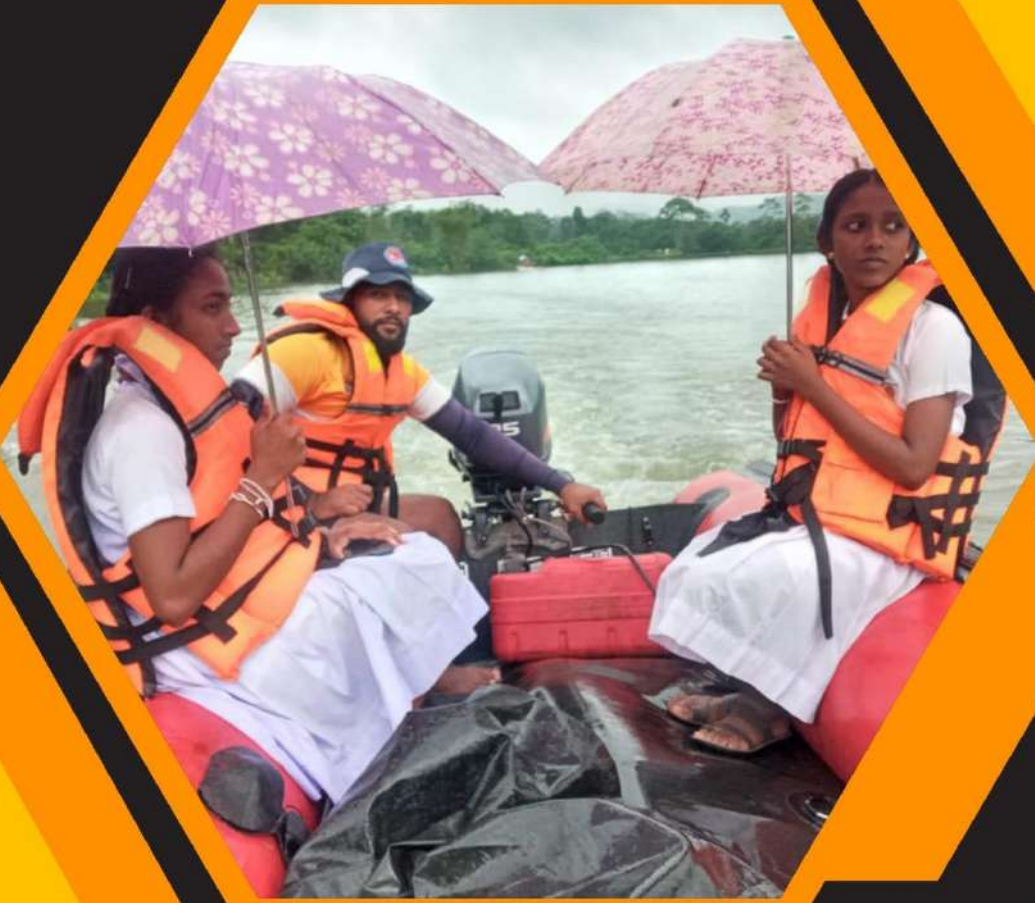




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GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF  
EXAMINATIONS IN EMERGENCIES



GRADE 5 SCHOLARSHIP  
2024

National Examination Emergencies Operation Unit

NEEOps

DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATION, SRI LANKA  
TOGETHER WITH  
DISASTER MANAGEMENT CENTRE



## Preface

The Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (DoE) plays a key role in the country's education system and ensures a transparent and reliable examination system that contributes to the academic success of the Sri Lankan students. The department conducts national level examinations island wide upholding values such as confidentiality, integrity, fairness, and efficiency of the examination processes. A large number of stakeholders such as Provincial and Zonal Education authorities, principals and teachers serve in examination centers as the examination staff to conduct the national level examinations.



The Grade 5 Scholarship Examination is the national level examination conducted for primary school students which is very competitive. This examination is conducted with the prime purposes of giving bursaries to economically disadvantaged bright students and providing the opportunity for students to enroll in schools with better facilities. The parents are therefore keen on this examination and they help their children to achieve better results. This year, the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination is scheduled to be held on 15 th September 2024 in 2,849 exam centers for 323,879 school candidates. The Department of Examinations has taken all necessary steps to conduct this examination under its quality assured examination processes.

The department is willing to join hands with the Disaster Management Centre to ensure a safe and uninterrupted test taking facility to all candidates in spite of unpredictable environmental hazards that can happen due to adverse weather conditions and other disasters. The expertise of the Disaster Management Centre is valuable in mitigating disasters to ensure safety and security of candidates.

Providing a safe and secure environment to the candidates and examination staff involved in organizing the examination is of paramount importance. I express my sincere appreciation to the Disaster Management Centre and other partner organizations, for extending continued support in successful conducting of examinations and raising awareness among the key decision makers by publishing this guideline in 2024 and the previous year as well.

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## Abbreviations

CEB:	Ceylon Electricity Board
CGoE:	Commissioner General of Education
CSD:	Civil Security Department
DoE:	Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka
DMC:	Disaster Management Center
DRPD:	Disaster Preparedness & Response Division
ECCs:	Examination Coordinating Centers
FP:	Focal Point
NEEOPs:	National Examination Emergencies Operation Unit
MOH & IMS:	Ministry of Health & Indigenous Medical Services
MoD:	Ministry of Defence
MoE:	Ministry of Education
MoPS:	Ministry of Public Security
NBRO:	National Building Research Organization
NDCU:	National Dengue Control Unit
NDRSC:	National Disaster Relief Services Centre
OCDS:	Office of the Chief Defence Staff and Tri-Forces
RDA:	Road Development Authority
SLA:	Sri Lanka Army
SLN:	Sri Lanka Navy
SLAF:	Sri Lanka Air Force
STF:	Sri Lanka Special Task Force
TRC:	Telecommunications Regulatory Commission
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## Foreword

Today, educators have the challenge of progressing the students to adapt successfully to face the rapidly changing world, considering not only the local context of the country but also the worldview. Examinations play a key role in the education sector which opens doors for students to improve their knowledge, skills, and personality. It provides the platform for the students to add their “ability”, subtract the “failure” and multiply their “success” and the teachers to understand the capabilities of the students.



Conducting the national examinations in Sri Lanka has been an annual event in the country. However, disaster and adverse weather conditions had a significant impact on the overall education sector in Sri Lanka, thus impacting the conduct of the key government examinations for school children. Amidst the disaster situation, the closure of schools had a direct impact on conducting the key government examinations as planned by the Examination Department of Sri Lanka. Considering the prevalent situation, the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination – 2024 will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

The Grade 5 Scholarship Examination – 2024 will witness 323,879 primary candidates, sitting for the examinations at 3,340 permanent structures as examination and coordinating centers. Amidst the disaster background, experiencing extreme weather patterns cannot be overlooked and early preparedness with swift response mechanisms will be essential in moving forward with the scheduled examination timetables.

The Disaster Management Centre (DMC) in liaison with the Department of Examinations is committed to ensuring the uninterrupted conduct of examinations, providing safety and security from hazards and disasters. Examination center safety and crisis response have been planned in partnership with governmental organizations and other stakeholders. The re-commissioning of the National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps) at the national level and the District Examination Emergencies Coordination Office (DEECO) at the district level for the period of examinations will enable the implementation of an operational plan for examination emergencies.

A coordinated preparedness and response mechanism amidst the disaster situations will ensure the uninterrupted conduct of examinations, which will assist the candidates to sit the examinations in a supportive environment. I thank all NEEOPs partner organizations, with special reference to the technical agencies, for supporting the preparation of this guideline book. I am confident that the assigned entities will implement their respective operational plans in responding to any eventualities.

DMC is committed to coordinating and facilitating the operational plans for the successful conduct of the national examinations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H.M.U. Herath'.

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# **ACCESS TO EXAMINATIONS AMIDST DISASTERS**

## **GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS IN EMERGENCIES**

### **1. Introduction**

The Department of Examinations (DoE) will conduct the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination for the year 2024 on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Sri Lanka.

A total of 323,879 Grade 5 students will sit for Scholarship examinations across 2,849 centres on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024 managed by 491 examination coordinating centres. For the period of the exams, 38 educational divisions have been established.

<b>Examination</b>	<b>Sinhalese Candidates</b>	<b>Tamil Candidates</b>	<b>Total Candidates</b>	<b>Coordinating Centers</b>	<b>Examination Centers</b>
<b>Grade 5 Scholarship</b>	244,092	79,787	323,879	491	2,849

September is a month that falls under the southwest monsoon season (May to September) and although the onslaughts of monsoonal impacts have passed, there still could be unexpected heavy rains, coinciding with the examination dates. Floods, landslides, and high winds are potential risks that can deny access to conduct exams, create travel delays for candidates, and disrupt facilities at examination centers. Further precautions against air hazards, lightning, fire, explosions, animal attacks, and road accidents are risks to be addressed.

In assessing possible risks to the candidates sitting the examinations and officials involved in conducting the exams, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) recognized the need for a cohesive risk reduction plan to overcome potential examination emergencies.

### **2. Conduct of Examination**

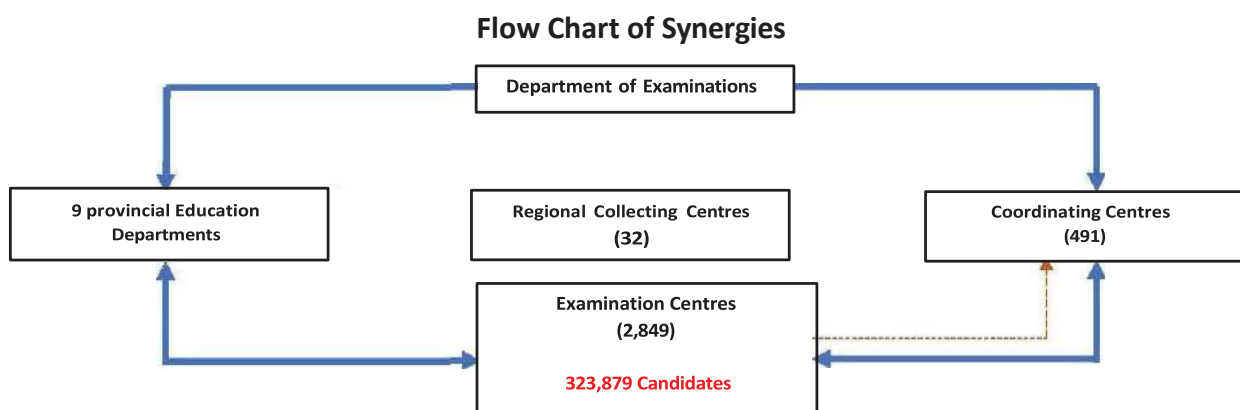
The Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) will execute the Grade 5 Scholarship. Accordingly, 38 Educational divisions have been established in the 9 provinces for the purpose of conducting the examinations.

Ref.	Province	Educational Divisions
1	Western	Colombo, Sri Jayawardhanapura, Piliyandala, Homagama, Gampaha, Kelaniya, Negombo, Minuwangoda, Horana, Matugama and Kalutara
2	Southern	Galle, Matara and Tangalle
3	Sabaragamuwa	Ratnapura and Kegalle
4	North Western	Kurunegala, Nikaweratiya, Kuliyaipitiya, Chilaw and Puttlam
5	North Central	Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa
6	Central	Matale, Kandy and Nuwara Eliya
7	Uva	Badulla and Monaragala
8	Eastern	Ampara, Kalmunai, Batticaloa and Trincomalee
9	Northern	Vavuniya, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi, Jaffna I and Jaffna II

The 812 Examination Coordinating Centres (ECCs) will be guided by the above 38 educational divisions in conducting the Grade 5 Scholarship examination.

- **Grade 5 Scholarship Examination** - will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday) from 0930 to 1215 hours in 2,849 examination centres with 491 coordinating centres, while a total of 323,879 students will vie for the examination.

Overall, the Grade five scholarship examinations will be directed by the DoE, and the implementation will be via the Provincial Educational Offices. Provincial Education Directors of the 9 provinces will include 100 Zonal Education Directors ensuring the operations of the 2,849 examination centres.



In preparation and execution of any emergencies during the period of examination, a coordinated effort will be essential. As such, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) in liaison with Department of Examinations (DoE) has formulated this preparedness and response guidelines book as a disaster risk reduction mechanism involving key stakeholders. The examination emergencies will be steered by the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) of the DMC.

### **3. National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps)**

NEEOps will be operational at the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) of the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) for the examination as follows;

- 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Grade 5 Scholarship Examination

Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) and Director General Disaster Management Centre (DG-DMC) will co-chair the NEEOps. The Operational command unit will be headed by the Director of EOC – DMC, and a representative of CGoE.

Under the directive of the respective Government Agents/District Secretary, the twenty-five (25) Assistant Directors of District Disaster Management Coordinating Units (AD-DDMCU) will function as District coordinators of the District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Office (DEECO). They will link with the thirty-eight (38) educational divisional representatives. The 100 Zonal Education Directors will link with DEECO and these offices will be directly linked with NEEOps in Colombo.

#### **3.1 Responsibilities**

- Coordinate and facilitate the planning of examination emergencies; early warning mechanisms and communications among essential service organizations in disasters during the period of examinations.
- Support District Secretariats, Provincial Educational Offices, Local Government and other stakeholders in emergencies.
- Ensure operational functions of DEECO.
- Implement individual and collective organizational contingency plans in achieving examination emergency objectives.
- Identify needs and mobilize resources as required.
- Achieve objectives of examination emergencies.

### **4. Objective**

The main objective is to ensure there are no interruptions to the planned conduct of the Grade 5 Scholarship examination and to provide safe access and security to school children sitting for the examinations including officials.

#### **4.1 Specific Objectives**

- Ensure timely accessibility of 323,879 candidates as per the examination timetable to the designated 2,849 examination centres without any impediments caused by hazards/disasters.
- Provide unimpeded access to officials of the Examination Department and uninterrupted services to 38 Examination Divisional Offices, 491 Examination Coordinating Centres and 2,849 Examination Centres.

- Prepare, coordinate and execute emergency plans among all essential service organizations in emergencies to achieve the mandate of the Examination Department of Sri Lanka.

## 5. Potential Scenarios

### 5.1 Adverse Weather Conditions

During May to September, also known as the Southwest monsoon season, experiencing unexpected, intense rainfall could be possible. Selection and establishment of examination centres should be safe from potential flood and landslide zones demarcated by the National Building Research Organization (NBRO), Irrigation Department (ID) and DMC. Lightning is also a potential threat.

### 5.2 Animal Attacks

Animal encounters remain a considerable cause of harm to humans in certain areas. Stings from bees, wasps and hornets can be lethal. Access routes will need to be secured of animal encounters and bee/wasp nests. Further, areas identified with Human–Elephant Conflict (HEC) need considerable attention in planning and contingencies. Access to such examination/coordinating centres by candidates and officials with alternative routes are required to be identified.

### 5.3 Fire

Fire is an anthropogenic event where humans are involved purposely or carelessly, and also due to lightning fire can create. The fire department and first respondents have to be alerted during the election period to extinguish possible fires.

### **In the Event of Any Emergency**

**HOTLINE –1911**

#### **Department of Examinations (DoE)**

The DoE has established a 24 hour Examination Emergency Coordinating Office for the period 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 with direct access through the hotline – 1911. In the event of any interruptions due to hazards/disasters in order to continue with the examinations, the DoE will direct the 38 Educational Divisional heads to allow affected candidates to overcome disruption through a special directive to continue the examination from the nearest centres.

List of contact numbers of Educational Divisional Heads is attached.

## 6. Operational Guidelines for Examination Emergencies in Situations of Disasters

Safety and security of school and private candidates eligible to sit for the Grade 5 Scholarship examination and officials engaged in conducting the examinations will be of paramount importance in the event of potential disasters due to natural hazards. As noted, 323,879 candidates and relevant officials will commute for the Grade 5 Scholarship examination (15<sup>th</sup> September).

Provision of public and private transport and mobility contingencies in the event of disasters will require detailed planning. The climate patterns and past extreme weather conditions indicate possibilities of heavy

rains which could lead to flooding, landslides and earth slips. South West monsoon conditions are expected to continue during September. The first inter-monsoon period will commence after the Northeast monsoon in March and is characterized by afternoon and evening thundershowers. High wind, storm surge, coastal erosion, lightning, severe thunderstorms and industrial hazards are possibilities. Furthermore, tsunami, fire and explosions too are potential threats.

Road accidents and animal attacks (e.g. the human elephant conflict) are on the increase, which are severe safety concerns of school children and officials.

Preparation in providing early warning, reducing risks, and responding speedily in the event of a calamity would be a collective action by agencies involved in examination emergencies. The guidelines will support such agencies to be proactive, prepare, coordinate, and implement plans to achieve the specified objectives.

### **6.1 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka (DoE)**

The Commissioner General of Examinations (CGoE) of the DoE will be the Co-chair of NEEOps. He will share his operational plans with the other Co-Chair of DMC. Administrative activities will be managed by the CGoE. Operational aspects related to disaster management will be coordinated by DMC. CGoE will;

- (a) Assign DoE representative as Operational Co-Chair of NEEOps.
- (b) Share deployment of officials/candidates and assets related to the examination with NEEOps to facilitate emergency response planning.
- (c) Appoint DoE provincial and district representatives in respect of each district to coordinate with the District Secretary and DMC in emergencies. The 38 divisional examination heads are to be connected with DEECO.
- (d) Ensure examination officials are briefed on contingency plans provided by NEEOps.
- (e) Provide detailed briefing to invigilators and officials in examination centres about the immediate action drill in the event of a disaster during the examination process.
- (f) Direct Emergency Response Calls received by **DoE Hotline 1911** to NEEOps.
- (g) Make available contact list of essential focal points and link them with NEEOps and DEECO.

### **6.2 Disaster Management Centre (DMC)**

DMC will be responsible for the planning and execution of examination emergencies in liaison with DoE. It will function as Co-Chair of NEEOps. A coordination mechanism will be established to ensure essential and support organizations are prepared to implement contingency plans at national, provincial and district/divisional levels in the event of a disaster.

- a. Assign DMC representative as Operational Co-Chair of NEEOps. Director EOC to be assigned. EOC to be the central operations room for NEEOps.
- b. District offices of the DMC will be the District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Offices (DEECO) with Assistant Directors of DDMCU being the district-based operational officers linked to NEEOps.

- c. Implement National Examination Emergency Plan in liaison with other ministries, departments and organizations via NEEOps.
- d. Create safe access routes to and from, the examination and coordinating centres for candidates and officials in the event of emergencies.
- e. Transport providers, both state and private, are to be made aware of the needs and contingencies.
- f. Provide early warning of impending disasters timely and efficiently.
- g. National Council for Disaster Management to be appraised of action plans in the event of a national examination emergency.

### **6.3 Ministry of Health**

Emergency health response plans in support of Examination Emergencies to be prepared and resources allocated based on the potential threat. National and sub-national key focal persons will be linked with DMC and NEEOps to confirm readiness and activate contingency plans if required. The Disaster Preparedness and Response Division (DPRD) of the Ministry of Health will be the focal unit linking health and medical needs in examination emergencies with NEEOps and DEECO.

Special attention will be required for adherence to disaster management protocols during the period of the examinations at examination and coordinating centres.

- a. A full-time coordinating representative will be at NEEOps for the period stated.
- b. National emergency health response action plan will be shared with NEEOps.
- c. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to be formulated and shared with relevant authorities in the event of the detection of a virus-infected person. The health emergency protocol is to be activated.
- d. List of contact details of national, provincial and district health coordinators to be submitted.
- e. Deployment of ambulances and required vehicles to be ensured.
- f. Availability of sufficient health staff and medicinal stocks in hospitals to deal with emergencies in vulnerable districts to be confirmed.

### **6.4 Ministry of Education (MoE)**

The Ministry will be overall responsible for providing guidelines and directives to the examination candidates via the Department of Examinations. The schools selected as examination and coordinating centres are to be the least vulnerable to the effects of hazards. Potential areas and centres vulnerable to extreme weather or hazardous conditions are to be brought to notice by relevant school Principals to NEEOps and DEECO to mitigate such effects via prior planning.



## **7. Guidelines to be Followed by the Implementing Ministries, Departments and Institutions**

Response to examination emergencies will be carried out by relevant ministries, departments and institutions based on the nature of the hazard.

### **7.1 Ministry of Defence (MoD)**

MoD will be appraised by the DoE through the Ministry of Education with regard to troop deployment in support of National Examination Emergencies caused by natural disasters. MoD will provide assistance to any such emergency response through the Office of the Chief of Defence Staff (OCDS). NEEOps will link with OCDS for tri-force deployment plans in examination emergencies.

#### **7.1.1 Office of the Chief of Defence Staff (OCDS) and Tri-Forces**

Assigned under the Ministry of Defence, the OCDS ensures Civil-military cooperation in humanitarian emergencies. Military assets, experience, rapid employment and speedy access are the immense advantages they possess in saving lives. Plans of OCDS, in preparing and responding to emergencies will support the conduct of examinations in the event of extreme weather conditions or any other interruptions. NEEOps will liaise with OCDS in connecting DoE, DMC, and national and provincial/district-based stakeholders. OCDS is requested to;

- a. Assign OCDS representative to liaise directly with NEEOps.
- b. Request from Commander of the Army, Navy and Air Force to provide operational assistance to NEEOps through respective Directors of Operation to execute examination emergency responses.
- c. Attach tri-forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) senior representatives to NEEOps to assess, coordinate and authorize resources for emergency response relevant to respective service organizations.
- d. Nominate tri-force representatives for 25 District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Offices.
- e. Provide examination emergency response plan/guidelines in respect of resource mobilization for examination emergencies.
- f. Link OCDS Operations room with NEEOps and DEECO.
- g. Disseminate weather forecast, early warning, potential mobilization and other related information sent by NEEOps with relevant tri-service organizations.
- h. Collate and share contact details of key military coordinators at national and district levels assigned for examination emergencies.

### **7.2 Ministry of Public Security (MoPS)**

The ministry will assign Police and Civil Defence Department in support of public security and responding to hazards and disasters in liaison with NEEOps. Resources to be allotted and deployed in such an event.

#### **7.2.1 Sri Lanka Police and Special Task Force (STF)**

Assigned under the Ministry of Public Security, Sri Lanka Police with the support of STF require deployment on the directive of the Inspector General of Police. In emergencies, the Police is to link with

the NEEOps and DEECO to manage any interruptions to the examinations. Police HQ is requested to;

- a. Provide communication and deployment plans in examination emergencies.
- b. Assign focal officer/team for NEEOps.
- c. Link-local police stations for information sharing with NEEOps at the national level and DEECO at the provincial/district levels.
- d. Disseminate alerts and warning sent out by NEEOps to reach candidates and examination officials.
- e. Harness community support and assistance as first responders in response to a disaster.
- f. Share a list of Police representatives to be linked with NEEOps and DEECO.

### **7.2.2 Civil Security Department (CSD)**

Assigned under the Ministry of Public Security, CSD is to provide its possible deployment in areas of vulnerability to support examination emergencies. CSD is requested to;

- a. Assign a representative to link with NEEOps.
- b. Provide capacity and strength in support of examination emergencies for NEEOps. Specific tasks will be assigned accordingly.
- c. Support dissemination of alerts and warning messages to candidates and examination officials in the event of such warnings.
- d. Assist DoE and NEEOps in support to overcome any impediments to examinations on ground.
- e. Link directly with DEECO for emergency assistance in respective districts.

### **7.3 National Examination Emergencies Operations Unit (NEEOps)**

NEEOps will be the operational arm to coordinate and implement examination emergencies. EOC, with the support of DMC will be the lead in planning and operationalizing examination emergency procedures in liaison with DoE representatives. It will take all necessary steps to counter any disaster or impending disaster in accordance with existing plans.

DMC appointed Operational Co-chair for NEEOps will be the Director of Emergency operations Centre (EOC – DMC). Office and command centre of NEEOps will be the EOC at DMC. District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Offices (DEECO) will be in the respective 25 district secretariats under the auspices of the District Secretary. NEEOps will;

- a. Direct and authorize Examination Emergency Action Plans of key disaster response stakeholders and support organizations for implementation in the event of any emergencies interrupting examinations. Ensure identified organizations are operational to implement emergency plans at any given time during the periods;
  - 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September Grade 5 Scholarship Examination
- b. Share district/divisional hazard maps for extensive circulation among officials and district administrators involved in the conduct of examinations. Take measures to identify and reduce risks, thereby facilitating access routes to examination centers.

- c. Carry out joint assessments on accessibility and alternate routes to examination centers at district/divisions through DEECO.
- d. Ensure critical service providers have special contingency plans in responding to power outages, transport exigencies, telecommunication failure etc.
- e. Create public awareness of examination emergency readiness.
- f. Support District Secretaries in the implementation of district disaster response plans.
- g. Support coordination of emergency relief through National Disaster Relief Services Center (NDRSC) and link with other stakeholders including private sector for a coordinated emergency response.
- h. Provide early warning on hazards and impending disasters, timely, in liaison with technical agencies. Ensure speedy and efficient communication mechanism for warnings and instructions to reach examination candidates and officials.
- i. Identify and enhance facilities of alternate safe centers for immediate relocation of vulnerable examination centers for the continuity of examinations in the event of interruptions.
- j. Provide operational, administrative and logistical support for DEECO.
- k. Update respective Ministries, District Secretaries, OCDS, DoE of operational activities regularly. Maintain close liaisons with District Secretaries in sharing information and providing assistance in emergencies.
- l. Essential composition of NEEOps will be representatives of DMC/EOC, CGoE, Provincial/Zonal Education representatives, health representatives, Tri-forces, Police, assigned governmental and technical organizations.

Request for senior representatives of essential service organizations in emergencies to facilitate coordination and implementation of tasks assigned to respective organization. Their presence is required 24/7 from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September for Grade 5 Scholarship Examination.

- m. Establish public, private and media partnership for dissemination of weather forecasts, warnings and safety instructions.
- n. Deploy pre-identified resources as per contingency plans to maximize efficiency in providing safety and security to candidates and officials of the examination department.
- o. Provide timely situational reports/updates to Co-Chairs and relevant authorities.

#### **7.4 District Examination Emergencies Coordinating Office (DEECO)**

Twenty-five (25) district officers will be in operation at the District Secretariats. DEECO will be headed by the respective District Secretaries in liaison with heads of the established Educational Divisions. The essential composition of DEECO will be the District Secretary; DoE representative and DMC representatives as district operational co-chairs; representatives of tri-forces, health officials, police and those determined by the District Secretary. DEECO will;

- a. Operationalize DEECO, linking with Divisional Secretariats, Provincial Educational Directors, Local Government Authorities, Tri-forces, Police and other organizations/stakeholders are involved in the examination of emergency readiness and response.

- b. Maintain direct liaisons with NEEOps and provide frequent situational updates. Establish information-sharing mechanisms both from national to sub-national levels.
- c. Formulate essential composition of DEECO incorporating district co-chairs, tri-forces representatives, Police and other partner organizations.
- d. Coordinate and implement district emergency response plans in the event of an examination emergency.
- e. Coordinate with district-based essential service organizations for clearance of access routes, responding to power/communication outages and transport exigencies.
- f. Seek alternate examination centres as safe sites in the event of relocation procedures.

### 7.5 Department of Meteorology

Accurate, timely and impact-oriented weather forecasts will support preparedness and rapid response through early warning. Due to the commencement of the inter-monsoonal season, adverse weather conditions have been predicted island wide. A detailed weather prediction chart for the period of examination is annexed. Met department will;

- a. Issue regular weather forecasts and disseminate them timely to NEEOps. Periodicity of issuing situation reports from 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> September for Grade 5 Scholarship Examination, to be agreed with NEEOps. Proposed forecast report periods are given below;

Date	14 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> September (Grade 5 Scholarship Examination)
*Frequency of reports	4 hourly

\* In the event of potential threats – hourly reports or even frequent as required.

- b. Designate a senior officer to liaise with NEEOps.
- c. Provide an Examination emergency action plan with a list of contacts.
- d. Formulate speedy and simple dissemination of early warning format, inclusive of local language for onward transmission to public/media without edit to save time and reduce risks.
- e. Connect with mass media to disseminate special weather forecasts/advisories.

### 7.6 Irrigation Department

The threat of extensive rain could swell rivers, overflow reservoirs and force open sluice gates causing floods in low-lying areas. The department should provide adequate early warnings related to reservoir spill levels, opening of sluice gates and river rise. Early warning and potential threats in areas of high vulnerability need to be identified in relation to examination and examination coordinating centres. The Irrigation Department will;

- a. Provide situational reports to NEEOps on water levels and alerts related to rivers, reservoirs and other water bodies detrimental to overflow or cause a disaster. The frequency of submission of reports is given below;

Date	14 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> September (Grade 5 Scholarship Examination)
*Frequency of reports	4 hourly

\*In the event of potential threats – hourly reports or even frequent as required.

- b. Provide potential threats and vulnerable areas to NEEOps to facilitate deployment plans. Access roads and safe locations will be vital.
- c. Make available an examination emergency action plan based mostly on early warning and dissemination to NEEOps.
- d. Agree on communication mechanisms and simplified warning messages for direct dissemination to the public through NEEOps.
- e. Provide a list of key contact persons at national and sub-national levels to NEEOps.
- f. Ensure 24-hour operational, situation monitoring office from 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
- g. Assign a representative to connect with NEEOps during the same period.
- h. Disseminate information on potential threats to the public via media and other sources.

### **7.7 Disaster Preparedness and Response Division (DPRD)**

Emergency health response plan in support of Examination Emergencies to be prepared and resources allocated based on the potential threat. National, provincial, and regional key focal persons will be linked with NEEOps/DEECO to confirm readiness and active contingency plans if required. Dengue and epidemics are on the rise and therefore necessary preventive measures at exam centres and surrounding areas prior to the examination period.

DPRD will be the focal unit linking health and medical needs in examination emergencies with NEEOps.

- a. A full-time coordinating representative will be at NEEOps for the period stated.
- b. National emergency health response action plan will be shared with NEEOps.
- c. To ensure preventive measures in terms of epidemics and other potential threats are looked into. e.g. – Dengue.
- d. List of contact details of national, provincial, and district health coordinators will be submitted.
- e. Deployment of ambulances and required vehicles will be ensured.
- f. Availability of sufficient health staff and medicinal stocks in hospitals to deal with emergencies in vulnerable districts will be confirmed.

The National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) will be a focal point in paying special attention to epidemics such as Dengue that is currently on the rise. NDCU to ensure that preventive measures with regard to Dengue is taken at exam centres and surrounding areas prior to the examination period. National, provincial, and regional key focal persons will be linked with NEEOps/DEECO to confirm readiness and active contingency plans if required.

### **7.8 National Building and Research Organization (NBRO)**

Monitoring of potential landslides and consequences of aftermath which will hinder the conduct of national examinations would be NBRO's examination emergency contingency. Prior warnings will enable the safety of examination candidates and those engaged in examination duties in 2,849 examinations and 491 coordinating centres.

- a. Identify and zone potential areas vulnerable to landslides or access amongst the established examination/coordinating centres.
- b. Demarcate safe access routes in support of candidates/officials proceeding to and from examination/coordinating centres in landslide-vulnerable areas. Provide alternate safe routes in the event of an emergency.
- c. Provide an emergency response plan in the event of a disaster.
- d. Designate a senior officer to liaise with NEEOps. Provide a contact list of key personnel at national and subnational levels.
- e. Provide updated situational reports to NEEOps frequently.
- f. Provide timely warnings to NEEOps.

### **7.9 Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC)**

TRC will ensure both government and private telecommunication service providers are tasked to provide uninterrupted communication during the period of 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024. Additional emphasis in supporting examination emergency response through contingencies for back-up and communication revival to be made. Sufficient manpower to support such exigencies to be planned. TRC to connect with NEEOps and assign a focal point.

### **7.10 Road Development Authority (RDA)**

Road access to implement response plan in the event of disasters will be vital. Access in support of candidates sitting for examinations and officials of the examination department will require roads and pathways to be cleared of obstacles following a hazard/disaster.

- a. Routes which are likely to be affected need to be identified and contingencies drawn to clear roads/ pathways. Share such action plans with NEEOps.
- b. Assign a representative to coordinate with NEEOps and share a contact list of key persons involved in examination emergencies.
- c. Provide a list of machinery and human resources available for deployment in vulnerable areas.

### **7.11 Electricity Supply – CEB and LECO**

Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and Lanka Electricity Company Private Limited (LECO) are the suppliers of electricity island-wide. Both agencies require having contingencies in providing continuous electricity supply during the period of examinations. Backup electricity in the event of hazard/disasters is to be planned and pre-positioned with breakdown teams deployed in and around the areas of examination centres to deal with any interruptions. National and district representatives of the two entities to link with NEEOps and DEECO.

### **7.12 Fire Brigade – Local Government Municipalities**

The readiness of fire brigades under the municipalities is to be directed in submitting contingency plans to respond to examination emergencies. Resource availability, fire-hydrant serviceability and reach of fire brigades to be submitted to NEEOps. Assign a coordinator to liaise with NEEOps, who is capable of coordinating all fire brigades. Complementing and supporting adjacent municipality fire brigades in the event of emergencies is suggested. Prior approval is to be obtained to affect such mutual support.

### **7.13 1990 Ambulance Service - Suwa Seriya**

Suwa Seriya operations room to connect directly with NEEOps with an assigned officer. Deployment of ambulances and their services to be mapped. Suwa Seriya to brief its ambulance teams stationed in districts of the potential support required for examination emergencies. NEEOps will coordinate with CEO Suwa Seriya and maximize services in the event of casualty transport and medical services.

## **8. Communications**

NEEOps will be the command centre linked directly to DEECO in twenty-five (25) districts. NEEOps will communicate with Co-chairs of the DMC and DoE for the execution of examination emergency plans. Whilst NEEOps and DEECOs will coordinate and facilitate the examination emergency process, individual essential service organizations mentioned above will have internal and external communication plans.

## **9. Administration and Logistics**

NEEOps will be housed at the DMC while DEECOs will be hosted by the respective District Secretariats of the twenty-five (25) districts. Essential service organizations in emergencies are requested to internalize administrative and logistic support. Organizations may discuss further needs and requirements with DMC for resource allocation as required. DoE will liaise with Provincial Education Directors in providing logistic support to staff and candidates.

## **10. Inclusivity of Children with Special Needs**

The Co-chairs of NEEOps will ensure that all stakeholders involved in these guidelines ensure safe and inclusive environments for candidates with special needs. Early warnings, evacuation orders and response plans to include, adhere and cater to the special needs in liaison with DEECO and NEEOps.

## **11. Conclusion**

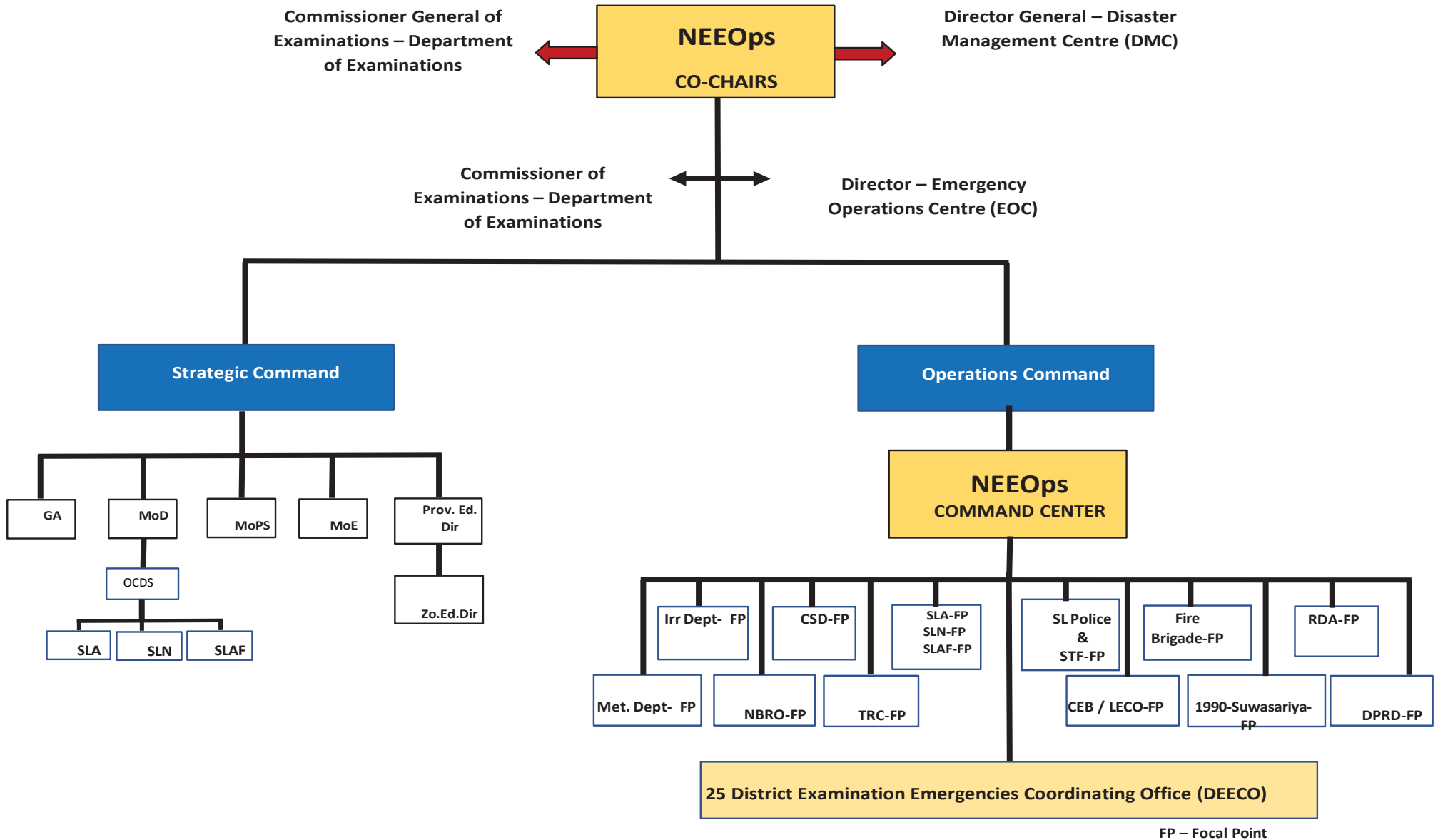
Preparing and responding to examination emergencies require a collective effort. Over a million personnel including school children will be directly involved in the examination and in carrying out relevant duties. The collection of question papers in the morning hours and the submission of answer scripts in the evening hours to and from 2,849 centres will require timely planning and execution. Any interruptions due to hazards/ disasters can cause many a delay and deprive the children of sitting for their examinations. Safe passage for candidates to travel to and from their homes to the examination centres will be the collective responsibility of all agencies. A coordinated and cohesive effort by agencies in support of the Department of Examination to conduct examinations amidst emergencies is a positive initiative in providing the right to education.

**September 2024**

**Annexures: Annex A to Annex L**



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## Operational Guidelines for Prevention and Control of Dengue During the Grade Five Scholarship Examination 2024

With the establishment of South Western monsoon, a gradual increase in dengue cases is expected in several districts across the country including, Colombo, Gampaha, Kalutara, Kandy, Matale, Galle, Batticaloa, Kurunegala, Rathnapura and Kegalle. Further, routine entomological surveys conducted throughout the country have revealed around 68% of total schools examined, found to have, probable dengue breeding places.

In this context, it is essential to make the school environment dengue-free to avoid transmission of the disease among school children and to prevent possible outbreaks. Following actions are recommended to achieve a dengue free school environment prior to the commencement of the Grade 5 scholarship examinations.

1. Appoint an officer from the zonal education office to liaise with the area Medical Officer of Health (MOH) on dengue prevention activities in schools particularly in examination centers.
2. Conduct source reduction and cleaning campaigns within schools with the participation of school community as per the technical advice given by the area MOH.
3. Collaborate with MOH team to identify and remove mosquito breeding places within the school premises. Be vigilant about the area surrounding the school, and inform the MOH team promptly on any mosquito breeding sites, endangering health and wellbeing of the school community .
4. MOH will advise on appropriate vector control methods within the schools. If deemed necessary by the MOH team, fumigation activities can be conducted under the strict technical supervision of the MOH and area Public Health Inspector.
5. Encourage students and parents to use appropriate mosquito bite reduction methods including wearing long garments to cover exposed areas of the body and an approved mosquito repellent during the time of the examination .
6. If fever cases are reported, particularly cluster of cases, within a school it should be promptly reported to the area MOH. Students should be advised to seek medical attention promptly (Parents should be advised on the importance of early referral to a medical practitioner, if child has fever, preferably within 48 hours of the onset of fever)
7. Activate dengue prevention committees in schools under the supervision of the school principals and technical guidance of the MOH .
8. Encourage parents, members of school development societies, past pupil associations and similar parent and student bodies to actively engage in source reduction and environment cleaning campaigns on a regular basis and prior to the examination.
9. Initiate all dengue prevention and control activities at schools at least one week prior to the commencement of the examination and continued following the examination.
10. All dengue prevention and control activities conducted by individual schools should be recorded by the respective school principals and communicated to the area MOH for further action. These records should be available during any supportive supervisory visits by the zonal education officials and other relevant officers.

11. Regional Health teams (RDHS office) under the purview of the Regional Director of Health Services would liaise with their counterparts in the zonal offices for implementation of dengue prevention and control activities at the regional level.
12. The National Dengue Control Unit (NDCU) will liaise with the Ministry of Education and Disaster Management Center for any emergencies pertaining to dengue, during the extent of the examination.
13. Please contact your relevant area MOH or National Dengue Control Unit via 0112368416 for any clarification regarding the above. Your highest cooperation and assistance are warranted to conduct the grade 5 scholarship examination in a dengue-free environment.

## General Weather Report for Grade 5 Scholarship Examination and G. C. E.

### Expected General weather conditions during September

Generally, the tail end of the Southwest monsoon occurs in late September. Several spells of showers occur over southwestern parts of the country while having the possibility for afternoon thunder showers elsewhere. There is a possibility for developing low-pressure systems and depressions over and vicinity of Sri Lanka during the latter part of the month. In that case, with the increase in rainfall, there may also be heavy rainfall, especially in the southwestern part of the country.

Temporally strong gusty winds and lightning strikes are possible during thundershowers.

### Rainfall forecast for Month of September 2024.

Near normal rainfall are likely over most parts during the month of September 2024.



Figure: Probabilistic rainfall forecast for September 2024

#### Prepared by:

National Meteorological Centre

Department of Meteorology

**Expected flood situation around the country during the Grade 5 Scholarship Examination  
Period  
(15<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

When looking at past data, it's clear that there have been many flood events during the period, especially in the western part of the country. Some major flood incidents have been recorded during this time. The upcoming grade 5 scholarship examination is set for September 15, 2024, which coincides with the Southwest monsoon season. Historically, heavy rainfall during this season has caused flooding in river basins like Kalu, Kelani, Gin, Nilwala, Attanagalu, Deduru Oya, and Maha Oya. Low-lying areas in districts such as Ratnapura, Gampaha, Colombo, Kalutara, Galle, Puttalam (Chilaw), and Matara are highly prone to flooding. Due to the significance of the upcoming examination, it is strongly recommended that relevant staff be kept on standby and prepared in these areas. Additionally, the following table outlines the rivers at risk of flooding in September, along with their current water levels, which should be checked. It's important to note that while the Irrigation Department doesn't control reservoirs in these basins (except Deduru Oya basin) due to their location in the western part (Wet Zone) of the country, the CEB manages several reserves in the upper catchment of the Kelani River, which are at a high operation level. Suppose high rainfall is forecasted through a three-day or ten-day outlook by the Department of Meteorology, along with real-time observations. In that case, the Irrigation Department will issue flood warnings promptly. By monitoring and forecasting river water levels, the department is committed to ensuring public safety and awareness. Another notable factor is that the Deduru Oya reservoir is at its full supply level, which can trigger floods in downstream areas of Chilaw. Based on the current water levels of rivers and reservoirs, as well as historical records of events, the Hydrology and Disaster Management Division of the Irrigation Department would like to make the following recommendations.

1. Priority should be given to Ratnapura, Gampaha, Colombo, Kalutara, Galle, Puttalam (Chilaw), and Matara districts for implementing preparatory measures against potential flood threats.
2. When selecting schools for conducting examinations, careful consideration should be given to factors such as the likelihood of flooding based on past experiences and ensuring safe access to the schools.
3. Be vigilant in areas prone to flash flooding, especially in hilly and urban areas, and make necessary preparations to address any emergencies.
4. Given the high storage levels of major reservoirs, there is a possibility of spillage during heavy rainfall events. This should also be factored into preparatory activities, especially downstream of major reservoirs

Table 1: Current water levels of major Rivers which could flood during the 15<sup>th</sup> September

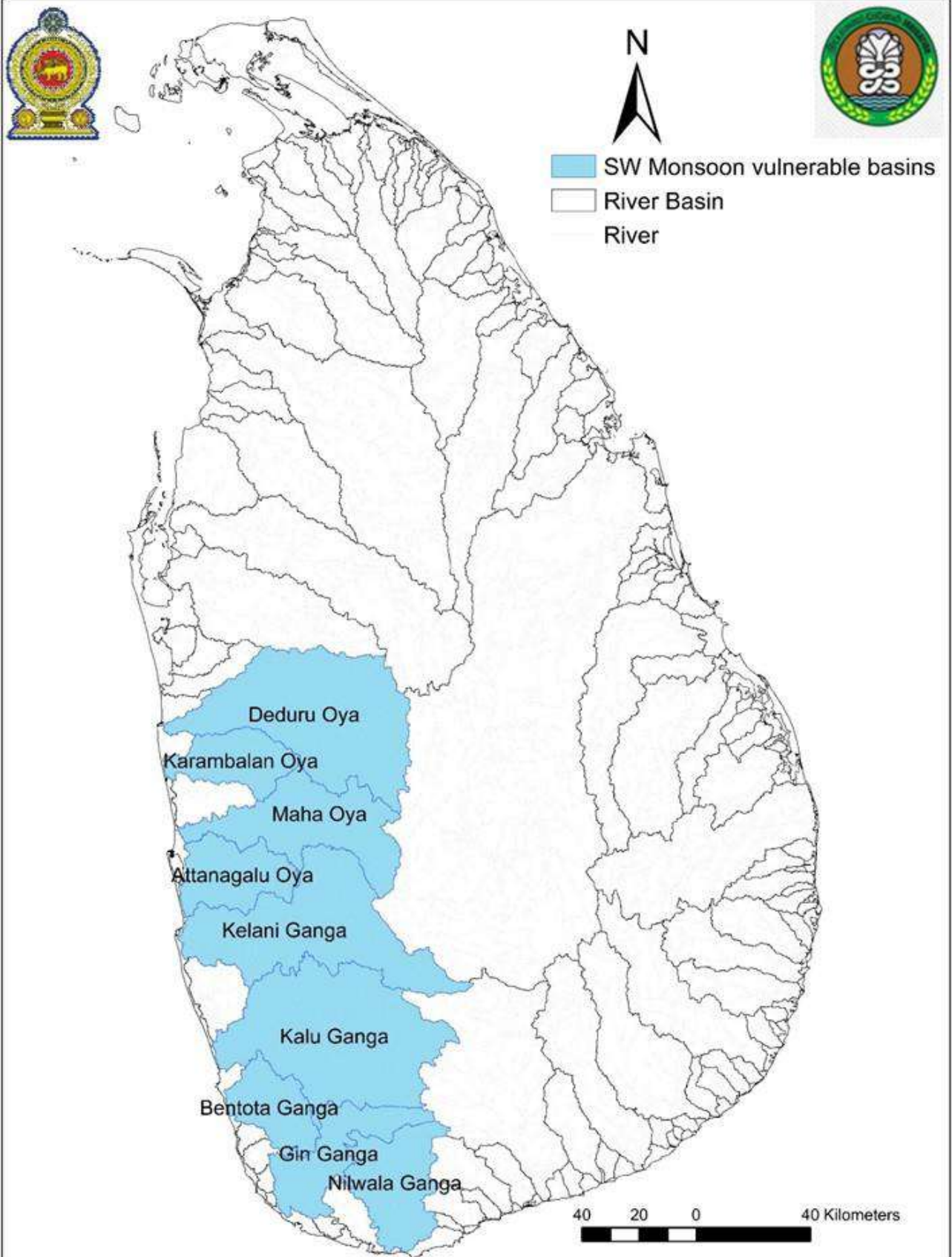
Rivers could flood from 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep to 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Current Water Level as of 28 Aug 2024			Status
Kelani Ganga	N'Street	1.40	ft	Normal
	Hanwella	1.36	m	Normal
	Glencorse	9.54	m	Normal
Kalu Ganga	Millakanda	2.16	m	Normal
Gin Ganga	Thawalama	1.47	m	Normal
	Baddegama	1.18	m	Normal
Nilwala Ganga	Panadugama	2.90	m	Normal
Aththanagalu Oya	Dunamale	0.97	m	Normal
Maha Oya	Badalgama	2.16	m	Normal

The water levels and rainfall situations today do not imply any flood threat, and the situation is completely normal. However, the current normal situation does not imply possible flood threats on the 15<sup>th</sup>, as stated above

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## Grade 5 Scholarship Examination – 2024

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**GRADE 5 SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION - 2024**  
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S/N	EDUCATIONAL DIVISION	NO OF EXAM CENTRES		TOTAL	NO OF CO-OD CENTRES		TOTAL
		FROM	TO		FROM	TO	
01	Colombo	5001	- 5094	<b>094</b>	501	- 509	<b>09</b>
02	Sri Jayawardhanapura	5095	- 5149	<b>055</b>	510	- 513	<b>04</b>
03	Piliyandala	5150	- 5189	<b>040</b>	514	- 517	<b>04</b>
04	Homagama	5190	- 5231	<b>042</b>	518	- 521	<b>04</b>
05	Gampaha	5232	- 5298	<b>067</b>	522	- 530	<b>09</b>
06	Kelaniya	5299	- 5360	<b>062</b>	531	- 535	<b>05</b>
07	Negombo	5361	- 5420	<b>060</b>	536	- 540	<b>05</b>
08	Minuwangoda	5421	- 5472	<b>052</b>	541	- 544	<b>04</b>
09	Horana	5473	- 5518	<b>046</b>	545	- 548	<b>04</b>
10	Matugama	5519	- 5546	<b>028</b>	549	- 552	<b>04</b>
11	Kalutara	5547	- 5612	<b>066</b>	553	- 559	<b>07</b>
12	Galle	5613	- 5746	<b>134</b>	560	- 578	<b>19</b>
13	Matara	5747	- 5855	<b>109</b>	579	- 597	<b>19</b>
14	Tangalle	5856	- 5948	<b>093</b>	598	- 608	<b>11</b>
15	Ratnapura	5949	- 6104	<b>156</b>	609	- 633	<b>25</b>
16	Kegalle	6105	- 6220	<b>116</b>	634	- 657	<b>24</b>
17	Kurunegala	6221	- 6295	<b>075</b>	658	- 669	<b>12</b>
18	Nikaweratiya	6296	- 6368	<b>073</b>	670	- 696	<b>27</b>
19	Kuliyapitiya	6369	- 6438	<b>070</b>	697	- 707	<b>11</b>
20	Chilaw	6439	- 6482	<b>044</b>	708	- 714	<b>07</b>
21	Puttalam	6483	- 6548	<b>066</b>	715	- 727	<b>13</b>
22	Anuradhapura	6549	- 6682	<b>134</b>	728	- 754	<b>27</b>
23	Polonnaruwa	6683	- 6753	<b>071</b>	755	- 768	<b>14</b>
24	Matale	6754	- 6834	<b>081</b>	769	- 784	<b>16</b>
25	Kandy	6835	- 7027	<b>193</b>	785	- 812	<b>28</b>
26	Nuwara-Eliya	7028	- 7146	<b>119</b>	813	- 832	<b>20</b>
27	Badulla	7147	- 7277	<b>131</b>	833	- 857	<b>25</b>
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4	Air Force HQ	0112441044 / 0112495495/0112342576
5	Irrigation Department	0112581162
6	Department of Meteorology	0112694846
7	National Disaster Relief Services Centre (NDRSC)	0112665258
8	Health Department	0112694033 / 0112675011 0112675449 / 0112693493
9	Police HQ	0112421111
10	Ministry of Mass Media	0112513459 / 0112513460 0112512321 / 0112513498
11	Petroleum Resources	0112564969 / 0112370033 / 0112370032
12	Telecommunication Regulatory Commission	0112689345 / 1900
13	Ministry of Power & Energy	0112574922
14	Road Development	0112046200 / 1968
15	NBRO	0112588946 / 0112501834 / 0112500354 / 0112503826
16	Transport Board	0112581120
17	Private Bus Services	0716550000
18	SL Telecom	0112021000 / 1212
19	Ministry of Defence	0112441146 / 0113668031 / 118
20	Operation Commander Colombo (SL ARMY)	114
21	Disaster Management Center (DMC) Call Center	117
22	Sri Lanka Police Department	119 /118
23	Fire Brigade	110
24	National Water Supply & Drainage Board	1939
25	Suwasariya Ambulance	1990
26	Ceylon Electricity Board	1987
27	Lanka Electricity Company (LECO)	1910
28	Road Development Authority	1968

29	Expressway Emergency Hotline	1969
30	Ministry of Child Development & Women's Affairs (Child helpline)	1929
31	Sri Lanka Air Force (Emergency Service)	116
32	National Safety (Police Emergency)	118
33	Power & Energy	1901
34	Public Administration & Home Affairs	1905
35	Department of Examination	1911
36	Tourism Complaints	1912
37	National Agriculture & Insurance Board	1918
38	Government Information Center	1919
39	National Mortgage & Investment Board	1922
40	SL Police (CID)	3990 / 0112320141- 4
41	National Transport Commission	1955
42	National Hospital	1959

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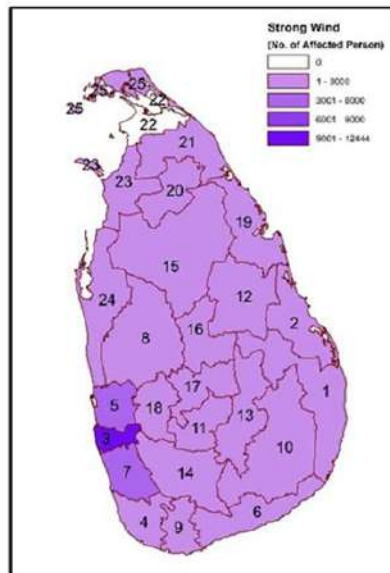
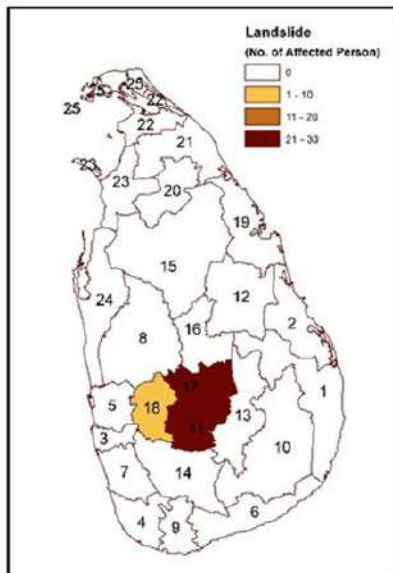
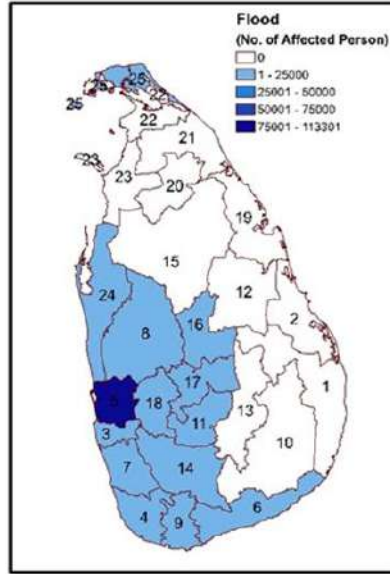
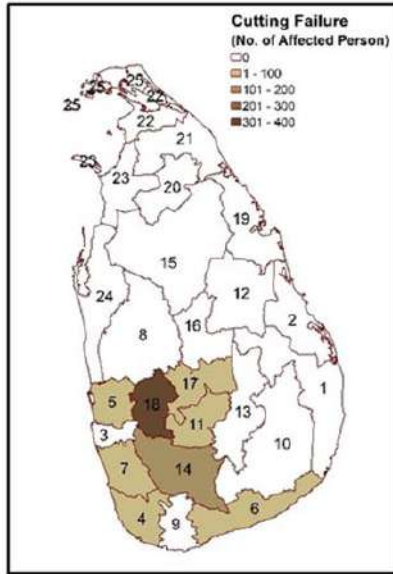
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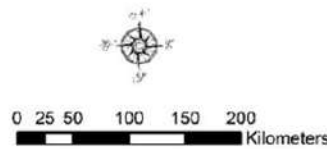


# Hazards for the Month of September

Analyzed by Studying Month of September 2019 - 2023



District	CD	District	CD	District	CD
Ampara	1	Moneragala	10	Trincomalee	19
Batticaloa	2	Nuwara Eliya	11	Vavuniya	20
Colombo	3	Polonnaruwa	12	Mullaitivu	21
Galle	4	Badulla	13	Kilinochchi	22
Gampaha	5	Ratnapura	14	Mannar	23
Hambantota	6	Anuradhapura	15	Puttalam	24
Kalutara	7	Matale	16	Jaffna	25
Kurunegala	8	Kandy	17		
Matera	9	Kegalle	18		



Event	District	Affected People
CUTTING FAILURE	Galle	14
	Gampaha	15
	Hambantota	12
	Kalutara	73
	Kandy	15
	Kegalle	329
	Nuwara Eliya	27
FLOOD	Ratnapura	124
	Puttalam	377
	Colombo	20410
	Galle	20208
	Gampaha	113301
	Hambantota	557
	Jaffna	1108
	Kalutara	504
	Kandy	15
	Kegalle	1995
	Kurunegala	751
	Matale	6
	Matera	23002
	Nuwara Eliya	22
	Puttalam	3890
Ratnapura	949	
LANDSLIDE	Kandy	23
	Kegalle	7
	Nuwara Eliya	33
STRONG WIND	Ampara	384
	Anuradhapura	141
	Badulla	730
	Batticaloa	222
	Colombo	12444
	Galle	22
	Gampaha	3194
	Hambantota	459
	Jaffna	247
	Kalutara	5708
	Kandy	1429
	Kegalle	1617
	Kilinochchi	15
	Kurunegala	247
	Mannar	1427
	Matale	25
	Matera	214
Moneragala	250	
Mullaitivu	69	
Nuwara Eliya	201	
Polonnaruwa	44	
Puttalam	1462	
Ratnapura	2267	
Trincomalee	114	
Vavuniya	53	
<b>Total</b>		<b>220752</b>

This map was generated using the last five years historical disaster data analysis from the Disaster Information Management System. The worst disaster incident of the DSD mapped accordingly. Disaster Information Management System is a tool that helps to analyze the disaster trends and their impacts in a systematic manner. With an increased understanding of the disaster trends and their impacts, better prevention, mitigation and preparedness measures can be planned to reduce the impact of disasters on the communities.

Data Sources : [www.desinventar.lk](http://www.desinventar.lk)

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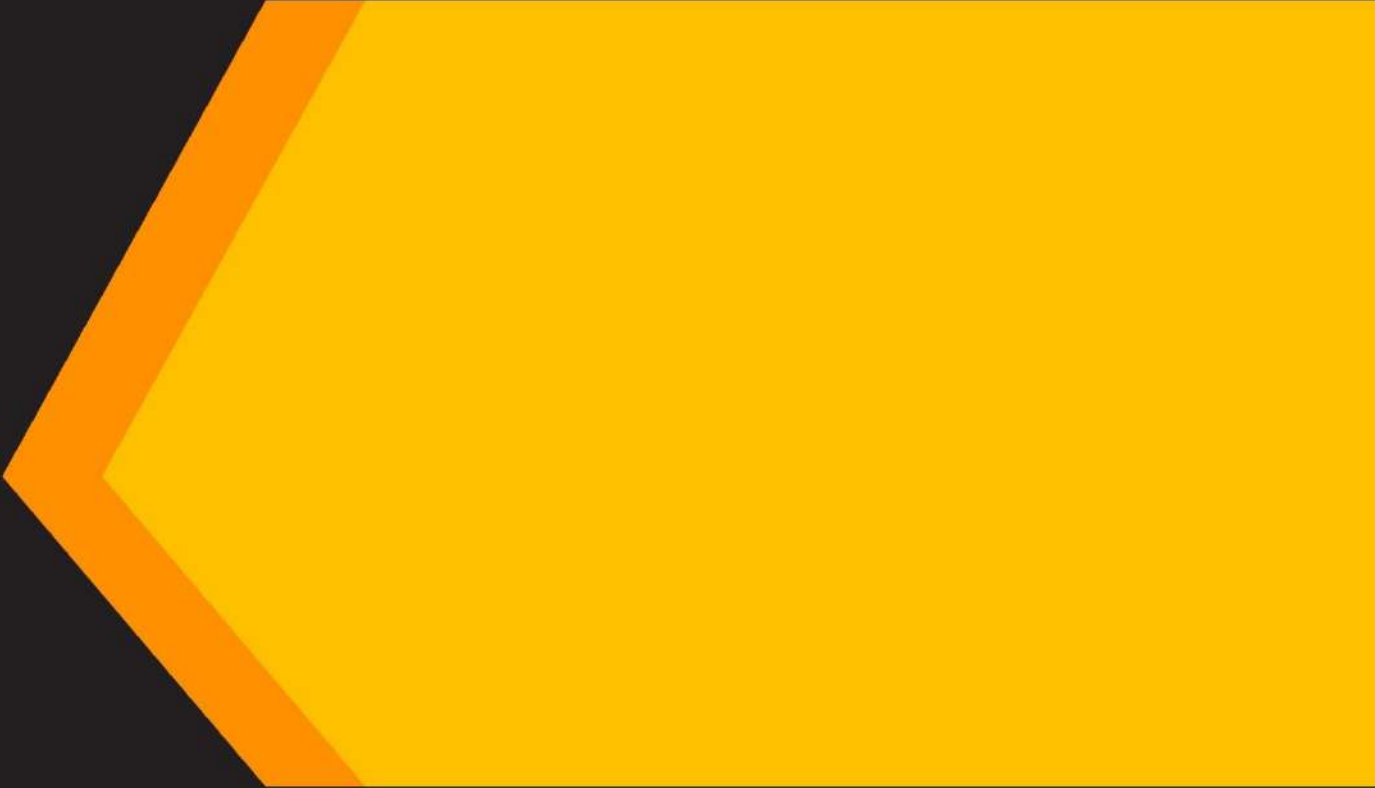
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