



Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Introduction

The Department of Christian Religious Affairs implements programs according to Mahindana Chinthana, the policy framework of the Government, in order to ensure wellbeing of Christian community, whilst contributing for the development as well as preservation of Christian religion and culture.

Vision

Taking action for the wellbeing of Christian community

Mission

Promotion of values, ethics and faiths in Christian culture and religion in consistent with the social recognitions

Objective

Formulation and supervision of policies and programs with a view to enhance religious values of people for building of a society based on moral values.

Activities

01. Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.
02. Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places.
03. Granting funds for reconstruction of Christian churches which are maintained amidst severe economic problems and which are more than hundred years old.
04. Providing aids for reconstruction and development activities at Christian churches for which economic assistance has become dire necessity.
05. Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham school Teachers.
06. Holding National Festival of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of Christian religion literature, arts and cultural traditions.
07. Making contribution for Easter programs which is highly adored by Christian community.
08. Making contribution for Christmas festival highly respected by Christians.
09. Organization of special national religious ceremonies including Episcopal Ordination ceremony, funerals and special commemoration ceremonies.
10. Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma and spiritual and personality development programs and *Mathata Thitha* programmes with the objective of improving Christian community through spiritual and personality development.
11. Reconstruction of churches in Northern Province under *Uthuru Wasanthaya* programme which have been damaged by war.
12. Reconstruction of churches in Eastern Province under Dawn of the East which have been damaged by war and Tsunami.
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Chapter One

Structure of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs

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Even though, the Christian community living in Sri Lanka has conducted religious observances joining with religious centers for centuries, no direct link has been established between such religious organizations and government. However, they always had the freedom of religion under each government.

During the past decade, the role to be performed by the government on Christian community and their religious centers under concept “All religions should be treated at one and the same level” has been expanded and developed. In the meantime, the attention of government was significantly drawn to the clergy and devotees of Christianity. As a result of this trend, the mutual trust and relationship has been developed systematically within Christian religious body as well as between religious centers and government.

The religious places situated both in urban and rural areas serve as the institutions which lay the foundation to enhance ethics, virtues and morals whilst conducting Christian religious observances. Our service is to provide assistance and sponsorship through government and other institutions, which is necessary to make a generation enriched with morality and to develop Christian community in spiritual and attitudinal aspects making religious places the center for the purpose whilst joining with Roman Catholic Church and the Christian churches affiliated to national Christian Board.

This Department which was established in May 1999 by a Cabinet Memorandum as the Department of Christian Religious Affairs and Cultural Affairs under the Ministry of Cultural Religious Affairs has seen a gradual evolution facing various changes within later years under different Ministries and Ministers. Since 01st August 2007, the Department of Christian Religious Affairs has been developed in a more proper and systematic way becoming a more active institution. Accordingly, the role of the Department was implemented under following three divisions.

Administration Division

Development Division

Accounts Division

From May 2010, the Department performs a huge role as the “Department of Christian Religious Affairs” under the present Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs as a result of revision made by the Cabinet whilst implementing special development programmes such as Uthuru Wasanthaya and Dawn of the East in addition to the programmes already implemented with a view to ensure the wellbeing of the Christian community of Sri Lanka.

Administration Division

The role of the division is to carry out coordination and supervision in order to achieve the objectives directing the establishments, administrative and management activities of the Department. The role of the Department can be described in the following manner.

1. Maintaining all establishment activities relevant to personal files of all the officers in the staff.
2. Maintaining systematically the procedures of recruitment and other activities relevant for recruitment of new officers to the vacancies.
3. Providing establishment information and reports which are requested from time to time.
4. Performing duties relating to local and overseas training of officers.
5. Maintaining public Administration Circulars, Department Circulars and all other circulars with necessary updating.
6. Settling of bills connecting to expenses for telephone, water, electricity, building and other miscellaneous purposes and ensuring maintenance.
7. Performing all duties relating to provision of security services, provision of sanitary services, servicing computers, photocopiers and fax machines and duties relating to other contracted services.
8. Maintaining particulars of daily attendance with necessary updating, issuing duty leave, railway warrants, settling and maintaining the file for railway concessionary tickets.
9. Maintaining properly all the documents connecting to overtime, travelling, holiday pay and submitting relevant vouchers for payment.
10. Performing all duties relevant to the subject of Agrahara.
11. Receiving applications for loans and submitting them to the Accounts Division after completion.
12. Performing all duties relation to maintenance of vehicles and transport.

Approved Cadre

(Designations and the number attached to the division)

Approved post	Number of posts approved	Present cadre	Number of the vacancies
Director(SLAS I)	01	01	-
Assistant Director(SLAS III)	01	01	-
Accountant(SLAS II/II)	01	-	01
Administrative Officer	01	-	01
Administration Division			
Unit Head (M.A.1)	01	-	01
Management Assistant	05	03	02
Receptionist	01	01	-
Development Division			
Project Assistant	05	03	02
Management Assistant	04	02	02
Data Entry operator	02	01	01
Accounts Division			
Unit Head (M.A.1)	01	-	01
Management Assistant	05	04	01
Other			
Driver	02	01	01
K.K.S	03	02	01
House Keeper	01	01	-
Labourer	01	01	-
Total Cadre	35	21	14

Development Division

The role of the Development Division is planning of projects in order to achieve the objectives of the Department utilizing funds received by the Department from the allocations of General Treasury and funds from other sources, reporting the progress organizing and coordinating activities which are implemented relevant to enhance social and religious upliftment and projects implemented with funds which are received centering religious places and providing necessary funds to the projects implemented at divisional and district level and reviewing the progress.

The Development Division performs the above role in the following manner.

01. Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.
02. Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places.
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11. Reconstruction of churches in North and East provinces under the Dawn of East and Uthuru Wasanthaya programmes.

Accounts Division

The role of the accounts Division is to perform and direct accurately the financial responsibility which is the final process of all the tasks performed by Establishments Division and Development Division under the supervision of Director and Accountant of the Department.

The above role is performed in the following manner.

1. To receive vouchers connecting to all payments, confirm the accuracy in figures, examine as to whether the source documents relevant to voucher are received in sufficient manner, confirm as to whether the proper authority has been received for payment within financial regulations and various limits and finally to submit for certifying the expense.
2. To maintain cash book for the purpose of making payments accurately including certified vouchers in the cash books and issuing cheques.
3. To carry out activities relating to preparation of salaries and maintain documents for salary deductions.
4. To prepare annual appropriate account as per the instructions of the relevant circular and prepare answers for audit queries.
5. To maintain petti cash advances and petti cash book including bank transactions. To maintain cash box ensuring the daily cash balance.
6. To maintain stores. To issue and receive goods and maintain necessary documents.
7. To prepare annual estimates and collect data in respect of relevant parties.
8. To maintain expenditure ledger. To reconcile the actual expenditure with the provisions of budget from time to time and transfer allocations as per Financial Regulations 56 if provisions are not sufficient for the coming period. To take action to transfer and obtain additional provisions
9. To maintain general deposit account and take action to send monthly accounts reports before due date.
10. To check Treasury printed reports, prepare and send the monthly application for imprest to the General Treasury before due date.
11. To carry out all procurement activities and call tenders. To hand over inventoried goods purchased in the above manner to the officer in charge of the subject and to prepare vouchers and submit them for payment.
12. To remit stamp charges and withholding tax recovered when making payments to the Department of Inland Revenue before due date.
13. To prepare monthly bank reconciliation statement.
14. To transfer allocations to external government institutions and take action to account relevant credit notices.

The Establishments Division has given the opportunity for the staff of the Department to follow training programmes in the following manner within year 2012.

Under the all island language training programme 2011, which has been conducted for public servants, training has been provided on the consultation services of Tamil Language Instructor from the Department of Official Languages in the following manner. Two officers for level III examination and seven officers for level II examination were provided training in Tamil language in 2011.

In addition to the above, training has been given to the officers by way of sending them for the training programmes provided free of charge by the Public Service Training Institute.

01. In service training

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Training courses conducted with the provision of allocations

Name of the institution	Name of the course	Number of officers participated	Expenditure (Rs.)
1. Sri Lanka Press Institute	Computer design course	03	40,250.00
2. Department of Management Audit	Course in internal auditing	03	
3. Minoda Institute	Diploma in public procurement procedure - Phase 1 Diploma in administration - Phase 11	01	22,500.00
4. Sri Lanka Foundation	Office management.	02	7,000.00
	Training in good governance and leadership.	03	10,500.00
	Training in project management.	02	7,000.00
	Training in the contribution of the staff for institutional development.	02	7,000.00
5. National Library Services and Documentation Board	Provision of documentation Sources	01	2,000.00

Since the rent agreement for the building at No. 155/10, Castle Street, Colombo 08, where the Department of Christian Religious Affairs is maintained at present, has expired by 07.01.2012, quotation has been called to find a suitable building to maintain the department. However, quotation has been submitted only by the owner of the above building. Therefore, this building has again been obtained under new agreement on rental basis to maintain the Department for another 02 years from 08.01.2012 to 07.01.2014.

Chapter Two

Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance

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Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance.

Under the chapter “Let us build our country” of Mahinda Chinthana policy manifesto introduced by H.E. the President Mahinda Rajapaksa, a pledge has been given to develop infrastructure facilities for the benefit of pilgrims who visit Christian places of worship considering it as a policy. A large number of special projects have been commenced since year 2006 by the Department of Christian Religious Affairs under the guidance of Hon. Minister of Religious Affairs making that pledge a reality.

Accordingly, as the first project, the wiring system of St. Anthony’s Church, Wasalakotte (Wahakotte) which was in a poor condition in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Galewela in Matale district has been renovated spending an allocation of Rs. 725,195.00. In the meantime, an allocation of Rs. 1,388,800.00 has been spent in the same year to construct a building for accommodation for officers and pilgrims at St. Anne’s Church situated in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district.

A project for portable water has been completed and opened for the benefit of general public spending Rs. 286,787.00 in order to satisfy the necessities of pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center belonging to St. Anne’s Church, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district. Concurrently to the above project, another project for portable water with a water tower has been constructed spending Rs. 713,000.00 at St. Joseph’s Church in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Medawachchiya in Anuradhapura district for the benefit of pilgrims who stay there on their way to Madu Church.

The first phase of the resting hall at St. Anne’s Church at Thalawila in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district has been completed in 2007 spending an allocation of Rs. 4,834,400.00 in order to provide accommodation facilities for the pilgrims. In the same year, the roof of the historical church at St. Anne’s Church in Wasalakotte in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Galewela in Matale district, which was in dilapidated condition has also been reconstructed spending an allocation of Rs. 1,175,000.00. In the meantime, the first phase for supplying three phased electricity system for the benefit of pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district has also been completed spending an allocation of Rs. 497,000.00.

In 2008, the three phased electricity supply project for Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary’s Division, Thawalama in Galle district has been completed spending Rs. 1,000,000.00. Accordingly, the total allocation of Rs. 1,497,000.00 has been spent under two phases to complete the project. Further, the phase two of resting hall for the pilgrims who visit St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila, which was commenced in 2007 has been completed spending an allocation of Rs. 3,255,000.00 and it has been handed over to the church.

Phase one of the resting hall at St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana situated in the Divisional Secretary’s Division, Udubaddawa in Kurunegala district has been commenced spending Rs. 1,200,000.00 under the programme for special projects in 2008. Concurrently to the above, the

phase one of the resting hall at the Church of Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta in Divisional Secretary's Division, Polpithigama in Kurunegala district has also been commenced spending Rs. 5,055,398.53 for the benefit of pilgrims who visit the church.

Two special projects have been commenced related to religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance in year 2009. Accordingly, a water tower has been constructed at St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana situated in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Udubaddawa in Kurunegala district related to the project for portable water in year 2006 for the benefit of the pilgrims who visit the church and phase one commenced spending Rs. 1,200,000.00 in 2008 for improving accommodation facilities to the priests who visit the church has been completed.

Rs. 3,400,000.00 has been spent for phase two of the above and accordingly total project was completed spending Rs. 4,600,000.00. Further, phase one of the above project has been commenced granting Rs. 505,398.00 in 2008 under the project for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit Church of Holy Mother of Rosary situated in Grama Niladhari Division No. 403, Morotta in Divisional Secretary's Division, Polpithigama in Kurunegala district.

In 2009, an allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been spent for phase three of the said project and accordingly, the total project was completed spending Rs. 1,505,398.53. It has been opened for the public and handed over to most venerable Raymond Peris, Bishop of Kurunegala by Hon. Pandu Bandaranayake, Minister of Religious Affairs on 05th July on which the annual feast of the church has been held.

In year 2010, two projects have been commenced at religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance. In the meantime, phase one for the improvement of accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church at Wasalakotte in Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district has been completed spending Rs. 1,625,000.00. The project for repairing sanitary facilities for the pilgrims who visit Kalvary Center, Hiniduma in Divisional Secretary's Division, Thawalama has been concluded spending Rs. 2,500,000.00.

Five projects have been commenced in 2011 under the development activities of the religious places declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance and declared by the Catholic and Christian Churches. An allocation of Rs. 2,250, 000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Puttalam for the construction of a building for accommodation in order to improve the accommodation facilities of the pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church, Thalawila belonging to the Divisional Secretary's

Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalm district and phase one of this project has been completed. An allocation of Rs. 2,250,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Mannar to implement the project which contains water supply facilities, 02 lavatories and resting hall consisting of 03 housing units in order to provide infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who visits Maranda Madu Church, national place of worship in Divisional Secretary's Division, Mannar in Mannar district. This project has been completed. An allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Kurunegala to carry out for phase one of the project for reconstruction of Mahagalgamuwa Church where St. Joseph Vass resided in Divisional Secretary's Division Galgamuwa in Kurunegala district. An allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Matale to carry out phase two of the project for improving accommodation facilities for

zpilgrims who visit St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district. Further, an allocation of Rs. 1,000,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Gampaha to carry out phase one of the project for reconstruction of Methodist Church, Pethiyagoda in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Minuwangoda in Gampaha district. Phase one of this project has been completed.

Three projects have been commenced in 2012 under "Carrying out development activities at national religious places declared by Catholic and Christian Churches and Pilgrimages Ordinance"

01. an allocation of Rs. 855,400.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Puttalam to improve accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anne's Church, Thalawila in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Kalpitiya in Puttalam district. Phase one of this project has been completed.
02. An allocation of Rs. 1,183,000.00 has been granted to District Secretary, Matale to carry out phase 03 of the project for improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte in the Divisional Secretary's Division, Galewela in Matale district.
03. An allocation of Rs. 2.093 million has been granted to District Secretary, Mannar to improve infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who visit Maranda Madu Church, national place of worship during the period of annual feast. Accordingly, action is being taken to provide necessary infrastructure facilities for pilgrims.



(Improving accommodation facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Annes' Church, Thalawila)



(Provision of infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who visit Maranda Madu Church)

Chapter Three

Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance

Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Granting funds for annual church feasts at public religious places declared by Catholic Church and Pilgrimages Ordinance

With a view to make the concepts in Mahinda Chinthana policy manifesto i.e. “My firm resolve is to ensure that children of all religions would be able to obtain an education in keeping with their religious beliefs” (First page, Towards a disciplined society), “Preserve our pride of the past for future”(Let us build our country) a reality which the government considers as its prime responsibility, the contribution has been made in year 2011 for feasts at places of worship declared by Pilgrimages Ordinance and Catholic Church.

Since 1998 it has commenced to make financial contribution for feasts at public places of worship declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance and accordingly an amount of Rs. 200,000 has been granted to the Kalvary Center, Hiniduma. However, financial contributions were not made to the places of worship in 1998, but an amount of Rs. 25,000/- has been granted in year 2000 to the Church of Our Lady, Matara. Further, an amount of Rs. 80,000/- has been granted in 2001 only to Kalvary Center, Hiniduma and Church of Our Lady, Matara.

In year 2002, Rs. 300,000/- and Rs. 50,000/- have been granted to St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila and Church of Our Lady, Matara respectively. Accordingly, the total of Rs. 350,000/- has been granted in the above year. Further, Rs. 150,000/- has been granted in 2003 only for the use of St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila. In 2003, the number of churches for granting financial contribution has been increased and accordingly an amount of Rs. 360,000/- has been distributed among Church of Madu, Mannar, St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana, Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta and Church of Our Lady, Matara for conducting annual feast.

In year 2005, the limit of financial aids provided for annual feasts of churches has been increased by 25%. Accordingly, the amount to be granted reached up to Rs. 443,633/- and this amount has been distributed among Church of Madu, Mannar, St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila, Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta, St. Anne’s Church, Wahakotte and Church of Our Lady, Matara.

Allocation for feasts at churches was done in an irregular manner from year 1998 up to 2005. Further, such contribution was made only to limited number of churches. However, this methodology has been regularized since year 2006 and accordingly such financial allocations were made based on the requests and on fair grounds covering more churches. Under this system, financial grants were made based on the number of pilgrims attended to feasts. In 2006, seven annual feasts at churches were selected for granting financial aids. These grants were used for the provision of infrastructure facilities required by pilgrims.

Accordingly, an amount of Rs. 1,211,189/- has been granted for annual Easter Feast at St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila and for annual feasts at St. Anne’s Church, Kattimahana, St. Anthony’s Church, Wahakotte, Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta, Basilica of Our Lady, Ragama Thewatta, Kalvary Center, Mawathagama and Church of Our Lady, Matara. The allocation made in 2007 for the churches declared under the Pilgrimages Ordinance was limited to Rs. 900,000/-. That amount has been distributed among St. Anne’s Church, Thalawila (For feasts in March and August) and churches in Kattimahana, Wahakotte, Morotta and Matara. In year 2008, the limit of

allocation could be increased by 75.9% comparing with the limit of 2007. That allocation has been distributed for nine feasts. The amount spent was Rs. 1,583,540/-.

The limit of allocation for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who visit churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance has been increased by 78.83% in 2009 comparing with year 2008. That amount has been distributed among ten churches depending on the requests and the necessity. Further, the special feast at the historic national place of worship Maranda Madu, which is widely respected by the Christians of all over the world, was conducted glamorously under the sponsorship of government. Since that fest was conducted

under government sponsorship, it was a very special event a grant of Rs. 1,000,000/- was made. Accordingly, the total amount provided for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance was Rs. 2,831,919/- in year 2009.

The total amount provided for the provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance was Rs. 2,700,000/- in year 2010.

The amount of Rs. 5,048,229.15 allocated for provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who participated in the feasts at the churches declared under Pilgrimages Ordinance in 2011 has been distributed among churches in the following manner.

St. Anne's Church, Thalawila – For March feast, annual feast and for provision of infrastructure facilities to the pilgrims who attend the fest.

Kalvary Center at St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma – For Easter fest

Kalvary Center, Mawathagama

St. Anthony's Church, Wasalakotte

Kalvary Center, Maggona

Church of Our Holy Mother of Rosary, Morotta

Church of Madu, Mannar

St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana

St. Joseph Vass Church at Joseph Vassapura, Galgamuwa

National Basilica, Ragama Thewatta

Church of Our Lady, Matara

For annual feasts

**Provision of infrastructure facilities for pilgrims who attend the annual feasts held
at public religious places declared by Pilgrimages Ordinance and Catholic Church -
2012
(Annual Feast) Vote 203 -02 -01- 4(1508)**

Serial No.	District	Divisional Secretary's Division	Name of the Church	Month in which the feast is held	Approved amount (Rs.)	Deduction of allocation by 2%	Amount granted (Rs.)
01	Puttalam	Kalpitiya	St. Anne's Church, Thalawila	Feast in March	400,000.00	8,000.00	392,000.00
02	Puttalam	Kalpitiya	St. Anne's Church, Thalawila	Feast in August	600,000.00	12,000.00	580,000.00
03	Galle	Thawalama	Kalvary Center belonging to St. Anne's Church, Hiniduma	March and April	300,000.00	6,000.00	294,000.00
04	Kurunegala	Mawathagama	Kalvary Center, Mawathagama	March and April	100,000.00	2,000.00	98,000.00
05	Matale	Galewela	Saint Anthony's Church, Wasala Kotte	Feast in June	400,000.00	8,000.00	525,954.68
06	Colombo		Kalvary Center, Maggona	March and April	100,000.00	2,000.00	98,000.00
07	Kurunegala	Polpithigama	Church of Holly Mother of Rosary, Morotta	Feast in July	100,000.00	2,000.00	98,000.00
08	Kurunegala		St. Anne's Church, Kattimahana	Feast in August	300,000.00	6,000.00	290,000.00
09	Mannar	Madu	Church Maranda Madu	Feast in August	800,000.00	16,000.00	1,000,000.00
10	Mannar	Madu	Church Maranda Madu	Feast in July	700,000.00	14,000.00	1,129,881.00
11	Gampaha	Ja-Ela	Basilica Church Thewatta Ragama	Feast in August	100,000.00	2,000.00	96,555.00
12	Matara	Matara	Church of Our Lady, Matara	Feast in September	400,000.00	8,000.00	380,421.00
Total							4,982,811.68

Chapter Four

Assistance in development

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Assistance in development

It has been identified as a timely requirement to provide financial support for the reconstruction of ancient churches and religious places and new constructions and the objective of this is to provide facilities to Christians through this.

2012 – Assistance in development (203-02-01-2202)		
Number	Name of the church/description	Amount granted (Rs.)
1	Reconstruction of St. Anthony's church, Mahawatta	182,000.00
2	Reconstruction of Holy Church of Lady of Rosary, Ragala	227,500.00
3	Construction of the auditorium of Lanka School of Theology, Pilimathalawa	179,505.00
4	Reconstruction of Holy Family Church, Bibila	172,170.00
5	Building for Daham School of St. Joseph's Church, Wennappuwa	866,952.45
6	Purchasing asbestos sheets for the roof of the Retreat Center, Niripola, Hanwella	141,200.00
7	Providing financial aid for the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Kudagama	50,000.00
8	Providing equipment for St. Mary's Daham School, Trincomalee	49,800.00
9	St. Anthony's Daham School, China Bay, Trincomalee	49,800.00
10	Providing financial aid for Joseph Vass Daham School, Batticaloa to obtain necessary equipment	49,385.00
11	Providing financial aid for Holy Cross, Ampara to obtain necessary equipment	49,385.00
12	Providing financial aid for Our Lady of Good Voyage Daham School, Batticaloa to obtain necessary equipment	49,385.00
13	Providing financial aid for St. Ignatius Daham School, Batticaloa to obtain necessary equipment	49,385.00
14	Reconstruction and colour washing of Lankaramaya, which is the Headquarters building of Sri Lanka Catholic Bishop's Conference.	1,202,084.52
12	Reconstruction of St. Francis Xavier Church located at premises of leprosy hospital, Hendala	2082845.05
	Total	5,401,397.02

Chapter Five

**Granting funds for the
development and reconstruction of
Christian churches which require
financial assistance**

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Granting funds for the development and reconstruction of Christian churches which require financial assistance

Providing necessary financial assistance for churches with a view to enhance spiritual development of the devotees in Catholic and Christian faiths following the concepts of H.E. the President Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Providing financial assistance to churches and religious places which have financial difficulties -2012

	Church to which aid has been provided	Amount provided (Rs:)
Colombo	For the 125 th jubilee of St. Peter's Church situated at the General Hospital premises	40,000.00
	For the reconstruction of Our Lady of Good Health Church, Sedawatta	48,600.00
	For the annual feast of Mother of Lords Church, Kaluthara	25,000.00
	For the jubilee feast of St. Patrick Church, Molligoda, Vadduwa	100,000.00
	For the reconstruction of St Joseph Vas Church, Kandewatta belonging to Waga Parish	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of the roof of St. Anne's Church, Miriswatta	65,000.00
	For the reconstruction of St. Sebestian Church, Mawalgama belonging to Waga Parish	75,000.00
	For the reconstruction of Infant Jesus Church, Kalamulla, Kalutara	100,000.00
	For the reconstruction of Church of Mary Magdalena, Dungalpitiya	100,000.00
	Reimbursement of the expenses of 125 th Jubilee Feast of St. Isidore's Church, Thibbotugoda, Ganemulla	50,000.00
Kurunegala	For the 25 th Jubilee to mark the 25 th anniversary of Kurunegala Bishop	75,000.00
	For the construction of the Catholic Church, Wariyapola belonging to Katupotha Parish	50,000.00
Badulla	For the construction of the fence of St. Anthony's Church, Ulhitiya, Mahiyanganaya	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of St. Vincent Church, Gamewela belonging to Passara Parish	50,000.00
Kandy	For the reconstruction of St. Anthony's Church, Welioya, Hatton	100,000.00
Chilaw	For the reconstruction of the Church of Holy Mother of Rosary, Kumarakattuwa to mark its 75 th	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of St. Martin De Porres Church, Gangoda, Wennappuwa to mark its 50 th Jubilee	50,000.00
Galle	For the reconstruction of St. Sebastian Church, Udugama belonging to Kalvary Center, Hiniduma	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of St. Mary's Church, Balapitiya	50,000.00
Rathnapura	For the reconstruction of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Nooriwatta belonging to Maliboda Parish	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of Hemingford St. Anthony's Church, Parakaduwa belonging to St. Theresa Parish, Dehipitiya.	50,000.00
Christian	For the reconstruction of Mission House of Dompe Pelahela Church of Baptist Association	50,000.00
	For the reconstruction of Good Shepard Church belonging to Church of Thalawa of Church of Ceylon	50,000.00

Chapter Six

Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham School Teachers

**Department of Christian Religious
Affairs**

Enhancement of Christian religious education and evaluation of the services of Christian Daham School Teachers

The concept of H.E. the President Mahinda Rajapaksa is that the development of the country should be both in physical and spiritual aspects. With a view to make this concept a reality, programmes were implemented in the following manner.

01. Providing uniforms to Daham School Teachers

With a view to enhance Daham School education as expected by Mahinda Chinthana, uniforms are provided to Daham School teachers who are dedicated for the purpose. Accordingly, action was taken to provide uniforms to 13262 Daham School teachers in 2012 who are affiliated to Catholic and national Christian Board. The total amount spent for the purpose was Rs. 13,803,942.00.

	Diocese	Deanery	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total	Number of Daham Schools	Number of Daham School students
1	Colombo	Negombo	106	395	501	26	7531
		Negombo E.	100	308	408	30	8463
		Katana	90	296	386	30	8016
		Thudella	61	365	426	29	7471
		Kandana	78	435	513	22	12068
		Gampaha	36	289	325	28	5230
		Ragama	52	304	356	22	8156
		Wattala	96	276	372	19	9496
		Colombo S.	24	167	191	18	2367
		Colombo C.	28	152	180	19	1884
		Colombo N.	50	175	225	18	5424
		Kotte	47	191	238	26	3393
		Gurubewila	31	199	230	21	2937
		Moratuwa	97	262	359	21	8703
		Kalutara	42	214	256	20	4984
Total			938	4028	4966	349	96123
2	Chilaw	Bolawatta	58	302	360	27	8199
		Chilaw	67	379	446	47	8255
		Puttalama	92	607	699	100	11096
		Wennappuwa	54	423	477	40	8039
Total			271	1711	1982	214	35589
3	Kurunegala	Kurunegala	34	223	257	39	2213

		Kuliyapitiya	61	357	418	55	5214
Total			95	580	675	94	7427
4	Mannar	Mannar	68	293	361	18	6546
		Madu	16	178	194	20	1947
		Murunkan	33	258	291	18	2483
		Vauniya	14	135	149	16	1774
Total			131	864	995	72	12750
5	Kandy	Kandy	30	230	260	22	2875
		Nuwera Eliya	33	228	261	20	3299
		Matale	11	123	134	19	1146
Total			74	581	655	61	7320
6	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	24	225	249	21	2331
Total			24	225	249	21	2331
7	Batticaloa	Batticaloa	48	266		32	3549
		Kalmunei	28	132		160	22
Total			76	398	474	54	10209
8	Jaffna	Jaffna	17	176	193	28	2488
		Ilaweli	20	203	223	38	3821
		Point Pedro	17	184	201	29	2202
		Island	4	84	88	15	1772
		Kilinochchi/ Mulathivu	8	269	277	51	2856
Total			66	916	982	161	13139
	Diocese	Deanery	Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total	Numbe r of Daham Schools	Numbe r of Daham School student s
9	Rathnapura	Rathnapura	24	167	191	36	2171
		Kegalle	28	123	151	25	1097
Total			52	290	342	61	3268
10	Badulla	Badulla	9	48	57	8	595
		Bandarawela	5	89	94	13	861
		Moneragala	3	33	36	8	264
Total			17	170	187	29	1720
11	Anuradhapur a	Anuradhapura	5	80	85	23	706
		Polonnaruwa	10	64	74	13	726
Total			15	144	159	36	1432
12	Galle	Galle	26	104	130	22	1259
Total			26	104	130	22	1259

Sub Total			1785	10011	11796	1153	192567
Name of the Christian Church			Number of male teachers	Number of female teachers	Total	Number of Daham Schools	Number of Daham School students
1	Church of Ceylon	Kurunegala Diocese	13	125	138	26	920
		Colombo Diocese	26	214	240	37	2099
2	Lanka Reformist Church		12	99	111	20	622
3	Baptist Association of Sri Lanka		17	142	159	23	835
4	Methodist Church		93	607	700	109	1834
5	Salavation Army		15	79	94	56	1590
6	Presbyterian Church		8	16	24	5	254
Total			184	1282	1466	276	8154
Sub Total			1969	11293	13262	1429	200721

02. Granting an allowance of Rs. 2000 to Daham School teachers for the purchase of library books

According to the concept “A Virtuous State” under “Let us build our country” in Mahinda Chinthana Manifesto, an allowance of Rs. 2000 is granted to volunteer Daham School teachers for purchase of library books. Accordingly, action was taken to provide Rs.23,856,000.00 to 11,298 Daham School teachers in 2012 who are affiliated to Catholic and national Christian Board (Rs.2000 per each teacher)

Summary of the provision of Daham School allowance of Rs.2000 - 2012

	Catholic Diocese	Deanery	Number of teachers	Cost (Rs)
1	Colombo	Gampaha	342	684,000
		Ragama	380	760,000
		Wattala	391	782,000
		Colombo S.	211	422,000
		Colombo C.	203	406,000
		Colombo N.	247	494,000
		Kotte	256	512,000
		Gurubewila	239	478,000
		Moratuwa	387	774,000

		Kalutara	279	558,000
		Katana	101	202,000
Total			3036	6,072,000
2	Chilaw	Bolawatta	431	862,000
		Chilaw	487	974,000
		Puttalama	848	1,696,000
		Wennappuwa	524	1,048,000
Total			2290	4,580,000
3	Kurunegala	Kurunegala	360	720,000
		Kuliyaipitiya	602	1,204,000
Total			962	1,924,000
4	Mannar	Mannar	365	730,000
		Madu	210	420,000
		Murunkan	225	450,000
		Vauniya	184	368,000
Total			984	1,968,000
5	Kandy	Kandy	298	596,000
		Nuwera Eliya	298	596,000
		Matale	145	290,000
Total			741	1,482,000
6	Trincomalee	Trincomalee	248	496,000
Total			248	496,000
7	Batticaloa	Batticaloa	365	730,000
		Kalmunei	225	450,000
Total			590	1,180,000
8	Jaffna	Jaffna	358	716,000
		Ilaweli	228	456,000
		Point Pedro	192	384,000
		Kilinochchi/ Mulathivu	234	468,000
Total			1012	2,024,000
	Diocese	Deanery	Number of teachers	Cost (Rs)
9	Rathnapura	Rathnapura	174	348,000
		Kegalle	165	330,000
Total			339	678,000
10	Badulla	Badulla	73	146,000
		Moneragala	51	102,000
		Bandarawela	104	208,000
Total			228	456,000

11	Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura	111	222,000
		Polonnaruwa	119	238,000
Total				
12	Galle	Galle	146	292,000
Total			146	292,000
Sub Total			11790	21,612,000
	Name of the Christian Church		Number of teachers	Cost (Rs)
1	Church of Ceylon		144	288,000
2	Lanka Reformist Church		117	234,000
3	Baptist Association of Sri Lanka		135	270,000
4	Methodist Church		559	1,118,000
5	Salavation Army		142	284,000
6	Presbyterian Church		25	50,000
Total			1122	2,244,000
Sub Total			12912	23,856,000

03. Provision of books and equipment to libraries at Daham Schools in order to enhance Daham education

Books and equipment are provided to libraries at Daham Schools with a view to enhance Daham knowledge among students of Daham Schools.

Providing sets of books to Catholic and Christian Churches

Catholic Church and Christian Church	Number of sets of books provided	Number of bibles provided
Colombo Diocese	5	93
Chilaw	4	75
Jaffna	3	29
Kurunegala	1	63
Trincomalee/ Batticaloa	1	36
Rathnapura	1	35
Kandy	1	61
Mannar	1	29

Anuradhapura	1	35
Badulla	1	35
Galle	1	35
Church of Ceylon - Colombo Diocese	1	—
Church of Ceylon - Kurunegala Diocese	1	—
Lanka Reformist Church	1	—
Baptist Association of Sri Lanka	1	—
Methodist Church	1	—
Total	25	526

04. Conducting seminars and workshops for teachers and students of Daham Schools in order to enhance Christian religious education

Our contribution is made to various programmes organized by religious institutions in charge of different divisions in diocese of Catholic Bishops and by institutions and churches affiliated to National Christian Board to provide Daham knowledge to the Christian community all over the Island including teachers and students of Daham Schools, parents and adults and to other programmes organized to inculcate Christian attitudes and sound qualities in Christian community. Accordingly, the limited allocations available are distributed in fair and reasonable manner considering the requests made for the purpose.

Daham School Activities and Religious Education Workshops 2012			
Diocese	Section	Programme	Amount donated (Rs.)
National Programmes	Catholic Catechism and Bible mission	Religious Education Promotion Project 2012/2013 (Island Wide Programmes)	754,800 . 00
	Catholic National Mass Communication Center	02 workshops to make aware the students on catholic mass communication	35,000 . 00
	Child Heroes Catholic Child Movement	National rally	100,000 . 00
Colombo	Catholic Education	Programme for pre- school children	25,000 . 00
	Catechism	08 seminars for daham school teachers Dharmacharya (Hon) examination	15,000 . 00
Kurunegala	Catechism and	Programme for Christian Children	24,500 . 00

	Religious Education	04 Seminars for G.C.E. (O/L)	23,750 . 00
		Diocese programme for Catholic Teachers' Day	19,406 . 00
	Diocese Youth Association	Religious Rally of Youth of Diocese	25,000 . 00
Chilaw	Catechism	Daham teacher training for new teachers	46,175 . 00
	Education Unit	Christian Teacher Training Programme	11,937 . 50
	St. Fathima Church, Mudukatuwa, Marawila	Daham School Programme	28,000 . 00
Badulla	Catechism	Daham School Teachers Updating Programme (Tamil)	11,000 . 00
		For 10 classes Dharmacharya, Dharmacharya (Special), Dharmacharya (Hons)	39,000 . 00
Kandy	Lame and family apostolic service	Programme for making aware various lame groups	35,731 . 50
	Catechism	01 Seminar for G.C.E.(O/L) Examination	8,450 . 00
		Knowledge testing of the students in the diocese	25,000 . 00
		Dharmacharya Examination and Seminar	5,000 . 00
Galle	Child Heroes Catholic Child Movement	Counseling programmes	16,980 . 00
	Bishop House	02 workshops on making aware the public and the students of catholic mass communication.	15,250 . 00
	Bishop House	Making aware the public of liturgical observances	15,475 . 00
Jaffna	Catechism and Religious Education	2 Programmes for Daham School Students	36,300 . 00
		Programme for Daham School Teachers	38,700 . 00
Anuradhapura	Holy Childhood Society	Special Child Programmes	25,000 . 00
	Catechism	Child Programmes	50,000 . 00
Trincomalee	Religious Education	03 programmes for Daham School Teachers and Students	24,812 . 50
Batticola	Catechism and Religious Education	Daham School Teachers' Programme	16,652 . 00
		G.C.E. (O/L) Seminars	50,000 . 00
National Christian Board	Education Unit	Awareness programmes	24,750 . 00
Christian Reformed Church	Family counseling	Annual Family Camp	25,000 . 00
Church of Ceylon-	St. Peters' and Paul Church in Hewadiwela	Child Programme	25,000 . 00

Kurunegala Diocese -	St. Yohan's Church and Mark Church Getambe.	Youth Counselling Programme	15,000 . 00
	Christ Church in Matale	Programme for Daham School Children	11,780 . 00
		Adult family counseling programme	13,670 . 00
		Youth Counselling Programme	4,412 . 00
	St. Andrews Church in Nawalapitiya	Programme for Daham Schools	12,500 . 00
Christian Sabha and Baptist Association -	Baptist Church- Kollupitiya	Awareness programme on Bible	10,000 . 00

Chapter Seven

**Holding National Festival of
Christian Literature under the
program for promotion of
Christian religion literature, arts
and cultural traditions**

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Holding National Festival of Christian Literature under the program for promotion of Christian religion literature, arts and cultural traditions

All island Competition among Daham Schools – National Christian Literature Festival -2012

(01) Under the direction and supervision of our department competitions have been conducted in the following manner at St. Joseph's College Maradana on 16th and 17th June 2011 among Daham Schools belonging to traditional churches belonging to Catholic Church and National Christian Board covering all over the island.

- Under 3 age groups – Grade 5,6,7, Grade 8,9,10 and Grades 11,12,13
- Under three language media – Sinhala, Tamil and English
- Under three event – Prose, Speech and Choir

The deanery and diocese competitions have been conducted in 2011 under the full sponsorship of this Ministry and under the supervision and direction of Rev. Father Directors of Catechism and National Christian Board.

The expenditure borne for national competitions is Rs. 2,170,150.00

02) National Christian Literature Festival organized by our department for the third time has been held 05th October 2012 at auditorium of Sri Lanka Foundation.

This National Christian Literature Festival has been organized under three main phases in the following manner.

- Prose, Speeches and Choir Competitions have been held at deanery, dioceses and national level in three languages i.e. Sinhala, Tamil and English under three age groups among students of Daham Schools covering all over the island and accordingly certificates and prizes were awarded to the winners at the competition at national level.
- Artists for their contribution for the enhancement of Christian Literature and Music were appreciated at National Christian Literature Festival (A plaque and a cheque to the value of Rs. 50,000/- was awarded to each artist)
- Rev. Father Lakpriya Balakumara Suwananda
- Artist Ivan Alwis
- Artist Dr. W.S. Basil Fernando
- Artist Jeslin Fernando

Special Awards

- Rev. father Molligoda Moses
- Rev. Father Bensiri Perera
- Launching a CD containing carols before the decade of 1980

The total expenditure borne for National Christian Literature Festival is Rs. 2,986,000.00

Enhancement of Christian Arts and Crafts

A financial grant of Rs.225,00/- (For hall facilities) has been given for Signis Film Festival (OCIC/UNDA) organized by Signis, an institution recognized locally and internationally from 1972 in order to enhance Sri Lankan cinema.

Chapter Eight

**Making contribution for Easter
and Lenten programs which is
highly adored by Christian
community**

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Making contribution for Easter and Lenten programs which is highly adored by Christian community

Lenten and Easter Programmes 2012

Contribution is made by the department of Christian Religious Affairs for organization of various religious and other programmes during Easter and Lenten, which is the period for preparation for Easter festivals which is one of the most sacred events to Christians.

Organization of Special Spiritual Programmes during Easter and Lenten

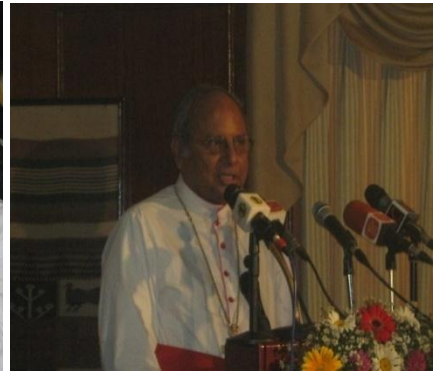
Financial assistance was made for organization of various programmes at level of dioceses for spiritual enhancement of students and teachers of Daham Schools and youths in order to build a “virtuous country”

Contribution ade by the department for Lenten Easter Programmes organized by dioceses in 2012		
Diocese	Programme	Amount Donated Rs.
Chilaw	For the Easter Drama “Kalwari” organized by the cultural circle of Aluthwaththa Church Chilaw	42,000 . 00
	For 04 Easter programmes	35,000 . 00
	For programmes organized at schools by Education Unit	20,000 .00
Kurunegala	For programmes organized for Daham School students	35,000 . 00
Badulla	For 05 Easter Programmes	20,000 . 00
Colombo	04 programmes organized for Christian Teachers at the level of educational zones	50,000 . 00
	For media coverage for the special dancing composition named “Tarakayano” held at Kadolkele Negombo	228,480 . 00
Anuradhapura	For “Sadaham Charika” programme organized by education unit	32,809 . 00
National	Contribution to the production activities of Easter programmes produced by Catholic mass communication center which were telecast by Rupavahini Corporation and ITN	130,500 . 00



♦ Organizing Special Lenten and Easter Programmes at Prime Minister's Office

This programme organized for several years has also been organized in 2012 at Visumpaya, the official residence of the Prime Minister under the auspices of His Eminence Albert *Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith* and with the participation of Hon. D.M. Jayarathne, Prime Minister of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Minister of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs. Invitees representing laymen and as well as clergy have participated in this occasion which consisted of prayer service and cultural events performed in Sinhala and Tamil media demonstrating suffering agony and ascension of Jusesu Christ Expenditure for the event is Rs324,000 . 00



Special Supplement issued on Easter

Following the tradition of past several years a special supplement on Easter has been printed to be distributed with Dinamina Newspaper on Good Friday in 2012. Accordingly it was distributed free of charge all over the island. Articles and other creative work were called to publish in the supplement and in addition to them special messages on Easter issued by leaders of the state and religious leaders and invited scholarly articles have also been included in the supplement. Under a special assistance given by the Associated Newspaers Company of Sri Lanka, this supplement was published spending Rs. 224,000/-

Christmas Programmes

State Festival for Christmas and issuance of stamps in Christmas

The state sponsored Christmas Festival and Ceremony for issuing Christmas Stamps organized annually centering a diocese has been conducted successfully on 2nd December 2012 at The Church of Christ the King, No 100, Aluth Mawatha Road, Colombo 15 belonging to Colombo diocese of Church of Ceylon which is the traditional church belonging to National Christian Board under the auspices of His Eminence Bishop Jiloraj Ranjith Kanakasabe, the Bishop of Colombo diocese of the Church of Ceylon and with the participation of the staff of the department of the Christian Religious Affairs, officers of Stamps Bureau and other invitees and clergy. Two paintings were selected for the Christmas Stamps of the year. The value of these stamps is Rs. 5/- and 30/-. Winners of the Competition are Vojitha Heshan Herath from Kurunegala (Under 10 years) and Morini Angela Thalish from KAtuneriya (between the age of 16-20).

State Festival for Christmas 2012

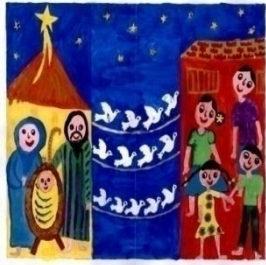
Even though all the measures have been organized to hold State Festival for Christmas 2012 at Anuradhapura, it couldn't be held due to flood situation and natural disasters occurred as a result of heavy rain. However, the Christmas ceremony for awarding cash prizes and certificates to the winners of Art Competition held for selecting paintings for Christmas stamps organized by the Department of Christian Religious Affairs has been held on 20th December at the Parish Hall of St. Paul's Church Milagiriya under the auspices of the Secretary of the Ministry of Buddha Sasana and Religious Affairs and other officers

Art Competition on Christmas 2012

Theme - "Inculcating the real meaning of the birth of the Christ in our family".

The Art Competition has been conducted under four age categories on the above theme (under 10 years, between 11-15, 16-20, 21-30) and two winning paintings have been selected for two Christmas stamps by a panel consist of two external senior lecturers of Open University of Sri Lanka chaired by Rev. Father Director of Catechism. In the meantime paintings were selected for the Christmas Greeting Cards of both Department of Christian Religious Affairs and the Department of Postal Services. Winners were selected for first second and third places under each age category and they were awarded with cash prizes and certificates. In addition to the above, certificates of merits were awarded for 53 winners. Several paintings have been selected for the calendar for 2013 of National Christian Board.

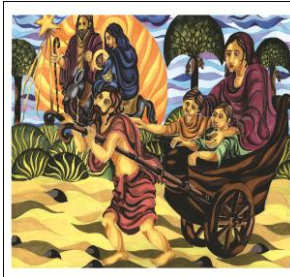
Paintings Selected for Greeting Card of the Department of Christian Religious Affairs, Christmas Stamp and the Greeting Card of Department of Postal Services



Christmas Postal Stamp- I Card

Vojitha Heshan Herath
Samartunga
06, Araliya Gardens,
Colombo Road

Wanduragala, Kurunegala
(Under 10 years of age)



Christmas Postal Stamp - II

Morini Angela Thalys
Sirisevana,
Katuneriya

(Between the ages:16-20)

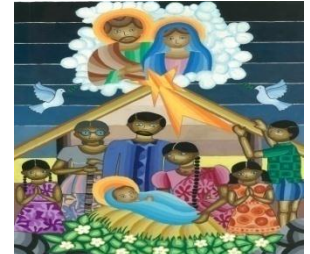


Postal Department

Christmas Greeting Card
Lasith Christmal Ruberu
392C, Morawinna

Panadura

(Between the ages:16-20)



Department Greeting

Kavindya Chethani
31, Bandaranayama Mw
Mathumagala, ragama

(Age)

♦ Contribution for organizing Christmas Festivals at other Institutions

A Christmas Festival has been held at the Temple Trees, official residence of H.E. the President and accordingly financial contribution has been made for the cultural events of the ceremony. In addition to the above financial assistance were provided considering the requests and estimates submitted for obtaining our contribution to the Christmas Programmes organized by Catholic dioceses, churches and various institutions.

Contribution made for the Christmas Programmes organized by other Institutions in 2012

	Institution by which the request was made	Programme	Amount Donated (Rs)
1	Diocesan religious guidance center, Kurunegala	Daham School Teachers' Christmas Programme	100,000 . 00
2	Diocesan religious guidance center, Badulla	Daham School Teachers' Christmas Programme	50,000 . 00

3	Religious guidance center Anuradhapaura	Daham School Teachers' Christmas Programme	50,000 . 00
4	Bishop diocesan religious guidance center, Batticola	Daham School Teachers' and Students' Christmas Programme	45,000 . 00
5	Chaplains of the Hospital in Colombo Diocese	Christams Programmes at Government Hospitals	50,000 . 00
6	Education office of Colombo Bishop diocese	Programmes for Catholic Teachers at the levels of Educational Zones	100,000 . 00
7	Programme of Sri Lanka Catholic University Students' Movement Colombo Zone	University Christmas Carol programme of Colombo Zone	50,000 . 00
8	Young Catholic Association Chilaw diocese	Carol Musical Show "Vimukthiye Handa" "	50,000 . 00
9	Diocesan Religious Guidance center	04 Christmas programmes for Daham School Teachers	100,000 . 00
10	St. Fatima Church, Mudukatuwa, Marawila	Daham School Christmas Programme	25,000 . 00
11	Sri Lanka Methodist Church – North Western North Province	Christmas Carol service	25,000 . 00
12	Children's Foundation for National and Religious Harmony	Christmas Cultural Festival "Gamatama Naththal"	50,000 . 00
13	Youth Movement of Church of Ceylon	Christmas Programme of Youth Association of Colombo North diocese of Church of Ceylon	50,000 . 00
14	Church of South India, Christ Church, Wanchawala, Galle	Church Christmas Programme	15,000 . 00
15	Bambalapitiya Church of Christian Reformed Church and Lindsay Girls School	Christmas Carols	15,000 . 00
16	Galle Church of Christian Reformed Church	Christmas Programme	24,000 . 00

17	Sri Lanka Broadcasting cooperation	Christmas Carol Competition	50,000 . 00
18	Divisional Secretariat, Negombo	Christmas Cowshed Competition	20,000 . 00
19	Divisional Secretariat, Dankotuwa	Cowshed Competition and festival	50,000 . 00
20	St. Mary's Girls' School, Colombo	School Christmas Competition	25,000 . 00
21	St. Anthony's Girls School, Colombo 03	School Christmas Festival	25,000 . 00
22	St. Mary's Convent, Matara	Christmas programme of Convent	10,000 . 00
23	Sri Lanka School of Agriculture, Kundasale	Christmas Programme	12,400 . 00
24	Ampara Methodist Church	Christmas Programme	18,000 . 00
25	Church of Our Lord of Compassion – Ampara	Christmas Programme	15,000 . 00
25	Kurunegala Diocese of Church of Ceylon	Christmas Programme	14,000 . 00

Chapter Nine

Implementation of Jathika Saviya, Gama Neguma and spiritual and personality development programs and Mathata Thitha programmes

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Implementation of *Jathika Saviya*, *Gama Neguma* and spiritual and personality development programs and *Mathata Thitha* programmes
Jathika Sawiya- Mathata Thitha 2012

Programmes for Spiritual and personality development and temperance

These programmes have been organized with a view to make spiritual and personality development by saving Christian youth all over the country from the drug menace and contributing practically to build virtuous country and making that the concept “ virtuous country” mentioned in *Mahinda Chinthana* Policy Manifesto a reality. Accordingly, these programmes are organized as one day programmes for groups of 150 youth consisting of youth between the age from 15-30 selected at the level of each diocese, deanery or Christian church. These programmes were conducted by Rev. Fathers and pastors in charge of relevant groups from each diocese.

The requests made by Rev. Fathers and pastors are considered based on the necessities of catholic dioceses and Christian churches.

These programmes were organized for year 2012 in the following manner

Donations for Jathika Saviya Programmes-2012		
Deanery	Institution which organized the programme	Donation Rs.
Badulla	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	50,000 . 00
	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Student Movement	36,820 . 00
Kurunegala	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	50,000 . 00
Mannar	04 Programmes organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	33,660 . 00
		43,400 . 00
		43,000 . 00
		43,535 . 00
Jaffna	05 Programmes organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	47,050 . 00
		46,900 . 00
		48,950 . 00
		46,250 . 00
		48,950 . 00
Anuradhapura	02 Programme organized by the Catholic Education Institution of the Deanery	32,570 . 00
		20,255 . 00
Galle	Programme organized by the Young Catholic Association of the Deanery	50,000 . 00
Baptist Association	Programme organized by Dompe Pelahela Church	34,843 . 00
	Number of total programmes - 16	

Chapter Ten

Reconstruction of churches in Northern Province under *Uthuru Wasanthaya* programme which have been damaged by war and Reconstruction of churches in Eastern Province under Dawn of the East which have been damaged by war and Tsunami.

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***Uthuru Wasanthaya* programme**

Under the programme launched by the government for reconstruction of churches and other religious places destroyed by the war in Northern Province, arrangements have been made in the following manner to reconstruct the churches.

- St. Francis Xavier's Church – Alkadaveli

Completion of relevant task granting an allocation of Rs.1, 365,000. 00 to District Secretary, Mannar

- St. Nicolas's Church – Chavakachcheri

Completion of relevant task granting an allocation of Rs. 455,000.00to District Secretary, Jaffna

- St. Fatima's Church

Completion of relevant task granting an allocation of Rs. 910, 000.00 to District Secretary, Kilinochchi

Dawn of the East Programme

Under the programme launched by the government for reconstruction of churches and other religious places destroyed by the war and tsunami in Eastern Province, arrangements have been made in the following manner to reconstruct the churches.

- St. Peter's Church- Chenkaladi

Completion of relevant task granting an allocation of Rs. 455,000 to District Secretary, Batticaloa

- St. Peter's Church- Wakare

Even though an allocation of Rs. 36 4000 has been granted to District Secretary, Batticaloa relevant task has not been completed.

Chapter Eleven

Projects and special programmes implemented in year 2012

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Special Projects, Religious Ceremonies and Programmes

Special Projects

1. An allocation of Rs. 1092000 has been granted to District Secretary, Gampaha for the phase II of reconstruction of Methodist Church at Pethiyagoda , Gampaha in Divisional Secretary Division of Minuwangoda, Gampaha district. These allocations are brought forward for 2013
2. An allocation of Rs. 910 000 has been granted to District Secretary. Kurunegala for the project for reconstruction of historical Mahagalgamuwa church in Divisional Secretary's Division Galgamuwa in Kurunegala district where St. Joseph Vaas resided.
3. An allocation of Rs. 455000 has been granted to District Secretary. Anuradhapura for the project for reconstruction of historical church of Christian Reform Church in Divisional Secretary's Division Kahatagasdigiliya in Anuradhapura district

Special Religious and National Ceremonies 2012

Special services were organized all over the island to bless H. E. the president of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at his Excellency's Swearing in ceremony. Special catholic service was conducted at All Saints' Church, Borella 19th November and Christian Service was conducted at the Church of the Christ , Gallface Colombo 03

Printing Diaries for 2013

203-02-01-1508-06 (other)

A diary containing Christian religious events such as dates of feast and addresses, contact numbers of government and religious institutions which are important to the outside parties who directly involved in the implementation of annual programmes of the department has been printed for 2013. 500 copies have been printed including all information of religious importance in Sinhala and Tamil languages whilst including other general matters in English

Deyata Kirula National Development Exhibition

During the period where *Deyata Kirula* National Development Exhibition was conducted at Oyamadu, Anuradhapura 4-12 March 2012 action has been taken present Christian religious values and progress of the department.

In the meantime a leaflet containing the vision, objectives and activities of the department has also been distributed.

Total expenditure of this task is Rs. 66 965

Chapter Twelve

Particulars of Expenditure related to object code (2012) of Department of Christian Religious Affairs

**Department of Christian
Religious Affairs**

Particulars of Expenditure related to object code (2012) of Department of Christian Religious Affairs

Object Code	Description	Estimate	Revised Estimation	Total Expenditure	Balance (Without transferring allocations)	Percentages of Expenditure
	Recurrent Expenditure	69,375,000.00	69,500,500.00	65,942,659.54	3,557,840.46	94.88%
	Personnel Emoluments	7,200,000.00	7,500,000.00	7,457,178.66	42,821.34	99.43%
1001	Salaries and wages	4,700,000.00	4,811,150.00	4,810,782.93	367.07	99.99%
1002	Overtime and holiday payments	300,000.00	276,500.00	234,051.07	42,448.93	84.65%
1003	Other allowances	2,200,000.00	2,412,350.00	2,412,344.66	5.34	100.00%
	Traveling allowances	110,000.00	101,000.00	85,463.50	15,536.50	84.62%
1101	Local	100,000.00	100,000.00	85,463.50	14,536.50	85.46%
1102	Foreign	10,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00%
	Supplies	920,000.00	1,015,000.00	988,893.22	26,106.78	97.43%
1201	Stationery and official requirements	350,000.00	400,000.00	398,623.39	1,376.61	99.66%
1202	Fuel	300,000.00	375,000.00	374,577.00	423.00	99.89%
1203	Food and Uniforms	20,000.00	20,000.00	11,040.00	8,960.00	55.20%
1205	Other	250,000.00	220,000.00	204,652.83	15,347.17	93.02%
	Maintenance Expenditure	380,000.00	524,000.00	437,154.60	86,845.40	83.43%
1301	Vehicles	220,000.00	295,000.00	275,752.92	19,247.08	93.48%
1302	Machines and Equipments	110,000.00	225,000.00	158,181.68	66,818.32	70.30%
1303	Buildings and Construction	50,000.00	4,000.00	3,220.00	780.00	80.50%
	Services	4,470,000.00	3,737,500.00	3,399,926.75	337,573.25	90.97%
1401	Transportation	80,000.00	40,000.00	35,474.00	4,526.00	88.69%
1402	Postal and Communication	250,000.00	223,500.00	222,140.25	1,359.75	99.39%
1403	Electricity and water	160,000.00	215,000.00	197,310.47	17,689.53	91.77%
1404	Lease rent and taxes of local government institutions	2,400,000.00	1,830,000.00	1,830,000.00	0.00	100.00%
1405	Other allowances	1,580,000.00	1,429,000.00	1,115,002.03	313,997.97	78.03%
	Security Services	360,000.00	368,500.00	358,643.88	9,856.12	97.33%

	Cleaning	220,000.00	212,000.00	165,978.15	46,021.85	78.29%
	Purchasing the publications of Catholic and Christian writers	600,000.00	598,500.00	365,380.00	233,120.00	61.05%
	Improving Christian arts and crafts	400,000.00	250,000.00	225,000.00	25,000.00	90.00%
	Transfers	6,945,000.00	7,752,000.00	6,281,172.80	1,470,827.20	81.03%
1506	Interest on property loans for public servants	125,000.00	257,000.00	238,197.70	18,802.30	92.68%
1508	other	6,820,000.00	7,495,000.00	6,042,975.10	1,452,024.90	80.63%
	Assisting churches and other religious organizations in financial needs	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,428,600.00	71,400.00	95.24%
	Organizing <i>Jathika Sawiya Gama Neguma spiritual development programmes</i>	1,000,000.00	958,126.00	676,183.00	281,943.00	70.57%
	Organizing Easter Programme	1,100,000.00	1,141,874.00	1,141,873.94	0.06	100.00%
	Organizing National Christmas Programme	2,100,000.00	2,100,000.00	1,447,544.00	652,456.00	68.93%
	Organization of special national religious ceremonies including Episcopal Ordination ceremony, funerals	620,000.00	295,000.00	129,714.16	165,285.84	43.97%
	other	500,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,219,060.00	280,940.00	81.27%
	Library books allowances for teachers of <i>Daham</i> schools	25,000,000.00	24,138,000.00	23,856,000.00	282,000.00	98.83%
1405	other	25,000,000.00	24,138,000.00	23,856,000.00	282,000.00	98.83%
	Promoting Christian literature	3,100,000.00	3,100,000.00	2,986,084.08	113,915.92	96.33%
1405	other	3,100,000.00	3,100,000.00	2,986,084.08	113,915.92	96.33%
	Uniforms for teachers of <i>Daham</i> schools	15,000,000.00	14,700,000.00	13,803,942.00	896,058.00	93.90%

1405	Other	15,000,000.00	14,700,000.00	13,803,942.00	896,058.00	93.90%
	Conducting Annual feasts of religious places declared under the pilgrimage ordinance	4,300,000.00	4,983,000.00	4,982,811.68	188.32	100.00%
1508	other	4,300,000.00	4,983,000.00	4,982,811.68	188.32	100.00%
	Religious education and activities of <i>Daham</i> Schools	1,950,000.00	1,950,000.00	1,664,032.25	285,967.75	85.33%
1508	other	1,950,000.00	1,950,000.00	1,664,032.25	285,967.75	85.33%
	Capital Expenditure	26,350,000.00	26,178,500.00	19,446,213.45	6,732,286.55	74.28%
	Rehabilitation and improvement of capital assets	175,000.00	139,250.00	90,183.97	49,066.03	64.76%
2002	Machines and Equipments	25,000.00	2,750.00	0.00	2,750.00	0.00%
2003	Vehicles	150,000.00	136,500.00	90,183.97	46,316.03	66.07%
	Acquisition of capital assets	625,000.00	213,750.00	21,190.00	192,560.00	9.91%
2102	Furniture and office appliances	300,000.00	208,500.00	21,190.00	187,310.00	10.16%
2103	Machines and equipments	25,000.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	0.00%
2104	Buildings and construction	300,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.00%
	Capital transfers	5,000,000.00	7,200,000.00	5,401,397.02	1,798,602.98	75.02%
2202	Development Assistants	5,000,000.00	7,200,000.00	5,401,397.02	1,798,602.98	75.02%
	Skills development	300,000.00	198,000.00	188,128.40	9,871.60	95.01%
2401	Training and skills development	300,000.00	198,000.00	188,128.40	9,871.60	95.01%
2502	Other investments	10,900,000.00	9,919,000.00	6,046,167.79	3,872,832.21	60.96%
	Renovation of Pethiyagoda Methodist Church	1,200,000.00	1,092,000.00	274,509.60	817,490.40	25.14%
	Eastern Province Development Programmes under Dawn of the East programme	4,500,000.00	4,095,000.00	1,627,667.27	2,467,332.73	39.75%
	Western Province Development Programmes under <i>Uthuru</i>	3,000,000.00	2,730,000.00	2,729,972.50	27.50	100.00%

		Wasanthaya programme				
		Renovation of historical Mahagalgamuwa St. Anthony's Church where St. Joseph Vaas resided	1,000,000.00	910,000.00	910,000.00	0.00 100.00%
		Renovation of historical Christian Reform Church at Kahatagasdigiliya, Anuradhapura	500,000.00	455,000.00	437,053.42	17,946.58 96.06%
		Deyata Kirula "Rata Dinana Heta Dinata" National development programme	700,000.00	637,000.00	66,965.00	570,035.00 10.51%
		Improving facilities for pilgrims who visit St. Annes Church, Thalawila	5,750,000.00	5,232,500.00	4,463,700.97	768,799.03 85.31%
2502		Investments	5,750,000.00	5,232,500.00	4,463,700.97	768,799.03 85.31%
		Improving facilities for pilgrims who visit historical St. Anthony's church, Vasalakotte	1,300,000.00	1,183,000.00	1,144,299.80	38,700.20 96.73%
2502		Investments	1,300,000.00	1,183,000.00	1,144,299.80	38,700.20 96.73%
		Providing necessary facilities for pilgrims who visit Madu church (National place of worship) during annual feast	2,300,000.00	2,093,000.00	2,091,145.50	1,854.50 99.91%
2502		Investments	2,300,000.00	2,093,000.00	2,091,145.50	1,854.50 99.91%
		Recurrent	69,375,000.00	69,500,500.00	65,942,659.54	3,557,840.46 94.88%

	expenditure					
	Capital expenditure	26,350,000.00	26,178,500.00	19,446,213.45	6,732,286.55	74.28%
	Total expenditure	95,725,000.00	95,679,000.00	85,388,872.99	10,290,127.01	89.25%

