

Jaffna Cultural Centre



Scope of the Project: Based on request from Government of Sri Lanka, Government of India agreed to undertake Project for construction of Cultural Centre at Jaffna. The Project involves construction of a Centre comprising a theatre style auditorium (with projection facilities) with capacity of 600 people, a multimedia library with online research facilities, exhibition and gallery space and a museum. It would also have an instructional wing for training in various arts, a language lab and a conference hall-cum-seminar room.

Project Cost: SLR 1.6 Billion (INR 75 Crores)

Duration: 2 years

Implementing Partners:

1. Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs
2. Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA)
3. Department of External Resources, Ministry of Finance

Modalities of Implementation: In order to select the consultant architect, a National Design Competition was held in two rounds and the best design was selected by a Jury, co-chaired by the High Commissioner of India and President of SLIA. It further comprised of a representative each from Government of India and Government of Sri Lanka, two architects(one from India and one from SLIA) and the Mayor of Jaffna. Construction of the Centre is underway since 26 September 2016.



Beneficiaries: People of Northern Province

Impact: The Project will provide suitable social infrastructure for the people of Northern Province, especially those residing in Jaffna, to reconnect themselves with their cultural roots and rest of the country. It will also rejuvenate, promote and nurture the ancient cultural heritage of Jaffna.
