.

04. Purchasing of Musical Instrument

81 Suruthy Boxes and 80 Thalams were purchased this year and provided to 79 Aranery Schools in 07 Districts Jaffna, Batticaloa, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi, Ratnapura, Kalutura and Galle.

05. Purchasing of Uniform Materials for Aranery School Students

Uniform materials are provided to Aranery School Students annually with free of charge by this Department. Accordingly, 65,050 meters uniform materials have been purchased in 3 stages and provided to 22, 857 Aranery School Students including 10,968 male students and 11, 889 female students of 13 Districts of Kandy, Matale, Nuwara Eliya, Batticaloa, Kalutura, Jaffna, Mannar, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Badulla, Colombo, Galle and Ratnapura.



06. Pannisai Classes

Pannisai classes are conducted at District level every year to encourage the talent of Aranery School Students in pannasai. 437 Pannisai classes have been conducted in Kalutura, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Badulla Districts.

Seminars on pannisai were conducted at Bulathsinhala on 20.12.2014 for Aranery school students of Kalutura Districts and at Lunugala on 20.12.2014 for for Aranery school students of Batticaloa Districts.



Seminar on Pannisai, Kalutura

07. Provision for Capital for the Development of Aranery Schools.

Department provides Rs. 30,000/= annually for purchasing of furniture to fulfill the furniture needs of Aranery Schools. In this basis, fund was provided to 67 Aranery Schools of 18 Districts of Kandy, Kegalle, Colombo, Ratnapura, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Jaffna, Vavuniya, Puttalam, Kalutura, Mullaitivu, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Matale, Kurunagala, Galle and Polonnaruwa.

08. The following Hindu Religious Books were purchased for the reference purpose of Aranery School Students

❖ Inthu Makkalukku oru kaiyedu	- 1,000 Copies
❖ Aranery Amutham	- 4,000 Copies
❖ Inthu Nagarigam	- 500 Copies
❖ Natchinthanaikal	- 250 Copies
❖ Aalumai Valarchchi	- 60 Copies
❖ Nithya Valipadduth Thoththira	- 500 Copies

❖ Siruvarkalukkana Saiva Samayak Kathaikal	-	200 Copies
❖ Siruvarkalukkana Swami Vipulananthar	-	200 Copies
❖ Arul Vaakkukal	-	250 Copies
❖ Mannil Nalla Vannam Amuthamoli	-	250 Copies
❖ Ramakrishnarin Neethik Kathaikal	-	25 Copies
❖ Vipulananthar Sonna Kathai	-	36 Copies
❖ Eraiyarul Amutham	-	200 Copies
❖ Elaignarkalin Sinthanaikku	-	260 Copies
❖ Veera Elaignarkalukku	-	130 Copies
❖ Chithra Ramayanam;	-	109 Copies
❖ Vivekak Kathaikal	-	120 Copies
❖ Maha Paratham	-	100 Copies

Purchased books were distributed to Aranery School Students.

09. Publication/Distribution of Books and Record Books for the Students of Aranery Schools

The following books were published and distributed for the benefit of teachers and students of Aranery Schools.

Published Books

❖ Past Questions Paper for Final Examination	-	3000 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Lower Division	-	6000 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Primary Division	-	6000 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Mid Division	-	5000 Copies
❖ Saiva Samayam	-	3000 Copies
❖ Inthu Dharmachariyar Vina vidai	-	2000 Copies
❖ Awvaiyar Arivuchchelvam	-	4,990 Copies
❖ Teachers Guidelines	-	6,000 Copies
❖ Attendance Register	-	20000 Copies
❖ Prize Giving Ceremony – Suvoiner	-	1000 Copies
❖ Syllabus	-	5000 Copies

Distributed Books - It has been distributed to 460 Aranery Schools

❖ Saivapothini – Lower Division	-	5399 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Primary Division	-	6000 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Mid Division	-	5000 Copies
❖ Saivapothini – Upper Division	-	3000 Copies
❖ Enthu Dharmachariyar Vina Vidai	-	149 Copies
❖ Avvaiyar Arivuchchelvam	-	3838 Copies
❖ Teachers Guidelines	-	3944 Copies
❖ Attendance Register	-	4076 Copies
❖ Syllabus	-	2898 Copies



Books were distributed to Aranery Schools

10. Spritual Leadership Training for Hindu Youths

The spritual leadership training and capacity building programme which improve the spritual and capacity building of youth are conducted every year. It has been conducted on 19th and 20th of April in Badulla for the Hindu Aranery Schools youth in Badulla and Nuwara Eliya Districts, 5th and 6th of September in Kilinochchi Hindu College for Aranery Schools youths in Kilinochchi, October at Mankulam Sivasatkunanathar Achrama for Aranery Schools youth in Mullaitivu, Vavuniya and Mannar and 22nd and 23rd December in Ramakrishna Mission Hall, Colombo for Aranery Schools youths in Kegalle. 527 Hindu youths participated and benefitted.



Leadership Training Programme for conducted to the youth of Kegalle District Aranery Schools at Ramakrishna Mission Hall

11. Financial Assistance for Aranery School Building under “Deyata Kirula” Programme

Rs. 985,264 was spent for the construction of 05 Aranery School buildings with Rs. 2 lakhs per each consisting 03 in Puttalam, 01 in Kegalle and 01 in Kurunagala Districts, through the respective District Secretariat’s allocation of Rs. 1.00 Mn.

II. Promotion of Hindu Religion

Department arranges and sponsors to conduct festivals in several Districts in order to promote Hindu religious activities and festivals.

12. Lecture series on Hindu Religion

Hindu religious lectures have been conducted in temples and Hindu religious institutions by the religious Scholars. 121 religious lectures have been conducted up to now in 14 Districts namely Jaffna, Puttalam, Batticaloa, Ratnapura, Matala, Kandy, Ampara, Badulla, Colombo, Nuwara Eliya, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Kalutura and Galle. Over 7500 public benefitted.



13. Guru Poojas

Special programmes are conducted in temples to celebrate Guru Pooja Days of Hindu Saints. Guru Poojas for 90 Hindu Saints have been conducted in 16 Districts namely Jaffna, Galle, Ratnapura, Colombo, Badulla, Nuwara Eliya, Mullaitivu, Kandy, Trincomalee, Mannar, Ampara, Batticaloa, Matale, Gampaha, Puttalam and Polonnaruwa and over 7200 Hindu people got benefits.



14. Hindu Religious Festival

Thaippongai – Stamp Release

Thaippongai special stamp was released with the sponsorship of Postal Department by Honorable Prime Minister on 2014.01.14 at Dhurkka Mani Mandapam, Jaffna.



Thaippongai Festival

Thaippongai celebration was arranged by the Department and celebrated in Jaffna Navalar Manimandapam, Vavuniya, Kilinochchi, Kalutura, Colombo, Nuwara Eliya, Puttalam, Trincomalee and Batticaloa Districts on 2014.01.14.

Maha Sivarathri Pooja

Special Pooja and Spiritual Cultural Programmes were conducted with the assistance of the Department on 20th March at Sivan Temple, Ratnapura in order to celebrate Maha Sivarathri Fasting. Hon.M.K.A.D.S Gunawardena, Deputy Minister of Budhasasana and Religious Affairs, Members of Parliament from Ratnapura District, District Secretary, Director from Department and several guests participated in this occasion.

Further to this, special pooja and cultural programmes were conducted in the temples in Galle, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Puttalam, Badulla, Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Kilinochchi and Polonnaruwa Districts with the assistance of the Department.



Sivarathri Festival conducted at Sivan Temple, Ratnapura

Navarathri Pooja

50 Navarathri Poojas were conducted at District level from 24th Sep to 03rd October in 19 Districts namely Jaffna, Batticaloa, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Ampara, Matale, Badulla, puttalam, Trincomalee, Matara, Ratnapura, Kalutura, Polonnaruwa, Colombo, Galle, Gampaha, and Vavuniya and it was also celebrated in the Parliament on 24th.09.2014 with the presence of Members of Parliament, Secretaries to the Ministries, Directors of the Departments and other Officers. Cultural Programmes were also conducted by the school students from Jaffna and Mullaitivu Districts.



Navarathri Festival, Sivahami Temple, Karainagar



Navarathri Festival, Gurukulam, Jaffna

15. “Punya Grama” Programme

In order to gather vulnerable people and teach them about Hindu moral characters, this programme was arranged in selected vulnerable areas of 09 Districts namely Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Batticaloa, Galle, Badulla, Vavuniya and Ratnapura. 14 Programmes were conducted and over 2050 public and school students participated and got benefits.



16. Classes conducted in Nallur Navalar Manimandapam

To improve the physical, mental, religious and cultural interest of Aranery School Students, 174 Yoga classes, 64 Miruthanka classes, 75 Violin classes, 102 Pannisai classes and 03 Hindu Saints Guru Poojas and Thiruvasaki festival were conducted at Nallur Navalar Manimandapam which is administrated by the Department.



17. Hindu Culture Centre, Navatkuda - Batticaloa

54 Yoga classes, 430 Dance classes and Navarathri Pooja have been conducted to improve the Physical, Mental, Religious and Cultural interest of Aranery School students of Navatkuda Hindu Cultural Centre in Batticaloa which is administrated by the Department.



18. Deyata Kirula – Exhibition

With the concept of Crown to Nation, an exhibition was taken place from 21st January to 2nd February 2014 in Vayamba University, Kurunagala. All Ministries and Departments of Sri Lanka participated and arranged exhibition stalls. Action Plan, Information related to Programmes and Photographs were exhibited in the exhibition stall allocated for the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs. Books published by the Department, exhibits which reveals Hindu tradition were also exhibited.



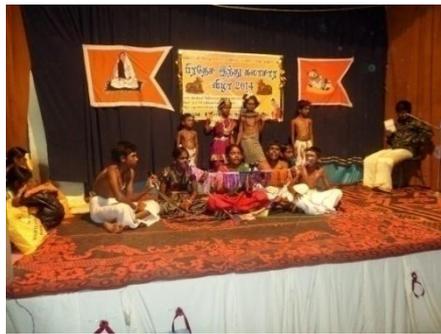
19. Other Festivals

Special Poojas were taken place at Sri Kathirvelautha Temple in Kegalle in order to celebrate 66th Independence Day of Sri Lanka. Sabragamuwa Provincial Council Members, Kegalle District Secretary, Additional Secretary of this Ministry, Director and Officers of this Department and public participated at the event.



Independence Day Special Pooja, Kegalle

Further, Tamil literature and cultural festival was also conducted in Polonnaruwa and Badulla Districts and over 363 public participated and benefitted.



20. Language ability for Hindu Priest and Aranery School Teachers

Training classes to improve language ability of Hindu priest and Aranery School Teachers were started in August 2014 in Batticaloa and Jaffna Districts. 24 Sinhala classes with 18 participants, 24 English classes with 15 participants in Jaffna District and 41 Sinhala classes with 18 participants, 24 English classes with 15 participants in Batticaloa District have been conducted.

21. “Iniya Vasamtham”- Hindu Buddhist integrated programme (from Ministry Allocation)

Department of Buddha Religious Affairs joined with Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs is conducting Hindu Buddhist integrated programme with the guidance of the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs.

This programme was organized to make unity and understanding between Hindu and Buddhists. Students, teachers, parents and priests of both Hindu and Buddhist get together in a place and exchange their opinions which lead to know about the arts, culture and traditions of each community.

08 Programmes were conducted this year. They are;

- 1) Conducted at Kallady Hindu Culture Centre, Batticaloa from 03.05.2014 to 04.05.2014.
- 2) Conducted at Welikanda, Alsepura, Maithirugama Sri Sutharshnarama Vihara, Polonnaruwa from 31.05.2014 to 01.06.2014.
- 3) Conducted at Kopay Christian College, Jaffna from 20.06.2014 to 22.06.2014.
- 4) Conducted at Mahawa, Ehala Sri Sutharnarama Vihara, Puttalam from 26.07.2014 to 27.07.2014.

- 5) Conducted at Bhothikshinarama Vihara, Vavuniya from 23.08.2014 to 24.08.2014.
- 6) Conducted at Thirukketheeswaram, Mannar from 13.09.2014 to 14.09.2014.
- 7) Conducted at Mahadeva Achchirama, Kilinochchi from 04.10.2014 to 05.10.2014.
- 8) Conducted at Kokkeralla Uthurubav Vihara, Kurunagala from 08.11.2014 to 9.11.2014.

Siththi Vinayakar Aranery School, Sri Veeraiyadi Aranery School, Sivasakthi Aranery School, Sri Nagalinga Vairavar Aranery School, Sri Muthumaariyamman Aranery School, Vivekanada Aranery School and Bharathiyar Aranery School in Battocaloa, Sri Pararaja Pillaiyar Aranery School, Sivagami Aranery School, Sri Selvakkathirgama Mrugan Aranery School, Nellandaiyamman Aranery School, Sivaththamil Aranery School and Sivan Aranery School in Jaffna, Swami Vivekanadar Aranery School, Sri Muthumariyamman Aranery School, Poompuhar Siththivinayakar Aranery School, Sri Murugan Aranery School and Siththi Vinayakar Aranery School in Mannar , Sri Veerakaththi Pillaiyar Aranery School, Sri Murugan Aranery School, Sittoondi Vinayakar Aranery School, Arulmigu Kandasamy Aranery School, Swamy Vivekanadar Aranery School and Sri Naagapoosaniyamman Aranery School in Kilinochchi participated in the programmes conducted in respect to their districts.



Navarathri Festival, Gurukulam, Jaffna



Iniya Vasamtham Programme, Kurunagala



Iniya Vasamtham Programme, Polonnaruwa

III. Research on Hindu Religious Culture

22. Hindu Religious Research Conference

Department arranges research related to Hindu Religion annually. This year research on the heading of “Thiruvathavurarum Saivaththirunerium” was conducted from last 18th July to 20th July at Saraswathy Mandapam, Bamblapitiya.

Professor Mr.S.Pahmanathan, University of Peradeniya presided over the inauguration ceremony under the chairman of Mrs.Shanthi Navukarasan, Director of the Department.

Ref.Balayogi Swamy, president of Thirumurugan Thiruvakku Thiruppeedam, Malaysia participated as chief guest and Hon.M.K.P.Dissanayake, Secretary, Ministry of Buddhasasana and Cultural Affairs participated as guest of honour at this occasion.

Two items were taken place as research session and stage programmes. 45 essays were submitted as research essays in 15 sessions of these 3 days. The Malaysian scholars Professor R.Seethalaxmy, University of Malaya and Dr.Thilakavathy Kanakaratanam, University of Malaya and Indian scholars professor Palamuthu Veerappan, Annamalai University, Retd.Professor Mr.Venkadraman, University of Kaamarajar, Dr.V.Vethachchalam, Archaeologist, Department of Archaeology, India, Dr.A.Sathees, World Tamil Research Organization, Tamilnaadu and Dr.S.Thasarathan, World Tamil Research Organization, Tamilnaadu participated and Professor K.Sivakumar also participated as Indian Speaker. Further, pannisai kachcheri by Thiruththanikai Swaminathan and dance programme by Pathmalaya dance group of Mrs.Vinosri Nallakkannu taken place.



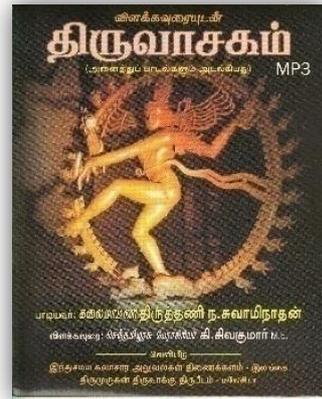
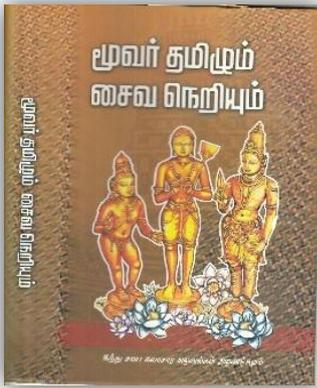
In the second day evening programme, Hon.D.M.Jeyaratne ,the Prime Minister of Government of Republic Socialist of Sri Lanka and also Secretary to the Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs participated as the Chief Guest and released research book and cassette . In these 3 days event, every day 200 public including university students, school students and interested public on Hindu Religion participated and benefitted.



Release of Cassette consisting Essays submitted in the Research Seminar, Suvioner, 12th compilation of Hindu Encyclopedia and Thiruvasaka songs.

The book “Moovar Thamilum Saivanerium” which was submitted in the previous year Research Seminar, 12th compilation of Hindu Encyclopedia and Thiruvasaka songs cassette were released. 750 copies of the book “Moovar Thamilum Saivanerium” consisting 40 research essays in 644 pages was printed and published.

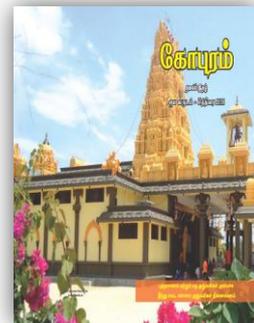
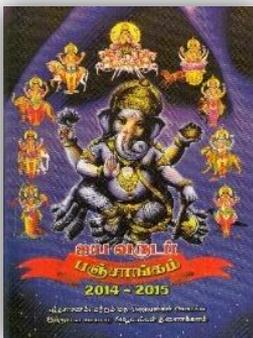
During the first day of this event, “Thiruvathavurarum Saivanerium” , 1000 published copies of this souvenir was printed and distributed to the participants with free of charge. This book contains 10 essays in 182 pages.



Publication of New Year Panchangam, Gopuram, Panpadu Information Books

3000 Copies of each 1st and 2nd edition of “Gopuram” which consists of information about the Department have been published and distributed and 1000 copies of each 1st and 2nd edition of “Panpadu” which is department research book have also been printed and distributed.

12,000 Copies of “Hindu Pnachangam” were published and provided to people, temples and Hindu Organizations and 4000 copies of Pillaiyaar Kathai also published and distributed. 15 Kinds of books were distributed to 150 schools and public libraries in all Islands in order to celebrate the month of reading.



23. Sanskrit Language Classes

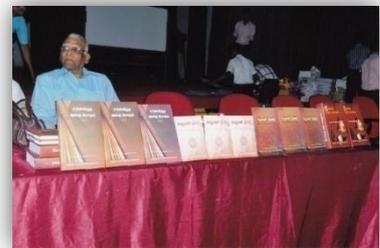
3 Months Sanskrit classes started in Jaffna and Colombo. 28 classes with 25 students in Colombo and 29 classes with 12 students in Jaffna have been conducted.

Certificates awarding ceremony was conducted under the chairmanship of Mrs. Shanthi Navukarasan, Director of the Department on 21.06.2014 at Gurukulam, Jaffna and on 20.06.2014 at Conference Hall of the Department, Colombo.



24. Saiva Siththantha Classes

Department arranged and conducted Saiva Siththantha Classes. It was conducted on 04th and 05th of April 2014 at Vivekananda College, Orr's Hill, Trincomalee. As per the request of school teachers, and students, the classes were conducted for the students who learn Hindu Religion and Hinduism. Over 350 teachers and students participated and benefitted.



25. Research meetings and Discussions

08 Discussions were conducted by the Advisory Committee relating 12th compilation of Hindu Encyclopedia and printing of rare books.

26. Seminar on Sculpture and Architecture

Residential seminar on Sculpture and Architecture were conducted in 3 stages 1st and 2nd of July in Vavuniya 03rd and 04th of July in Kilinochchi and 06th and 07th of July in Mullaitivu. 200 public in Vavuniya, 175 public in Kilinochchi and 175 public in Mullaitivu including A/L students and teachers participated in these seminars. Mr. C.Pathmanathan, Professor in History, University of Peradeniya and Mr. Vethachalam, Associate Professor in Archaeology, University of Tamilnadu, India conducted lectures.



27. Seminars to Government School Teachers who Teach Hindu Religion

80 Government school teachers who are engaged in teaching Hindu religion benefitted by the seminar conducted from 15.09.2014 to 17.09.2014 in Ratnapura, Galle, Kegalle, Matara, Colombo and Kalutura Districts.

28. Manual for Famous Temples and Guideline Books for Hindu Temples

It has been decided to publish a manual consisting historical specialties of famous Hindu temples in Sri Lanka for the benefits of local and foreign devotees. The temples in Jaffna, Mullaitivu, Batticaloa, Ampara, Trincomalee and further 76 temples have been selected and started to write essays until now. Further, photographs of 10 famous temples in Jaffna have also been taken.

29. Dictionary for Tamil Words used in Eelam

This program is implemented to prepare a dictionary gathering Tamil words used by Sri Lankan Tamils. On this basis, 1300 words have been arranged in electronic version and provided for the 1st printing.

IV. Promotion of Hindu Tamil Arts & Culture

30. Purchasing of Books from Sri Lankan Writers.

1825 books have been purchased from 70 writers and being distributed for encouraging Tamil writers in Sri Lanka.

31. Promotion of Folk Arts

Under the project to promote Tamil arts, seminar on folk Tamil arts was conducted on 10th, 11th and 12th October at Navatkuda Hindu Culture Hall, Batticaloa. Around 150 artists from Jaffna, Batticaloa, Ampara and Up Country participated.



32. “Kalabhushana” Award

The great award “Kalabhushana viruthu” is awarded by the Department every year to the artists who have rendered yeoman service to the arts and culture. This year, 100 eligible Tamil artists were selected to receive this award by the Evaluation Committee which was appointed by the Department. 456 Artists consists of 278 Sinhala artists, 100 Tamil artists and 78 Muslim artists were awarded in this ceremony which was held on 14th December 2014 at Bandaranayake Memorial International Conference Hall and nearly 1000 interested public participated.



V. *Development of Hindu Temples and Institutions*

Financial Assistance to the Temples under Capital Expenditure

33. Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples (North East)

Cheques valued Rupees one lakh for each temple were provided to 363 Hindu temples through Divisional Secretaries for the rehabilitation in Northern and Eastern Provinces

No	District	No.of Temples
01.	Jaffna	118
02.	Batticaloa	125
03.	Ampara	21
04.	Trincomalee	40
05.	Vavuniya	38
06.	Mannar	21
Total		363



Sri Buvaneswary Ampal Temple, Thellipalai



Sri Paththira Kaali Amman Temple, Thannamunai,
Batticaloa



Sriman Naarayanan Temple, Ampara



Siththi Vinayakar Temple, Poonagary

34. Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples and Institutions (Other than North and East)

Rs. one lakh valued cheques were provided through Divisional Secretariats to 146 Hindu temples in the districts other than North and East. Further, expenditure was made in the head for 43 temples in Kurunagala and Puttalam Districts within the allocated amount of Rs. 5.4 Mn for the rehabilitation of temples through Divisional Secretaries under the Deyata Kirula Programme.

No	District	No.of Temples
01.	Badulla	19
02.	Colombo	10
03.	Galle	13
04.	Kalutura	08
05.	Kandy	19
06.	Kurunagala	02
07.	Matale	04
08.	Matara	04
09.	Nuwara Eliya	27
10.	Ratnapura	40
Total		146
Under the Deyata Kirula Programme		
11.	Kurunagala	19
12.	Puttalam	24
Total		189



Sri Kathirvelautha Swamy Temple,
Rokkanthanai Estate, Ali Ela



Sri Katpakappillaiyar Temple,
Thebetha Group, Budulla



Sri Subramaniya Swamy Temple, Town shoot
Division Pallakedduwa, Badulla

35. Financial Assistance for the Rehabilitation of Temples in order to Deyata Kirula Exhibition

Financial assistance was provided through District Secretaries for the rehabilitation of 30 temples in Puttalam & Kegalle Districts for Deyata Kirula Exhibition and expenditure was made for 28 temples.

No	District	No.of Temples
01.	Kegalle	25
02.	Puttalam	03
Total		28

36. Financial Assistance for the Rehabilitation of Temples under “Vadakkinn Vasantham”

100 Temples received cheques valued 2 Lakh per each through Divisional Secretaries for the rehabilitation of Hindu Temples under the Vadakkinn Vasantham Programme.

No	District	No.of Temples
01	Kilinochchi	48
02	Mullaitivu	30
03	Mannar	20
04	Jaffna	01
05	Vavuniya	01
Total		100



Chithrameny Vairavar Temple, Jaffna



Selvavinayakar temple, Olumadu, Mankulam



Dhurkka Parameswary Najinai Naagammal Temple, Thirumurikandy



Sri Saptha Kanny Temple, Vadduvagal, Mullaitivu

37. Promotion of Foundation for Hindu Temples

Under the purpose of promoting foundation of Hindu temples in the country, 79 Hindu Temples have been received Financial Assistance by cheques through Divisional Secretaries.

No	District	No.of temples
01.	Kilinochchi	19
02.	Puttalam	01
03.	Ampara	11
04.	Batticaloa	06
05.	Jaffna	15
06.	Mannar	07
07.	Trincomalee	08
08.	Vavuniya	01
09.	Moneragala	01
10.	Polonnaruwa	05
11.	Kandy	02
12.	Ratnapura	02
13.	Colombo	01
Total		79



Holy Well of Sri Maanikka Pillaiyar Temple,
Kiran, Batticaloa



Water Tank of Sri Muthumaariyamman
Temple, Parappukadanthan, Mannar



Water Tank of Eelam Kasi Shesthiram,
Kilinochchi

Financial Assistance for Hindu Temples under Recurrent Expenditure

38. Financial Assistance provided to 22 Hindu temples under the occasion of providing funds for “Kumbabisekam

No	District	No.of Temples
01.	Jaffna	05
02.	Badulla	02
03.	Nuwara Eliya	04
04.	Puttalam;	02
05.	Kegalle	03
06.	Mullaitivu	01
07.	Mannar	01
08.	Kandy	01
09.	Ratnapura	01
10.	Ampara	01
11.	Colombo	01
Total		22



Sri Muthumariyamman Temple Kumbhabisheka Festival, Poondulooya



Thimilai Kannaki Amman Temple Kumbhabisheka Festival, Chillaw

39. Financial Assistance for Homes for Children and Elders

To encourage the organizations which maintain the homes for children and elders, financial assistance is granted annually. Under this, selected 29 homes for elders and children of the following districts were provided financial assistance this year.

No	District	No.of Temples
01.	Batticaloa	08
02.	Matale	01
03.	Colombo	01
04.	Ampara	03
05.	Mullaitivu	03
06.	Jaffna	02
07.	Vavuniya	03
08.	Mannar	01
09.	Trincomalee	04
10.	Kilinochchi	02
Total		28



Bharathy Children Home , Mullaitivu



Anpu Children Home, Muththaiyankaddu

Financial Assistance to Hindu Organizations

Under the programme of providing financial assistance for the rehabilitation of Hindu Religious Organizations, fund was granted for the repairs of Bahavan Sri Sthya Saibava building and pilgrimage from Ampara to Kathiragama.

40. Publication and Distribution of Nandhi Flag

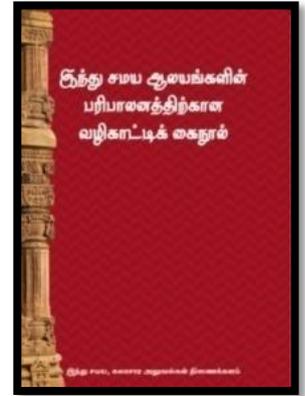
Nandhi flag is printed and issued to Hindu temples and other religious organizations by this Department annually.

The published and distributed Nandhi flag details are as follows.

No	Details of Nanthi Flags	No.of total flags	No.of published flags	No.of distributed flags
01	Large Flags; 43'x30'	2518	2518	2260
02	Small Flags; 9' x 11' (Tasseled Flags)	3720	3720	2236
03	Small Flags ;9' x 11' (Triangle shape;)	5485	5485	3680
04	Hanging Flags; 6;' x2' (Consists two Nanthies)	272	272	251
Total		11,995	11,995	8424

Guideline Book for Administration of Hindu Temples

Department published a guideline book consists of common appointment files in 2014 to administrate the Hindu Temples considering its good and bad conditions of the administration. Department expects to follow the regulations perfectly as administration of the Hindu temples will be regularized in a limit and to achieve the purpose of appointing Temple Administrative Board.

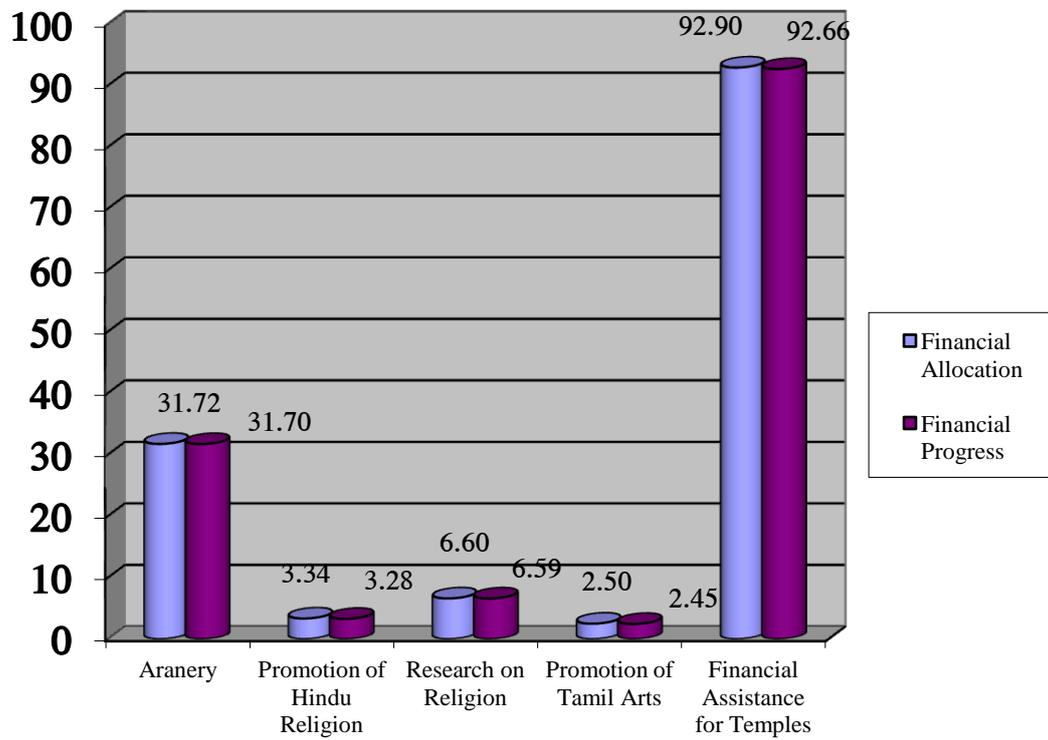


Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs
Status of Financial Progress 2014

	Financial Allocation 2014 (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	%
Capital	94.15	93.89	99.73
Recurrent	120.66	118.29	98.03
Total	214.81	212.18	98.78

Division wise Financial Progress 2014

#	Division	Financial Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	%
I	Development of Hindu Aranery Schools	31.72	31.70	99.93
II	Promotion of Hindu Religion	3.34	3.28	98.20
III	Research on Hindu Religion	6.60	6.59	99.84
IV	Promotion of Hindu Tamil Art and Culture	2.50	2.45	98.00
V	Development of Hindu Temples and Organizations	92.90	92.66	99.74
	Total	137.04	136.68	99.73



Registered Temples, Hindu Religious Organizations and Hindu Aranery Schools in the Department
(Up to 2014 December 31)

No	District	No.of Temples	No.of Organizations	No.of Schools
01.	Anuradhapura	08	01	01
02.	Badulla	321	67	167
03.	Colombo	189	163	92
04.	Galle	18	01	08
05.	Gampaha	20	21	12
06.	Hambantota	01	00	00
07.	Kalutura	111	17	54
08.	Kandy	320	73	145
09.	Kegalle	220	21	82
10.	Kurunagala	34	09	09
11.	Matale	98	15	54

12.	Matara	19	04	14
13.	Moneragala	24	06	05
14.	Nuwara Eliya	589	115	141
15.	Puttalam	68	36	45
16.	Polonnaruwa	11	06	06
17.	Ratnapura	235	37	107
18.	Ampara	192	111	114
19.	Batticaloa	862	306	219
20.	Jaffna	1526	313	245
21.	Kilinochchi	200	19	69
22.	Mullaitivu	233	15	47
23.	Mannar	118	37	72
24.	Trincomalee	279	82	108
25.	Vavuniya	352	33	71
	Total	6048	1508	1887

Details of Cadre - 2014(Up to 2014 December 31)

No	Designation	Present cadre	vacant
1.	Director	01	0
2.	Deputy Director; (SLAS)	01	0
3.	Accountant	01	0
4.	Assistant Director (SLAS)	00	01
5.	Assistant Director; (Non SLAS)	02	0
6.	Administrative Officer	01*	00
7.	Librarian	01	0
8.	Research Officer	01	0
9.	Development Assistant	16	0
10.	Development Officer	74	37
11.	Cultural Officer	02	0
12.	Public Management Assistant	16	05
13.	Manager for Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House	01	0
14.	Assistant Manager for Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House	01	0

15.	Driver	03	0
16.	Hindu Cultural Assistant	02	0
17.	Data Entry Operator	00	01
18.	Cultural Sevakka	03	0
19.	Office Assistant	06	02
20.	Security Officer (Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House)	01	0
21.	Security	03	01
22.	Maintenance Officer (Pilgrimage Guest House)	01	04
Total		137	51

*Contract basis

Hindu Cultural Fund Performance Report for the year 2014

Introduction

Fund for Hindu Tradition was established in 1985 by the 31st Act to perform Hindu Religious & Cultural activities freely. 03 Official members and 05 members appointed by Hon Minister will be appointed as members for this fund. The following members are the members for 2014.

President

Mr. M.K.B.Dissanayake, Secretary
Ministry of Buddhasasana and Religious Affairs

Chief Administrative Officer

Mrs. Shanthi Navukarasan, Director
Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

Accountant

Mr.M.G.Kandeepan, Accountant
Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

Members

01. Mr.M.Shanmuganathan, Assistant Director Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs
02. Mr.S.Thanapala
03. Mr.N.Manmatharajan
04. Mr.R.Sivakumar
05. Mr. M.Kathirkamanathan

Financial Status

- Rs. 0.925 Mn is balance in Current Account in Bank of Ceylon as on 31.12.2014
- Rs. 20.514 Mn is balance in Fixed Deposit in Bank of Ceylon as on 31.12.2014

Hindu Cultural Fund – Progress 2014

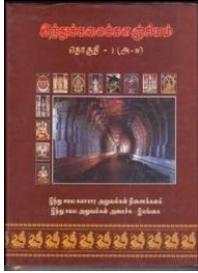
Activities	Financial Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Progress – from 2014.01.01 to 2014.12.31	
		Financial Progress	Physical Progress
01. Financial Assistance to Hindu Temples and Hindu Organizations	0.300	0.300	01. Financial Assistance for Aranery School (Polonnaruwa) and Building for Kinniya Oottady Pilliyar
02. Maintenance of bull in Temple	0.060	0.060	02. Financial assistance to the bull in Naguleswaram Temple
03. Uniform materials for Hindu Aranery Teachers	1.20	1.12	03. Purchased 1129 uniform materials

Hindu Enchylopedia

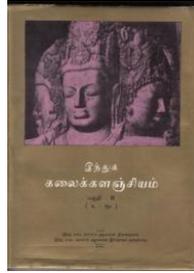
This book contains research article related to Hindu Religion, History of Hindu Religion, Philosophy, Traditions, and Hindu Religious Leaders, Books, Temples and Fastings. It was started in 1989 and completed in 2014. Totally 12 volumes have been published. The details are as follows.

Sector of Hindu Enchylopedia	Year of Published	Number of Essays	Letters
I.	1990	670	‘அ - ஈ’
II.	1992	400	‘உ - ஓள’
III.	1996	149	‘க’
IV.	1998	172	‘கா - கௌ’
V.	2000	111	‘ச - சா’
VI.	2003	111	‘சி - செள’
VII.	2005	205	‘ஞா - தி’
VIII.	2006	160	‘தி - தோ’

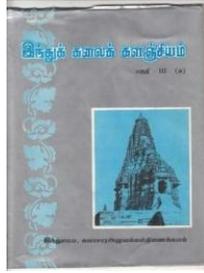
IX.	2007	130	‘ந - நெள’
X.	2009	150	‘ப - பெள’
XI.	2011	137	‘ம- மெள’
XII.	2014	117	‘ய, ‘கூர,ல,ஷ,ஸ,ஸ்ரீ,ஹ, ‘வ- வெள’



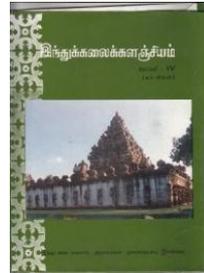
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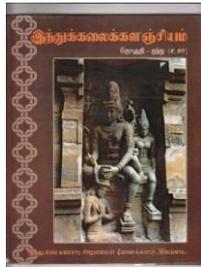
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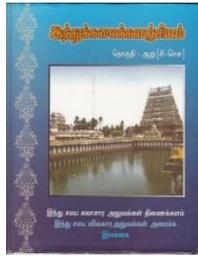
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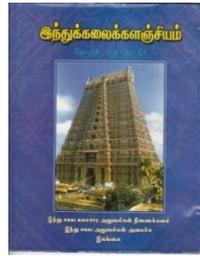
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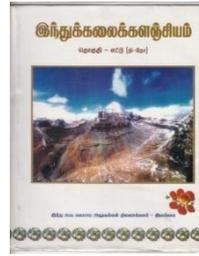
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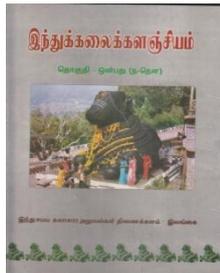
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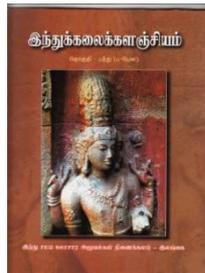
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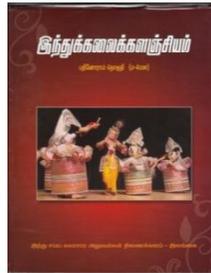
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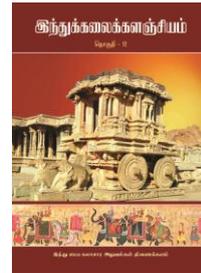
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It is the first Encyclopedia in the world published by the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs consisting information about Hindu Religion. Since this Encyclopedia is useful document to all Tamil speaking Hindu people in the world. Rev. Balayogi Swamy, president of Malaysian Thiruvakku Thiruppeedam came forward to republish this Encyclopedia and action has been taken to reprint in 2015.

Reformation of Textbooks of Hindu Aranery School Students

According to the Policy Planning of the Government, Aranery Schools were started in 1989. Along with the statement “Aranery Schools in Every Temples”, Aranery schools were started in temples and registered in the Department. Syllabuses and books were printed for this.

At the end of 2014, syllabus and books were reformed to include new views for providing importance to discipline, moralvalues and dhamma, reforming activity is being done from Grade 1 to Grade 5.

Consultancy committee has been appointed by the department and action has been taken to revise the syllabuses. In the first stage, textbooks for first 5 grades have been reformed and ready to print. These books will be published in June 2015.