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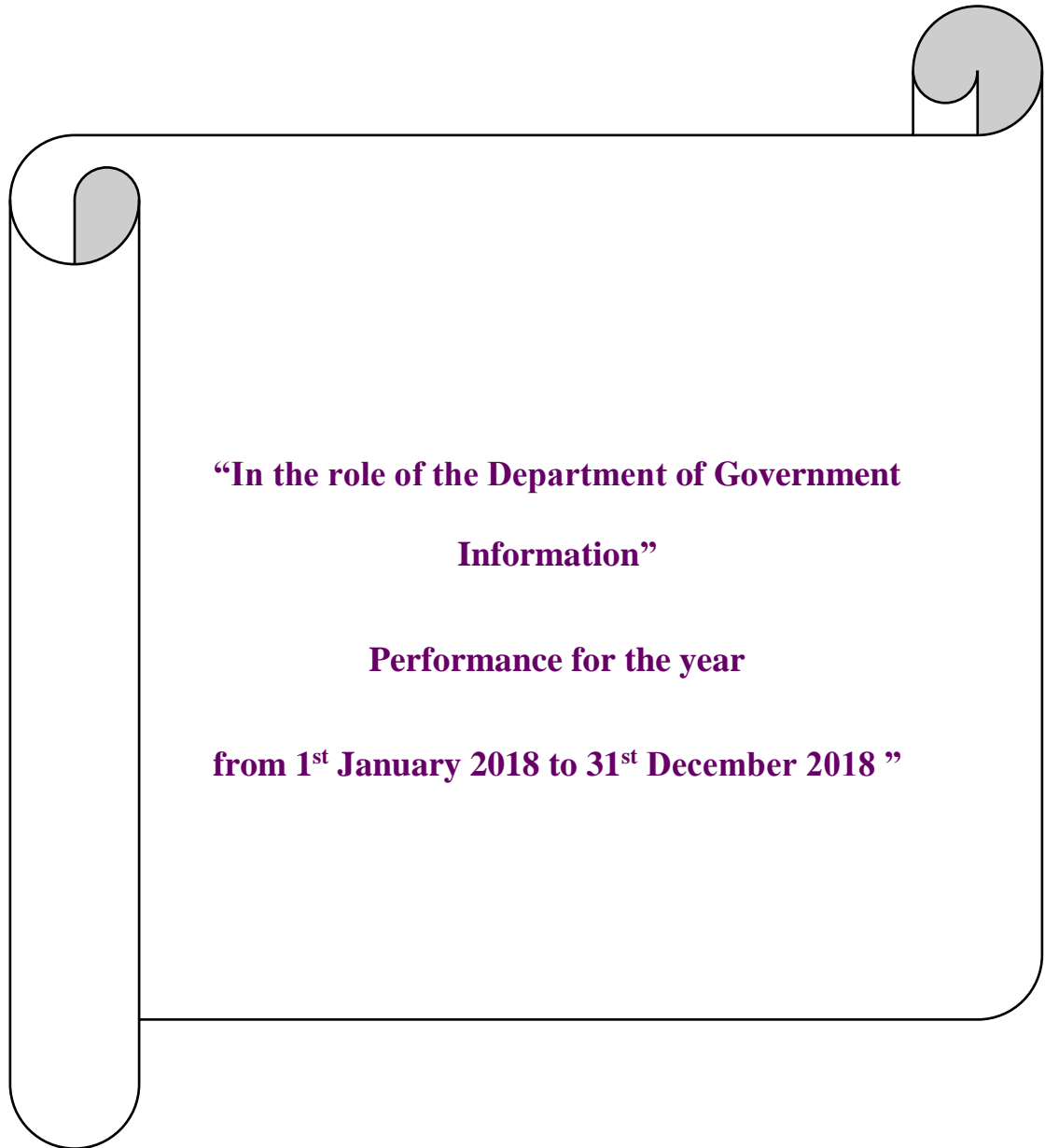
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**“In the role of the Department of Government  
Information”**

**Performance for the year**

**from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 ”**

**Vision**

“Maintain an independent and responsible media culture”

**Mission**

“By taking steps to establish mutual communication media environment in Sri Lanka, to uplift media culture and to determine the rights of the general public for accurate information and vision of the government”

### Goals

- Creating public awareness on topical activities with national importance including state policies and development strategies.
- Building an advance Media Culture.
- Leading and encouraging a Professional Media Culture
- Developing Human and Physical Resources to accomplish the goals above.
- Managing Information Technology (Digitalization) in line with Global Technological Trends.

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## The way we proceed..... (1948 – 2018)

The “War Information Centre” was put in to operation during the period of Second World War in the British colonial era, in order to build public awareness on military information.

At the end of the war, steps were taken to reestablish this "War Information Centre" as "Department of Government Information" in order to educate people on Government Development Activities.

As a result, the Department of Government Information was established in the Galle Face Secretariat complex on 31 July 1948, on advice and recommendation of the Soulbury Commission. In the beginning the department comprised three sections.

1. News Supply Unit
2. Government Book Institute
3. Government Film Unit

The Department of Government Information consists of three main divisions based on three major functions to convey Government's Development Tasks towards the general public

01. Monitoring the government's Development News and Publicity Activities
02. Make Government Official publications available to the public through Government Publication Bureau. (Printing and Distributing)
03. Production and display of documentary films by the Government Film Unit to educate the public in village level on the Governments role in National Development.

Different sections of the Department have been shifted time to time from the Gallface Secretariat to different places such as Irrigation Department Building at Jawatta, Velona building Polwatta Moratuwa, Transwork Building Fort and Athapaththu Building Sir, Baron Jayathilake Mawatha. . In the 90s, the Department, which housed in a two storey building in Kollupitiya was shifted to the Polhengoda premises where the government film division was then run. Since then, the Heads of the Institutions have taken steps to bring the various



sections of the institution together in the same premises by constructing new buildings. As a result, the new 5 storey Media Development Centre building, which strengthened the infrastructure of the Department, was opened on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012, as a gift to the staff for a better service.

The Designation of the head of the Department has now been promoted to the position of Director General of Government Information, but at the beginning, the position was Superintendent of Information.

Mr. P. Nadesan was the first Superintendent of Information in 1948. The Designation of Head of the Department has been promoted to the Director General of Government Information, Director of Government Information from the Superintendant of Information.

Mr. H.J.A.Hulugalla who was an experienced journalist and a newspaper editor, was appointed as the Chief Information Officer of the Department to accomplish this task. Mr. P.N.Meddegoda, Mr.L.R. Gunathilake, Mr.S.P.Weththasinghe and Mr.P.B.Wijesinghe were engaged in the functions of the department as Assistant Information Officers.

As a turning point in Sri Lankan mass media, Department Publication "Desathiya" was launched on 4<sup>th</sup> February 1978, upon the concept of Dr.Sarath Amunugama, Senior Minister, who was then Secretary to the Ministry of State. "Desathiya" is a print media that has been passing critical junctures through the ages and continuously nourishing the minds.

There are many writer generations and reader generations those who fostered by Desathiya which drew the universe nearer. "Desathiya" is the only public sector news magazine in Sri Lanka that has representation from the policy maker to the worker or farmer. "Desathiya" has taken on the main responsibility of popularizing the Government's policy and development agenda. Beyond this "Desathiya" creates an intellectual revolution in the minds of the people. The magazine has been able to present information on social, economic, cultural, arts, international, and many other fields in an interesting way using very simple language.

In addition to "Desathiya", a weekly newspaper titled "Thorathuru" and an English paper called "Alliance" were also published.

The Department of Government Information, which commenced with minimum staff had 235 employees working on permanent, contract and daily services by the end of 2018.

The Department of Information has particular importance among government agencies because; it is the institute directly involves with news agencies that provide news to the public. Any News Release issued by the department of Government is a government announcement and should be highly accurate.

While providing information the department has to perform in accordance with the decisions taken by the government time to time. In 1979, 1980, 1981, 1983,1987,1995,1996 and 2000, the government censored the news, due to the conflict situation in the country. As the competent authority of the Government., the Director of Government Information worked as the censor in such situations.

The government's permission to television transmission for the first time in 1993 is a milestone in the history of Sri Lankan media. Parallel to this, the Department of Government Information took another step forward in establishing the National Information Center on May 18, 1995 to make the information more accessible to the public. The center was opened at the Trans Works House in Fort, Colombo and at the same time, the Press Club was established to promote mutual friendship among journalists.

The department was abruptly removed from the Traverseworks building and has been moved to two floors in a private building in Colpetty.

Identifying restrictions in the structure of Mass Media, the Government was looking forward for public contribution to the Government Development Activities and the Government Film Unit and Publication Bureau have provided a broad service to accomplish the responsibility assigned to the Department such as making public awareness on the Agricultural Revival, Strengthening Democracy and public mission on Universal Franchise.

The Department of Government Information has been performing Government publicity programs locally and internationally since its conception and has been distributing handouts, magazines and publications targeting the foreign embassies in Sri Lanka.

Special information on Sri Lanka was conveyed to foreign countries during this period through magazines such as “Week Happening in the Island” and “Introduction Ceylon” which were published targeting foreign embassies.

Government Publication bureau also has accomplished a wide range of objectives via publishing and distributing Government Publications and Enactments and facilitating the general public to purchase them. . The First Officer of the Government Publication Bureau was Mr. R.V.H.Vanwest.

Government Film Unit, commenced by Mr. Giulio Petroni, has accomplished a huge mission to educate the public on the post independence national development in the country.

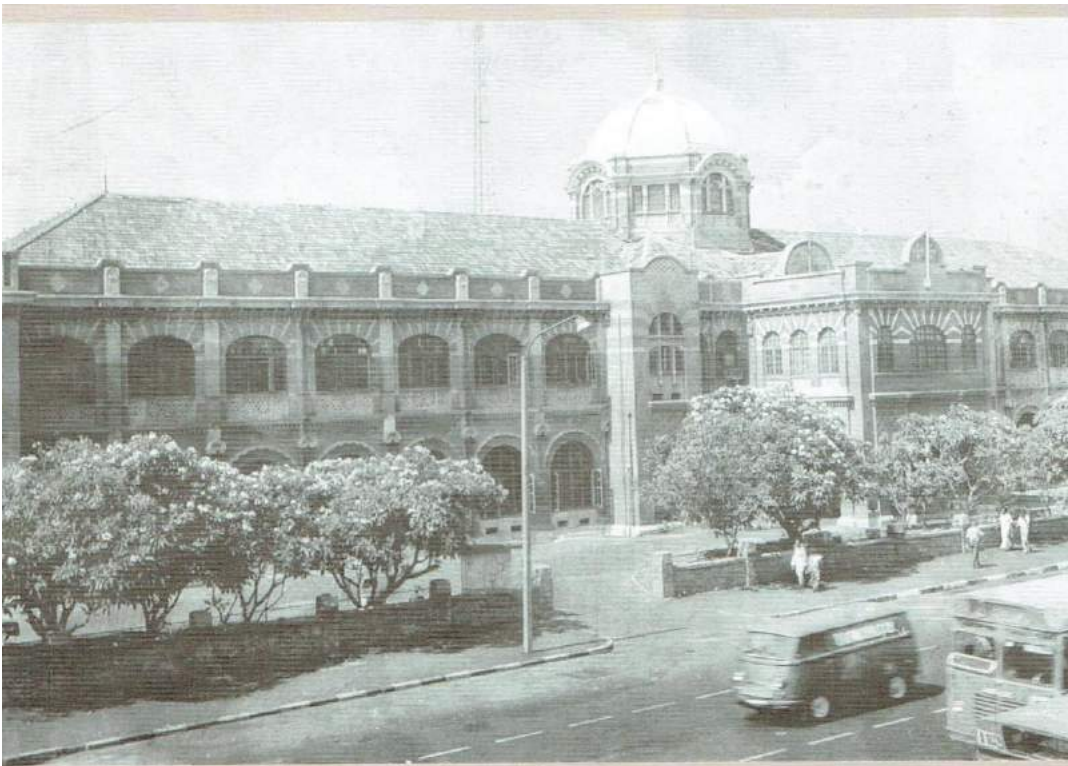
Many famous Documentary Directors have started their carrier here and awarded for Documentaries section and Sub Reporting Section in many Film Festivals such as Paris International Film Festival.

The Department of Government Information which moves to the maximum extent possible under the structure established with the Independence in 1948 and which has developed its journey to suit the modern world has been conveying its services in several sectors by 2018. The Government Information Department has now been transformed into an active institution by Publicity and Publishing Divisions comprised of Government Film Unit, Photography Division, Central Information Centre, Desathiya Magazine Division, Special Media Unit ([www.news.lk](http://www.news.lk)), Government Publication Bureau, Media Accreditation Division, Publicity Division, research and investigation Division.

It is obvious that the Department of Government Information is working hard to keep this role up to date by making room for the success through existing mechanisms.



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*Fort Transworks House*





*Access to the Department of Government Information*



*New Media Development Center Building*

## ---- The Role of the Department of Government Information ----

The main role of the department is to building public awareness on Government's performance for the betterment of people and topical activities with national importance such as development activities and national policies. The main objectives are to manage the Information Technology process, support and lead a independent and responsible advanced media culture in line with global technology trends. The staff is being monitored by the Department to achieve its goal through providing the knowledge, skill and work environment they need.

Constantly, the attention is focused on the purpose of establishing the department and all the divisions have been functioning to achieve this goal.

### The Role and Objectives

Department of Government Information performs with the aim of transmitting state development information to general public and achieving other related objectives and plans miscellaneous activities and finds the Ministry's approval at the beginning of a year .

Those plans have been being implemented throughout the year with the intention of achieving objectives below.

- Creating a standard Media Culture
- Building public awareness on the Government's Development Publicity Procedure to promote the right to information.
- Strengthening the Media Investigation Process.
- Ensureing Freedom to Expression and Speech, establishing the Good Governance, Reconciliation and Sustainable Development.
- Conducting Investigation activities, developments and plans in relation with Media Field.

## Major Activities

The major activities implemented by the department to achieve its role and objectives can be categorized as follows.

- Awareness Programs concerning the activities performed by the other Ministries. (Journalists, School Children, Media Secretaries, Other parties)
- Organizing Press conferences (Press Briefing on Cabinet Decisions and related to the other Ministries)
- Issuing News Releases
- Organizing Media observation Tours
- Publishing Articles and Publications concerning the development process.
- Publish Development Programs through New Media (Face Book, You Tube, Twitter etc....)
- Issuing Media Accreditation for Local and International Journalists.
- Preparing Daily Investigation reports and acknowledge particular sections if necessary.
- Investigating on timely significant topics and new approaches to the Field of Media and reports on and Report.
- Producing and Publishing Documentaries.
- Covering and conserving the events to be conserved and the National Functions.

## 01. Administration Division

### 01.1 Introduction :

The role of the Department of Government Information is to establish a proper environment for a better media society in Sri Lanka. The responsibilities of the Administration Division are policy formulation, administration and maintain official relations with the ministry and other public and private institutions. In other words, Administration Division is the division that monitor all the administrative functions of the Department.

The Administration Division is comprised of an Assistant Director, Public Management Assistants and two Office Assistants and headed by the Director (Administration) who is directly responsible to the Director General of Government Information. The role of the division is mentioned below briefly.

- Daily administration of all the Divisions of the Department.
- Preparing the Action Plan in line with the Time, Vision and Mission of the Department. and conduct evaluations required for supervising whether the responsibilities are being fulfilled properly.
- Preparing Quarterly Reports concerning the staff and furnish to the institutions as required.
- Answering Audit Queries.
- Monitoring changes in Departmental Staff , Preparing Recruitment Procedures and revising as necessary.
- Proper maintenance of mails received daily.
- Updating personnel files.
- Monitoring the employees' discipline.
- Perform activities in relation with the recruitments, Promotions, Transfers, and Retirements of Departmental Staff.
- Monitoring Cleaning Service and Security of office Premises
- Duties related to Local and Foreign Trainings



- Activities concerning Overtime Payment and Days pay.
- Monitoring attendance and leave of the staff.
- Perform duties related to Employee Loans, Water- Electricity Bills, Newspaper bills, Telephone bills and payment of Assessment bills
- Carry out duties related to Agrahara Medical Insurance Scheme.
- Coordinating all the Functions related with Department Stores.
- Maintaining Transport Pool Department vehicles.
- Issuing Internal Circulars as required and implementing the programmes identified timely.

## 01.2 Carder :

The present carder of the Department is maintained as approved by letter of Director General of Management Services, dated 20.08.2012, bearing No. DMS/C/6/44/01-Vol-II and appropriately approved afterwards. Accordingly, updated carder of the department as at 20.08.2017 is as follows.

Serial No	Designation	Service attached to	Grade/ Class	Salary Code	No of Posts approved	Num.of persons employed as at 31.12.2017
01.	Director General of Government Information	Sri Lanka Administrative Service	Special	SL – 3- 2006	01	01
02.	Additional Director General of Government Information	Contract Basis	-	-	01	-
03.	Director (Administration)	Sri Lanka Administrative Service	I	SL – 1- 2006	01	01
04.	Director (Government Film Unit)	Contract Basis	-		01	-
05.	Chief Accountant	Sri Lanka Accountants Service	I	SL – 1- 2006	01	01

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06.	Accountant	Sri Lanka Accountants Service	III, II	SL – 1- 2006	01 +	01
07.	Assistant / Deputy Director of Information	Sri Lanka Administrative Service	III, II	SL – 1- 2006	03 +	02
08.	Assistant / Deputy Director of Information	Departmental	III, II	SL – 1- 2006	03 +	02
09.	Producer	Departmental	III, II	SL – 1- 2006	01 +	-
10.	Administrative Officer	Public Management Assistant Service	Supra	MN-7-2006 A	01	01
11.	Photographer	Sri Lanka Technological Service	Special	MN-7-2006 A	03	01
12.	Technical Officer	Sri Lanka Technological Service	Special	MN-7-2006 A	03	01
13.	Senior Information Officer	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-7-2006 A	05	-
14.	Information and Communication Technology Officer	Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service	Class 2 Grade II, I	MN-6-2006 A	01	-
15.	Translator	Translators' Service	II, I	MN-6-2006 A	03	01
16.	Information Officer	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-4-2006 A	40	37
17.	Editor	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-4-2006 A	03	-
18.	Statistics and Investigation Officer	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-4-2006 A	01 *	-
19.	Program officer	Program Officers' Service	III, II, I	MN-4-2006 A	45	39
20.	Photographer	Sri Lanka Technological Service	III, II, I	MN-3-2006 A	10	03
21.	Librarian	Librarians' Service	III, II, I	MN-3-2006 A	01	-
22.	Technical Officer	Sri Lanka Technological Service	III, II, I	MN-3-2006 A	10	13
23.	Public Management Assistant	Public Management Assistant Service	III, II, I	MN-2-2006 A	35	21
24.	Type Setter	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	01 *	01
25.	News Writer	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	02 *	-
26.	Film Graphic Assistant	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	01	01
27.	Receptionist	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	01 *	-

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28.	Film Demonstrator Film Exhibitor	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	02	02
29.	Negatives In charge	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	01 *	01
30.	Sales Assistant	Departmental	III, II, I	MN-1-2006 A	07	05
31.	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	Sri Lanka Information and Communication Technology Service	3 Class III, II, I Grade	MT-1-2006 A	02	01
32.	Technical Assistant	Departmental	III, II, I	MT-1-2006 A	08	01
33.	Motor Mechanic	Departmental	III, II, I and Special	PL-3-2006 A	01 *	01
34.	Driver	Combined Drivers' Service	III, II, I and Special	PL-3-2006 A	18	17
35.	Production Assistant (Maintenance)	Departmental	III, II, I and Special	PL-2-2006 A	03	03
36.	Production Assistant (Video Production )	Departmental	III, II, I and Special	PL-2-2006 A	02	01
37.	Dark Room Photograph Printer	Departmental	III, II, I and Special	PL-2-2006 A	01 *	01
38.	Office Assistant	Office Assistant Service	III, II, I and Special	PL-1-2006 A	28	24
39.	Assistant Editor	Contract Basis	Monthly allowance upon the recommendation of National Salaries and Carder Commission		05	01
40.	Director (Web Administration)	Contract Basis			01	-
41.	Web Editor (Sinhala, Tamil, English)	Contract Basis				03
42.	Web Writer (Sinhala, Tamil, English)	Contract Basis			09	02
<b>total</b>					<b>270</b>	<b>190</b>

- + These are Grade II or III posts of the respective service. Since promotions are given regardless the carder limit, they may remain in same position even after promoted to grade I or special grade. Within the approved carder, class III officers should not be appointed for class II posts on acting basis. .
- \*. subjected to the condition that, the post is personal to the holder and will be abolished afterwards. ,

In addition, during 2016-2018 period Department of Management Services has approved following posts through F.R.71 applications based on the needs of the service.

- I. 16 Technical Officer Posts have been approved for this Department by the letter bearing no DMS/C/6/44/01-(Vol-III) dated 2013.09.02 issued by the Director General of Management Services. These Posts are comprised of 15 Technical Officer Posts including 5 posts personal to the holder and 1 Technical Officer post (Building Renovations and Maintenance) .
- II. Six (06) Investigation Officer Posts have been approved by the Letter of Director General of Management Services dated 10.09.2015 bearing no DMS/1134. The Department has approval for 30 Investigation Officers with this approval.
- III. Director General of Management Services has approved the post of Additional Director General for this Department by his letter bearing No DMS/1134 dated 07.07.2016, as an SLAS Special Grade post .
- IV. The Director General of Management Services has approved Director (Information) Departmental Post for this department by his letter bearing No. DMS/1134/V-1 dated 11.10.2016.
- V. The Director General of Management Services has approved one post of Web Developer (for one year contract period) by his letter DMS/1134 dated 29.09.2014.
- VI. The letter of Director General of Management Services bearing no DMS/1134 and dated 2016.06.02 has granted approval for the insertion of eight (8) officials to Departmental Carder. These Officers were attached to this Department by reason of reorganization of the Ministry of Economic Development and the appointments will

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be personal to the holder of the post. 8 posts mentioned above are Assistant Director (Media) - 1, Information Officer – 03, Still Photographer -2, Camera Operator(video) -1, and Camera Assistant -01

- VII. The letter of Director General of Management Services bearing no DMS/C/6/44/01-(Vol-III) and dated 2013.09.24, has approved a post in Grade III/II Accountants Service for this Department.
- VIII. By the letter of Director General of Management Services, dated 03.09.2013 bearing No : DMS/C/6/44/01-(Vol-III) a post of Design Editor (Contract Basis) has been approved for this Department.
- IX. 30 Development Officer (Information) posts, - Development Officer Service, has been approved for this Department by the letter issued by the Director General of Management Services bearing no DMS/C/6/44/01-Vol-II and dated 22.10.2012.

Accordingly Department's approved carder, present staff and number of vacancies as at 01.01.2018 as follows.

Serial No	Approved post	Approved No	Presently employed	Vacancies
01.	Director General of Government Information	01	01	-
02.	Additional Director General of Government Information	01	-	01
03.	Director (Administration)	01	01	-
04.	Director (Information) - Departmental	01	-	01
05.	Director – Government Film Unit (contract)	01	-	01
06.	Chief Accountant	01	01	-
07.	Accountant	01	01	-
08.	Internal Auditor	01	-	01
09.	Assistant / Deputy Director of Information (SLAS)	03	01	02
10.	Assistant / Deputy Director of Information (Non SLAS)	03	01	02

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11.	Assistant Director (Media) - Departmental	01	01	-
12.	Producer	01	-	01
13.	Administrative Officer	01	01	-
14.	Photographer (Special Grade)	03	01	02
15.	Technical Officer (Special Grade)	03	01	02
16.	Senior Information Officer	05	-	05
17.	Information and Communication Technology Officer	01	-	01
18.	Translator	03	01	02
19.	Information Officer	40	37	03
20.	Program officer	45	39	06
21.	Information Officer - Departmental	03	03	-
22.	Development Officer	30	26	04
23.	Photographer	10	03	07
24.	Librarian	01	-	01
25.	Technical Officer	16	13	03
26.	Dark Room Photograph Printer	01	01	-
27.	Still Photographer - Departmental	02	02	-
28.	Public Management Assistant	35	21	14
29.	Negative Incharge	01	01	-
30.	Film Exhibitor	02	02	-
31.	Sales Assistant	07	05	02
32.	Investigation Officer (Electronic & Printed Media)	30	22	08
33.	Information and Communication Technology Assistant	02	01	01
34.	Type Setter	01	01	-
35.	Negatives In charge	01	01	-
36.	Camera Operator (Video)	01	01	-

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37.	Technical Assistant	08	01	07
38.	Motor Mechanic	01	01	-
39.	Driver	18	17	01
40.	Production Assistant (Maintenance)	03	03	-
41.	Production Assistant (Video Production )	02	01	01
42.	Office Assistant	28	22	04
43.	Camera Assistant - Departmental	01	01	-
44.	Web Developer	01	-	01
45.	Design Editor	01	-	01
46.	Editor	03	01	02
47.	Assistant Editor	05	01	04
48.	Web Editor (Sinhala, Tamil, English)	03	03	-
49.	Web Writer (Sinhala, Tamil, English)	09	02	07

### 01.3 Changes in the Staff - 2018

#### Recruitments :

- I. One (01) officer has been recruited as Production Assistant (Video Producing) since 15.03.2018
- II. Two (02) Officers as Web Editor (English) and Web Writer (Tamil) have been appointed in first quarter 2018 and antedated to 01.11.
- III. Ministry of Public Administration and Management has appointed ten (10) officers for Management Assistant Service in second quarter 2018.
- IV. Ministry of Public Administration and Management has appointed an officer for the post of Additional Director General on 2018.08.24.
- V. An officer has been recruited as Director (Information) in third quarter 2018 and antedated to 2016.10.11.
- VI. An officer has been recruited as a Web Writer (Tamil) from 2018.07.10 on contract basis.

- VII. Two (02) officers have been appointed as Technical Assistant from 2018.08.15.
- VIII. Ministry of Public Administration and Management has appointed an officer in Development Officer Service since 2018.11.01.
- X. Ministry of Public Administration and Management has appointed two officers in Public Management Assistant Service since 2018.10.19.
- X. An officer has been appointed as web writer (Sinhala) on contract basis since 2018.10.02.

### **Retirements/Deaths :**

- I. An Information officer has retired on 2018.01.07
- II. An Information officer has retired on 2018.03.02
- III. A Sales Assistant has retired on 2018.03.31
- IV. A Photographer has retired on 2018.05.13
- V. An Information officer has retired on 2018.06.13
- VI. An Information officer has retired on 2018.07.06
- VII. An Information officer has passed away on 2018.07.07.
- VIII. An Office Assistant has passed away on 2018.09.08
- IX. A Technical Officer has retired on 2018.10.26
- X. A Technical Officer has retired on 2018.12.13

### **Abandoning the post / Resignations**

- I. An officer in Office Assistant Service has resigned from the service on 2018.03.01.
- II. An officer in Public Management Assistant Service has resigned from the service on 2018.06.18 .
- III. An officer worked as a Web Writer – Tamil on contract basis, has resigned from the service on 2018.06.30.



- IV. An officer worked as a Assistant Editor – Tamil on contract basis, has resigned from the service on 2018.10.05 .
- V. An officer worked as a Web Writer – Tamil on contract basis, has resigned from the service on 2018.12.04 .
- VI. An officer worked as a Web Writer – Tamil on contract basis, has resigned from the service on 2018.12.04.

#### **01.4 Departmental Examinations - 2018 :**

- I. Open Competitive Examination for recruiting Supervisory Management Assistant (Technological) Service (MN 03 - 2016) (Building Repairs and Maintenance) – on 2017.07.14

#### **01.5 Foreign Scholarships and Travelling Abroad - 2018**

- I. Mr. P.V.C.C. Panawala, Assistant Director of Information, has participated “Managerial Competency Development Program” in Malaysia from 2018.02.25 to 2018.03.03
- II. Mr. Y.G.S.I.Bandara, Information Officer, has followed a course “Exchange Program of China” from 2018.02.23 to 2018.12.22 under a scholarship granted by the Chinese Government.
- III. Accountant Mr. H.A.U.Jayalath has attended “International Program on Management” held in Japan from 2018.05.08 to 2018.05.16.
- IV. Assistant Director (information) Mr.M.D.K.P.Ariyawansa has participated the training held on Computer Science at Stockhlo University in Sweden from 2018.09.23 to 2018.09.30.
- V. Mr. R.M.C.P.K.Rathnayake, Project Implementation Assistant, has participated the training on “40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of China’s Reform & Opening Up” from 2018.10.27 to 2018.11.04.

- VI. Mr. P.A.Sarath Dharmasiri, Photographer, has participated the media coverage team of H.E.the President's Indian Tour form 2018.03.09 to 2018.03.12
- VII. Mr. Mr.W. Kumudulal Walpola, Technical Officer has participated the media coverage team of H.E.the President's Indian Tour form 2018.03.09 to 2018.03.12
- VIII. Mr. L.A.L.Sigera, Technical Officer has participated the Media Coverage Team of H.E.the President's Japan Tour from 2018.03.10 to 2018.03.18
- IX. Mr. L.A.L.Sigera, Technical Officer has participated the Media Coverage Team of H.E.the President's Italian Tour from 2018.07.12 to 2018.07.17
- X. Mr. M.M.H.D.C.Perera, Photographer has participated the Media Coverage Team of H.E.the President's Georgian Tour from 2018.07.15to 2018.07.20
- XI. Mr. W.M.Shanthapriya, Information Officer has attended the General Meeting of the Professional Journalists' Association of India from 2018.08.17 to 2018.08.23 .
- XII. Mr. D.S.P. Mayadunne, Information Officer has participated attended the General Meeting of the Professional Journalists' Association of India from 2018.08.17 to 2018.08.23
- XIII. Ms. J.H.Sriyani, Information Officer has participated attended the General Meeting of the Professional Journalists' Association of India from 2018.08.17 to 2018.08.23
- XIV. Ms. M.N.Fernando, Information Officer has participated attended the General Meeting of the Professional Journalists' Association of India from 2018.08.17 to 2018.08.23
- XV. Mr. M.A.Jayasinghe, Information Officer has participated attended the General Meeting of the Professional Journalists' Association of India from 2018.08.17 to 2018.08.23

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XVI. Mr. L.A.L.Sigera, Technical Officer has participated the Media Coverage Team of H.E.the President's Naples Tour from 2018.08.28 to 2018.09.02 .

XVII. Mr. Lal Wijethunga, Technical Officer has participated the workshop on“Film Preservation & Restoration Workshop” from 2018.11.14 to 2018.11.23.

XIX. Mr. M.N.C.Peris, Officer in Charge of Negatives has participated the workshop on“Film Preservation & Restoration Workshop” from 2018.11.14 to 2018.11.23.

## 02. Finance Division

### 02.1 Introduction :

Finance Division is comprised of an accountant and 16 Subject Officers, and administered by a Chief Accountant . Managing all departmental payments, Salary payments, Maintain the records on Income and Assets of the Department, and performing Departmental procurements are the major responsibilities of the Department. Finance Performance of the Department in 2018 is as follows.

### 02.2 Implementation of Capital Projects 2018

Following capital projects were implemented.

#### 1. Improvement of facilities in District Media Units

There are 20 District Media Units attached to the department, under each District Secretary. These offices were implemented with minimum modern equipments for several years. In the year 2018, the following equipment worth Rs. 11.8 million were provided.

Equipment	Amount	Value (Rs.)
Computer	9	1,647,000.00
Laptop	12	2,148,000.00
Fax	7	181,125.00
Video Camera	16	5,100,480.00
Digital Camera	11	673,200.00
Photocopy Machine	12	1,373,100.00
Other Office Equipments		695,951.00
Total		11,818,856.00

## 2. Improvements in Government Film Unit

Steps has been taken under this project to purchase equipments for Camera, Editing, Production and Sound Units as follows.

Description	Order Value Rs.	The value of the goods supplied as at 31.12.2018 Rs.	Cost as at 31.12.2018 Rs.
1. Purchase of Lighting equipments for auditorium	4,013,068.00	4,013,068.00	4,013,068.00
2. Purchasing Technical Equipments	11,105,320.00	6,477,405.00	-
3. establishment of conservation system	11,837,600.00	4,806,200.00	4,413,014.00

The remaining items related to these orders were delivered in February 2019.

## 3. Purchasing of Capital Equipment for Different Sections of the Department

Under this project Laptops, computers, air conditioners, printing equipment and other office equipment have been purchased for various sectors at a cost of Rs. 6,388,642.00.

### 02.3 Audit Queries

The Auditor General's Department has submitted eight audit queries to the Department during the year 2018 and two audit queries submitted before 2017 and earlier have not been answered. Eight audit queries were answered during the year. The Internal Audit Division has submitted three audit queries regarding the department, in 2018, and two of those audit queries were answered during the year.

**Departmental Finance Activities for 2018**

<b>2018 Cost</b>				<b>210-01-01</b>			
Item	Description	Estimate	F.R.66/₹.₹	Net Allocations	Total Cost	Balance	%
1001	Salaries and wages	22,000,000.00	-	22,000,000.00	21,935,020.48	64,979.52	100
1002	Overtime and holiday pay	3,500,000.00	-200,000.00	3,300,000.00	3,261,808.83	38,191.17	99
1003	Other allowances	10,000,000.00	-	10,000,000.00	9,965,542.36	34,457.64	100
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>35,500,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,300,000.00</b>	<b>35,162,371.67</b>	<b>137,628.33</b>	<b>100</b>
1101	Travel Expenses (Local)	500,000.00	-50,000.00	450,000.00	449,949.78	50.22	100
1102	Travel expenses (foreign)	1,000,000.00	-	1,000,000.00	965,399.20	34,600.80	97
1201	Stationery & Office Requirements	2,300,000.00	1,260,000.00	3,560,000.00	3,548,065.48	11,934.52	100
1202	fuel	2,600,000.00	280,000.00	2,880,000.00	2,876,740.50	3,259.50	100
1203	Refreshments and uniforms	350,000.00	-	350,000.00	337,301.50	12,698.50	96
1204	Medical supplies	30,000.00	-20,000.00	10,000.00	9,518.73	481.27	95
1205	Other Supplies	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	96,305.64	3,694.36	96
1301	Vehicle	1,800,000.00	-	1,800,000.00	1,794,982.01	5,017.99	100
1302	Machinery & Machinery tools	1,000,000.00	-240,000.00	760,000.00	754,347.86	5,652.14	99
1303	Building and Construction	3,500,000.00	-3,100,000.00	400,000.00	399,188.05	811.95	100
1401	Transport	5,080,000.00	-3,950,000.00	1,130,000.00	1,100,395.00	29,605.00	97
1402	Postal and Communications	2,500,000.00	1,400,000.00	3,900,000.00	3,897,162.18	2,837.82	100
1403	Electricity and Water	2,200,000.00	-500,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,697,667.34	2,332.66	100
1404	Tax Rent and Local Authorities Tax	450,000.00	-	450,000.00	436,320.00	13,680.00	97

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1409	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cleaning Services	8,600,000.00	3,850,000.00	12,450,000.00	12,433,873.10	16,126.90	100
1506	Public Service employees' salary loan interest	350,000.00	50,000.00	400,000.00	393,450.41	6,549.59	98
1701	Loss and abandonments	20,000.00	46,232.00	66,232.00	66,232.00	0.00	100
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>67,880,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,706,232.00</b>	<b>66,419,270.45</b>	<b>286,961.55</b>	<b>100</b>
2001	Building and constructions	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	Machinery and machinery tools	300,000.00	-	300,000.00	213,292.99	86,707.01	71
2003	Vehicles	1,000,000.00	2,100,000.00	3,100,000.00	2,947,634.00	152,366.00	95
2102	Furniture and Office needs	400,000.00	746,600.00	1,146,600.00	1,146,542.00	58.00	100
2103	Purchasing and Machinery tools (Purchasing)	500,000.00	-200,300.00	299,700.00	299,690.00	10.00	100
2401	Training and Development	400,000.00	1,300,000.00	1,700,000.00	1,699,971.59	28.41	100
2103	Purchasing and Machinery tools(Purchasing)	14,500,000.00	-	14,500,000.00	-	14,500,000.00	0
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>17,100,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,046,300.00</b>	<b>6,307,130.58</b>	<b>14,739,169.42</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>84,980,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>87,752,532.00</b>	<b>72,726,401.03</b>	<b>15,026,130.97</b>	<b>83</b>

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2018 Expenditure				210-01-02			
Item	Description	Estimate	F.R.66/අ.ඉ	Net Allocations	Total Cost	Balance	%
1001	Salaries and wages	40,000,000.00	-	40,000,000.00	38,939,767.65	1,060,232.35	97
1002	Overtime and holiday pay	4,000,000.00	1,500,000.00	5,500,000.00	5,432,547.54	67,452.46	99
1003	Other allowances	22,500,000.00	-4,026,232.00	18,473,768.00	17,726,737.48	747,030.52	96
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>66,500,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>63,973,768.00</b>	<b>62,099,052.67</b>	<b>1,874,715.33</b>	<b>97</b>
1101	Travel Expenses (Local)	1,000,000.00	50,000.00	1,050,000.00	952,063.75	97,936.25	91
1102	Travel expenses (foreign)	2,000,000.00	10,000.00	2,010,000.00	2,010,000.00	0.00	100
1201	Stationery & Office Requirements	3,000,000.00	670,000.00	3,670,000.00	3,664,742.89	5,257.11	100
1202	fuel	3,800,000.00	-	3,800,000.00	3,799,780.00	220.00	100
1203	Refreshments and uniforms	-	-	-	-	-	-
1204	Medical supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1205	Other Supplies	1,000,000.00	-160,000.00	840,000.00	801,529.25	38,470.75	95
1301	Vehicle	2,700,000.00	505,000.00	3,205,000.00	3,103,011.29	101,988.71	97
1302	Machinery & Machinery tools	2,600,000.00	-1,000,000.00	1,600,000.00	1,597,802.26	2,197.74	100
1303	Building and Construction	200,000.00	-70,000.00	130,000.00	127,464.56	2,535.44	98
1401	Vehicle	1,500,000.00	-500,000.00	1,000,000.00	951,155.00	48,845.00	95
1402	Postal and Communications	4,000,000.00	1,280,000.00	5,280,000.00	5,225,589.62	54,410.38	99
1403	Electricity and Water	4,500,000.00	-1,600,000.00	2,900,000.00	2,883,149.45	16,850.55	99
1404	Tax Rent and Local Authorities Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
1409	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Publicity	400,000,000.00	-1,713,900.00	398,286,100.00	315,723,778.05	82,562,321.95	79



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1506	Public Servants' Salary Loan Interest	1,200,000.00	-	1,200,000.00	1,154,354.87	45,645.13	96
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>494,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>488,944,868.00</b>	<b>404,093,473.66</b>	<b>84,851,394.34</b>	<b>83</b>
2001	Building and constructions	15,000,000.00	-	15,000,000.00	5,660,409.46	9,339,590.54	38
2002	Machinery and machinery tools	500,000.00	-	500,000.00	331,755.04	168,244.96	66
2003	Vehicles	1,500,000.00	-	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	100
2102	Furniture and Office needs	4,500,000.00	4,917,600.00	9,417,600.00	9,398,482.13	19,117.87	100
2103	Machinery and machinery tools (Purchasing)	12,500,000.00	-5,125,000.00	7,375,000.00	7,362,785.05	12,214.95	100
2401	Training and Development	3,000,000.00	2,900,000.00	5,900,000.00	5,899,138.34	861.66	100
2103	Machinery and machinery tools (Purchasing)1	25,000,000.00	-	25,000,000.00	-	25,000,000.00	0
2103	Machinery and machinery tools (Purchasing)2	12,000,000.00	-	12,000,000.00	-	12,000,000.00	0
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>74,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,692,600.00</b>	<b>30,152,570.02</b>	<b>46,540,029.98</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>568,000,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>565,637,468.00</b>	<b>434,246,043.68</b>	<b>131,391,424.32</b>	<b>77</b>

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2018 Expenditure							210-01-03
Item	Description	Estimate	F.R.66/අ.ඉ	Net Allocations	Total Cost	Balance	%
1001	Salaries and wages	19,000,000.00	-1,000,000.00	18,000,000.00	16,813,637.12	1,186,362.88	93
1002	Overtime and holiday pay	3,000,000.00	1,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	3,829,814.36	170,185.64	96
1003	Other allowances	7,000,000.00	-1000,000.00	6,000,000.00	5,724,643.23	275,356.77	95
		<b>Sub total</b>	-	<b>28,000,000.00</b>	<b>26,368,094.71</b>	<b>1,631,905.29</b>	<b>94</b>
1101	Travel Expenses (Local)	700,000.00	-	700,000.00	675,937.38	24,062.62	97
1102	Travel expenses (foreign)	600,000.00	-	600,000.00	599,812.48	187.52	100
1201	Stationery & Office Requirements	1,500,000.00	780,000.00	2,280,000.00	2,278,020.62	1,979.38	100
1202	fuel	2,700,000.00	-300,000.00	2,400,000.00	2,399,933.00	67.00	100
1203	Refreshments and uniforms	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	49,680.00	320.00	99
1204	Medical supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-
1205	Other Supplies	200,000.00	-200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1301	Vehicle	1,500,000.00		1,500,000.00	1,495,487.30	4,512.70	100
1302	Machinery and Machinery Tools	300,000.00	-90,000.00	210,000.00	203,421.75	6,578.25	97
1303	Buildings and constructions	50,000.00	-50,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
1401	Transport	1,000,000.00	-960,000.00	40,000.00	33,742.50	6,257.50	84
1402	Postal and Communications	2,000,000.00	-	2,000,000.00	1,998,694.65	1,305.35	100
1403	Electricity and Water	3,000,000.00	800,000.00	3,800,000.00	3,679,056.19	120,943.81	97
1404	Tax Rent and Local Authorities Tax	-	-	-	-	-	-
1409	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	Film Production	400,000,000.00	660,000.00	4,660,000.00	4,638,868.88	21,131.12	100
1506	Public Servant's Salary Loan Interest	450,000.00	-50,000.00	400,000.00	387,661.80	12,338.20	97
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>47,050,000.00</b>		<b>46,640,000.00</b>	<b>44,808,411.26</b>	<b>1,831,588.74</b>	<b>96</b>
2001	Building and Constructions	-	-	-	-	-	-
2002	Machinery and Machinery Tools	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	Vehicle	-	-	-	-	-	-
2102	Furniture and Office Needs	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103	Machinery and Machinery Tools (Purchasing)	48,000,000.00	-	48,000,000.00	8,426,081.21	39,573,918.79	18
2401	Training and Development	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	399,800.00	200.00	100
2103	Machinery and Machinery Tools (Purchasing)1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2103	Machinery and Machinery Tools (Purchasing)2	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>48,400,000.00</b>	-	<b>48,400,000.00</b>	<b>8,825,881.21</b>	<b>39,574,118.79</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>95,450,000.00</b>	-	<b>95,040,000.00</b>	<b>53,634,292.47</b>	<b>41,405,707.53</b>	<b>56</b>

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Summary of expenses - 2018										
Item	Description	Estimate	F/R 66 / q-q	Net	Project 1	Project 2	Project 3	Expenditotr	Balance	%
1001	Salary and wages	81,000,000.00	-1,000,000.00	80,000,000.00	21,935,020.48	38,939,767.65	16,813,637.12	77,688,425.25	2,311,574.75	97
1102	Overtime and Holiday	10,500,000.00	2,300,000.00	12,800,000.00	3,261,808.83	5,432,547.54	3,829,814.36	12,524,170.73	275,829.27	98
1003	Other Allowances	39,500,000.00	-5,026,232.00	34,473,768.00	9,965,542.36	17,726,737.48	5,724,643.23	33,416,923.07	1,056,844.93	97
	Sub Total	131,000,000.00	-	127,273,768.00	35,162,371.67	62,099,052.67	26,368,094.71	123,629,519.05	3,644,248.95	97
1101	Travel Expenses (Local)	2,200,000.00	-	2,200,000.00	449,949.78	952,063.75	675,937.38	2,077,950.91	122,049.09	94
1102	Travel Expenses (overseas)	3,600,000.00	10,000.00	3,610,000.00	965,399.20	2,010,000.00	599,812.48	3,575,211.68	34,788.32	99
1201	Stationeries and Office needs	6,800,000.00	2,710,000.00	9,510,000.00	3,548,065.48	3,664,742.89	2,278,020.62	9,490,828.99	19,171.01	100
1202	Fuel	9,100,000.00	-20,000.00	9,080,000.00	2,876,740.50	3,799,780.00	2,399,933.00	9,076,453.50	3,546.50	100
1203	Food and Uniforms	400,000.00	-	400,000.00	337,301.50	0.00	49,680.00	386,981.50	13,018.50	97
1204	Medical Supplies	30,000.00	-20,000.00	10,000.00	9,518.73	0.00	0.00	9,518.73	481.27	95
1205	Other Supplies	1,300,000.00	-360,000.00	940,000.00	96,305.64	801,529.25	0.00	897,834.89	42,165.11	96
1301	Vehicle	6,000,000.00	505,000.00	6,505,000.00	1,794,982.01	3,103,011.29	1,495,487.30	6,393,480.60	111,519.40	98
1302	Machinery and Machinery Tools	3,900,000.00	-1,330,000.00	2,570,000.00	754,347.86	1,597,802.26	203,421.75	2,555,571.87	14,428.13	99
1303	Building and Constructions	3,750,000.00	-3,220,000.00	530,000.00	399,188.05	127,464.56	0.00	526,652.61	3,347.39	99
1401	Transport	7,580,000.00	-5,410,000.00	2,170,000.00	1,100,395.00	951,155.00	33,742.50	2,085,292.50	84,707.50	96
1402	Postal and communications	8,500,000.00	2,680,000.00	11,180,000.00	3,897,162.18	5,225,589.62	1,998,694.65	11,121,446.45	58,553.55	99
1403	Electricity and Water	9,700,000.00	-1,300,000.00	8,400,000.00	1,697,667.34	2,883,149.45	3,679,056.19	8,259,872.98	140,127.02	98
1404	Tax rent and Local Authority Tax	450,000.00	-	450,000.00	436,320.00	0.00	0.00	436,320.00	13,680.00	97
1409	Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Cleaning Services	8,600,000.00	2,796,100.00	11,396,100.00	12,433,873.10	-	-	12,433,873.10	-1,037,773.10	109
	Publicity	400,000,000.00	-	400,000,000.00	-	315,723,778.05	-	315,723,778.05	84,276,221.95	79
	Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Research	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Film Production	4,000,000.00	-	4,000,000.00	-	-	4,638,868.88	4,638,868.88	-638,868.88	116
1503	Public Servants' Salary Loan Interest	2,000,000.00	-	2,000,000.00	393,450.41	1,154,354.87	387,661.80	1,935,467.08	64,532.92	97
1702	Loss and Abandonments	20,000.00	46,232.00	66,232.00	66,232.00	0.00	0.00	66,232.00	0.00	100
	Recurrent	608,930,000.00	-	602,291,100.00	66,419,270.45	404,093,473.66	44,808,411.26	515,321,155.37	86,969,944.63	86
2001	Building and Constructions	15,000,000.00	-	15,000,000.00	0.00	5,660,409.46	0.00	5,660,409.46	9,339,590.54	38
2002	Machinery and Machinery Tools	800,000.00	-	800,000.00	213,292.99	331,755.04	0.00	545,048.03	254,951.97	68
2003	Other	2,500,000.00	2,100,000.00	4,600,000.00	2,947,634.00	1,500,000.00	0.00	4,447,634.00	152,366.00	97
2102	Furniture and Office needs	4,900,000.00	5,664,200.00	10,564,200.00	1,146,542.00	9,398,482.13	0.00	10,545,024.13	19,175.87	100
2103	Machinery and Machinery Tools (purchasing)	112,500,000.00	-5,325,300.00	107,174,700.00	299,690.00	7,362,785.05	8,426,081.21	16,088,556.26	91,086,143.74	15
2401	Training and Development	3,800,000.00	4,200,000.00	8,000,000.00	1,699,971.59	5,899,138.34	399,800.00	7,998,909.93	1,090.07	100
	Capital	139,500,000.00	-	146,138,900.00	6,307,130.58	30,152,570.02	8,825,881.21	45,285,581.81	100,853,318.1	31
Total		748,430,000.00	-	748,430,000.00	72,726,401.03	434,246,043.68	53,634,292.47	560,606,737.18	187,823,262.8	75

### 03. Publicity Division

The Publicity Division can be considered as one of the main divisions making the Department's main objective of carrying out Government Development News to the public. This section provides publicity for the public services of other institutions such as Ministries, Departments, Corporations and Boards, considering as a preliminary duty.

The division is responsible for organizing special events for the government as well as providing media coverage for such occasions. The division is also responsible for bringing the official news of the government to the public. This section performs duties such as issuing press releases on behalf of the government, issuing government cabinet decisions to media Institutions, organizing press briefings on various occasions, organizing media briefings on development projects, organizing media coverage tours of development projects, and provides opportunity for journalists to foreign diplomatic missions and opportunities of national importance.

Accordingly, following programs were accomplished by the publicity division in 2018.

Program/ Project	Activities	The role performed	Location	How important to the public
<b>01. Communicating information to the public on Governments Development publicity Program to promote the right to information.</b>				
Conducting Press Briefings	1. Organizing Cabinet Press Briefing	Make the general public aware on government policies and discussions	In the Department of Government Information and other government institutions	Expansion of public awareness concerning government affairs by being aware on decisions taken by the government
	2. Conduct press briefings on special projects and development	Making the public aware of government development	In the Department of Government Information and	Broad public awareness on government's

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	activities of the government	activities	other government institutions	development programs
	3. Coordinate press briefings with other state agencies	Making the public aware of government development activities	In the Department of Government Information and other government institutions	Public awareness on the various development activities carried out by the institutes
	4. Issuance of Government Official Press Releases	Make the General Public aware on emergency and special situations.	-	Public attention concerning the most important decisions taken by the government
	5. Preparation of information leaflets	Providing knowledge and understanding to the public on areas that the society should focus on	-	Awareness on government development and various activities
Organizing media coverage and media tours	1. Organizing press coverage of foreign diplomats' visits	Draw public attention on foreign diplomats who visit Sri Lanka.	President's Office, the Prime Minister's Office, the Airport, etc.	This enables the public to gain some insight into foreign affairs with foreign states.
	2. Organizing Media Tours to cover development programs	Expanding public understanding concerning regional development	Hambantota, Kurunegala, Matale, Kandy, Moragahakanda, Mirijjawila, Weerawila	Awareness on development activities in different parts of the country
	3. Coordinate media coverages	Increase public awareness on	In the Department of Government	Expand public awareness on policies

		various subjects in public institutions	Information and other government institutions	and Decision Implementation Notes of such institutions
<b>02. Establish a standardized media tradition</b>				
Develop a mechanism to improve the relationship between public officials and the public and private media	1. Organizing awareness programs	To educate journalists on various areas	In the Department of Government Information and other government /private institutions	Helping to expand public knowledge through by broadening media personnel's awareness on various fields.
	2. Organizing awareness programs through get together parties.	Developing the department's close relationship with media institutions and journalists	-	Making the public aware of the various development activities carried out by the institutes
	3. Classification of (1) level departmental officers in particular institutions for coordination	Providing news from particular institutions efficiently and accurately	-	Paying public attention to the most important decisions taken by the government
<b>03. Ensure the freedom of expression and speech while establishing good governance, reconciliation, and sustainable development</b>				
1. Issuing statements	1. Media Releases and Press Releases	Taking the government's vision concerning	In the Department of Government	Expansion of public awareness concerning government affairs due

		the above concept to the public	Information and other government institutions	to the knowledge of policy decisions and development activities of the government
2. Special development Programs	1. Promoting special development programs	Provide information on areas of special importance to the public using various media	In the Department of Government Information and other government institutions	Proper awareness on Development Programs
<b>04. Formation of professional journalists</b>				
Organizing programs to share experiences	1. Organizing training programs for local journalists using foreign lecturers	Journalists are accustomed to the tradition of standardized media with foreign media experience	-	Expansion of public awareness through standardized media
	2. Organizing Foreign Experience and Knowledge Sharing Programs (Through Department of External Resources)	Increase the professionalism of local journalists with direct foreign media experience	-	The public can gain greater understanding through the knowledge provided to Sri Lankan Journalists by respective countries concerning their country.



## 04. Development Division

This Division was established in mid-2018 to In order to achieve the objectives of the Department. The Development Division coordinates new media and social media in both electronic and print media to provide easy access to accurate information for the public.

During this process special attention is drawn in to “Digital Platform”. A digital platform refers to the software and hardware of a website allowing for the interaction. Example - Face Book and Twitter

Further, digital software, digital imagery, digital video, web pages and web sites, social media, data and databases, digital audio such as MP3 and e-book are examples of digital media .

Accordingly, the activities of the Development Division are mainly divided as follows.

01. The Departmental website [www.dgi.gov.lk](http://www.dgi.gov.lk), has been redesigned to make it easy for people and the media to access information.
02. You Tube video news Channel “Department of Government Information” is being functioning with special creative videos.

The other departmental You tube Channels, "GFU Sri Lanka" and "News.lk", are also linked to this channel and transmitted as a Departmental Channel Collection.

03. Issuance of creative information and media releases through “Department of Government Information” Twitter, Face Book accounts. (Video, Photo, Creative posts)

❖ Producing Videos for “Department of Government Information – Sri Lanka” You Tube Channel.

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❖ The Departmental Website has been re-updated under the Development Branch since November 2018, and

1. 19 News releases,
2. Cabinet Decisions - one decision per week

Have been uploaded in all three languages.



## 05. New Media Unit

### Objective –

Communicating accurate information on the Social, Economic, Cultural and Governmental Development News and Government Policies to people through modern communication media.

### Goal-

To create an active citizen who contributes to a development program while ensuring people's right to information by building knowledge, attitudes and aesthetic feelings in people.

New Media Unit maintains and updates Government Official News Web [www.news.lk](http://www.news.lk) in all three languages.

In addition, New Media Unit implements the Official News Face Book site, Official News You tube channel and SMS news service.

This section is specially designed for the purpose of establishing and implementing the rapidly growing and expanding new media culture in the department instead of traditional electronic and print media.

The news.lk website is particularly noteworthy because it functions as the official website of the government and publishes news instantly. Therefore, the department's official website has been awarded as one of the best websites in the country for many years.

The department also focuses on social media, as another popular field of the new media culture. The departmental face book page is now being used as a tool to convey government news immediately to the people .

The instant short messaging service, which conveys news to the public, is also a popular news channel among mobile subscribers. Under this program, [news.lk](http://news.lk) news messaging is provided through Dialog and Mobitel, two major mobile services in the country..

The official website has been updated with a new look, making it more attractive and adding new technical features in 2018.

**Activities –**

Program / Project

01.	Government official news website Sinhala / Tamil / English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Updating the Government official website in all three languages</li> <li>*. News Compilation for the official Website</li> <li>*. Compilation of video news to the official web site</li> </ul>
02.	Government Official Face Book site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Compilation of news</li> <li>*. Publishing photographs</li> <li>*. Publishing news through Graphics</li> <li>*. Telecasting Video news</li> <li>*. Telecasting Info news</li> </ul>
03.	Official Twitter site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Compilation of news</li> <li>*. Publishing photographs</li> <li>*. Publishing news through Graphics</li> <li>*. Telecasting Video news</li> <li>*. Telecasting Info news</li> <li>*. Compilation of news through WhatsApp, Messenger</li> <li>*. Disseminating news on web sites on other international social media platforms</li> <li>*. (Topixnews.com)</li> </ul>

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04.	Government Official You Tube site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Disseminating Short News Video N</li> <li>*. Disseminating Info news</li> <li>*. Development Programs</li> <li>*. Exhibiting Short Films</li> </ul>
05.	Government Official Mobile Phone Short Message Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Disseminating News through SMS News Service</li> <li>*. Extend this function to other mobile networks including Dialog in addition to present Mobitel SMS news Service.</li> </ul>
06.	Live broadcast on social media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Press Briefing</li> <li>*. Special Government Programs</li> <li>*. Documentaries</li> <li>*. Report timely events instantly</li> <li>*. Video promoting programs in social media</li> </ul>
07.	Parliamentary media coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Covering Media sessions,</li> </ul>
08.	Cabinet of ministers media coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Compilation of news</li> <li>*. Live news broadcast</li> </ul>
09.	Covering other timely news and events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Compilation of news</li> <li>*. Live news broadcast</li> </ul>
10.	News Services maintained by the Government's official News Portal and the New Media Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Standard uploading of balanced, real-time news giving priority to government development programs</li> </ul>
11.	Strengthening the media investigation process	-
12.	Developing news related to Good Governance, Reconciliation and Sustainable Development through the official website of the Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*. Developing news related to Good Governance, Reconciliation and Sustainable Development through the official website of the Government</li> </ul>

## 06. Desathiya Division

Although "Desathiya" magazine was published as a monthly magazine in 2018, it has a proud history. This is one of the popular media released every two weeks which has been used by the Department of Government Information since its inception in 1978 to publish the developmental role of the Government.

It was also aimed at alerting the public on the various development projects being carried out by the Government in a timely manner and to create a wider dialogue on these matters.

This magazine has also become a useful tool for the candidates of various public sector competitive examinations to enhance their knowledge.

The Desathiya Magazine, which has so far been printed on a non-cash basis from the Government Press and proposed to devote from the basis and published as a monthly magazine. The popularity of Desathiya magazine was gradually declining due to these reasons. As a result, initial innovations of the magazine was commenced in 2017.

Direct results of these innovations were expected in 2018 and it will build a background to achieve the objectives of the Department by uplifting the quality of the magazine

As a result 13 "Desathiya" volumes were published from January to December 2018.

In addition to the magazine "Desathiya", other departmental publications including the publications issued by various Ministries and Departments with national importance are also published under this section. Books published commemorating Independence day and other commemorative dates and books to be published periodically such as awareness on the Right to Information Act can be considered here.

Accordingly the other publications issued by the Desathiya Division for the year 2018 are as follows.

**01. Buddha Rashmi Vesak Zone**

At the request of the Prime Minister's Office 100,000 copies of the Buddha Rashmi Vesak Zone were printed and handed over to the Prime Minister's Office. The book was distributed during Buddha Rashmi Vesak Week by the Prime Minister's Office.

**02. Vision and strategic path for a sustainable Sri Lanka**

3,000 copies of this book in Sinhala, Tamil and English were printed and handed over to the Presidential Secretariat.

**03. The Book “Vision 2025”**

The book, which was printed in 2017, was reprinted in Sinhala, Tamil and English and handed over to the Ministry of Finance and Media.

## 07. Photography Division

The department's photography department is an archive where many old memories are stored. All the development event of the government are preserved in this section as printed photographs and the division it is still in service as before.

Considering the inestimable value of photographs to be conserved, the Department has taken measures to carry out the conservation work under a consultant.

The quality photos owned by the photographic section have been highly praised at various exhibitions carried out by the Department on behalf of the Government.

Photo albums presented as souvenirs to foreign diplomats those who visit the country are often drawn their special attention exhibiting the pride of this section.





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The highlights of all the economic, developmental and cultural events that took place in Sri Lanka throughout the year 2018 are as follows.



***Grand opening of Polgolla Water Project***



***World Malaria Day***



***Commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Sir D.B. Jayatilleke***



***Towards Green SLIDA.....***



***Kurunegala Water Supply Development Project***



***All religious leaders Meeting***

## 08. Government Film Division

The Government Film Division has been in the process of Promoting development programs in rural areas from the beginning and maintains a living evidences of a bright history. This is a special division that plays a key role in the production of documentary programs and has been established with the basic purpose of preparing documentary programs.

From the beginning, the Government Film Division was located in the premises where the Ministry of Mass Media and the Government Information Department is being functioning presently. The Section has been conveying its service by means of the laboratory, which has been operating since the time of negative technology, High quality studio established as a foreign donation meny other technical equipments.

According to autobiographies of many distinguished officers the guidance and blessings of this sector have also contributed to the inception of the service of them. Dr. Lester James Peiris, who has made his mark in the Asian cinema , can be remembered because he returned home from abroad and started his career in the government film department. The experience of the sector has been instrumental in the creation background for his first film "Rekhawa"

In addition, the cinema industry giants such as Tissa Liyanasuriya, Sugathapala Senarath Yapa, Tissa Abeysekera and Titus Thotawatte were also gaining ground in the cinema industry from .

Government films also provided an aesthetic approach to the memory of many in the past. They are old films and documentaries aimed at villages with no facilities The main objective of these tours was to bring the development process of the government closer to the public. Government Film Unit focused on creating programs with this purpose is the state agency which has built a high reputation as the leader in this field.

The Uththamabhiwandana program was specially implemented in the year 2017 commemorating this glorious past. Here, Government Film Unit and the Department honoured four selected professionals who are currently recognized as distinguished figures in the field namely Dr. Lesterjames Peiris, Sugathapala Senarathpa, Tissa Liyanasuriya and Keerthi Sri Perera..

Documentary Drama is an innovative addition to the sector in recent years and consequently the creation of documentaries turned in to a new path.

Even though the Government Film Division has a glorious past, many vacancies, delays in recruitment and promotions have been neglected. In 2017, the department focused on the state of the Government Film Unit and laid the foundation to make it a technology rich institution. Many activities have been carried out under this section during 2018 to make the department's vision and mission a reality.

In achieving all these successes, the following sections of the Government Film Division are linked together in a chain.

01. Production Unit
02. Video Camera Unit
03. Editing Unit
04. Sound Unit
05. Conservatory

Role of the Government Portrait Division is as follows.

- Production of documentary programs on the Importance and Benefits of Development Projects Implemented by the Government and to take necessary acting to broadcast them on television channels and to be exhibited to the public.
- Production of documentaries and videos on all important national and international occasions held in the island.
- Production of video programs offered by the Department in connection with the Heads of State and Foreign Representatives arrivals and meetings.
- Production of TV ads to inform the public where necessary.
- Production of Documentary Programs on Political and Socio Cultural Issues.
- Production of Conversational Television Programs on Topical Issues
- Production of audio - visual and reportage programs for the needs of various government institutions
- Conduct field research required to produce report programs.
- Monitoring report programs.

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- Coordinate external expert film directors with production of documentaries and deal with their payments.

- Maintain a digital pool of high-tech video clips on a various subjects.

For the above purpose, the performance of the year 2018 was carried out on the following subjects.


01. Communicating information on government development propaganda program to promote the right to information

02. Establishment of a standard Media Tradition of

03. Ensuring freedom of expression and expression while establishing good governance, reconciliation and sustainable development





The following are the documentaries, periodicals, news programs and media coverage of the Government Film Unit of 2018 as a result of the unwavering courage, perseverance and commitment of the officers working in all these areas. The following are the documentaries, news programs and media coverage done by the Government Film Division in 2018.

### \*. Documentaries -

Serial No	Name of the program	Content	Photo
01.	Video program produced in parallel to the District Environmental Conference in Kegalle	The program was produced for Environmental Summit 2018 chaired by H.E.the President MaithreepalaSirirsen, held in Kegalle District. The program discussed the issues identified in Kegalle District and the solutions. The programme was produced upon the request of District Secretariat, Kegalle.	



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02.	Video Program on basic preparations to “Enterprise Sri Lanka” Exhibition which was to be held in Monaragala District.	This program has been produced in August 2018 the basic preparation of the exhibition premises and parallel development programs.	
03.	Video Program on Government Film Sector to be shown at the Enterprise Sri Lanka Exhibition held in Moneragala	This video program was produced to raise awareness of the exhibition visitors on the national role of the Government Film Division	
04.	Documentary produced for RTI day 2018	This documentary program was produced for the RTI Day 2018 event organized by Ministry of Finance and Mass Media. The report discussed three major cases in which the people benefited from the implementation of the Right to Information Act.	
05.	Two early advertising films on Thripitaka Ceremony	These Advertisements were made for television channels to provide early publicity on the ceremony and significance of the Tripitaka ceremony at Aluvihara, Matale	






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06.	Report program on Mr. SDB Jayathilaka	Short documentary on the 150 <sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Mr. SDB Jayatilleke was produced at the request of the Parliament of Sri Lanka	
07.	Vedio Program on official Visit to Sri Lanka by the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency	The video program was produced at the request of the Sri Lanka Atomic Energy Board	
08.	The program of distributing one million land deeds by the Prime Minister  videotape - 05	The program was produced at the request of the Ministry of Lands and Parliamentary Reforms	
09.	43 Video programs "Ahanna"	A series of video programs produced on request by the Prime Minister's Office to build harmony among the nations	
10.	The Documentary " Mathotin Magamata"	A program on the extension and development of Southern Expressway and the benefits gained by the people through this extension of Southern Expressway to Hambantota.	

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11.	02 Programs on the Office of Missing People	Production of Video Programs on establishment of the office of missing persons in Matara and Mulathvu Districts. Produced at the request of the Office of the Disappeared .	
12.	Kalu Ganga Reservoir of Sri Lanka's Great Irrigation Dream	A program designed to coincide with the water retention ceremony of the Kalu Ganga Reservoir. Produced upon the request of Presidential Media Division.	
13.	“Gedarata Liyum” Docudrama, Sinhala Version Tamil Translation, 10 Minute Edition	A Docudrama of the docudrama program jointly organized by the Department of National Television and Government Information Department	
14.	Three-dimensional animation program about the inclusion of the name on the 2018 electoral register	Video program prepared by the Election Commission and the Department of Government Information to inform the public about including name on the 2018 electoral register. Produced at the request of the Election Commission	

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15.	3D Animation Program on Local Government Elections 2018	This video program was produced jointly by the 2018 election Commission and the Department of Government Information to educate the public. Produced at the request of the Election Commission.	
16.	Program on Moragahakanda Kalu Ganga Reservoir Project	A program about the 90% water level of the Moragahakanda reservoir, Development of Kalu Ganga reservoir, Flooding of old town of Laggala, Laggala New Town and Hospital under construction. Produced at request by the Presidential Media Unit.	
17.	Program on Indonesian President's visit to Sri Lanka	A video Program on Indonesian President's visit to Sri Lanka	
18.	Program on New Kelani Bridge Construction Project	A program on the development of New Kelani Bridge construction Project that discusses the benefits to the nation and the people	
19.	Report on construction of Outer Circular Road	The benefits of the Outer Circular Highway will be discussed.	



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20.	Report on demining activities	Produced at the request of the Sri Lanka Campaign to Ban Landmines for exhibition at the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The documentary was able to draw the attention of Sri Lankan and foreign invitees	
21.	“Docudrama towards democracy in Sri Lanka” drama series	A series of 10 docudramas jointly produced by the Department of Government Information and Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation. The program designed to educate the public through creative approach to the subject of Information Act, Right to Life and Independent Commissions. 7 docudramas out of 8 docudramas telecasted were produced by the SLRC and one was produced by the Department.	

\*. **Topical Programs -**

Serial No	Program	Date
01.	Visit of Prime Minister of Singapore to Sri Lanka	2018.01.22 - 24
02.	Indonesian President's visit to Sri Lanka	2018.01.24 - 25
03.	Sathyekshanaya - Women's involvement in politics	2018.01.25
04.	Sathyekshanaya	2018.03.29

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05.	Conference on Indian Ocean Defining Our Future	2018.10.11
06.	Sathyekshanaya	2018.10.03
07.	'Sihina Lowak' Concert	2018.12.03

**\*. News Programs -**

Serial No	Program	Date
01.	National Independence Day Celebration	2018.02.04
02.	Expedite one day service of the Department of Registration of Persons	2018.02.06
03.	Comment by the Election Speech	2018.02.07

**\*.Media Coverage -**

Serial No	Program	Date
01.	Moragahakanda Reservoir	2018.01.04,05,06
02.	Church service in Kurunegala	2018.01.06
03.	Nationalization of Moragahakanda Development Project	2018.01.07,08
04.	Mahaweli Development Project	2018.01.08
05.	Opening of Rajagiriya Flyover	2018.01.08
06.	Moragahakanda Reservoir, Polgolla National Festival	2018.01.08,09
07.	PM meets Japanese delegation	2018.01.09
08.	Media briefing on the benefits of signing Sri Lanka's Mine Prohibition Charter	2018.01.10
09.	National Ceremony of Distributing School Text Books	2018.01.11
10.	Distribution of water bowsers to the Ministry of Water Supply and Drainage	2018.01.16

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11.	Signing of Agreements for Proposed Audio Visual Studio at Sripali Mandapaya under Japanese aid.	2018.01.17
12.	Hon. Speaker's press briefing on the bond report	2018.01.17
13.	H.E.the President's visit to Kandy	2018.01.18
14.	Opening of Elpitiya Hospital and Prime Minister's Elpitiya tour	2018.01.19,20
15.	Media Workshop for Teachers in Matara District	2018.01.19
16.	පළාත් පාලනය තුළ 25% කෙටුම්පත	2018.01.25
17.	Independence day celebration in Richmand College Galle	2018.01.26
18.	Opening ceremony of New Building at Nittambuwa Sangabodhi Vidyalaya	2018.01.26
19.	Seminar for school students on the importance of Freedom - Richmand Collage, Galle	2018.01.26
20.	Statement at Human Rights Commission	2018.01.30
21.	International Investigation Seminar at UwaWellassa University	2018.01.31, 2018.02.01
22.	Exhibition and Cultural Program of activities of Disabled Children	2018.02.03
23.	National Independence day Ceramony	2018.02.04
24.	National Award Ceremony of the Edinburgh Archdiocese	2018.02.04
25.	Media Discussion on Public Debt Management	2018.02.07
26.	Vote of Hon. Prime Minister	2018.02.10
27.	Voting for Mrs. Chandraka Bandaranaike	2018.02.10
28.	Hon. Speaker voting	2018.20.10
29.	Sir. DB Jayatilleke 150th Anniversary - Presidential Secretariat	2018.02.13
30.	Sir. DB Jayatilleke 150th Anniversary - Public Trustee Fund	2018.02.14
31.	The feast of the Kachchativu Church	2018.02.23,24,25
32.	Ananda - Nalanda Cricket Tournament	2018.03.03,04
33.	Disaster situation in Kandy district	2018.03.08
34.	Sri Lanka visit of Director General of the International Atomic	2018.03.14

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	Energy Agency	
35.	Ceremonies attended by the Deputy Minister of Mass Media	2018.03.04
36.	Ananda - Nalanda Test Cricket Tournament	2018.03.16
37.	Slida Green Week	2018.03.20
38.	Disaster situation in Kandy district	2018.03.21
39.	Press awareness duscussion Discussion on New Inland Revenue Act	2018.04.02
40.	Cabinet Decisions Press briefing	2018.04.04
41.	Food Production National Program -Observation tour	2018.04.05
42.	A media briefing on the progress of the special bus service during the Sinhala and Hindu New Year	2018.04.11
43.	Media Guidelines on conducting Dansalas during Vesak and Poson	2018.04.23
44.	Statement of the Director General of the Gem and Jewelery Authority on 26.04.2018	2018.04.26
45.	State Vesak Festival	2018.04.26 සිට 2018.05.02 දක්වා
46.	Relics of Temple Trees	2018.04.29 සිට 2018.05.02 දක්වා
47.	Kadawatha Wesak Zone	2018.05.01
48.	Funeral of Mr. Lester James Peiris	2018.05.02
49.	Reconciliation Leadership Workshop - Jaffna	2018.05.03,04,05
50.	National program for finding Thalassemia patients among school children	2018.05.04
51.	Kurunegala Water Supply and Sanitation Project	2018.05.05
52.	May Day Parade and Celebration	2018.05.06,07
53.	World Rubber Conference	2018.05.07
54.	Opening of the Second Session of the Eighth Parliament	2018.05.08
55.	Opening of War Heroes Memorial in Kurunegala	2018.05.09

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56.	Meetings of Parliament	2018.05.10
57.	may Day	2018.05.10
58.	President's Official Ceremony - Film Corporation	2018.05.15
59.	Signing of the Agreement on Agricultural Modernization and World Bank Project by the Prime Minister	2018.05.15
60.	Assuming Duties by I.T.N. Chairman	2018.05.17
61.	Granting Dual Citizenship	2018.05.16
62.	National War Heroes Commemoration Ceremony	2018.05.19
63.	Pirith chanting at Department of Motor Traffic	2018.05.18
64.	Ceremony of Vidyapananda Pirivena, Nittambuwa	2018.05.21
65.	Statement by the Ministry of Disaster Management on current disaster situation	2018.05.21
66.	Media discussion on fever in the Southern Province	2018.05.22
67.	A press conference at the Disaster Center	2018.05.22
68.	Press Briefing at Sri Lanka Human Rights Commission	2018.05.31
69.	Observation of Mahara and Attanagalla Development Project	2018.06.01
70.	Establishment of the Office of the Missing persons - Mullaitivu	2018.06.03
71.	Press Conference on Highway Development	2018.06.05
72.	Media briefing of the Minister of Water Supply	2018.06.08
73.	Special Media Discussion on procurement guidelines	2018.06.14
74.	School trade union press conferenc	2018.06.14
75.	Future Minds Educational Exhibition	2018.06.15
76.	Namal Uyana Pink Thiruvanakanda Media Coverage	2018.06.16
77.	Public Accounts Committee Press briefing	2018.06.21
78.	Constructions in Colombo	2018.06.25
79.	Not torture? Conversational Discourse	2018.06.26
80.	Media awareness on Sri Lanka National and Religious	2018.06.29

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	Reconciliation II Summit	
81.	Minister of Mass Media Attending a ceremony at the Cultural Center, Matara	2018.06.30
82.	Workshop of elected members to local government	2018.07.02
83.	Port City Project Construction	2018.07.04
84.	Hon. Minister Gayantha Karunathilaka's Special Press Conference	2018.07.06
85.	Media awareness on the 71st Upasampada ceremony of the Ramanna Nikaya	2018.07.12
86.	Inspection tour of Kegalle Water Supply Project	2018.07.19
87.	Kalu Ganga Water Project	2018.07.20
88.	Awakening Polonnaruwa Development Media Coverage	2018.07.31
89.	National sustainability discourse	2018.08.05
90.	New outer circular highway	2018.08.08
91.	Development of Moneragala	2018.08.09,12
92.	"Ahanna" Reconciliation Program - Public Awareness - Dehiwala	2018.08.08
93.	Weliveriya, Panadura	2018.08.09
94.	Payagala	2018.08.10
95.	Thihariya, Beruwala	2018.08.11
96.	Elpitiya	2018.08.12
97.	Ambalangoda	2018.08.13
98.	Hikkaduwa	2018.08.15
99.	Gintota	2018.08.16
100.	Weligama	2018.08.17
101.	Akuressa	2018.08.18
102.	Matara	2018.08.19
103.	Yatiyana	2018.08.20
104.	Dikwella	2018.08.22

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105.	Beliatta	2018.08.23
106.	Tangalle	2018.08.24
107.	Ambalantota	2018.08.25
108.	Sooriyawewa	2018.08.26
109.	Tissamaharama	2018.08.27
110.	Wellawaya	2018.08.29
111.	Maduraketiya School - Moneragala	2018.08.30
112.	Hidikkulla Indraramaya - Moneragala	2018.09.01
113.	Avissawella	2018.08.15
114.	Kosgama	2018.08.16
115.	Padukka	2018.08.17
116.	President's College, Homagama	2018.08.18
117.	Rajasinghe College, Hanwella	2018.08.19
118.	Athurugiriya Mahamath Science College	2018.08.25
119.	Kottawa Dharmapala College	2018.08.26
120.	Buwanekabahu College, Maharagama	2018.08.26
121.	Piliyandala Central College	2018.08.23
122.	Moneragala	2018.08.28
123.	Badalkumbura	2018.08.29
124.	Granting of Appointments of Officers in the Department of Immigration and Emigration	2018.08.14
125.	Land Title Grant under the patronage of the Prime Minister	2018.08.21
126.	Awareness program for Moneragala journalists	2018.08.26,27
127.	Evaluation Program of the Public Accounts Committee	2018.09.05
128.	People's Council	2018.09.04
129.	Opening of a new two storied building at Darusalam Muslim Science Center by the Prime Minister	2018.09.19

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130.	Commander of the Air Force Head Quarters, Embilipitiya, Ratnapura	2018.09.27
131.	Right to Information International Day Street Drama	2018.09.21
132.	Release of the book 'press conference'	2018.09.21
133.	Seminar held in conjunction with the Information Day	2018.09.27
134.	Visit to Puttalam Arukkuaru with regard to garbage disposal	2018.09.27
135.	Cleaning the coast from Negombo to Mattala	2018.09.30
136.	International Translation Day Celebration	2018.09.31
137.	World Children's Day	2018.10.01
138.	Press conference with the Minister of Foreign Affairs	2018.10.09
139.	Information on disaster situations	2018.10.10
140.	Opening of Mahara Development Projects	2018.10.13
141.	Reconciliation Bureau's program for Buddhist monks in Hatton	2018.10.20
142.	The ceremony attended by the Deputy Minister of Vocational Training	2018.10.24
143.	Certificate awarding Ceremony at Press Council	2018.10.29,30
144.	Special press conference of the Chief Minister of Western Province	2018.11.01
145.	Collecting water for Kalu Ganga reservoir and development activities in the area	2018.11.16
146.	Information on current weather conditions	2018.11.26
147.	Let's Prevent Child Abuse	2018.11.27
148.	Special Press Conference - Mahaweli Center	2018.11.28
149.	Hector Kobbekaduwa Institute	2018.11.29
150.	Economic Challenges 2019	2018.11.30
151.	Workshop on new military weapons manufactured by the Army	2018.12.06
152.	National Food Carnival	2018.12.07
153.	Statement of Consumer Authority	2018.12.07



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154.	Decision on dissolution of Parliament by Supreme Court	2018.12.08
155.	Harvest - 2018 Inauguration of Agricultural Exhibition	2018.12.11
156.	Meeting of Parliament	2018.12.18
157.	The need for proper use of antibiotics	2018.12.20
158.	Fuel price reduction	2018.12.21
159.	Floods in the North	2018.12.24
160.	Special Press Conference - Ministry of Finance	2018.12.24
161.	Making the Tripitaka a national heritage	2018.12.27
162.	Six-a-side cricket tournament organized by the Sri Lanka Public Service Cricket Association	2018.12.31

## 09. District Media Units

District Media Units were established as new Division of the Department. The Division organizes regional workshops and awareness programs for provincial journalists on new development projects throughout the country. These workshops can be categorized as

01. Regional Media Workshops
02. School Media Workshops

### 01. Regional Media Workshops

Departmental Officers, District Secretary/ District secretaries, Resource Persons, Invitees, District Media Unit Officers, and Regional Journalists will participate in the Regional Media Workshop. District Secretaries/ Government Agents discuss about District Development Projects at these workshops. Journalists are being educated by a board of expert lecturers and their problems will also be discussed.

Since the commencement in 2018, the division has conducted media workshops as follows.

#### 01. Regional Media Workshop- Monaragala District

- ❖ Date 27.10.2018
- ❖ Venue District Secretariat Monaragala
- ❖ Lecturer panel Mrs.D.S.Padmakulasuriya District Secretary/Government Agent Monaragala
- ❖ journalists participated 45



## 02. Regional Media Workshop- Ampara District

- ❖ Date 10.08.2018
- ❖ Venue District Secretariat Ampara
- ❖ Lecturer panel  
Mr.D.M.L.Bandaranayake  
District Secretary/Government Agent Ampara  
  
Mrs.NirmaleePriyanganieKumarage  
Director (administration)  
Department of Government Information  
  
Mr. JagathLiyanarachchi – Attorney at Law  
Director of National Information Centre  
  
Mr. Raja Uswatakeyyawa,  
Advisor – Desathiya Magazine
- ❖ participants 78 journalists



### 03. Regional Media Workshop- Badulla District

- ❖ Date 11.09.2018
- ❖ Venue Badulla Grand Regency Hotel
- ❖ Lecturer panel  
Mrs.DamayanthiParanagama  
District Secretary/Government Agent Badulla  
  
Mrs.NirmaleePriyanganieKumarage  
Director (administration)  
Department of Government Information  
  
Mr.ShanWijethunga  
Director of the Media School / Senior Journalist  
  
Mr. Raja Uswatakeyyawa,  
Advisor – Desathiya Magazine
- ❖ participants 51 journalists







#### 04. Regional Media Workshop - Kandy District

- ❖ Date 09.10.2018
- ❖ Venue Devon Hotel, Kandy
- ❖ Lecturer panel  
Mr.L.J.M.G.Chandrasiri  
District Secretary/Government Agent Kandy  
  
Mrs.NirmaleePriyanganieKumarage  
Director (administration)  
Department of Government Information  
  
Mr.ShanWijethunga - Director of the Media School  
Senior Journalist  
  
Mr. Raja Uswatakeyyawa,  
Advisor – Desathiya Magazine
- ❖ participants 94 journalists





## 05. Regional Media

## Workshop- Vavuniya District

- ❖ Date 29.09.2018
- ❖ Venue District Secretariat, Vavuniya
- ❖ Lecturer panel  
Mr. T. Thiresh  
Additional District Secretary  
  
Mr.SudarshanaGunawardhane  
Attorney at Law / Director General  
Department of Government Information  
Ms.NirmaleePriyanganieKumarage  
Director (Administration)  
Department of Government Information

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Mr.I.H.R.Niranjan - Attorney at Law

Mr. Raja Uswatakeyyawa,  
Advisor – Desathiya Magazine

❖ participants 94 journalists

The foundation stone laying ceremony of the first model village designed for Regional Journalists which is under construction in the Vavuniya District, was held this morning under the patronage of Mr. SudarshanaGunawardhana the Director General of Government Information.

The Printing Machine kit which was belonged to the District Media Unit Vavuniya was also inspected.





## 06. Regional Media Workshop- Batticaloa District

- ❖ Date 27.10.2018
- ❖ Venue District Secretariat, Batticaloa
- ❖ Lecturer panel  
Mr.M. Udaya Kumara  
District Secretary/Government Agent, Batticaloa  
Ms.NirmaleePriyanganieKumarage  
Director (Administration)  
Department of Government Information  
Mr.MohomadAshan - Attorney at Law  
Mr. Raja Uswatakeyyawa,  
Advisor – Desathiya Magazine
- ❖ participants 52 journalists



## 02. School Media Workshops-

The school media workshops were conducted by the Department of Government Information and the District Media Units connecting several schools at the District Level. The Objective of this program is to increase the media literacy of school students, particularly those who are studying Mass Media as a subject, through experienced lecturer panel. School Media Workshops held in 2018 are listed below.

### 01. School Media Workshop – Batticaloa District

Date - 2018.10.04  
Venue - MahajanaVidyalayaBatticaloa

### 02. School Media Workshop – Gampaha District

Date - 2018.10.12  
Venue - BandaranayakeVidyalaya, Gampaha  
Lecturer Panel - Mr. PraneethAbeysundara  
Professor,  
University of Sri Jayawardhanapura  
Mr. Shan Wijethunga - Senior Journalist  
Director of Mass Media Collage

Director General of Government Information, Mr.SudharshanaGunawardena, Departmental Officers and Gampaha District Media Unit Officials participated in the school media workshop held in line with the X Band Annual Exhibition at Bandaranaike Vidyalaya, Gampaha.

### 03. School Media Workshop – Batticaloa District

I. Date - 2018.10.12  
Venue - DheeranandaVIdyalaya, Pilimathalawa

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- II. Date - 2018.10.30
- Venue - Swarnamalievaidyalaya, Kandy

### 04. School Media Workshops – Badulla District

- I. Date - 2018.10.22
- Venue - SaimanPeriTownhall, Badulla
  
- II. Date - 2018.10.29
- Venue - Auditorium. at Mahiyangana Divisional Secretariat
  
- III. Date - 2018.11.01
- Venue - Auditorium of BadarawelaDidyalaya

## 10. Media Accreditation Division

Media Accreditations are issued for media personnel by this section as a direct service of the Department. The service of this division is also provided to foreign journalists who lives in Sri Lanka representing foreign media institutions in addition to local journalists. Local journalists are classified as Institutional, Local and Web Journalists. Media Accreditations are issued with respect to web journalists considering their registration under the Ministry of Mass Media.

Journalists are keen to get the Media Accreditation because it helps them to show their professional identity.

All these Media Accreditations are issued under the signature of the Director General of Government Information on recommendation of heads of Media Institutions and all the conditions and methodology are published in a gazette notification. Necessary and timely amendments will be made accordingly.

The Department issues Media Accreditations for Institutional Electronic Media and Printed Media journalists on a yearly basis and regional journalists biennially.

When issuing media accreditations for foreign journalists agreement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also considered. The staff of the Media Accreditation Unit contact do not hesitate to make this identification online through the foreign media institutions they work with, if necessary.

6,276 media accreditations have been issued in 2018 and 472 media accreditations have been issued for selected journalists for special occasions .

## 11. Government Publication Bureau

The Publication Bureau has been functioning under the Department since inception to convey government publications to the public.

Government gazette notifications, Parliamentary Bills , various Acts and Regulations approved, Mansard reports and other government publications are available here at a concessionary rate.

In the past, a district-level branch network was in operation under the government publication bureau. However, there is only one sub office in operation at Galle District Secretariat in addition to the head office at Polhengoda, Colombo 05. Although these changes have been made upon various policy decisions, many people expect the service of the Bureau.

A portion of Bureau's daily proceeds will be credited back to the Government Press and the balance to the Consolidated Fund. Since the Government Press maintains a separate sales counter for their publications, continuation of the Publication Bureau has to be reconsidered. The applicable rules and regulations in Sri Lanka, , Parliamentary Debates, and Court Orders have been printed stored and sold over the country throughout 2018 based on the general purpose of building public awareness.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>The work Done</b>	<b>Publication sales value Rs.</b>	<b>The Role and how it was important to the public</b>
2018.06.30 to 2018.07.01	Exhibition at Municipal Council premises	Providing services for those attending the exhibition	76,728.50	Customers' requirement of Acts and other publications fulfilled.
2018.08.29to 2018.08.31	"Enterprise Sri Lanka"Exhibition at Monaragala	Providing services for those attending the exhibition	144,686.00	An opportunity could be provided for those live in remote areas to get the publications they need outside

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2018.10.10to 2018.10.14	“x - ban” Exhibition at Bandaranayake College Gampaha	Providing services for customers in Gampaha and suburbs.	92,735.00	The exhibition was able to meet the Acts and publication requirements of most of the participants

### Galle District Sales Unit

2018.01.01to 2018.12.31	District Secretariat - Galle	Provide services for the people in Galle and suburbs.	141,722.25	People in the Southern Province were able to obtain the required publications without going to Colombo
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### Marketing Section – Colombo Head Office

From 2018.01.01to 2018.12.31	The main marketing section - Polhengoda	Providing Service for the public who need to buy publications at Colombo	7,540,095.95	-
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The above role was performed in prioritizing the vision and mission of the Department and respective performance indicators were selected to suit the objectives. The department's endeavour was to perform as in 2017 adding more value to it, and we believe that it has been successful. The guidance of the then Ministry of Finance and Mass Media is also recalled honourably in this regard.

The Department of Government Information wishes to make the Department's vision of establishing a good media culture a reality by 2019, recognizing and embracing the latest trends.



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