

TRAVANCORE DEVASWOM BOARD

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Travancore Devaswom Board is an autonomous body constituted under the Travancore Cochin Hindu Religious Institutions Act XVth of 1950. It is entrusted with the task of administering 1250 temples in the erstwhile princely state of Travancore comprised in the state of Kerala which were earlier administered by the ruler of Travancore prior to the integration of the Princely states of Travancore and Cochin in 1949. The Constitution of the Board was based of the Convenant entered in to by Maharaja of Travancore in May 1949 and concured and guaranteed by the Government of India. The Board comprises of President and two Members. As per Amendment of Act in 2012, two members shall be nominated by Hindus among the Council of Ministers and one member belonging to Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe shall be elected by the Hindu among the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the State of Kerala. The term of the President and Members is for a period of two years. It has a Secretariat and its headquarters is at Nanthencode, Thiruvananthapuram, headed by the Secretary of the Board.

Following are the important Departments under the Board.

- Devaswom Department:
 Devaswom Commissioner is the Chief Executive and Head of the Department.
- Works Department: Headed by the Chief Engineer (General).
- Law Department: Headed by the Law Officer.
- Accounts Department:
 Finance & Accounts officer.
- 5) Vigilance Department: Headed by a Superintendent of Police on Deputation from Police Department.
- 6) Cultural & Archeological Department: Headed by the Director.

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