



Cabinet Decisions taken at the Cabinet Meeting held on 28.09.2026

01. Implementation of Revised National Curriculum Framework under the Education Reforms

Approval has been granted at the cabinet meeting held on 01-03-2023 for the National Curriculum Framework and the methodology for implementing the aforementioned framework, which was initiated by the National Institute of Education in 2019 under the education reform process. However, considering the modules relevant to Grades 1, 6, and 10 that have been prepared by the National Institute of Education for the implementation of the new education reforms by the time the new government comes into power in 2024, it was planned to implement the new National Curriculum Framework only for Grades 1 and 6 in 2026, ensuring appropriate adjustments to the new government's policies. Further, it has also been planned to introduce vocational subjects from grade 10 onwards. Accordingly, the concept paper required for 'Transformational Change in Sri Lanka's General Education', which has been prepared to inform and make relevant parties aware of the proposed adjustments, has also been submitted to the Parliamentary Subcommittee on Education Reforms on 22-10-2025. Subsequently, as decided at the Cabinet Meeting held on 13-01-2026, steps have been taken to postpone the implementation of education reforms for grade 6, which had been planned under the first phase of the comprehensive reform agenda for general education, up to the year 2027, and only to implement new curriculum reforms for grade 1 in the year 2026. Subsequently, the Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education has followed these steps.

- preparing a new concept paper with policy recommendations after reviewing the concept paper prepared related to bringing about transformational change in Sri Lanka's general education by the National Education Commission.
- Having reviewed the revised concept paper by the National Steering Committee established as per the cabinet decision dated 23-03-2026 and subcommittees established under 5 pillars relevant to the education reforms-namely Curriculum Reform, Human Resource Development, Education Administrative Reforms & Infrastructure Development, Evaluation & Assessment, and Public Awareness & Promotion-and obtaining further observations and recommendations.
- Based on those observations and recommendations, further revising the National Curriculum Framework prepared by the National Institute of Education in 2023 and obtaining approval from the Academic Affairs Board of the National Institute of Education.
- Obtaining approval from the Council of the National Institute of Education for the National Curriculum Framework approved by its Academic Affairs Board.
- Obtaining concurrence from the National Steering Committee for New Education Reforms on 2026-08-13 for the National Curriculum Framework approved by the Council of the National Institute of Education.

- Printing and preparing activity books and teacher guides for all 3 terms of Grade 1 and Grade 2 for the year 2027, so as to continue carrying forward the primary education reforms commenced in the year 2026.
- Preparing Grade 6 modules for Terms I, II, and III, as well as teacher guides for all 3 terms.
- Master trainers have been trained by the National Institute of Education for all primary and secondary subjects, and all plans related to teacher training at the provincial level have been prepared.
- Formulating the policy guidelines on school-based evaluation and assessment—prepared for practical implementation while managing available resources within the school system by the Evaluation and Assessment Sub-Committee and obtaining the approval of the National Steering Committee.

Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. Prime Minister in her capacity as the Minister of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education to further implement the education reform process for grade 1, which has been initiated in the year 2026, and to further initiate the education reform process for grade 2 and grade 6 in the year 2027, based on the concept paper prepared by the National Education Commission, the National Curriculum Framework approved by the National Steering Committee for New Education Reforms, and the School-Based Evaluation and Assessment Guideline.

02. Implementation of Technical Cooperation Agreement between the Federative Republic of Brazil and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka for the Development of Sri Lanka's Dairy Industry

A basic Technical Cooperation Agreement was signed between the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Federative Republic of Brazil on 16-09-2008. According to the said agreement, a high-level delegation of Brazilian experts undertook a technical observation visit to Sri Lanka in 2023 to conduct a comprehensive study on the provision of Brazilian technical assistance for the development and capacity building of the dairy and sugarcane sectors in Sri Lanka. Based on the observations of the aforementioned technical group and a concept paper submitted by the National Science Foundation to the Brazilian Cooperation Agency, both parties agreed to draft a cooperation agreement including a logical framework to implement the dairy industry development project under the basic Technical Cooperation Agreement signed in 2008. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, Land, and Irrigation to sign a Supplementary Adjustment Agreement between the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil, which is a prior requirement to implement the signing of a cooperative agreement between the Brazilian Cooperation Agency of the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Federal University of Viçosa, and the Government of Sri Lanka for the implementation of the project for the dairy industry in Sri Lanka.

03. Ten-Year National Action Plan on the Social Protection Sector (2026–2035)

Approval has been granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 22-07-2024 for Sri Lanka's National Social Protection Policy. The National Social Protection Strategy was presented to the Cabinet meeting held on 2025-09-15 to practically implement the aforementioned policy, and the Cabinet of Ministers has determined to order all secretaries to the ministries to take necessary steps to act in accordance with the aforementioned strategy. The mentioned National Social Protection Strategy is based on four main pillars: social subsidies, social protection, social insurance, the labor market, and productive inclusion. Accordingly, the National Action Plan (2026-2035) on the social protection sector has been prepared as a tool for the practical implementation of the said strategy. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the joint resolution furnished by the Minister of Labour, Minister of Women and Child Affairs, and Minister of Rural Development, Social Protection, and Community Empowerment to implement the National Action Plan on the Social for the Social Protection Sector (2026-2035) in line with the National Social Protection Strategy.

04. Appointment of a Committee for the Restitution of Sri Lankan Cultural Heritage Held Abroad

Under Articles 7 and 13 of the UNESCO 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, rights are conferred upon a state to request the return of cultural property belonging to it that is currently held abroad. According to a proposal presented by the then Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, Phase 1 of the restitution of Sri Lankan cultural heritage was executed in 2023, where 06 artifacts—including the Lewke Disawa's Cannon, 02 large cannons, 02 Kasthanes (swords) with scabbards, and a knife with scabbard kept at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, Netherlands—were officially handed back to Sri Lanka. It has been recognized as appropriate to appoint a steering committee to directly exchange views further with the Dutch committee regarding the artifact restitution process and to advise the Government of Sri Lanka on restitution work regarding cultural property taken from Sri Lanka during the colonial era. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs to appoint a committee titled the "Committee for the Restitution of Sri Lankan Cultural Heritage Held Abroad", chaired by the Additional Secretary (Cultural Promotion and Foreign Affairs) of the Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs, to provide necessary advice to the Government of Sri Lanka during the restitution process of artifacts taken from Sri Lanka.

05. Formulation of a Rehabilitation and Management Mechanism to Maintain the Water Quality and Environmental Sustainability of Lake Gregory in Nuwara Eliya at an Optimal Level

Considering the ecological importance of Lake Gregory, Nuwara Eliya, the lake and the surrounding area have been declared an Environmental Protection Area by the Extraordinary Gazette Notification dated 05-03-2007. However, it has been observed that the water quality of the lake and the surrounding environment has considerably deteriorated due to the impacts of various activities in the catchment area surrounding the lake. The Central Environment Authority has conducted several studies on the water quality of Gregory Lake, Nuwara Eliya, and the studies have confirmed that the presence of phosphates,

nitrogen, and biochemical oxygen exceeds the quality standards required for fresh water. Decades of sediment accumulation leading to siltation in the lake and waterways, agricultural waste including fertilizers and pesticides flowing into the lake from the catchment area, and wastewater and solid waste accumulating in the lake due to urban activities have been identified as the main factors contributing to the decline in lake water quality. Accordingly, taking into consideration these matters, the resolution furnished by the Minister of Environment to establish a coordinative and scientifically based mechanism for the sustainable maintenance of water quality and the surrounding environment of Lake Gregory and its catchment area, the Cabinet of Ministers has determined to appoint a Monitoring and Management Committee chaired by the Deputy Minister of Environment and to appoint an official-level committee titled the Lake Gregory Conservation and Rehabilitation Task Force, consisting of representatives from relevant state institutions.

06. Establishment of a Spectrum Management and Monitoring System and a Quality of Service and Quality of Experience System for the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

Approval was granted at the Cabinet meeting held on 2025-10-21 for the Ministry of Digital Economy and the Department of External Resources to work with the Asian Development Bank as an international development partner for the "Digital Transformation Development Project". As a main implementing agency of that project, the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) requires a Spectrum Management and Monitoring System as well as a System for Quality of Service and Quality of Experience). It has been identified that the external funding estimate for this requirement has been identified as USD 9.25 million. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Digital Economy to obtain a "Spectrum Management and Monitoring System" and a "System for Quality of Service and Quality of Experience" for the TRCSL under the ADB-funded Digital Transformation Development Project.

07. Baseline Road Extension Project Phase III – Improvement of the Road Section from Kirulapone Junction to Dutugemunu Street on the Colombo–Horana Road

Under Phase III of the Baseline Road Extension Project, it is planned to widen and improve a 0.86 km section of the road from Kirulapone Junction to Dutugemunu Street on the Colombo–Horana Road into six lanes, along with infrastructure such as an underpass, signalized intersections, pedestrian facilities, and drainage system improvements. Bids were invited for the work following the National Competitive Bidding procedure. Seven bids have been received in that respect. Accordingly, after evaluation of the 07 bids the Cabinet of Ministers has approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Transport, Highways, and Urban Development to award the relevant contract to the substantially responsive lowest bidder, Maga Engineering (Pvt) Ltd, for LKR 2.89 billion (excluding Value Added Tax) based on the recommendations of the High-Level Procurement Committee.

08. Increase the Number of Automated Passenger Clearance Gates that are to be Installed in the Bandaranayake International Airport up to 12.

Approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 19.05.2025 to purchase four (04) automated passenger clearance gates for Bandaranayake International Airport. In addition, it is expected to extend the automated passenger clearance gates facility so far given only to the Sri Lankans parallel to the e – passport issuance system to be introduced in the year 2027 also to the foreigners who emigrate and immigrate to and from this country. Furthermore, considering also the number of air passengers rapidly increasing with the fast - forwarding business and tourism field, the appropriateness to increase the total automated passenger clearance gates up to twelve (12) in number has been recognized. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Public Security and Parliamentary Affairs to initiate the procurement and installation of 12 automated passenger clearance gates altogether with the already approved four (04) and another eight (08) automated passenger clearance gates adhering to the formal procurement procedure

09. Estimation of Water Resources in Sri Lanka and the Project to Prepare Fundamental Demographical Sketches for Regulation

The requirement for a ground water information system with a more structured, reliable and scientific basis that assists for knowledgeable decisions with long - term sustainability when taking steps to encounter challenges such as ground water resources pollution, increase of ground water demand, and change of rainfall patterns and ground water counter – charge processes etc. However, the data is unable to be utilized productively for a spacious analyzed and comprehensive ground water management since the data sets with the Water Supply Board collected for many years is mostly fragmented as well as not systematically geo – referenced. In addition, as a result of not utilizing the geographic information system utensils sufficiently in ground water management processes, development of advanced spacious structures and demographic systems also have been limited. Therefore, it has been planned to implement the initial demographic preparation project for estimation and regularization of water resources in Sri Lanka; in order to circumvent the said shortcomings. Enhancing the quality and trustworthiness of ground water information, increasing the regularization capacity of the Water Supply Board, providing licenses, estimation, law empowerment and policy implementation will be carried out from that. Accordingly, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the resolution furnished by the Minister of Environment to implement the proposed project within a period of 03 years from the year 2027, aiming main five (05) districts of Kurunegala, Anuradhapura, Gampaha, Jaffna and Hambantota under an estimated cost of rupees 180 million.

10. Draft Bill for Amending the Trust Ordinance.

Based on the observations submitted by the Task Force on Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing for Terrorism, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted at their meeting held on 18.12.2024 to amend the Trust Ordinance No. 9 of 1917 including amendments proposed by the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Accordingly, clearance of the Attorney General has been granted for the Trust (Amendment) Draft Bill formulated by the Legal Draftsman. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the resolution furnished by the Minister of Justice and National Integration to publish the said draft bill in the government gazette notification and thereby, submit the same to the Parliament for its concurrence.

11. Implementing further Relief Programme to Public Affected by the Middle East Conflict Situation

Action was taken to provide a fuel relief for the fuel consumers during the months of April, May and June of 2026 to redress by minimizing the impact caused to the day today life of the citizens of this country as well as the entire economy due to the price hike of petroleum fuel in the global market resulting from the war situation in the Middle East. Government mediation is essential for minimizing the impact on the day today life of citizens in this country due to that war situation not being ended further. Therefore, it has been planned to redress on the sale price for Auto Diesel and Industrial Diesel for a period of 03 months by the Government to provide relief to the public as well as to maintain the prices at a bearable level to the consumers without escalating the fuel prices in this country compared to the escalation of fuel prices in the international market. Therefore, the Cabinet of Ministers granted approval for the resolution furnish by the Hon. President in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development to allocate provisions subject to the monthly limitations respectively as rupees 15 billion for the month of October, rupees 13.5 billion for the month of November and rupees 12.15 billion for the month of December to provide the said relief.

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