

**Ministry of Buddhasasana, Cultural and Religious Affairs**



**Department of National Archives**  
**Notice to all Printers and Authors**

As a Printer, do you know that it is necessary to legally register your printing press? As an Author, have you verified that your book has been registered at the Department of National Archives?

If you run a printing press, you should make a declaration before a Magistrate in accordance with Section 2(1) of the Printing Press Ordinance (Chapter 178) in order to register the printing press at the Registration of Books and Newspapers Division of the National Archives.

Thereafter, Printers should register all publications under the Printers and Publishers Ordinance (Chapter 179) by providing 05 copies of each printed publication to the National Archives. In that way, a national collection of all books, newspapers and other printed material in Sri Lanka is permanently preserved for future generations.

Failure to act as per the above laws is a punishable offence.

For more information, please contact the Assistant Registrar of Books and Newspapers, Ms. Chamila Priyangani (0112688755/ 0112694523)

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