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Presidential Secretariat undertakes the role of fulfilling the people's desires. We are held accountable for His Excellency the President and it is our responsibility to ensure his vision regarding the future of our people.

We should make it clear the duty assigned on us to actively contribute in the Nation's development assuring reconciliation, sustainable economic development and peace, maintaining international order and disaster relief. Similarly, we should not underrate the weight we kept on building strong diplomatic relations during the recent past.

Let me thank all of you on the success of the last year's efforts and commitments through the special projects including food production, drug prevention, Let's protect children, eradication of kidney disease and environmental conservation conducted under the direct intervention and supervision of the President.

Building a better country for our future is the challenge we have to cope with thus we in the public service need to rearrange and reform to suit with the present as well as with the future. I take this opportunity to request all of you to lead the process. While bestowing with the strength and confidence in that regard, I assure you that the necessary guidance and assistance will always be provided.

Austin Fernando Secretary to the President



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#### Introduction

Presidential Secretariat, established in the Old Parliamentary building which is in the architectural form of Pathinan Church committed to the ancient Greek goddess Atheena in Athens-Greece where the modern day democracy was originated, has been the landmark throughout the history of Sri Lankan democracy.

Presidential Secretariat is responsible for the administration, coordination and management of all the duties and functions of Head of the State. Presidential Secretariat similar to all other state institutions in Sri Lanka is bound to fulfill public requirements while being accountable to the public.

The role of the Presidential Secretariat is broadened with the assumption of power by the current President who is determined to establish good governess in Sri Lankan political system and today where Government information has become a right of the public, the functions of Presidential Secretariat has also become open for the public.

Thus, the performance report which includes the functions executed throughout the preceding year under the Secretary to the President who is one of the most senior officers in Sri Lanka Civil Service and appointed officially as the head of administrative service and guided by the vision of His Excellency, is a concise review of a massive course of development completed by the Presidential Secretariat.

The report manifests its active participation in National development and its productivity rate. Therefore, this will guide us in meeting with our challenges and strategies we must follow as a developing country that got into a challenging path of achieving sustainable development.



# Vision

Sustainable and prosperous Sri Lanka restored by good governance.

#### Mission

Providing necessary facilities for the implementation of functions constitutionally entrusted to His Excellency the President to establish good governance in the public mechanism of Sri Lanka and to foster sustainable development and prosperity.



# Presidential Secretariat is comprised of the following divisions:

- ➤ The Secretary's Bureau
- The Private Secretary to the President's Division
- Medical Services Unit
- Chief of Staff's Division
- Internal Administration Division
- > Human Resources Development Division
- Agency Coordination Division
- Financial Management Division
- Constitutional and Statutory Affairs Division
- Policy Coordination and Progress Review Division
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- Reconciliation Division



# The Secretary's Bureau

#### Introduction

This Division is expected to facilitate performance of duties by the Secretary to the President on behalf of His Excellency and to attend to matters connected therewith. Accordingly, this division is assigned the following key functions

#### **Main Functions/ Objectives**

- Organizing and co-ordinating the functions held in honour of the visiting foreign Heads of States as directed by His Excellency the President and instructed by the Secretary to the President.
- Assisting in all matters connected with organizing meetings convened by the Secretary's Bureau including preparation of invitation cards, organizing such events, recording notes of discussion, cordinating and supervisions.
- Initiating actions with regard to accomplishment of transitional justice under government's reconciliation program.
- Initiating actions as the representative to officers' committee of President Secretariate under Prime Minister Office to implement National Action Plan 2016-2021 for the safeguard and promotion of human rights.
- Co-ordinating arrangement activity of National Sustainable Development Agenda -2030 with relevant expert committee.
- Initiating actions as the Secretary to cabinet appointed Nelum Kuluna Committee and Project Committee. Co-ordinating the meetings of the Secretaries to Ministries
- Issuing circulars on the directives of His Excellency the President and as per instructions of the Secretary to the President.

  Initiating action with regard to the appointment of District and Divisional Co-ordinating Committees
- Taking action to obtain Declarations of Assets from those who are liable to submit such declarations to His Excellency the President.
- Taking action as Chair of the panel of Judges interviewing the candidates for award of Presidential "Parisara Niyamu" Gold Medals.
- Initiating actions as directed by His Excellency the President / instructed by the Secretary to the President with regard to complaints / requests made to His Excellency and the Secretary to the President.



- Taking action with regard to issuing concessionary vehicle permits to officers in the Presidential Secretariat and other institutions there-under.
- Maintaining updated files of all circulars/internal documents of the Presidential Secretariat, circulars/financial circulars of the Ministry of Public Administration and Management and any other important circulars/documents.
- Co-ordinating, training and supervision of ushering team appointed for ushering and receiving the guests at special occasions in the President Secretariat.

#### Accomplishments in 2017

Official visit of Chief Minister of Andra predesh in India Hon Chandra Babbu Naidu to Sri Lanka



This Division was tasked with co-ordinating the special dinnar party hosted on January 07, to mark the arrival of Chief Minister of Andra predesh in India Hon Chandra Babbu Naidu on a two day State visit to Sri Lanka from January 07 to 08, 2017.

➤ 69<sup>th</sup> National Independence Day celebration

This Division was tasked with co-ordinating and organizing the special dinnar party hosted on 04.02.2017 in the president office for the 69th National Independence Day celebration.

• Official visit of the His Excellency the President to Indunesia.





Co-ordination of official visit of His Excellency the President to Indunesia from March 06 to 08, 2017 liaise with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Official visit of the His Excellency the President to Russia



This division was tasked with co-ordination of official visit of His Excellency the President to Russia from March 22 to 25, 2017 liaise with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Official visit of Indian Prime Minister Hon. Narendra Modi to Sri Lanka



The Secretariate tasked with organizing and co-ordinating the special dinnar party hosted in the Presidential Secretariat, Fort on May 11, for Indian Prime Minister Hon. Narendra Modi on a two day State visit to Sri Lanka from January 07 to 08, 2017 and preparation of invitation cards and confirming guests' participation for the luncheon hosted in the President' House, Kandy on May 12.

➤ Official visit of the His Excellency the President to Australia





Official visit of the His Excellency the President to Bangladesh



This division was tasked with co-ordination of official visit of His Excellency the President to Bangladesh from July 13 to 15, 2017 liaise with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Particiaption of His Excellency the President to 72nd session of United Nation



Co-ordination of official visit of His Excellency the President to participaate UN General Conference held in New York, from September 17 to 25, 2017 liaise with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

> Special dinner party hosted for the delegation participated to 8th Conference of Assocaition of Hon. Speakers and Members of Parliaments in SAARC countries.

This division was tasked with organizing and co-ordinating the special dinnar party hosted in the President House, Pettah on October 03, 2017, for the delegation participated to 8th Conference of Association of Hon. Speakers and Members of Parliaments in SAARC countries.

State official visit of the His Excellency the President to Qatar





#### Official visit of the His Excellency the President to Korea



This division was tasked with co-ordination of four days official visit of His Excellency the President to Korea from November 27 to 30, 2017 liaise with Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### Official visit of Malysian Prime Minister to Sri Lanka



This division was tasked with co-ordinating the official welcome ceremony to mark the arrival of Malaysia Prime Minister Hon. Dato Shri Mohammed Najeeb Thun Abdul Razzark to President Office on December 18, bi-lateral meetings and signatory of agreements on a three day visit to Sri Lanka from December 17 to 19, 2017 and the luncheon hosted in the President House on the day for him was co-ordinated and organized by Secretary Bureau.

#### Special dinner party hosted to mark the Christmas Day





The special dinner party hosted on December 19, 2017 at the President's House to mark the Christmas was organized and co-ordinated by the Secretary's Bureau.

#### ▶ Meetings held under the patronage of His Excellency the President

• Meetings held with the Secretaries to the Ministries

The meeting held with the Secretaries to the Ministries chaired by H.E. the President held on 19.07.2017 was organized and co-ordinated by this division.

Meetings held with the family members of missing persons



Meetings with the family members of missing persons held on September,06 and November 16, 2017 were organized and co-ordinated by this division.

- The meeting held on 30 August 2017 of high level operation committee appointed under the patronage of H.E. the President with regard to hosting 18<sup>th</sup> session of parties of Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora in 2019 in Sri Lanka was organized and co-ordinated by this division.
- The discussion held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 with Hon. Minister of Economic and Commercial Affairs, Qatar was co-ordinated by the Secretary's Bureau.

#### > Other programmes and functions presided over by His Excellency the President

- Based on the 2030 UN Agenda for Sustainable Development, the function of declaring "Thirasara Yugayak" Development agenda including Agenda for Sustainable Development expected to be implement during next 3 years in Sri Lanka was held on January 02, 2017 Wunder the patronage of H.E. the President at the President's Office, and It was co-ordinated and organized by this division.
- The National Assembly on "Thirasara Yugayaka-Thewasaraka Erabuma"



• The National Assembly on Thirasara Yugayaka-Thewasaraka Erabuma" held on 08.01.2017 at BMICH Auditorium under the patronage of H.E. the President was co-ordinated and organized by this division.





The Inter-ministrial Steering Committee of National Program on Sports and Physical Health annually held by Ministry of Sports and implemented since 2016 was co-ordinated by this division. This division was task with co-ordinating and organizing the committees held on 15,December, 2017 with the patronage of President's Secretary and on 10, January 2017 under the patronage of H.E. the President, and its inauguration ceremony was held under the patronage of H.E. the President on 06.02.2017.

#### • National Award Ceremony





Organizing and co-ordinating of the ceremony including preparation of invitation cards, sending invitation cards for awardees and guests, and confirming participation of guests for the National Award Giving Ceremony held on March 20, 2017 in the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksha theatre were tasked by this division.

#### > Discussions chaired by the Secretary to the President

- The discussion held on September 14, 2017 with entrepreneurs of private sector in line
  with launching training programs joined with private sector for new SLAS officers was
  organized and co-ordinated by Secretary's Bureau.
- The meetings of Secretaries to Ministries held on 17.02.2017, 13.07.2017, 31.08.2017 and 29.09.2017 under the patronage of Secretary to President were organized and coordinated by this division.
- Visits of special rapporteurs and representatives on human rights to Sri Lanka
- 1. The discussion held with Secretary to President and Mr. Ben Emmerson, the special rapporteur on safeguard and promotion of human rights and counterterrorism.
- 2. The final conversation on respective visit by Mr. Paablo Dee Greep, special rapporteure on responsibility of truth, justice, indemnity and prevention of repetition was held on 22.10.2017 under the patronage of Minister of Finance and Media at the Ministrial premises. In the event, the Secretary to President also was participated and It was co-ordinated by this division.
- 3. <u>The Secretary's Bureau</u> was tasked with co-ordinating the discussion held on October 30, 2017 between Secretary to President and Dr. Moto Noguchi, the special rapporture who arrived to Sri Lanka undertaking observation visit on transitional justice and accountability mechanism.

#### > Other Events, meetings, programs and discussions

- The Secretary's Bureau co-ordinated the event of acknowledging the Consultation Task Force on Reconciliation Mechanisms Report -2017 on October 30, 2017.
- This division was contributed to coordinate and organize the meetings and workshops of President's Expert Committee appointed on January 30, 2017 to prepare National Agenda for Sustainable Development- 2030.
- This division was participated to the meetings held on 06.07.2017 and 14.12.2017 as the representative of President Office of Officers' Committee to contribute the co-ordinating of recommendations of UNHRC.
- Under the Universal Review, Senior Assistant Secretary to President participated to initiating actions with regard to discussion held in Geneva on November 15, 2017 on third review of National Report of Sri Lanka, and she was participated it as a member of delegation during period of November 13<sup>th</sup> to 19, 2017 on the request and recommendation of Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



- This division contributed by participating the discussion held on December 19, 2017 with the patronage of Secretary to Prime Minister with regard to resettlement of displaced persons in North and East provinces.
- This division was tasked with prior –preparation on December, 2017 including preparation of invitation cards and sending them with regard to "Salis Wasaraka-Mahaveli Asiriya" ceremony held on 08.10.2018 at the Polgolla dam and Moragaha Kanda dam with the patronage of H.E. the President.

#### > Issuing concessionary vehicle permits

Concessionary vehicle permits for the following officers were issued by this division.

- Mrs. K.H.R.Vilaasitha Legal officer, Human Right commission
- Mrs.W.R.A.Wijaya Wickrama Assistant Secretary to President
- Mrs. W.P.A.N.Somarathna Assistant Secretary to President
- Mr. G.B.M.Lalith Bandara Assistant Secretary to President
- Mr.I.H.B.A. Deshpriya Assistant Secretary to President
- Mr. O.K.S.A. Owitigala Assistant Secretary to President
- Mr. M.W.J.Kumara Assistant Secretary to President
- Mr. U.D.Udaya Kumara Senior Lecturer, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute

#### > Issuing Circulars

The following circulars were issued by this division:

No.	Circular	Number of the Circular	Date
01.	"National Sports and Physical Fitness Promotion Week"- February 06-12, 2017	SP/SB/01/17	06.01.2017

#### Issuing cabinet memorandums

No.	Circular	Number of the Circular	Date
01.	Establishment of affiliated to or separated SLIDA shopisticated training institution	PS/CP/56/17	05.12.2017



#### Matters related to the Panel of interviews for gold medalist environment leaders.

Attending to matters related to panels of interviews for award of Environment Leader Badges held at the following places in 2017.

Date	Place
March 28 and 29, 2017	Dutugamunu National School, Moneragala
May 17, 2017	Badulla Rideemaliyadda Maha Vidyalaya
May 18, 2017	Badulla Udawela Maha Vidyalaya
May 22, 2017	District Secretariat, Matara
July 19 and 20, 2017	P/DB/Alawalakumbura Maha Vidyalaya
August 15,2017	K/Udabadalawa Sudarsana Maha Vidyalaya
August 29, 2017	K/Udabadalawa Sudarsana Maha Vidyalaya
December 20 and 21, 2017	Central Provincial Council Office, Central Environment Authority, Polgolla

#### Nelum Kuluna Project

This division participated to the meetings held on 30.01.2017, 23.02.2017, 21.04.2017, 03.08.2017, 26.09.2017 and 16.10.2017 as the Secretary to Cabinet appointed Discussions and Resolutions committee and Project Committee with regard to Nelum Kuluna.

#### **▶** Appointment of Co-chairs for Divisional Co-coordinating Committees.

Actions have been taken to appoint 65 co-chairmen from Sri Lanka Freedom Party and 33 from United National Party for Divisional Co-coordinating Committees.

#### Matters related to declaration of assests and liability

The Secretary's Bureau referred letters that 244 Declarations of Assets from Hon. Ministers, Secretaries to Ministries, his excellency ambassadors, and Hon. Judges who are liable to submit such declarations to His Excellency the President in the year 2017.

#### Participation for petty procurement committee

This division contributed with participation for 30 petty procurements in the year 2017.

#### > Updating circular file

This division is tasked with updating circulars issued by President Office and Ministry of Public Administration and Management, and maintaining and updated <u>08 circulars issued by the Presidential Secretariat</u>, and 68 circulars issued by the Ministry of Public Administration and Management in the year 2017.



# Matters related to coordinating and supervision of appointed ushering staff and training them.

In the following events held during the year 2017, a team of 35 have been employed for the matters related to ushering. It has been coordinated and organized by this division.

No.	Event	Date
01.	National assembly on Thirasara Yugayaka- Thewasaraka Erabuma	2017.01.08
02.	Dinner party hosted in the President House to mark 69 <sup>th</sup> Independence day	2017.02.04
03.	National Award Ceremony- 2017	2017.03.20
04.	Colombo district special environment workshop	2017.06.20
05.	Dinner party hosted for the delegation participated to 8 <sup>th</sup> conference of Hon. Speakers and Hon. Members of Parliament of SAARC countries.	2017.10.03
06.	National ceremony of social inclusion of Grama Shakthi People's Movement implementing concurrently poverty alleviation program.	2017.10.20
07.	The ceremony held concurrently seventh Buddhist conference.	2017.11.02
08.	The luncheon hosted to mark official visit of Malaysia Prime Minister to Sri Lanka	2017.12.18
09.	Special dinner party for Chrismas day	2017.12.19

This division conducted a written examination to test knowledge and understanding of ushering staff on 07.03.2017, and took actions to conduct the training session on welcoming distinguished guests, ushering and accepted food catering methods at the official state entertainment party





# The Private Secretary to the President's Division

#### Introduction

## **Main Objectives**

Adoption of measures at the optimum level of efficiency in relation to daily programmes/directives and orders/documents and reports of His Excellency the President.

	Activities	Accomplishment of Objectives
1	Adoption of measures at the optimum level of efficiency in relation to daily programmes/directives and orders/documents and reports of His Excellency the President	Necessary measures have been taken immediately on receipt of instructions
2	Updating the Diary with notes on functions and meetings held and the interviews with His Excellency. Organizing and coordinating daily programmes, and briefing relevant officials and divisions on such programmes.	- do -
3	Preparing letters for His Excellency the Presidents' signature as directed by His Excellency the President	- do -
4	Submitting documents/reports, invitations to functions etc. with appropriate notes for the attention of His Excellency the President and initiating action as directed.	Daily activities have been done
5	Adoption of further measures with regard to the documents addressed to His Excellency the President by the general public and the people's representatives	- do -
6	Updating information related to the letters received, maintenance and preparation of Files	- do -



#### **Medical Services Unit**

#### Introduction

The Medical Services Unit of Presidential Secretariat is functional under the Secretary to the President. This Unit is expected to provide necessary guidance and administer treatment so as to help maintain the good standard of health of His Excellency the President, His Excellency's immediate family members as well as the personnel of the Presidential Secretariat.

Further, this Unit also plans relief measures required to uplift the standard of health of the economically disadvantaged citizens.

#### **Main Functions / Objectives**

- To draw up and put in place an action programme to maintain in good condition an ambulance accompanying His Excellency the President's motorcade.
- To keep a constant watch of the maintenance and the supplies of the ambulance and make interventions when necessary
- Take good care of His Excellency's health and those accompanying of His Excellency on local as well as visits abroad.
- Launching diverse awareness raising programmes for the staff to enhance the level of knowledge required for them to maintain a sound standard of health.
- To maintain a medical centre for the staff to seek medical treatment and medical advice
- To direct the officers of the Secretariat to other leading institutions where necessary for consultation with medical specialists in the field
- To provide advice and contribute actively to organizing quality health programmes planned and conducted from time to time in under-served areas for the benefit of the public.
- To plan and put in place programmes to meet any health issues that may arise in the country.

#### Accomplishments in 2017

• An awareness program was organized on January 27, 2017 for the office officers under the theme of "Gatalu meda Sathutin".



- <u>An awareness program was organized on February 06, 2017</u> for the office officers to mark the "National sports and physical fitness promotion week" under the theme of "the importance of physical fitness promotion for the health, happiness and victory".
- An awareness program was organized on March 03, 2017 for the office officers under the
  theme of "Diabetes and high blood pressure, lets know, identify and prevent colestrol level
  in blood".
- A training workshop was organized joint with Medical Research Institute on March 23, 2017 for the officers of food testing and security division of H.E. the President.
- Initiating necessary actions on July, 2017 to establish blood testing center of Dengu patients nearby Negambo Hospital under the instruction of H.E. the President.
- An eye clinic program was conducted on November 11, 2017 for the officers of President Secretariate liaise with The National Hospital of Sri Lanka and RADIANT EYE Hospital.



# **Chief of Staff Division**

#### Introduction

The Chief of Staff Division is assigned the principal responsibility relating to the management of the President's staff, Co-ordination of security-related matters pertaining to His Excellency the President and functions and meetings held in Colombo and other areas, adoption of necessary measures with regard to letters, project proposals and other messages received by His Excellency

#### **Common Objectives**

- 1. Proper Management of the President's staff
- 2. Ensuring security of His Excellency the President
- 3. Co-ordinating meetings and functions of His Excellency the President in Colombo and other areas
- 4. Co-ordinating meetings and discussions of His Excellency the President in order to ensure that they are held productively
- 5. Co-ordinating the settlement of issues and meet necessities received to H.E. the President from general public.
- **6.** Enhancement of welfare in the Buddhist, cultural and educational services institutions and incumbent monks by "Buddhist Renaissance Fund".
- 7. Improving standard of living of people in Gampaha and Yagoda division.
- 8. Making sustainable development in Polonnaruwa District by "Pibidemu Polonnaruwa" (Let's awaken Polonnaruwa) development project 2016-2020

#### Accomplishments in 2017

#### 1. Management of the President's staff

Conducting workshops on attitudinal development, subject knowledge, office systems and discipline of the staff attached to the Presidential Secretariat and monitoring such activities.

#### 2. Ensuring the security of His Excellency the President

Formulating a programme of co-ordination in consultation with the chief security officers in relation to the duties in the field, the office and the official residence. Establishing a programme in order to prevent leakage of information related to His Excellency the President and the office to undesirable parties. Putting in place a programme designed to impose restriction on carrying mobile phones and electronic equipment to office and monitor the arrivals and departure of visitors to the office.



# 3. Co-ordinating the meetings and functions in Colombo and the other areas attended by His Excellency the President

To acquaint ourselves fully with the arrangements made for the meetings in Colombo and outstations that are to be attend by His Excellency the President, the desirability of attending such meetings and addressing the meetings, particulars of the invitees and those who have already confirmed their participation in the meetings, the purpose of the meeting, details of access route to the venue, media coverage and security arrangements made and brief His Excellency the President on such matters.

In order to meet this specified requirements the Co-ordinating Secretaries to the President have been assigned responsibilities for the districts and a programme is also operative to obtain information from those officers as well as from those attached to the Presidential Security Division and to have the information thus collected confirmed by the District Secretaries.

# 4. To ensure the conduct of His Excellency the President's meetings and discussions in a productive manner

To have a prior knowledge of the objectives of the meetings to be attended by His Excellency the President at the Presidential Secretariat, issues to be taken up and requests made at such meetings as well as participating parties and those institutions directly associated therewith as is evident from the objectives of the meetings and brief his Excellency on the subject.

To see to it that a file containing the agenda, particulars of the participants, background materials related to the objective of the meeting and writing pad are kept ready on the table prior to the arrival of His Excellency the President and that necessary arrangements are made for media coverage.

# 5. To respond to the personal letters, project proposals and other messages of His Excellency the President

To identify public requests received by His Excellency the President, categorize such requests and refer them to the relevant divisions. Monitor the progress in initiating necessary actions, identify the difficulties in servicing public needs and adopt measures to eliminate any hindrance and see that public requirements are accommodated. Action have been taken approximately 9,000 requests received by His Excellency the President in 2017 accordingly.

Labor contribution	no. of project locations	Estimated total amounts in rupees
Sri Lanka Army	09	3,840,271.56
Sri Lanka Air Force	08	6,520,570.88
Sri Lanka Navy	09	3,783,522.60
Total	26	14,144,365.04



#### 6. "Buddhist Renaissance Fund" in action.

- Initiating actions to obtain contribution through direct donation locally and internationally credited to "Buddhist Renaissance Fund" bank account.
   Accordingly total amount of donation received by Buddhist Renaissance Fund as at 31.12.2017 is Rs. 102,360,136.97.
- 2. following shows the no. of identified projects and estimated amount in 2017 for initiating constructions in 2018 under labor contribution of tri-forces.

#### 7. Gampaha Pahala Yagoda development program

This division was tasked with co-ordinating Gampaha District Secretariate, Divisional Secretariate and other relevant parties for implementing projects.



#### 8. Co-ordinating of "Pibidemu Polonnaruwa" – District Development Programme

A five year plan from 2016-2020 has been arranged based on a priority list of identified development requirments in all the fields of people's life for the Pibidemu Polonnaruwa" – District Development Programme with the participation of community and community organizations, public servants and political leaders, and guidance of scholars and advices and blessing of religious leaders.



Accordingly the development fields for this development project are identified and completed works in 2017, and there are projects proceeding works according to future plan as well. Main development fields and allocated provisions and expenditure in 2017 thus may be pointed out as follow.

No. of development fields	No. of projected commenced in 2017	No. of projects completed in 2017	Expenditure in 2017
26	2338	1781	5,630,903,126.14







## **Internal Administration Division**

#### Introduction

This division is tasked with providing administrative assistance, office space, physical resources and services necessary to productively and efficiently accomplish the needs of all divisions and units of the Presidential Secretariat

Following units are coming under Internal Administration Division

- Internal Operation Unit
- Procurement Unit
- Engineering Unit
- Buiding Maintenance Unit
- Post I Unit
- Post II Unit
- Main Telephone Exchange
- Reception Unit
- Archive
- Air Force Entertainment Unit
- President's House (Fort, Kandy, Anuradhpura, Nuwara Eliya, Mahiyanganaya, Katharagama)
- Translators' Unit
- ICT Unit
- Transport Unit

#### Main functions/ Objectives -

- > Provision of office space, equipment and services for all Divisions & Units
- > Organizing special State functions and liaise with other internal and external parties in the provision of necessary facilities for the said purpose.
- Minimizing payment of penalties by ensuring the prompt settlement of water/electricity/ telephone bills
- Appointing Annual Boards of Survey, conducting Boards of Survey and taking necessary measures to properly maintain inventories of goods by auctioning/destroying damaged goods in terms of recommendation made in the reports of the Boards of Survey.
- Taking necessary measures to formally store/maintain files sent to the Record Room from all divisions/units.



- Taking actions regarding outward and inward mail systematically and responsibly.
- ➤ Prioritizing the maintenance and renovation of all buildings of the Secretariat in co-operation with the Engineering Units of the Navy
- Preparing estimates, registration of suppliers, ordering goods and issuance of goods by adoption of the annual procurement procedure.
- Translation into Sinhala/Tamil/English of Cabinet Memorandums, Cabinet Papers, Observations on Cabinet Memoranda, Gazette Notifications, Circulars, answers to Parliamentary Questions and letters and documents addressed to various institutions and persons, prepared by the Presidential Secretariat and providing simultaneous interpretation services in all three languages.
- Initiating suitable actions including settlement of expenditure on behalf of His Excellency the President in respect of funeral ceremonies of dignitaries.

#### Accomplishments in 2017

#### > Internal Operation Unit

- 1. Organizing of special state ceremonies/meetings/ceremonies and accomplishment of tasks successfully co-ordinating necessary internal and outside parties for relevant facilitation.
- Diplomatic Ceremonies

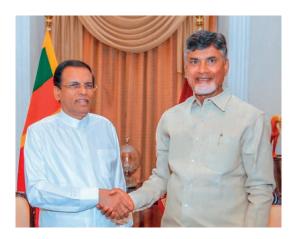
Organizing diplomatic ceremonies and provision of necessary facilities in this regard are the special duties attended to by this division. Focusing special attention on the following matters, this Division provides necessary facilities in this regard while maintaining supervision and feedback.

- Holding a preliminary meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Holding discussions with security forces, traffic police and other parties chaired by the Secretary to the President.
- Preparing the special podium for the army parade, laying red carpets, and making arrangements for the guard of honour and gun salute.
- Providing facilities for Heads of State Meetings, bilateral discussions and signing of bilateral agreements.
  - Organizing refreshments and decorations.
  - Co-ordinating internal/outside parties to host special refreshment party/State refreshment party.
  - Initiating actions to coordinate various institution when necessary.



## Diplomatic Ceremonies held at the Secretariat in 2017

• 07.01.2017 - Visit of the Chief Minister of Andra Predesh in India to Sri lanka



• 11.05.2017 - Visit of the Prime Minister of India to Sri Lanka



• 15.05.2017 - Visit of the President of Nepal to Sri Lanka







18.12.2017 - Official visit of the Prime Minister of Malaysia

#### **Other Ceremonies**

This division provided facilities such as halls/seats/refreshment/ decorations for the following ceremonies organized by various institutions.

- Declartion of sustainable development goal ceremony held at President's Office on 02.01.2017
- Distribution of financial donation ceremony for the temples held at President's House, Fort on 02.01, 2017
- Meritoriuos act of Alms giving for 1000 monks held at President House, Fort on 08.01.2017
- "Thirasara Yugayaka Thewasaraka Erambuma" ceremony held at BMICH, Colombo on 08 01 2017
- Dinner party hosted to mark Independence Day at President's House, Fort on 04.02.2017
- Dinner party for the officers of World Health Organization held at President's House on 22.01.2017
- National Award Ceremony held at Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksha Theatre, Colombo on 20.03.2017
- Tea party hosted for artists at President's House, Fort on 03.04.2017
- Dinner party hosted for scholars at President's House, Fort on 25.04.2017
- Launching ceremony of Grama Shakthi People's movement held at BMICH, Colombo on 04.05.2017







- State Vesak ceremony held on 10.05.2017
- Dinner Party hosted for officers who participated to successfully complete the UN Vesak commemoration ceremony at President's House, Fort on 21.05.2017
- The Iftar ceremony held at President's House, Fort on 20.06.2017
- Water cutting ceremony marking the completion of Dalada Perehara in Kandy at President's House, Kandy on 08.08.2017
- International Tea Conference ceremony held at President's House on 09.08.2017
- "Let's protect children" sustainable school program held at President's House, Fort on 06.09.2017





- Dipavali ceremony held at President's House, Fort on 19.10.2017
- Launching of Grama Shakthi people's movement held at Sugathadasa Stadium on 20.10.2017
- Buddhist federation held at President's House, Fort on 10.11.2017
- Christmas ceremony held at President's House, Fort on 19.12.2017



 Refreshment party hosted for representatives of BIMSTEC held at President's House, Fort on 20.12.2017





- > Ceremonies related to the Presentation of Acts of Appointment
- Countries that presented Acts of appointment at the President's House, Fort on 24.01.2017
  - o Mongolia
  - o Lithuania
  - o Panema
  - o India



- o Tunisia
- o Seychelles
- o Spain
- o Gorgia





- Countries that presented Acts of appointment at the President's House, Fort on 11.09.2017
  - o Estonia
  - o Peru
  - Thailand



- Facilitating 155 meetings held in 2017 in the Secretariat related to various activities.
- 2. Prompt settlement of water/electricity bills

This unit has spent sum of Rs. 29,680,804.13 to settlement of electricity bills and sum of Rs. 103,212,952.12 to settlement of water bills in 2017 for 34 buildings coming under President Secretariate.

3. Prompt payment of telephone bills

Total sum of Rs. 7288029.91 has been spent for the settlement of telephone bills of staff grade officers.

- Appointment of annual goods survey board, conducting goods survey, and auctioning / destroying the goods to be removed in terms of good survey board report have been done as follow.
  - A number of 42 officers were employed for the good survey, and they surveyed this office, its all the divisions and units and all the buildings as well.

It provided income of Rs.479,960/- for this office.

- 5. The Identity cards for 213 officers who are attached to various divisions in President Secretariate have been issued.
- 6. Action have been taken to advance/settle a sum of Rs. 23,530,039.00 to officers participated to meetings/ceremony held outside of district in 2017.
- 7. Action have been taken to convey condolence messages for 190 funerals of dignitaries representing His Excellency the Presdient.



## Building Maintenance Unit

- A sum of Rs. 143,846,811.03 has been spent for the maintenance of all the buildings of President Office, and the new building constructing annexed to old building has been constructed with the assistance of Navy.
- Further actions have been taken to maintain the reparing/maintenance of buildings and houses coming under president office with the assistance of Navy.

#### > Procurement Unit

- Preparation of estimates, registration of suppliers, ordering goods, issuing goods under procurement process pertaining to 2017
- Action have been taken to procure goods and services comply with standard procurement process spending sum of Rs. 290,852,815.70 for petty procurement activities and sum of Rs. 329,539,042.96 for large scale procurements of this office.

#### > Post I and Post II Unit

The letters have received to Post II Unit of President Office as follow, and all the letters have been promptly referred regularly into relevant divisions.

•	Registered post	8652
•	Normal post	14633
•	President's Coordinating Secretariate Division	56182
•	By hand	6235
•	Fax	5485
•	Total	91187

• Post I Unit of President's Office has sent letters regularly in 2017 and Post I Unit has taken action to send President's Office letters outside properly.

#### > Archive

Old documents and files of Presidential Secretariate to be maintain and conserve and properly store and retrieve them when necessary.

### General telephone exchange and Reception Unit

- Welcome the clients arrive to Presidential Secretariate and provide necessary instruction them and forward them relevant division.
- Rendering efficience service by politely and promptly answering for telephone calls received to President's Office.
- Assisting to communications among internal officers of Presidential Secretariates.



#### **➢** Air force Entertainment Unit

 This Unit has saved huge sum of moneys to government by catering very tasty and confidential foods and beverages on time for all the ceremonies and meetings hold at Presidential Secretariat.

#### > Translators' Unit

Translation efficiently into Sinhala/Tamil/English of Cabinet Memorandums, Cabinet Papers, Observations on Cabinet Memoranda, Gazette Notifications, Circulars, answers to Parliamentary Questions and around 850 letters and documents addressed to and received from various institutions and persons, prepared by the Presidential Secretariat.

## > Transport Unit

#### 01. The role of Transport Division

- Attending to all types of work pertaining to vehicles meant for His Excellency the President
- Provision of daily transport
- Maintenance of Presidential Secretariat owned fleet of vehicles
- Obtaining insurance certificates, revenue licences, vehicle emission test certificates in respect of the fleet of vehicles of the Presidential Secretariat
- Submitting insurance claims in respect of vehicles involved in road accidents
- Issuing fuel orders and submitting vouchers to the Financial Management Division for payment after scrutiny
- Scrutiny of bills related to repairs and servicing of vehicles and submitting them for payments.
- Scrutiny of running charts related to fuel orders issued and proper management of expenditure incurred on fuel
- Maintaining an updated inventory of vehicles and transfers, taking over and disposal of vehicles.
- Attachment of drivers newly- recruited by the Presidential Secretariat to relevant divisions where there are vacancies for them
- Organizing capacity development programs for drivers and the staff in collaboration with Human Resource Development Division



#### 01. Staff

- The staff of the Transport Division is comprised of new recruits to the public service and those who were transferred to this office from other state institutions. Accordingly, all the vacancies except two (2) in the office staff have been filled. Provision of required training is organized by the Human Resource Development Division. A number of vacancies have been created in the cadre of drivers and necessary measures for new recruitments after Local Government Election- 2018 are now underway.
- The cadre of drivers is also comprised of new recruits and those who were transferred to this office from other state institutions. Training programmes were launched by the Ceylon- German Technical Training Institute and the Vocational Training Authority for all drivers. In addition to the workshop on technical know how and road rules, programmes were also put in place for them on positive thinking and stress management at the Sri Lanka Foundation. The feedback from the participants at the conclusion of these workshops was found to be most encouraging.
- Likewise, currently the cadre of drivers is also comprised of new recruits and those who were transferred to this office from other state institutions. The training programs for all the drivers were held at Ceylon-German Technical Training Institute, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, and Vocational Training Authority. In addition to technical and traffic rules knowledge, the workshops on positive thinking and stress management were held at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute. The feedback of participants received at the end of training programs was very good.
- Accommodation provided for the drivers when engaged in night duty was not adequate and there was no proper rest room for them to use during the daytime. Accommodation has been improvised out of two suitably adjusted containers for the purpose.
- Two Technical Officers have also been accommodated in a container for the time being.

### 03. Delivery of Services

Transport Division has been able to deliver a satisfactory service making use of the available physical and human resources. There are, at present, 30 vacancies in the cadre for drivers. And a certain degree of control has had to be exercised on their requests for grant of leave.

#### 04. Refurbishment of the Office

Refurbishment of the office has been completed and a computer software designed by Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration has been installed with the assistance of the Information and Communication Technology Unit of the Presidential Secretariat. Entering data to the said system



and utilizing on a test basis have already been initiated. It is expected to make speedily available requisite reports for decision – making by the management and reduce the heavy paper work involved making the performance of day-to-day duties more efficient.

### 05. Repairs to vehicles

- Vehicles are to be sent for repairs only when a proper inspection of such vehicles has been
  carried out by the Technical Officers. A certain control has thus been exercised on the
  number of requests made for repairs that are found to be quite unnecessary. Even after
  repairs were effected the vehicles are subjected to inspection and spares removed from
  vehicles are taken over and stored.
- New vehicles, at present, are not purchased substitute for removed vehicles for the use of President's Office. the vehicles remained in satisfactory condition in other state institution are added to vehicle pool in President Office after repairs were effected.

### 06. Consumption of fuel

It was possible to cut down on consumption of fuel to a satisfactory level compared to the previous year as is borne out by the following figures:

Year	Expenditure incurred on fuel (Rs.)
2015	120,000,000.00
2016	140,000,000.00
2017	180,000,000.00

(Vouchers have been sent to the Financial Management Division for payment and figures have been roughly calculated in relation to the vouchers with bills)

- 07. Progress made in the settlement of accident and insurance claims
- Initiatives have been taken to expedite proper investigation related to accidents, take disciplinary action against the responsible drivers and two seminars are to be held by Sri Lanka Insurance Cooperation speedily since an increase in accidents can be seen.

Insurance claims have been d as follows (approximately calculated)



Year	Claim (Rs.)
Compensation obtained in 2017 for the accidents that occurred before 2017	13,000,000.00
Compensation obtained in 2017 for the accidents that occurred during 2017	10,100,000.00

- It was revealed that there were unrealized insurance claims and a number of unsettled ones of past few years (2014 and before) for which cheques had been received in favour of Secretary to the President but, payments to the garages are settled.
- The Secretary to the President has instructed that reckless driving be made the criterion in the evaluation of performance as well as in the payment of increments.

#### 08. High Security Vehicles

- As modified high security vehicles are not transferrable for private use they are not meant to be either disposed of or privately used. The methodology hitherto adopted has been either to destroy them or sink them in the deep sea with the least damage to sea environment in conformity within the generally accepted standards. Enquires were also made from the suppliers as to whether they could re- purchase these vehicles, the Benz Automotive Company has responded stating that they could do so provided export shipping charges and re-cycling charges are met by the Government
- Hence, actions have been taken to transfer 08 bullet-proof armoured cars that are unserviceable or out of commission to Sri Lanka Navy, and to exhibit for public another 08 vehicles at Ganagaramaya Temple, Hunupitiya, Colombo.
- Arrangements have been made to sell and remove under formal methodology after removing out of commissioned normal vehicles.

#### 09. Transfer of Vehicles

Arrangements have been made to transfer about 95 vehicles to 16 State Institutions including Civil Security Department, Department of Irrigation, Department of Health and Department of Immigration and Emigration.



10. Taking over the possession of vehicles under custody in Court proceedings

Possession of those vehicles under custody in court proceedings and those under court custody and still remaining parked in such premises over a protracted period on various grounds such as accidents, misuse, being found missing have been taken over once the legal issues involved are settled.

### 11. New purchases

It has been exigent purchasing around 10 security vehicles, and the request will be attended to Additional Secretary (Internal Administration).

12. Providing with transportation for new projects.

Facilities for transportation are provided for the discharge of duties under new projects launched under the purview of Presidential Secretariat such as Pibidemu Polonnaruwa, Development and Special Projects, National Agri-business Development Programme (NADEP) as per requirement.

13. Necessary measures have been adopted as pointed out in audit queries and in terms of the audit reports issued on the subject.

Important matters on more efficient and proper discharge of duties in the transport division are discussed in the Audit and Management Meeting. Actions are taken on the decisions reached and the progress is reported.

The Transport division also has initiated a program by initiating quality circle, preparation of files in standard manner, properly arrange the Office after removing unnecessary goods with the view of winning National Productivity Award, and this division would provide contribution for future actions.



## **Information Technology Unit**

#### Introduction

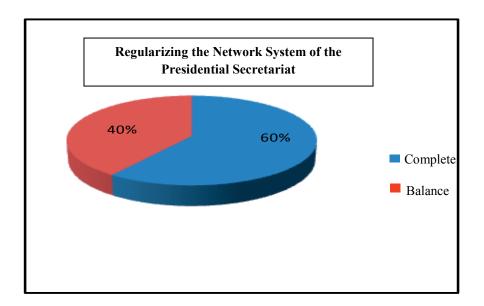
Information and Communication Technology Unit, functioning under the Internal Administration Division , is tasked with maintaining computers, telephones and other technical equipment, designing web sites and software and networking in the Presidential Secretariat and all its affiliated agencies

### Main objectives and progress

Following are the assignments initiated by the Information and Communication Technology Unit of the Presidential Secretariat in 2017 and the progress achieved.

### 01. Regularizing the Network System of the Presidential Secretariat.

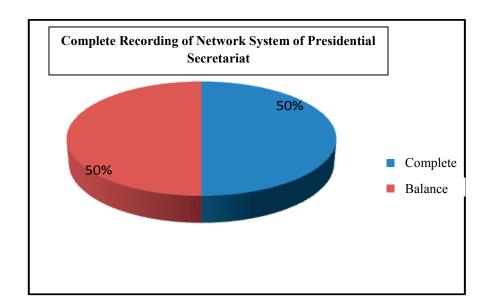
60% of this assignment was completed



## 02. Complete Recording of Network System of Presidential Secretariat

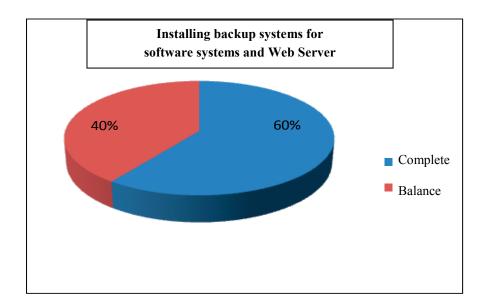
This project was expected to be completed by the "Upgrading the Infrastructure at the Presidential Secretariat" launched by the Presidential Secretariat in 2016. However, 50% of the assignment has been completed in 2017.





## 03. Installing backup systems for software systems and Web Server.

60% of this assignment was completed in 2017



# 04. Installing a Cloud Based Server in Development and Special Projects Division situated in the Chartered Bank Building.

This assignment was completed in 2017.

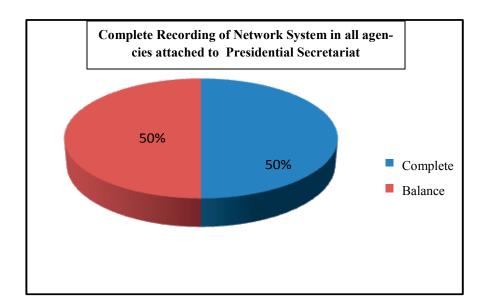


### 05. Installing a Proxy Server for Development and Special Projects Division.

This assignment was completed in 2017

### 06. Complete Recording of Network System in all agencies attached to Presidential Secretariat

50% of this assignment has been completed by the project "Upgrading the infrastructure at the Presidential Secretariat" launched by the Presidential Secretariat.

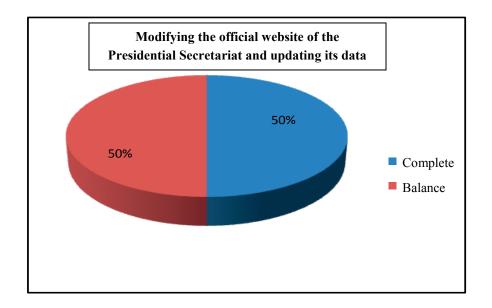


### 07. Installing a Cloud Based File Server in Presidential Secretariat.

These Servers have already been installed for Development and Special Projects Division and Policy Co-ordination and Progress Review Division. The above facility is currently being utilized by the said divisions.

### 08. Modifying the official website of the Presidential Secretariat and updating its data.

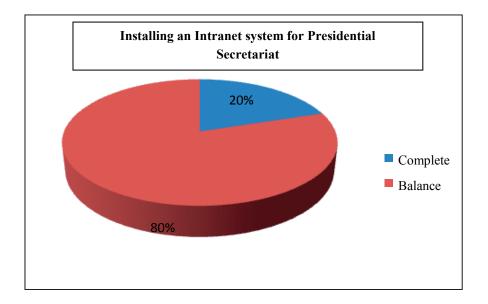




09. Updating of "Tell the President" project of Public Relations division

Obtaining of reports of inquiries made by "Tell the President" project and providing assistance to maintain system.

10. Installing an Intranet system for Presidential Secretariat.

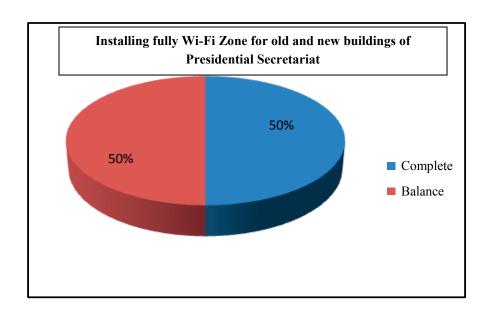


# 11. Launching a computer training programme for the officers attached to Presidential Secretariat and its affiliated agencies.

A basic training programme on computer functions was launched by the Information and Communication Technology Unit for the officers attached to Presidential Secretariat and affiliated agencies. Arrangements have been made to launch a training program on use of E-mail addresses.

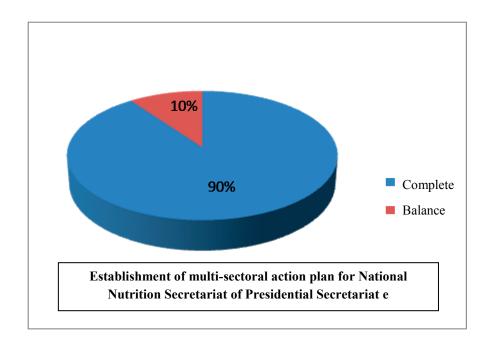
### 12. Installing fully Wi-Fi Zone for old and new building of Presidential Secretariat.

50% of this assignment has been completed

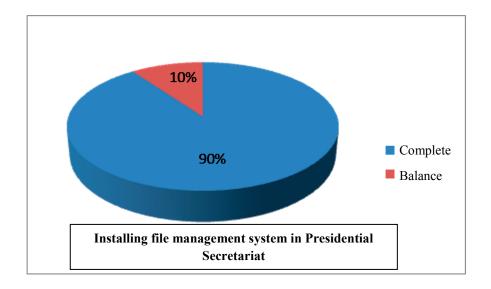


# 13. Establishment of multi-sectoral action plan for National Nutrition Secretariat of Presidential Secretariat.





## 14. Installing file management system in Presidential Secretariat





# **Human Resources Development Division**

#### Introduction

Adoption of necessary measures in relation to establishment matters such as recruitments/ transfers/ promotions /disciplinary control of the staff of the Presidential Secretariat and promotion of productivity of the staff

### **General Objectives/ Functions**

- Establishment matters relating to recruitment, transfer, promotion and disciplinary control of the staff of the Presidential Secretariat.
- Matters relating to the creation of posts for the Presidential Secretariat under FR 71.
- Updating personal files of the staff recruited to the Presidential Secretariat and the other staff.
- Matters relating to security clearance of the staff of the Presidential Secretariat.
- Preparing and updating of particulars of the approved cadres.
- Maintaining the organizational structure of the Presidential Secretariat.
- Assessing performance reports of the permanent/temporary staff of the public servants recruited to the staff of the Presidential Secretariat.
- Organizing local/overseas and capacity building training for the staff recruited by the Presidential Secretariat.
- Recommending/approving loans including housing loans, property loans and distress loans for government servants under Chapter XXIV of the Establishment Code.
- Matters relating to holiday railway warrants and concessionary railway season tickets for the staff of the Presidential Secretariat.
- Recommending grants under the Agrahara Insurance Scheme.
- Matters connected with the approval of leave, overtime payments, travelling and other allowances for the staff of the Presidential Secretariat.



- Adopting measures for the promotion of productivity of the staff of Presidential Secretariat.
- Matters relating to the provision of special facilities privileges at the Airport Terminal for the staff entitled to such facilities.
- Recommending issuance of official passports and service certificates for those applying for visas.
- Payment of allowances to officers accompanying His Excellency the President on visits abroad.
- Matters relating to the issuance of tax free vehicle permits.
- Administrative matters pertaining to the library.
- Matters relating to the payment of incentives to state officers who are proficient in more than one language and the implementation of the official language policy.
- Maintaining staff attendance register and departure and supervision of the finger marking machines.
- Preparing monthly programmes of active duty of staff deployed on such work.

### Performance in 2017

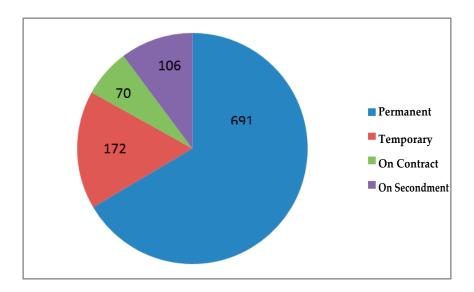
• Duties relating to recruitment, secondments, retirements and disciplinary matters during the period under review. During the period under review 208 appointments and secondments, 157 transfers and release and 111 reimbursement of Agrahara Medical Bills were effected.

Staff as at 31.12.2017 Approved Cadre: 1497 Staff in Service: 1039

#### Categorization of Staff as at 31.12.2017

Permanent	Temporary	On Contract	On Secondment	Total
691	172	70	106	1039





Provision of Local and Overseas Training

### Overseas Training

The number of Staff Officers who participated in overseas training during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 totalled 34.

The number of Staff Officers who participated in overseas seminars, workshops and programs during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 totalled 15.

### **Local Training**

The following training programmes / workshops were conducted in order to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the Staff at primary and secondary levels, attached to each Division/Unit of the Secretariat.



Serial No.	Courses of Training conducted locally during the period 2017.01.01 to 2017.12.31	Category of Trainees	Total number
01	Awarness Inaguration Training Program on nature of services and duty	New officers of Public Management Assistant Service	25
02	Training program on new construction and repairings by adapting low cost eco - friendly cement mix	Officers in engineering service, navy officers attached to President's Office and other officers	50
03	Awareness lecture for officers on Right to Information Act	All the staff grade officers in Presidential Secretariat	100
04	Inaguration program held for drivers	For new drivers recruited for Presidential Secretariat	25
05	Bringing awareness for cadre of staff on role and responsibility entrusted to Public Relations division.	All the officers of Public Relations division	50
06	Workshop on stress management methods that assisted to occupation improvement	For secondary and primary level officers	40
07	Lecture on positive thinking	All the officers in Media Division	72
08	The lecture on productivity	For the officers of President's Private Secretary Division	48
09	Training workshop for the officers of President's Media Division on camera and video photographying	All the officers in Media Division	70
10	Positive thinking for a productive public service and successful personal life	For staff grade officers	64
11	Positive thinking for a productive public service and successful personal life	For secondary grade officers	250
12	Training program on comparative administration methods performances indices	For staff grade officers	75
13	Good food habits for healthy longevity -workshop	For secondary and primary grade officers	125



# **Agency Co-ordination Division**

#### Introduction

This division is tasked with co-ordinating matters with the Independent Commissions/Ministries/ President Appoints Commission of Inquiry and institutional and administrative functions of agencies under the purview of His Excellency the President. In addition to agencies thus co-ordinating, this division is tasked with agency and administration of Departments which are not coming under any Ministry.

The official duties performed in each agency during 2017 by this division have been shown in Annex IV statistically.

#### **General Objectives**

- Urgently co-ordinating matters with the Ministries under the purview of His Excellency the President.
- Providing facilities for and co-ordinating matters with the Independent Commissions established under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.
- Providing immediate responses to letters in relation to policy, establishment and administrative matters of the Presidential Commissions of Inquiries, Committees and Task Forces.
- Attending to establishment, administrative and co-ordinating work related to other institutions under the purview of His Excellency the President.
- ➤ Providing replies in conjunction with the relevant Ministries, Institutions and sectors to all the Parliamentary Questions to be answered by the Honourable Prime Minister on behalf of His Excellency the President.
- Attending to matters relating to overseas leave and visits abroad of officers of Ministries and independent institutions under the purview of His Excellency the President(except those appointments made by His Excellency the President)
- Issuance of diplomatic passports to special persons and matters relating to award of dual citizenships.



# Accomplishments in 2017

Institution	Functions Performed	Total		
Attending to coordinating activities required to do so.	Attending to coordinating activities with the Ministries under the purview of H.E. the President, when required to do so.			
Ministry of Defence		20		
Ministry of Mahaweli Development & Environment	Miscellaneous activities	15		
Ministry of National Integration and Reconciliation	Establishment of related work	02		
Coordinating activities with the In the Constitution	dependent Commissions appointed	under the 19 <sup>th</sup> Amendment to		
	Overseas leave	21		
Elections Commission	Establishment work	09		
	Miscellaneous activities	15		
D. Lilly Commission	Approval of overseas leave	05		
Public Service Commission	Miscellaneous requests	04		
National Police Commission	Presentation of Annual Reports	Presentation of Annual Report, 2014, 2015, and 2016 to Parliament		
	Miscellaneous requests	06		
Audit Service Commission	Establishment work	02		
Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission	Establishment related work	16		
Commission	Public complaints	05		
	Approval of overseas leave	16		
	Purchasing a building	04		
	Approval of the recruitment scheme	24		
	Miscellaneous	13		
Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or	Approval of overseas leave	19		
Corruption	Miscellaneous	17		
Finance Commission	Establishment related duties	13		
	Construction of an Office Complex	02		
	Matters relating to overseas leave	08		
	Miscellaneous	08		
	Presentation of Annual Reports to Parliament	Presentation of Annual Report, 2014,2015 and 2016 to Parliament		

Institution	Functions Performed	Total
Delimitation Commission	Establishment work	06
	Miscellaneous	06
National Procurement Commission	Establishment work	08
Coordinating duties relating to the Institutions appointed by His Exce	e Commissions of Inquiries , Presidellency the President	lential Task Forces and other
Office of the Cabinet of Ministers	Approval of overseas leave	07
Department of Audit	Approval of overseas leave	143
	Establishment related duties	23
Judicial Service Commission	Establishment related functions	03
	Annual Reports	06
National Beauro on Peace and Reconciliation	Miscellaneous activities	06
National Education Commission	Establishment related matters	20
	Miscellaneous activities	11
	Granting of vehicle permits on concessanory basis	04
National Salaries and Cadres Commission	Establishment related matters	04
Commission	Approval of overseas leave	02
Right to Information Commission	Establishment related matters	93
Presidential Commission of Inquiry on Serious Fraud,	Settlement of bills	117
Corruption and Misuse of State	Establishment related matters	25
Resources, Privileges, Power and Authority	Miscellaneous activities	08
Special Presidential Task Force on Recovery of State Resources	Establishment related matters	49
Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka	Overseas Leave	85
	Approval of visas	100
	Establishment related matters	64
	Miscellaneous activities	70
Sri Lanka Foundation	Approval of overseas leave	28
	Establishment related matters	18
Administrative Appeals Tribunal	Establishment related matters	14
	Annual Reports	03



Institution	Functions Performed	Total
	Establishment related matters	11
S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike National Commemorative Foundation	Miscellaneous requests	04
Office of the Parliamentary	Establishment related matters	10
Commission for Administration	Recommendations not implemented	08
J.R. Jayewardene Centre	Establishment-related matters	22
NelumPokunaMahindaRajapaksa Theatre	Maintenance activities	155
	Settlement of Electricity bills	22
	Settlement of water bills	26
	Settlement of telephone and internet bills	13
	Settlement of newspaper bills	12
	Reservation of the Theatre	36
	Correspondence relating to sanitary issues	16
	Appointment of procurement committees	48
	Petty cash imprest	45
	Miscellaneous activities	142
	Staff problems	20
	Matters relating to buildings	07
NelumKuluna	Miscellaneous activities	11
The Presidential Commission of Inquiry and report into the Issuance of Treasury Bonds	Establishment-related matters	61
	Miscellaneous activities	03
Presidential committee to	Establishment-related matters	07
streamline the functions of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd	Miscellaneous activities	14
The Presidential Committee appointed to inquire into the damage caused to life and property due to the collapse of the Meethotamulla garbage dump on April 14, 2017	Establishment-related matters	38



Institution	Functions Performed	Total	
	Miscellaneous activities	21	
Strategic Enterprises Management Authority	Establishment-related matters	09	
Office of the Cabinet of Ministers	Establishment-related matters	11	
Indian Ocean Marine Affairs Cooperation Institute	Establishment-related matters	29	
Department of Audit Management	Establishment-related matters	18	
	Miscellaneous activities	10	
Miscellaneous Activities			
Forwarding replies to Parliamentary Questions to the Prime Minister's Office			
Miscellaneous activities related to Parliament affairs		10	
Issuance of diplomatic passports		05	
Overseas Leave for the Parliament	01		



# **Financial Management Division**

#### Introduction

Performance of all duties related to Financial Management of the Presidential Secretariat

### **General Objectives**

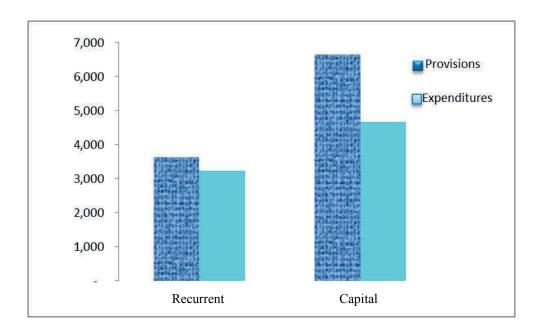
- Payment of monthly salaries, allowances and emoluments of the staff employed on permanent, temporary, casual and contract basis and other officers attached to the Presidential Secretariat
- Payment of overtime and travelling expenses of the officers
- Effecting payments for services provided and delivery of supplies made to the Presidential Secretariat
- Preparing Monthly Summaries of Accounts and Bank reconciliation statements and rendering them to the General Treasury
- Preparing Annual Appropriation Accounts and rendering them to the General Treasury
- Preparing the Annual Budget and rendering same to General Treasury
- Matters relating to Committee stage of the Budget in Parliament
- Reconciliation of office accounts with Treasury accounts
- Releasing financial provisions to other Ministries and Departments

Achievements in 2017

Description	Recurrent	Capital(in Rs. Million)
Total Allocation	3,642	6,659
Total Expenditure	3,240	4,677

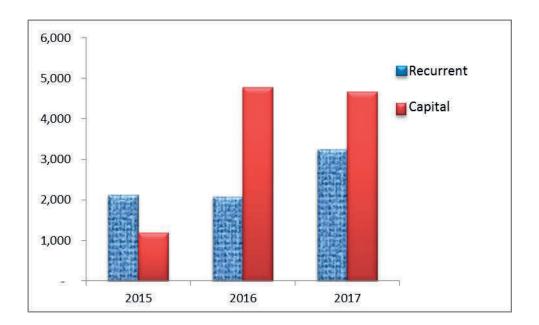
Total Provision and Total expenditure for 2017





Comparative study of Total expenditure incurred in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017

Year	2015	2016	2017
Recurrent	2,116	2,081	3,240
Capital	1,191	4,779	4,677



# **Constitutional and Statutory Affairs Division**

#### Introduction

Assisting the discharge of duties vested in the office of the President by the Constitution and other written laws

## **Main Objectives**

To accomplish efficiently and speedily the above powers and responsibilities in terms of the constitutional provisions.

## Accomplishments in 2017

Appointments made by His Excellency the President to various posts in terms of the Constitutional and other Statutory Provisions.			
Cabinet Ministers	01		
State Ministers	04		
Provincial Governors	01		
Judges of the Supreme Court	01		
Judges of the Appeal Court	03		
Judges of the High Court	06		
Members of the Judicial Service Commission	01		
President's Counsels	29		
Members of the Public Service Commission	02		
Members of the Public Service Commission (for vacant memberships)	01		
<ul> <li>Members of Right to Information Commission( for vacant memberships)</li> </ul>	01		
Director General of Bribary and Corruption Investigation Commission	01		
Secretaries to Ministers			



Appointments made by His Excellency the President to various posts in terms of the Constitutional and other Statutory Provisions.		
For vacant positions after retirements	12	
➤ The appointments made due to transfers	22	
Provincial Chief Secretaries	03	
The death sentence ordered convert into lifetime imprisonment	60	
➤ Granting Presidential Pardon to mark vesak	<u>Has been</u> granted	
Granting Presidential Pardon to mark 2 <sup>nd</sup> President in office	Has been granted	
Officers of the Armed Forces		
➤ Chief of defense staff	02	
Commander of the Army	01	
Commander of the Navy	02	
Chancellors of Universities	05	
Vice-Chancellors of Universities	09	
Members of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka	01	
Board Members of Sri Lanka Foundation	14	
Registrar of Common Contracts	01	
Assistant Registrar of Common Contracts	01	
Special Commissioners of Scouts	01	
District Commissioners of Scouts	05	
Members of the National Child Protection Authority	03	
Members of the National Council for Elders	16	
Members of the National Council of Differently Abled Persons	01	
<ul> <li>Members of Presidential committee to streamline the functions of the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd</li> </ul>	04	
<ul> <li>Appointment of members for National Steering Committee on Child Protection</li> </ul>	06	
Appointment of Board of members for BOI	05	



Appointments made by His Excellency the President to various posts in terms of the Constitutional and other Statutory Provisions.		
Appointment of delimitation committee for provincial council election	05	
<ul> <li>Appointment of Board of Management for Sri Lanka Institute of Policy Studies</li> </ul>	01	
<ul> <li>Appointment of members for the Advisory Committee of Buddhist Fund.</li> </ul>	05	
<ul> <li>Appointment of members for Triatary and vocational education commission</li> </ul>	11	
<ul> <li>Appointment of members for the Commission on Right to Information</li> </ul>	01	
11. Land deeds, long term leaseholds		
Issuance of long term leaseholds	169	
Issuance of land-grants for developed lands	373	
Issuance of Ranaviru deeds	13	
Issuance of Tsunami Land-grants	607	
Issuance of land-grants for temples	13	
land-grants for the Board of Investment	02	
Transfer of lands to the UDA	09	
Transfer of lands to the Housing Development Authority	16	
Grant of alternative lands	18	
Mahaweli leaseholds	45	
Issuance of Mahaweli land-grants (for developed lands)	80	
Issuance of Mahaweli land-grants (under the Land Development Ordinance)	7822	
Mahaweli Temples	32	
New Ranbima land-grant	7437	
Cancellation through Section 3 of the State Land Ordinance	76	
• Issuance of new land-grants through Section 4(3) of the State Land Ordinance after Cancellation in terms of Section 4(1)	1102	
Preparation of new land-grants for the undertaken land- grants to state under Section 4(1) of the State Land Ordinance	95	



Appointments made by His Excellency the President to various posts in terms of the Constitutional and other Statutory Provisions.			
Middle Class land-grants	26		
Cancellation made in terms of Section 104 of the State Land Ordinance	28		
III. Procurement Appeal Board			
Meetings of the Procurement Appeal Board	90		
IV. Grant of Bravery Medals to Members of the Armed Forces			
V. Grant of Acts of appointments in the Security Forces	511		
VI. Calling ADC s	29		
VII. Grant of approval for leave abroad of People's Representatives and of officials appointed by H.E. the <b>President</b>	807		
VIII. Consulting Provincial Councils to seek their views on Draft Bills.			
IX. Submitting Notes to Cabinet, Cabinet Papers and Observations			
➤ Notes to Cabinet	05		
Cabinet Papers	02		
X. Issuance of Gazette notification under Compulsary Public Services Act No. 61 of 1979 (Fuel/Railway service)	02		
XI. Issuance of Gazette notification under Public Security Ordinance (40 <sup>th</sup> Franchise) (Disposal of garbage)	01		
XII. Amendment papers of subjects and functions	07		



# **Policy Co-ordination and Progress Review Division**

#### Introduction

The Policy Co-ordination and Progress Review Division is responsible for implementation of multi-sectoral action plan for the progress review and nutrition of development project programs co-ordinating with government bodies including Ministries, Departments and administration units in district and provincial levels.

#### **Major Objectives**

- Facilitating and co-ordinating policy planning
- Ensuring that district development activities are undertaken in line with the Policy Statement: "Compassionate Governance-A stable country".
- "A developed and responsible state sector: Co-ordinating the inter- ministerial matters expressly stated in the policy statement: "Compassionate Governance A stable country".
- Monitoring development projects and programmes and conducting progress review activities.
- Launching studies on social, economic and cultural issues and societal needs.
- Collection and analysis of data and information required for policy planning and reporting as required
- Co-ordinating activities with all stakeholders involved in the nutrition programme and assisting in the launch of such activities. This programme is primarily intended to reduce by 40% stunted and low weight among children under 05 years of age and reduce upto 5% leanness, besides initiating action to certain the increase in the percentage of overweight children. It is also envisaged to reduce up to 30% low weight child births and low weight and overweight among women, while reducing by 50% anemia from the prevailing levels.

# The meetings held with the patronage of His Excellency the President and Secretary to the President in 2017

The following chart depicts the number of meetings held and programmes organized by this Division in order to achieve the targets envisaged in 2017.



Subject	Meetings/Activities
Under the patronage of His Excellency the President	36
Chaired by the Secretary to the President	64
Chaired by the Addl. Secretary to the President	13
Chaired by Senior Assistant Secretary to the President	01
Others	01
Total	115

### Co-ordination of Ministries, Departments and public institutions

# 01. Adverting of the rehabilitated former L.T.T.E. members for vocational training - 05.01,2017

At the meeting held under the patronage of the Secretary to President, he instructed to relevant parties to formulate national frame work to advert all the rehabilitated former L.T.T.E. members for vocational training and to seek cabinet approval with regard to above matter.

# 02. Special discussion held with regard to archaeological sites and conservation of antiques – 24.01.2017



In this meeting, His Excellency the President gave special instructions to the relevant parties in regard with conservation of archaeological sites and antiques, and this division was tasked with frequent follow up actions during the year.

# 03. The progress review on resettlement in north and eastern provinces -17.02.2017 and 15.08.2018

The special attention of His Excellency the Pesident has been drawn with regard to matter related to resettlement of war affected persons in North and East provinces. Accordingly the Presidential Secretariat in tiated actions with necessary co-ordination and direction to resettle the people currently living in welfare camps in Jaffna and Vauniya districts.

The monthly progress of these initiatives is reported to Secretary to the President, and the quarterly meetings are held with relevant officers.



### 04. The discussion held with regard to increasing the prices of compulsory goods and rice

Around 04 discussion rounds were held with all the relevant parties with the patronage of His Excellency the President with regard of increasing prices of compulsory goods and rice in the market



In this meeting, the instructions were given with reference to controlling of price of rice and importation of rice, and this division was tasked with holding of relevant meetings, co-ordination and follow up actions.

### **05.** Little Hearts project – **28.02.2017**

In this meeting held with the officers of Sri Lankan Association of Paediatric Surgeons with the patronage of His Excellency the President, it was discussed regarding the proposed new ICU for the children who are suffering from hearts diseases and getting treatment from the Ridgway Arya Child Hospital, Borella under Little Hearts project.

**06.** The discussion held on keeping with stable prices of agricultural products – **02.03.2017** This discussion was held on implementation of recommendations of technical committee report appointed by Secretary to President with regard to keeping with the stable price in the cropping season of agricultural sector.

# 07. Handing over the golds arrested from the custody of LTTE/ recovered by Sri Lanka Army to Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

This discussion was held under the patronage of the Secretary to President in line with handing over the golds arrested from the custody of LTTE/ recovered by Sri Lanka Army to Central Bank of Sri Lanka. A board of supervisors comprised of officers attended to the meeting was appointed to supervise relevant process. Ministry of Defense, at present, has adopted relevant measures according to decisions made at this discussion, and the Presidential Secretariate has held follow meetings as well.

# 08. The discussion held on occupational issues of immigration and emigration officers – 16.05.2017





The occupational issues faced by immigration and emigration officers for longer period of time were presented to His Excellency the President, and the responsible officers were instructed to take necessary actions with reference to be identified occupational issues.

# 09. Continuation the performance of historical Devals in the vicinity of Temple of tooth relic, Kandy.

A discussion under the patronage of His Excellency the President was held in connection with performance of historical Devals in the vicinity of Temple of tooth relic, Kandy. In this meeting, the matters related to required number of elephants for procession, providing security to Bassnayake Nilames, the lands belonging to Natha Deval, money granting by the Central Cultural Fund for reconstruction activities were discussed.

# 10. Special discussion held on occupational and duty related issues of the officers appointed on excess cadre basis in Sri Lanka Planning Service.

The discussion on occupation related issues of 268 officers absorbed dated 22.06.2009 to Sri Lanka Planning Service Grade II of Class II on excess cadre basis from Development Officer Service was held with the patronage of Secretary to President. At the discussion, instructions were given to provide all the details of Development Officers to Ministry of Public Administration and Management, and subsequently will reach into policy decision by said Ministry regarding relevant requests.

# 11. Special discussion on confirmation in the service of volunteer health employees in North province.

At the discussion held under the patronage of Secretary to President, instructions were given to relevant institutions for taking potential future steps under existing legal provisions in connection with confirmation in the service of volunteer health employees in North province.

#### 12. Committee meeting on Christian Affairs -28.07.2017

A committee chaired by Minister of Tourism Promotion and Christian Affairs was appointed to discuss the matters related to Catholic education and the lands belonging to Catholic Churches and for enhancing religious harmony. This division is tasked with convening, co-ordinating, follow up the committee.

# 13. The meetings held with Indigenous roofing tiles and leather manufacturers' trade unions -11.09.2017

Under the patronage of His Excellency the President, the discussions were held between representatives of Indigenous roofing tiles and lether footwear manufacturers' Trade Union and His Excellency the President with regard to present status faced by them. In this discussion, the officers were given instructions to provide necessary assistance for the progression of manufacturers.





### 15. Baddegama City development -28.09.2018

A discussion was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President with regard to matters related to Baddegama City Development plan. In this meeting, development activities expected to be carried out inside the city in the future, construction of altenative roads, main bus station, and meeting hall of Shantha Anthonis Vidyalaya, development of Galle and Baddegama and other development activities were discussed.

#### 16. Discussion held on Tampita temple conservation -13.10.2017

This discussion was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President. In this meeting, the President broadly discussed with regard to a research dissertation compiled by Cultural Research Center, Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya. His Excellency the President has granted approval for the suggestion submitted, and instructed to expediently take possible measures to conserve tampita temple in Islandwide. This division is being tasked with follow up actions.



# 17. The discussion held on further continuation of provincial councils after expiring their tenure -16.10.2017

This discussion was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President with regard to further continuation of provincial councils (North Central/Sabaragamuwa/East) after expiring their tenure.





#### 18. The discussion held on occupation related issues of Samurdhi Officers -01.11.2017

At this meeting held under the patronage of His Excellency the President, instructions were given to adopt necessary meseaures submitting a cabinet papers to address the issues of Samurdhi Officers.



# 19. The gems industry in Sri Lanka and protection of indigenous gems resource (01.11.2017/13.12.2017)

The specific attention of His Excellency the President was drawn the matters related to minimize the adverse effects caused by foreign multinational companies, certain out dated rules and regulations, dearth of employees in gems and mining industry. The meetings in this regard were held on 13.12.2017 and 01.11.2017. Those meetings were organized by Policy Co-ordination and Progress Review Division.

### 20. Cabinet Sub-Committee report handed over on Petroleum shortage -11.12.2017

A discussion was held by His Excellency the President with all the parties on the recommendations referred by Cabinet appointed Cabinet Sub-Committee on Petroleum shortage and with regard to potential steps to calm down present crisis and the factors caused to petroleum shortage in country.

### 21. The discussion held on occupation related issues of Grama Niladharis'

This discussion was held with the patronage of His Excellency the President to negotiate on occupational issues of their services presented by trade union of Grama Niladharis'. A committee with the patronage of Hon. Minister of Home Affairs was appointed to present recommendations for addressing and study the issues. The recommendations of committee will be handed over on March, 2018 to His Excellency the President.



# 22. Clearing of forestry lands in North and Eastern provinces – National Committee-27.12.2017

A National Committee chaired by the Secretary to President was appointed to present recommendations to minimize adverse environmental effects created due to rapidly clearing of forestry landscapes in North and East provinces for cultivating and other purposes with the cease of war atmosphere existed in those areas, and the second and third meetings of the National Committee were held respectively on 18.05.2017 and 27.12.2017. At this meetings, the recommendations were granted in respect of releasing of land that were submitted and forwarded to National Committee by each district committee of North and East Provinces. This meetings were organized by Policy Coordinating and Progress Review Division.

## 23. The discussion on occupational issues faced by regional Journalists – 27,12.2017

A discussion on occupational issues faced by regional Journalists was held with the patronage of His Excellency the President and with the participation of Journalist including Ministers, and public servants. At this meeting, it was decided to appoint a committee to present necessary recommendations.



## 24. President's Tasks Force on dengu prevention

There were increasing of dengue epidemic during last few years, and it was sharpen in 2017. Accordingly, the President's Task Force was tasked with promptly intervened as per the instructions given by His Excellency the President to reduce the adverse effects caused to health of people in the country due to prevailing dengue epidemic.





Inter-party initiatives were promptly implemented to co-ordinate and direct state, private and non-state institutions including all the Ministries and Departments and to prevent and controlling of dengue epidemic with the technical contribution of National Dengue Prevention Unit.

A discussion was held on 16.05.2017 by President's Task Force on dengue prevention with the patronage of His Excellency the President, and the progess of the decisions taken at this meeting was reviewed on weekly and monthly basis by the Secretary to President. During 2017, 18 meetings have been conducted.



#### 25. Disaster Management task force

The National Council for Disaster Management is chaired by His Excellency the President. Its objectives are the protection of citizens of Sri Lanka, property, and environment from disasters with a vision of Safer communities in Sri Lanka without disasters. Under this circumstances, the collobarative action is necessary for formalize of the sound management, reducing and prior-preparation of various disaster conditions faced by country periodically. It is a compulsory factor of maintaining inter-relationships and corporation between all the state and non-state, private and international.

Accordingly the National Council for Disaster Management chaired by His Excellency the President has intervened at various disasters faced by the country in 2017.

Under this conditions, following intervention has been made such as providing reliefs for the people affected due to drought and dry weather conditions, rehabilitation of flood and landslide affected people, the disaster caused due to landslide in Kegalle district, management of urgency arised from the landslide at the Meethotamulla garbage dump.

A number of 08 meetings have been held with the patronage of His Exellency the President in this regard. Secretary to the President has held 05 progress review meetings in 2017 with relevant officers occassionally with regard to implementation of the decisions taken at the discussions.





- 1. Distribution of Lorry and Tractors with the patronage of His Excellency the President for the distribution of portable water. (the donation by Republic of India and the funds of Sri Lanka were invested for this purpose) -21.03.2017
- 2. On the request of His Excellency the President, the rice stocks from foreign countries received as grants to this country. (Pakistan, China, and Indunesia etc.)



Co-ordination of special committees established by His Excellency the President

# 01. Appointment of director board members and chairmen in corporations and statutory bodies

This division is tasked with submission of recommendations to His Excellency the President through the relevant committee on appointment of directors' board members and chairmen in public corporations and statutory bodies based on the criteria approved by Cabinet.

# 02. The committee on presenting recommendations to release land for the development purposes in North and East provinces $-\,03.10.2017$

Under the internal crises existed during recent few decades in North and East provinces, resettlement of displaced persons, rehabilitation, releasing of government lands to facilitate infrastructure, forest conservation and identification of wildlife conserved areas, gazette and the report included relevant recommendations was submitted to His Excellency the President by four persons committee appointed for the submission of recommendations after observing social impact created by above circumstances. This division is tasked with co-ordinating between the committee and Presidential Secretariat.







#### **Review of progress of the Ministries**

This division will initiate actions for the separately review the progress achieved by development projects being done by all the Ministries and institutions coming under purview soon after ending every quarter. A report prepared by the division would be submitted to Secretary to the President at the end of every quarter.

#### First quarter

During first quarter provisions sum of Rs. 539.0 billion for the line Ministries and institutions coming under purview of them that provided us reports had been allocated for capital development projects, and sum of Rs. 108.5 billion has been spent out of Rs. 539.0 billion. Achived 20% of financial progress. Review of progress meetings was held on 27.04.2017 with the patronage of His Excellency the President summoned officers in 04 Ministries.

#### **Second Quarter**

During second quarter provisions sum of Rs. 787.5 billion for the line Ministries and institutions coming under purview of them that provided us reports had been allocated for capital development projects, and sum of Rs. 325.6 billion has been spent out of Rs. 787.5 billion. Achived 48% of financial progress

#### **Third Quater**

During second quarter provisions sum of Rs. 719.7 billion for the line Ministries and institutions coming under purview of them that provided us reports had been allocated for capital development projects, and sum of Rs. 348.3 billion has been spent out of Rs. 719.7 billion. Achived 20% of financial progress.

#### Fourth quarter

The reports for the fourth quarter have been summoned at present, and the progress of capital provision spending of line ministries in 2017 will be reviewed.

#### **Cluster meetings**

With the view of formalize the progress review of the Ministries, all the Ministries were clustered into 09 categories to review the main responsibilities and role entrusted to them as per the instructions given by His Excellency the President to implement the Key Performance Indicator for Ministries pointed out by the government at the budget speech in 2017.



The progression of the Ministries of each cluster were commenced through progress review meeting with the participation of Secretaries to Ministries in front of scholar's committee comprising of President's Councellors, Deputy Secretary to Treasury, Director General of Department of Project Management and Supervision and an Additional Secretary to President including Secretary to President.

No.	Date	Combination of Ministrial portfolio	No. of Ministries summoned
01	2017.08.04	Agriculture sub portfolio I	5
02	2017.08.14	Agriculture sub portfolio II	4
03	2017.08.18	Education, Human Resources, and National Harmony sub portfolio I	4
04	2017.09.08	Health	2
05	2017.10.13	Economics infrastructure facility sub subject II	2
06	2017.11.29	Economics infrastructure facility sub subject I	3

Review of the role of the development projects and statutory bodies.

At this meeting, the role of statutory bodies of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and Sri Lanka Tea Board and their performance were discussed.

# Organizing of events and co-ordinating of their all the activities hold with the patronage of His Excellency the President.

# 01. Field functions held pertaining to event in Baticaloa with the theme of "Thirasara Yugayaka Thewasara Erabuma".

The preliminary activities pertaining to ceremony held on 10.01.2017 in Baticaloa District with the theme of "Thirasara Yugayaka Thewasara Erabuma" were organized under co-ordination of Baticaloa district.















#### 02. Chief Minister's conference -19.06.2017

This discussion was held with the patronage of His Excellency the President to initiate discussion with regard to matters to be submitted to His Excellency the President according to the matters got the attention in the discussion at the 33<sup>rd</sup> chief ministerial conference held on 06.05.2017 at Cinamon lodge hotel, Habarana.

#### 03. Donation of fire engine by Japan Friendship Association - 2017.07.24

The fire engine consisted of all the componets and donated by Japan Friendship Association was formally handed over on 24.07.2017 to His Excellency the President at the President's House, and in this event His Excellency the President handed it over to Hingurakgoda Divisional Secretariate.



### 04. Annual Christmas ceremony - 2017.12.19

The annual Christmas day was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President and with the participation of Rev. His Holiness, Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith at the President's House. At the end of ceremony, a Carol and dinner party were held.

(This division was tasked with co-ordinating the ceremony)







### **Conducting of district co-ordinating committee meeting.**

### 01. Jaffna district's special coordinating meeting

A special district co-ordinating committee meeting was held on 12.06.2017 under the patronage of His Excellency the President with a view of co-ordination, implementation and follow up all the development activities to be implemented by government and non-government institutions in district level complying with national development plans. Follow up actions are being regularly done under the decision taken on the day.

	Circular	Circular No.	Date
1.	the National program for waste management (The circular issued by the signature of Secretary to the President )	PCMD/PS/02/PCG	2017.01.03
2.	Successive inspection of dengue mosquito breeding places within institutional premise and reducing dengue mosquito breeding and special trimonthly circular (The circular issued by the signature of Secretary to the President)	PCMD/SD/01/MoHealth - Dengue	2017.05.18
3.	Successive inspection of dengue mosquito breeding places within institutional premises and reducing dengue mosquito breeding and special trimonthly program  (The circular issued by the signature of Secretary to the President)	PCMD/SD/01/MoHealth - Dengue (II)	2017.09.11



#### **Nutrition Programme**

#### Activities performed in 2017

- ➤ Preparation of Multi-Sectoral Action plan for the nutrition 2017-2020.
- Implementation, supervision, follow up and assessment of the following programmes at provincial, district, divisional and rural level under the Multi-Sectoral Action Plan on Nutrition -2017-2020.
- Implementation of special projects identified for alleviation of mal-nutrition so that covering all the districts in the Island under the Multi-Sectoral Action Plan on Nutrition -2017.

This project primarily expects to prevent dwalfness of children below the age of 05 down to 8.1%, thinness down to 5.8%, low weight down to 10%, improving over weight, and reduce the anaemia down to 8.8% and improving domestic food safety by 25% in the country by 2020.

#### Special projects implemented at district level in 2017

- ▶ Identification of domestic units with vulnerable to nutrition and obtaining data
  - Ensuring provide of Samurdhi allowance to domestic units that vulnerable to nutrition.
- Empowerment of domestic units with nutritional risks through alleviation of poverty program.
  - Alleviation of poverty and bring awareness for nutritionally vulnerable domestic units by which bringing awareness to Economic Development Officers at Grama Niladhari level on generation of self-employments.
- > Implementation of social welfare programs by which making business alliance.
- Monitoring of the program of granting "Nutritional bag" for pregnant mothers.
- ➤ Bringing awareness for child care takers and children right promotion officers regarding the nutrition of the children below the age of 05 in domestic units where the mother is outside of the home for long-term employments and vulnerable to nutrition.
- > Encouragement of employers to establish day care centre in work place.
- > Creation of Mother's Associations and strengthening existing Mother's Associations.
- Training of pre-school children on food habits of pre-school children and by which bringing awareness to parents and their children.
- Training program on mothers and child care takers of domestic units who are vulnerable to nutrition, pre-identification of growth deformities of children and infants and child nutrition habits.



- > Implementation of awareness program for farmers organizations.
- > Officers attached to divisional secretariats who deal with the subject of nutrition being made aware of "Nutrition".
- Enhancing the awareness at rural level on nutrition through holding of cluster meetings.
- Training of volunteers employees for initiating actions as social transformers for the enhancement of nutrition standard of domestic units with nutrition vulnerabilities.
- Monitoring of progress of nutrition improvement in domestic units with nutrition vulnerabilities and implementation of suitable other projects by targeting relevant domestic units if there were domestic units without any improvement.
- Summoning of reports after review progress of implementing above programs daily by holding divisional and district nutrition committees bi-monthly.
- Releasing of provisions for the activities identified under the project of mal-nutrition reduction down to 10% of the children below the age of 05 in Bibila Divisional Secretariate.

Above project has reduced the low weight child birth by 3.4% from 14.7% to 11.3 during the period of time (from June, 2016 to December, 2016) that implemented in Bibila Divisional Secretariat.



Training program for Economic Development Officers -Baticaloa district



Training program on mothers and child care takers of domestic units who are vulnerable to nutrition, pre-identification of growth deformities of children and infants and child nutrition habits – Kurunegala district





Training program on mothers and child care takers of domestic units who are vulnerable to nutrition, pre-identification of growth deformities of children and infants and child nutrition habits – Kandy district



Officers attached to divisional secretariats who deal with the subject of nutrition being made aware of "Nutrition"- Badulla district











Miscellaneous events of special projects implemented for mal-nutrition reduction in Bibila Divisional Secretariat.

- National Nutrition Information System
- > Developing and implementation of National Nutrition Information System
- ➤ Conducting of practical training programs on use of National Nutrition Information System for the nutrition and related officers attached to all the Divisional Secretariat

Serial No.	District	Date
1	Nuwara Eliya	2017.03.06
2	Kandy	2017.03.07
3	Matale	2017.03.09
4	<u>Kegalle</u>	2017.03.10
5	Batticaloa	2017.03.13
6	Trincomalee	2017.03.14
7	Jaffna, Kilinochchi	2017.03.16
8	Mannar, Mullaitivu, Vavuniya	2017.03.17
9	Moneragala	2017.03.20
10	Ampara	2017.03.21
11	Ratnapura	2017.03.23
12	Badulla	2017.03.24
13	Anuradhapura	2017.03.27
14	Polonnaruwa	2017.03.28
15	Hambantota	2017.03.30
16	Matara	2017.03.31
17	Galle	2017.04.03
18	<u>Kalutara</u>	2017.04.03
19	Colombo	2017.04.04
20	<u>Gampaha</u>	2017.04.04
21	Kurunegala	2017.04.06
22	Puttalam	2017.04.07







Preliminary discussion on National Nutrition Information System





First training program on National Nutrition Information System – Nuwara Eliya district



Training program on installing National Nutrition Information System – Baticaloa district



Training program on installing National Nutrition Information System – Jaffna district





Training program on installing National Nutrition Information System – Kurunegala district



Training program on installing National Nutrition Information System – Galle district

Data entry progress – as at 31st, December 2017

	District	,	Statistic of data en	ntry	Total sum
		Children below the age of 05	Pre-pregnant women	Pregnant women	for the district
1	Colombo	3899	11	1232	5142
2	Gampaha	8905	39	1991	10935
3	Kalutara	12560	210	3155	15925
4	Kandy	14337	57	2571	16965
5	Matale	4701	18	927	5646
6	Nuwara Eliya	11468	66	222	11756
7	Hambanthota	6815	113	1776	8704
8	Galle	3840	11	679	4530
9	Matara	7364	36	1491	8891
10	Jaffna	7543	7267	1724	16534
11	Mannar	615	1783	310	2708
12	Vavuniya	1794	2486	332	4612



		,	Statistic of data entry		
	District	Children below the age of 05	Pre-pregnant women	Pregnant women	for the district
13	Mullaitivu	1446	67	147	1660
14	Kilinochchi	1637	2150	569	4356
15	Batticaloa	6060	2366	1452	9878
16	Ampara	8618	72	1928	10618
17	Trincomalee	1704	10	823	2537
18	Kurunegala	15443	34	2068	17545
19	Puttalam	4868	52	1055	5975
20	Anuradhapura	9820	28	1603	11451
21	Polonnaruwa	3870	45	257	4172
22	Baddula	9877	64	882	10823
23	Moneragala	6176	3	731	6910
24	Kegalle	4497	39	626	5162
25	Rathnapura	9673	72	1218	10963
Total	•	142166	16839	23391	182396

Awarding as the best Information System in the Nutrition Sector at the seminar and award giving ceremony on commonwealth digital health held on 10-12 October, 2017.







### **Development and Special Projects Division**

Under the supervision of His Excellency the President, with a view of creating strong generation who are living in a virtue society and through not only development of infrastructure facility but personal development also for the development of a country, the "Development and Special Project Division" of Presidential Secretariat is put in place following major programmes.

- I. National Programme on Environment Conservation
- II. National Programme on Prevention of Drugs
- III. National Programme on Prevention of Kidney Diseases
- IV. National programme titled 'Let us save the children'
- V. Sustainable school programme
- VI. Programme on religious affairs
- VII. Other special programme (Formulation of National Book Policy, Formulation of Arts and Cultural Policy, "Our Health Country's Strength" program, conducting of district youth camp etc.)

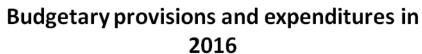
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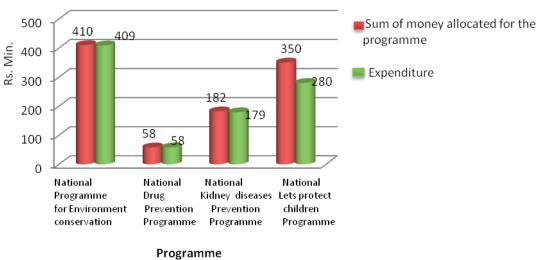
- Planning and formulating national programmes with a specific time-span for each of them
- Proper liaison with Ministries, Departments and Institutions concerned
- Due intervention in legal and policy matters
- Provision of financial allocation and facilities when necessary
- Proper co-ordination with civil organizations and beneficiaries
- Regular Monitoring
- Supervision and review of progress

Development and Special Project Division was allocated Sum of Rs. 1000 millions in 2016, and a financial progress greater than 98% out of allocation was acquired. More than 92% out of Rs. 1250 million allocated in 2017 was spent provide for allocation and expenditures for miscellaneous projects.



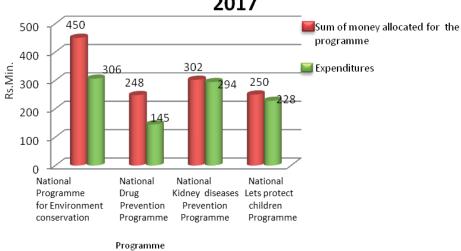
Budget allocation and expenditure allocated for Development and Special Project Division – 2016





Budget allocation and expenditure allocated for Development and Special Project Division – 2017

# Budgetary provisions and expenditures 2017



Following paragraphs explain the activities performed in 2017 under each National Programs.



# 01. "Revival" (Punarudhaya) National Program for Environmental Conservation

#### Vision

Setting up sustainable environment in Sri Lanka

#### Mission

Setting up a mechanism for the promotion of inter institutional relationships and sustainable environment in Sri Lanka by addressing identified primary environmental issues through broaden people's participation.

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### **Objectives**

- 1. Conservation and development of forest resources essential for the sustainable survival in Sri Lanka
- 2. Setting up of life-friendly environment system through sustainable utilization, conservation and management of natural resources in Sri Lanka.
- 3. Creation of Waste free environment through a sustainable waste management.
- 4. Bio-diversity conservation and sustainable management in Sri Lanka
- 5. Conscientious empowerment of general public on environment conservation
- 6. Transforming of Sri Lankan people sensitive to environment conservation.

#### Introduction

The National Programme on Environmental Conservation, the "Revival" (2016 -18) was introduced aimed at establishing a sustainable environment protecting natural resources thereby minimizing environmental problems caused due to reasons such as the acceleration of the process of economic development, variation of the mode of livelihood of the community and increase in the population and the needs of the community. This programme is being implemented jointly by the Presidential Task Force established under the Presidential Secretariat in association with the stakeholder institutions. In this regard active cooperation is rendered in implementing these programmes by the Ministries and various Departments and institutions under such Ministries including the Ministries of Mahaweli Development and Environment, Provincial Councils and Local Government, Land, Sustainable Development and Wildlife and Plantations. In this regard 21 NationalProgrammes have been identified under the following six (6) main subjects.



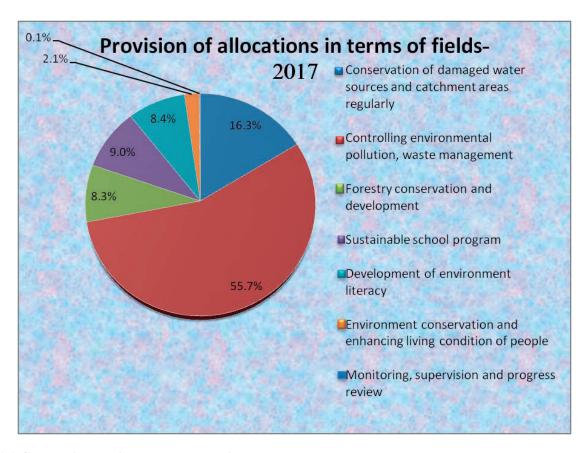
- i. Controlling environmental pollution
- ii. Forestry conservation and development
- iii. Sustainable land management
- iv. Wild life and human co-existence
- v. Conservation of bio-resources
- vi. Institutional restructuring and promotion

Programmes identified under each sector will be implemented by the stakeholder institutions and the Presidential Task Force on Environmental Conservation would attend to necessary conduct, coordination, feedback, monitoring and progress review in this regard.

Presidential Secretariat implements miscellaneous projects under following fields and facilitated for stockholder institutions.

	Field	Provisions allocated (Rs.)	Amount of provisions allocated (Rs.)
1	Controlling environmental pollution, waste management	226,000,000	225,455,319
2	Forestry conservation and development	34,000,000	33,743,450
3	Conservation of damaged water sources and catchment areas regularly	67,000,000	66,077,055
4	Sustainable school program	40,000,000	36,509,540
5	Development of environment literacy	48,000,000	34,038,549
6	Environment conservation and enhancing living condition of people	25,000,000	8,663,287
7	Monitoring, supervision and progress review	10,000,000	612,800
Total amount of provided for according to each field		450,000,000	405,100,000





### 1.1 Controlling environmental pollution

The strategies indentified under "revival" for the control of environmental pollution are being implemented under the following programmes.

- Nikasala Lanka- Waste free country
- Nikasala Purawara Waste free city
- Haritha Werala- Green Beach
- Sunila Sayura Blue Ocean
- Pirisidu Wayu Deegau Pure air long life
- > Jana Diwi Rakina saving the life of the community
- Sara Nagara Prosperous towns

# <u>Special activities undertaken by the Presidential Task Force for the Control of Environmental pollution -2017</u>

#### 1.1.1 Introduction of green building guidance manual

In the designing of cities and buildings as one programme identified in the "Revival" three years' environment conservation national program, the activities related to green concept have been identi-



fied. Under this activity, the green building guidance manual was compiled with the financial contribution of Presidential Secretariat for the maintenance and construction of government and semi-government building broadly as eco-friendly green buildings since 2017. The official ceremony of introducing green building guidance manual was held on 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 under the patronage of His Excellency the President at BMICH. The officers are being trained initiating actions in term of this guidance manual, and Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development has arranged activities to encourage people for implementing green concepts when construction of new buildings. In this event, action has been taken specially to construct government and semi-government institutions as green building since 2018.

#### 1.1.2 Waste management in local government bodies.





#### Launching ceremony of guidance manual

Numbers of importance decisions were taken with the direction of National Program for Environment Conservation and with the patronage of His Excellency the President by holding several discussion rounds for addressing the issues raised on waste management, and that created from the disasters in recent past because of informal garbage disposal in Sri Lanka.

Sum of Rs. 226 million was provided for the activities of waste management projects commenced at present such as Kerawalapitiya, Aruwakkal, Karadiyana, Gampaha Pethiya Kanda, Kandy Gohagoda, and Matara Kotavilla areas etc. and long –term waste management methodology after follow up was formulated. The major consequences of discussions were the installing of Kavashima compost machines for all the provinces, purchasing of Compactors and Tractors for the local government bodies, adverting all the local government bodies to initiate actions according to a formal guidance for the waste management.







The discussion held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

The discussion held on 25th April, 2017

#### 1.1.3 Environment – friendly Siripa Season (Parisara Mithuru Siripa Samaya) program

"Parisara Mithuru Siripa Samaya" was implemented by National Program for Environment Conservation of Presidential Secretariat for the Siripa Season 2016-2017. Accordingly pilgrims were made aware in advance Siripa Season and the publicity was made through the Electronic media. Arrangements were made to classification and recycling of gathering garbages. Hence disposal of plastic and polithene to environment were reduced to larger extend in this Siripa season. An ecofriendly bag also was distributed among pilgrims to fetch their garbages down hill.

Further provisions of Rs. 4.015 were allocated to Secretary to Rathnapura District Secretariat to repair lavatory systems in Ambalams on roadsides at Warnagala, Seetha Gangula, Medahinna, Demalamalahinna, and Indikatupaana in Siri Pada because of it helps protect water sources and environment.

In order to bringing awareness to pilgrims by grouping them on the significance of Sri Pada conservation forest and the damage brings from polluting environment, the provisions (necessary financial assistance is Rs. 176,645.25) for purchasing Multi-media projector, Computer Machine without Operating System and Wall Mount Screen were allocated to District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya.















Implementation of eco-friendly Siripa Season

#### 1.1.4. Coastal area conservation program

With a view to conservation of coastal areas, a program was arranged for the year 2018 joint with Sri Lanka Navy, Department of Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resources Management and Marine Environment Protection Authority and with the intervention of Presidential Secretariat. It has been scheduled to implement the programs in 2018 such as maintaining clean fishery coasts that remaining in unclean conditions, development of mangrove environment around shore, conducting of awareness programs for the school children of coastal area and community around coast, reducing of waste adding to ocean from small water streams, and waste management around the coast.



### Controlling environmental pollution - Allocation of provision for the waste management - 2017

Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/made payment
Introduction of manual guidance for greening constructions in public institutions	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	3,000,000
Waste management project of Balangoda Divisional Secretariat	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	2,776,743
Minimizing of use of chemical fertilize for the survival of human and environment	District Secretariat, Matale	Vilgamuwa Divisional Secretariat	790,000
Under the them of "An occasion for School", the waste management project by making sampling compost fertilizer cage layer in all the National Schools, Monaragala.	District Secretariat, Monaragala	District Secretariat, Monaragala	603,756
Under the project for nationally appropriate actions of minimizing greenhouse emissions taken place in the generating of power and consumption, Installing of bio-gas unit for the Beliatta Divisional Secretariat.	District Secretariat, Hambantota	Divisional Secretariat, Beliatta	68,352
The project of granting dustbin for the Office of Economic Development Officer to regularize collection of electronic waste.	District Secretariat, Hambantota	Divisional Secretariat, Beliatta	381,341
Construction of Kerawalapitiya waste yard	Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development	Sri Lanka Land Reclamation & Development Corporation	115,000,000
Making of 10,000 environment friendly bags to distribute among pilgrims to regularize waste management during Kataragama Pilgrimage season.	District Secretariat, Monaragala	District Secretariat, Monaragala	600,000
Waste management and Dengue prevention program	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	District Secretariat, Polonnaruwa	58,250



Controlling environmental pollution - Allocation of provision for the waste management - 2017				
Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/made payment	
Nikasala Pulathisi Purawarayak – First stage, Project proposal	District Secretariat, Puttalama	District Secretariat, Puttalama	970,625	
Implementation of recommendation of Cabinet pertaining to properly management of use of Polythene for minimizing environmental problems caused by Polythene.	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment	20,000,000	
Construction of extra buildings for the Gampaha district compost project	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau	50,000,000	
Innovation of compost machine in research level for Municipal Council, Rathnapura	Secretary to Ministry of Health and Nutrition	Divisional Health Services Director Office, Rathnapura	320,000	
Construction of extra buildings for compost project (Under Gampaha district waste management project)	Secretary to Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau	26,512,353	
Construction of 16 lavotary systems on roadsides of Sripada	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	4,015,000	

### Forest conservation and development

A number of ill effects such as destruction of bio – diversity, dislocation of the habitats of the animals, decrease in the quality of catchment areas, increase in soil erosion and frequent climatic changes are caused due to deforestation and soil erosion. The following programmes are, therefore, implemented for forest conservation and development.



- ➤ Wanaropa Afforestation
- Wana Arana Rakawarana Care for Forest
- Wanasarana Exploitation of Forest

Special tasks implemented for the forest conservation by President's Task Force -2017

### 1.2.1 Acquisition of lands of Knuckles conservation forest

The lands belonging to world heritage Knuckles conservation forest are being taken over as an environment conservation programme commenced concurrently Environment Summit held on 05.06.2016 at Edward playground, Matale. The assistance and intervention of Presidential Secretariat were given to search for declarants of land ownerships and land acquisition process.

#### 1.2.2 Production of 3 Million plants nursery.

Provision of Rs. 42 Million was allocated to Department of Forest by Presidential Secretariat in 2016. The provisions were invested to produce 3 Million necessary plants for reforestation of destructed forests in 2017. Provision of Rs. 10 Million has been allocated for maintaining of the plants in 2017. It was capable to provide necessary plants for the catchment areas conservation program and plant growing program in Islandwide.

### 1.2.3 The pilot project for increasing of forest coverage by 1% in Sri Lanka.

The preliminary steps were taken to implement projects that included proposals in which referred by Dr. H.M.B. Asiri Munasingha, Medical Officer, Galigamuwa Base Hospital through District Secretariat, Kurunegala for increasing forest coverage by 1% in Sri Lanka by 2020. Action have been taken as a pilot project to provide a plant (Intelligence tree concept) for each child who are admitted to grade 1 of all the schools in Kurunegala District and who are born (twins tree concept) in all the hospital of the district.

#### 1.2.4 Fruit plant distribution project for the Presidential Secretariat Officers.

Arrangements were made to provide fruit plants on first official duty assuming day in 2018 for all the officers in Presidential Secretariat by the National Environment Conservation Program coming under Development and Special Project Unit. Accordingly the fruit plant distribution program was held on 02.01.2018 under the patronage of His Excellency the President at first official duty assuming day. Distribution of handleaf for bringing awareness on importance of plant growing and ecofriendly bag for keeping the fruit plant were taken place concurrently.









Granting of fruit trees to Officers in Presidential Secretariat

### Provision for the forest conservation and development - 2017

Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/ made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/made payment.
Planting of 1000 Naa trees and fruit plants of roadsides from Madampe to Rakwana		Divisional Secretariat, Godakawela	182,000
Under the "Chuti babai – Bath gasai" (small child and jack tree) project, providing of bud jack tree as a gift for every child borning since 2017.	District Secretariat, Moneragala	District Secretariat, Moneragala	396,000
In the centenary commemoration ceremony of Ferguson Girls High School, granting of 4300 fruit plants.	Department of Agriculture	Department of Agriculture	972,800
Maintenance of 03 Million plants nursery produced for the year 2017	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Department of Forest Conservation	10,000,000



Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/ made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/made payment.
Guarden forest cultivation of 10 selected villages	District Secretariat, Hambantota	Divisional Secretariat, Lunugamvehera	130,600
Buying of necessary plants for National Forest cultivation program in 2017	District Secretariats – Monaragala, Badulla, Kegalle, Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Gampaha, Kaluthara, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullativu, Vavuniya, Matale, Nuwara Eliya	District Secretariats – Monaragala, Badulla, Kegalle, Galle, Matara, hambantota, Gampaha, Kaluthara, Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Puttalam, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mullaitivu, Vauniya, Matale, Nuwara Eliya	20,531,050
Obtaining of necessary fruit plants to Kandy District Secretariate for Wanaropa National tree planting month in 2017	District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	735,000
Bio-diversity conservation and the project for rebuilding of reconciliation among nations in Atagala	District Secretariat, Batticaloa	District Secretariat, Batticaloa	460,000
National tree planting program – Nilla Pirunu Hetak (a full blue tomorrow)	District Secretariat, Hambantota	Divisional Secretariat, Tissamaharamaya	200,000

### Sustainable land management

With a view to arresting further decrease of land resources in Sri Lanka, the following programmes are being implemented under sustainable land management aimed at preventing decrease of land due to soil erosion and accumulation of various pollutants, preservation of water resources having conserved catchment areas, rehabilitation of environment systems having restored all gem pits worksites and beaches where sand rock and other mineral deposits are mined islandwide establishment of villages adoptable to climatic changes and implementations of land use plans.

- > Hayana Sayana
- Kshema Bhoomi
- Kanim Bhoomi Sayana
- Deshagnna Anuhuru
- Sara Bhoomi



Special activities implemented for the conservation of erosioned water sources and catchment areas by the Presidential Task Force - 2017

A catchment areas conservation programme is implemented in Sri Lanka by National Environment Conservation Project of Presidential Secretariat and related all the institutions , and under this programme actions will be initiated prioritizing 06 districts such as Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Rathnapura, Kegalle, Matale.

The action plan of "the Joint access of water sources and catchment area conservation for Sri Lanka" was formulated when this programme was implemented in Islandwide. A number of catchment area conservation projects were successfully implemented in several districts of country by the provision allocated through Presidential Secretariat in 2016. This programme provided necessary assistance to implement 216 projects in 23 districts in 2017.

Likewise a catchment area conservation programme related to estate lands has been commenced joint with regional plantation companies coming under purview of Ministry of Plantation Industry. Its first program was conducted based in Rathnapura District. Its second programme was held on 02.05.2017 in Kandy district, third programme was held on 02.06.2017 in Baddulla district, and fourth programme was held on 03.07.2017 in Matale district.

The inauguration ceremony of "Wana ropa" (Afforestation) National Tree Planting ceremony and catchment areas conservation programme taken place parallel to National Tree Planting month appointed on October in every year was held on 11 October, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at Kandethanne Tank premises, Delthota Divisional Secretariat, Kandy.

In this event, steps were taken to plant more than 5000 plants for the conservation of Kandethanne catchment area where threatening to devoid of water. Number of School's students, officers in defense sectors, public servants and residents was participated for this ceremony. In this ceremony, each participants were granted a fruit plant and the School students were granted set of educational equipments related to environment subject.





District programme held on 02.06.2017 in Badulla







District programme held on 03.07.2017 in Matale









Conservation of catchment areas















### Inaguration ceremony of catchment areas conservation programme, Delthota

Allocation of provision for the conservation of erosioned water sources and catchment areas (Sustainable land management) -2017

Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/ made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/ made payment
District project proposal, Rathnapura	District Secretariat, Rathnapura district	Divisional Secretariat, Rathnapura district	6,109,070
Drafting a plan for Weli Oya water stream areas management	Ministry of Mahaweli Development and Environment	Central Environment Authority	552,625
Afforestation in catchment areas at the rate of 20 Acres in Nuwara Eliya, Kandy, Matale, Badulla, Rathnapura, Kegalle, Matara, Galle, Puttalam, and Kurunegala districts as sampling projects.	Ministry of Town planning and water supply	Department of National Community Water Supply	2,745,786
District Project Proposal, Polonnaruwa	Ministry of Lands	District Land Use Planning Office- Polonnaruwa	833,900
Catchment areas and water sources management project proposal. Kandy district	District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	3,635,000
Catchment areas and water sources management project proposal, Kegalle district	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Kegalle	1,457,190
District project proposal, Badulla	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Badulla	2,580,309
District project proposal, Monaragala	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Monaragala	2,277,830
District project proposal, Matara	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Matara	2,516,556
District project proposal, Kandy	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Kandy	3,717,000
<u>District Environment Conservation</u> <u>project proposal,</u> Nuwara Eliya	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Nuwara Eliya	1,530,633



Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/ made payment
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Matale	Ministry of Land	District Land Use Planning Office- Matale	4,247,405
Catchment area conservation workshop, District Secretariat, Badulla	District Secretariat, Badulla	District Secretariat, Badulla	104,850
Catchment area conservation workshop, District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	39,375
Conservation of catchment area related to Kandethanne reservoir.  Planting of arecanut plants in Kirama water stream sides that flowing through Okewala and Heenatihathamoona Grama Niladhari division.	District Secretariat, Kandy District Secretariate, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Kandy  Divisional Secretariat, Okewala	1,152,000 19,000
Catchment area conservation workshop  District Environment Conservation project proposal, Colombo	District Secretariat, Matale District Secretariat, Colombo	District Secretariat, Matale  District Land Use Planning Office-Colombo	75,000 98,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Kaluthara	District Secretariat, Kaluthara	District Land Use Planning Office- Kaluthara	4,310,595
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	District Land Use Planning Office- Hambanthota	364,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Matara	District Secretariat, Matara	District Land Use Planning Office- Matara	456,550
Water source conservation project, Upper area in Palugama	District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	200,000
Natural water sources development project, Diya Bubula, South Mahagama	District Secretariat, Puttalam	Divisional Secretariat, Madampe	149,800
Conducting of coast clean up programs, planting of mangrove and srewpine plants	District Secretariat, Puttalam	Divisional Secretariat, Mahawa	72,500
Tree planting project in Horewala Grama Niladhari division	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	Divisional Secretariat, Walasmulla	13,750
Land development and land management- Catchment area in Udawela, Pahurugolla Watta	District Secretariat, Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	1,253,800
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Galle	District Secretariat, Galle	District Secretariat, Galle	2,404,620



Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/ made payment
District Environment Conservation project proposal,Badulla	District Secretariat, Badulla	District Secretariat, Badulla	247,600
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Kilinochchi	District Secretariat. Kilinochchi	District Secretariat, Kilinochchi	925,705
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Matale	District Secretariat, Matale	District Secretariat, Matale	230,562
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Rathnapura	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	818,600
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Kurunegala	District Secretariat, Kurunegala	District Secretariat, Kurunegala	416,585
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Ampara	District Secretariat, Ampara	District Secretariat, Ampara	378,500
Conservation of Rada Kandura and Hippawala cannel bank.	District Secretariat. Kandy	District Secretariat, Kandy	30,600
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Kegalle	District Secretariat, Kegalle	District Secretariat, Kegalle	339,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal,Batticaloa	District Secretariat.  Batticaloa	District Secretariat, Baticaloa	415,500
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	1,205,500
District Environment Conservation project proposal,Puttalam	District Secretariate, Puttalam	District Secretariat, Puttalam	498,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Gampaha	District Secretariat, Gampaha	District Secretariat, Gampaha	1,075,375
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Trincomalee	District Secretariat, Trincomalee	District Secretariat, Trincomalee	917,250
District Environment Conservation project proposal,Jaffna	District Secretariat, Jaffna	District Secretariat, Jaffna	471,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Vavuniya	District Secretariat, Vavuniya	District Secretariat, Vauniya	433,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal,Puttalam	District Secretariat, Puttalam	District Secretariat, Puttalam	100,000
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Mannar	District Secretariat, Mannar	District Secretariat, Mannar	324,990
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Jaffna	District Secretariat,  Jaffna	District Secretariat, Jaffna	874,400
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Kaluthara	District Secretariat, Kaluthara	District Secretariat, Kaluthara	80,000



Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/ made payment
District Environment Conservation project proposal, Monaragala	District Secretariat, Monaragala	District Secretariat, Monaragala	2,068,179
Planting of plants in Kandethanne Tank reserve and care for them	Ministry of Mahaveli development and Environment	Ministry of Mahaveli development and Environment	941,525
Conservation of Galamune Aara dola reserve – Demata passa Grama Niladhari division.	District Secretariat. Matara	District Land Use Planning Office	200,000
The project for rehabilitation of small scale water tanks	District Secretariat, Kilinochchi	District Land Use Planning Office	300,000
Green productivity programme – the waste management programme that dumping to nature	District Secretariat. Vauniya	District Secretariat, Vauniya	26,000
Ihaladeniya tank and its reservation conservation programme	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	District Land Use Planning Office - Hambanthota	115,000
The conservation project of Doragala Peacock Tank area.	District Secretariat, Kandy	Divisional Secretariat, Udapalatha	3,026,291
Construction of a defensive fence care for forest plants planted in Kandethanne Tank reservation	Ministry of Mahaveli development and Environment	Department of Forest Conservation	200,000
Conservation of Rakawa lagoon by restricting access.	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	Divisional Secretariat, Tangalle	1,926,250

#### 1.4 Co-existance of wild animal and human being and conservation of bio resources.

Following programme is implemented under co-existance of wild animal and human being targeting creation of coi-existance zone cease of human elephants conflicts.

### > Care for people's forest area

Following programmes are implemented under bio resources conservation targeting controlling of bio-resources piracy and ensuring of existence of 05 species threatening to extinct.

- > Conservation programme for threatening to extinct species
- Bio resources Harana Warana programme

Under the entire "revival" programme, the discussion was held on 30.08.2017 at the Presidential Secretariat with all the relevant institutions with a view to follow up the progress on the actions and



future plans outlined for fulfilling the targeted goals in the fields of wild animals, human coexistence and bio resources conservation. At this discussion, Presidential Secretariate agreed to provide necessary assistance.

#### 1.5 Agency restructuring and promotion

As the subject of environment covers a very wide phase and is interrelated to many subjects and as there are more or less environmental components in every sector a high level of attention is needed to be paid to agency co-ordination and promotion in environmental conservation programmes. The following programmes are implemented in order to archive these objectives..

- **Environmental power blocks**
- **Recreation of systems**
- **Call to the community** ■

#### Special activities undertaken by the Presidential Task Force -2017

#### 1.5.1 Improving environmental literacy

Under this programme, the provision has been allocated for various projects specially for the school students, teachers, and community connecting with stakeholder's institutions, and a number of various programme has been implemented under this in 2017.

Under Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment, the programme such as strengthening environmental pilots programmes in school systems, bringing awareness for the government school teachers according to new syllabus on environment education, setting up of Environment Unit in school libraries, granting of proposed Indian scholarships abroad for the Presidential medalist environment pilots have been implemented.

Similarly the necessary financial assistance was provided to Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment for the media coverage of environmental programmes.



Subject	Institution to which allo- cated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program imple- ments	Amount of Rs. released/made payment.
Strengthening of environmental pilot programme in school system  • Preparation of first medals  • Printing of note books  • Presidential Medal  Awarding ceremony	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment	Central Environment Authority	2,900,000
For the media coverage pertaining to environmental programmes implemented by Pilisaru project	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environ- ment	Central Environment Authority	5,000,000
Bringing awareness for the gov- ernment school teachers accord- ing to new syllabus on environ- ment education	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environ- ment	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environment	10,000,000
setting up of Environment Unit in school libraries	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environ- ment	Central Environment Authority	1,000,000
strengthening environmental pilots programmes in school systems (preparation of one hundred thousand Environmental pilot cap)	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environ- ment	Central Environment Authority	9,200,000
Granting of proposed Indian scholarships abroad for the Presidential medalist environment pilots	Ministry of Mahaveli Development and Environ- ment	Central Environment Authority	1,800,000



#### 1.5.2 Environment conservation and improving standard of living of people

Necessary financial assistance has been given to implement number of miscellaneous programs for improving standard of living of people through National Housing Development Authority and District Secretariat. Under this programme, holding of district environment summits also is a specific programme.

Colombo district environment summit was held successfully on 20.06.2017 at main hall, Maharagama Youth Service Council under the patronage of His Excellency the President. Around 2000 public service officers including Divisional Health Services Directors, Health Medical Officers, Public Health Inspectors, Principals, Grama Niladharis, Economic Development Officers was participated for this summit. Likewise Gampaha district environment summit was held successfully on 30.06.2017 at Gampaha Sri Bodhi playground under the patronage of His Excellency the President. Around 5000 public service officers including Divisional Health Services Directors, Health Medical Officers, Public Health Inspectors, Principals, Grama Niladharis, Economic Development Officers was participated for this summit. As well as the objectives of the summits are made public servants aware on waste management and dengue epidemic that were serious issue during then period of time. In that event, the scholarly lectures were held on immediate interparty programs for prevention and controlling of dengue epidemic, implementation of environment conservation programs in school system and waste management. The main function of the summit was the providence of guidance and co-ordination required for the waste management and dengue prevention in Colombo and Gampaha districts.









District environment summit, Gampaha Sri Bodhi playground, Gampaha,



Subject	Institution to which allocated provisions/made payment	Institution in which the program implements	Amount of Rs. released/made payment.
Let's save environment and common properties project	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	124,425
Implementation of National Environment Conservation programme within "Samata Sevana" (Roof for everybody) Model village programme	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	150,150
Conducting of a seminar and awareness programme on sustainable environment conservation	District Secretary to Mannar	District Secretary to Mannar	125,800
Purchasing of a Multimedia Projector machine, a computer that non installed an Operating System, and Wall Mount Screen for holding awareness pro- grammes to Sripada pilgrims.	District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya	District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya	176,645
Under the "Samata Sevana" (Roof for every body) housing development program, tree planting and waste management project in 06 model villages constructed in Divisional Secretariate, Hambanthota	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	Divisional Secretariat, Hambanthota	3,304,020
Tree planting and waste management project in Sathiragama modeling village constructed under the "Samata Sevana" (Roof for every body) housing development program.	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	Divisional Secretariat, Tangalle	573,350
Installing of biogas generators to sustainably develop small scale animal farms.	District Secretariat, Hambanthota	Divisional Secretariat, Lunugamvehera	389,661
Planting of bud jack trees in Grama Niladhari level	District Secretariat, Rathnapura	Divisional Secretariat, Kuruvita	386,180



#### 02. National Programme on Drug Prevention

Presidential Task Force for prevention of drugs was launched in 2015 with the joint participation of Government and non Government Institutions related to drug prevention and all the monitoring and co-ordinating tasks of the National programme on drug prevention are performed by the Task Force



Reducing the production, trafficking and sale of illegal drugs by 80%, reducing per capita usage of drugs by 25% and reducing tobacco production by 50% in Sri Lanka in the year 2020 when compared to 2014 are the prime targets of the National Programme on drug prevention. Accordingly, the programme is implemented under the following 03 main areas focussing the mitigation of both demand and supply of drugs.

Formulation of policies and regulations, implementation and raids Remedies and rehabilitation Prevention

#### 2.1 Formulation of policies and regulations, implementation and raids

Policy as well as legal reforms required in making the "country free from drugs" including timely amendments brought to the existing rules and regulations pertaining to the production, trafficking and sale of illegal drugs in Sri Lanka, legal actions necessary for the alleviation of other drug usage are the tasks performed by the Presidential Task Force for prevention of drugs.

Performance of the Tri- forces and the Police

Easy accessibility for drugs is one of the prominent causes of increasing the drug usage in the country. Therefore, Presidential Task Force on prevention of drugs also functions as a facilitator for co-ordinating the forces and other related institutions in order to eliminate prevalent issues for drug related raids and to energise the process of raids with the intention of minimizing the outbreak.

Raids and seizure of drugs by the Forces, Sri Lankan Police and other related organizations in 2017 are as follows.



### Incidents of seizure by Police Special Task Force (from 01.01.2017 up to 21.11.2017)

Drugs	Seizures	Suspects	Quantity	Value (Rs.)
Heroin	247	264	5,257.337(g)	52,573,370.00
Cigaretts	46	47	643,882(g)	8,783,100.00
Illicitdistilled spirits	539	587	16,340.093(l)	7,630,823.43
Foreign liquor	13	27	7,930.000(1)	71,507,980.00
Local arracks	53	56	545(bott)	383,406.50
Doping capsules	10	20	822	1,165,130.00
Doping tablets	19	20	10,306	
Ganja	42.4	265	152.092(kg)	78,412,864.69
Kerala ganja	434	365	550,529(kg)	
Total	1,351	1,366	-	220,456,674.62

### Drug related seizurs (other) (from 01.01.2017 To 20.11.2017)

Drugs	Heroin		Ganja		Cocaine		Hashis	
Institute	No. of Cases	Quantity Kg	No.of Cases	Quantity Kg	No. of Cases	Quantity Kg	No.of Cases	Quantiy kg
Police Narcotic Bureau	169	22.852	48	188.343	1	2.50	4	0.285
Police Stations Islandwied	25,216	234.37	44,627	3433.851	14	218.639	27	3.400
Anti-corruption UnitValana	95	0.59	35	57.676	-	-	-	-
Crimes Division- Colombo	355	17.449	75	6.396	-	-	-	-
Prisons	2	0.140	1	0.110	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Customs	8	8.651	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sri Lanka Navy	3	27.700	5	326.300	-	-	-	-
Total	25,848	311.752	44,791	4012.676	15	221.139	31	3.685

2.1.2 Encouraging tobacco farmers to engage in other cultivations







In order to discourage tobacco cultivation among farmers steps have been taken by the Presidential Task Force on drug prevention with the guidance of the Department as well as the Ministry of Agriculture on Drug Prevention to introduce more attractive crops to tobacco farmers.

It is expected to encourage farmers who cultivate tobacco around 2000 Hectares, gradually shift into other crops by 2020 and a special project is being arranged by the Department of agriculture together with the Ministry of its own to introduce alternative crops and to encourage the farmers to engage in paddy, chilies, cowpea, Green gram and kurakkan instead according to a decision taken in a special discussion held at 9.00 am on 29.08.2017 at President's Office. Necessary steps are being taken to implement the project within this year.

### 2.1.3 implementing the National Policy and the framework

Direct responsibilities have to be undertaken by State Ministries, departments and many other organizations according to the National Policy and the framework and by them it is expected to strengthen the process of drug prevention by all public institutes.





### 2.1.4 Establishment of a South Asian regional centre for intelligence exchange

The Ministry Law, order and Southern Development held two day special discussion on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNODC and several South Asian countries and actions are being taken to establish South Asian regional Centre for intelligence exchange in Colombo.

#### 2.2 Remedies and Rehabilitations.

The Presidential Task Force is engaged in making relevant observations on the contents of the rehabilitation programmes being undertaken at rehabilitation Centreson drug addicts Ilandwide and granting necessary provision to them.

# 2.2.1 Making observations on the programmes conducted at rehabilitation centres and granting necessary provision.

Rehabilitation centre	Date of the progamme	Participation
Paboda Meth sevana treatment and rehabilitation centre (Ambepussa)	26.06.2017	48 residents
Young offencers refinery Centre (Negombo)	21.08.2017– 30.08.2017	45 residents
Jayaviru Samadhi Home, drug- addicts rehabilitation Centre	15.09.2017–25.07.2017	50 residents
Total		143 residents







Similarly, Nandakadu rehabilitation centre is conducted under the direct supervision of the Bureau of rehabilitation Commissioner General and Presidential Task Force on drug prevention. Provision of Human as well as physical resources necessary for all these rehabilitation centres and direct co-ordination with the relevant ministries are undertaken by Presidential Task Force on drug prevention.

#### 2.2.2 Special discussion on legal and rehabilitation activities

Consultation on legal and rehabilitation activities taken for the prisoners related to drug offences was held by the Secretary to the President on 30.10.2017 and instructions on measures to address the issues identified at the session and on implementing suggestions were also provided.

#### 2.3 Prevention

### 2.3.1 Conducting district level special drug prevention programmes

Eight district level national programmes (Gampaha, Galle, Kegalle, Colombo, Kurunegala, Nuwara Eliya, Puttlam and Jaffna)were held on the theme "Drug free Country" in year 2016 and drug prevention programme covering Kalutara District was conducted on 19.07.2017 at urban council grounds Panadura.





Communities were made aware of the bad effects of drug usage and the benefits accrued by its prevention, awaking the community against false advertisements published by liquor and cigarettes companies and they were enforced to refuse their use by comprehending its harmful consequences at these district level campaigns.

### 2.3.2 Establishment of district, regional and village level drug prevention committees.

Accordingly, drug prevention committees have been established in each of the 25 districts in the country while there are 331 regional level and 14022 village level drug prevention committees. The functions of village level committees are being monitored by Divisional Secretaries while the regional committees are monitored by District committees. The



purpose of these committees are to create a "drug free home" and with that "drug free village" and having done that ultimately to create a "drug free country". In meeting that end, communities were made aware of the bad effects of drug usage and the benefits accrued by its prevention, awaking the community against false advertisements published by liquor and cigarettes companies and they were enforced to refuse their use by comprehending its harmful consequences at these district level campaigns

### **Drug prevention campaigns** (2017)







Serial No.	District	No. of Div. Sec. Divisions the programme carried out	No. G.S. Divisions the programme carried out	Participation
01	Kandy	01	80	4241
02	Kalutara	14	762	23021
03	Rathnapura	02	74	9487
04	Polonnaruwa	01	45	1416
05	Mathale	01	39	1462
06	Badulla	01	35	1280
07	Batticaloa	01	17	1278
08	Kurunegala	04	171	5416
09	Puttalam	16	548	26558
10	Anuradhapura	06	243	7505
Total		47	2014	81,664



### 2.3.3 Establishment of drug preventive technical team

The purpose of this programme is to enforce the community through a group of trainers selected from the members of drug prevention committees, with scientific and technical know how related to drug prevention.

Currently, the training team is comprised with 100 (25x4) District level trainers, 1,986 (333x6) regional level trainers and 70,110 (14x022x5) village level trainers.





### 2.3.4 Training provided to military personnel for the progress of drug prevention activities

Training sessions were organized for 56 Army, 100 Air Force and 96 Navy personnel attached to the Presidential Task Force on drug prevention in order to use them as trainers in the implementation of drug prevention campaigns.

# 2.3.5 Issuance of circulars and special documents related to drug prevention by the President's Office

- Declaration of the International No Tobacco Day
- (to all District Secretaries) Circular No.SP/DSP/DP/13/17
  - Declaration of the International No Tobacco Day
- (to all the Public institutions) Circular No.SP/DSP/DP/14/17
  - The role of District and Divisional administration under the policy of drug prevention and its framework

#### Letter No.HAF/Add. Sec/01/drugs

• Reinforcing the of community Police committee as the village drug prevention committee.











Circular No.SP/DSP/DPU/19/17

### 2.3.6. Drug prevention programmes implemented in schools

- 3409 drug prevention committees have been established by setting up 3409 "sustainable school committees" under "Sustainable School Development Programme" Islandwide. For each of the committee a teacher and the principal of each 3409 schools were given special training on drug prevention.
- Providing resources for drug prevention campaigns implemented in schools.

Presidential Task Force on drug prevention is tasked with the provision of resources for drug prevention campaigns organised in schools Islandwide. At these campaigns the students are informed on the bad effects of drug usage, the benefits they can accrued by avoiding it, fake promotions and advertisements publish by the liquor and tobacco companies, media broadcasting and the reality of the misleading attraction highlighted by drugs.



Drug prevention programmes conducted in Schools with resources provided

Date	Venue	Students participated
08.04.2017	Gateway College Kandy( Rotaract Union)	100
16.05.2017	Royal College New Arts Theatre (Red Cross Association)	1000
04.06.2017	Mahiyanganaya Public Grounds	2000
03.07.2017	D.S. Senanayake College Colombo -Main hall (drug prevention Association)	400
04.07.2017	Awissawella Seethawaka Central College Grade 9/10 students	700
04.07.2017	Awissawella Seethawaka Central College Grade 12/13 students	100
05.07.2017	D.S. Senanayake College Colombo - Main hall (drug prevention Association)	250
06.07.2017	W/Homagama/ Siri Piyarathana Central College -Grade 8,9, and 10 students	400
06.07.2017	W/Homagama/ Siri Piyarathana Central College -Grade 12 and 13 students	200
24.07.2017	W/Kelaniya/Biyagama Central College – Grade 10, 11 students	200
27.07.2017	W/Thel/Kumbukgolla Junior School- primary students	20
22.09.2017	W/Kalu/Be/ Padagoda Maha Vidyalaya – Grade 9,10,11, 12 and 13 students	400

More over, an instruction manual on school drug prevention has also been compiled with the intension of leading school drug prevention committees towards a fruitful prevention process along the correct way forward.













# 2.3.7 Promoting drug prevention among school community with the help of National Cadet Corps and Scouts Association of Sri Lanka

The purpose is to promote school community on drug prevention through active and attractive students in schools. Accordingly, actions are taken to motivate student members introducing drug prevention into the syllaby of the National cadet Corps and Scouts Association of Sri Lanka

Training sessions for Cadet corps instructors and awareness programmes for students at special events such as Rantambe camp were organised in this regard.





### 2.3.8. Encouraging new university entrants

5,700 new entrants to universities were informed on the consequences of drugs and means of its prevention conducting 16 series of programmes in 2016 and two programmes were held in 2017 in this regard with the participation of 900 undergraduates.







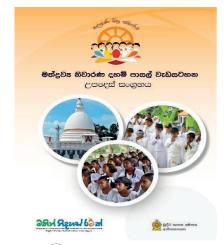
### Awareness programmes conducted in 2017 for new university entrants

Date	District	venue	participants	Cost (Rs.)
06.01.2017	Colombo	Youth Centre Maharagama	400	138,500.00
07.01.2017	Matara	Buddhist College Matara	500	415,100.00
Total no. of stu	idents attended/ T	otal cost	900	553,600.00

# 2.3.9. Reinforcing students through Kalana Mithuru community organizations in Dhamma schools

This programme is being carried out as a joint venture by the Ministry of Buddha Sashana, Department of Buddhist Affairs and Shasanarakshaka Bala Mandala with the objective of making their friends and the society free from drugs through the leadership of Dhamma school students possessing the virtues of Buddha.

An instruction manual on Dhamma School drug prevention has also been compiled with the intension of leading Kalana Mithuru committees towards a fruitful prevention process along the correct way forward.





### 2.3.10. Programmes launched parallel to special events

### • "Drug Free Country" Walk and National Kites Festival

Presidential Task Force on Drug Prevention conducted the National kite Festival and the walk on August 28<sup>th</sup> 2016 in association with Rotary Club and Kite Sri Lanka. The same was held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August at Negombo beach in 2017.











### Parallel programmes to World No tobacco day on 31<sup>st</sup> May

A Circular has been issued and all State institutions were given instructions to organise programmes and to exhibit banners and posters designed on the theme of drug prevention. In the meantime, workshops on drug prevention were conducted in several State institutions, Non –State organisations and in private institutions.



### • Special programmes parallel to events such as Poya day and Kataragama procession

Awareness programmes, banners, posters and street dramas were organised in order to make Anuradhapura Poson Zone free from drugs and strict legal actions were also taken against the people who violate the law.

Drug prevention campaigns were conducted simultaneously to the events such as the annual Esala celebration in Kataragama Devalaya and Dalada Procession Kandy

#### • Collaboration with Non State institutes and international organizations

Numerous activities are being performed for drug prevention with the participation of International organizations like World Health Organization, affiliated bodies of the United Nations Organization and Non Governmental institutions like Alcohol and Narcotic Information Centre, Healthy Lanka institute.

Similarly, research papers were submitted at National as well as International level conferences they had been selected for the following events.

උදා: Symposium of International Cancer Society 2018 - Nepal

Scientific Symposium 2018 –Uva Wellassa University

IFNGO Awards 2017 Presenting at the UNODC event

### Joint Surveys conducted by the Rajarata and the Colombo Universities

Research is one of the basic components required to deny false and deceitful opinions and information propagated by alcohol and cigarette companies targeting the public and to publish actual data of the same as well as to proceed the drug prevention process. The Rajarata University in amalgamation with the Colombo University are performing several researches accordingly.





### Prevention efforts taken via Electronic and Print media





Programme	No. of occasions broadcast
Poya day Radio programme on Drug prevention (I hour) The programme continued from the Vesak Poya 2017 until Unduvap Poya 2017	08
and paid Rs.70,380.00 for each session.	
Radio advertisements on drug prevention(60Mnx5 + 30Mnx2 + 20 Mnx28)	280
Short radio notices (City Fm and Swadeshiya Sevaya)	2880 times in each
(broadcast from June up to December 2017 and paid Rs. 1,200,000.00 For two	channel
months.)	
Radio programme on World Children's Day (1 hour)	01
(Cost was Rs. 200,000.00)	
Radio advertisements on World Children's Day (60Mnx5 + 30Mnx2 + Mn20 x28)	35
TV advertisements - Jathika Rupavahini (45 Mn)	195
- Siyatha(45 Mn)	27
Independence Television Network	46
(45Mn x19 + 5Mn x27)	
Sirasa(45Mnx16+ 5Mn x34)	50
Advertisements in between ICC Champions' Trophy series (10 Sec) (Cost was Rs.1,173,000.00)	1500
Free of charge- Y FMRadio advertisements	180
Silumina(Cost- Rs.115,000.00), Tharunaya- (Cost Rs. 46,000.00), Sirikatha Newspaper advertisements- (Cost Rs.120,750.00)	23
Total No .of advertisements	8105





Simultaneous to these efforts the general public is made aware through media discussions and interviews.

#### • Prevention activities via social web

Spreading Drug prevention activities via social web networks is another requirement ofthe time. Suggestions and opinions can be posted on the web and our Facebook page while the public is updated on our activities.

### Public awareness with the help of drug prevention aids





Aid	prints	distribution
Leaflets	1173600	516733
Posters	880700	626408
Banners	2166	822
Stickers	292500	180610











### 03. National Programme on prevention of kidney diseases

#### Vision

Further prevention of the chronic kidney disease of unknown etymology and ensure the welfare of the patients suffering from the disease and their family members.

#### Mission

The guarantee given for providing knowhow and use of proper methodologies, prevention and treatment and the for the benefit of the victims by a process of coordination.



#### Introduction

The chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology identified primarily in Rajarata area around 1990 is extensively found in Sri Lanka at the moment. The patients are mostly from North Central, Uva, North Western, Northern, Central and Eastern Provinces. In addition to that, currently patients are reported from Hambantota in Southern Province as well. Basically it has become a menace for the people in 60 Divisional Secretary's divisions in 11 Districts including Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Kurunegala, Mathale, Vauniya, Badulla, Hambantota, Ampara, Monaragala, Mulativu and Trincomalee.

The National Programme on Prevention of Kidney Disease is implemented to eliminate the chronic kidney disease of unknown etiology extensively found in Sri Lanka at the moment and to solve a number of issues faced by the members of the families including the patients suffering from the said disease.

#### Priority areas of The National Programme on Prevention of Kidney Disease

- 1. Promotion of behaviour patterns to control the disease
- 2. Prior identification of patients
- 3. Treatments for patients
- 4. Welfare of the patient, family and the community
- 5. Providing pure drinking water
- 6. Nutrition and healthy food
- 7. Establishment of an active, monitoring data system
- 8. Formulation of policies, surveys and researches



The National Programme on Prevention of Kidney Disease is being carried out under the above main areas in association with the partaking local Ministries, Departments as well as other Government and Non-Governmental organizations. Presidential Task Force on Prevention of Kidney Disease is established for purposes of coordination and provision of resources when required.

#### **Programmes conducted by the President's Office in 2017**

### 3.1 Awareness campaigns

Making the public aware of its sources, spread and prevention through a well organised process with the coordination of all the institutions that is by meetings, workshops, group discussions and case studies is a timely requirement. In this regard, 1,380,647 people including farmers, school children, youth, expectant mothers, housewives, community organizations and Government employees were benefitted from 5,578 awareness programmes conducted Island wide.

### Beneficiaries of District level awareness campaigns - 2017

District	No. of programmes	Participants
Anuradhapura /Polonnaruwa	865	274,410
Kurunegala/Puttalam	1,177	268,060
Badulla / Monaragala	639	98965
Ampara/Trincomalee	499	117,181
Kandy /Mathale	1,302	225,793
Mulativu/ Vavunia	302	91,080
Colombo/ Gampaha	460	181,058
Galle/ Hambantota/Matara	329	121,700
Ratnapura/ Kegalle	05	2,400
Total	5,578	1,380,647

### \* Awareness provided via electronic media

- Advertisements on the eradication of kidney disease and the importance of getting through pre-diagnostic tests were published on 12 channels of Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation 5 times per day in each channel from 16<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.
- Interviews were held on radio. (Subharathi)



### **Awareness provided via print media**

- Launch of the magazine "Arogya" consists with articles on kidney disease.
- Launch of the academic manual compiled with articles on kidney disease written by specialists and experts in the field.
- Exhibiting notices at public places.
- Distribution of leaflets, posters and banners on the eradication of kidney disease.

### Expenditures on awareness programmes - 2017

Purpose	Expenses (Rs.)
Printing 3000 Arogya magazines	70,000
Printing the academic manual	1,048,340
Printing leaflets	2,519,650
Exhibiting banners and posters	492,000
Radio advertisements	1,085,700
Organizing quize competitions among school children	42,500
conducting awareness programmes	650,000
organizing exhibitions and art exhibitions on the kidney disease	29,400
Total	5,937,590





Art exhibition – Giranduru Kotte







Conducting awareness programmes





### 3.2 Conducting pre-diagnostic tests to identify kidney patients

Kidney patients can be advised to go through medical treatments and to follow medical instructions given with the help of identifying the disease at its early stages where the symptoms are externally not quite visible. Hence pre-diagnostic tests in this regard were conducted by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine along with the cooperation of President's Office.



### Pre-diagnostic programmes conducted -2017

District and disaster prone D.S. dividions.	Targetted No. of people	tested No. of people
Anuradhapura(All Divisional Secretary's divisions)	607,323	188,154
Polonnaruwa(All Divisional Secretary's divisions)	271,000	101,206
Badulla( Giranduro Kotte, Rideemaliyadda, Mahiyangana	119,885	47,736
Ampara( Dehiattakandiya, Maha Oya)	59,076	43,161
Kurunegala (Polpithigama, Ahatuwewa, Giribawa, Kotawehera, Maho, Nikaweratiya)	286,306	72,954
Mathale (Wilgamuwa, Na ula, Pallegama, Galewela, Dambulla)	75,459	56,149
Monaragala (Buttala, Wellawaya, Thanamalwila)	106,963	29,859
Mulathivu (Welioya, Malavi)	18,879	22,453
Trincomalee (Padavi Sri Pura, Gomarankadawala, Kanthale )	54,472	19,460
Vavunia(Vavunia, Vavunia South, Chettikulam)	116,160	29,666
Hambantota (Thissamaharamaya, Sooriyawewa, Angunakolapelessa, Lunugamvehera)	403,640	41,553
Kandy(Hasalaka)	38,556	25,309
Total	2,157,719	677,660





It is expected to safeguard people in vulnerable areas from kidney disease as well as from other diseases infected in water. Following actions have been taken by The Presidential Task Force on eradication of kidney disease in co-operation with its stakeholders in order to assure the supply of pure drinking water.



- Providing water through Reverse Osmosis (RO) plants.
- Constructing rain water harvesting tanks.
- Service extensions for the existing systems of water supply.
- Renovations for the existing systems of water supply.
- Providing domestic water filters.
- Water testing and monitoring the eligibility of water supply systems.

### Providing Reverse osmosis Plant systems - 2017

District	No. of water systems	Expenditure (Rs.)
Monaragala	16	24,330,684.76
Jaffna	03	4,566,214.15
Kurunegala	17	25,875,190.85
Vavunia	2	3,044,140.10
Kandy	1	2,080,300.00
Anuradhapura	43	65,700,322.65
Badulla	16	24,353,120.80
Mulativu	02	3,044,140.10
Polonnaruwa	02	3,044,140.10
Puttlam	01	1,522,070.05
Total	120	183,435,514.41











Allocations of provisions for District Secretariats for settling electricity bills of R/O plants - 2017

District	Allocations (Rs.)
Matale	1,287,430
Monaragala	870,000
Kurunegala	608,549
Vavunia	540,000
Hambantota	36,000
Anuradhapura	4,381,092
Badulla	1,278,000
Mulativu	108,000
Polonnaruwa	1,404,000
Trincomalee	144,000
Total	10,657,071

Rain water tanks and domestic water filters have been provided for the disaster prone areas in addition to these efforts.



### Providing rain water tanks -2017

District	quantity	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs.)
Anuradhapura	85	425	8,165,077
Matale	10	50	774,500
Hambantota	50	250	4,802,986
Total	145	725	13,742,563

### **Providing domestic water filters -2017**

District	Quantity	Beneficiaries	Expenditure
Anuradhapura	800	4,000	3,600,000
Vavunia	100	500	450,000
Badulla	276	1,380	1,242,000
Kurunegala	302	1,510	1,488,415
Puttalm	351	1,700	1,729,913
Total	1,829	9,090	8,510,328





### Providing pure drinking water

### 3.4 Welfare Programmes for the benefit of the victim/ family and the community.

An allowance of 3000.00 Rs. (Presidential Scholarships for education) is awarded by the fund for each G.C.E.(A/L) student who lost their father or mother due to kidney disease. The Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage is also collaborating in the success of these efforts.



## **Awarding Scholarships-2017**

District	No. of Scholarships	Amount awarded (Rs.)
Anuradhapura	52	1,108,000
Ampara	04	112,000
Kurunegala	02	68,000
Trincomalee	19	514,000
Polonnaruwa	08	248,000
Badulla	23	560,000
Matale	05	146,000
Mulativu	04	112,000
Monaragala	02	56,000
Vavunia	09	258,000
Total	128	3,182,000









### Implementing various Welfare campaigns

The Ministry of social Empowerment, welfare and Kandyan Heritage has taken steps to provide 3,000 Rs. For kidney patients with low income and since the amount was inadequate they have increased it up to 5,000 Rs. from June 2017.

No. of funded patients with low income - 2017

District	No. of patients funded
Anuradhapura	8,607
Polonnaruwa	4,447
Matale	1,754
Trincomalee	603
Ampara	957
Vavunia	1,807
Kurunegala	1,250
Mulativu	485
Hambantota	181
Total	20,091

### Providing and renovating houses

Kidney patients with low income are supported financially to renovate and build their houses by The National House Development Authority and the summary of financial assistance provided in 2017 by the Authority is as follows.

District	No. of families
Anuradhapura	648
Polonnaruwa	355
Kurunegala	174
Vavunia	105
Matale	106
Badulla	48
Ampara	53
Trincomalee	47
Mulativu	20
Monaragala	75
Rathnapura	26
Gampaha	10
Kalutara	25
Kandy	65
Total	1,757



### 3.5 Developing other infrastructural facilities in the health sector

Developing essential Infrastructure and providing necessary equipment in order to facilitate better services for the kidney patients, is undertaken with this regard.

# 3.5.1 "Methsiri Sevana" relief hospice and welfare centre for kidney patients being built in Anuradhapura General hospital premises.

Estimated cost	291.8 M LKRS
amount saved with the Government due to construction labour provided by the Armed Force	134.8 M LKRS
Actual cost	157 M LKRS
the expenditure reimbursed by The President's Office upto date	48 M LKRS

Proposed hostel complex -Anuradhapura





### On going constructions of "Methsiri Sevana" Anuradhapura







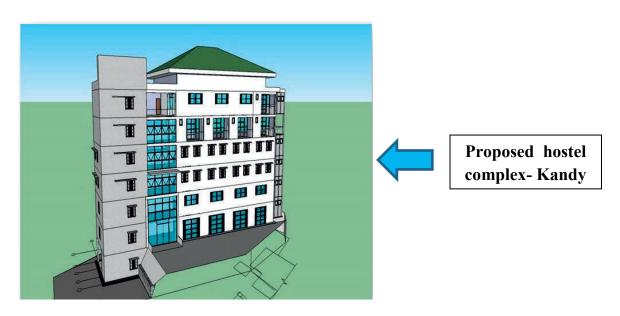


Proposed hostel complex - Anuradhapura



# 3.5.2 Construction of the relief hospice for kidney patients in Kandy General Hospital premises

Estimated cost	326.6 LKRS	M
amount saved with the Government due to construction labour provided by the Armed Force	108.8 LKRS	M
Newly estimated cost	217.7 LKRS	M
Amount reimbursed by The President's office upto date	38.6 M I	LKRS



Ongoing constructions of the relief hospice and welfare centre for kidney patients in Kandy







➤ 3.5.3 Co-ordinating the construction of new hospital for kidney-related diseases in Polonnaruwa with the aid of Chinese government.

the founding stone was placed by His Excellency the President on 06.12.2017 for the special hospital granted by the Republic of china for kidney-related diseases.

The hospital that costs 12,000 Million LKRS will be consisted with the following facilities

- 200 beds
- 100 dialysis beds
- fully-fledged operation theaters
- kidney and organs transplanting unit
- anesthetist Unit ,surgical intensive care unit and medical intensive care unit
- 02 operation theaters with 10 beds in each
- special research laboratory for kidney related disease







Kidney hospital built in Polonnaruwa



Other special activities - 2017

Activity	Expenses (LKRS)
Payments for necessary private hospital facilities for kidney transplanted patients when there are inadequate Government hospital accommodations.	998,258
Payments for laboratory technicians in conducting pre-diagnostic tests	1,967,040
Consultations for kidney patients and their family members	91,200

### 3.6 Conducting research

The presidential task force for the eradication of kidney diseases provides the necessary support for researches on causes of the chronic kidney diseases. Researches, workshops and conferences held in this regard in 2017 are as follows.

Date	Research/workshop/ conference	Expenses (Millions LKRS)
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Conference of the parties for researches on the causes of the chronic kidney diseases held at The Bandaranaike Memorial International Conventional Hall	1.1
2016-2017 years	Survey conducted by the Ministry of social empowerment and welfare on the measures of raising welfare of kidney patients and their families	1.9
02.11.2017	Review on the outcomes of researches conducted in identifying the causes of chronic kidney disease and the workshop on future activities organized by The Australian Nuclear Science and Technological Organization (ANSTO) at the Gallface Hotel.	











### 3.7 Establishment of an active database

The following information depict financial allocations granted for District Secretariats to attach computer trainees into hospitals for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a database of kidney patients.

Institute	Expenses (LKRS)
District Secretariate - Kandy	225,000
District Secretariate - Trincomalee	75,000
District Secretariate - Ampara	37,500
District Secretariate - Batticaloa	37,500
District Secretariate - Jaffna	75,000
District Secretariate - Vavunia	37,500
District Secretariate - Anuradhapura	262,500
District Secretariate - Polonnaruwa	225,000
District Secretariate -Kurunegala	150,000
District Secretariate - Galle	112,500
District Secretariate - Badulla	150,000
District Secretariate -Monaragala	112,500
District Secretariate - Colombo	750,000
Total	2,250,000

### 3.8 Conducting National Programmes

Seven Seminars regarding the eradication of kidney disease have been organized upto date in Vavunia, Anuradhapura, Badulla and Matale districts while two out of them were conducted in 2017. Raising awareness including several activities to cover the above mentioned areas have taken place during the seminars.



#### 3.8.1 National Programme at the Divisional Secretariat Wilgamuwa in Matale.

The National Programme was conducetd parallel to "world Kidney Day" commemorated on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 under the patronage of Chief Minister of the Central Province Hon Sarath Ekanayake and with the participation of about 2500 people. Common issues of the area have also been addressed with the intervention of the Presidential Task Force on the eradiation of kidney disease and in collaboration with the stakeholder institutions.

- Awareness campaigns on kidney disease conducted in 545 Grama Niladhari divisions with the participation of the public and students of 323 schools in respective areas.
- Facilitating the exhibition of 40 notice boards with information and instructions on the eradication of kidney disease in public places.
- Screening tests of around 20,060 people from a targeted population of about 23,600 in 39 Grama Niladhari divisions in the Divisional Secretariate Wilgamuwa for prediagnosing kidney disease among them.
- Quality tests of drinking water consumed by the people in Wilgamuwa area.
- Providing 10 Reverse Osmosis plants for 10 schools in Wilgamuwa area on financial provisions of the Presidential Task Force on eradication of kidney disease and providing 03 Reverse Osmosis plants for community organizations in the area on financial assistance of Sanjeev Gardiner Foundation.
- Launching of a new unit especially constructed for kidney related treatments and the laboratory in Wilgamuwa hospital for the public.
- Conducting self employment workshops for kidney patients under social welfare programmes, consultations for kidney patients and their family members and providing assistance for 90 kidney patients to build houses.















3.8.2 Divisional workshop conducted in the area of Horowpatana Divisional Secretariat in Anuradhapura District on the eradication of kidney related diseases and the opening of the  $250^{th}$  R/O plant.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Morakewa Sri Saddharmajothikarama temple, Ritigahawewa, Horowpatana. In addition to that following programmes were also held parallelly in the same area.



- Awareness programmes on the eradication of kidney disease with the participation of school children and the general public of the area.
- Screening tests to pre-diagnose kidney patients.
- Housing assistance for 38 kidney patients with low income households.
- Awarding scholarships for 80 G.C.E. A/L students who lost their parents due to kidney disease.
- Providing 600 domestic water filters to 600 households affected by the kidney disease.











### 04. "Lets Protect Children" National Programme

#### Vision

Eensuring the protection of children enabling them to cope with challenges of the Twenty First Century

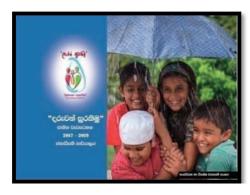
#### Mission

Build up an environment



The quality of the future work force depends on children of the day and His Excellency the President who has understood the need of protecting children in a priority basis from various disasters spreading in the present society, instructed the authorities to implement a special arrangement ensuring the welfare and the protection of today's children as early as possible. Accordingly, several sessions of discussions were held with the participation of Heads of institutions including relevant line Ministries, Provincial Councils and other stakeholder institutions. "Let's Protect Children" National Programme is launched with the intension of addressing the issues identified in the above discussions with regard to children in an urgent manner formulating and implementing a time – bound action plan within three years (2017-2019). The programme is scheduled to be implemented under the following categories.

- 1. Formulation of policies, legal reforms and implementation
- 2. Strengthening institutions and infrastructure development
- 3. Conducting special programmes to develop physical fitness, education and skills of the children



The National Programme "Let's protect children" is implemented in collaboration with the stakeholder institutions and the following activities have been exercised by the President's Office in 2017

### 4.1 Inaugaration of the National Programme "Let's Protect Children"

The launching programme of "Let's protect children" National Programme was held on 08<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Provincial sports complex Digana, Kandy under the patronage of the President and with the participation of about 7,000 people including Hon Ministers, Parliament members and officers with other invitees. The action plan of the National Programme "Let's protect children" was handed over to the President at the occasaion.



Other special events tookplace at the occasion

- Presenting the booklet printed on "young achievers of future" under the special capacity building programme.
- Providing financial assistance of 80.7 million LKRS for the infrastructure development of schools where there are children with special needs in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Badulla and Monaragala Districts.
- Presenting the National Policy of eliminating child labour in Sri Lanka to His Excellency the President formulated by the Ministry of labour, trade union relations and Sabaragamuwa development.
- Presenting the project report on protecting children against drugs and adverse childhood experiences which is expected to be implemented by the Central Provincial Council.





Occasions of the inauguration

### 4.2 National Programme "Let's protect children"- District Summit Polonnaruwa

Polonnaruwa District Summit of "Let's protect children" National Programme was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Polonnaruwa Royal College under the patronage of His Excellency the President and with the participation of about 5,500 people including Provincial political leaders, Government officers of the Central Province and teachers and schoolchildren in the area

Other special events took place at the occasion

- Providing financial assistance of 11.4 million LKRS for modernization and renovations of 08 children homes in North Central and Eastern Provinces.
- R/O water refinery plants were provided to 20 schools in the above districts where there are no pure drinking water facilities and Kayankaranei Saraswathi Vidyalaya Batticaloa, Pranthureichchenei Asar Vidyalaya Batticaloa and Lahugala Vidyalaya and Parana Govipola Primary school Ampara were symbolically given the facility at the event.



Providing 19.05 million LKRS for 381 selected schools 50,000 LKRS each in Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa and Ampara districts as grants and schools including Palathiyawewa Junior school Polonnaruwa, Kumara Weliyargramam Siththi Vinayagar Vidyalaya Batticaloa and Majidpura Vidyalaya Kalmunei were granted at the initial stage.





### 4.3 The programme"Young achievers of the future"

The modern psychology has uncovered that the adverse childhood experiences (ACE) negatively affect the skills and personalities when children are victimized by such intricacies during their infancy. Thus it would be possible to groom genteel, productive, loyal and better citizens who possess qualitatively rich personalities. it is essential to invoke awareness in the society about personality building among children. "Young achievers of the future" programme is implemented accordingly by the President's Office under the National Programme of "Let's protect children"

Both the Sinhala and Tamil versions of the booklet "young achievers of the future" are completed in this regard while the instructors and modules required to conduct the programme islanwide have been arranged. In addition to the above, the participants were made aware of the programme in the summits held at Kandy and Polonnaruwa.

This programme is scheduled to be conducted in district and divisional levels through the fields of education, health and administration.



### Invoking awareness in the public on child personality development









# 4.4 Infrastructure development including road access to the schools where there are students with special needs.

People with special needs and senior citizens should be given proper recognition and respect among others in the society. They should be able facilitated with means that they could fulfill their needs by themselves and ensure their independency on others. They must be empowered and utilized for the development of the country. With that objective in mind the National Programme on empowering the people with special needs and senior citizens is scheduled to be implemented from 2018. In its initial stage, road access and sanitary facilities were provided to 54 schools which have students with special needs in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Badulla and Moneragala districts under the programme "Let's protect children" in the year 2017.



District	Educational zone	No. of schools facilitated	Allocations (million LKRS)
	Hinguraggoda	11	
D. I	Polonnaruwa	06	]
Polonnaruwa	Dimbulagala	06	36
	Total	23	
	Badulla	03	
	Bandarawela	03	
Badulla	Viyaluwa	03	15
	Mahiyanganaya	01	
	Total	10	
	Wellawaya	03	
	Thanamalwila	04	
Moneragala	Moneragala	04	22.5
	Bibila	04	
	Total	15	
77'1' 1 1 '	Kilinochchi	06	
Kilinochchi	Total	06	7.2
Grand total	•	54	80.7





Infrastructure development of the schools for students with special needs



# 4.5 "modernization and renovations in 08 children's homes parallel to "Let's protect children" Polonnaruwa district summit.

In the initial discussions at Polonnaruwa district summit the importance of ensuring better facilities and security of the children's homes in North Central and Eastern Provinces was highlighted. Accordingly, a grant of 11.4 million LKRS was allocated for the infrastructure development of 08 children's homes in Polonnaruwa, Ampara and Baticaloa.

	District	Children's Home	No. of children	Allocations (LKRS)
1	Polonnaruwa	Bosath balika children's home, Hinguraggoda.	26	2,028,342
		Parakum balika children's home	27	1,465,302
		Protected Home, Baticaloa	10	4,880,000
	Baticaloa	Village of Hope Girls home	26	585,000
2		Vivekananda Girls Home	33	599,816
		Shakthi Girls Home	52	600,000
		Jeevananda Girls Children Home	31	500,000
3	Ampara	Vipulananda Boys Home	27	744,250
Total			232	11,402,710







# 4.6 Providing two sets of books for 2,820 schools each in order to encourage the habit of reading among students

With the sophisticated technology in today's world, electronic gadgets have invaded the youth and children tend to give up the habit of reading. In order to encourage children in schools to read books 2,820 schools islandwide with G.C.E. A/L classes were provided with 2 sets of books consisted with 25 books in each set recommended by the Ministry of Education.

		No. of	F			
	Province	schools provide with books	Sinhala medium	Tamil medium	English medium	Grand total
01.	North Central	191	3,200	620	1,910	5,730
02.	Uva	260	4,260	960	2,600	7,820
03.	Northern	213	80	4,180	2,130	6,390
04.	Eastern	275	1,220	4,280	2,750	8,250
05.	Central	431	6,080	2,900	4,310	13,290
06.	North Western	361	5,680	1,580	3,610	10,870
07.	Sabaragamuwa	286	4,860	940	2,860	8,660
08.	Southern	358	6,800	440	3,580	10,820
09.	Western	445	7,840	1,540	4,450	13,830
Total		2,820	40,020	17,440	28,200	85,660



**Delivering books to schools** 



### 4.7 Providing 04 buses to the North Central Province to ensure safe transportation

School buses were provided as a pilot project for the benefit of schoolchildren considering transport difficulties prevail in rural areas with the objective of ensuring a safe mode of transport. Accordingly, Niwanthakachethiya Maha vidyalaya Anuradhapura was provided with a school bus and 03 such buses have been provided to zonal education offices for the benefit of the schoolchildren in Hinguraggoda, Dimbulagala and Polonnaruwa educational zones.



**Providing buses to schools** 

### 4.8 Provisions for district and divisional level projects

A grant of Rs. 1,332,900 LKRS was provided for projets with regard to the fulfilling of objectives of the National Programme of "Let's protect children, taking into consideration the project proposals made by provincial, district and regional level project managers. The following projects have been funded accordingly.

- Awareness programmes along with practical activities on sports and exercises for the members of children's associations and the programme on gardening conducted in elementary childcare centres in the division of Okewela divisional secretary in Hambantota district.
- II. Awareness programmes on the protection against different threats and disasters conducted in 17 schools and on the importance of ensuring the protection of children as well as their parents organized in 15 schools in Kalutara district.



- III. Programmes on child development and protecting them against harassments and capacity building programmes through leadership training given to children identified in schools level in Karuwalagaswewa and divisional secretary's divisions in Puttlam district.
- IV. Awareness programmes for parents on the child protection and responsibilities of children and child abuse as well as harrassments on children conducted in Mahawewa Divisional Secretary's division in Puttlam district.
- V. Programmes on child abuse and prevention of drugs conducted in the Divisional Secreatary's Division of Vavunia South in Vavunia district.
- VI. Conducting 05 workshops for 1,500 G.C.E. A/L students in the Divisional Secreatary's Division of Nanattan in Vavunia district.
- VII. Raising awareness of the parents and of the guardians of vulnerable families conducting 05 training sessions that covered 20 Grama Niladhari divisions in the Divisional Secreatary's Division of Meegahakiula in Badulla district.

It is planned to implement various activities in the year 2018 too under the National programme "Let's protect children". Issues that have been raised with relevant to children are expected to be addressed in collaboration with the stakeholder institutions. Meanwhile programmes including providing 09 vehicles to the 09 provincial departments of rehabilitation, improvements on road systems, other facilities for Special Schools, and implementing programs for improving economic level of their family members, and adopt necessary measures to settle child proceedings in courts. Sum of Rs. 200 million has been allocated for the tasks of "Lets protect children" National Programme in 2018.

### 05. Sustainable Schools Programme

#### **Theme**

"A Pleasant World for Children - Sustainable Tomorrow",

#### **Strategies**

- 1. Participation, co-oporation and contribution
- 2. Learning through experiences
- 3. Self- evaluation and estimation
- 4. Voluntarily participation, functioning and socialization



### **Objectives**

- 1. Encouraging children for the production and consumption of local food products.
- 2. Leading the schoolchildren towards sustainable development through the creation of an environmental future generation.
- 3. Involvement of schoolchildren as an active shareholder in the prevention of drugs and for the eradication of kidney disease that have become social menace.
- 4. Creation of a safe future generation while empowering and building their capacity.
- 5. Empowering children to become social change makers with the help of experiences and experiments of sustainable development practiced in the classroom and school premises.

#### **Acivities**

- 1. Invoking awareness in the style of utilizing lands/ spaces.
- 2. Making the school garden a means of production.
- 3. Making the school premises a pleasant, clean and a safe place for study.
- 4. Making students aware of the menace including drugs and kidney disease.
- 5. Training schoolchildren to be a driving force in the process of preventing drugs and the kidney disease.
- 6. Empowering students for self defense.
- 7. Empowering students with knowledge in order to improve their taste through the habit of reading



- 8. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes to take part in the sustainable development.
- 9. Cultivating good behaviours in children.

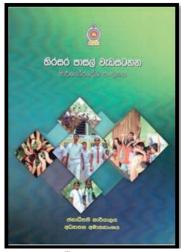
#### Introduction

The following programmes are carried out by Development and Special Projects division incorporating several subject areas under the direct supervision and guidance of His Excellency the President.

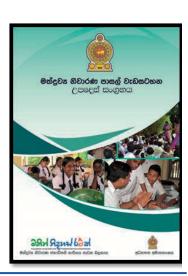
- 1. Environmental Conservation Programme
- 2. National Programme on Drug Prevention
- 3. Ntional Programme on eradication of Kidney Disease
- 4. National program "Let's Protect Children

the sole objective of this programme is to invoke awareness in schoolchildren about the afore mentioned programmes, their behavioural improvements and socialization of the objectives of the above National programmes via schoolchildren. Schoolchildren are the ideal target group of achieveing the objectives of the above National programmes. "Sustainable schools programme" was launched in co-operating the above National programmes with the objectives of preventing them from adverse childhood experiences and inculcating them into the real world of work and for the society while empowering them to become social change-makers. Thus in the next five years it would be possible to groom genteel, productive, loyal and better citizens with qualitatively rich personalities that care of his environment, follow local values and especially with common sense to see the bad side of drugs and alcohol.

Provisions for "Sustainable schools programme" are allocated by the above mentioned National programmes. All the activities of those programmes carried out in the school level are implemented through this Programme. A common mechanism in this regard has been arranged with the assistance of the Ministry of Education in the National and Provincial schools level.









The first stage of this programme was initiated in 3409 schools selected islanwide. On the proved success of the programme it was extended up to include 3000 more schools under the instructions provided by His Excellency the President. Accordingly, the programme is carried out successfully in total number of 6409 schools.

### Schools in which sustainable schools programme is carried out

	Selected schools under 1st phase				
Province	Schools 2820 (1AB+IC)	<b>Schools</b> (T.1 & T.2)	Schools in 1 <sup>st</sup> phase	schools in 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase	Total No. of schools
Western	445	72	517	549	1066
Central	431	3	434	454	888
Southern	358	42	400	337	737
Northern	213	32	245	237	482
North Western	361	94	455	359	814
Eastern	275	184	459	296	755
North Central	191	49	240	247	487
Uva	260	62	322	213	535
Sabaragamuwa	286	51	337	308	645
Sub Total	2820	589	3409	3000	6409

The inauguration ceremony of the National Programme held under the patronage of His Excellency the President at Kengalle Maha Vidyalaya, on the 19.01.2017











Events at the inauguration ceremony

Parallel to this, two days student camp was held at Mahaweli college of education Polgolla on 18/19. 01.2017 with the participation of school prefects of the Central Provincial sustainable schools committees appointed under the National programme.





Student camp- Polgolla



The Presidential Secretariat allocated provisions in 2017 for stakeholding institutions under the following main areas in order to implement different projects in relation to sustainable schools programme.

Serial No.	Purpose	Allocations (LKRS)
01.	Providing a grant of 50,000 LKRS for each school to introduce basic activities of the programme In the year 2016 - 141,000,000.00 In the year 2017 - 179,450,000.00	320,450,000
02.	To commence training sessions	707,850
03.	Raising awareness in school teachers on the programme	15,690,440
04.	The programme "Kalana Mithuru- Poth sumithuru" (books made best friends)	19,100,000
05.	Training on the launching and updating of the website "sustainable schools"	258,775
06.	Road safety project	15,000,000
07.	Inauguration ceremony of sustainable schools programme Student camp held at Mahaweli College of Education, Polgolla	3,066,730 954,062
08.	Other expenses	1,788,277
Total		377,016,134

### 5.1 Familiarizing the sustainable schools programme

A grant of 50,000 LKRS for each school was provided to implement basic activities of the programme in schools level with the objective of introducing the performances included in the guide book of sustainable schools programme.

	Province	District	No .of schools	Total No. of	Allocations	
				schools	(million LKRS)	
1	Western	Colombo	186			
		Gampaha	196	517	25.85	
		Kalutara	135			
2	Central	Kandy	222			
		Matale	87	434	21.7	
		Nuwara Eliya	125		21.7	
3	Southern	Galle	153			
		Hambantota	119	400	20	
		Matara	128	400	20	



	Province	District	No. of schools	Total No. of schools	Allocations	
				schools	(million LKRS)	
4	Eastern	Ampara	189			
		Batticaloa	124	459	22.95	
		Trincomalee	146	439	22.93	
5	North	Kurunegala	311			
	Western	Puttlam	144	455	22.75	
6	North Central	Anuradhapura	172			
		Polonnaruwa	68	240	12	
7	Uva	Badulla	212			
		Moneragala	110	322	16.1	
8	Sabaragamu	Kegalle	162			
	wa	Rathnapura	175	337	16.85	
9	North	Jaffna	105			
		Kilinochchi	30	1		
		Mannar	40	1		
		Mulaitivu	34	245	12.25	
		Vavunia	36	1		
Gra	nd total	•		3409	170.45	

The schools were instructed to purchase basic inputs and materials required for the programmes included in sustainable schools programme with these provisions and to perform the activities in schools level. Allocations will be made to sub committees accordingly after the discussions were held and identified the requirements. Various performances were functioned individually by each school committees under sustainable schools programme using these provisions.



	Province	District	No. of schools	Total No. of schools	Financial allocations (million LKRS.)
1	Western	Colombo	155		·
		Gampaha	235	549	27.45
		Kalutara	159	349	27.43
2	Central	Kandy	196		
		Matale	89	454	22.7
		Nuwara Eliya	169	434	22.1
3	Southern	Galle	131		
		Hambantota	105	727	16.05
		Matara	101	337	16.85
4	Northern	Jaffna	116		
		Kilinochchi	37	1	11.85
		Mannar	19	1	
		Mulaitivu	31	237	
		Vavunia	34	1	
5	Eastern	Ampara	115		14.0
		Batticaloa	111	296	
		Trincomalee	70	296	14.8
6	North Western	Kurunegala	225		
		Puttlam	134	359	17.95
7	North Central	Anuradhapura	165		
		Polonnaruwa	82	247	12.35
8	Uva	Badulla	132		
		Moneragala	81	213	10.65
9	Sabaragamuwa	Kegalle	129		
		Ratnapura	179	308	15.4
Gra	nd total	•		3000	150

### Special activities done in schools with the grant of 50,000/- LKRS

### Formulating the plan of land manipulation

Instructions were given to arrange the land manipulation plan of the school with the help of officers attached divisionally by the Department of land manipulation and with the contribution of the members of school conservation committee. Accordingly, building areas, potential areas for cultivations, areas require soil conservation and areas that should be developed in future will be identified. Land manipulation plan for each school has been arranged and specifications are kept for exhibition.



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Sri Naga National School- Naula

The identified areas that require soil conservation in the school are preserved and conserved with the help of students and their parents. The prime objective of the project is to educate the students about soil conservation procedures.





Melpitiya Maha Vidyalaya- Matale

#### 5.1.3. Waste Management System

Irregular waste disposal and issues resulted in that regard have caused many disasters in today's Sri Lanka. Therefore, various activities have been performed in school level in order to make the students aware of the importance of waste management and train them in waste categorization.

In the meantime, a circular has been issued to make the school premises free from polythene. Following the instructions given in the circular the committee of school environment conservation have taken several measures to make polythene free school premises.







Muslim Balika Vidyalaya- Kinniya

### 5.1.4. Cleaning up the environment

A lot of campaigns have been followed in order to transform the school environment into an attractive and a pleasant environment. An education friendly atmosphere will be resulted through the efforts of making the school premises full of trees and plants with colourful flowers. Thus, the teaching and learning process is made easy both for teachers as well as for students.





K/ Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya / Senananda Maha Vidyalaya- Kandy

### 5.1.5 Invoking awareness on the prevention of drugs

Special activities are being carried out in the school together with the student participation of school drug prevention committees. Exhibition of drug preventive statements within the school premises, art and posters competitions in that regard, drug preventive walks are among those initiatives. These programmes which have been conducted with the contribution of students and their parents are proved useful in educating the general public as well.







posters designed by the students Dutugemunu Central College- Pothuhera

### 5.1.6 Invoking environmental awareness

Committees on sustainable school premises conservation have taken several measures to uphold the awareness among students in the importance of maintaining a clean and healthy environment, environmental systems and trees. Posters, statements and many other creative means related to the theme have been used for this purpose.



K/Nalanda Maha Vidyalaya



T/ST. Mary's College



### 5.1.7 Programmes for the prevention of kidney disease and non-epidemic diseases.

Currently, the people in 11 administrative districts of the country have become the victims of kidney disease of unknown etymology. Students of those districts as well as of other districts are made aware of the threat and behaviour patterns that they should follow for its prevention. There the students are encouraged for more creative work that manifest the knowledge they derived from. They have the benefit of making their colleagues aware







Mahinda Maha Vidyalaya Ganthiragama/ Tholambugolla Maha Vidyalaya

As a result of providing water filters to schools the students are benefitted with pure drinking water facilities. Similarly, the National Programme on the prevention of kidney disease has taken measures to provide R/O plants with the identified schools in the disease prone areas. Necessary information relevant in that regard have been provided to the Presidential Task force on the prevention of kidney disease through National Committees of sustainable schools programme.

At the same time, alleviation of non-epidemic diseases spreading so fast is one of another concern of the programme. The schools have organized several events in relation to healthy habits, nutritious food and first aids. Active participation of schoolchildren is drawn in respect of these events.







Granting water filters for schoolchildren - Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya - Colombo St. Mary Tamil School

### 5.1.8 Programmes to ensure the protection of school children

Awareness Programmes and training sessions were conducted with the intention of building the capacities and empowering students in order to face adverse conditions they encounter in the society. Sri Lanka Police and institutions regarding child safety were also contributing in these events. With the help of these efforts, it was possible to avail children on child harassments, abuse and other offensive activities prevail in the society as well as safety measures must be taken. Form the awareness and knowledge they derive from these events are used in many performances in school level.



Kinniya Muslim Balika Vidyalaya Trincomalee



Western Province / Katunayake Maha Vidyalaya



### 5.1.9 Programmes on gardening

**Sri Lankan** community a richheritage of an agricultural economy is now gradually withdrawing from it. Therefore, this programme provides awareness on building school premises as well as the home garden according to the process of learning. The objective is to develop the school space into environmental friendly agricultural plot of land. Another expectation of this project is to promote non-toxic food production and the use of organic fertilizers. By encouraging school children towards an agricultural economy, it is easy to persuade them to use their experiences in their own houses and home gardens. Similarly, the students can be made aware of crop categorization and seasons of cultivating according to earthen conditions and different climates. Gardening projects in schools are proved to be successful and the objectives are being fulfilled.





Bodhimaluwa Vidyalaya- Embilipitiya



Senananda Maha Vidyalaya- Kandy







### 5.2 Appointing training pools for each areas in sustainable schools development programme.

Training pools were established for each areas of the programme. Officers in that regard have been selected islandwide and they will be used as resource persons for awareness programmes conducetd in school level. Financial allocations to train these officers were granted to the Ministry of Education. Accordingly, training was provided in two days programmes..

	Purpose of providing allocations	Provisions (LKRS)	No. of trainers given training
01	Two days training programme on first aids and road signals	201,500/-	45
02	Two days workshop on school soft skills and consultations programme to train the trainers	307,350/-	60
03	Training provided on the National programme of food production	199,000/-	60

### 5.3 Raising awareness on "sustainable schools development programme"

Invoking awareness in school principals and teachers in charge of the committees in Schools whre the above programme is being conducted.

	Purpose	Amount of provisions	Beneficiaieries
01	Invoking awareness in school principals on sustainable schools development programme	250,000/-	4500
02	Invoking awareness in teachers in charge of environmental committees in sustainable schools development programme	5,128,400/-	3409
03	Invoking awareness in teachers in charge of drug prevention committees in sustainable schools development programme	5,128,400/-	3409
04	Invoking awareness in teachers in charge of child protection committees in sustainable schools development programme	5,128,400/-	3409



### 5.4 Programme "Kalana Mithuru- Poth Sumithuru" (Befriend with books)

This programme is conducted in collaboration with the Library division of the Ministry of Education with the objective of promoting the reading habit among school children. Motivating their habit of reaing and leading them towards a better taste of literature are other objectives of the programme. The inauguration ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President on 06<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at President's House, Colombo.





Inauguration Ceremony- President's House, Colombo Fort

In the first stage two sets of books each including Sinhala, Tamil and English medium books were provided to all the school libraries where there are Advanced Level classes.

**National Monitoring Committee** 

- School library development division of the Ministry of Education
- Educational Publications consultation Board
- National Library and Documentation Services Board
- Library and Information Science Institute of Colombo University

#### 5.5 Road safety Programme

"Parissamen Gihin Enna" (come back safe) road safety programme organized and implemented by Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation is launched as ajoint venture along with sustainable schools programme. With relevant to this, workshops have been conducted further empowering the road safety committees established by the sustainable schools development programme. Communication facilities along with media promotion are provided by Sri Lanka Rupavahini corporation. Other institutions related to ensuring road safety are also contributing in the effort.







Road safety campaigns- Nalanda Maha vidyalaya

### 5.6 Launching "sustainable schools" website

The website (www.thirasarapasal.gov.lk) was launched with the expectation of publishing messages, information and providing awareness about the programme to schools and this is activated in the National , Provincial, Zonal and school levels. Similarly the facility is used to monitor the school level activities functioned in this regard. Therefore the website is beneficial to implement the programme in school level and with that other schools can be aware of the programmes conducted and they also can get involved in.





### 06. Religious Affairs division

#### 6.1 Introduction

With the objective of creating religious coexistence in a unitary state, "The religious Affairs Unit" has been established under the Development and Special Projects Section of the Presidential Secretariat. The primary objectives of this unit are organizing and following up all the religious events, discussions and meetings in which His Excellency the President is to take part. The Religious Affairs Unit that's in operation with the unification of various themes which ensure the creation of a virtuous society through the coexistence of various religious factions in a primarily Buddhist country like Sri Lanka, has been able to accomplish its intents in several different approaches.

#### Vision

Facilitating evenly all the religions prevail in Sri Lanka in order to serve their communities according to the teachings of respective religious leaders.

#### Mission

Functions related to the fulfillment of the duties on behalf of the President.

#### **Main Functions**

- Conducting Sadaham Yathra Programme in each month
- Holding the meeting of Shasanarakshaka Bala Mandala
- Co-ordinatory activities of the National Vesak Festival
- Co-ordinating Buddhist discussions including Bauddha buddhi Mandala, Bauddha Upadeshaka Sabhawa
- Co-ordinating annual ceremonies of procession
- Co-ordinating all the religious programmes conducted islandwide for His Excellency the
   President with the participation of Presidential Secretariat









## **Activities performed in 2017**

	Month	District	Temple	Development assistance (LKRS)	Organizing cost (LKRS)	Total cost (LKRS)
01	January	Colombo	Rukmale Temple, Pannipitiya		278,324.00	278,324.00
02	February	Puttlam	Weheragala Temple, Karuwalagaswewa	221,953.84	606,720.84	828,674.68
03	March	Polonnaruwa	Unagala Temple, Hinguraggoda		287,389.00	287,389.00
04	April	Trincomalee	Welunna Temple, Kanthale	62,277.55	404,699.95	466,977.50
05	May	Kegalle	Wattarama Temple, Galgamuwa		50525.00	50525.00
06	June	Polonnaruwa	Watadageya Temple, Medirigiriya		245,030.00	245,030.00
07	July	Gampaha	Warana Temple, Attanagalle		140,210.00	140,210.00
08	August	Kalutara	Ubhayawapikarama Temple, Bandaragama		360,657.50	360,657.50
09	September	Vavunia	Madukanda Temple	39,725.00	247,910.00	287,635.00
10	October	Gampaha	Ancient Temple, Yatawatta	380,800.00	835,312.50	1,216,112.50
11	November	Colombo	Dharmayathna Temple, Narahenpita		303,451.00	303,451.00
12	December	Colombo	Wajirarama Temple, Bambalapitiya	443,859.00	718,629.00	1,162,488.00
Tota	1			1,148,615.39	4,478,858.79	5,627,474.18



### 6.2 Sadaham Yathra Buddhist sermons programme



Sadaham Yathra - December 2017 - Wajirarama Temple, Bambalapitiya

### 6.3 Co-ordinating the ceremonies of Processions

Religious Affairs division provides all the co-ordinations and facilitataions especially in the following Processions and other processions organized islandwide.

- Historic Siri Dalada procession
- Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte procession
- Bellanwila procession

Organizational functions related to handing over ceremony of Sannas Pathra denoting the traditional conclusion of Siri Dalada procession is organized in collaboration with District Secretary Kandy. Printing of invitations, inviting the guests, refreshments, and allocation of provisions to the office of the District Seretary for activities including the payments for compierors and for the certificates awarded the artists took part in the procession are to name some of the functions performed by the Presidential Secretariat.



Concluding ceremony of historic Siri Dalada procession





Awarding of certificates to the artists took part in the procession

#### 6.4 Co-ordination of other affairs

The division performed the co-ordination of following programmes in 2017

- United Nations International Vesak Day celebration
- 7<sup>th</sup> Buddhist Summit
- Vesak zone surrounding President's House
- Bauddhaloka Vesak Zone
- Deepavali celebrations held in President's house
- National Vesak celebrations- Wattarama Sri Arahantha historic temple, Kegalle.
- Offering of Dana in respect of 2000 buddhist monks with regard to the completion of two years in office by His Excellency the President
- Annual jasmine flower offering.
- Upa Sampada function in Amarapura Sect.
- Chanting of Pirith function in felicitating his Excellency the President and all the citizens of Sri Lanka.
- Co-ordinating religious functions organized islandwide with the participation of His Excellency.
- Co-ordination of funeral functions of the Incumbants lived in different parts of the country.









### 07. Other special events

Development and Special projects division performed special other events in addition to the majore National programmes. .

### 7.1 Formulating a cultural policy

The Cabinet paper on "Sri Lanka based on co-existence" dated 13.11.2017 was submitted by His Excellency the President with the participation and the contribution of stakeholder institutions to the Cabinet of Ministers as per a suggestion forwarded to the President by Arts and cultural policy Unit-a community movement.

In respect of dicisions of the Cabinet, it was instructed to establish and facilitate a special operation Unit targeting the National cultural revitalization affliated to the Presidential Secretariat.



The following activities are being operated by the Unit.

- 1. To submit a proposal to the Government on a complete, comprehensive and flexible suggestion on Arts and cultural policy.
- 2. To submit the completed proposals on institutional reforms, formulated through a process of research.
- 3. To establish a community based Arts and cultural trust fund with the funds from both Government and Private sectors.
- 4. To implement educational and awareness programmes for Sri Lankans in order to prioritize arts and culture to become an integral part of their personal as well as so cial life. In the meantime to initiate a National Arts and culture resource centre.
- 5. To contribute in building a culturally interconnected future generation leading to promote reasonable cultural education among the prevalent system of education.
- 6. To avail the Sri Lankan community with a vision of co-existence as a foundation for social justice, correlation and good governance.
- 7. Taking initiatives to hold a regional forum on cultural affairs on the themes of arts and cultural policy development and cultural rights of south Asia along with the establishment of south Asian charter for cultural rights with the assistance of the UNESCO.
- 8. Establishment of an environment ensuring the attachment of grants in the field of arts and cultural feelings in the formulation of National policies..
- 9. To promote the image of the artist, arts and its industry both locally and internation ally.
- 10. Taking steps to draw the attention and assistance of the international community towards this cultural initiative.
- 11. Conformation into internationally approved policies and standards formulated by the UNESCO and their National implementation.
- 12. Laying the foundation for a public- friendly media culture with the objectives of public serving communication and the advancement of media literacy.



### 7.2 Preparing National Book policy

A draft cabinet memorandum on "National book policy and a establishment the centre of its implementation" was submitted according to the instructions given by His Excellency the President with regard to the suggestions formed by the Public Writers Front together with the association of book publishers with the objective of formulating a National book policy. The Ministry of Education and other interested parties contributed in the effort.

Since the prime objective of the cabinet memorandum was to reestablish Sri Lanka board of book development which was removed from the subject area of the Ministry of Education in 2011, the Ministry of Education was informed to submit observations regarding the cabinet memorandum. It was conveyed that the Ministry itself would submit a cabinet memorandum in this regard as result of the concerns of the Minister of Education. We were informed that Sri Lanka Board of book development is expecting to implement the proposed policy regarding books.

# 7.3 "Ape Suwaya Rate Saviya" (Our health is the strength of the country" health promotion programme

His Excellency the President has advised to implement the suggestion regarding the prevention of non-epidemic diseases, forwarded by "Suwa Divi Padanama" a foundation consist of professionals including doctors and artists with the consultation of the Ministry of indegenious medicine.

The Minister of health, nutritions and indegenious medicine has also expressed his willingness to provide instructions and technical support in this regard.

Accordingly, to implement the proposed project "Ape Suwaya Rate Saviya" coordinated by "Suwa Divi Padanama" under the observations and instructions provided by the Ministry of health, nutritions and indegenious medicine a cabinet memorandum is being prepared.

#### 7.4 Youth camp- emerging Pulathisi youth for the betterment of the country- 2017

The inauguration ceremony of the youth camp "Pulathisi Yawwanaya" implemented as an extention of the concept of His Excellency the President to mould the future generation to be efficient and fit enough with leadership and personality to take part in the development process of the country was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President on 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Polonnaruwa Royal College. Programmes including drug prevention, environmental conservation were conducted during the camp and several other activities have been performed in order to improve personality, co-operation and leadership among 3000 youth participated at the camp. At the same time, consultative discussions and guiding programmes with regard to future employment were also conducted by several institutions.



# <u>Meetings and discussions held under the head of Senior Additional Secretary to the president and Heads of divisions.</u>

Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
1	02.01.2017	Discussion on the activities related to the eradication of kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
2	02.01.2017	Granting fund for 146 temples representing manydistrict including Northern and Eastern Provinces	Religious
3	05.01.2017	Discussion on the Youth Camp- Polonnaruwa	miscellaneous
4	09.01.2017	Discussion on the rehabilitation of the drug addicts	Drug prevention
5	13.01.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
6	13.01.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
7	16.01.2017	Discussion on water refinery plants with the agents from Thesani Herbal institute India.	Eradication of kidney disease
8	16.01.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
9	16.01.2017	Discussion on the Youth Camp- Polonnaruwa	Miscellaneous
10	19.01.2017	Progress Review discussion the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
11	20.01.2017	Discussion on the Youth Camp- Polonnaruwa	Miscellaneous
12	23.01.2017	Declaring open the newly built Buddha statue in Abhayarama temple, Narahenpita	Religious
13	23.01.2017	Discussion on the Youth Camp- Polonnaruwa	Miscellaneous
14	24.01.2017	Discussion on Environmental conservation Projects	Environmental conservation
15	26.01.2017	Progress review meeting with regard to the special projects implemented by the Development and special projects division  Progress review meeting with regard to the special projects implemented by the Development and special projects division	
16	28.01.2017	Discussion on controlling the tobacco cultivation	Drug prevention
17	29.01.2017	Discussion on controlling the tobacco cultivation	Drug prevention
18	30.01.2017	Discussion on the Green Wheather fund	Environmental conservation
19	30.01.2017	Discussion on the Presidential scholarship on education	Eradication of kidney disease
20	31.01.2017	Progress Review on the Development and Special Projects division	Progress review



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
21	01.02.2017	Discussion with the Deputy Minister Hon. Ajith P. Perera on National Programmes implemented by the Development and special projects division	Miscellaneous
22	06.02.2017	Awareness progrmmes on the eradication of kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
23	06.02.2017	Discussion with the Project Managers	miscellaneous
24	08.02.2017	Discussion on mineral excavation and reclamation of low lands	Environmental conservation
25	09.02.2017	Progress review discussion on "punurudaya" environmental conservation programme	Environmental conservation
26	09.02.2017	Discussion on Colombo city cleaning process and waste management in provincial councils	Environmental conservation
27	09.02.2017	Progress review with institutes that allocated provisions	Progress review
28	13.02.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas	Environmental conservation
29	13.02.2017	Discussion on capturing knuckles lands	Environmental conservation
30	15.02.2017	Discussion on programmes of personality building among children	Child protection
31	16.02.2017	Discussion on waste management of the presidential secretariat	Environmental conservation
32	16.02.2017	Discussion regarding the decorations with regard to the United Nations International Vesak Day celebration	Religious
33	17.02.2017	Progress review on the eradication of kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
34	21.02.2017	Discussion on invoking awareness among school teachers regarding the Sustainable Schools programme	Sustainable Schools Development
35	27.02.2017	Discussion on the Youth Camp- Polonnaruwa	Miscellaneous
36	05.03.2017	Discussion on programmes of personality building among children	Child protection
37	10.03.2017	Discussion on regularizing the waste management system in Colombo and suburbs	Environmental conservation
38	22.03.2017	Progress review on all Island Shasanarakshaka Balamandala	Religious



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
39	30.03.2017	Discussion on programmes of personality building among children	Child protection
40	03.04.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas	Environmental conservation
41	04.04.2017	Discussion on ''punuruda' Buddhist religious fund with its sponsors	Religious
42	04.04.2017	Discussion on the decorations in Bauddhaloka Vesak Zone	Religious
43	06.04.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas	Environmental conservation
44	06.04.2017	Discussion on publishing the resouviers in Badulla District on the Gazette	Environmental conservation
45	06.04.2017	Discussion on implementing the activities of 'Let's protect children' programme in the Sustainable Shools Development programme as well	Sustainable Schools Development
46	20.04.2017	Training programme on drug prevention with the participation of the officers in Army operation room	Drug prevention
47	21.04.2017	Discussion on programmes of personality building among children	Child protection
48	25.04.2017	Training programme on drug prevention with the participation of the officers in Army operation room	Drug prevention
49	02.05.2017	Training given to the officers in the Department of community Police	Drug prevention
50	03.05.2017	Meeting of National cadet team, Red Cross team and scouts team	Drug prevention
51	03.05.2017	Discussion on a specific arrangement for conservation of Puskola Poth	Miscellaneous
52	04.05.2017	Discussion on the enhancement of living standard of the people in Bogaswewa, Vavunia	Miscellaneous
53	08.05.2017	Issues regarding excavations and transportation of the dead sea chells	Environmental conservation
54	08.05.2017	Progress review on the National programmes conducted by the Development and special projects division	Progress review
55	15.05.2017	Discussion on issues prevail in local small and medium scale power and energy field	Environmental conservation



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
56	15.05.2017	Progress review meeting on eco friendly Sri Pada season	Environmental conservation
57	15.05.2017	Discussion on Reverse Osmosis plants introduced by Rajini's Aqua GOD company	Eradication of kidney disease
58	16.05.2017	Discussion on Dengue threat	Environmental conservation
59	25.05.2017	Discussion held on preparing advertisements for invoking awareness among people regarding the eradication of kidney disease with the participation of representatives from Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and Dr. Sanjaya Heiyanthuduwa	Eradication of kidney disease
60	29.05.2017	Discussion on formulating a code of ethics system for journalists	Child protection
61	30.05.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas	Environmental conservation
62	31.05.2017	Discussion on small scale energy power plants	Environmental conservation
63	31.05.2017	Special discussion on appointing an inter religious consultative Board	religious
64	01.06.2017	Special discussion on the progress of National programmes	Eradication of kidney disease
65	02.06.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas	Environmental conservation
66	05.06.2017	Special discussion on the on going programmes and future means to empower disabled people and for the welfare of senior citizens	Miscellaneous
67	06.06.2017	Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Chinese funded special hospital for kidney related diseases	Eradication of kidney disease
68	06.06.2017	Discussion on the arrangement of a National Arts and Cultural policy	Miscellaneous
69	07.06.2017	Discussion on the management of electronic waste	Environmental conservation
70	15.06.2017	Discussion on the introduction of a novel waste management system	Environmental conservation
71	15.06.2017	Discussion on the expansion of contribution from the National Fund for kidney disease in its treatments.	Eradication of kidney disease



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
72	16.06.2017	Special discussion on the prevention of rural drug usage	Drug prevention
73	19.06.2017	Training provided for cadet officers in the field of drug prevention	Drug prevention
74	22.06.2017	Discussion held on preparing advertisements for invoking awareness among people regarding the eradication of kidney disease with the participation of representatives from Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and Dr. Sanjaya Heiyanthuduwa	Eradication of kidney disease
75	22.06.2017	Discussion of the inter religious consultants	Religious
76	04.07.2017	Discussion on the implementation of a welfare programme for kidney patients	Eradication of kidney disease
77	06.07.2017	Personality building programme among children	Child protection
78	07.07.2017	Workshop on formulating a National policy for books	Miscellaneous
79	07.07.2017	Discussion on translating 'Maha Supawamsa' into English	Miscellaneous
80	11.07.2017	Awareness programme for project directors in Nothern Province	Environmental conservation
81	17.07.2017	Discussion held with the Secretary to the President on the National programmes	Miscellaneous
82	20.07.2017	Discussion among the Board of inter religious consultants	Religious
83	20.07.2017	Workshop on formulating a National policy for books	miscellaneous
84	24.07.2017	Regularizing the waste management system in Local Government Institutions at Polonnaruwa	Environmental conservation
85	31.07.2017	Discussion on the financial and physical progress of the provisions allocated in 2017 by National programmes	Progress review
86	01.08.2017	Discussion on socio-psychological education	Child protection
87	03.08.2017	Discussion on regularizing the waste management system and organic fertilizer manufacturing company in Polonnaruwa	Environmental conservation
88	11.08.2017	Progress review on clean Sri Pada season – Nuwara Eliya District	Environmental conservation
89	14.08.2017	Domestic air management	Environmental conservation



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
90	14.08.2017	Special staff meeting regarding the future activities of the Development and Special Projects division	miscellaneous
91	15.08.2017	Discussion held with Book Publishers Association on minimizing polythene usage in Colombo International Book Fair	Environmental conservation
92	16.08.2017	Preliminary discussion on declaring the month for tree plantation	Environmental conservation
93	17.08.2017	Meeting with regard to auditing and management	Miscellaneous
94	18.08.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Progrmme	Sustainable Schools Development
95	24.08.2017	Discussion among the sub committee of inter –religious consultative Board regarding publishing and media usage.	religious
96	28.08.2017	Discussion held with Book Publishers Association on minimizing polythene usage in Colombo International Book Fair	Environmental conservation
97	28/29.08.20 17	Discussion on the control of tobacco cultivation	Drug prevention
98	30.08.2017	Progress review of "Punurudaya"	Environmental conservation
99	30.08.2017	Awareness programme regarding kidney patients	Eradication of kidney disease
100	30.08.2017	Initiatory discussion on the means of assuring family welfare of the families affected by kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
101	11.09.2017	Discussion on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> phase of development in the protected area of Walawe Ganga	Environmental conservation
102	19.09.2017	Discussion on the eradication of kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
103	19.09.2017	Progress review on the projects implemented under the Presidential Special Task Force.	Progress review
104	21.09.2017	Discussion on waste management	Environmental conservation
105	25.09.2017	Discussion on the conservation of catchment areas and "wanaropa" tree planting programme	Environmental conservation
106	27.09.2017	Discussion on the pilot project regarding the increase of the percentage of forests in Sri Lanka by 1%	Environmental conservation



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
107	03.10.2017	Discussion on the issues regarding the excavation of dead sea shells in Trincomalee.	Environmental conservation
108	03.10.2017	Discussion on the waste management in Gamapaha district	Environmental conservation
109	04.10.2017	Discussion on local small scale energy power plants	Environmental conservation
110	07.10.2017	Special discussion of inter religious consultative Board	religious
111	09.10.2017	Discussion on road access facilities for schools where disabled students are.	Child protection
112	12.10.2017	Discussion on programmes of personality building among children	Child protection
113	19.10.2017	Progress review on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
114	19.10.2017	Progress review programme	Progress review
115	22.10.2017	Awareness programme conducted with the participation of the Air Force on tobacco control	Preventing drugs
116	24.10.2017	Discussion on the means taken to the welfar	Eradication of kidney disease
117	24.10.2017	Discussion on progarmmes conducte by the Develompment and special projects division.Progress review with the	Mioscellaneous
118	26.10.2017	Progress review with the institutes granted provisions	Progress review
119	27.10.2017	Drug prevention Programme for Si Lanka Air force	Prevention of drugs
120	27.10.2017	Discussion on the world 7 <sup>th</sup> Buddhist Summit	Religious
121	30.10.2017	Progress review with project directors	Progress review
122	02.11.2017	Discussion on the waste management in Gampaha District	Environmental conservation
123	16.11.2017	Discussion on water refinery plants with the agents from Thesani Herbal India.	Eradication of kidney disease
124	20.11.2017	Progress review with the institutes granted provisions	Progress review
125	23.11.2017	Discussion on media programmes of the National Programme on environmental conservation with Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation	Environmental conservation
126	23.11.2017	Meeting the Staff Officres of the Development and Special Projects division	Progress review



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
127	28.11.2017	Discussion on the waste management in Gamapaha district	Environmental conservation
128	28.11.2017	Discussion on media programmes of the National Programme on environmental conservation with Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation	Environmental conservation
129	29.11.2017	Discussion on the ocean and coastal conservation	Environmental conservation
130	29.11.2017	Special discussion on providing tables with chairs for Piriven education	Religious
131	29.11.2017	Discussion on the project proposal for "the celebration of two hundred years of 1818 uprising in Uva	Miscelaneous
132	04.12.2017	Progress review on the Youth Camp - Polonnaruwa	Miscellaneous
133	05.12.2017	Programme to control the use of polythene	Environmental conservation
134	05.12.2017	Preliminary discussion on the gold plate in Sri Dalada Maligawa	Religious
135	08.12.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
136	11.12.2017	Progress review of all the projects provided allocations with	Progres review
137	20.12.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development
138	20.12.2017	Discussion on the proposed water systems to be granted by Fuji Innovation , Japan.	Eradication of kidney disease
139	22.12.2017	Discussion on community health promotion programme called "Ape Suwaya Rate Saviya" (our health is the strength of the country)	Miscellaneous
140	27.12.2017	Meeting regarding waste management in gampaha	Environmental conservation
141	27.12.2017	Discussion on ensuring the quality of drinking water used in all the schools under 'Sustainable Schools Development programme- National programme on eradication of kidney disease and non-epidemic diseases	Sustainable Schools Development



Serial No.	Date	Meeting/ discussion	Field
142	28.12.2017	Preliminary discussion on implementing the Sustainable Schools programme- Let's Protect Children programme conducted in collaboration with Presidential Secretariat jointly with the road safety programme 'Parissamen Gihin Enna' organized by Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation	
143	28.12.2017	Discussion on the way of utilizing the provisions in 2018 Progress rev	
144	28.12.2017	Discussion on the promotion of indegineous medicine in the eradication of chronic kidney disease	Eradication of kidney disease
145	28.12.2017	Discussion on an arrangement to implement the programmes on eradication of kidney diseas and non-epidemic diseases under Sustainable Schools Development programme  Sustainable Development	
146	29.12.2017	Discussion on the Sustainable Schools Programme	Sustainable Schools Development

### **President's Fund**

#### Introduction

Provision of financial assistance by the Secretary to the President including the staff of the President's Fund in terms of the policy decisions of His Excellency the President and the Board of Governors of the Fund for the citizens of Sri Lanka for treatment of life- threatening diseases, children of low income families for them to study for G.C.E. (Advanced Level) and for other projects. The President's Fund is also expected to provide Mahapola higher education Fund with 50% of the annual income of the Development Lottery Board

#### **Objectives**

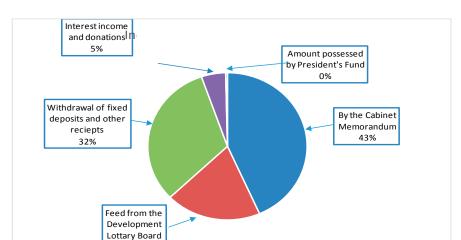
- > Providing financial assistance to alleviate poverty
- Advancement of education and knowledge
- Fostering of religions
- Conferring awards on persons who have rendered services to the nation
- To accomplish such tasks that would in the opinion of His Excellency the President and the
- Board of Governors, ensure the welfare of the public

#### Accomplishments in -2017

1. Sum of Rs. 500 Million was expected from Development Lottary Board as estimated income for President's Fund in 2017. Nevertheless the expected amount was unable to obtain due to Department of Inland Revenue fully recovered sum of Rs. 1807 as arrears tax related to period of 2001-2009 from the Development Lottary Board by the end of 2017, and sum of Rs. 346.54 only received out of expected amount. As a result sum of Rs. 1000 Million was approved by the Cabinet Memorandum No. @@c/17/1226/701/015 for the continuation of grants even minimum level that feed from the President's Fund.

The source of income	Amount (Rs. million)
Development Lottery Board	346.54
Interest income and donations	88.09
Withdrawal of Fixed Deposits and other receipts	569.44
Amount possessed by the President's Fund	6.44
Amount recieved by Cabinet Memorandum	775.00
Total	1785.51





#### **Income of President's Fund in 2017**

- 2. Establishemnt of Account Unit of President's Fund in 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Renuka building that currently the President's Fund Office is maintained because of unavailability of sufficient spaces accommodate to large number of clients daily arrive and to staff.
- 3. Planning of formal office design and procuring new works table and chairs, improvement of necessary facilities for clients for
  - Medical Assistance Unit,

20%

- Scholarship Unit,
- Account Unit, of President's Fund Division parallel to productivity promotion programme of Presidential Secretariat.
- 4. Redesign of web site of President's Fund with updating information.
- 5. As the activities of President's Fund Division are preformed under automated computerized process, to meet physical resources required for addressing existing shortcoming of the system and to meet human resources with expertise knowledge on information technology.
- 6. Completion of payment of installments related to scholarships granting from President's Fund for the students who passed G.C.E.(O/L) and reading for G.C.E. (A/L).
- 7. Adverting staff of Presidential Secretariat for the following training courses that organized by Human Resources Development division of Presidential Secretariat for the personality development of staff of President's Fund.



- The workshop on stress management methodologies that assist to occupational improvement
- Productivity workshop for all the staff
- Positive thinking programme for effective public service and successful private life
- Awareness workshop on accurate food habits for healthy longevity
- Training courses hold by Miloda Institute Formal letter writing skills
- Workshop on handling of office equipments organize by Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training
- 8. Broadening grants of medical assistance of President's Fund

Increasing number of diseases in which deserved for granting medical assistance from President's Fund

- Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- Epilepsy surgery
- 9. Registration of new hospitals for granting medical assistance from President's Fund

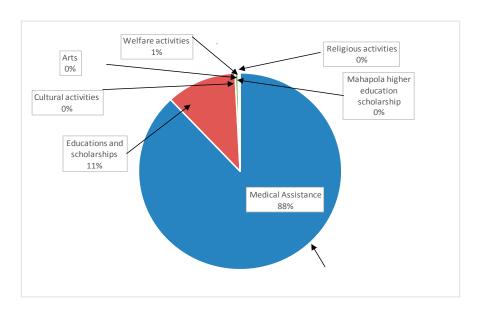
Hospital	Disease
1. Leeson Hospital, Ragama	Dialysis treatment
2. Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama	Prio tests for bone marrow replant surgery
3. Lanka Hospital, Narahenpita	bone marrow replant surgery
4. Brownce Hospital, Ragama	Dialysis treatment
5. Navinna Medicare Hospital, Maharagama	Planting of hips/knees/shoulder joints surgery and Rib range pressing surgery

#### **Expenditure of President's Fund in 2017**

Purpose	Amount (in Rs. Million)
For medical assistance	1357.50
For Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Fund	172.16
For education and scholarship	7.95
For welfare activities	0.05
For religious matters	3.40
For cultural affairs	1.00
For artistic work	-
Total	1542.06



### **Expenditures**



The moneys belonging to President's Fund have been deposited in fixed accounts in state banks and invested in treasury bonds

Note: The statistical details mentioned above are being audited at present.

## **Public Relations Division**

#### Introduction

Issues and requests of the employees of all public and state institutions addressed to His Excellency the President are referred to relevant Ministries, Departments and State Institutions in order to provide immediate concessions

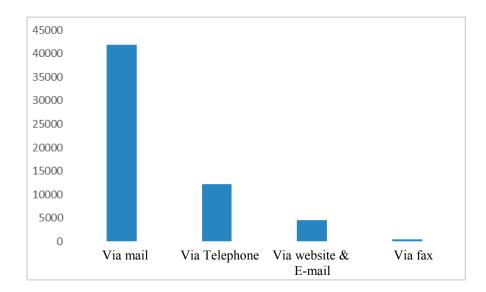
#### **General Objectives/ Functions**

- Implementation of the programme "Tell the President" by providing immediate response to the public requests presented through e-mails, posts and telephone calls addressed to His Excellency the President.
- Taking action to solve problems by providing prompt responses to the people who directly come to the Public Relations Division.
- Intervene to provide immediate response to memorandums sent to His Excellency the President through public protests by referring to state institutions.
- Implementation of a special programme to manage employee issues by co-ordinating all the Ministries and the Departments.
- Provide immediate response to the public grievances received by the President's mobile

Accomplishments in 2017
"Tell the President" Programme
Ways in which complaints were presented

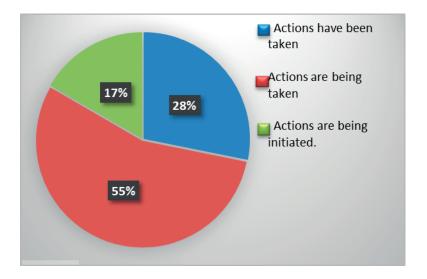
Medium	No. of complaints recieved
post	41869
Telephone	12171
Web sites and e-mails	4536
Fax	455
Total	59031





## Take actions on complaints

Actions have been taken	16623
Actions are being taken	32568
Actions are being initiated	9840
Total	59031





- ➤ This programme was awarded "E Swabhimani" and the first place in "Public and Citizens" sector at the Digital Social Impact Awards 2017.
- Taking action to provide speedy solutions for the issues of the people that directly come the Public Relations Division

Issues of more than 4,000 people who directly come to the Public Relations Division were able to receive positive responses.

Provide immediate response to memoranda sent to His Excellency the President through public protests.

Action has been taken to successfully solve 38 public protests and complaints altogether in the year 2017 and those are included with 06 complaints regarding the job security, 03 from cash depositors, 04 complaints regarding the newly effected laws and decisions taken by the Government, 06 complaints from Associations of the Tri-forces, 04 from pensioners, 05 issues with regard to human rights, 04 regarding capturing lands and reperations provided, 04 social issues forwarded by clergy, 01 from graduates and 01 from undergraduates.

The special program to manage employee issues by co-ordinating all the Ministries and the Provincial Councils

This programme was conducted with the objective of providing an opportunity to submit requests regarding of the employees in all state institutions in relation to their unresolved issues and grievances, and to provide solutions through an active schedule therefor or to offer explanations. Currently, the programme has been implemented successfully in 34 Ministries and able to resolve a total number of 3714 issues included with 1688 issue relevant to appointments, promotions and confirmation together with 534 issues regarding payments and allowances, 483 issues regarding transfers and 1009 issues regarding the duties and ther issues by referring them to respective Ministries.

Provide immediate response to the public grievances received by the President's mobile service.

The Public Relations Division has taken action with regard to the issues and requests of the public sent to His Excellency the President during the mobile services conducted by the Presidential Secretariat, by referring to the relevant institutions. Similarly, it is by this division that all the co-ordinations on behalf of the Presidential Secretariat are performed with relevant to the mobile service called "Nila Mehewara Janapathi Janatha Sevaya" that cover all the Provinces in the Island.



#### Other matters

The programme "Tell the President is widely spread up to a large number of Ministries, Provincial councils and District Secretariats including staste sector institutions. Improvements of the second phase of data base used with relevant to the programme have been completed in 2017. Four days survey on collecting information in order to modernize and process improvement of "Tell the President" programme was conducted in collaboration with Public Relations division, Temasek Foundation International Singapore and Civil Service college covering 20 Ministries, 03 Provincil Councils and 02 District Secretariats.

A special Unit to assess and review the regulation of "Tell the President" programme is established to evaluate the institutional functions of the Ministries, Provincial councils and other state institutions quarterly. Accordingly, 03 progress reviews were held under the head of the Secretary to the President. Electronic mail <a href="mailto:support@presidentsoffice.lk">support@presidentsoffice.lk</a> address is designed to inform training requirements to the President's Office immediately and 20 training programmes were held in 2017.



## **Legal Division**

#### Introduction

Established on March 18, 2015 this division is expected to direct all legal proceedings related to the Presidential Secretariat and proffer legal advice on related matters.

#### **Main Functions / Objectives**

- 01. Calling for relevant reports and submitting observations on draft of international agreements enter into, drafts of Acts, ombudsman reports, or documents related to field of law and study of legal issues raised internationally that are referred to Additional Secretary to President by His Excellency the President.
- 02. Submitting observations and recommendations on all the letters related to field of law and making study issues that are referred by Secretary to President and drafting necessary documents in that regard.
- 3. Presidential Commissions of Enquiries established under Commission of Enquiry Act.
  - Making study and summarizing on Inter-committee Reports that submitted pertain ing to 03 Presidential Commissions of Enquiries appointed as above and making aware President and Secretary to President.
  - ii. Making study on Final Reports that submitted by this Commissions and with the consent of President as per the recommendation of Commission referred them to relevant institutions for further actions
  - iii. Co-ordinating and referred to relevant institutions other recommendations proposed by above commissions.

#### 04. Judicial activities

- i. Co-ordinating and making representations in Fundamental Rights Cases in which His Excellency the President has been made a respondent and the Cases filed in Courts of Law related to the Secretary to the President or the President's staff.
- ii. Co-ordinating and making representations in courts to release properties belonging to Presidential Secretariat in which remain under the custody of court.
- 05. Other committees appointed by the President
  - i. Making study on relevant committee reports and submission of recommendations to His Excellency the President and Secretary to the President.



- 6. Providing necessary advice on legal matters of daily official duties of Presidential Secretariat
- i. Internal Administration Division
  - Making study on agreements entered into rental of building by Presidential Secretariat and submission of observations and recommendations.
  - Making study on legal documents related to procuring goods and services from government institutions and submission of observations and recommendations.
- a. Information and Communication Technology division
  - Making study on agreements enter into and drafts for procuring technical services by this division and submission of observations and recommendations.
- b. Transport Division
  - Making study on agreements entered into rental vehicles by Presidential Secretariat and submission of observations and recommendations.
- ii. Human Resources Development division and Establishment coordination division
  - In case defaulting repayment of loans taken by the employees of Presidential Secretariat, providing advices and taking legal actions.
  - Making study on drafts and bills related to Independent Commissions and submission of observations and recommendations
  - Making study on drafts and bills related to establishments coming under Presidential Secretariat and submission of observations and recommendations.
- iii. Constitutional and Statutory Affairs Division
  - Providing of advices on the appointments under Constitution of Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and matters related to it.
  - Providing advices on the appointments under powers and role vested in Presidents and other activities
- iv. Policy and Ministrial Co-ordination and Monitoring division
  - Making study on nationally significant agreements and providing observation and recommendation.
- v. Chief of Staff division
  - Providing legal assistance for the agreements entered into with government institutions related to nationally significant Pibidena Polonnaruwa project.
- vi. Private Secretary's Division
  - Initiating actions on public concerns handing over to the President in hands and providing necessary legal actions
- vii. Special Project Division
  - When implementing miscellaneous development projects by this division, making study on agreements entered into with private sector and providing observations and recommendations.
  - Making study on agreements entered into by NADEP and providing related recommendations.

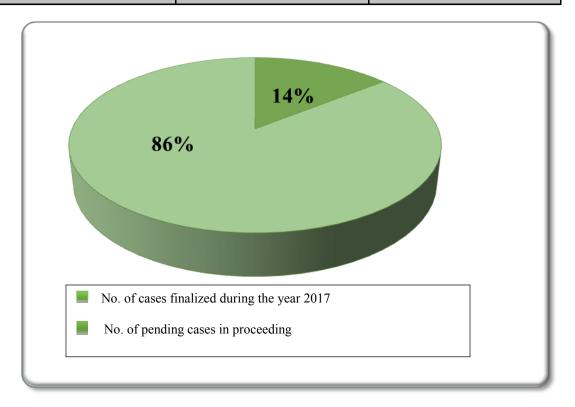


- 07. Providing contribution for the Presidential Secretariat to make decision on legal drafts referred to Cabinet Sub Committee.
- 08. When necessary submission of observations on new legislatures and Acts referred to Secretary to President by Cabinet.
- 09. Co-ordinating with Attorney General and Department of Legal Draftman
- 10. Co-ordinating the matters related to judges and related activities.
- 11. As per the suggestion brought by His Excellency the President, preparation of methodology get the attention of matters and suggestion of all the officers working in the President's Secretariat.

#### **Accomplishments in 2017**

Number of case files carried forward from 2016
 Number of case files recieved in 2017
 Total number of case files
 56

<b>Total Number of cases</b>	Number of cases finished in	Number of still pending cases	
	2017	in Courts	
-			
56	08	48	





## **Internal Audit Division**

#### Introduction

Established under the Secretary to the President this division is tasked with conducting internal audits of the Presidential Secretariat and the other institutions grouped there-under and such other internal audit investigations as are assigned to the Division by the Secretary to the President

#### **General objectives /Functions**

- Maintaining a continuing survey and an independent assessment of the regularity and adequacy of internal inspections adopted in preventing and exposing irregularities and frauds.
- To assist the Secretary to the President in monitoring the progress of work, proposals and projects

#### Accomplishments in 2017

Serial No.	Plan	Status	Productivity Percentage
01.	Presidential Task Force for Narcotic prevention implementing under Development and Special Project Division	Completed	100%
02.	Accounts and documents maintaining by Financial Management Division	Completed	100%
03.	Presidential Task Force for kidney diseases prevention implementing under Development and Special Project Division	Completed	100%
04.	"Pibidemu Polonnaruwa" District development project of	Completed	100%
05.	Revival environment conservation national programme implementing under Development and Special Project Division	Completed	100%
06.	Sri Lanka Foundation Institute	completed	100%
07.	Management Institute for Stratergic Entrepreneurship	Completed	100%
08.	President's Fund	Completed	100%
09.	Financial control and administrative matters relating to Transport Unit of the Presidential Secretariat	Completed	100%
10.	Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksha Theatre	Completed	100%
11.	"Sirasara Pivisuma" District development programme in Trincomalee.	The Report has to be presented	75%
12.	Audit and Management Committee Meeting (Meeting proposed to be held No. 04)	03 meetings have been held	75%



## **Media Division**

#### Introduction

This division is expected to responsibly provide the other media agencies with accurate information in relation to special meetings/discussions/functions held under the patronage of His Excellency the President/ meetings held at the Presidential Secretariat.

Accomplishments in 2017

Division/ Unit Name: Editorial Division		
Activity	Details of the task accomplished in 2017	
compilation of the book of two years' (2) progress in government development process (To mark 08, January commemoration)	08 books have been issued in Sinhala and English medium. With above publications total number of 21 books have been published by the Presidential Media Unit.  • Dewasaraka Sanwardana Mehewara- Two years development works  • Thirasara Dewasara –(Sustainable two years) (Sinhala)  • Thirasara Dewasara- (Sustainable two years) (Sinhala)  • Pibidemu Polonnaruwa  • Maithri- The Turning Point (Tamil)  • Sri Lankawe Sanwardena Abiyoga – (Development challenges in Sri Lanka)  • Development project in Moragahakand and Kaluganga  • Mangala Diyawara Redawum Mangalyya	
2. Printing of a book including speeches of His Excellency the President	"Yuthukama" book has been printed. (Yuthukama)	
3. Printing of a magazine prepared for the social inclusion a magazine that included concepts of His Excellency the President	06 volumes of "Venasa" magazine were published in last year.	
4. Conducting seminars for divisional journalists based in several provinces in country	10 discussion rounds have been held with journalists who are involving with news coverage His Excellency the President.	
Other	02 discussion rounds were held with Media Secretaries who represent all Ministries	



Division/Unit Name: Web Sites Control Division		
Activity	Details of the tasks accomplished in 2017	
Social inclusion of government initiatives of His Excellency the President	The initiatives of the government were communicated into international society in considerable level. A broaden services were rendered through official web sites and international conferences and foreign visits of His Excellency the President for local and foreign media.	
2. The programmes of His Excellency the President and dissemination of new knowledge into villages	The development of villages in the country through development news programme. New knowledge was not properly disseminated into villages.	
03. Internet operations and upgrading official internet network of His Excellency the President and updating	It was properly accomplished. Similarly it was upgraded up to good level.	
4.Other	Building up the image of His Excellency the President. The performance within social media was upgraded.	

Division/Unit : Photographic Division		
Activity	Details of the Tasks accomplished in 2017	
1. Printing of photographics	Sending photos with regard to His Excellency the President and the news on development of the country	
2. Framing of photographics	Around 150 photographics have been printed in various size since January to December.	
3. Preparation of photo album of special ceremonies	Preparation of Photo Album for the special events such as performing Sinhala Aluth Avurudu customs, and other various events and ceremonies held by Ministry of Mahaweli Developemnt and Environment that attended by His Excellency the President, and special events of Youth camp held in Polonnaruwa, special events of Poson Udanaya, and Poson Dansal held in Polonnaruwa that attended by His Excellency the President.	
4. Preparation of photo album of foreign visits	Preparation of photo albums related to meeting with foreign dignitaries who visited to Sri Lanka and visits of His Excellency the President abroad.  • Visit of His Excellency the President to Malaysia  • Visit of His Excellency the President to Qatar  • Visit of His Excellency the President to Russia  • Visit of His Excellency the President to Australia  • Visit of His Excellency the President to Bangladesh  • Visit of His Excellency the President to USA  • Visit of Indian chief Minister to Sri Lanka	
5. Repairing of equipments	Repairing of Laptop, Canon IDx Camera, apparatus of Nikon camera, and Photocopy machine.	
Other	Conducting a cartoon exhibition parallel to the ceremony held at BMICH to mark the Thirasara Yugayaka Thewasaraka Erabuma.	



Div	Division/Unit: International Media and Research Division						
Activity		Details of the tasks accomplished in 2017					
1.	Holding round table discussions/seminars according to selected matters	It has been held round table discussions, media briefings, press briefing, and 06 awareness programmes for Journalists.					
2.	Technical equipments	-					
3.	Drafting of letters/translation	120 letters have been drafted related to projects of His Excellency the President					
4.	Other	-					

Activity	Details of the tasks accomplished in 2017  Average media coverages per day -03  Conducting around 1100 media coverages in 2017	
Conducting media coverage of all the occasions attended by His Excellency the President and providing highlights thereof to all the channels.		
Producing television programmes  Producing few 05 minutes documentary programmes weekly through outside resources persons  In minute documentary programme daily  Producing 30 minutes documentary programme monthly  Producing awareness programme for school children on programmes of Presidential Task Forces monthly  Producing awareness programme for general public on programmes of Presidential Task Forces trimonthly	Around 48  Non  10  The production proposal was prepared by conducting research on this programme and pending for approval to future actions.  Non	
Streaming online internet web television channel – this internet web channel has directly reacted to mud sliding against His Excellency the President through internet.	Video division did not contribute for the web channel because New Media Division initiates actions in this regard.	
Repairing of equipments	1.4 Million	
Other expenditures (Cassette tapes, DVD,XD Cam, Portable Hard Disc, Router, Connectors etc.)	50 cassette tapes DVD= around 750	
Other	Non	



## **Reconciliation Division**

#### Introduction

The reconciliation division was established and made operational since June 2015. The pivotal role of this division has been to build a stable country where every citizen could live in unity, being respectful of pluralities and national identities with equality of opportunities and to basically contribute to national unity and reconciliation thus, ensuring protection of fundamental rights. This division is functional under the direction and guidance of the former President, Honourable Madam Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga under the overall guidance of the Presidential Secretariat

#### **General objectives**

The prime objective of this division is to have a sustained dialogue with diverse communities and religious leaders, Civil Society Organizations, Provincial Councils and regional political leadership and adopt necessary measures in order to forge national unity and reconciliation.

#### In fulfilling above objectives during the year 2017,

Discussions have been held with

- 1. The Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament
- 2. Provincial and Local Government Representatives
- 3. Institutions representing Civil Society Organizations
- **4.** Religious Leaders
- 5. Community-based Organizations

As a result of the these discussions, important decisions have been taken for the purpose of conflict resolution and to ensure non recurrence with relevant to promote reconciliation among religions and ethnicities.

 Additionally, an immense contribution was rendered by Ambassadors of foreign countries, Representatives of Sri Lanka in the United Nations, Representatives of Asian Development Bank, World Bank and other Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations.

Discussions have been held under the patronage of former President Madam Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumarathunga with High Commissioners representing United Kingdom, United States of America an India and the Ambassodors from France, German, European Union, Switzerland, Australia, Netherland and Canada to explain the measures taken by Sri Lanka in the effort of forging unity and reconciliation and to request their assistance in implementing those measures.



Several rounds of discussion have been held with the participation of the political parties in the country regarding the formulation of a new constitution with the objective of forging National Unity and reconciliation and the reports on decisions which they agreed up on at the discussions were submitted to His Excellency the President and to Hon. Prime Minister.

A lot of people from different areas of the country are coming to present their difficulties to the Former President Madam Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumarathunga and it is one of the main functions of this division to address the issues faced by the general public.

Replying to letters received from people across the Island, Ministries, Departments and other institutions and referring them to relevant Ministries and institutions and replying to messages received over the telephone is also a function of this division.

This Division has received more than 4500 letters from January to December 2017 and they have been responded to without delay.

Moreover, in addition to the above functions described above, completion of functions having coordinated with the relevant Ministries and institutions in order to make available housing, sports, waste management, water supply and vocational training with regard to the development in Gampaha District have also been performed. As a result it was possible to settle many issues raised regarding the schools in the District due to disagreements among different ethnicities.





Presidential Secretariat undertakes the role of fulfilling the people's desires. We are held accountable for His Excellency the President and it is our responsibility to ensure his vision regarding the future of our people.

We should make it clear the duty assigned on us to actively contribute in the Nation's development assuring reconciliation, sustainable economic development and peace, maintaining international order and disaster relief. Similarly, we should not underrate the weight we kept on building strong diplomatic relations during the recent past.

Let me thank all of you on the success of the last year's efforts and commitments through the special projects including food production, drug prevention, Let's protect children, eradication of kidney disease and environmental conservation conducted under the direct intervention and supervision of the President.

Building a better country for our future is the challenge we have to cope with thus we in the public service need to rearrange and reform to suit with the present as well as with the future. I take this opportunity to request all of you to lead the process. While bestowing with the strength and confidence in that regard, I assure you that the necessary guidance and assistance will always be provided.

Austin Fernando Secretary to the President



# Matters related to coordinating and supervision of appointed ushering staff and training them.

In the following events held during the year 2017, a team of 35 have been employed for the matters related to ushering. It has been coordinated and organized by this division.

No.	Event	Date
01.	National assembly on Thirasara Yugayaka- Thewasaraka Erabuma	2017.01.08
02.	Dinner party hosted in the President House to mark 69 <sup>th</sup> Independence day	2017.02.04
03.	National Award Ceremony- 2017	2017.03.20
04.	Colombo district special environment workshop	2017.06.20
05.	Dinner party hosted for the delegation participated to 8 <sup>th</sup> conference of Hon. Speakers and Hon. Members of Parliament of SAARC countries.	2017.10.03
06.	National ceremony of social inclusion of Grama Shakthi People's Movement implementing concurrently poverty alleviation program.	2017.10.20
07.	The ceremony held concurrently seventh Buddhist conference.	2017.11.02
08.	The luncheon hosted to mark official visit of Malaysia Prime Minister to Sri Lanka	2017.12.18
09.	Special dinner party for Chrismas day	2017.12.19

This division conducted a written examination to test knowledge and understanding of ushering staff on 07.03.2017, and took actions to conduct the training session on welcoming distinguished guests, ushering and accepted food catering methods at the official state entertainment party







#### **Information Technology Unit**

#### Introduction

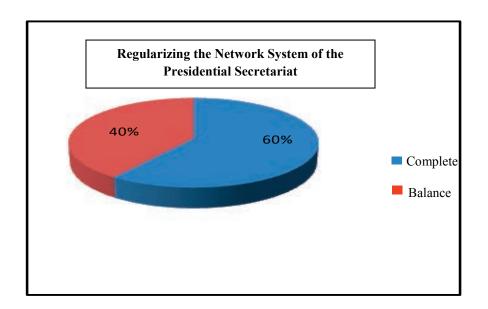
Information and Communication Technology Unit, functioning under the Internal Administration Division , is tasked with maintaining computers, telephones and other technical equipment, designing web sites and software and networking in the Presidential Secretariat and all its affiliated agencies

#### Main objectives and progress

Following are the assignments initiated by the Information and Communication Technology Unit of the Presidential Secretariat in 2017 and the progress achieved.

#### 01. Regularizing the Network System of the Presidential Secretariat.

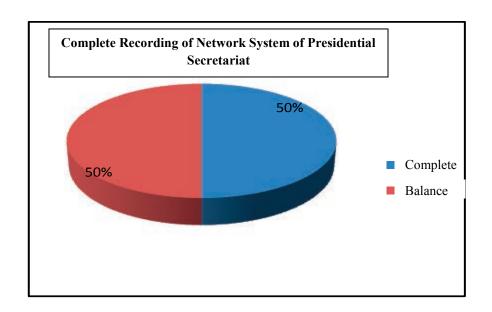
60% of this assignment was completed



#### 02. Complete Recording of Network System of Presidential Secretariat

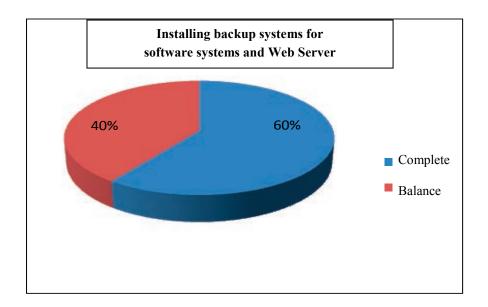
This project was expected to be completed by the "Upgrading the Infrastructure at the Presidential Secretariat" launched by the Presidential Secretariat in 2016. However, 50% of the assignment has been completed in 2017.





#### 03. Installing backup systems for software systems and Web Server.

60% of this assignment was completed in 2017



# 04. Installing a Cloud Based Server in Development and Special Projects Division situated in the Chartered Bank Building.

This assignment was completed in 2017.

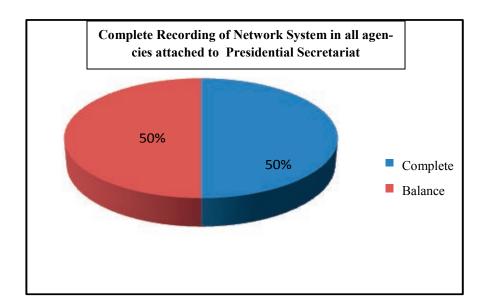


#### 05. Installing a Proxy Server for Development and Special Projects Division.

This assignment was completed in 2017

#### 06. Complete Recording of Network System in all agencies attached to Presidential Secretariat

50% of this assignment has been completed by the project "Upgrading the infrastructure at the Presidential Secretariat" launched by the Presidential Secretariat.

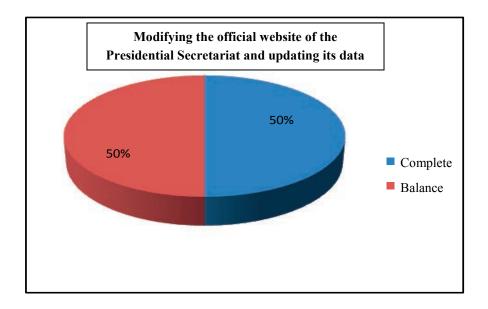


#### 07. Installing a Cloud Based File Server in Presidential Secretariat.

These Servers have already been installed for Development and Special Projects Division and Policy Co-ordination and Progress Review Division. The above facility is currently being utilized by the said divisions.

#### 08. Modifying the official website of the Presidential Secretariat and updating its data.

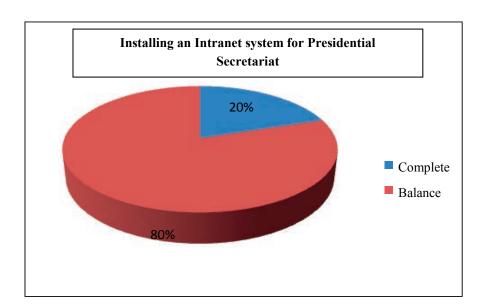




09. Updating of "Tell the President" project of Public Relations division

Obtaining of reports of inquiries made by "Tell the President" project and providing assistance to maintain system.

10. Installing an Intranet system for Presidential Secretariat.



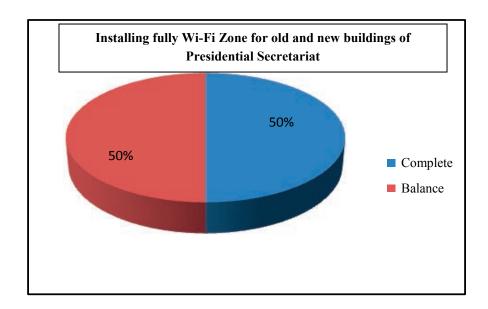


# 11. Launching a computer training programme for the officers attached to Presidential Secretariat and its affiliated agencies.

A basic training programme on computer functions was launched by the Information and Communication Technology Unit for the officers attached to Presidential Secretariat and affiliated agencies. Arrangements have been made to launch a training program on use of E-mail addresses.

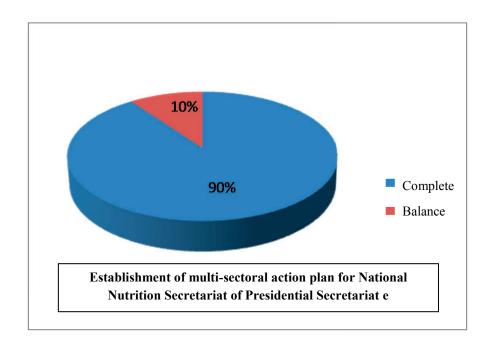
#### 12. Installing fully Wi-Fi Zone for old and new building of Presidential Secretariat.

50% of this assignment has been completed

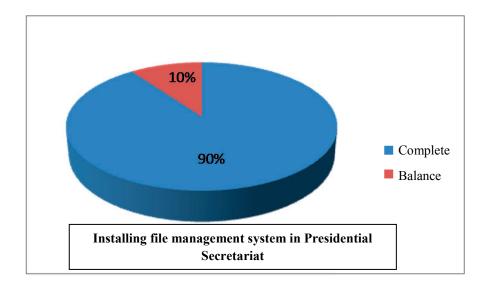


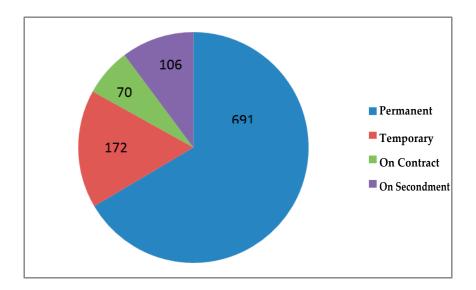
# 13. Establishment of multi-sectoral action plan for National Nutrition Secretariat of Presidential Secretariat.





#### 14. Installing file management system in Presidential Secretariat





Provision of Local and Overseas Training

#### Overseas Training

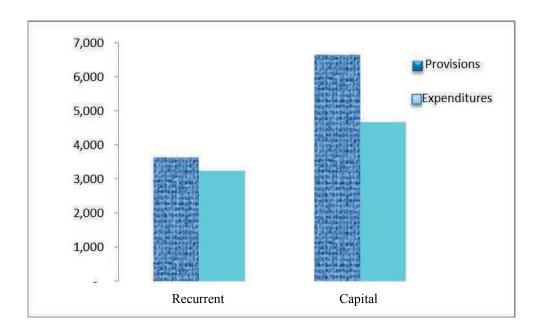
The number of Staff Officers who participated in overseas training during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 totalled 34.

The number of Staff Officers who participated in overseas seminars, workshops and programs during the period 01.01.2017 to 31.12.2017 totalled 15.

#### **Local Training**

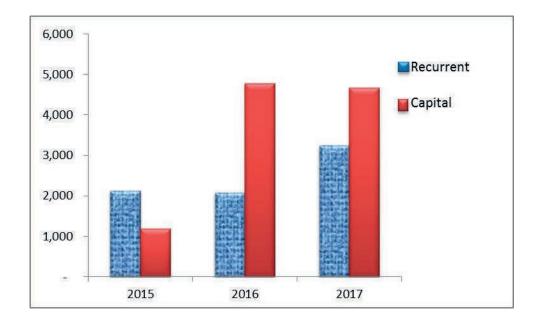
The following training programmes / workshops were conducted in order to improve the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the Staff at primary and secondary levels, attached to each Division/Unit of the Secretariat.





Comparative study of Total expenditure incurred in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017

Year	2015	2016	2017
Recurrent	2,116	2,081	3,240
Capital	1,191	4,779	4,677







Training program on mothers and child care takers of domestic units who are vulnerable to nutrition, pre-identification of growth deformities of children and infants and child nutrition habits – Kandy district



Officers attached to divisional secretariats who deal with the subject of nutrition being made aware of "Nutrition"- Badulla district





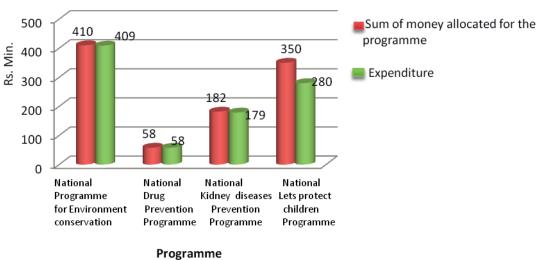






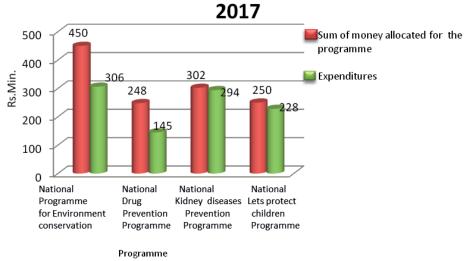
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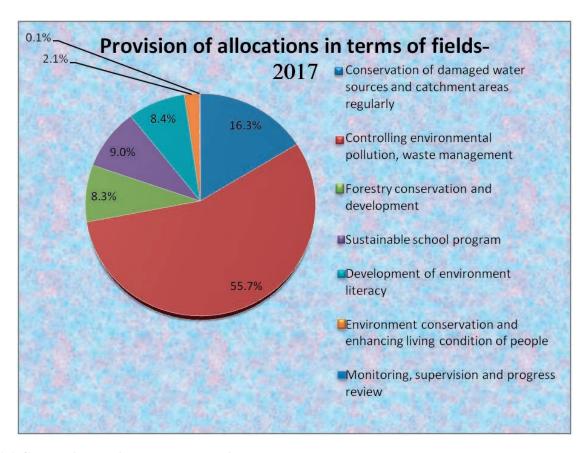
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# Budgetary provisions and expenditures



Following paragraphs explain the activities performed in 2017 under each National Programs.





#### 1.1 Controlling environmental pollution

The strategies indentified under "revival" for the control of environmental pollution are being implemented under the following programmes.

- Nikasala Lanka- Waste free country
- Nikasala Purawara Waste free city
- Haritha Werala- Green Beach
- Sunila Sayura Blue Ocean
- ➤ Pirisidu Wayu Deegau Pure air long life
- > Jana Diwi Rakina saving the life of the community
- Sara Nagara Prosperous towns

# <u>Special activities undertaken by the Presidential Task Force for the Control of Environmental pollution -2017</u>

#### 1.1.1 Introduction of green building guidance manual

In the designing of cities and buildings as one programme identified in the "Revival" three years' environment conservation national program, the activities related to green concept have been identi-



fied. Under this activity, the green building guidance manual was compiled with the financial contribution of Presidential Secretariat for the maintenance and construction of government and semi-government building broadly as eco-friendly green buildings since 2017. The official ceremony of introducing green building guidance manual was held on 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 under the patronage of His Excellency the President at BMICH. The officers are being trained initiating actions in term of this guidance manual, and Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development has arranged activities to encourage people for implementing green concepts when construction of new buildings. In this event, action has been taken specially to construct government and semi-government institutions as green building since 2018.

#### 1.1.2 Waste management in local government bodies.





#### Launching ceremony of guidance manual

Numbers of importance decisions were taken with the direction of National Program for Environment Conservation and with the patronage of His Excellency the President by holding several discussion rounds for addressing the issues raised on waste management, and that created from the disasters in recent past because of informal garbage disposal in Sri Lanka.

Sum of Rs. 226 million was provided for the activities of waste management projects commenced at present such as Kerawalapitiya, Aruwakkal, Karadiyana, Gampaha Pethiya Kanda, Kandy Gohagoda, and Matara Kotavilla areas etc. and long –term waste management methodology after follow up was formulated. The major consequences of discussions were the installing of Kavashima compost machines for all the provinces, purchasing of Compactors and Tractors for the local government bodies, adverting all the local government bodies to initiate actions according to a formal guidance for the waste management.







The discussion held on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

The discussion held on 25th April, 2017

#### 1.1.3 Environment – friendly Siripa Season (Parisara Mithuru Siripa Samaya) program

"Parisara Mithuru Siripa Samaya" was implemented by National Program for Environment Conservation of Presidential Secretariat for the Siripa Season 2016-2017. Accordingly pilgrims were made aware in advance Siripa Season and the publicity was made through the Electronic media. Arrangements were made to classification and recycling of gathering garbages. Hence disposal of plastic and polithene to environment were reduced to larger extend in this Siripa season. An ecofriendly bag also was distributed among pilgrims to fetch their garbages down hill.

Further provisions of Rs. 4.015 were allocated to Secretary to Rathnapura District Secretariat to repair lavatory systems in Ambalams on roadsides at Warnagala, Seetha Gangula, Medahinna, Demalamalahinna, and Indikatupaana in Siri Pada because of it helps protect water sources and environment.

In order to bringing awareness to pilgrims by grouping them on the significance of Sri Pada conservation forest and the damage brings from polluting environment, the provisions (necessary financial assistance is Rs. 176,645.25) for purchasing Multi-media projector, Computer Machine without Operating System and Wall Mount Screen were allocated to District Secretariat, Nuwara Eliya.















Implementation of eco-friendly Siripa Season

#### 1.1.4. Coastal area conservation program

With a view to conservation of coastal areas, a program was arranged for the year 2018 joint with Sri Lanka Navy, Department of Coastal Conservation and Coastal Resources Management and Marine Environment Protection Authority and with the intervention of Presidential Secretariat. It has been scheduled to implement the programs in 2018 such as maintaining clean fishery coasts that remaining in unclean conditions, development of mangrove environment around shore, conducting of awareness programs for the school children of coastal area and community around coast, reducing of waste adding to ocean from small water streams, and waste management around the coast.



Special activities implemented for the conservation of erosioned water sources and catchment areas by the Presidential Task Force - 2017

A catchment areas conservation programme is implemented in Sri Lanka by National Environment Conservation Project of Presidential Secretariat and related all the institutions , and under this programme actions will be initiated prioritizing 06 districts such as Kandy, Nuwara Eliya, Badulla, Rathnapura, Kegalle, Matale.

The action plan of "the Joint access of water sources and catchment area conservation for Sri Lanka" was formulated when this programme was implemented in Islandwide. A number of catchment area conservation projects were successfully implemented in several districts of country by the provision allocated through Presidential Secretariat in 2016. This programme provided necessary assistance to implement 216 projects in 23 districts in 2017.

Likewise a catchment area conservation programme related to estate lands has been commenced joint with regional plantation companies coming under purview of Ministry of Plantation Industry. Its first program was conducted based in Rathnapura District. Its second programme was held on 02.05.2017 in Kandy district, third programme was held on 02.06.2017 in Baddulla district, and fourth programme was held on 03.07.2017 in Matale district.

The inauguration ceremony of "Wana ropa" (Afforestation) National Tree Planting ceremony and catchment areas conservation programme taken place parallel to National Tree Planting month appointed on October in every year was held on 11 October, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. at Kandethanne Tank premises, Delthota Divisional Secretariat, Kandy.

In this event, steps were taken to plant more than 5000 plants for the conservation of Kandethanne catchment area where threatening to devoid of water. Number of School's students, officers in defense sectors, public servants and residents was participated for this ceremony. In this ceremony, each participants were granted a fruit plant and the School students were granted set of educational equipments related to environment subject.





District programme held on 02.06.2017 in Badulla







District programme held on 03.07.2017 in Matale









Conservation of catchment areas

#### 1.5.2 Environment conservation and improving standard of living of people

Necessary financial assistance has been given to implement number of miscellaneous programs for improving standard of living of people through National Housing Development Authority and District Secretariat. Under this programme, holding of district environment summits also is a specific programme.

Colombo district environment summit was held successfully on 20.06.2017 at main hall, Maharagama Youth Service Council under the patronage of His Excellency the President. Around 2000 public service officers including Divisional Health Services Directors, Health Medical Officers, Public Health Inspectors, Principals, Grama Niladharis, Economic Development Officers was participated for this summit. Likewise Gampaha district environment summit was held successfully on 30.06.2017 at Gampaha Sri Bodhi playground under the patronage of His Excellency the President. Around 5000 public service officers including Divisional Health Services Directors, Health Medical Officers, Public Health Inspectors, Principals, Grama Niladharis, Economic Development Officers was participated for this summit. As well as the objectives of the summits are made public servants aware on waste management and dengue epidemic that were serious issue during then period of time. In that event, the scholarly lectures were held on immediate interparty programs for prevention and controlling of dengue epidemic, implementation of environment conservation programs in school system and waste management. The main function of the summit was the providence of guidance and co-ordination required for the waste management and dengue prevention in Colombo and Gampaha districts.









District environment summit, Gampaha Sri Bodhi playground, Gampaha,



purpose of these committees are to create a "drug free home" and with that "drug free village" and having done that ultimately to create a "drug free country". In meeting that end, communities were made aware of the bad effects of drug usage and the benefits accrued by its prevention, awaking the community against false advertisements published by liquor and cigarettes companies and they were enforced to refuse their use by comprehending its harmful consequences at these district level campaigns

## **Drug prevention campaigns** (2017)







Serial No.	District	No. of Div. Sec. Divisions the programme carried out	No. G.S. Divisions the programme carried out	Participation
01	Kandy	01	80	4241
02	Kalutara	14	762	23021
03	Rathnapura	02	74	9487
04	Polonnaruwa	01	45	1416
05	Mathale	01	39	1462
06	Badulla	01	35	1280
07	Batticaloa	01	17	1278
08	Kurunegala	04	171	5416
09	Puttalam	16	548	26558
10	Anuradhapura	06	243	7505
Total		47	2014	81,664







# 2.3.7 Promoting drug prevention among school community with the help of National Cadet Corps and Scouts Association of Sri Lanka

The purpose is to promote school community on drug prevention through active and attractive students in schools. Accordingly, actions are taken to motivate student members introducing drug prevention into the syllaby of the National cadet Corps and Scouts Association of Sri Lanka

Training sessions for Cadet corps instructors and awareness programmes for students at special events such as Rantambe camp were organised in this regard.





## 2.3.8. Encouraging new university entrants

5,700 new entrants to universities were informed on the consequences of drugs and means of its prevention conducting 16 series of programmes in 2016 and two programmes were held in 2017 in this regard with the participation of 900 undergraduates.



#### • Special programmes parallel to events such as Poya day and Kataragama procession

Awareness programmes, banners, posters and street dramas were organised in order to make Anuradhapura Poson Zone free from drugs and strict legal actions were also taken against the people who violate the law.

Drug prevention campaigns were conducted simultaneously to the events such as the annual Esala celebration in Kataragama Devalaya and Dalada Procession Kandy

#### • Collaboration with Non State institutes and international organizations

Numerous activities are being performed for drug prevention with the participation of International organizations like World Health Organization, affiliated bodies of the United Nations Organization and Non Governmental institutions like Alcohol and Narcotic Information Centre, Healthy Lanka institute.

Similarly, research papers were submitted at National as well as International level conferences they had been selected for the following events.

උදා: Symposium of International Cancer Society 2018 - Nepal

Scientific Symposium 2018 –Uva Wellassa University

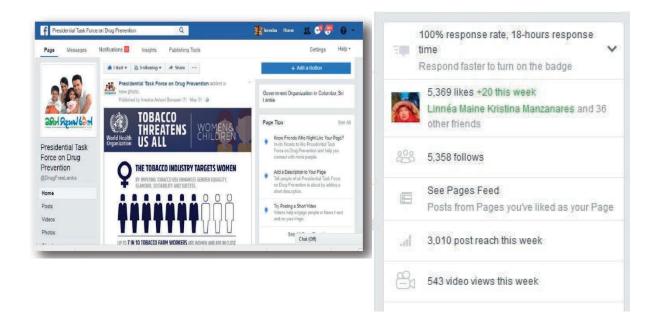
IFNGO Awards 2017 Presenting at the UNODC event

## Joint Surveys conducted by the Rajarata and the Colombo Universities

Research is one of the basic components required to deny false and deceitful opinions and information propagated by alcohol and cigarette companies targeting the public and to publish actual data of the same as well as to proceed the drug prevention process. The Rajarata University in amalgamation with the Colombo University are performing several researches accordingly.







Simultaneous to these efforts the general public is made aware through media discussions and interviews.

#### • Prevention activities via social web

Spreading Drug prevention activities via social web networks is another requirement ofthe time. Suggestions and opinions can be posted on the web and our Facebook page while the public is updated on our activities.

## Public awareness with the help of drug prevention aids





Aid	prints	distribution
Leaflets	1173600	516733
Posters	880700	626408
Banners	2166	822
Stickers	292500	180610











## **Awareness provided via print media**

- Launch of the magazine "Arogya" consists with articles on kidney disease.
- Launch of the academic manual compiled with articles on kidney disease written by specialists and experts in the field.
- Exhibiting notices at public places.
- Distribution of leaflets, posters and banners on the eradication of kidney disease.

## Expenditures on awareness programmes - 2017

Purpose	Expenses (Rs.)
Printing 3000 Arogya magazines	70,000
Printing the academic manual	1,048,340
Printing leaflets	2,519,650
Exhibiting banners and posters	492,000
Radio advertisements	1,085,700
Organizing quize competitions among school children	42,500
conducting awareness programmes	650,000
organizing exhibitions and art exhibitions on the kidney disease	29,400
Total	5,937,590





Art exhibition – Giranduru Kotte







Conducting awareness programmes





## 3.2 Conducting pre-diagnostic tests to identify kidney patients

Kidney patients can be advised to go through medical treatments and to follow medical instructions given with the help of identifying the disease at its early stages where the symptoms are externally not quite visible. Hence pre-diagnostic tests in this regard were conducted by the Ministry of Health, Nutrition and Indigenous Medicine along with the cooperation of President's Office.



## Pre-diagnostic programmes conducted -2017

District and disaster prone D.S. dividions.	Targetted No. of people	tested No. of people
Anuradhapura(All Divisional Secretary's divisions)	607,323	188,154
Polonnaruwa(All Divisional Secretary's divisions)	271,000	101,206
Badulla( Giranduro Kotte, Rideemaliyadda, Mahiyangana	119,885	47,736
Ampara( Dehiattakandiya, Maha Oya)	59,076	43,161
Kurunegala (Polpithigama, Ahatuwewa, Giribawa, Kotawehera, Maho, Nikaweratiya)	286,306	72,954
Mathale (Wilgamuwa, Na ula, Pallegama, Galewela, Dambulla)	75,459	56,149
Monaragala (Buttala, Wellawaya, Thanamalwila)	106,963	29,859
Mulathivu (Welioya, Malavi)	18,879	22,453
Trincomalee (Padavi Sri Pura, Gomarankadawala, Kanthale )	54,472	19,460
Vavunia(Vavunia, Vavunia South, Chettikulam)	116,160	29,666
Hambantota (Thissamaharamaya, Sooriyawewa, Angunakolapelessa, Lunugamvehera)	403,640	41,553
Kandy(Hasalaka)	38,556	25,309
Total	2,157,719	677,660





It is expected to safeguard people in vulnerable areas from kidney disease as well as from other diseases infected in water. Following actions have been taken by The Presidential Task Force on eradication of kidney disease in co-operation with its stakeholders in order to assure the supply of pure drinking water.



## Providing rain water tanks -2017

District	quantity	Beneficiaries	Expenditure (Rs.)
Anuradhapura	85	425	8,165,077
Matale	10	50	774,500
Hambantota	50	250	4,802,986
Total	145	725	13,742,563

## **Providing domestic water filters -2017**

District	Quantity	Beneficiaries	Expenditure
Anuradhapura	800	4,000	3,600,000
Vavunia	100	500	450,000
Badulla	276	1,380	1,242,000
Kurunegala	302	1,510	1,488,415
Puttalm	351	1,700	1,729,913
Total	1,829	9,090	8,510,328





## Providing pure drinking water

## 3.4 Welfare Programmes for the benefit of the victim/ family and the community.

An allowance of 3000.00 Rs. (Presidential Scholarships for education) is awarded by the fund for each G.C.E.(A/L) student who lost their father or mother due to kidney disease. The Ministry of Social Empowerment, Welfare and Kandyan Heritage is also collaborating in the success of these efforts.



#### 3.5 Developing other infrastructural facilities in the health sector

Developing essential Infrastructure and providing necessary equipment in order to facilitate better services for the kidney patients, is undertaken with this regard.

# 3.5.1 "Methsiri Sevana" relief hospice and welfare centre for kidney patients being built in Anuradhapura General hospital premises.

Estimated cost	291.8 M LKRS
amount saved with the Government due to construction labour provided by the Armed Force	134.8 M LKRS
Actual cost	157 M LKRS
the expenditure reimbursed by The President's Office upto date	48 M LKRS

Proposed hostel complex -Anuradhapura





## On going constructions of "Methsiri Sevana" Anuradhapura







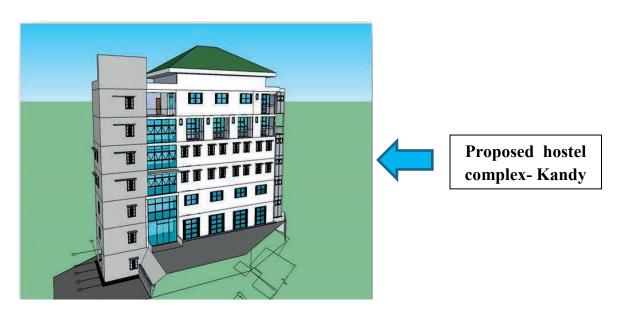


Proposed hostel complex - Anuradhapura



# 3.5.2 Construction of the relief hospice for kidney patients in Kandy General Hospital premises

Estimated cost	326.6 LKRS	M
amount saved with the Government due to construction labour provided by the Armed Force	108.8 LKRS	M
Newly estimated cost	217.7 LKRS	M
Amount reimbursed by The President's office upto date	38.6 M l	LKRS



Ongoing constructions of the relief hospice and welfare centre for kidney patients in Kandy







Other special activities - 2017

Activity	Expenses (LKRS)
Payments for necessary private hospital facilities for kidney transplanted patients when there are inadequate Government hospital accommodations.	998,258
Payments for laboratory technicians in conducting pre-diagnostic tests	1,967,040
Consultations for kidney patients and their family members	91,200

## 3.6 Conducting research

The presidential task force for the eradication of kidney diseases provides the necessary support for researches on causes of the chronic kidney diseases. Researches, workshops and conferences held in this regard in 2017 are as follows.

Date	Research/workshop/ conference	Expenses (Millions LKRS)
13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2017	Conference of the parties for researches on the causes of the chronic kidney diseases held at The Bandaranaike Memorial International Conventional Hall	1.1
2016-2017 years	Survey conducted by the Ministry of social empowerment and welfare on the measures of raising welfare of kidney patients and their families	1.9
02.11.2017	Review on the outcomes of researches conducted in identifying the causes of chronic kidney disease and the workshop on future activities organized by The Australian Nuclear Science and Technological Organization (ANSTO) at the Gallface Hotel.	











## 3.7 Establishment of an active database

The following information depict financial allocations granted for District Secretariats to attach computer trainees into hospitals for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a database of kidney patients.

Institute	Expenses (LKRS)
District Secretariate - Kandy	225,000
District Secretariate - Trincomalee	75,000
District Secretariate - Ampara	37,500
District Secretariate - Batticaloa	37,500
District Secretariate - Jaffna	75,000
District Secretariate - Vavunia	37,500
District Secretariate - Anuradhapura	262,500
District Secretariate - Polonnaruwa	225,000
District Secretariate -Kurunegala	150,000
District Secretariate - Galle	112,500
District Secretariate - Badulla	150,000
District Secretariate -Monaragala	112,500
District Secretariate - Colombo	750,000
Total	2,250,000

## 3.8 Conducting National Programmes

Seven Seminars regarding the eradication of kidney disease have been organized upto date in Vavunia, Anuradhapura, Badulla and Matale districts while two out of them were conducted in 2017. Raising awareness including several activities to cover the above mentioned areas have taken place during the seminars.















3.8.2 Divisional workshop conducted in the area of Horowpatana Divisional Secretariat in Anuradhapura District on the eradication of kidney related diseases and the opening of the  $250^{th}$  R/O plant.

The ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President Maithreepala Sirisena on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Morakewa Sri Saddharmajothikarama temple, Ritigahawewa, Horowpatana. In addition to that following programmes were also held parallelly in the same area.



- Awareness programmes on the eradication of kidney disease with the participation of school children and the general public of the area.
- Screening tests to pre-diagnose kidney patients.
- Housing assistance for 38 kidney patients with low income households.
- Awarding scholarships for 80 G.C.E. A/L students who lost their parents due to kidney disease.
- Providing 600 domestic water filters to 600 households affected by the kidney disease.











## 04. "Lets Protect Children" National Programme

#### Vision

Eensuring the protection of children enabling them to cope with challenges of the Twenty First Century

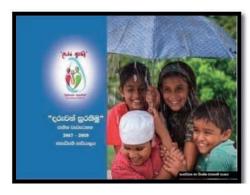
#### Mission

Build up an environment



The quality of the future work force depends on children of the day and His Excellency the President who has understood the need of protecting children in a priority basis from various disasters spreading in the present society, instructed the authorities to implement a special arrangement ensuring the welfare and the protection of today's children as early as possible. Accordingly, several sessions of discussions were held with the participation of Heads of institutions including relevant line Ministries, Provincial Councils and other stakeholder institutions. "Let's Protect Children" National Programme is launched with the intension of addressing the issues identified in the above discussions with regard to children in an urgent manner formulating and implementing a time – bound action plan within three years (2017-2019). The programme is scheduled to be implemented under the following categories.

- 1. Formulation of policies, legal reforms and implementation
- 2. Strengthening institutions and infrastructure development
- 3. Conducting special programmes to develop physical fitness, education and skills of the children



The National Programme "Let's protect children" is implemented in collaboration with the stakeholder institutions and the following activities have been exercised by the President's Office in 2017

#### 4.1 Inaugaration of the National Programme "Let's Protect Children"

The launching programme of "Let's protect children" National Programme was held on 08<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Provincial sports complex Digana, Kandy under the patronage of the President and with the participation of about 7,000 people including Hon Ministers, Parliament members and officers with other invitees. The action plan of the National Programme "Let's protect children" was handed over to the President at the occasaion.



Other special events tookplace at the occasion

- Presenting the booklet printed on "young achievers of future" under the special capacity building programme.
- Providing financial assistance of 80.7 million LKRS for the infrastructure development of schools where there are children with special needs in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Badulla and Monaragala Districts.
- Presenting the National Policy of eliminating child labour in Sri Lanka to His Excellency the President formulated by the Ministry of labour, trade union relations and Sabaragamuwa development.
- Presenting the project report on protecting children against drugs and adverse childhood experiences which is expected to be implemented by the Central Provincial Council.





Occasions of the inauguration

## 4.2 National Programme "Let's protect children"- District Summit Polonnaruwa

Polonnaruwa District Summit of "Let's protect children" National Programme was held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at Polonnaruwa Royal College under the patronage of His Excellency the President and with the participation of about 5,500 people including Provincial political leaders, Government officers of the Central Province and teachers and schoolchildren in the area

Other special events took place at the occasion

- Providing financial assistance of 11.4 million LKRS for modernization and renovations of 08 children homes in North Central and Eastern Provinces.
- R/O water refinery plants were provided to 20 schools in the above districts where there are no pure drinking water facilities and Kayankaranei Saraswathi Vidyalaya Batticaloa, Pranthureichchenei Asar Vidyalaya Batticaloa and Lahugala Vidyalaya and Parana Govipola Primary school Ampara were symbolically given the facility at the event.



Providing 19.05 million LKRS for 381 selected schools 50,000 LKRS each in Polonnaruwa, Batticaloa and Ampara districts as grants and schools including Palathiyawewa Junior school Polonnaruwa, Kumara Weliyargramam Siththi Vinayagar Vidyalaya Batticaloa and Majidpura Vidyalaya Kalmunei were granted at the initial stage.





#### 4.3 The programme "Young achievers of the future"

The modern psychology has uncovered that the adverse childhood experiences (ACE) negatively affect the skills and personalities when children are victimized by such intricacies during their infancy. Thus it would be possible to groom genteel, productive, loyal and better citizens who possess qualitatively rich personalities. it is essential to invoke awareness in the society about personality building among children. "Young achievers of the future" programme is implemented accordingly by the President's Office under the National Programme of "Let's protect children"

Both the Sinhala and Tamil versions of the booklet "young achievers of the future" are completed in this regard while the instructors and modules required to conduct the programme islanwide have been arranged. In addition to the above, the participants were made aware of the programme in the summits held at Kandy and Polonnaruwa.

This programme is scheduled to be conducted in district and divisional levels through the fields of education, health and administration.

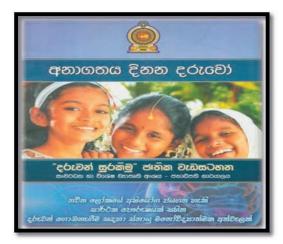


#### Invoking awareness in the public on child personality development









# 4.4 Infrastructure development including road access to the schools where there are students with special needs.

People with special needs and senior citizens should be given proper recognition and respect among others in the society. They should be able facilitated with means that they could fulfill their needs by themselves and ensure their independency on others. They must be empowered and utilized for the development of the country. With that objective in mind the National Programme on empowering the people with special needs and senior citizens is scheduled to be implemented from 2018. In its initial stage, road access and sanitary facilities were provided to 54 schools which have students with special needs in Polonnaruwa, Kilinochchi, Badulla and Moneragala districts under the programme "Let's protect children" in the year 2017.



District	Educational zone	No. of schools facilitated	Allocations (million LKRS)
	Hinguraggoda	11	
D. I	Polonnaruwa	06	]
Polonnaruwa	Dimbulagala	06	36
	Total	23	
	Badulla	03	
	Bandarawela	03	
Badulla	Viyaluwa	03	15
	Mahiyanganaya	01	
	Total	10	
	Wellawaya	03	
	Thanamalwila	04	
Moneragala	Moneragala	04	22.5
	Bibila	04	
	Total	15	
17'1' 1 1 '	Kilinochchi	06	
Kilinochchi	Total	06	7.2
Grand total		54	80.7





Infrastructure development of the schools for students with special needs



# 4.5 "modernization and renovations in 08 children's homes parallel to "Let's protect children" Polonnaruwa district summit.

In the initial discussions at Polonnaruwa district summit the importance of ensuring better facilities and security of the children's homes in North Central and Eastern Provinces was highlighted. Accordingly, a grant of 11.4 million LKRS was allocated for the infrastructure development of 08 children's homes in Polonnaruwa, Ampara and Baticaloa.

	District	Children's Home	No. of children	Allocations (LKRS)
1	Polonnaruwa	Bosath balika children's home, Hinguraggoda.	26	2,028,342
		Parakum balika children's home	27	1,465,302
2	Baticaloa	Protected Home, Baticaloa 10		4,880,000
		Village of Hope Girls home	26	585,000
		Vivekananda Girls Home	33	599,816
		Shakthi Girls Home	52	600,000
		Jeevananda Girls Children Home	31	500,000
3	Ampara	Vipulananda Boys Home	27	744,250
Total		232	11,402,710	







# 4.6 Providing two sets of books for 2,820 schools each in order to encourage the habit of reading among students

With the sophisticated technology in today's world, electronic gadgets have invaded the youth and children tend to give up the habit of reading. In order to encourage children in schools to read books 2,820 schools islandwide with G.C.E. A/L classes were provided with 2 sets of books consisted with 25 books in each set recommended by the Ministry of Education.

		No. of	Description of books			
	Province	schools provide with books	Sinhala medium	Tamil medium	English medium	Grand total
01.	North Central	191	3,200	620	1,910	5,730
02.	Uva	260	4,260	960	2,600	7,820
03.	Northern	213	80	4,180	2,130	6,390
04.	Eastern	275	1,220	4,280	2,750	8,250
05.	Central	431	6,080	2,900	4,310	13,290
06.	North Western	361	5,680	1,580	3,610	10,870
07.	Sabaragamuwa	286	4,860	940	2,860	8,660
08.	Southern	358	6,800	440	3,580	10,820
09.	Western	445	7,840	1,540	4,450	13,830
Total		2,820	40,020	17,440	28,200	85,660



**Delivering books to schools** 



#### 4.7 Providing 04 buses to the North Central Province to ensure safe transportation

School buses were provided as a pilot project for the benefit of schoolchildren considering transport difficulties prevail in rural areas with the objective of ensuring a safe mode of transport. Accordingly, Niwanthakachethiya Maha vidyalaya Anuradhapura was provided with a school bus and 03 such buses have been provided to zonal education offices for the benefit of the schoolchildren in Hinguraggoda, Dimbulagala and Polonnaruwa educational zones.



**Providing buses to schools** 

## 4.8 Provisions for district and divisional level projects

A grant of Rs. 1,332,900 LKRS was provided for projets with regard to the fulfilling of objectives of the National Programme of "Let's protect children, taking into consideration the project proposals made by provincial, district and regional level project managers. The following projects have been funded accordingly.

- Awareness programmes along with practical activities on sports and exercises for the members of children's associations and the programme on gardening conducted in elementary childcare centres in the division of Okewela divisional secretary in Hambantota district.
- II. Awareness programmes on the protection against different threats and disasters conducted in 17 schools and on the importance of ensuring the protection of children as well as their parents organized in 15 schools in Kalutara district.



- 8. Development of knowledge, skills and attitudes to take part in the sustainable development.
- 9. Cultivating good behaviours in children.

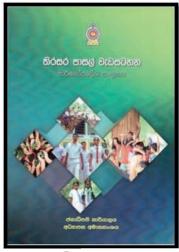
#### Introduction

The following programmes are carried out by Development and Special Projects division incorporating several subject areas under the direct supervision and guidance of His Excellency the President.

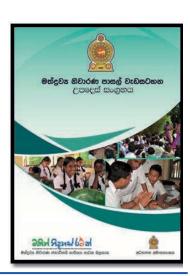
- 1. Environmental Conservation Programme
- 2. National Programme on Drug Prevention
- 3. Ntional Programme on eradication of Kidney Disease
- 4. National program "Let's Protect Children

the sole objective of this programme is to invoke awareness in schoolchildren about the afore mentioned programmes, their behavioural improvements and socialization of the objectives of the above National programmes via schoolchildren. Schoolchildren are the ideal target group of achieveing the objectives of the above National programmes. "Sustainable schools programme" was launched in co-operating the above National programmes with the objectives of preventing them from adverse childhood experiences and inculcating them into the real world of work and for the society while empowering them to become social change-makers. Thus in the next five years it would be possible to groom genteel, productive, loyal and better citizens with qualitatively rich personalities that care of his environment, follow local values and especially with common sense to see the bad side of drugs and alcohol.

Provisions for "Sustainable schools programme" are allocated by the above mentioned National programmes. All the activities of those programmes carried out in the school level are implemented through this Programme. A common mechanism in this regard has been arranged with the assistance of the Ministry of Education in the National and Provincial schools level.









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Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya- Colombo



Sri Naga National School- Naula

The identified areas that require soil conservation in the school are preserved and conserved with the help of students and their parents. The prime objective of the project is to educate the students about soil conservation procedures.





Melpitiya Maha Vidyalaya- Matale

#### 5.1.3. Waste Management System

Irregular waste disposal and issues resulted in that regard have caused many disasters in today's Sri Lanka. Therefore, various activities have been performed in school level in order to make the students aware of the importance of waste management and train them in waste categorization.

In the meantime, a circular has been issued to make the school premises free from polythene. Following the instructions given in the circular the committee of school environment conservation have taken several measures to make polythene free school premises.







Muslim Balika Vidyalaya- Kinniya

#### 5.1.4. Cleaning up the environment

A lot of campaigns have been followed in order to transform the school environment into an attractive and a pleasant environment. An education friendly atmosphere will be resulted through the efforts of making the school premises full of trees and plants with colourful flowers. Thus, the teaching and learning process is made easy both for teachers as well as for students.





K/ Mahamaya Balika Vidyalaya / Senananda Maha Vidyalaya- Kandy

#### 5.1.5 Invoking awareness on the prevention of drugs

Special activities are being carried out in the school together with the student participation of school drug prevention committees. Exhibition of drug preventive statements within the school premises, art and posters competitions in that regard, drug preventive walks are among those initiatives. These programmes which have been conducted with the contribution of students and their parents are proved useful in educating the general public as well.







Granting water filters for schoolchildren - Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya - Colombo St. Mary Tamil School

#### 5.1.8 Programmes to ensure the protection of school children

Awareness Programmes and training sessions were conducted with the intention of building the capacities and empowering students in order to face adverse conditions they encounter in the society. Sri Lanka Police and institutions regarding child safety were also contributing in these events. With the help of these efforts, it was possible to avail children on child harassments, abuse and other offensive activities prevail in the society as well as safety measures must be taken. Form the awareness and knowledge they derive from these events are used in many performances in school level.



Kinniya Muslim Balika Vidyalaya Trincomalee



Western Province / Katunayake Maha Vidyalaya



## 5.1.9 Programmes on gardening

**Sri Lankan** community a richheritage of an agricultural economy is now gradually withdrawing from it. Therefore, this programme provides awareness on building school premises as well as the home garden according to the process of learning. The objective is to develop the school space into environmental friendly agricultural plot of land. Another expectation of this project is to promote non-toxic food production and the use of organic fertilizers. By encouraging school children towards an agricultural economy, it is easy to persuade them to use their experiences in their own houses and home gardens. Similarly, the students can be made aware of crop categorization and seasons of cultivating according to earthen conditions and different climates. Gardening projects in schools are proved to be successful and the objectives are being fulfilled.





Bodhimaluwa Vidyalaya- Embilipitiya



Senananda Maha Vidyalaya- Kandy







## 5.4 Programme "Kalana Mithuru- Poth Sumithuru" (Befriend with books)

This programme is conducted in collaboration with the Library division of the Ministry of Education with the objective of promoting the reading habit among school children. Motivating their habit of reaing and leading them towards a better taste of literature are other objectives of the programme. The inauguration ceremony was held under the patronage of His Excellency the President on 06<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at President's House, Colombo.





Inauguration Ceremony- President's House, Colombo Fort

In the first stage two sets of books each including Sinhala, Tamil and English medium books were provided to all the school libraries where there are Advanced Level classes.

**National Monitoring Committee** 

- School library development division of the Ministry of Education
- Educational Publications consultation Board
- National Library and Documentation Services Board
- Library and Information Science Institute of Colombo University

#### 5.5 Road safety Programme

"Parissamen Gihin Enna" (come back safe) road safety programme organized and implemented by Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation is launched as ajoint venture along with sustainable schools programme. With relevant to this, workshops have been conducted further empowering the road safety committees established by the sustainable schools development programme. Communication facilities along with media promotion are provided by Sri Lanka Rupavahini corporation. Other institutions related to ensuring road safety are also contributing in the effort.







Road safety campaigns- Nalanda Maha vidyalaya

#### 5.6 Launching "sustainable schools" website

The website (www.thirasarapasal.gov.lk) was launched with the expectation of publishing messages, information and providing awareness about the programme to schools and this is activated in the National , Provincial, Zonal and school levels. Similarly the facility is used to monitor the school level activities functioned in this regard. Therefore the website is beneficial to implement the programme in school level and with that other schools can be aware of the programmes conducted and they also can get involved in.





#### 6.2 Sadaham Yathra Buddhist sermons programme



Sadaham Yathra - December 2017 - Wajirarama Temple, Bambalapitiya

## **6.3** Co-ordinating the ceremonies of Processions

Religious Affairs division provides all the co-ordinations and facilitataions especially in the following Processions and other processions organized islandwide.

- Historic Siri Dalada procession
- Sri Jayawardenapura Kotte procession
- Bellanwila procession

Organizational functions related to handing over ceremony of Sannas Pathra denoting the traditional conclusion of Siri Dalada procession is organized in collaboration with District Secretary Kandy. Printing of invitations, inviting the guests, refreshments, and allocation of provisions to the office of the District Seretary for activities including the payments for compierors and for the certificates awarded the artists took part in the procession are to name some of the functions performed by the Presidential Secretariat.



Concluding ceremony of historic Siri Dalada procession





Awarding of certificates to the artists took part in the procession

#### 6.4 Co-ordination of other affairs

The division performed the co-ordination of following programmes in 2017

- United Nations International Vesak Day celebration
- 7<sup>th</sup> Buddhist Summit
- Vesak zone surrounding President's House
- Bauddhaloka Vesak Zone
- Deepavali celebrations held in President's house
- National Vesak celebrations- Wattarama Sri Arahantha historic temple, Kegalle.
- Offering of Dana in respect of 2000 buddhist monks with regard to the completion of two years in office by His Excellency the President
- Annual jasmine flower offering.
- Upa Sampada function in Amarapura Sect.
- Chanting of Pirith function in felicitating his Excellency the President and all the citizens of Sri Lanka.
- Co-ordinating religious functions organized islandwide with the participation of His Excellency.
- Co-ordination of funeral functions of the Incumbants lived in different parts of the country.









## 07. Other special events

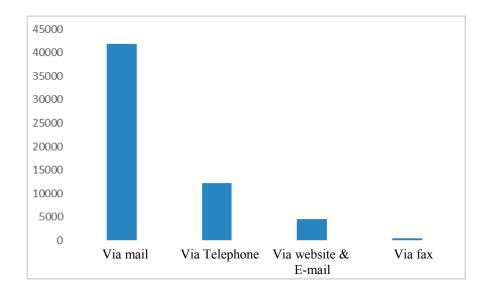
Development and Special projects division performed special other events in addition to the majore National programmes. .

## 7.1 Formulating a cultural policy

The Cabinet paper on "Sri Lanka based on co-existence" dated 13.11.2017 was submitted by His Excellency the President with the participation and the contribution of stakeholder institutions to the Cabinet of Ministers as per a suggestion forwarded to the President by Arts and cultural policy Unit-a community movement.

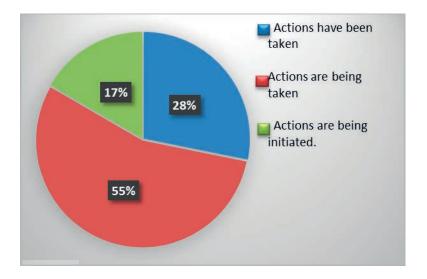
In respect of dicisions of the Cabinet, it was instructed to establish and facilitate a special operation Unit targeting the National cultural revitalization affliated to the Presidential Secretariat.





## Take actions on complaints

Actions have been taken	16623
Actions are being taken	32568
Actions are being initiated	9840
Total	59031



- 07. Providing contribution for the Presidential Secretariat to make decision on legal drafts referred to Cabinet Sub Committee.
- 08. When necessary submission of observations on new legislatures and Acts referred to Secretary to President by Cabinet.
- 09. Co-ordinating with Attorney General and Department of Legal Draftman
- 10. Co-ordinating the matters related to judges and related activities.
- 11. As per the suggestion brought by His Excellency the President, preparation of methodology get the attention of matters and suggestion of all the officers working in the President's Secretariat.

### **Accomplishments in 2017**

Number of case files carried forward from 2016
 Number of case files recieved in 2017
 Total number of case files
 56

Total Number of cases	Number of cases finished in	Number of still pending cases	
	2017	in Courts	
56	08	48	

