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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 Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs.

The efficiency and the quality of the performance of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs have increased due to the implementation of ISO-9001 Standard and productivity achieved in the year 2015. This standard was achieved because of the efficient Leadership and the hard work and dedication of all staff members.

I am proud to state that we were able to achieve the significant role expected from our department according to the government policies during 2015 in an efficient and productive manner. 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.

We are well fortunate to receive the fullest cooperation from the Secretary and the staff of the Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu 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 Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs for their great support.

I appreciate the services of all management staff and members of the staff of our department who had extended their cooperation for providing admirable contribution for the efforts to achieve targets in 2015. No doubt they deserve my gratitude.

A.Umaheswaran
Director

1.0 Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

1.1 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.

1.2 Vision

Preservation, Promotion and Propagation of Hindu Religion and Culture.

1.3 Mission

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

1.4 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.

1.5 Key Functions

- ❖ Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples
- ❖ Providing Training for Hindu Priests
- ❖ 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

2.0 Programmes and Performance Report From 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015

2.1 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.

2.2 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 2015.

3.0 Development of Hindu Aranery Schools

Aranery (Ethical) Education

The objective of the Hindu Religious Aranery education is to give away the righteous values to this mind of the young children to promote good qualities guide them to perform their prayers with godliness give away preaching in view of enhancing Knowledge in the religion and to establish a society of proper disciplinary way.

It is not only the education but also to follow the moral standards; is a must. According to the basic intension or objectives (ethics) Aranery education gives a considerable influence in establishing the human values by overcoming all the obstacles which are seen during the formation of human values and also power which causes obstruction evoring nobles though is in the minds of young children and also by identifying the basic facts of un justice, false hood desire and indiscipline the Aranery education treats as its main motive making a victory and success.

In view of achieving the said motives school of Aranery education which functions all over the country provides excellence contribution in the motive of developing the Aranery schools. Our department is in the process of implementing various programmers of development pertaining to this subject. By conducting seminars for teachers holding competition on General Knowledge among students competition of Creativity in National, Divisional and District levels encouraging by organizing prize giving ceremonies and also our department provides financial assistance for programs of divinity of lovable children providing training in leadership spirituality distribution of books to schools or Aranery education providing of uniforms basic requirements of instruments and materials for school

of Aranery education and also provides facilities for building and shelters in view of establishing such programs are performed by our department .

On this basis of benefit to all the parties concerned and who are engaged in Hindu Religious ethical education mode of functioning.

The Department has established a new book known as a “**New practices for Hindu Religious Aranery Schools**” by including and introducing explanation regarding the Development or Hindu ethical education programmes. Aranery (Ethical) education of Hinduism and explaining the activities of the Hindu Religious ethics very clearly.



3.1 Seminars and Workshops for “Dharmasiriyar” and 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 student and Dharmasiriyar Residential Seminars.

Up to 31st December 2015 in the Department

❖ No. of Registered Aranery schools	-	1,999
❖ No. of Aranery School Students -	-	191,774
❖ No. of Aranery School Teachers-	-	9,756

Chart 3-I

Detail of registered Aranery schools

No	District	Details of Registered Aranery schools in 2015			Details of Registered Aranery schools until 1986 to 2015		
		No of schools	No of Students	No of Teachers	No of schools	No of Students	No of Teachers
1	Colombo	2	84	4	94	10,514	807
2	Ampara	3	170	12	117	17,103	958
3	Batticaloa	15	1,762	65	234	30,218	1560
4	Kandy	7	499	17	152	20,037	545
5	Nuwara-Elliya	15	1,133	41	156	14,663	583
6	Kegalle	3	141	4	85	4,683	222
7	Badulla	7	468	22	174	17,010	1021
8	Vavuniya	8	278	14	79	6,101	429
9	Puttalam	0	-	-	45	2,534	198
10	Gampaha	1	148	-	13	2,203	42
11	Trincomalee	7	212	73	115	13,138	681
12	Ratnapura	3	187	10	110	12,272	317
13	Mathala	3	160	4	57	7,421	198
14	Jaffna	14	515	31	259	18,345	1130
15	Kilinochchi	3	145	6	72	5,514	198
16	Mullaitivu	11	465	20	58	5,069	271
17	Kalutara	6	152	10	60	1,302	202
18	Kurunagal	1	-	2	10	143	36
19	Anuradhapura	0	-	-	1	363	5
20	Monaragala	0	-	-	5	121	15
21	Galle	0	-	-	8	346	12
22	Mannar	3	198	14	75	1,053	272
23	Polanaruwa	0	0	0	6	968	23
24	Matara	0	0	0	14	653	31
Total		112	6,717	349	1,999	191,774	9,756

Chart- 03-II

No	Name of the event	District	Beneficiaries
01	Conducted 3 days Residential Seminar for Dharmasiriyar	Ampara, Kalutara, Ratnapura Mannar, Polanaruwa	387 Hindu Dharmasiriyars have been benefited
02	Conducted 6 days Residential teaching method Seminar for Aranery Teachers	Badula, Ampara, Polanaruwa, Nuwara-Elliya, Jaffna Kilinochchi, Batticaloa, Kandy, Matala, Colombo, Gampaha, Matharai, Kalutara, Puttalam, Kurunagal, Ratnapura, Kegalle	1315 Hindu Aranery teachers have been benefited
03	Conducted 6 days Residential Examination Seminar for Aranery Teachers	Colombo, Gampaha, Vavuniya, Puttalam	460 Hindu Aranery teachers have been benefited
04	Certificate course for Aranery teachers	Jaffna, Batticaloa	380460 Hindu Aranery teachers have been benefited

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Residential Seminar to Aranery Teachers – Hindu Cultural Hall, Navatkudha



Residential Seminar to Aranery Teachers for the Final Examination – Ramakrishana Mission, Colombo



Residential Seminar to Dharmasiriyar – Ramakrishana Mission, Colombo



Seminar to Aranery Teachers in Jaffna

3.2 Creativity Competition and competition on General Knowledge of students of the Aranery Schools - Amount of Rs 4.40 Million has been spent on this programme.

3.2.1 “National Creativity Competition”

“ National Creativity Competition” in the motive of bringing out the creational abilities of Arts, Speech, Dance, Poly phony, Folk performance creation of Essays competition on creativity went started from the period of 2015 among the Aranery school in National levels Competitions were held in Divisional levels and the students whom were selected participated in the competitions in the National level. First three winners of these competitions were been honored with shields, prizes and certificates.

3.2.2 “Competition on General Knowledge”

Competitive Examination on General Knowledge about Hindu Religion which takes place all over the country level was conducted by the Department since the year of 2006 mainly Island wide. In view enhance the Religious knowledge, evaluation and Progress in Personality and Individuality for the students of Grade 02 up to Grade 11 with the fullest corporation given by the Principal of school teachers, Development officers of Hindu Culture. In 183 Examination Centers and 77000 Students all over the Island faced for this Examination, Accordingly, the 273 students who showed their best talents in the said Competition in the National level a Prize Giving Ceremony was Organized and it held on the 27th day of February 2016 at the New Kathiresan Hall, Colombo with the participation of Minister, Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs Honorable Minister, D.M.Swaminathan and also with the Leadership Honorable Secretary of the Ministry Mr.V.Sivagnanasoorthy, The ceremony was organized by the Department of Hindu Religious And Cultural Affairs.

3.2.3 “Arul Nery vizha” 2015

In view of bringing out the Creativeness of Artistic skills of the students of Aranery during the Nallur festival season. A Prize Giving Ceremony on this competition was held on the 27th day of December 2015. The Ilankai Venthan College of Arts, Jaffna under the Leadership of the Director of the Department, the Jaffna District Secretary Mr. N.Vethanayahan was the honorable guest, distributing the awards to the students who won the places in the competition. 33 students at the Speech Contest 14 students at the competition of Arts 26 students in individual Dance 30 students in Poly Phony, 64 students in Violin Contest, 38 students at the Group Dance competition and 55 students in Drama were amount the winners and totally 290 students received Awards Artistic creations of the students who won the first prize of the ceremony were staged. Approximately, 1000 spectators including students, parents and officers participated in this ceremony.

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“Arul Neri Vizh 2016” Pizegiving ceremony at Jaffna Illangai Venthan Art College

3.3 Library Books Allowance for Aranery School Teachers

An allowance of Rs. 3400/= is provided once a year to each Aranery School Teachers to purchase books to improve their knowledge on religion. 3498 Teachers from 22 Districts have been paid the allowance this year.

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Library books Allowance for Teacheres in 2015

No	District	Total	Provided Allowance Rs.
1	Colombo	180	612,000.00
2	Ampara	414	1,407,600.00
3	Batticaloa	719	2,444,600.00
4	Kandy	193	656,200.00
5	Nuwara-Elliya	107	363,800.00
6	Mannar	107	363,800.00
7	Badulla	187	635,800.00
8	Kilinochchi	64	217,600.00
9	Gampaha	16	54,400.00
10	Mathala	95	323,000.00
11	Ratnapura	104	353,600.00
12	Trincomalee	191	649,400.00
13	Jaffna	391	1,329,400.00
14	Kalutura	59	200,600.00
15	Polanaruwa	46	156,400.00
16	Galle	20	68,000.00
17	Matara	13	44,200.00
18	Kurunagala	4	13,600.00
19	Kegalle	75	255,000.00
20	Puttalam	68	231,200.00
21	Vavuniya	61	207,400.00
22	Mullaitivu	98	333,200.00
23	others	286	572,000.00
	Total	3498	11,492,800.00

3.4 Purchasing of Musical Instrument

This year 97 “Suruthy Boxes” and 96 “Thalams” were purchased at the cost of Rs 0.50 Mn and provided to 31 Aranery Schools in Ampara district and 1 school in Mullaitivu totally provided to 32 schools.

3.5 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, 10,213 meters boys’ uniform and 16,310 meters girl’s uniforms totally 26,523 meters uniform materials have been purchased for sum of Rs 14.98 mn and provided to Island wide Aranery School Students

3.6 Pannisai Classes

Pannisai classes are conducted at District level every year to encourage the talent of Aranery School Students in pannasai. 521 Pannisai classes have been conducted in Kalutura, Jaffna, Batticaloa and Badulla Districts.

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No	District	No of Classes	Amount Rs.	No of Participated Students	Hours
1	Kalutura	77	28,000	30	146
2	Jaffna	208	52,000	68	256
3	Batticaloa	134	40,750	60	326
4	Ampara	66	9,000	30	72
6	Badulla	25	28,000	30	60
7	Puttalam	11	7,000	25	60
	Total Amount	521	164,750	188	920

3.7 Provision for Capital for the Development of Aranery Schools.

Department provides Rs 1.5 Mn annually for purchasing of furniture to fulfill the furniture needs of Aranery Schools. In this basis, fund was provided to 50 Aranery Schools of 10 Districts.

Chart – 03-V

No	District	No of Aranery schools	Amount Rs.	Beneficiaries
1	Jaffna	12	360,000	520
2	Batticaloa	13	390,000	600
3	Trincomalee	9	270,000	520
4	Kandy	1	30,000	50
5	Kalutura	1	30,000	30
6	Badulla	5	150,000	240
7	Vavuniya	1	30,000	45
8	Mullaitivu	3	90,000	250
9	Puttalam	4	120,000	120
10	Kilinochchi	1	30,000	35
	Total	50	1,500,000	2410

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

❖ Gnananery Amutham	- 3000 copies
❖ Inthu samayathin seerthirutha eyakangal	- 500 copies
❖ Iruthinilai Pareechai vina vidai	- 200 copies
❖ Pakthi yogam	- 100 copies
❖ Karma Yogam	- 70 copies
❖ Bahavath Gnana thulikal	- 40 copies
❖ Kadal kanni	- 200 copies
❖ Pasum Pana	- 200 copies
❖ Garden of life (grade 3,5,7)	- 3 copies
❖ Owiyar Arivuchelvam	- 23 copies
❖ Pathivedu	- 1137 copies
❖ Panniru thirumurai thothirap padal	- 5 copies
❖ Samaya Kuravar Photoes	- 4 copies
❖ Dharmasiriyar Vina vidai	- 568 copies
❖ Arnmeega Mangalam	- 37 copies
❖ Other Religious books	- 964 copies

Purchased books were distributed to Aranery School Students.

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

The following books were published and distributed for sum of Rs 0.03 Mn. The benefit of teachers and students of Aranery Schools.

Published Books

❖ Saivapothini	- 578 Copies
❖ Panniru thirumurai thothira thirattu	- 896 Copies
❖ Attentence Register	- 2788 Copies
❖ Teachers Register	- 1752 Copies
❖ Inthu Makkalukku oru kaiyedu	- 1000 Copies
❖ Syllabus	- 1373 Copies
❖ Owiyar Arivuchelvam	- 2061 Copies
❖ Aranery Amutham	- 1589 Copies
❖ Saiva kovilkalum Manitha udalum	- 157 Copies
❖ Nithiya Valipattu Thothira Thirattu	- 83 Copies
❖ Iruthi nillai pareetchai vina vidai	- 192 Copies
❖ Saiva Samayam	- 277 Copies
❖ Vathangalum Agakamangalum	- 262 Copies
❖ Panniru thirumuraigal	- 205 Copies
❖ Saiva Gannikalum Pariyarum	- 231 Copies
❖ Inthu Nagareegam	- 38 Copies
❖ New Syllabus books printed	

3.10 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 sum of Rs 0.175 Mn on 14th and 15th ofFeburary in Galle, Kalutura for the Hindu Aranery Schools youths in Ramakirshna Mission hall, Colombo. 75 Hindu youths have been participated and benefitted.

4.0 Promotion of Hindu Religion

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

4.1 Lecture series on Hindu Religion

Hindu religious lectures have been conducted for sum of Rs 0.114 Mn in temples and Hindu religious institutions by the religious Scholars. 136 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 8000 public benefitted

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Hindu Religious Lecture Series events



20.02.2015 in Ellupaikadavai Muniyappar Temple - Manthai West



20.02.2015 in Uppukulam Sithivinayagar Temple - Mannar



15.03.2015 in Athithiya Aranery School – Kandy



15.03.2015 in Andankulam Pillaiyar Kovil - Mannar

4.2 Guru Poojas

Special programmes are conducted for sum of Rs 0.391 Mn with support from our Development officers in temples to celebrate Guru Pooja Days of Hindu Saints. Guru Poojas for 122 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 7500 Hindu people have been benefited.

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Hindu Religious Saints' Guru Pooja



Thiurvalluvar Guru Pooja - Kandy



Kannappanayanar Guru Pooja - Thellipalai



Karaikal Ammaiyar Guru Pooja - Kilinochchi



Kannappanayanar Guru Pooja – Pothuvil

4.3 Hindu Religious Festival

Department has been arranged and sponsored for sum of Rs 1.063 Mn to conduct festivals in several Districts in order to promote Hindu religious cultural and festivals in 2015.

4.3.1 Thai pongal Festival

Thai pongal celebration was arranged by the Department and celebrated in temples, Aranery schools and Divisional Secretariat officers.

Chart – 04 - I

No	Divisional Secretariat	Places	No of Beneficiaries
1	Colombo	Hindu Religious Cultural hall ,Colombo	100
2	Mullaitivu	Hindu Religious Cultural hall ,Colombo	100
3	Kilinochchi	Arul Migu Kanthasamy temple ,Kilinochchi , Sri Mahadeva Archiramam Kilinochchi	100
4	Tellipalai	Malagam Palampathy Aranery	100
5	Puttalam	Thillaiyady Murugan Temple	350
6	Manthai West	Hindu Youth centre,Muntrampitty ,Mannar	50
7	Pasarai	Sri Mutthu mari Amman temple ,Passarai	145
8	Vellanai	Divisional Secretary ,Vellanai	85
9	Sengalady	Amman Aranery School,Vantharumoolai	200
10	Mannar	Sri Mutthu mari Amman temple Mannar	100

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Thaipongal Festival – Arayampathy Aranery School



Thaipongal Festival – Puthukudiyiruppu



Thaipongal Festival – Kanthaswamy Temple - Kilinochchi



Thaipongal Festival – Muthumariyamman Temple - Vavuniva

4.3.2 Maha Sivarathri Pooja

The Special Pooja Spritual and Cultural Programmes were conducted with the assistance of the Department in temples in 26 Divisional Secretariats of 8 districts.

Chart – 04 – II

No	Divisional Secretary	Places	No of Beneficiaries
1	Kandy	Ninthavallai Sri Mutthu mariamman Temple ,Vevekananthar Aranery School	110
2	Sengalady	Sri Maha Vishnu temple Senkalady	150
3	Trincomalee	Sri Sotpakavalli temple ,Kilivetty	105
4	Vavunativu	Koththiyapullai Sri Muthalai madu Pillaiyar temple	300
5	Nallu	Thirunelvelly Kaliyamman Temple	225
6	Udivil	Kupulan Veeramanai Kannimar Aranery School	440
7	Vellavelly	Munnaitivu Sri Vinnayagar Aranery school	150
8	Lunugala	Sellva vinayagar templenry;t tpehafu; Myak;	100
9	Badulla	Siththi vinayagar Aranery School	320
10	Mullaitvu	Aathi Vairavar temple	350
11	Karapola	Srii Muththumaari Amman temple	150
12	Karavetty	Karunnaijamkathi Arulmiku Sri Valampika samatha vaitheeswarar suwamy temple	145
13	Pothuvil	Ouranni vinayagar temple	300
14	Kilinochchi	Kumalampikai samatha thayumanavar temple ,Kilinochchi	225
15	Colombo	De[artment of hindu religious and cultural affairs and Saiva Paripalanai sabai	200
16	Ampara,Nathanvelly	Pamadi Sri Sithivinayagar temple	200
17	Batticoloa ,Vahara	Patchchenai Vinayagar Aranery school	120
18	Vallaichennai	Paththalai Veeraiyady vinayagar Aranery school	320
19	Kiran	Sri MAha Vishnu temple ,Kiran	300
20	Kilinochchi	Ruthirapuram Ruthirapureswary temple	230
21	Pattipalai	Nagaeswarar temple	125
22	Chavakachcheri	Aathi vinayagar temple Chavakachcheri	350
23	Kilivetty	Sotpagavalli Amman temple ,Kilivetty	250
24	Galle	Nakiyatheniya temple	150
25	Karaitivu	Sri Nanthavella Sithi vinayagar temple	125
26	Putalam	Kottarumullai sri ganaser temple	100

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Sivarathri events



Cultural Programmes – Performed by Aranery Sturdents Badulla



Cultural Programmes – Performed by Aranery Sturdents Ninthalalai Sri Muthumariamman Temple Kandy



Cultural Programmes – Thirunelveli Sri Kaliyamman Temple Jaffna

4.3.3 New Year festival

The New year Programmes were celebrated with the assistance of the Department in 11 divisional Secretariats.

Chart – 04 - III

No	Divisional Secretary	Places	No of Beneficiaries
1	Keerimalai	Naguleswarar temple Keerimalai	300
2	Vellanai	Vankalavaddy Murugan temple vellanai	200
3	Agalawatta	Divisional Secretary Akalavattai	100
4	Pattipalai	Kokattisolai Sri Thanthoreeswrar temple	150
5	Colombo	Hindu Religious Cululture and Art Association	100
6	Kandy	Hindu Youth Association	160
7	Kovilkulam	Arulmiku Akilandeswarar temple	75
8	Badulla	Divisional Secretary ,Baddula	200
9	Tellipalai	Divisional Secretary ,Thellipalai	150
10	Galle	Nakatheniya temple	120
11	Sakuvantivu	Hindu Youth Association ,Serkuvantivu	130

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New Year Programmes – Sri Ponnampalawaneshwarar Temple Colombo - 13

Navarathiri Pooja

24 Navarathiri Poojas were conducted at District level from 13th Sep to 22nd October in 10 Districts and it was also celebrated in the Parliament and our department on 20.10.2015

Chart – 04 - IV

No	Divisional Secretary	Places	No of Beneficiaries
1	Kandy	Kattukalai Selvavinayagar temple	100
2	Sengalady	Sri Muttu marri Amman temple, Veppavatuva Veppavattuvan	100
3	Trincomalee	Sri Balamurugan temple, Paalaiduotu Trincomalee	100
4	Vavunativu	Vavunativu Murugan temple	50
5	Nallur	Sri Kali Amman Arayam ,Thirunelvely	100
6	Udivil	Salampaiyan Aranery ,Mallagam	150
8	Lunugala	Sri Muttumariyampan temple	100
9	Badulla	Sri Sithivinayagar Aranery School, Baddula	100
10	Mullaitivu	Aathivairavar Temple ,Kallapadu, Maruthipattu	80
11	Karapola	Mannampiti Tamil Maga Vidiyalayam	100
12	Karavetty	Sri Valampikasametha Vaitheeswara temple	100
13	Pothuvil	Vinayagar Aranery ,Pothuvil	55
14	Kilinochchi	Uruthirapureeswara temple, Kilinochchi	100
15	Colombo	Indu Paripalana Sangam, North Colombo	02
16	Ampara Navithan velly	Kupandy Sri Sithi Vinayagar temple	100
17	Batticoloa Vaharai	Mangerny Sithi Vinayagar temple ,Vaharai	180
18	Valachennai	Arumuganavalar Aranery School ,Maruthanagar Kalmadu	60
19	Kiran	Sri Maha Vishnu temple ,Kiran	72
20	Kilinochchi	Sri Kamalampika Samatha Thayumana Suvami temple	60
21	Pattipalai	Naga lingeswara temple ,Munaikadu	120
22	Thenmarachchi	District Secretary, Chavakacheri	105
23	Kilivettu	Sri Sempaka Valli Amman	50
24	Karaitivu	Nanthana Sithivinayagar temple Karaitivu	130

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Navarathri Festival at Parliment

4.4 “Punya Grama” Programme

In order to gather vulnerable people and teach them about Hindu moral characters, this programme was arranged in selected vulnerable areas. 14 Programmes were conducted and over 2500 public and school students have been participated and got benefits.

Chart – 04 - V

No	Districts of Divine villages	No of Divine villages	Conducted places
1	Badulla	2	Badulla,Vellimada
2	Jaffna	5	Nallu,Vellanai,Polikandy,Karavetty,Valvettithurai
3	Kandy	1	Kalaga
4	Batticaloa	3	Pattipalai,Kiran,Ampilanthurai,
5	Gampaha	1	Negambo
6	Polonaruwa	1	Mannampitty
7	Vavuniya	2	Vavuniya,Sinnakulam
8	Kilinochchi	2	Poonagary,Kiranchchi
9	Mannar	1	Madukarai
10	Galle	1	Naravellai
11	Matara	1	Thaniyaya
12	Ampara	1	Nathanvelly
13	Kalutura	1	Baduralliya
14	Kegalle	1	Uthakoda

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Punnyagrama Programme – Poonagary, Kilinochchi

4.5 Classes conducted in Nallur Navalar Manimandapam

To improve the physical, mental, religious and cultural interest of Aranery School Students, the Yoga classes, “Miruthanka” classes, Violin classes, “Pannisai” classes and Hindu Saints’ Guru Poojas and ‘Thiruvasaki’ festival were conducted for the amount of Rs 0.603 Mn at Nallur Navalar Manimandapam which is administrated by the Department.

Chart – 04 – VI

Navalar Manimandapam			
District	Classes	No of conducted classes	No of students
Jaffna	Violin	79	157
	Miruthangam	78	173
	Pannisai	164	141
	Yoga	182	674
Total		503	1145

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Classes conducted to improve the physical, mental, Religious and Cultural Development
 – Navalar Manimandapam, Jaffna



4.6 Hindu Culture Centre, Navatkuda - Batticaloa

59 Yoga classes, 159 Dance classes and Navarathri Pooja have been conducted for sum of Rs 0.08 Mn 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.

Chart – 04 - VII

Cultural Centre-Batticaloa				
District	Classes	No of classes	Amount Rs.	No of students
Baticaloa	Yoga	88	81,780	205
	Dance	255		437
Total Amount		343	81,780	642

4.7 Other Festivals

4.7.1 Visit of the Most Reverent Pope 16th Francis

The International Religious conference was conducted on 2015.01.13 in Badaranayake international conference hall with the visit of the Most Reverent Pope Francis in Sri Lanka. 150 Hindu Priests from all ovr the country were participated in this Programme.

5.0 Research on Hindu Religious Culture

5.1 Research on Tamil Arts of Hindu Religious Culture - Seminar on Hindu Research Financial Progress Rs 1.56 Million

Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs hold this research seminar annually taking , Hindu Religion, Philosophy, History as themes basic factors relevant to Saiva Literary text accordingly, conference were held last two years, and was proceeding with this 9th and 10th Saiva literary text called THIRUVISAIPPA, THIRUPPALLANDU, THIRUMANTHIRAM were taken as the basic factors, a conference was held on the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of April taking “Thirumurigal and Saiva Thirunery” as titles. This Thirumurai was held as a research theaters in the morning and as an auditorium for the public in the evenings .Research theatre was held at this Ramakrishna Lecture Hall and Cultural Programmes took places at the main hall of Ramakishna Mission and a the Sangarapillai hall of Colombo Tamil Sangam for three days.

The occurrences of research theatre took place under the leadership of the Director of the Department Mr. A.Umamaheswaran, the chief guest on the first day of this ceremony was the Secretary of Ministry of Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs Mrs. Ranjini Nadarajapillai , Honourable Minister of Resettlement, Reconstruction and Hindu Religious Affairs D.M Swaminathan and the honourable Chief Minister of Northern Province Mr. C.V Vigneswaran were the chief guests on the second day and on the third day of the ceremony Honourable Governor for Western Province Mr. K.C Logaeswaran participated as the chief guest and gave prominence to the ceremony and delivered an excellent speech.

An invitation given by the Department Holy presence His Holiness Sundaramoorthy Swamigal from Thiruppananthal Kasi Thirumadam visited and delivered spiritual message and honoured the conferences. Further professors Aranga Ramalingam and T. Sivakumar attached to University of Chennai delivered lectures relating to Saiva Literary text with a great deepness of concept and in the manner of motivation thoughts and at the same time it was humorous which remain in the minds of the people. At the same moment a poly phony concert of Doctor Pannisai mamani (Poly Phony) Bostw artiste Thiruthani Swaminathan took place and Brhamasri Sarvathesa kurukkal Venkatesan (Violin) from India, Mr.Sivakumar (Miruthangam) from Thiruvannamalai took part as co-artistes.

Sittings of the research theatre was held at the Ramakrishna Hall on the 4th and 5th days of April from 8.30 a.m to 4.00 p.m. 9th and the 10th content of Thirumanthiram, Thiruvisaippa, Thiruppalandu which has appeared in the Saiva Literary text and also 32 study articles which explain the inner meaning were submitted by the scholars of Sri Lanka and India. During the whole of these three days university and schools students and Hindu religious enthusiasts over 250 people participated and benefitted.

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Published Last year Research essays book at Reserch Seminar



Published Research Souvenir – Research Seminar



5.1.1 “Thirumurai” Conference at Batticaloa

Conference which was held on the 7th of April 2015 at the Hindu cultural hall at Navatkudah, Batticaloa, combining with hindu youth forum, Member of Parliament for Batticaloa District as well as the chairman of the said Hindu youth Forum Mr. Yogeswaran took chair, presenting of His Holiness Swami Sundaramoorthy and the lectures of professors T.Sivakumar, Ananda Ramalingam and the poly phony concept of Thirumurai Doctor Kalaimamani Thiruthani Swaminathan also took place. Hindu priests, temple trustees and students of schools participated at the conference.

5.1.2 Publications and compilation of articles on research theatre, commemoratives souvenir, Sri Lankan colloquial words book on Astrological and Astronomical information - panchangam and moral conduct - Financial progress 1.48 Mn.

The research theatre which was held in 2014 and the compilation of articles which was forwarded during the period of time, a book in the name Thiruvathavoorar and Saivaneri (750 copies) and another book on colloquial words used among Sri Lankan Tamils who live in Sri Lanka (500 copies) and commemorative souvenir called Issaippa and Manthiram (1000 copies) were printed and published. The commemoratives souvenir was distributed free of charge to the participants of the research theatre.

For the usage of the general public 10,000 copies of Panchangam were printed and distributed to temples, Hindu forum, and Hindu public all over the island free of charge.

A book on culture (1000 copies) were printed and distributed to Universities and to the public free of charge. Allocated funds Rs. 1.48 Mn.

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“Almanic” 2015 – 2016



“Panpadu” Magazine



“Illangai, Inthiya Tamil Valkkukalil sotkalin Payanpadu”

5.2 Sanskrit classes – Allocated funds Rs. 0.176 Mn

Sanskrit language classes for the duration of three months were held in Jaffna and Batticaloa. 20 students from Jaffna District and 12 students from Batticaloa District participated. An entire fund which has been allocated (0,176 Mn) was completely utilized.

5.3 Workshop on Epigraphy –Financial Progress Rs 0.35 Million

A workshop was held at the Hindu cultural Hall at Navatkuda Batticaloa from the 17th day of January to 26th day. The said workshop was held as a primary stage of Epigraphy Workshop. 50 students from Universities took part and the work shop and benefited.

Allocated funds Rs 0.35 Million was completely utilized.

5.4 Research Meeting and discussions -Financial Progress Rs 0.05 Million

Five meetings of discussions were held in view of organizing the Research Seminar Advisory Committees and meetings, Publication of books defects and short comings of Hindu Religious books of the Aranery School Students and amount of Rs 0.05 Million were spent on this subject.

6.0 Promotion of Hindu Tamil Arts & Culture

6.1 Purchase books from Sri Lankan writers-Financial Progress Rs 0.26 Million

Intention of encouraging the Sri Lankan Tamil writers 1393 books were purchased from 41 writers and distributed among School libraries Public libraries allocated funds which is said to be Rs 0.26 has been spent.

6.2 Promotion of Folk Arts

In October a seminar was held under a programme of encouraging Tamil Arts relevant to folkloristic this was held at the department Auditorium over 30 people participated in this seminar.

6.3 Award of Kalabooshanam 2015 –Financial Progress Rs 0.74 Million

Artistes who rendered there in immeasurable services in manner regarding Arts and Culture have been awarded with the highest award of Kalabooshanam the Department of Hindu Religious and cultural Affairs also giving its contribution .Accordingly, in this practical year a total number of 301 Artistes including 206 Sinhala Tamil and Muslim artistes were awarded. 70 Tamil Artists and 25 Muslim Artistes have been selected. Accordingly to Tamil artistes whom were suitable to obtain the award had been selected by Evaluation Committee which was appointed by the Department.

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Kalaboosanam Award ceremony on 15.12.2015 at conference hall at National Youth Service socity

The ceremony of distribution of awards was held at the Conference Hall of National Youth Services Board on the 15th day of December 2015 under the leadership of the Minister of Inland Affairs, Wayamba development and Culture Development Honorable S.B. Navinna Minister of Prisons Reconstruction Rehabilitation Resettlement and Hindu Cultural Affairs Honorable Minister D.M. Swaminathan participated as guest of Honour and distributed awards among the Artistes and gave prominence. The Department Director Mr. A. Umamaheswaran and the Assistant Director Mr. R. Kargen also distributed awards to the artistes on behalf of the Department.

Students from Sinhala, Tamil, and Muslim schools performed artistic events and students of Ramanathan Hindu Ladies College conducted a dance programme on behalf of the Tamil Students of the Tamil schools. It has to be pointed out that close upon 1000 artistic enthusiasts participated in the ceremony and gave prominence.

7.0 Development of Hindu Temples and Institutions

7.1 Financial Assistance to the Temples under Capital Expenditure

7.1.1 Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples (North)

Cheques sum of Rs 29.2 Mn were provided to 170 Hindu temples through Divisional Secretaries for the rehabilitation in Northern Province.

Chart -07 -I

No	District	Provided Amount Rs	No of Temples
01.	Mannar	4,500,000	21
02.	Vavuniya	10,300,000	45
03.	Kilinochchi	6,700,000	29
04.	Jaffna	4,000,000	50
05.	Mullaitivu	3,700,000	25
Total		29,200,000	170

7.1.2 Rehabilitation of Hindu Temples (East)

Cheques sum of Rs 20.5 Mn were provided to 106 Hindu temples through Divisional Secretaries for the rehabilitation in Eastern Province.

Chart -07 -II

No	District	Provided Amount Rs	No of Temples
1.	Trincomalee	11,500,000	20
2.	Batticaloa	6,000,000	60
3.	Ampara	3,000,000	26
Amount		20,500,000	106

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

Rs.19.06 Mn cheques were provided through Divisional Secretariats to 175 Hindu temples in the districts other than North and East for the rehabilitation of temples through Divisional Secretaries

Chart -07 -III

No	Distict	Provided Amount Rs.	No of Temple
01.	Badulla	6,100,000	60
02.	Colombo	3,600,000	11
03.	Galle	200,000	02
04.	Kalutura	600,000	06
05.	Kandy	1,200,000	12
06.	Kurunagale	100,000	01
07.	Matala	700,000	07
08.	Nuwara-Elliya	4,300,000	46
09.	Polanaruwa	200,000	02
10.	Kegalle	1,500,000	17
11.	Anuradhapura	200,000	02
12.	Monaragala	500,000	05
13.	Puttalam	400,000	04
Total		19,600,000	175

7.1.4 Promotion of Foundation for Hindu Temples

Under the purpose of promoting foundation of Hindu temples in the country, 185 Hindu Temples and 1 Arenery school in Polanaruwa have been received sum of Rs 16.85Mn financial assistance by cheques through Divisional Secretaries.

Chart -07 -IV

No	Distict	Provided Amount Rs.	No of Temple
01.	Kilinochchi	900,000	08
02.	Puttalam	450,000	05
03.	Ampara	1,800,000	20
04.	Batticaloa	1,240,000	22
05.	Jaffna	2,880,000	30
06.	Mannar	630,000	06
07.	Trincomalee	1,350,000	11
08.	Vavuniya	540,000	06
09.	Monaragalla	50,000	01
10.	Polonaruwa	630,000	06 (1 –Arenery School)
11.	Kandy	540,000	06
12.	Ratnapura	180,000	02
13.	Colombo	1,170,000	11
14.	Badulla	1,250,000	15
15.	Galle	450,000	05
16.	Kalutura	270,000	03
17.	Kegalle	450,000	05
18.	Matara	810,000	09
19.	Mathala	540,000	06
20.	Nuwara-Elliya	720,000	08
Total		16,850,000	185

7.2 Financial Assistance for Hindu Temples under Recurrent Expenditure

7.2.1 Financial Assistance for “Kumbabisegam”

Financial Assistance for sum of Rs 1.72 Mn was provided to 50 Hindu temples under the occasion of providing funds for “Kumbabisekam”.

Chart –07 -V

No	District	Provided Amount Rs.	No of Temple
01.	Jaffna	575,000	15
02.	Nuwara-Elliya	175,000	06
03.	Puttalam	75,000	03
04.	Kegalle	25,000	01
05.	Mullaitivu	100,000	02
06.	Kandy	25,000	01
07.	Ratnapura	25,000	01
08.	Ampara	70,000	03
09.	Trincomalee	100,000	03
10.	Batticaloa	225,000	06
11.	Galle	50,000	01
12.	Kalutura	50,000	02
13.	Monaragala	50,000	01
14.	Polanaruwa	25,000	01
15.	Matara	50,000	02
16.	Kilinochchi	100,000	02
Total		1,720,000	50

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Eluppaikadavai Sri Siva Muthumariaama
Kumbabisegam - Batticaloa



Palavi Sri Nagakaliamm Temple
Kumbabisegam - Puttalam

7.2.2 Financial Assistance for Homes for Children and Elders

To encourage the organizations which maintain the homes for children and elders, financial assistance for sum of Rs 3.88 Mn granted annually. Under this, selected 38 homes for elders and children of the following districts were provided financial assistance this year.

Chart -07 -VI

No	District	Provided Amount Rs.	No of Homes	No of Beneficiaries
01.	Batticaloa	957,500	13	375
02.	Matala	70,000	1	28
03.	Colombo	80,000	1	30
04.	Ampara	245,000	3	96
05.	Mullaitivu	445,000	4	174
06.	Jaffna	402,500	2	159
07.	Vavuniya	347,500	4	135
08.	Mannar	137,500	1	55
09.	Trincomalee	247,500	5	95
10.	Kilinochchi	947,500	4	336
Total		3,880,000	38	1,483

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Financial Assistance for children home
- Mattle Saratha Mission

7.2.3 Publication and Distribution of “Nandhi” Flag

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

Rs 0.992 Mn was spend the published and distributed Nandhi flag this year details are as follows.

Chart -07 -VII

No	Details of Nanthi Flags	No.of total flags	No.of published flags	No.of distributed flags
01	Large Flags; 43’x30’	2912	2912	2160
02	Small Flags; 9’ x 11’ (Tasseled Flags)	1684	1684	822
Total		4596	4596	2982

8.0 Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

Status of Financial Progress 2015

8.1 Financial Progress 2015

Chart -8 -I

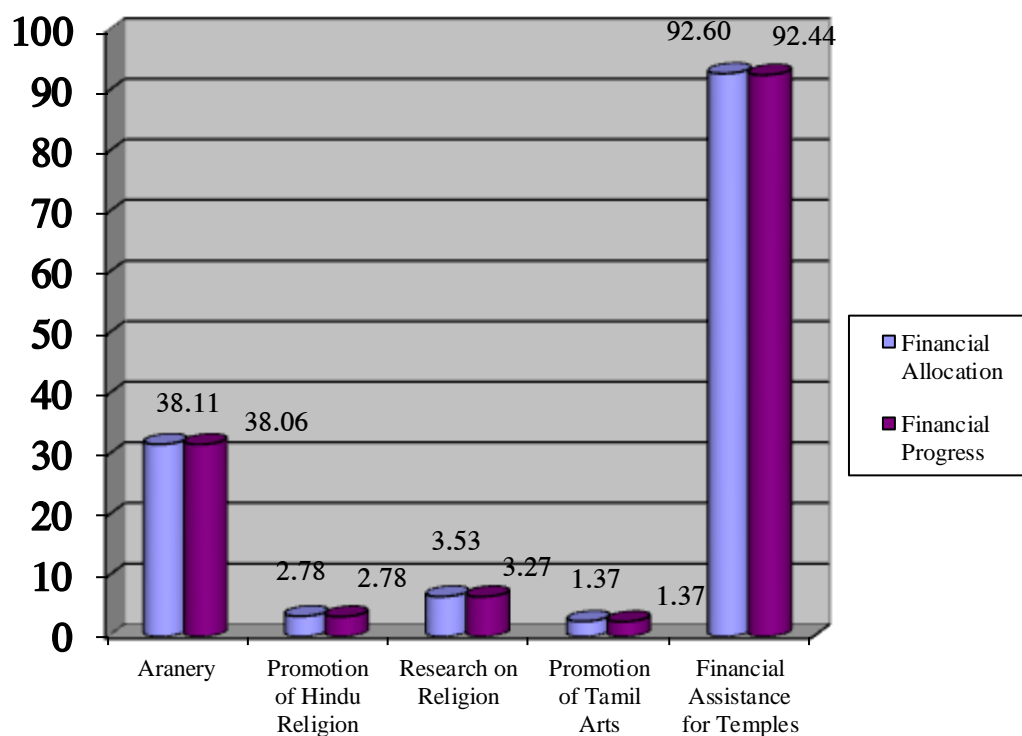
	Financial Allocation 2015 (Rs.Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs.Mn)	%
Capital	94.53	94.37	99.84
Recurrent	127.95	126.77	99.07
Total	222.48	221.14	99.40

8.2 Division wise Financial Progress 2015

Chart -8 -II

#	Division	Financial Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Financial Progress (Rs. Mn)	%
I	Development of Hindu Aranery Schools	38.11	38.06	99.86
II	Promotion of Hindu Religion	2.78	2.78	100
III	Research on Hindu Religion	3.53	3.27	92.63
IV	Promotion of Hindu Tamil Art and Culture	1.37	1.37	100
V	Development of Hindu Temples and Organizations	92.60	92.44	99.82
	Total	138.39	137.92	99.66

Division wise Financial Progress Chart



8.3 Registered Temples, Hindu Religious Organizations and Hindu Aranery Schools in the Department (Up to 2015 December 31)

Chart -8 -III

No	District	Hindu Temple and Organizations		Hindu Aranery Schools		
		Temple	Organization	School	Teachers	Students
01	Anuradhapura	08	01	01	05	363
02	Badulla	331	67	174	1021	17,010
03	Colombo	192	163	94	807	10,514
04	Galle	21	01	08	12	346
05	Gampaha	21	21	13	42	2,203
06	Hambantota	01	00	00	-	-
07	Kalutura	113	17	61	204	1,341
08	Kandy	330	73	152	545	20,037
09	Kegalle	230	21	85	222	4,683
10	Kurunagala	34	09	10	36	143
11	Matale	98	15	57	198	7,421
12	Matara	19	04	14	31	653
13	Moneragala	27	06	05	15	121

14	Nuwara Eliya	621	115	156	583	14,663
15	Puttalam	69	36	45	198	2,534
16	Polonnaruwa	15	06	06	23	968
17	Ratnapura	246	37	110	317	12,272
18	Ampara	193	111	117	958	17,103
19	Batticaloa	899	310	234	1,560	30,218
20	Jaffna	1,558	318	259	1,130	18,345
21	Kilinochchi	202	19	72	198	5,514
22	Mullaitivu	240	16	58	271	5,069
23	Mannar	129	37	75	272	1,053
24	Trincomalee	292	85	115	681	32,138
25	Vavuniya	382	33	79	429	6,101
Total		6,271	1,521	2,000	9,758	191,813

8.4 Details of Cadre – 2015 (Up to 2015 December 31)

Chart –8 –IV

No	Designation	Present cadre	Vacant
01	Director	01	00
02	Deputy Director	00	01
03	Accountant	01	00
04	Assistant Director (SLAS)	01	01
05	Assistant Director; (Non SLAS)	01	00
06	Administrative Officer	00	01
07	Librarian	01	00
08	Research Officer	01	00
09	Development Assistant	18	00
10	Development Officer	73	38
11	Cultural Officer	01	00
12	Public Management Assistant	15	06
13	Manager for Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House	01	00
14	Assistant Manager for Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House	01	00
15	Driver	02	01
16	Hindu Cultural Assistant	02	00
17	Data Entry Operator	00	01
18	Cultural Sevakka	03	00
19	Office Assistant	07	01
20	Security Officer (Hindu Pilgrimage Guest House)	01	00
21	Security	03	01
22	Maintenance Officer (Pilgrimage Guest House)	01	04
Total		134	55

9.0 Hindu Cultural Fund

Performance Report for the year 2015

9.1 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 members for this fund. The followings are the members for 2015.

President

Mrs.N.Ranjini
Secretary, Ministry of Relief, Rehabilitation and Hindu Religious Affairs

Chief Administrative Officer

Mr.A.Umamaheshwaran, Director
Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs

Accountant

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

Members

01. Mrs.K.Kemalogini, Assistant Director Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs
02. Mr.S.Thillainadarajah
03. Mr.V.Kanagasapathy
04. Mr.K.Paramalingam
05. Mr. M.Kanapathipillai
06. Mr.K.D Duraiswamy

9.2 Financial Status

- Rs 1.34 Mn is balance in Current Account in Bank of Ceylon as on 31.12.2015
- Rs 21.83 Mn is balance in Fixed Deposit in Bank of Ceylon as on 31.12.2015

9.3 Hindu Cultural Fund – Progress 2015

Chart -9-I

Activities	Financial Allocation (Rs. Mn)	Progress – from 2015.01.01 to 2015.12.31	
		Financial Progress	Physical Progress
01. Financial Assistance to Hindu Temples and Hindu Organizations	0.5	0.25	01. Thiru murukandeeswarar temple was rehabilitated
02. Maintenance of bull in Temple	0.06	0.06	02. Financial assistance to the bull in Naguleswaram Temple
03. Uniform materials for Hindu Aranyas Teachers	1.20	1.15	03. Purchased 1200 uniform materials

10.0 Achievement of the Department

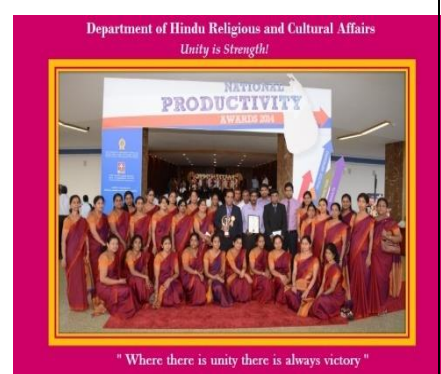
10.1 National Productivity Award 2014

Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs, Second place in the National level

At the competition of National Productivity 2014 which functions under the Ministry of Public Administration and Management, the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs obtained the second position among the Departments. It is really essential to mention that the department which entered the above said competition for the first time obtained the second position with the fullest co-operation of the whole staff and through a hard work rendered by the officers of the Department made a cause to obtain the second place in the first attempt. Points were given on the basis of considering on various aspects such as dedication of the staff, leadership, office management conquest of the general public and rendering of services succeeded in obtaining the second place in the National level this great achievement has granted an encouragement to proceed with the future programmes and activities, in the mean time the Department is in the process of celebrating its 30th anniversary of commencement, Further the Department plays a great role in enhancing the level of the customer services and already engaged in the initial stage in obtaining the certificate of International Standards.

The ceremony of distribution of awards was held at the Bandaranayake International Memorial Hall on the 15th day of December 2015 on a Tuesday under the leadership of the Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Honorable Ranil Wickramasinghe, the award shield and the certificates for our Department was distributed by the Minister Public Administration and Management Honorable R.M. Madduma Bandara and it was delivered to the Director of this Department Mr. A. Umamaheswaran commendation ceremony of the National Productive Skill Award.

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National Productivity award ceremony 2014 at BMICH on 15.12.2015

The Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs which functions under the guidance of the Minister of Prisons Rehabilitation Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs Honorable D.M. Swaminathan, on the regulation of the Secretary of the Ministry Mr. V. Sivagnanasoorthy and under the leadership of the Director of the Department Mr. A. Umamaheswaran, in view of commending the Department staff for their service rendered in obtaining the second place of the competition of National Productivity Skill award for the year 2014. At the commendation ceremony which held at this Department auditorium on the 31st day of December 2015 under the leadership of the Honorable Minister, the officers were awarded with certificates by the Honorable Minister the Secretary of the Ministry Mr. V. Sivagnanasoorthy and also by the chief Priest Sivachchariyar Kurukkal of the Panadura Sri Kandasamy Temple which is under the administration of the Department and all the officers are been honored.

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Commendation ceremony for won the 2nd place on National Productivity compitision among the Department which held at Department Auditourium on 31.12.2015 under the leadership of Honourable Minister