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Move vessel away from Sri Lanka: AG

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera has paid special attention to move the blazing crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel lying in Eastern seas out of Sri Lankan waters.

Attorney General's Coordinating Officer State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told news media that the Attorney General yesterday held a further discussion with the Chairman of the Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) and Director General of Merchant Shipping to review and advice on issues arising from the fire. **TO PAGE 06**

PM MAKES PROPOSAL TO GOVT MPS

CATTLE SLAUGHTER TO BE BANNED

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa proposed to implement new laws to prevent cattle slaughter in the country, Parliament sources said.

Premier Rajapaksa had made the proposal at the Government Parliamentary Group meeting held at the parliamentary complex yesterday. Parliament sources said many MPs had given their approval to the Prime Minister's proposal.

The Parliamentary Group



meeting was held at the Committee Room 1 of the Parliament complex with Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa pre-

siding. The PM had noted at the meeting that cattle slaughter should be stopped as many opposed the practice.

The Prime Minister has also stated that the government should take maximum action to prevent clearing of forest by various persons for various reasons. "There are many instances where forests are being cleared for cultivation expansion. This should be stopped and a clear demarcation between the cultivated lands and forest reserves should be made. None would be permitted under any

circumstances to clear jungles and reserved forests which are dwindling at an alarming rate," the Prime Minister said.

He had also stated that the need is not to bring about new laws but to implement the existing laws so that the forest reserves of the country would be safeguarded.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister had also requested the MPs to focus their attention on the shortage of fertiliser which is being experienced by farmers throughout the country.

Govt bound to fulfill election pledges - Minister

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the election manifesto was clear on the government's mandate to scrap the 19th Amendment and doing otherwise would amount to betraying the masses who voted this Government into power.



Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, he said the people had given consensus for this and the Government is bound to fulfill and execute the will of the people. The Minister further stated that the Attorney General has made his observations over the draft proposal and the government intends to make progress on the matter. **TO PAGE 06**

Don't auction service dogs - Defence Secretary

RATHNASIRI PATHIRANA

Defence Ministry Secretary Major General (retd) Kamal Gunaratne has directed acting IGP C.D. Wickremaratne not to auction police dogs under any circumstances. He has said that a mechanism should be developed by the relevant organizations to look after these animals considering the services rendered by them in busting the drug menace. **TO PAGE 06**



The old Gafour Building in Fort will be renovated by the Urban Development Ministry using the workmanship and architecture from the Government Workshop and the Sri Lanka Navy. State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa and senior UDA officials were present at yesterday's function to begin restoration of this iconic building in the city. Pictures by Saman Sri Wedage.

Lawyers to call for SC proceedings live on television

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A group of lawyers led by Attorney Aruna Laksiri in a letter to the President are urging to provide facilities to telecast Supreme Court

proceedings on live television. In a letter addressed to the President, Attorney Aruna Laksiri highlighted the importance of airing Supreme Court **TO PAGE 06**

Middlemen, cause for egg price surge - State Minister

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Sri Lanka has no requirement of importing eggs as the country is self-sufficient in egg production, Livestock, Farm Promotion, Dairy and Egg Related Industries State Minister D.B. Herath said. Speaking to the media at his ministry in Battaramulla **TO PAGE 06**

NPP questions progress on former CBSL Governor's extradition

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

National People's Power (NPP) leader Anura

Kumara Dissanayake yesterday questioned the government on the steps the present government has taken to bring former **TO PAGE 06**

Swiss employee's alleged abduction

Analyst told to report on CCTV footage

SHAVINI PERERA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayaratne yesterday ordered the Government Analyst to submit a report pertaining to the CCTV footage between 2.00

and 6.00p.m on November 25, where the alleged abduction of Swiss Embassy employee Garnier Banister Francis is said to have taken place.

When the matter was taken

up, the Criminal Investigation Department informed the Magistrate that 607 hours of CCTV camera footage regarding this case has been referred to Government Analyst. **TO PAGE 06**

Former Government neglected national security - Former Intel Chief

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

The previous Government gave more priority to reconciliation than national security, former National Intelligence Service Chief, retired DIG Sisira Mendis told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry probing the Easter Sunday terrorist attacks yesterday.

The former DIG replied in the affirmation when asked whether he reckons it was a mistake not to give priority to national security. **TO PAGE 06**

Internet facilities for far flung Lankagama....



Sri Lanka Telecom has provided internet facilities to the Lankagama area and made arrangements for students of the Lankagama Junior School to use the internet following the request made by the villagers during President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's recent visit to the area. Symbolising this process, SLT Chairman Rohan Fernando, TRCSL Chairman Oshada Senanayake and SLT Group CEO Lalith Seneviratne in a phone conversation via Zoom technology with the Principal, teachers and the students of the school.

Opposition MPs walk out in protest

CID framed me, I'm innocent - Premalal

SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

Ratnapura District MP Premalal Jayasekera, who took oaths in Parliament yesterday, thanked the judiciary for considering his writ petition and permitting him to attend Parliament as an MP.

The Opposition MPs walked out in protest during the swearing-in.

Jayasekera maintained that he is innocent but was still imprisoned over a crime he did not commit and said the CID had framed him. However, he appealed to the Justice Minister, **TO PAGE 06**

Alleged death threats on President, Defence Secretary

CID to record statements from gangster 'Podi Lassie'

MAHINDA PLIYANAGE, Galle Central special correspondent

Galle Chief Magistrate Harshana Kekunawela yesterday permitted the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to record a statement from notorious gangster Arumhandi Janith Madushanka alias Podi Lassie and ordered to produce him in courts on September 25. **TO PAGE 06**



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Sri Lankan job seekers in Dubai park moved to shelters

Over 20 Sri Lankans found sleeping at the Al Hudaiba Park have been provided shelter, thanks to good samaritans in the community.

Social workers, the Sri Lankan Welfare Association Sahana, and the Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Dubai came to the aid of the stranded nationals who were in the UAE on visit visas.

"All of them came here on visit visas and were unable to find job opportunities, Nalinda Wijerathna, the Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Dubai, told *Khaleej Times*. "The mission, through community associations, has been offering stranded persons' alter-

native accommodation," he said. Welfare groups confirmed that all homeless will be moved to shelters. "Most of us here do not have money to purchase return tickets or pay for quarantine once we reach there. We are without any facilities not even to take a bath. We live on food given by those who pass by," a stranded Sri Lankan said.

Various shelters run by Sahana were accommodating 110 distressed people, including women, Vishwa Thilakarathna, board of director at Sahana, said.

"We had moved 20 people to shelters last week and now 10 more have set base at the same

park. On Sunday, we were informed of this new group. We will accommodate them as soon as possible and repatriate them on the flight scheduled on September 10," he said.

"We run these shelters with the support of our sponsors. We are looking for shelter homes where we can accommodate 100 more people at once," he added.

"Those returning to Sri Lanka have to produce a negative PCR test and have to pay for institutional quarantine.

People who cannot afford it are being provided with these facilities," Thilakarathna said. "Some individuals were trying

to take advantage and continuing to stay in the park to get first priority to return home," he added.

Well-wishers in the neighbourhood were providing the group with food, water, mattresses and other basic amenities to help them survive the extreme weather conditions before the Sri Lankan diplomatic mission took over and transferred them to shelters organised by the Sahana.

A resident in the area, Indian national Pragna Singh has been providing the stranded individuals with hot food, biscuits and other amenities. She reached out to other Lankans in Dubai who put her in touch with the Sri Lan-

kan Welfare Association. "There were at least 25 distressed persons at one point and all of them were moved to shelters over the weekend. Now, some have returned. I have been providing them with food, snacks and other basic amenities. There is a growing concern as there is not much social distancing and they do not have clean sanitation either," said Singh.

For many residents, it is difficult to watch these men and women sleep out in the heat. Kyle, a Filipino resident said.

"It is very heart-breaking to see them in this state," she said.

- *Khaleej Times*

Over 19,000 stranded Sri Lankans in UAE to be repatriated

A large number of Sri Lankans in the UAE have registered to return home and many cannot afford paid quarantine, PCR tests and air tickets, Nalinda Wijerathna, Consul-General of Sri Lanka in Dubai told *Khaleej Times*.

"There are 19,000 wishing to go back. Around 5,000 of those registered, who could not afford quarantine and air tickets, have some flights are also organised by Emirates Airlines," Wijerathna said.

"The airports in Sri Lanka are still not open for commercial operations, so these are special repatriation flights. Moreover, at a given time, only 7,000 international returnees can be placed in government quarantines and this too causes a slight delay in their return."

Flights organised to Sri Lanka are done in partnership with Sri Lankan Airlines and some flights are also organised by Emirates Airlines. - *Khaleej Times*



Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) supporters in the Ratnapura District lit fire-crackers and held milk rice danselas in many areas in the district with the swearing in of Premalal Jayasekera as an MP before Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena yesterday. Picture by Sampath Piyananda, Balangoda Special Corr.

Youth will be armed with professional qualifications - Arambepola

ASELA KURULUWANSA

The aim of the Government is to arm the youth who have not been selected for higher education, with professional qualifications. Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research and Innovations State Minister Dr. Seetha Arambepola said.

She visited the Sri Dala-

da Maligawa and received the blessing of the Sacred Tooth Relic and Chief Incumbents of the Malwatta and Asgiriya Chapters.

The State Minister said that even though many new innovations are in the country, those do not come out as a massive economic production. Therefore, a mech-

anism will be set up to bring innovations as economic productions.

The Maha Sanga advised the State Minister to form a mechanism to bring innovations to the production.

The State Minister said that the issues in this regard will be identified and cleared the drawbacks.

"This portfolio can be

used to lift the economy. Several long lasting plans will be set up to streamline this sector," she said.

"The youth who do not receive higher education will be strengthened to absorb their capabilities into innovation. Innovative ideas of the youth will be used for the economic prosperity," she said.



EU to provide Euro 4.9 million to revive tourism

The European Union (EU) will provide a grant of 4.9 million Euros to revive the tourism industry in Sri Lanka hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

EU Ambassador in Sri Lanka Denis Chaibi yesterday told the Tour-

ism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga the grant will be provided with an immediate effect to boost Sri Lanka's tourism industry in a discussion at the Ministry.

The grant criteria by the EU included formulating a set of tourism

operational guidelines, improving CSR projects and community based tourism projects, supporting SMEs and Wellness Tourism, including Ayurveda and Hela Wedakama and upgrading training and health facilities of employees in the sector.

Fifty four hotels run by SMEs will be granted financial assistance. Euro 2,00,000 will be provided for the CSR project with the ILO, while Euro one million will be allocated to develop community based projects in the Central and the Uva Provinces.

Nine more COVID-19 patients recover

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

The Health Ministry Epidemiology Unit has reported that nine more persons infected with coronavirus have fully recovered yesterday.

The recovered persons are from the Welikanda Base Hospital and the Colombo East Base Hospital. With them, 2935 person have recovered now.

The report confirmed 3,123 positive cases.

The Epidemiology Unit said 176 active cases are under medical care at selected hospitals. Twelve died from the virus so far.

The Coronavirus outbreak hit the world from Wuhu, China infecting millions and forcing many countries to impose immediate lockdowns.

Six suspects with 12kg of Kerala cannabis held

The Navy held six suspects with over 12kg of Kerala cannabis at the Kurinnavette in Puttalam, Trincomalee bus station and in Seeduwa.

Two suspects with a12kg of Kerala cannabis were held by the Northwestern Naval Command in Kurinnavette, Puttalam yesterday. The Eastern Naval Command along

with the Division Narcotic Branch Trincomalee arrested a woman and two men at the Trincomalee bus station.

A suspect with 15g of Kerala cannabis and 250 pregabalin capsules (150mg) were seized in Seeduwa by the Western Naval Command along with the Police STF-Rajagiriya.

The accused were identified as residents of Madurankuliya, Muthur, Erakkandi, Kilinochchi and Marawila. The suspects together with the Kerala cannabis and other drugs were handed over to the Puttalam Police Narcotic Division, Police Station, Headquarters Trincomalee and Seeduwa Police.

Energy Minister seeks employees' proposals

UPALI KARUNARATNE

Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila has sought the proposals of the employees of the institutions under his purview to strengthen them and to identify the shortcomings in them.

He requested the employees to directly write to him the problems they have in

their respective institutions and their suggestions to improve them. The Minister, assuring the confidentiality of the information provided, said he would personally attend to each of them.

Special boxes were set up in the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Ceylon Petro-

leum Storage Terminals Limited and the Petroleum Resources Development Secretariat for the employees to send their letters, and a large number of responses had been sent so far. The letters were handed over to the Minister by the Heads of the institutions.

Urgent need for traffic lights at Mattakkuliya

Residents of the Centre Road, Mattakkuliya, Colombo 15 call upon the authorities to install traffic lights at Centre Road, St. Mary's Road crossroad, which is now a deathtrap

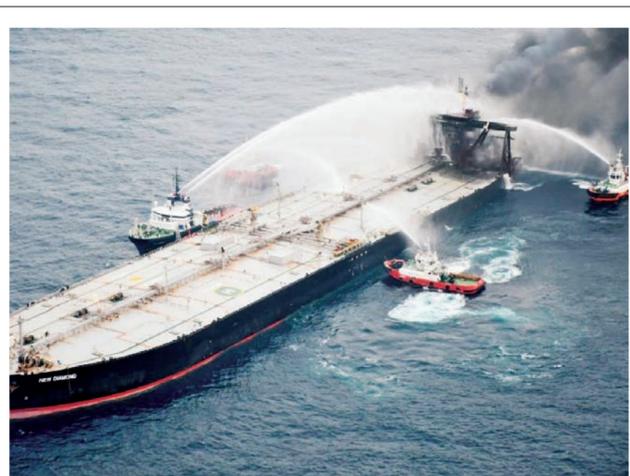
Aspate of accidents have occurred in the recent past at this crossroad, and this has posed a grave danger to life and limb, not only to motorists but also to pedestrians.

It was only last week that three people including the Deputy Director of the Central Bank died on the spot whilst travelling in a trishaw to work. Several others were maimed and injured. It was revealed that the van driver who rammmed into three other vehicles was under the influence of heroin.

Motorcyclists seem to be using this stretch of road as a racing track, late at night disturbing the peace of the neighbourhood.

Many schools are close to this spot and children are exposed to these speed fiends.

This matter has been brought to the notice of the Officer-in-Charge of the Mattakkuliya Police, residents said.



The Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) yesterday released new photographs of distressed oil tanker MT New Diamond. Its fire has reignited on Monday evening in extreme temperature and inclement weather in the sea off the country.

CID finds Rs. 2,600 million in 102 bank accounts

Price of heroin on rise, addicts move to marijuana

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Ongoing investigations by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) have revealed that there are 102 bank accounts with over Rs. 2,600 million earned by drug trafficking by organised criminal groups.

Speaking at a media briefing, Police Media Spokesperson SSP Jaliya Senarathne said that the investigations have revealed

that funds were also channelled from drug traffickers who were living overseas to those here.

He warned the public to be vigilant in financial scams. He said that several incidents have been reported where individuals were scammed into believing that they have won a lottery. He also added that complaints have been made where dubious agents have

promised to send people for work overseas and had taken money in exchange.

He said that due to police continued crackdown on drug busts, the street price of heroin has increased threefold during the last few months. "We have seen more people moving to cannabis because of the unavailability and the high price of heroin," he said.

Galle old city building nearing collapse



The building.

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,

Galle Central Special Corr. An old building in Galle near the Dickson Junction is on the verge of collapse,

residents of Galle said. A judicial action has been taken recently over the building. However, its owners did not repair it.

Recent heavy rains and strong winds had damaged parts of the building. Police have declared the area is unsafe for the public.

Quack arrested

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Hatton Police yesterday arrested a person who posed as a medical practitioner following a complaint made by the Board of Trustees of the Jumma mosque in Hatton.

Police have received information that this suspect had provided medical advice to patients.

Preliminary investigations have revealed this quack was visiting the Hatton area once a week from Puttalam, and many persons are waiting for him to obtain treatments.

The police have also found Rs. 150,000 in his possession at the time of arrest.

Police sources said that he did not have any document to prove that he was a medical practitioner



The Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) yesterday staged a protest opposite the Ven. Maduluwawe Sobitha Thera's statue near the Parliamentary complex against the draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution. Picture by Rukmal Gamage

Holistic approach to develop tea industry: President reviews proposals

Loss making estate companies to be restructured

Priority for re-cultivation for a higher yield

Tea research to take a novel path

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said that the tea industry, which has suffered a severe setback, should be revived on a holistic approach. Experts in the field said that long, medium and short-term plans should be set up after scrutinising loss making estates to increase tea exports and its revenue. The President said the objective should be to reclaim the status enjoyed by Ceylon Tea in the global market in the past while identifying the factors contributed to the down-

fall of the industry. The President was participating in a meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Company Establishment Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday (7). Ten of the 20 major plantation companies are inoperative. The production of plantation companies has been declining rapidly in an environment where the small tea estates achieve higher production. The President

instructed the officials to identify causes for losses and inactivity of these companies soon and to provide permanent solutions for the issues. It was decided to hand over loss-making plantations companies to the tea smallholders as a pilot project. "Losses at plantation companies should be thoroughly investigated in a context of where the infrastructure facilities including roads, hospitals, schools and sanitation have been provided by the Government," Head of the Presidential Task Force on Eco-

nomics Revival Basil Rajapaksa said. The need to rehabilitate tea estates and regularise cultivation to produce higher yields was also discussed. Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa highlighted the need to provide reliefs to tea growers to engage in self-employment or other livelihoods until the tea plants reach the yielding stage. Experts believe that the setback in the tea industry is caused due to ignorance of the findings made by

researches in the field. They highlighted the requirement of prioritizing research developments and pursuing new markets for the product. Expanding the bio tea industry and securing a better profit from its high demand in the world market was also focused. President Rajapaksa highlighted the importance of strengthening the plantation management and supervision. Representatives from the small tea estate sector commended the President for his wise decisions during

the curfew period under the COVID 19 pandemic which protected nearly 421,000 small tea estate owners across the country. Minister Ramesh Pathirana, State Minister Kanaka Herath, Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretaries of the Cabinets and State Ministries, Officials of the Line institutes, representatives from the tea estate owners and planters were present.



Academic activities of the Government schools commenced for the students of all classes yesterday in the aftermath of the COVID 19 pandemic. Here students of the Vijayabahu Primary School in Gonalagoda, Nagoda washing their hands before entering the school. Picture by Lankanda Nanayakkara, Imaduwa Group Corr.

Sri Lanka will be developed as global techno hub - PM

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said that priority will be accorded to the IT sector and develop Sri Lanka as a global technology hub. The Prime Minister was participating as the Chief Guest in the online inauguration of the HCL first development centre in Sri Lanka on September 7. High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay attended the event as a special guest. He said that the presence of HCL - a global IT leader - is an asset for Sri Lanka and will generate significant opportunities for the youth. He congratulated the management of the HCL and conveyed his best wishes for the project. The Indian High Commissioner said that the HCL's presence in Sri Lanka will help in empowering the youth through creation of jobs and



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and India High Commissioner Gopal Baglay and other stakeholders participating in the webinar inauguration.

enabling the transfer of knowledge and skills. He said that the lighting of the lamp during the inauguration ceremony symbolised the illumination of the Sri Lankan economic landscape by the talent and ability of young Sri Lankan ideapreneurs. He added that India shares her capabilities with friends and partners, and India will continue to develop its multi-faceted cooperation with Sri Lanka for progress and prosperity in the region.

Horana Police SI remanded for soliciting sexual bribe

SHAVINI MADHARA
A sub inspector who was arrested for soliciting a sexual bribe from a woman was remanded till September 22 by Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayaratne yesterday.

Officers of the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruptions informed the Magistrate that the suspect of the Horana Police was arrested following a complaint lodged by the woman with

the CIABOC. The officers said that the suspect has been taken into custody in Ingiriya, when he was attempting to solicit a sexual bribe from the complainant to issue a copy of a complaint lodged in the Police Station about a lost motorcycle of the complainant's son. The officers told the Magistrate that the suspect had asked the complainant to come to a hotel to provide her with the receipt.

'About 50,000 Lankans stranded aboard waiting to be repatriated'

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR
About 50,000 Lankans stranded abroad in the Covid-19 pandemic are waiting to be repatriated in the coming days, Secretary to the Foreign Ministry Admiral Jayanath Colombage yesterday said. He added that repatriating them will take place daily. "Over 30,000 persons have been repatriated since the outbreak, while about 50,000 are waiting to be repatriated," he said.

Colombage said that so far 95 per cent of Sri Lankan flights have travelled to various destinations, while other airlines, too, had supported in this regard. "No date has been set to open airports for tourists

as repatriation is ongoing. If authorities are ready with necessary health measures, the airports will open. The repatriation, however, will continue despite the opening of airports," he said.

'Cultural tourism will promote Myanmar, Sri Lanka as major tourist hubs'

Cultural tourism is a main sector to promote Sri Lanka and Myanmar and Sri Lanka as major tourist destinations and the absence of direct air connectivity was a major barrier that should be rectified as a first priority, Sri Lanka's new Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Nalin de Silva said. He presented the Letter of Credence to President Win Myint of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on September 1 at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw. Ambassador Silva conveyed warm greetings from President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the Government of Sri Lanka to the President and the Government of Myanmar. The Ambassador expressed the willingness to work towards elevating



Sri Lanka's new Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Nalin de Silva presenting Letter of Credence to President Win Myint of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

ties to the benefit of the two nations in a wide area including economic and cultural cooperation. Untapped potential for the improvement of infrastructure of education and health was also identified as a main area that the two countries should work for mutual benefit. Sri Lanka's interest in joining the ASEAN as a Sectoral Dialog Partner was reiterated and the President welcomed Sri Lanka in connection with more interactions and engagements with ASEAN member states. The Myanmar President expressed that he is keen to undertake a state visit to Sri Lanka in the post COVID period breaking the long laps of a high-level visit between the two countries. President Win Myint extended best wishes for the Sri Lanka's Ambassador on his assignment and assured continuous assistance in all his efforts in strengthening the friendly relations with Myanmar.

US envoy calls on Justice Minister

RUKSHANA RIZWIE
US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina B. Teplitz met Justice Minister President Counsel Ali Sabry yesterday at the Minister's office and discussed the role of the judiciary and its future plans as well as the US role and support in achieving those endeavours. The discussions also focused on the accumulation of cases in various courts in Sri Lanka. They also discussed overcrowding



Justice Minister Ali Sabry, US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina B. Teplitz and officials from the US Embassy and the Justice Ministry in discussion.

in prisons and related issues. The Justice Minister mentioned that at the prisons were filled beyond its capacity and there has been a long felt need to resolve the issue. They also spoke of training of judges, judicial and arbitration proceedings. Attorney at law Priyantha Mayadunna the Secretary to the Justice Ministry and Attorney-at-law Janaka Ranatunga.

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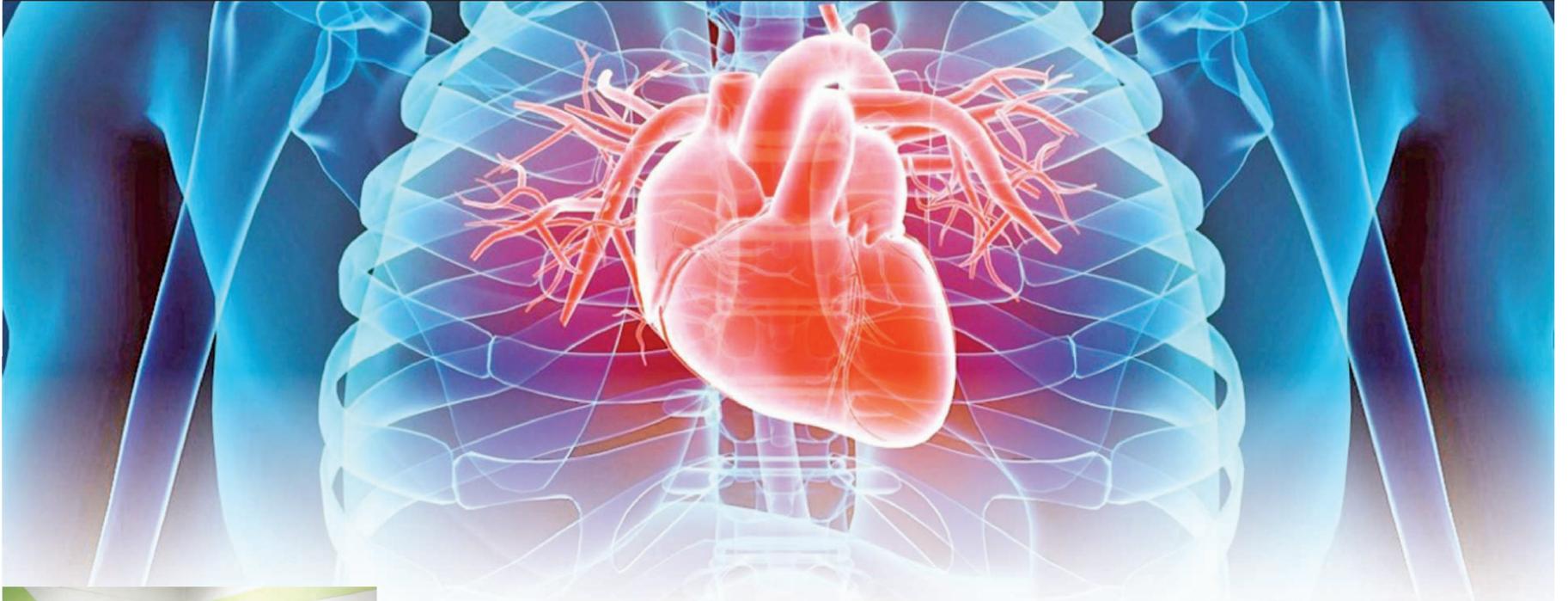
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BREACHING A HEALTH FRONTIER

A WHO report on how Sri Lanka uses technology to train and mentor staff on the NCD frontline

Every year, around 120,000 people die prematurely from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) in Sri Lanka. Despite its robust health system, gaps exist in the training and mentoring of health professionals to address NCDs in their services, resulting in avoidable diseases, poorer care and worse health outcomes for patients.



Sri Lanka contained COVID-19 successfully



A rural MOH office.



A well equipped provincial health facility.

Recognising that tackling these gaps could improve patient care, and responding to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sri Lanka has established a new virtual 'hub and spoke' training module to reach health care professionals working on NCDs.

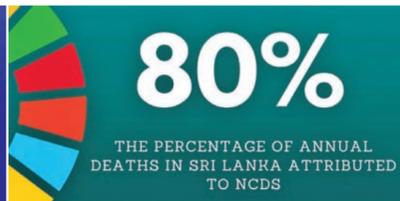
Thanks to its well-established health system, Sri Lanka has achieved indicators of health status and service coverage well above its neighbouring countries. The country has a well-planned network of Medical Officer of Health units, providing comprehensive and evidence-based services, integrated with local public health inspectors and midwives at the grassroots level. The high standards of this integrated health delivery system have enabled Sri Lanka to achieve strong health gains at low cost.

However, NCDs are posing an ever-increasing threat to these health systems. Currently, more than 80 percent of all deaths are attributed to NCDs – resulting in approximately 120,000 premature deaths every year. Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) account for around one-in-three of these deaths, followed by cancers, diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases.

As well as challenges posed by an ageing population, risk factors for NCDs are also highly-prevalent. One quarter of all Sri-Lankans currently live with hypertension, and one in twelve with diabetes. Almost three-in-ten men currently smoke, while average salt consumption for both men and women is double the WHO's recommendation of five grammes per day.

Dr. Nalika Gunawardena, National Professional Office, WHO Country Office, Sri Lanka, explains to us why acting on NCDs is so important: "NCDs are an extremely pressing concern for our health. But they are also a significant challenge for Sri Lanka's development, with NCDs driven by underlying social, economic, political, environmental and cultural factors broadly known as 'social determinants'.

Health-promoting partnerships are a vital way for Sri Lanka to address the



social determinants of NCDs. This project to train and mentor staff working in primary care to screen, diagnose, treat and refer for NCDs is one such extremely important partnership. WHO is committed to continued local support, to ensure the human and financial burden of NCDs do not undermine development gains."

Despite the availability of free health care to all, around 40 percent of people living with common NCDs in Sri Lanka are currently not diagnosed or treated. And among those treated, data show far too many do not achieve the desired health outcome.

Training in NCDs

Recognising the critical importance of NCDs to universal health care, the Health Ministry has introduced several initiatives to aim for the WHO's target of a 25 percent reduction in premature NCD mortality by 2025, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. These include: delivering essential NCD screening in its Healthy Lifestyle Centres and Well Women Clinics; focusing on providing appropriate treatments at different levels of care; improving cancer detection and mental health services.

While progress is being made, the coverage of these programmes remains low with a slow pace of adoption. And ultimately, their success relies on giving health workers and facility managers the skills and mentoring they need to create positive changes to health service delivery.

Traditionally, the Health Ministry has

ONE QUARTER OF ALL SRI-LANKANS CURRENTLY LIVE WITH HYPERTENSION, AND ONE IN TWELVE WITH DIABETES. ALMOST THREE-IN-TEN MEN CURRENTLY SMOKE, WHILE AVERAGE SALT CONSUMPTION FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN IS DOUBLE THE WHO'S RECOMMENDATION OF FIVE GRAMMES PER DAY.

adopted a face-to face model to train its workforce and build capacity by cascading information. While this training is effective and extremely helpful, it can be tricky to reach the right staff at the right time, leading to inconsistent levels of knowledge in how best to respond to NCDs.

Despite the emerging evidence of their effectiveness, using virtual technology tools to train and mentor health staff were underused in Sri Lanka. And with new challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to embrace innovative training and mentoring models was urgently felt by all.

Dr Vindya Kumarapeli, Director for NCD at the Health Ministry explains this urgency:

"Before COVID-19, we had not really explored the take up of online and distant learning methods for in-service training and mentoring in Sri Lanka. This project provided us with a good opportunity to equip ourselves with the technological support needed to do so. This will allow us to give our health workers the best-quality training, and boost the reach of our training."

Fixing the challenges

Boosting capacity to deliver digital training and mentoring for those working on NCDs was a key issue of need. Working with the Health Ministry, this project funded by the Denmark government set the goal to establish a learning management system from which this virtual capacity building could begin.

This system focused on establishing a 'hub and spoke' model, where the Health Ministry's NCD Directorate provides the central training function, and the staff of nine institutions spread across Sri Lanka's nine provinces receive training and mentorship from the Ministry.

By building the capacity of technical staff within the Health Ministry to use virtual training alongside face-to-face courses,



Frequent medical checks can keep NCDs at bay.

developing a structure of courses, and trialing the training across nine sites in each province, there is huge potential for the project to be scaled up in future if successful.

A much-needed training model

Given the pressing need to establish virtual training, with COVID-19 limiting opportunities for face-to-face meetings, considerable progress has been achieved in just three months.

Perhaps the biggest logistical challenge, the much-needed institutional arrangement to create a 'hub and spoke' model has been set up, including supplying video conferencing facilities and IT infrastructure needed to deliver NCD service training.

To serve this model, WHO has worked closely with the NCD Directorate to provide the best-quality resource possible for health staff. This has included identifying the training areas of most need, being considerate of the needs of trainees and trainers and understanding their motivations, and adapting and creating new modules for virtual delivery.

Dr Chithramali Rodrigo, a postgraduate trainee in Community Medicine, explains how the new training may help her:

"Undergoing online in-service training and participating in online review meetings are new experiences for me. Previously all the training I had undertaken was face to face.

Due to the threat of COVID-19, we could not continue this. While adapting to the 'new normalcy' I consider the online mode of training to be very effective and efficient. It will help me to keep updated with the latest evidence and guidelines and to enhance my work on caring for the community."

Digital training creates new opportunities to reach health workers on the frontline, where this training would have previously been face-to-face, and paused indefinitely because of COVID-19.

As one example, Sri Lanka's existing technical package to improve cardiovascular health (HEARTS) can now be delivered

through an online, self-learning training programme, creating potential to widen access and improve care outcomes.

Supporting those working on the frontline to prevent, treat and manage NCDs is crucial for the quality of life of the millions of Sri Lankan people currently living with these diseases. Learnings from the COVID-19 pandemic indicate that digital health will play an increasing role in how this support is delivered.

We will be closely following the development of the new virtual training model, and it will be vital to learn from experiences of health staff and trainers, to understand how to best improve knowledge and practice changes. Understanding the motivations for those who participate is an important aspect, and we are exploring the opportunity to gain accreditation for NCD courses, giving people the chance to receive a diploma-level certificate for their participation.

As well as the clear benefits of improving the integration of NCDs in health systems delivery, the project creates several future opportunities for the health of the Sri Lankan population. In addition to a new digital module on cardiovascular health, plans are afoot to design new NCD-related virtual training and mentoring modules.

What's more, there are added possibilities across the region, with the Sri Lankan Government recently participating in webinars with colleagues in Bhutan and Nepal to share learnings on designing a virtual training program.

Better training in how to prevent, diagnose, treat and manage NCDs in health systems leads to better patient outcomes. And by mentoring the emerging NCD leaders of tomorrow all across the country, we hope this project can enable innovative ideas to grow.

Across the Global Week for Action on NCDs (September 7-13), we are sharing stories from the field about why acting on NCDs is so important. These stories have emerged from a recent project funded by the Denmark government.

(Source: WHO)

Prevalence of Major NCD Risk factors

Risk Factor	Male	Female
*Smoking (Adults)	22.8%	0.3%
*Obesity (BMI>=25)	19.6%	30.4%
**Lipid Levels (Total Cholesterol)	19.4%	28.7%
***Hypertension (Systolic BP>140mmHg & Diastolic > 90mmHg)	13%	14%
Physical Inactivity (<600MET minutes / week)	17.9%	31.9%
Fruit & Vegetable Consumption(<5 fruits/vegetable servings)	81.4%	83.3%

*Sri Lanka STEPS survey 2007
**Ragama Risk Factor Study 2007
***Kaluwanda et al 2005



Annual reports reflect previous government's feeble economic policies - Prof. Bandara

The annual report of the Central Bank, the performance report of the Finance Ministry and the mid-year fiscal report, which have been presented to Parliament in August, 2020 reflects the feeble economic policies by the previous government and repercussions of them, Prof. Ranjith Bandara said.

Prof. Bandara was moving the adjournment motion on the annual report of the Central Bank, the performance report of the Finance Ministry and the mid-year fiscal report.

The reports scientifically analyse and recount the major economic setbacks suffered by the country's economy during 2015-2019 because of the unhealthy economic policies, weak management and poor decision making of the previous government, he said.

Prof. Bandara said that the reports can be sourced to design the future economic policies and strategies to be followed by the Government.

He proposed the House to analyse the reports and create policies that

would strengthen 'Saubhagya Dakma', the most promising election manifesto of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The adjournment motion was seconded by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Gampaha District MP Sahan Pradeep Withana.

MP Withana said that the economy was severely affected by the poor decision making and management of the previous government, Easter Sunday terror carnage and the COVID-19 pandemic. MP Withana said that during the previous rule, the financial

assistance directed to the private sector was lessened. He added that investors and entrepreneurs lost confidence because of the lack of political stability as well.

MP Withana said that the Government's revenue has decreased from Rs. 29 BN in 2019, in comparison to 2018. He said that the revenue on tax has increased whereas the revenue other than tax has decreased by Rs. 51 BN. MP Withana said that the Government expenditure has increased from 8.2 per cent in 2019 in

comparison to 2018. He said that the Government has given relief to the public by decreasing the fuel prices. He said that within the first four months of 2020, three state banks have recorded profits. The Ports Authority has displayed impressive achievements during a short time, he said.

MP Withana stated that several institutions have not produced their annual reports for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 to the CBSL. The institutes include the National Insurance Corpo-



ration, Electricity Board, Lanka Sugar, Sathosa, Lottery Board and Ceylon Fisheries Corporation, he said.

Point of Order cannot be raised over Premalal's presence in House - Dinesh

Foreign Minister and Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena yesterday said that the Parliamentarians could not raise a Point of Order on the presence of Premalal Jayasekara as he had taken oaths before the Speaker in accordance with the Court of Appeal order.

He said that the members only could raise the presence of another member in Parliament only by way of a substantive motion. He added if it is a legal matter, it is up to Court to make the decision and the members should go before Court.

He made this observation in Parliament yesterday in response to the point of order raised by Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella challenging taking oaths by Premalal Jayasekara as an MP. Jayasekara took oaths amidst the objections by the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarians by wearing black shawls and making various remarks.

Minister Gunawardena said that Premalal Jayasekara having contested and won at the last General Election was gazetted by the Election Commission as an MP. Thereafter, in accordance with the Court order, he came before the Speaker and took oaths as a Parliamentarian.

Thereafter, the other members have no right to raise his presence by way of a point of order. Only by way of a Substantive Motion his presence could be questioned by other members and that is the standing order.

"There is no substantive motion," Minister Gunawardena said. "Every member who has taken oaths before the Speaker and taken the seat enjoys equal responsibilities and rights of all the Parliamentarians. Therefore, I request the Chair not to allow any to make remarks that tanta-



mount to Contempt of Parliament," he said.

Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella raising his Point of Order said that one who was sentenced to death attempted to take oaths as an MP. He added that there is a precedent to this incident in 2010 when Sarath Fonseka was imprisoned and his seat in Parliament fell vacant. On that occasion, Professor G L Peiris said that the Speaker had no discretion at such a moment and the seat of the member shall become vacant. "The Speaker, therefore, has to inform the Election Commission that the seat of the member has fallen vacant."

SJB MP Sarath Fonseka said that a convict who is sentenced to death cannot function as an MP and vote in Parliament. "It is in the Constitution as well. I was imprisoned, while I was an MP and today, one was sentenced earlier took oaths. The order says that it was the discretion of the Speaker to allow him to sit or cast vote. "Do you allow him?" he queried the chair.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said that he would quote a section of the Court Order. "It is the view of this Court that the petitioner would enjoy all the rights of an elected member of Parliament," the Speaker said. "So we will have to adhere to it."

MP Harin Fernando said that Court also says the question of

sitting and voting does not arise with Court. The Speaker permitting this swearing in is setting a wrong precedence. "I also request the Chair to allow those who were sentenced to death to go home once a week," MP Fernando requested.

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage raising a point of order said that the Speaker has the discretion to act in accordance with the Order on Premalal Jayasekara's matter. "But those who object today heard cases at Temple Trees. Ranil Wickremesinghe heard the cases. Those members have no moral right to talk about the Court," he said.

Shehan Semasinghe said that the Opposition members are not shocked not because of Premalal Jayasekara taking oaths but because the House has resolved to debate the Central Bank Fraud committed during Good Governance tenure.

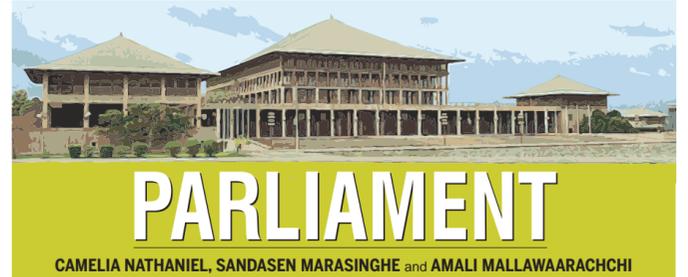
Thereafter, the Speaker moved the House to proceed with day's business. Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and SJB MPs threw their black shawls to the well of the House and left the Chamber in protest of the decision by Parliament to allow Premalal Jayasekara to take oath in line with the Court of Appeal order.

However, none of the TNA or NPP members joined objecting Premalal Jayasekara taking oaths as an MP. After several minutes, SJB MPs Lakshman Kiriella and Eran Wickremaratne were seen returning to their seats.

MP Premalal Jayasekara took a seat in the back row of the Government ranks and was seen observing the protest. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa arrived in the chamber several minutes after the new MP took his oath.

Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage raising again a Point of Order said that he brings the attention of the Chair to standing order 91 (e) which says a matter that is being heard before Court should not be presented before the House of Parliament. Therefore, the matters brought here by MPs Sarath Fonseka and Harin Fernando are wrong. "So, I request you to expunge them from the Hansard," Minister Aluthgamage said. "The imprisonment of Sarath Fonseka and Premalal Jayasekara are matters poles apart. Sarath Fonseka was sentenced by a Court Martial which could not be challenged before a Court. But Premalal Jayasekara was sentenced by a High Court which could be challenged before Superior Courts. The Speaker today acted in accordance with a Court of Appeal order. Hence SJB members attempted to convey a totally incorrect message to the public. We saw what the Ranil Wickremesinghe government did during the last five years. They heard cases before the Temple Trees. They talked to the judges and imprisoned the people," Minister Aluthgamage said.

"We saw what Ranil Wickremesinghe said before the Presidential Commission. He said they had a separate committee to draft cases. "We saw Director General of Commission to Investigations on allegations of Bribery and Corruption. We saw what the Solicitor General said. The SJB is speaking of independence of Judiciary. Sarath Fonseka has forgotten his case. His son-in-law procured materials to the Army, while he was the Army Commander. It is totally illegal. That is why Court Martial sentenced him. The SJB is misleading the House of Parliament," he said.



CAMELIA NATHANIEL, SANDASEN MARASINGHE and AMALI MALLAWAARACHCHI



Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarians were in Parliament chamber with black shawls around their neck in protest of the swearing of Premalal Jayasekara before the speaker yesterday.



A staffer is collecting black shawls bands left on the Well of the House by SJB Parliamentarians. Pictures by Sulochana Gamage.

MP Uddhika brings maize to House for MPs' lunch

Anuradhapura District MP Uddhika Premaratne had brought 10 kg of maize to Parliament yesterday to be cooked and served to the Members of Parliament at lunch as a substitute for imported dhal.

He said that the country spends a large amount of money to import dhal from India, but instead the country could alternate locally produced maize instead of dhal which would not only save money spent on importing dhal, but would also assist to uplift the local farmers.

Joining the adjournment motion debate on the annual report of the Central Bank, the performance report of the Ministry of Finance and the mid-year fiscal report in parliament yesterday, he said as an MP representing the people of Anuradhapura, it is saddening to note that today people in his district suffer without water, especially in Padaviya.

He said that despite almost 2,600 irrigation tanks, the farmers in Anuradhapura are struggling without



water for their crops. He also noted that around two deaths are reported every week in the Anuradhapura District in elephant attacks. Therefore, he appealed to the President to focus attention on the plight of the people in Anuradhapura and look for a sustainable solution that would protect the lives of the people from the elephants and also to protect the elephants.

Full report on Bond Scam must be submitted to Parliament - Vasudeva

A full report on the losses incurred in the Central Bank bond scam in 2015 must be submitted to the House, Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara yesterday said in Parliament. Nanayakkara also observed that the 2015 bond scam is one of the largest financial corruptions recorded in the country.

Minister Nanayakkara made these observations joining the adjournment debate on the annual report of the

Central Bank, the performance report of the Finance ministry and the mid-year fiscal report.

"If calculations be made on the losses incurred by the Government when applying for foreign loans due to the scam, the amount would be impossible to recover," the Minister said. Nanayakkara demanded that all accounts belonging to the culprits of the bond scam be confiscated.

Minister Nanayakkara said that increasing the manufacturing of dairy and sugar cane will cut down import expenses. "If import of flour be decreased, it would be more conducive to the economy," he added.

To record a significant growth in country's economy in post the COVID-19 pandemic era, strengthening local economy is vital, Minister Nanayakkara said.



Postal services in hill country will be improved - Vivalendran

Postal service in the Northern, Eastern and hill country regions will be improved, State Minister of Professional Development in Postal Services and Media S. Vivalendran said.

Joining the adjournment debate, State Minister Vivalendran said that many inactive post offices are in the Northern, Eastern and hill country regions.

Vivalendran said that the Government will take measures to reestablish these post offices and increase

the efficiency of the postal service in the regions.

"Tourism industry was severely affected by the Easter Sunday attacks. Initially, the Central Bank bond scam too had a major impact on the economy. Then the economy was hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government has to face the outcomes of all these major economic setbacks. Despite these challenges the Government is on the right track to develop the country. We need to increase the efficiency of our public services

including the services provided by the ministries and state ministries. The Government needs to cut down unnecessary expenses and direct such funds to development projects. As the State Minister responsible for the postal service, I would like to point out that under the purview of Minister Keheliya Rambukwella and under the directives of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, I am committed to decrease the expenses and increase the efficiency of postal service. Last year, we have recorded an expense of

Rs. 1,450 million and revenue of Rs. 850 million. It means there is a loss of approximately Rs. 500 million. We will rectify this. There are about 24,000 employees in the postal service and about 4000 post offices," he said.

"Previous government said that it would generate 1 million jobs, but I wonder if they provided jobs even for 1,000 persons. However, the Government is successfully carrying out a project to provide jobs for 150,000 persons," the State Minister said.

Central Bank report indicates massive drop in development after 2015 - SB



The Central Bank Report clearly indicates that the massive development rate achieved during 2005 since 1950 of the Sri Lankan economic history came to an abrupt halt in 2015 and perished since then until 2020, Nuwara Eliya District MP S. B. Dissanayake yesterday said.

He made this observation in Par-

liament joining the adjournment motion debate.

He said that although Anura Kumara Dissanayake criticised the investing money during the Ajith Nivard Cabral's tenure in his capacity as the Central Governor, it is a matter of fact that at the end, the country earned a considerable profit. He added that anybody should

accept that in share market matters, there are times of profits and losses.

He added that according to the Central Bank reports, it is clear that the per capita income in 1950 was USD 100 and rose only USD 1,000 by 2005. But the debt rate had increased from 17 per cent to 104 per cent.

"However, the development rate

increased from 4.5 per cent to 7.6 per cent from 2005 to 2015. All this was achieved while defeating a terrorist organization which was led by a terrorist that the world said invincible. A world economic recess, global food crisis and many other challenges were faced by the same Government. However, the same rate was dropped to 2.7 per cent this year," he said.

"The Easter Sunday attack too contributed to this drop of economic development rate. However, with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's election, people had new hopes. As he had no power in Parliament, it is a barrier towards development. It was aggravated by the COVID 19 pandemic," he said.

Ranil to train new Deputy Leader for succession

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The new leader to be appointed to the United National Party will deputise under Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe for sometime, the *Daily News* learns.

A resolution presented to Wickremesinghe by the UNP Working Committee on Monday (7) has

proposed the next leader to be elected should be the party's Deputy Leader for some time under the supervision of current leader Wickremesinghe.

According to this resolution, the United National Party will get a new Deputy Leader before the next Leader is appointed. The

Party's Deputy Leader post has been vacant since former Deputy Leader and present Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa joined the Samagi Jana Balawegaya this year.

The proposal by the WC was communicated to those who are vying for leadership by Wickrem-

esinghe yesterday and he has requested their response with immediate effect, it was reported.

A decisive WC meeting to decide on the next Deputy Leader will be held under the patronage of Ranil Wickremesinghe at the Sirikotha party headquarters next Monday (14).



Parliamentarian Mayantha Dissanayake receiving his appointment as the chairman of SJB Youth Wing from SJB leader and Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa. General Secretary Ranjith Maddumabandara and MP Tissa Attanayake were present.

Navy beach clean ups in North, East and South



The Navy carried out several beach cleaning programmes in Northern, Southern and Eastern Naval Areas, during the past week continuing its commitment to conserve the environment.

Scattered segments of plastic and polythene in the beach areas of Kovilan, Mawelithurai, Vettalaikeni, Kankesanthurai harbour and Arali fishing harbour were piled up during beach cleaning campaigns worked off by Northern Naval Command. In a similar vein, the Southern Naval Command too engaged in cleaning programmes by restoring the attractiveness of Dadalla beach in Galle

and Pallikkudawa beach in Tangalle.

Further, the Naval Fleet Command had organized a Dockyard Excursion from Sandy Bay to Elephant Point. The excursionists, on their way, spent time to clean Coral Cove and Green Bay beaches to help maintain the pristine nature of beaches in Naval Dockyard which had been declared as a Green and Blue Domain.

These clean-up efforts were carried out with the participation of naval personnel from Northern Southern and Naval Fleet Commands, following the health guidelines stipulated for COVID-19 pandemic.

Mangala, Dilum and Harsha at PCoI

SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE

Former Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera, MPs Dilum Amunugama and Harsha De Silva yesterday arrived at the police unit

of the Presidential Commission investigating into the Easter Sunday attack.

They left the police unit after providing their statements to the police unit.



GOLD HAUL: A Police Special Task Force squad yesterday arrested a suspect with 10 kilos of gold concealed under the driver's seat of his car. The suspect told the police that he had undertaken a contract to transport the gold from Palalviya to Kalpitiya. Police said that this gold stock may have been taken for smuggling into India from Kalpitiya. Here, STF officers question the suspect. Picture by Wanathavilluwa corr.

Naval operations recover explosive items

Special naval operations conducted at Udayarkattu in Mullaitivu and at Kahalla in Katugathota (a sand mining site of Mahaweli River) led to the recovery of several explosive items in past few days.

In an operation conducted by Eastern Naval Command together with Police STF-Kilinochchi, the security personnel managed to recover two 60 and 81mm mortars, two 120mm mortars, twelve 60mm Illumination Para mortars and parts of an unidentified mortar bomb. During another operation carried out by Western Naval Command, 07 safety fuse roles (10m in length) and 01 safety fuse role (8.5m in length) were found on a sand mining site near Mahaweli River in Kahalla, Katugathota.

The recovered explosive items were defused by the Bomb Disposal Team of Kilinochchi Police STF. Meanwhile, the safety fuses were handed over to Katugathota Police for onward investigation.

Analyst told to...

The CID further stated that Government Analyst had informed the CID that it would take a long time to analyse and submit a report in relation to the CCTV footage.

Accordingly, the Magistrate issued an order directing the Government Analyst to submit a report pertaining to the CCTV footage time between 2.00 and 6.00 p.m on November 25,

where the alleged abduction was said to have took place. The Chief Magistrate further ordered the CID to submit a report regarding the progress of the investigation into the incident on November 5. Swiss Embassy employee Garnier Banister Francis is claiming that she was kidnapped and threatened by a group of unidentified persons. She is out on bail now.

CID framed me,...

not just on his behalf, but on behalf of all prisoners, to provide proper sanitary facilities for all prisoners. "At the entrance to prison there is a slogan on the wall which states that prisoners are also human. However, as I have experienced, prison cells are closed by around 5.00 pm and

unlocked only the next morning. All prisoners in these cells have to use buckets to relieve themselves and this is very unhygienic. Hence, I appeal to the Justice Minister to look into this matter and provide proper sanitary facilities for these prisoners which is a basic human right," he added.

He said that there are around 29,000 who are in prisons without having committed any wrong. Referring to the killing of his brother-in law Jayasekara urged the Justice Minister to re-investigate this incident as those responsible had escaped without punishment.

NPP questions progress...

CBSL governor Arjun Mahendran to the country from Singapore.

The former Central Bank Governor Arjun Mahendran is alleged to be involved in the controversial bond scam in 2015.

Dissanayake noted, "It is said that he has changed his name. But obviously he has not changed his body so he is still the same person who is wanted for the CBSL Treasury Bonds scam. So I would like to ask the government as to what they are going to do about Mahendran."

Dissanayake made these observations participating in the adjournment debate on the annual report of the Central Bank for 2019, the

performance report of the Finance Ministry and the mid year fiscal report.

During his speech Dissanayake said a separate report should be prepared regarding the alleged misuse of about Rs. 3 million of Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) funds which comes under the purview of the CBSL.

Dissanayake also said that if he had the a power to punish criminals and culprits for corruption, many current MPs would not have been sitting in the Chamber. Dissanayake who was critical of the swearing in of Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MP Premalal Jayasekara

said he regrets not having such power.

"Public funds have been allocated to maintain prisons. So when someone who has been given capital punishment swears in Parliament as an MP and participates in passing Laws which would be applicable to the whole country, it is not a simple fact," he added.

Several government MPs who rose at this juncture pointed out that since MP Jayasekara has submitted an appeal to the Appeal Court against the judgement, he should be only considered as a remand prisoner and not otherwise.

Move vessel away...

aboard the crude oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' vessel.

During the meeting they had discussed the steps that have been taken in relation to the responsibility of MEPA and the immediate steps to be taken and, she said.

Further, the need to take joint decisions with the relevant agencies regarding disaster management, especially in the event of an oil spill or leak, was highlighted, she added.

The MEPA Chairman said that it had informed the relevant foreign insurance company in writing on September 4

about three steps to be taken in this regard.

The insurance company was informed by the MEPA that it would take immediate action to control or extinguish the vessel fire, take appropriate measures to prevent oil spills or leaks, and move the ship out of Sri Lankan waters. However, the MEPA chairman highlighted that no response has been received so far from the Insurance Company.

Therefore, the Attorney General focused on the decision to move the vessel from the Sri Lankan waters at the earliest.

Govt bound to...

He added that those in the Opposition are welcome to make their objections or arguments and that the government would not bar them from making their proclamations or announcing their stand and that they were free to voice their opinion.

He said that there were issues with the Commissions appointed by the Legislative Council under the 19th Amendment and a new amendment was in order to repeal the 19th Amendment and rectify these issues.

Don't auction...

He also said that these dogs have provided immense service to the security agencies to detect explosives and their services should be recognized by looking after them.

Jayasekera sworn-in...

and he enjoys all the rights of a Parliamentarian in accordance with the Court of Appeal Order. He contested from the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna and recorded the second highest number of preferential votes from the Ratnapura district. (SM, CN and AM)

101st Birthday Remembrance of our Dearest Amma



Sheila May Edirisinghe
9th September

Everyday in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent, you are always near
Still missed, loved as always dear

Dear Lord,
grant her eternal rest and peace
in your presence

Gratefully remembered by your
loving Children, Grand Children
and Great Grand Children

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Lawyers to call...

proceedings related to the Constitutional amendments and the interpretation of the Constitution.

Laksiri stated that in terms of Article 106 of the Constitution, sittings of every Court should be held in public and all persons shall be

entitled to attend such sittings. He is of the view that modern technology should be utilised enabling the public to interact with court proceedings.

Accordingly, Laksiri is to request the President to provide

facilities for the live telecast of Supreme Court proceedings where the sovereignty of the people is exercised.

This letter had so far received more than 300 signatures from attorneys.

Middlemen, cause...

yesterday, he said an egg could be produced in poultry farms at a maximum cost of Rs. 14.50. It is the involvement of the middlemen which causes the price of eggs to increase unusually.

According to the State Minister, local egg producers have enough egg stocks with them at present to fulfill the demand and need of the bakers. Bakers can buy eggs from them at a lesser price, he said

Production of eggs in the country is expected to increase further in

the near future with the new parent hens starting to lay eggs from the next three to four weeks, Herath added.

Commenting on the dairy production in Sri Lanka, the State Minister pointed out that local suppliers contribute only for 35-40 percent of the country's dairy requirement at present and there is a capability of increasing this up to 60 per cent.

"We have been given a responsibility by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to increase the local dairy

production while increasing its consumption in Sri Lanka," he said.

He also said the MILCO and National Livestock Development Board produce nearly 300,000 liters on a daily basis now. But, MILCO alone has the capacity to produce 400,000 liters daily.

"We will take action to double Sri Lanka's dairy production in the coming years", the State Minister said.

CID to record...

This is following submissions made jointly by the Attorney General's Department and the Criminal Investigation Department.

The magistrate made the said order when Deputy Solicitor General Dilepa Peiris submitted a report over the alleged death threats made to the President, Defence Secretary and several high prison officials by Podi Lassie who is in remand prisons at Boossa, Galle.

In his submissions Deputy Solicitor General Peiris told court that on June 26 when a group of Prisons Commissioners visited the Boossa Detention Camp to investigate about a fasting launched by some detainees claiming that the facilities they were offered in prison were not adequate said Podi Lassie had openly threatened to kill the Prisons Commissioner General, the

President, Defence Secretary and the members of their families.

It is a grievous matter that the gangs fortified with arms have dared to openly issue death threats to State officials and the CID had collected sufficient evidence in that respect, Peiris further stated.

"We have investigated that the criminals who are jailed were planning to bomb their rivals on their way to courts from the prison and it should be explored that how these criminals became so powerful and self-determined while they are undergoing jail terms", he asserted.

The Deputy Solicitor General further submitted that Dharmakeerthige Tharak Perera Wijesekara alias Kosgoda Tharaka was in CID custody on detention orders in respect of a number of several criminal offences such as handling of

firearms and drug trafficking and pleaded for permission to record a statement from Podi Lassie and to produce him before courts.

He also requested the magistrate to issue an order to the Police to enhance the security in and around the Galle Magistrate's Court on the day Podi Lassie is brought to court.

The CID hopes to serve indictments against Podi Lassie soon, he said. The Galle Chief Magistrate allowed CID officials to record a statement from Podi Lassie and produce him before courts on September 25. He also ordered police to strengthen security in courts on that day.

ASP Merrill Ranjan Lamahewa together with several other officials of Criminal Investigation Department assisted the Deputy Solicitor General in his submissions.

Obituaries

DULCIE WIMALARATNE - nee SEN-EVIRATNE - Retired CWE Secretariat Staff (H/O), Wife of Nimal Wimalaratne Former MMC, daughter of late Kalamanya D.V. Seneviratne and Evelyn Thilakarathne, sister of Olga, late Colvin, Ranjith and Leslie, passed away on 06th. Cremation on 9th at 5.00 p.m. at Attidiya Cemetery. Cortège leaving at 3.30 p.m. from **61, Upananda Mawatha, Attidiya Residence.** 052519

FERNANDO - PROF. W. SUMANASIRI (Former Dean, Faculty of Applied Science, Sri Jayewardeneperu University). Beloved husband of Thalatha, loving father of Dimuth (Singapore), Hiran (Australia) and Kushan (HSBC), father-in-law of Catherine, grandfather of Ishan and Nevan, expired. Remains lie at **Mahinda Funeral Parlour Mt-Lavinia.** Cortège leaves the parlour for burial at Mount Lavinia Cemetery on 09/09/2020 at 4.00 p.m. 071-1134585. 052896

LILANI PUNCHIHEWA nee WITHANA. Beloved wife of late Mervin Punchihewa (AGA, Special Commissioner), loving mother of Dixon (Attorney-at-Law), Madhumani, Anura, Ranjani (Attorney-at-Law), Keerthi (Australia), Dayangani, Geethangali, Laith (U.K.), Molini, Hemanth (Australian Migration Centre) and Shyamali, mother-in-law of Kumari (Attorney-at-Law), Mahinda (Ret. Inspector of Police), Chandra (former Engineer, Browns Group), Nalin Mahesh (Attorney-at-Law), Vajira (Attorney-at-Law, Australia), Ananda (Building Contractor), Mahind Withana (Geethani Land Sales), Ajantha (U.A.E.), Nilanthi (U.K.), Sarath (C.M.C.) and Surani (Australia), expired. Cremation will take place at 5.00 p.m. on 09-09-2020 at Kalutara North Crematorium. **No.16, Seneviratne Place, Kalutara South.** 052898

Muzammil vows to solve Uva's pressing problems

G.P.A. WEERASURIYA
Badulla South Group Corr.

Uva Province Governor A.J.M. Muzammil said yesterday that he will strive to solve the problems and uplift the living standards of the people in the province.

"I have grasped the difficulties and problems in this underdeveloped province and I resolve to provide a solution to the difficulties of the people with the assistance of the central government," he said. The Governor said he has focused his attention on the housing problem and the poor health facilities for the estate

workers. Governor Muzammil was speaking after assuming duties at the Uva Province Governor's office yesterday.

"I will solve these problems as early as possible. Rural roads should be developed. The Uva Province is a multi-religious province."

"When I was in the North Western Province, I helped to develop all the religious places and I associated with the Buddhist monks and the Hindu, Christian, and Muslim clergy," he said.

"Extremists have no place in the world. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa accepts the freedom

to practise one's religion," Governor Muzammil said.

"Everyone should respect the law. The new Constitution will solve many problems in Sri Lankan society. I am always willing to offer my services to the public."

"The public servants should undertake their services to the people with honesty and dedication. Anyone can come and meet me at any time," he said.

Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva and several others spoke. Clergy, politicians, well-wishers, and citizens in Badulla and Moneragala participated.



Loans for Batticaloa farmers on the cards

SIVAM PACKIYANATHAN
Batticaloa Special Corr.

Loans from state banks for cultivators and the President's plans for the uplift of farmers were discussed at a meeting of the Batticaloa district agriculture development committee held at the District Secretariat on Monday (7).

At this meeting presided over by the Batticaloa Government Agent Kalamathy Path-

maraja, it was also emphasized that cultivators should give as much attention to secondary crops as they do to paddy cultivation. The use of organic fertilizer was recommended as inorganic fertilizers were causing kidney diseases. Farmers were also advised on the use of organic manure and the dangers of using inorganic manures.

Permits for sand excavation

were also discussed at the meeting, as such permits were being given by the district secretariat. However, the Forest Department was also issuing permits for sand excavation in forest areas. This was causing problems because the Forest Department was not informing the district secretariat.

The subject of water management was also discussed as at present 25 percent of the tanks

are full and with the monsoon these tanks would fill up.

Director Central Irrigation Department N. Nagaretnam, Provincial Director Irrigation Department V. Rajagopalasingam, Additional Government Agent Navarubaranjani Mugunthan, Divisional Secretaries, heads of the departments and representatives from the agriculture organizations were present.

Barren paddy fields to be brought under the plough



RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa highlighting the previous regime's policies that led to stagnation in the agricultural sector said that under the 'Vision for Prosperity' policy of the present government, he will develop the country's irrigation networks. He said that barren paddy fields which remained uncul-

tivated for decades will be brought under the plough. The regime of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will ensure that the aspirations of the people are fulfilled.

The Nilwala Ganga project will be the country's main irrigation project which will be a solution to the problem of scarcity of water in the Hambantota district, Minister Rajapaksa said.

Uva Wellassa University to open on September 16

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

The Uva Wellassa University will open on September 16 for newly enrolled students, Vice Chancellor Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera said. Students can get more information by contacting the following numbers: 0552226622 or 0553050886.

Empty arrack bottles pollute environment

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera speaking at a meeting in Middeniya said empty arrack bottles carelessly discarded causes heavy environmental pollution.

There are five companies which produce arrack in Sri

Lanka and as such we can imagine the volume of environmental pollution, caused he said.

A large quantity of lunch sheets are also released to the environment and this too should be put an end to. It was the duty of the authorities to offer alternatives to this problem before prohibit-

ing it, otherwise the consumers will be greatly inconvenienced, Minister Amaraweera said. He said those who cause destruction to the environment by illicit sand and soil mining will be brought to book and dealt with severely according to the existing rules and regulations in the country.

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English Letter
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Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes **1888**

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Protecting the Environment

A dangerous trend is being observed relating to acts that have caused great harm to the environment such as clearing of forests, encroachment on reservations, destruction of biodiversity and large-scale sand mining etc. allegedly with political backing, that if not checked could lead to a great calamity for the country's ecosystem.

We reported that vast acreages of mangroves in the biodiversity rich Puttalam District were being cleared for prawn farming by persons allegedly wielding political clout but this was stopped in the nick of time by the authorities, preventing grave environmental destruction.

The Puttalam district had even in the past been the focal point of man-made environmental disasters with its unique bio-diversity setting and lagoon surroundings always ready to be exploited by politically backed elements. Hot on the heels of the aborted prawn farm project in Puttalam, television showed an illegal sand mining operation in full swing on the riverbanks in Seruwila with even the police watching helplessly apparently due to the presence of local bigwigs.

The latest to fall victim to this scourge of environmental depredation is the Wanathavilluwa forest which harbours valuable sources of timber such as ebony, teak and satin that were criminally felled - 200 acres of it - by persons obviously wielding some clout.

The Government came to power with a fund of public goodwill and great expectations that it will right the wrongs of the past. There is no doubt that the Government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa would accord pride of place in protecting the environment which also received wide mention in his election manifesto.

The President showed by example when he took prompt action to issue orders that the roadway being built across the Sinharaja forest should be constructed with no damage to the environment, even visiting the location where the roadway was coming up to ensure compliance. However it appears that some lesser minions are hell bent on acting contrary to his wishes at least where the protection of the environment is concerned.

The President should now read the riot act. The wanton destruction that is being caused to the environment will certainly lead the country into a great calamity making it vulnerable to a myriad of natural disasters resulting from geological imbalances.

The spate of unprecedented landslides in hitherto safe zones has been directly attributed by experts to the indiscriminate damage caused to the environment. The large number of quarries that have sprung up in certain vulnerable areas has also contributed to the increase in the risk. Last week's tremors in Kandy which left deep cracks in the walls of houses too was said to be the result of a large limestone quarry operating for a long time in the area.

The country's forest cover which was over 40 percent 50 years ago has today shrunk to around 20 percent. This has largely contributed to the unusual climate change we are witnessing today. In the past farmers were able to predict the exact times of the seasons and arrange their harvesting accordingly. Today they cannot be so sure with the rains and droughts descending at unexpected times resulting in the destruction of their crops.

The destruction of forest cover, while distorting the climate cycle causing havoc in the weather patterns is said to be the chief cause for the prolonged spells of drought that dry up water resources and canals feeding agricultural tracts. The once gushing water spouts in the hill country and winding streams are today in a forlorn state due to the severe drought caused by the depleted forest cover.

The human-elephant conflict is a direct result of the large scale clearing of forests and with it, the elephant habitats, leaving the beasts no choice but to invade villages. Forests are being cleared for settlements to accommodate supporters of politicians. The destruction wrought on a portion of the Wilpattu jungle is a case in point.

Tough laws should be brought in to deal with those who cause damage to the environment by clearing forests and engaging in sand-mining. No room should be allowed for any hotels to be built inside jungle land. True, development needs sometimes require environment issues to be placed on the back-burner, but this cannot be an option if we are to take a long term perspective.

The Government should launch a massive programme to regain the lost forest cover. Tree planting campaigns have often not brought the desired results. Besides Tree planting campaigns should be undertaken in the actual spots where forests had been cleared rather than in schools and office premises in the cities if the ecological balance is to be righted.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who promoted the Green City concept when he was Secretary Urban Development Ministry, no doubt, would ensure the country would go green once again by regaining its lost forest cover which will also see an end to droughts, distorted weather patterns and ecological shifts.



CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES FRONT AND CENTRE



The country is at the threshold of a major Constitutional Amendment that will reinforce the Executive powers, practically re-instating the status quo that prevailed prior to the 19th Amendment.

The proposed 20th Amendment (20A) to the Constitution will restore the wings of the Executive which were clipped by the 19th Amendment (19A).

The Bill to provide for the 20A was gazetted last week by the Justice Ministry following the Cabinet nod and the Attorney General's confirmation that a two-thirds majority in Parliament is sufficient for its passage.

The Bill is now in the public domain getting the attention of political parties, constitutional specialists and the citizenry. Some salient features of the proposed 20A have been mentioned in brief separately in this Column. Political analysts observe that the 20A will create a paradigm shift in the system of governance and institutional structure, once adopted.

Then again, it does not force in new provisions that had not been there in our Constitution before. An all-powerful Executive was what the 1978 Constitution, in its original form, gave birth to, and the country's administration and political landscape have experienced it since then. From time to time, the country has seen constitutional changes to prune down or scale-up Presidential powers in line with the political currents of that particular period.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has been very clear in his position since the beginning that he wishes for a free hand to deliver what the people expect from him, and that removing constitutional barriers that stand in the way of implementing his work plan would be his Government's priority after the General Election.

Following the unprecedented mandate of the people at the last Election, the Government has fast-tracked the Amendment with much vigour, and it wields a super majority to make the Bill sail through Parliament quite effectively.

FEEDBACK

While the ruling party members are in agreement with the 20A in principle, some of its allied groups are at variance with some Clauses such as removing the barriers for dual citizens to enter Parliament and giving full legal immunity to the President and they have come up

with proposals to drop such Sections.

The Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) led by Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and the National People's Power (NPP) led by MP Anura Kumara Dissanayake have taken a stand against the 20A. The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) led by R Sampanthan will voice its opinion this week following a group meeting, but many in the party have expressed their opposition to it at various functions.

The SJB has also expressed its intent on petitioning to the Supreme Court against the proposed changes to the Constitution. It has decided to organize a public agitation campaign against the Amendment. SJB MP Dr Harsha de Silva posting on his Twitter account opined that the 20A is a mechanism to strengthen the Executive Presidency at the expense of the Legislature, adding that it bestows almost absolute power upon one individual. He questioned how the proposed changes could help strengthen democracy, rule of law or transparency.

NPP Leader Anura Dissanayake, convening a press conference a day after the 20A was made public, registered his Party's strong opposition to it stating that it drags the society backwards. He also lamented the lack of policies and clear stances of the MPs, observing that some of them had consecutively raised their hands in approval of the 17th Amendment to scrap the Presidential powers in 2001, the 18th Amendment to increase the same powers in 2010 and the 19th Amendment to scrap those powers again in 2015 and are going to repeat the same with the 20A to enhance the same powers once more.

Countering those arguments, several MPs pointed out that their actions had been in the country's best interests in accordance with the times. While defending the 20A, the Government members were highly critical of the Constitutional Council, adding that its members as well as the members appointed by it to Independent Commissions were not 'independent' at all. They observed that the people, at the last two Elections, spoke out their disapproval of the mess created by the 19A.

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) MPs said that they were supporting the Government to bring in a new Constitution. Former President Maithripala Sirisena and his group of 14 MPs will be in an awkward position when it comes to supporting the 20A as it was



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, NPP Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake and SJB MP Dr Harsha de Silva

under his leadership the 19A was passed in Parliament. However, former President Sirisena, with the benefit of hindsight, complained in the latter part of his Presidency that the 19A had led to an imbalance of power and also described the 19A "as a curse".

NEW CONSTITUTION

In the meantime, the Government has begun the process of drafting a new Constitution to replace the Second Republican Constitution formulated by former President late J R Jayewardene. For 42 years, successive Governments and the people have been battered by the ill-effects of Jayewardene's Constitution, which legendary intellectual late Dr N. M. Perera, a former Finance Minister and a founding member of the Lanka Sama Samaja Party,

then described as a "hotch-potch of the Anglo-Saxon Parliamentary system and the American Presidential system".

"What J. R. Jayewardene has conceived is a mixture of the Presidential-cum-Parliamentary system. It is a mixture that does not mix," Dr N. M. Perera said, foreseeing the many constitutional snags the country experienced in the years that followed.

Dr Perera in his well-articulated thoughts argued that Jayewardene's Constitutional change was "ill-conceived and inapplicable to the political situation in this country". Four decades down the line, all parties across the political divide are in agreement that it is high time to bring in a new Constitution to dispense with the heavily "patched-up" Constitution that will soon see another revision.

To set an exhaustive process in motion to draft the coun-

try's Supreme Law, the Government last week appointed a nine-member Expert Committee headed by President's Counsel Romesh de Silva and consisting of legal luminaries and academics. There was extensive deliberation on making a new Constitution under the previous coalition Government too, but the process was stalled due to lack of concurrence of the political parties and dithering at the highest level of Government.

The previous Parliamentary committee level deliberations on vital aspects of the Constitution and the set of recommendations in those reports may provide valuable inputs to the renewed exercise. The Government aims to bring in far-reaching changes, including electoral reforms, in the new Constitution with inputs of all stakeholders. It will be a more prolonged and profound process where the opinions of all parties will be sought.

A 20-point analysis of the proposed 20th Amendment

- The ten-member Constitutional Council will be replaced by a five-member Parliamentary Council comprised of the Speaker, Prime Minister, Opposition Leader and two MPs nominated each by the Prime Minister and the Opposition Leader. Civil Society representation has been dropped.
- The Council's role is to send observations to the President on appointments to the Independent Commissions and high rank posts.
- The President appoints the Chairmen and members of the Independent Commissions, Chief Justice and superior court judges, Attorney-General, Auditor-General, Ombudsman and Secretary-General of Parliament.
- The Inspector General of Police (IGP) is appointed by the Police Commission.
- The National Procurement Commission and the National Audit Commission will be abolished. The Auditor General will take back the reins. He is not required to audit the Office of Secretary to the President, Office of the Secretary to the Prime Minister and companies with more than 50 per cent stake to the Government.
- The President can dissolve Parliament one year after a General Election.
- The President can consult the Prime Minister, if he considers it necessary, when appointing Ministers. The President can remove the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers.
- Any number of Ministers and Deputy Ministers can be appointed.
- The President can assign any number of Ministries and institutions to himself or herself.
- The President has full legal immunity except for limited situations.
- Dual Citizens are no longer disqualified from contesting Parliamentary or Presidential Elections.

- Minimum age limit to contest the Presidential Election has been reduced to 30 from 35 years.
- Bills have to be gazetted seven days prior to placing it in Parliament. This period is 14 days under the existing provisions.
- The Government can present 'Urgent Bills', but a Constitutional Amendment or a new Constitution cannot be passed as an urgent Bill. The President can directly refer such Bill to the Supreme Court to decide on the Constitutionality, and the Supreme Court has to give its determination within 24 hours or three days depending on the instructions of the President. No requirement to gazette urgent Bills.
- The President can submit any Bill rejected by Parliament to the People by way of a Referendum, but this provision is not valid for a Constitutional Amendment or a new Constitution.
- The Election Commission will not be authorized to issue guidelines pertaining to the public service during the period of an election.
- The media guidelines issued by the Election Commission are applicable to both the state and private electronic and print media.
- A failure of a public officer to cooperate with the Election Commission to enforce any Election law, or a failure of a public officer to comply with the Commission's directions or guidelines will no longer be an offense.
- The National Police Commission can investigate into complaints against a police officer or the police force and provide redress. It will not have the power of appointment, promotion, transfer, disciplinary control and dismissal of police officers.
- Removes constitutional recognition for the Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery and Corruption.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We are eternally linked not just to each other but also to our environment. - Herbie Hancock

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND A BLAST FROM THE PAST

RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE

It's the oddest thing having to write about the same subject the second time in a month, but this writer guessed that he will have to write about Ali Sabry, PC, soon after the first piece a few weeks back. There is a new Constitution on the front burner, but the President has to take time off to say that certain folk should not complain about appointments that were made with full consideration of national security issues, loyalty and subject competence.

No prizes for guessing that he was talking about the new Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC, in the main. Much of the pushback on the appointment has come from certain quarters that have considered themselves indispensable to the national and national security cause.

So where do we start on this? A good point of departure is the question as to who saved this country from terrorists.

Yes, the Armed Forces did it, and it goes without saying there was the high command and the political leadership that offered direction. But what was the most valuable component of a fighting force, especially one that was pitted against a group of marauding terrorists that were waging asymmetric warfare and had no scruples about killing civilians, as long as they could bomb the daylights out of chosen economic targets?

That would be military intelligence. But people who romanticize a war would visualize tanks and combat troops and valor and the macho aspects of war, and that is fine, that's par for the course. All wars have blood and guts and the good guys and the bad guys. But Military Intelligence is the unsung strength in any Army, it is most potent force without which military muscle or spit and polish will be quite useless and redundant.

So what has any of this got to do with Sabry? To cut a long story short the real working core of Military Intelligence in this country was, particularly where it mattered in the Northern and Eastern theatre of war, was made up of Muslim intelligence officers, most of whom once upon a time had to pay the supreme sacrifice when they were brutally murdered almost to a man by the LTTE after the then Wickremesinghe government signed a Ceasefire Agreement (CFA) that basically handed the fighting Sri Lankan Forces to the terrorists on a platter. When the intelligence cadres were being murdered in unprecedented numbers, Tilak Marapana the then Defence



Justice Minister Ali Sabry

minister came on national television and said something to the effect that they worked for us, we paid them so now we are done with them, no worries.

GRATITUDE

That's just one example of the sacrifices made by Muslim members of the Military Intelligence and there is nobody who probably knows more about that aspect than our current President who was the then Secretary of Defence — not during the cited time of Marapana obviously, but much later than that when the Muslim intelligence cadre was used effectively to decimate the LTTE in the Eastern theatre in particular, and in the North and the rest of the country in general.

Are these Muslim Intelligence officers and their contribution forgotten?

I remember them with great gratitude, and among the recent several

occasions was when I cut across to a part of Mt. Lavinia on Tuan Muthaliff Mawatha to visit a relative. Muthaliff Mawatha is a narrow stretch of road which qualifies more as a path if not for the little bit of tar that's seen on its surface, but no matter, it's the thought that counts in naming it after a gallant fighter.

The authorities chose to remember him, because the late brave warrior who laid down his life for the country lived in the Mount Lavinia, Templer Road environs. These brave men were Muslims, no one questioned their loyalties, and woe unto to anyone who did because you cannot find a truer Sri Lankan patriot than a man who laid down his life for the country.

I think it's fair to say that President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa — ex defence czar now Commander-in-Chief — knows more about such patriots than most, and he has probably a trained eye to spot patriots of the calibre of Sabry, a Muslim, a lawyer, not an Intelligence man, but a highly intelligent man.

USHERED

The 20th Amendment is now gazetted and it has taken some odious provisions out of the constitutional document.

The Parliament could be dissolved in one year when the 20th Amendment is passed, for example.

It is to the credit of a Government that the pundits often decry as being 'militaristic', that real democracy is being reinstated. Remember, it is the 'liberal and democratic' Government



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the war memorial for Fallen Heroes

ushered in 2015 that introduced the fixed-term Parliament, and called that democratic.

Those who drafted those provisions have now jumped ship and are enjoying the cooler air closer to the Swiss Alps.

Sabry, PC, has worked with extremely competent lawyers such as Romesh de Silva, who is now tipped to head the drafting Committee for the new Constitution.

The now self exiled architect of the hilarious 19th Amendment did

not work with such a team but even from exile he didn't fail to announce to anyone who would listen that the new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa cannot hold the Defence portfolio under terms of the 19th Amendment he is supposed to have authored.

UNDERGIRD

So, a war winning Defence Secretary cannot hold the defence portfolio according to this liberal has-been but Sabry who presides over a Constitutional Amendment that reverses the said provisions and enables the President to hold the Defence portfolio is not supposed to be a patriot according to some doubters?

The 20th Amendment will be a precursor to deeper Constitutional change but what's almost as important is the fact that some fundamental liberal democratic principles will undergird the new legislation that would be brought in, in order to transition from an old hidebound system to a new more humane and tolerant legal regime.

To this end, it is Ali Sabry who would be the best to mediate with the Muslim community this transition from raising the marriageable age for Muslim women to the acceptable adult age — something that the conscientious elements in that community have been agitating for, for the past several years.

Ushering in a new liberal regime is left to the devices of the so called 'militaristic' Government whereas the loud self proclaimed liberals of the previous regime such as Mangala Samaraweera who is so liberal he thinks he is odourless and pure as the driven snow, could not preside over any of these liberal measures that are being pushed under the supervision of the new Justice Minister.

The Samaraweeras fomented extremism, wittingly or unwittingly and the Easter Sunday attacks under their watch was a direct result of their being unable to manifest practically their so called liberal ideals.

Their idea of liberalism was lawlessness and anarchy, and a turning away from important issues such as banning child marriages, because that stance too was considered liberal to the extent that it catered to the whims of a minority community — albeit in fact a radical fringe of a minority community.

Thanks for being vigilant citizens, but as far as certain appointments as Sabry's go, move on, because there is nothing to see there. Relax and chill.



Many Muslim Intelligence officers made the Supreme Sacrifice.

In Passing...

by Malinda Seneviratne

There's a word that is unfortunately taken as an inevitable companion of 'archaeology'. Ruins. Gives the impression of expired shelf-life. To be seen, noted and written about but that's about it. One does not and cannot partake.

My friend, travel companion and photographer Tharindu Amunugama believes very little 'archaeology' in Sri Lanka is dead: 'It's not like the pyramids...here heritage is alive.'

He spoke of a visit to Menikdena, a few kilometers off Dambulla and located between the Menikdena Wewa and the Nikula or Menikdena range of hills. The Menikdena Monastery, known in a different time as 'Budugama,' dates back to the reign of King Kithsiri Megha (555-573 AD) according to some, others believe belongs to the 3rd to 4th century AD.

'As we walked through the jungle we suddenly came upon a group of people preparing to conduct a religious ceremony,' Tharindu said. Since then we have had long conversations about history and heritage, dead and alive.

One evening about a week ago we stopped at Katu



HERITAGE CAN BE AND IS KEPT WARM



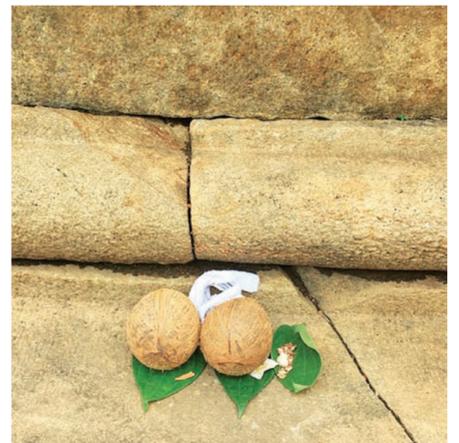
Menikdena. Pictures by Tharindu Amunugama and Malinda Seneviratne.

Saeya, Mihintale. The archaeological record indicates tools used in the construction of the Mihintale Monastic Complex. There were dozens of people. They were not tourists. They were the devout.

A hundred meters or so away from Katu Saeya, there's another chaitya, 'Indikatu Seya' in which, the record states, are enshrined needles used by the bikkhus of a long time ago to mend their robes. There weren't people there. No visitors. No devotees. However, placed upon the far end of an altar, there was a Buddha statue, clearly crafted very recently.

These are common in Sri Lanka. It is said that even before Ruwanweliseya was officially 'discovered,' there were people who would place flowers, recite gathas and in these and other ways affirmed their faith, found solace. It's the same with a significant number of forest hermitages. There are caves deep in the jungle inhabited by bikkhus who have chosen a reclusive life of meditation.

Now some might ask 'what's does a kapurala have to do with Buddhism?' since Menikdena is clearly a Buddhist shrine. Another would wonder what aspect of the Buddha's doctrine is affirmed by the offering of coconuts or

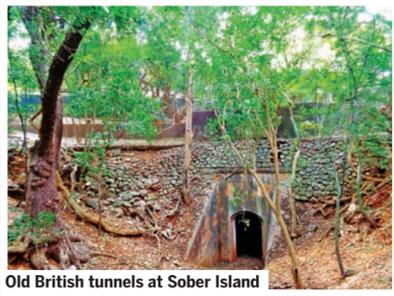


even smashing coconuts in the vicinity of a chaitya (Katu Saeya in this instance). Well, the devout reconcile such things according to their understanding and need. Not ours to question or answer. What concerns us, right now, is the matter of life and death, things that are culturally dead and historically irrelevant and things that are alive culturally and have bearing on these times.

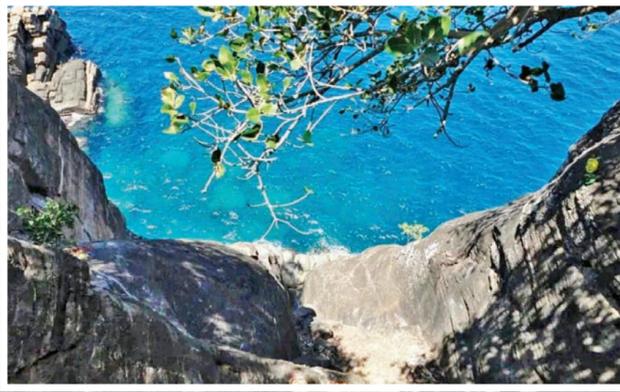
Sometimes, they seem lifeless. Forty five years ago, visiting Maligawila, I saw the giant statue of the Buddha lying flat on the ground, head severed, perhaps the work of treasure-hunters. It's restored now to its original posture, and that standing Buddha statue is certainly a sight to behold. Back then few knew about it — it had been discovered not too long before. Today, it's known and those who want to tick off 'archaeological sites' in that part of the country would pencil in the Maligawila Buddha statue, along with Buduruwagala, Dematamal Viharaya, Yudaganawa, Magul Maha Viharaya and Muhudu Maha Viharaya. There are tourists. There are the devout. There are flowers on the altars, there are lamps with wavering flames, there's the fragrance of incense sticks and there's the congregation of voices softly murmuring the gathas.

Archaeology is not cold. It can be, but it can also be warm in many ways. It's brought alive by interpretation and it is kept relevant by functionality. History is not cast in stone, but the eloquence of stone, as Sinharaja Thammitta-Delgoda titled a book of photographs taken by the legendary Nihal Fernando, pleases. Teaches. Keep us alive in ways we have perhaps been taught were not possible.

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Old British tunnels at Sober Island



Koneshwaram kovil

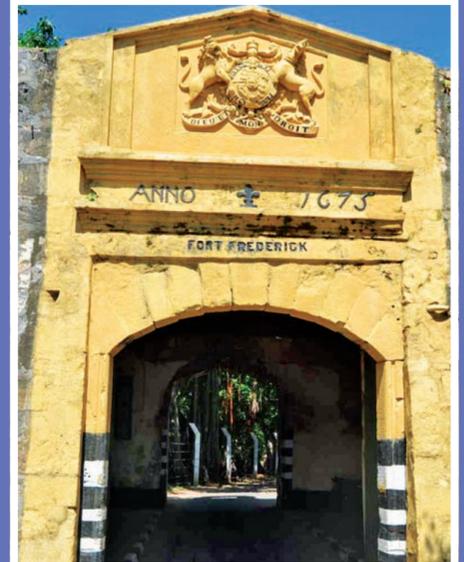


Sunset over Marble beach



Inside Pathirakali-Amman Kovil

THE DAZZLING TRIDENT OF THE EAST



DISHAN JOSEPH

A destination that offers pristine beaches, ancient maritime history, beautiful underwater dive sites and succulent seafood should motivate anyone to travel and experience the bliss of Trincomalee. This narrative is based on five visits made to this area over the past few years. Trincomalee has something to captivate everyone.

A KOVIL AND A FORT

The Koneshwaram Kovil is a popular Hindu landmark in this province. The kovil dates back to the 12th century. The edifice was originally built on Swami Rock overlooking the vast ocean. According to local legend, there was a turbulent storm which caused the waves to rise and crash on the rocks. Exposed to the powerful waves, the kovil is said to have been dislodged into the sea. As the years went by, a kovil was built on the site for a second time. The resilient devotees were pleased at the outcome of their new kovil. Decades later, the Portuguese invaders came ashore and attacked the kovil causing serious damage. It was a time of grief for the people who worshipped here.

Years later, the Dutch built Fort Frederick in 1665. The Fort is intact and we can see some of the old buildings. Fort Frederick has her ancient charm and her ramparts still stand proudly. One has to take a long walk uphill from the fort entrance to reach the kovil. You will encounter friendly monkeys along the path; these creatures have been resident here for decades and are used to people. However, it is best not to feed them. The present-day kovil has been beautifully refurbished and consolidated. The kovil and adjacent cliffs offer a panoramic view of the ocean.

There is a legend that a young British girl who was rejected by her lover had jumped from this cliff into the sea. Thankfully the kovil offers a very pleasant aura in comparison to this story of a broken heart. I was impressed with the statue of a cow, the goddess manifesting as Nandi. This large statue carved according to Chola design was said to have been buried by the devo-

tees, during the raid of the Portuguese. In 2013, some construction workers were digging a site when this statue was discovered. The statue was cleaned and enshrined at the present kovil. Along the right side of the Koneshwaram Kovil many young women come and make vows desiring a safe pregnancy and their requests are written on paper and neatly tied in colourful ribbons.

OSTENBURG RIDGE

One of the historic sites loaded with maritime history is discovered when you visit the Hoods Tower Museum and Fort Ostenburg Ridge. Both sites are located within the Eastern Naval Command of the Sri Lanka Navy, and are accessible to civilians and schoolchildren. I began my adventure by 8.30 am. Amidst the thick foliage I spotted some monkeys and a herd of deer. You can witness lovely old buildings and road names from the British colonial era. A belfry made in 1821 is still standing with a clock in working condition, adjacent to a naval guard room. A few feet away is the first traffic light signal in Ceylon, installed by the British. It is still in operational condition.

The Ostenburg Ridge guards the approach way to the massive Trincomalee harbour and the area of Koddiyar Bay. In 1639 this area was captured by Dutch Admiral Westervold. In 1716, the Dutch Governor Hedrick Becker had decided to build a fort here to enhance coastal defences (Fort Fredrick was already built by the Dutch in 1665). Thus, the Bay of Trincomalee could now be defended by the new Fort named Ostenburg (meaning eastern hill). The vantage point was empowered with 32 pieces of artillery. As our mari-

time history records in 1782, British Admiral Sir Edward Hughes sailed with his fleet and made a surprise attack on the Dutch garrison at Fort Fredrick, rendering it helpless. Six days later, Admiral Hughes stormed Ostenburg Fort and captured the location. We drove along the winding road to reach this vantage point where the old ramparts of Fort Ostenburg stand. The roof of the fort is no more and a few walls and steps remain. It is believed that the Ostenburg Ridge was fitted with almost 50 cannons making this the most powerfully gunned fort in Ceylon.

Shortly we began climbing the famous Hoods Tower which stands at 32 feet with a 360 degree view of the harbour. This observation and fire control tower was set up by Admiral Samuel Hood. The topmost floor has a massive search light, installed by Metropolitan Vickers Ltd, from Sheffield, England. The view from here is totally amazing as the forest gives way to hills and the ocean. Sri Lanka is truly blessed with such diverse natural beauty.

We walked down the steps towards the massive cannons. Each of these guns weighs 12 tons, and elephants had been used to haul them up this unforgiving hill. The guns will remind you of scenes from WWII movies such as *The Guns of Navarone*. On Ostenburg Ridge there are three such guns. We went down a flight of steps into the concrete bunker that once held the ammunition for the BL6 inch naval gun. The gun was fed with high explosive shells. During the Japanese air raid on April 9, 1942, this hill was targeted along with the harbour. This aerial assault left many people dead in Trincomalee. Records indicate that a Japanese pilot crashed his plane into an oil storage

tank North of China Bay causing a massive inferno. If you get prior permission, you can still see the remains of his aircraft.

GREAT SOBER ISLAND

There are many islands around Trincomalee Harbour. The largest and most fortified island is named Great Sober Island, a tropical land mass rising 200 meters above sea level and covering an area of 175 acres. During the British occupation it is estimated that up to 1,000 soldiers and sailors were able to camp here on transit to the Mediterranean. We set out to explore this amazing place. We boarded a boat and cruised along. Prior permission from the Navy is required for this journey.

As we pulled alongside the pier, a few sailors helped secure the boat. The tropical aura was overwhelming. According to naval history Sober Island was first occupied by the French. The British took over the island after the Treaty of Paris in 1784. The place was named 'Sober Island' in memory of a young British Lieutenant S. Sober and has nothing to do with the other meaning. As Trincomalee became the home of the British Eastern Fleet, they fortified the island. We began our jungle trek in earnest. The dense foliage strewn with rocks in some places added to the feeling of adventure. The Navy officer pointed out that there were porcupines, rabbits and jungle fowl.

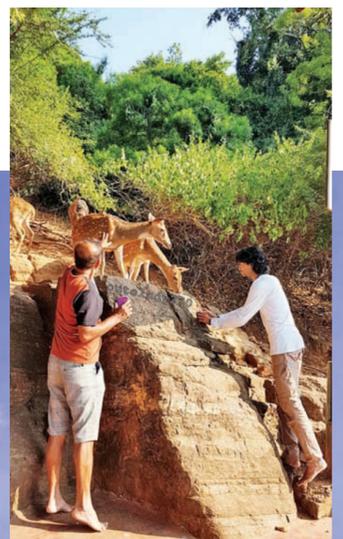
Just across is Little Sober Island with a land mass of about 60 acres. Then there is Powder Island, Round Island, York Island, Chapel Island, Norway Island, Elizabeth Island and Elephant Island. Apart from this, the British established some navigation points

known as Foul Point (where there is a lighthouse), Flagstaff Point, Eagle Point and Clappenberg Point. We came across the first of many twin gun positions, the walls of the gun turrets almost three feet thick.

The brickwork and cement has stood for more than 300 years. The concrete bunkers showed the brilliance of British naval engineering.

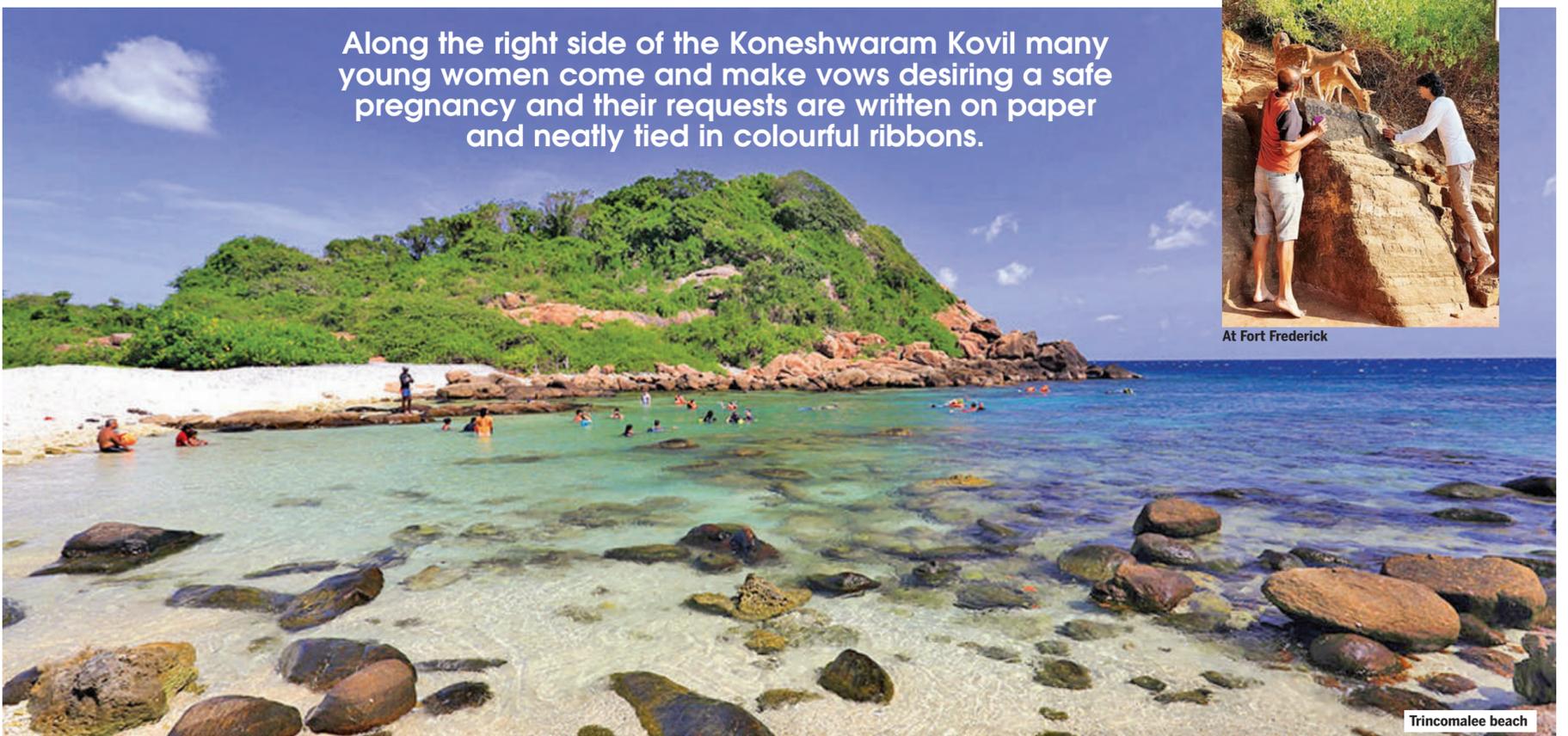
The trees and creepers concealed the gun positions. It is believed the British had used elephants to drag the heavy gun parts up these hills. By now it was pretty hot, but there was shade from the trees. After trekking another 15 minutes we came across the remains of the largest gun on this island. The Main Gun turret is actually similar to a building. It had a circular concrete outer perimeter. The massive gun would have weighed about 10 tons. Today all that remains of the super gun on Great Sober Island are the 48 iron bolts that held it to the ground. Once the British were ready to leave Ceylon they had dismantled their guns, towed them to sea and sunk them.

Another place to visit is Orr's Hill and the Marble Beach area. The serene atmosphere is almost celestial. The magnificent colours of the Sri Pathirakali Amman Kovil inspire veneration from all devotees. The intricate carvings and paintings are stunning. The sunsets in Trincomalee are world class and make for awesome photographs. This is a wonderful holiday destination bestowed with Nature's best.



At Fort Frederick

Along the right side of the Koneshwaram Kovil many young women come and make vows desiring a safe pregnancy and their requests are written on paper and neatly tied in colourful ribbons.



Trincomalee beach

'20A will help us govern the country better'



H.L. SUNIL SHANTHA
Kalutara Central Spl. Corr. and
B.M. MUKHTAR Beruwala Special Corr.

The government has been given a mandate to remove the 19th Amendment which had caused many problems in governing the nation, Justice Minister and old boy of Kalutara Muslim Central College, M.U.M. Ali Sabry (PC) said at a felicitation ceremony at his alma mater on Sunday (6). The felicitation ceremony was organised by the Kalutara Muslim community with the cooperation of

old students and the principal and staff of Muslim Central College, Kalutara.

Minister Ali Sabry said, "We've not come to Parliament to speak and write books about Constitutional Amendments, we want to build up this country. We are bringing the 20th Amendment to the Constitution so that the President can create a conducive environment to work for the betterment of the country. Our President is an honest and hard-working President. He wants to

build this country for the future generations."

"The 19th Amendment saw the setting up of independent commissions, but what happened to the country afterwards? Although the Police Commission existed, the government was not able to prevent the Easter Sunday attacks, even when there were 98 intelligence reports about such attacks."

"The Easter Sunday attacks caused much harm to our Catholic brothers and sisters for whom we as

Muslims feel extremely sad. But later on, I'm sorry to say that every Muslim in the country was labelled as a 'terrorist' because of a few Muslims who committed this crime."

Ali Sabry said because of the 19th Amendment the government was not able to remove the Police chief, who is one of the persons responsible for the Easter attacks, and we have to have an Acting Police Chief.

The Police are there to reduce crimes, but the crime rate in the

country has increased. Minister Ali Sabry said Muslims and Tamils in the country should always try to work cooperatively with the majority Sinhalese. No country in the world had developed by moving away from the majority, he said.

The Minister said he had recently spoken with senior officeholders of the All Ceylon Jammithul Ulama Organization on how to live cooperatively and peacefully with the Sinhalese.



IN THE SUPREME COURT LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

JAYANTHA JAYASURIYA P.C. (C.J.)
P. PADMAN SURASENA J.
E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.

COURT NO. 502 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.) TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC.HC.CA.LA No. 75/19 - HCCA 396/19
2. SC. ACCELERATION 01/20 - HC. PTB No 01/4/09
3. SC.HC.CA.LA No. 10/20 - HCCA 37/16
4. SC. Application FR 94/20

FOR SUPPORT

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 287/18 - HCCA 1029/13
2. SC.HC.CA.LA 293/18 - HCCA 22/15

FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED

1. SC. Application FR 151/18
2. SC. Application FR 118/19
3. SC. Application FR 445/19
4. SC. Application FR 498/19
5. SC. Application FR 112/20, 113/20, 114/20 & 136/20

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. (Spl.) LA 183/18 - CA 160/18 (FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.)
1. SC. Appeal No. 163/16 - HCCA 288/15

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC.HC.CA.LA 277/18 - HCCA 16/17
2. SC.HC.CA.LA 98/19 - HCCA 20/18
3. SC.HC.CA.LA 340/19 - HCCA 98/15

FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Appeal No. 103/19 - HCCA 975/12 (Top of the list)
2. SC. Appeal No. 194/15 - CA (PHC) 128/11 (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)

FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Application FR 299/15
2. SC. Appeal 131/18 - HCCA 150/09
3. SC. Appeal 173/19 - HCCA 142/14

SISIRA J. DE ABREW J. L.T.B. DEHINDENIYA J. S. THURAIRAJA P.C. J. COURT NO. 403 (FROM 10.00 A.M. - 11.30 A.M.)

FOR DELIVERY OF JUDGEMENT

1. SC. (CHC) Appeal No. 12/12 - HC. Civil 17/06
2. SC. (CHC) Appeal No. 34/11 - HC. Civil 17/06
3. SC. Appeal No. 179/14 - HCCA 143/07
4. SC. Appeal No. 208/17 - HCCA 153/10

TO BE MENTIONED

1. SC. Appeal No. 26/18 - HC. No. 74/14
2. SC. Application FR 156/18

FOR SUPPORT

1. SC. HC.CA.LA 84/20 - HCCA 18/17
1. SC. Application FR 297/19
2. SC. Application FR No. 333/19
3. SC. Application FR No. 396/19
4. SC. Application FR No. 57/20
5. SC. Application FR No. 65/20
6. SC. Application FR No. 109/20 WITH 103/20, 104/20, 106/20, 107/20, 111/20, 116/20, 117/20, 118/20, 130/20 & 151/20

(FROM 11.30 A.M. - 12.45 P.M.) FOR SUPPORT

1. SC. CONTEMPT NO. 02/19

FOR GRANTING OF LEAVE

1. SC. H.C.LA No. 107/18 - HC (Civil) No. 20/17 (Top of the list)
2. SC. (Spl.) LA 117/18 - CA 416/17
3. SC.HC.CA.LA 145/19 - HCCA 184/11
4. SC. (Spl.) LA 56/20 - CA 26/18

FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Application FR 194/16 (Top of the list)
2. SC. Application FR 448/19 (Top of the list)
3. SC. Appeal No. 111/17 - HCCA 12/15 (FROM 01.30 P.M. - 03.00 P.M.)

FOR ARGUMENT

1. SC. Application FR 374/17
2. SC. Application FR 37/18
3. SC. Appeal No. 37/19 - HCCA 49/05
4. SC. Appeal 124/19 - HC 94/07

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 98.30 A.M.

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 51/20 Writ of Cert A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)
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SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J. COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M.

TO BE MENTIONED

1. 153/19 Writ of Cert
2. 206/19 Writ of Cert
3. 324/19 Writ of Cert
4. 391/19 Writ of Cert
5. 407/19 Writ of Cert with WR 345/19
6. 438/19 Writ of Cert
7. 131/20 Writ of Cert
8. 01/14 WKF
9. 06/17 TAX
10. 23/19 TAX with TAX 19/18
11. 06/11 HCA WITH HCA 07/11
12. 04/19 RII

FOR SUPPORT

1. 353/19 Writ of Cert
2. 359/19 Writ of Cert
3. 473/19 Writ of Cert
4. 504/19 Writ of Cert
5. 03/19 LTA

NOTICE RETURNABLE

1. 211/20 Writ of Cert
- WITH 208/20 Writ of Cert

2. 255/20 Writ of Cert WITH 256/20, 257/20, 258/20, 273/20, 274/20, 275/20, 276/20, 277/20,

FOR INQUIRY

- 1.06/16 COC

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 84/19 Writ of Cert
2. 183/19 Writ of Cert

A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.COURT NO. 301 AT 01.00 P.M. TO BE RESUMED

1. 238/20 Writ of Cert with WR 239-242/20, 243-252/20, 259-272/20
2. 254/20 Writ of Cert
3. 278/20 Writ of Cert
4. 279/20 Writ of Cert
5. 280/20 Writ of Cert
6. 281/20 Writ of Cert
7. 282/20 Writ of Cert
8. 283/20 Writ of Cert
- K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.)

DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J. COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.

TO BE MENTIONED

1. 149/19 PA
2. 19/20 BA
3. 137/19 HC

FOR SUPPORT

1. 45/17 PA

FOR INQUIRY

1. 41/19 BA

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 145 - 148/15 HC (Top of the list)
2. 217/14 HC
3. 191/15 HC
4. 229/15 HC
5. 401/17 HC
6. 325/18 HC
7. 329/18 HC
8. 263/19 HC

A. L. S. GOONERATNE J. DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J) COURT NO. 204 AT 10.00 A.M.

TO BE MENTIONED

1. 1095/96 (F) DC
2. 51/15 PHC
3. 155/15 PHC
4. 91/16 PHC
5. 13/19 RII

NOTICE RETURNABLE

1. 160/14 PHC

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 114/12 PHC
2. 137/14 PHC
3. 211/15 PHC

ACHALA WENGAPULLI J. K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J) COURT NO. (110) AT 10.00 A.M.

TO BE MENTIONED

1. 24/20 PA
2. 297 - 301/14 HC
3. 260 - 269/18 HC
4. 348/19 HC

5. 350/19 HC 6. 392/19 HC

FOR SUPPORT

1. 82/30 PA
1. 22/20 PA
2. 40/20 PA
3. 50/20 PA

FOR INQUIRY

1. 22/20 PA
2. 40/20 PA
3. 50/20 PA

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 201/15 HC
2. 280/17 HC
3. 66/18 HC
4. 290/19 HC

MAHINDA SAMAYA-WARDHANA J. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. COURT NO. (206) AT 10.00 A.M. TO BE MENTIONED

1. 573/99 (F) DC
2. 348/18 Writ of Cert

FOR SUPPORT

1. 116/17 Writ of Cert
1. 286/14 Writ of Cert
2. 33/17 Writ of Cert
3. 253/18 Writ of Cert

MAHINDA SAMAYA-WARDHANA J. ARJUNA OBEYSEKERE J. COURT NO. (206) AT 02.00 P.M.

FOR ARGUMENT

1. 116/16 Writ of Cert (Mahinda Samayawardhana J.) (Arjuna Obeyesekere J.)

CIVIL APPEAL WESTERN PROVINCE (COLOMBO) LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

LAFFAR THAHIR (H.C.J.) SAMPATH B. ABAYAKOON (H.C.J.) (AT 10.00 A.M.) FOR JUDGEMENT

- 268/14 (F) HCCA/Colombo

(Sampath B. Abayakoon (H.C.J.))

95/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo (Laffar Thahir (H.C.J.) TO BE MENTIONED

- 17/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 181/18 (F) A,B,C HCCA/Colombo
- 32/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo LA 115/19 HCCA/Colombo

FOR SUPPORT

- LA 09/20 HCCA/Colombo LA 178/19 HCCA/Colombo
- LA 49/20 HCCA/Colombo LA 57/20 HCCA/Colombo

FOR ARGUMENT

- 167/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 38/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 40/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 195/16 (F) HCCA/Colombo
- 343/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo



UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA SRI LANKA

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - 2018/2019 2020

CALLING FOR APPLICATIONS FROM REPEAT CANDIDATES AND THOSE WHO FAILED IN THE FINAL YEAR SECOND SEMESTER COURSE UNITS IN BACHELOR OF ARTS /BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS) DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, THOSE WHO ARE IN THE FINAL YEARS & THOSE WHOSE FINAL RESULTS HAVE BEEN RELEASED

Applications are called from the repeat candidates sitting for the following First Semester Examinations scheduled to be held in June/July, 2019. Applications for Part A and Part B will be received from 09th September to 18th September 2020. Applications received after closing date will be rejected.

Applications relevant to the examinations of the Faculty of Science, Faculty of Commerce & Management and faculty of computing and technology can be obtained from the office of the relevant faculties and applications relevant to the other Faculties can be obtained from the Examinations Branch. All applications are available on University web site. (www.kln.ac.lk)

Part A - Relevant Examinations in respect of all years: -

- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree Examinations
- Bachelor of Commerce (Entrepreneurship/Business Technology/Financial Management) Special Degree Examinations
- Bachelor of Business Management (Accountancy/ Finance/ Human Resources Management/ Marketing Management) Special Degree Examinations
- Bachelor of Science / Bachelor of Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Science Physics and Electronics
- Bachelor of Science Environmental Conservation and Management
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Environmental Conservation and Management
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Management and Information Technology
- Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Software Engineering
- Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Honours)
- Bachelor of Information and communication Technology (Honours)

Part B (Faculty of Humanities & Social Science only)

Re-sit Examination for the Failed Course Units in the Final Year Second Semester and those whose results have already been released

- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree Examinations - Faculty of Humanities
- Bachelor of Arts /Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree Examinations - Faculty of Social Science

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07.09.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 693,660

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 26,173,170.00

Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 **Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 28**



Vasana Sampatha

Official Results

Draw No. 1611
Date 2020.09.07

English Letter

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ONCE A HERO ALWAYS A HERO

Winning Nos.

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Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only Four Numbers are correct	1,000,000/-	-
02 Prize	If Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	01
03 Prize	If only Three Numbers are correct	2,000/-	92
04 Prize	If Two Numbers and English Letter are correct	500/-	143
05 Prize	If only Two Numbers are correct	100/-	3,589
06 Prize	If one Number and English Letter are correct	60/-	2,139
07 Prize	If only One Number are correct	20/-	54,203
08 Prize	If only English Letter is correct	20/-	9,093

Total prize money won in this Draw

Rs. 2,108,660.00

Next Super Prize

Rs. 23,451,987.40

OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW DATE 07/09/2020

DRAW NUMBER 1533

ENGLISH LETTER 01

WINNING NUMBERS 05 20 33 60

PRIZE	PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRIZE	ALL 04 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 500,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 15,000.00	06
3 PRIZE	03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	109
4 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 200.00	366
5 PRIZE	02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	4683
6 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 60.00	4229
7 PRIZE	01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	59407
8 PRIZE	ONLY THE SUPER NUMBER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	14802

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW

Rs. 2,478,420.00

Winning tickets are valid from the draw for a period of six months only. Prizes of Rs. Five Lakhs or over are liable to Government tax. Winners must produce National Identity Card receive prizes.

SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW

Rs. 20,921,767.08

Mega Power

DRAW NUMBER : 605

OFFICIAL RESULTS

DATE 2020.09.07

English Letter G

Super Number 11

Winning Numbers 09 12 28 50

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1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00
6th PRIZE	Only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00

BIGGEST PRIZE IN SRI LANKA

NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE

Rs.233,411,452.75

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE

Rs.10,246,419.60

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE

Rs.13,637,898.80

Total Prizes Won In This Draw

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 07-09-2020

English Letter E

Winning Numbers 1 0 1 3 7 9

Prize structure - from right to left

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3rd Prize	1 3 7 9	Rs. 10,000/-	104
4th Prize	3 7 9	Rs. 1,000/-	1,014
5th Prize	7 9	Rs. 100/-	10,169
6th Prize	9	Rs. 20/-	100,411

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WHITE RICE LINKED TO DIABETES, ESPECIALLY IN SOUTH ASIA - STUDY

An analysis of over 130,000 adults from 21 countries over nearly a decade has indicated a high risk of diabetes linked with the consumption of white rice. The risk is most prominent for the South Asian population, according to findings from a new, large-scale, long-term study.

The study was an international collaboration between researchers from various countries — including India, China, and Brazil — in Asia, North and South America, Africa and Europe.

Led by Bhavadharini Balaji of the Population Health Research Institute, Hamilton Health Sciences and McMaster University, Canada, the study was a part of the institute's Prospective Urban Rural Epidemiology (PURE) project.

The findings were published in the *Diabetes Care* journal in its September issue.

White rice is milled rice that has its germ (the part that sprouts), bran (hard outer layer), and husk (outer covering) removed. The polishing of rice further results in a bright and shiny appearance. While white rice has an appealing appearance and can be stored longer, the milling and polishing process remove nutrients such as vitamin B.

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White rice has been linked to an outbreak of beriberi in Asia, caused by vitamin B-1 deficiency. It also causes the blood sugar levels to spike upon consumption due to its high glycemic index.

Globally, 42.5 crore people currently have diabetes, and this number is expected to increase to 62.9 crore by 2045, according to the International Diabetes Federation.

Studies have alluded to risk of diabetes associated with white rice for a few decades now, although findings have been contradictory. A 2012 study found that each extra serving of white rice increased the risk for diabetes by 11 per cent.

However, findings change depending on which country studies were conducted in.

For example, a study of over 45,000 participants in Singapore found no substantial increase in diabetes was associated with white rice consumption.

Most such studies were limited to single countries. To beat this barrier, the authors of the new study extended it to 21 nations — Argentina, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, India, Iran, Malaysia, 'occupied Palestine territory', Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Tanzania, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, and Zimbabwe.

However, the South Asian population seems to show a pattern with white rice consumption and diabetes, despite a number of other lifestyle factors that increase the disease risk.

"South Asians are genetically more predisposed to get diabetes, so there are other lifestyle as well as biological reasons for the high diabetes incidence," said Bengaluru-based physician Dr Gowri Kulkarni.

To understand the link between white rice and diabetes in South Asia, the researchers compared the data from India, Bangladesh, and Pakistan with the rest of the world.

The study involved 132,373 individuals between the ages of 35 and 70, from these 21 countries, who were monitored for nine and a half years. Of these, 6,129 developed diabetes over the course of the study.

Participants were considered if they consumed more than one cup or 150g of cooked rice a day. Overall, the average white rice consumption was 128g a day among the study participants.

However, the team found that the high-

est consumption of white rice was seen in South Asia at 630g a day, followed by South East Asia at 239g and China at 200g per day. High consumption of rice resulted in lower consumption of other foods like wheat, fibre, red meat, and dairy products.

Carbohydrates make up nearly 80 per cent of calories consumed in many South Asian countries. Since the 1970s, carbs have become increasingly polished and refined as well, losing a lot of nutrition in the process.

Rapid urbanisation and economic development, especially in low- and middle-income countries, have led to a dramatic change in dietary intake and increased physical inactivity, which are related to the obesity epidemic.

Talking about the findings, Mumbai-based nutritionist Priya Kathpal said, "I wouldn't say every white rice-eating family would have a diabetic person in their family... A lot depends on the quantity of rice eaten, what it's eaten with, and how frequently."

China and India are two of the world's largest countries where rice is the staple food. Both also lead in the incidence of diabetes. However, the researchers found that there wasn't a significant association with white rice consumption and diabetes in China. There could be many reasons for this, apart from other lifestyle factors. The scientists believe that the kind of rice the Chinese eat (sticky rice) could make a difference.

In India, studies have shown that during the last four to five decades of replacing hand-pounded rice with industrially

milled white rice, the prevalence of diabetes in urban areas in India increased from 2 per cent in the 1970s to 25 per cent in 2015, and in rural areas from 1 per cent to 14-16 per cent, respectively. White rice is considered to be one of the many main drivers of the trend, which followed improved socioeconomic growth and lifestyle modifications.

Studies have shown that substituting white rice with unpolished brown rice decreases the glycemic response by 23 per cent and the fasting insulin response by 57 per cent in overweight Indian Indians, but consumers do not tend to prefer brown rice due to its inconvenience of longer cooking duration, greater chewing difficulty, and lack of visual appeal.

"Several patients that I've asked to switch to brown rice have faced difficulty, as everyone's grown up eating white rice," said Kathpal.

"Taste is a huge factor, and brown rice often doesn't taste the same as white with vegetable curries and dals. Sometimes, white rice alternatives like even millets can be more expensive or not as easily available too," she said.

Doctors and dietitians are hesitant to recommend diets that are more expensive and less easily available even if they are healthier, as patients tend not to adopt them successfully.

"A daily diet should always be easy to maintain and easily available. Only then can it be sustainable," said Kulkarni. "Indians in general have poor protein intake in diet, and this has to do with available resources and choices. Most calories are from carbohydrates as they are cheap."

According to the researchers, in countries where rice is consumed the most or as a staple, the risk of increased diabetes among the public can be lowered by substituting white rice with alternate forms of healthier rice versions and adding more legumes or pulses to food. *(The Print)*



Basmati Rice

Japan ruling party launches race for Abe's successor



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

Chief Cabinet Secretary Suga, the 71-year-old son of a strawberry farmer, has already secured the support of major factions in the Liberal Democratic Party ahead of its leadership vote on September 14.

But he isn't running unchallenged, with a popular former defence minister and the party's policy chief standing against him.

Thanks to the LDP's solid legislative majority, the race's winner is certain to win a parliamentary vote on September 16 and be named the country's next prime minister.

The LDP race began after Abe, Japan's longest-serving premier, abruptly announced late August that he would resign for health reasons.

There is now speculation that the next prime minister may call a snap election to shore up public support. But Suga hinted that an immediate general election would be unlikely, saying a new cabinet should make its top priority fighting the pandemic.

"What people most expect from the government is to curb infections and regain a secure way of life as soon as possible," Suga said at a press conference with his contenders.

Representatives for Suga and his rivals — former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba and party policy chief Fumio Kishida — formally registered their candidacies on Tuesday morning.

Suga said he had decided to run to help avoid a "political vacuum" after Abe's departure, and that he would prioritise coronavirus containment while rebuilding an economy now in recession.

Ishiba meanwhile pledged a "great reset", and said he would "pour my whole body and soul into regional revitalisation".

Kishida said he too would focus on balancing infection measures with kickstarting the economy, and vowed to build a capable team.

The candidates will hold two public debates before the vote, which will poll LDP lawmakers and three party representatives from each of Japan's 47 regions.

A regular person like me - Whoever takes the top office will face a raft of challenges — from the pandemic and a tanking economy to ensuring the postponed Tokyo Olympic Games can go ahead.

None of the three candidates is seen as offering a policy platform that would differ significantly from Abe's.

Former banker Ishiba, 63, is popular with the electorate and consistently topped polls before Abe's resignation.

A defence policy wonk, he supports strengthening the role of the country's Self-Defense Forces in the pacifist constitution.

But he is still regarded with suspicion by some in the LDP because he left the party for a time, serving as an independent and then with a rival party, before returning.

Kishida, also 63, was long viewed as Abe's heir apparent and considered the prime minister's favoured successor.

But he appeared to fall from grace more recently, with his proposal for a targeted stimulus being cast aside in favour of money for all residents, and Abe has declined to publicly support any one candidate.

Suga, who until recently denied any ambition for the top job, said he decided to run to continue Abe's programmes, especially his economic measures.

Raised in northern Japan's Akita region, Suga put himself through night college by working odd jobs before winning a Yokohama city council seat, and mentioned his background in his comments Tuesday.

"That a regular person like me can seek to become a prime minister, that's exactly Japan's democracy, isn't it?" He has served as Abe's closest advisor and a powerful enforcer of government policy, considered able to bend Japan's vast bureaucracy to the government's will.

But while Abe rose to power by touting conservative policies including amending the constitution, little is known of Suga's ideology.

His policy interests tend towards the practical, including speeding up the digitalisation of government agencies, cutting the cost of mobile services and increasing foreign tourism. *(AFP)*

Ethiopia's Tigray region to hold elections on Wednesday

Plans by Ethiopia's Tigray region to hold elections on Wednesday in defiance of a nationwide postponement have cast a spotlight on divisions that have characterised the rule of Prime Minister and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Abiy Ahmed.

His avowed attempt to bring real democracy to Ethiopia has over the past two years been undermined by tensions that have at times led to violence.

Here are the most prominent flashpoints.

Defiant Tigray

Ethiopia had initially set its first competitive elections in 15 years for August.

But the national poll body decided in March to postpone them to an as yet unknown date due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Lawmakers in June approved a plan to keep national and regional MPs in power beyond their mandates, which would have expired in early October.

However leaders in the once all-powerful northern region of Tigray rejected the plan, contending Abiy would have no legal standing once his mandate ended.

The region is alone in moving ahead with elections for its own lawmakers.

The move underscores the bitterness between Abiy and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), the ruling party in Tigray, whose people make up six per cent of the population of 110 million.

The TPLF led the armed struggle to topple the communist Derg regime in 1991 and then dominated Ethiopia's ruling coalition before anti-government protests swept Abiy to power in 2018.

Tigrayan leaders complain they have since been unfairly targeted in corruption prosecutions, sidelined from top positions and broadly scapegoated for the country's woes.

The TPLF formally became an opposition party last year when it refused to go along with Abiy's merger of the ruling coalition into a single party, the Prosperity Party.



The Tigray regional flag on a fence in Mekele, northern Ethiopia.

Restive Oromia

Abiy is Ethiopia's first leader from the Oromo ethnic group, the country's largest.

But he is far from universally beloved in the Oromia region, which surrounds the capital Addis Ababa.

Oromo nationalists say Abiy has been a poor champion of the group's interests and has not done enough to address their longstanding feelings of political and economic marginalisation.

And human rights groups have accused security forces under Abiy of adopting repressive tactics in Oromia, rounding up critics as part of a crackdown ostensibly targeting the Oromo Liberation Army (OLA), an armed group blamed for a spate of assassinations, bombings, bank robberies and kidnappings.

Tensions in Oromia turned bloody after the fatal shooting in June of Hachalu Hundessa, an Oromo pop singer.

In the days that followed, lethal force by police officers and soldiers combined with

inter-ethnic killings left between 178 and 239 people dead, according to various estimates provided by police.

More than 9,000 people have been rounded up in connection with the violence, including high-profile opposition politicians such as Jawar Mohammed and journalists from multiple outlets.

Amnesty International said at least 20 people were killed in August when security forces fired on demonstrators in Oromia demanding that Jawar and others be freed.

Splintering South

Ethnic groups in Ethiopia's diverse Southern Nations, Nationalities, and Peoples' region (SNNPR) are also standing up to Abiy as they demand expanded rights.

In the early 1990s Ethiopia was divided into nine regions and two administrative states as part of a federal system designed to provide widespread ethnic self-rule. However around 10 groups in the south

have long wanted to form their own regions, a move permitted under the constitution. These bids for autonomy gained fresh momentum after Abiy took office in April 2018 and, at least initially, pushed to liberalise Ethiopia's democratic space.

The Sidama people overwhelmingly backed the creation of a new region — the country's 10th — in a referendum last November. Lately the spotlight has been on the Wolaita zone, which wants to follow Sidama's lead but has yet to get its referendum scheduled.

In August at least 17 people were killed in Wolaita after police began detaining senior Wolaita politicians involved in the campaign, sparking protests that drew a lethal response from security forces.

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission, the national human rights body, at the time called on federal and regional officials to "demonstrate leadership to achieve a timely and peaceful resolution" to the autonomy bids. *(AFP)*

Australian journalists flee China fearing arrest

Two Australian journalists fled China Tuesday under diplomatic protection, fearing arrest as political pawns in the rapidly worsening relationship between Canberra and Beijing.

Their dramatic overnight exit came following days of secret wrangling that had seen both men holed up in Australia's diplomatic missions to escape the clutches of China's feared security police.

Bill Birtles and Michael Smith had to consent to questioning before they were allowed to leave China, shepherded out of the country on a late-night flight by Australian diplomats.

Both men were quizzed about fellow Australian journalist Cheng Lei, who has been detained since last

month. Beijing acknowledged Tuesday for the first time that she was being held on national security grounds — a broad category that can include crimes resulting in lengthy prison sentences.

Birtles, who works for public broadcaster ABC, said Tuesday his "interrogation" in a hotel room had touched on Cheng's case, but that he did not think that was its primary objective.

"I believe that the whole episode was really one more of harassment of the remaining Australian journalists, rather than a genuine effort to try and get anything useful for that case," he told ABC.

China confirmed the two men had been questioned, but insisted the move had been legitimate. "As long as

foreign journalists obey the law... they have no reason to worry," foreign ministry spokesman Zhao Lijian said in Beijing.

Several reporters for US media have had their visas revoked and been forced to leave the country — what critics have interpreted as targeting of Western media outlets by the Communist Party.

The Foreign Correspondents' Club of China said the two men's ordeal marked "a significant escalation of an ongoing, sustained Chinese government assault on media freedoms".

"Such actions by the Chinese government amount to appalling intimidatory tactics that threaten and seek to curtail the work of foreign journalists based in China, who now face the

threat of arbitrary detention for simply doing their work." The episode began almost a week ago, when police carried out synchronised midnight raids on Birtles's home in Beijing and Smith's in Shanghai — where he was correspondent for the Australian Financial Review.

Both were barred from leaving the country and told they would face questioning.

"I felt like I suddenly, unintentionally, had become a pawn in some sort of diplomatic tussle," said Birtles.

Fearful of interrogation and arbitrary arrest, they fled to their closest Australian diplomatic missions until agreeing to answer Ministry of State Security questions in return for safe passage home. *(AFP)*



ABC journalist Bill Birtles recounted a whirlwind week of political manoeuvring, and said 'it's a relief to be back in a country with genuine rule of law'.

China celebrates virus success as Europe suffers

China's leaders held a triumphant ceremony to celebrate beating the coronavirus on Tuesday, as billions of people around the world still suffer the fallout from the pandemic and the global death toll nears 900,000.

The upbeat mood in Beijing comes as concerns grow about a resurgence of Covid-19 across Europe, with France tightening restrictions, cases in Britain spiking and schools resuming around the region in recent days.

Worldwide infections to date now stand at more than 27 million and over 890,000 people have died from the disease, with the pandemic showing no sign of peaking.

But in China the virus has been all but banished through a combination of lockdowns and travel restrictions earlier in the year that have officials touting the nation as a coronavirus success story.

President Xi Jinping said China had passed "an extraordinary and historic test" during an awards ceremony for medical professionals decorated with bugle calls and applause.

"We quickly achieved initial success in the people's war against the coronavirus," Xi said.

"We are leading the world in economic recovery and in the fight against Covid-19." The nation's propaganda machine has been attempting to seize the narrative surrounding the pandemic, reframing the episode as an example of the agility and organisation of the Communist leadership.

Xi had stern words for China's doubters, saying "selfish moves, any buck-



Chinese President Xi Jinping (center) delivers a speech during a ceremony to honor people who fought against the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on September 8, 2020. AFP

passing and deeds that confuse right and wrong" risked inflicting damage across the world.

Beijing is also touting progress on its vaccines as a sign of global leadership and resilience.

China put its homegrown Covid-19 vaccines on display for the first time at a Beijing trade fair this week and authorities hope the jabs will be approved for use by year-end.

The vaccines are among nearly 10 worldwide to enter phase 3 trials, typically the last step ahead of regulatory approval, as countries race to stub out

an illness that continues to ravage large parts of the globe.

Spain on Monday became the first country in Western Europe to pass half a million infections. The nation had largely gained control over its outbreak but cases have surged since restrictions were removed at the end of June.

In neighbouring Morocco, the government shut all schools and imposed a lockdown on Casablanca on the day classes were supposed to resume after cases surged in the city. Officials said the virus risked overwhelming the North African country if it was not con-

trolled, but some parents were left fuming.

"They were on cloud nine over returning to school tomorrow," one father wrote of his children on Twitter.

"How do you explain this to a six-year-old and an eight-year-old?" Restrictions have also been reimposed in France where seven more regions were placed on a red list after successively recording daily infection rates of between 7,000 and 9,000. And in England, officials fiddled with overseas quarantine rules again, imposing curbs on travellers from seven Greek islands popular with holidaymakers, after Britain at the weekend registered a level of infection not seen since late May.

In Asia, India pressed ahead with reopening its battered economy even as it surpassed Brazil on Monday as the second-most infected nation in the world with 4.2 million cases.

Trains began running again in the capital New Delhi after a five-month shutdown and 12 other cities also restarted subway services.

"For our lives to move on, we have to get out of our homes... so this is a good move by the government," commuter Deepak Kumar told AFP in Delhi.

French footballer Kylian Mbappe became the latest sports star to test positive for the virus after his club teammate Brazilian forward Neymar was confirmed to have Covid-19 last week. Mbappe has been ruled out of France's Nations League game against Croatia on Tuesday and is the seventh Paris Saint-Germain player to contract the illness. (AFP)

UK under fire as Brexit trade talks resume with EU

UK and EU negotiators on Tuesday resumed Brexit talks, after warnings last-minute changes to domestic legislation risked derailing the process, threatened peace in Northern Ireland and even a showcase UK-US trade deal.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has angered EU officials by insisting there was now an "unforeseen" risk that Northern Ireland would be cut off from the rest of the United Kingdom.

His proposal for "limited" changes to domestic legislation sparked concern London could renege on the treaty it signed with the EU that allowed Britain's departure from the bloc.

His comments in the Daily Telegraph stood in sharp contrast to his boast that the Withdrawal Agreement was a "fantastic moment" when he signed it in January.

Britain left the 27-member EU on January 31 but remains bound by its rules until December 31 as it tries to thrash out the terms of a new trading relationship.

Both sides agree a deal must be struck by an EU summit in mid-October. But divisions remain on totemic issues such as state subsidies for industry and fishing rights.

Irish prime minister Micheal Mar-

tin said he was "concerned about the lateness" of London's proposed changes to the Northern Ireland Protocol, a key plank of the agreement.

"The Withdrawal Agreement is an international treaty and we expect the UK government to implement and to adhere to what was agreed," he told the Irish Examiner newspaper.

"We trust them to do so or they would render the talks process null and void."

Martin ruled out the return of a hard border between Ireland and Northern Ireland, a key part of the 1998 Good Friday Agreement that ended 30 years of violence over British rule in the province.

Northern Ireland will have Britain's only land border with the EU, and the Brexit protocol means the territory will continue to follow some of the bloc's rules to ensure the frontier remains open.

Johnson's spokesman insisted the government remained fully behind the Good Friday pact, arguing the planned legislative changes were a "safety net" to ensure a smooth passage for goods going to and from Northern Ireland after January 1.

But the EU, and anti-Brexit parties in Northern Ireland and Britain, fear Johnson is setting the stage to jettison

the transition talks and go its own way, whatever the economic cost.

EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier vowed to interrogate his British counterpart, David Frost, about the plans when they meet from Tuesday afternoon.

"Everything that has been signed must be respected," the Frenchman said.

Heading into the meeting, which lasts until Thursday, Frost warned: "We need to see more realism from the EU about our status as an independent country".

Barnier last week underlined that full implementation of prior deals was "the only way to protect the Good Friday Agreement in all its dimensions".

"And, of course, it is a precondition for us - the EU and the UK - to be able to forge a meaningful partnership built on trust."

The government is due to submit the changes to parliament on Wednesday, with warnings it will breach international law if it overrode the Withdrawal Agreement.

Tim Bale, deputy director of the UK In A Changing Europe research group, suggested the move could be a "negotiating ploy" to put pressure on Brussels. (AFP)



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson

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BY ELMO RODRIGOPULLE



A Challenge for Rizly Ilyas

Rugby in Sri Lanka needs a hard tackle—bone crunch perhaps—so that more sense is knocked into the administration of a popular sport that was losing its zip. Thanks to school rugby, the game has retained traction. But club rugby is another matter. The welcome extended to the new President of Sri Lanka Rugby RIZLY ILLYAS is as warm as its a challenge to him to deliver the game back to some of its lost standing.

It was encouraging to see numbers of distinguished personalities welcoming ILLYAS. This bodes well for a good and a successful run and try scoring for the game. ILLYAS wears the mantle of the second most respected sport in the country and during his tenure he will have to run and maintain its highest traditions and not leave any queries to be asked especially concerning its finances.

As was his supporters there will also be his critics and the green eyed who will sharpen their teeth and wait to pounce on any shortcoming in Sri Lanka Rugby. He must remain alive to the critics and keep a hawk eye.

Also in addition respected personalities graced the occasion to welcome him and see him receive the highest honour in the administration. It was also great to see him receive good media support which is so very important in his tenure and keeping the game and the administration clean.

The good media support he received was because from the day he took to rugby at Petersons he cultivated and maintained a good rapport with all media-men.. Of course this may be short lived if goods are not delivered.

ILLYAS in the two years he served as Deputy President to the famous Lasitha Guneratne gave him all the support although at times they may have not seen eye to eye disagreed on some moves or matters. But that was good for the game and showed the democracy that exists in the Sri Lanka Rugby administration.

Anyway now that ILLYAS will sit on the rugby seat proudly and sport the rugby crown, a lot will be expected from him and his efficient committee who will have to join in the scrum, the lineout, the wings and score for the game with him making the moves from the most important position of stand off.

Life members

Scanning through the list of the new Life Members of Sri Lanka Rugby appointed who are illustrious and respected gentlemen who excelled in the sport and some in the promotion of the game, it was a bit unsettling to see the names of Mike de Alwis, Tuan Nizam Hajireen missing from the list. Hajireen it must be recalled won two trophies for the police believe it or not on the same day.

After winning the Clifford Cup for the Police team for the first time beating Havelocks with a penalty when both team supporters were shouting themselves hoarse, he immediately rode his iron horse to the Sugathadas Stadium to help Police win the Football Federation Cup. It was enthusiasm and energy unlimited.

It is also a pity to note that that hooker par excellence for Dimbula and the country Mike de Alwis is missing from the Life Membership.

While Haji Omar a former national team captain and Daya Jayasundera a former Police ruggerite were posthumously promoted as Life Members, it was also unfortunate that that centre who ran with ball in his hand like a cheetah to score plenty of tries for club and country Didacus de Almeida has yet not been posthumously promoted a Life Member.

Policeman Nizam Hajireen is a sportsman par excellence. He played rugger and soccer which made him a rare double international, cricket, hockey and athletics and later Sepaktakraw. Marso a policeman who was inducted was also a double international in rugby and basketball.

Here are the lists of the SLR committee – President Rizly Ilyas, Deputy President, Nazeem Mohamed, Vice Presidents, Rear Admiral Deshapriya Hettiaratchi, Secretary Dimithri Jude, Treasurer Dinesh Perera.

Honorary Life members – DIG – Retired – Hafeez Marso, Marshal of the Air Force – Roshan Goonatilke – DIG Retired Nimal Lewke, Arjuna Dharmadasa, Real Admiral -Retired- Harsha Mayadunne, Asanga Seneviratne, Priyantha Ekanayake, Kishin Butani, C.P.P. Abeysunewardena, Mohan Samarakoon and Cicero de Fonseka..

Of the List of Life Membership there are four outstanding men who did wonders for the game, its development and progress. They are Asanga Seneviratne, Kishin Butani, Nimal Lewke and Hafees Marso.

Lewke in addition to his magnificent play where he was a member of the Police Clifford Cup rugby winning team, also coached many schools and produced many outstanding ruggerites who went on to sport the national jersey. Last year he was the proud recipient of an award from President Maithripala Sirisena at the Presidential Sports Awards Ceremony organized by the famous Saman Amarasinghe Director of Sport.

It must also be recorded that when champions Kandy Sports Club was slipping in form, Malik Samarawickrema requested Lewke to go and put their rugby right. He worked hard with the team and the end result triple champions.

On Kishin Butani after playing Up Country rugby he came down to Colombo to concentrate on his business Butani Exports and immediately took to rugby and its administration like a duck taking to water and after throwing in his lot with the CH and FC paved the way for the club not only to raise its standards, but also win the triple trophy.

Butani gave employment to several ruggerites, at times even spending his own money to help the players and the players delivered by winning trophies and being the glamour club. In his endeavor he had an excellent secretary in 'King' Hassen Sinhawansa who was a great asset to Butani and the club.

Like Lewke when Kandy Sports Club was on the skids Samarawickrema wanted Butani to put the club's rugby right and overnight there was change in the club's fortunes which led to the club again winning the triple. It was just one of those things that he was deprived of being President of Sri Lanka Rugby.

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Palitha-the cager and rugby star

ALTHAF NAWAZ

The Sri Lanka Police has produced several yesteryear sportsmen who excelled in their profession and sports. Palitha Siriwardana who recently hung up his uniform, after serving four decades in the Police was one of the rare talents, which this country has ever produced. Being a double International in Basketball and Rugby, he was instrumental in establishing several records, which still remain unbroken.

Palitha Siriwardana's father was a former Policeman, Lionel Fredrick Siriwardana, who did yeoman service in the Police department for over three decades. Popularly known as "Chuti Mall", Palitha and his elder brother Vikum Siriwardana were top Basketball players.

Since his father was in the Police service they were residing at the Field Force Headquarters, in Bambalapitiya. In this era there were several other personalities who excelled in sports, residing with them like Hafeel Marso, S. Chandrapalan, Tuan Hajireen, Ranjith Moderagama, Mohamed Majeed.

This influenced them to play games as small kids in the Police

Park grounds. The initial foundation for Basketball was laid after 1970, when there was an under-10 Basketball tournament held among the schools. Police officers R.M.P. Ranawana and T.N. Ahamath spotted these kid's

performance and formed a side to play in that tournament, in which Palitha was appointed captain. They went on to win the tournament convincingly. From there this squad went on to defeat some top teams in the fray like St. Benedict's, St.Peter's, St.Joseph's and St.Michael's, Batticaloa. As Royal College didn't have a junior Basketball team, he opted to engage himself in athletics and went on performing from the Junior level to senior level, establishing several records in High Jump and Hurdles respectively, which was a unique achievement. The school authorities noticing these kids talent went on to introduce Basketball to the college at junior level, with the likes of Premith Pasqual, Rohantha Peiris, Rajiva Wijetunga, Saman Bandara, Sanath Mahipala. This effort by the school authorities enabled them to produce champion sides under Palitha, where he climbed up to the under-19 stage to win



Palitha Siriwardana

several championships, remaining as an unbeaten side, which remained a record for some time in the country, where Royal were crowned champions. While being captain in 1977, he toured Kuwait with the youth National Basketball team and was also selected as the youth school's player to represent the national team at Asian Basketball Championship in Kuala Lumpur under Malsiri Perera's captaincy, followed by the national team to India in 1978.

In 1979, he joined the Police department as a Sub Inspector when he was a mere 19 year old

school boy. In 1979/80/81 he represented the Police team only in Basketball. His fortunes changed in 1982 when SSP Sumith Silva who was in charge of Police Rugby advised him to take up the game since his structure and build was ideal to play rugby. On the request of his senior officer, Palitha played in the inter division rugby tournament in 1982. Unearthing his talents, he was chosen to play for the Police 'Griffins' side in the 'B' division. His friend Marso, who was an experienced player, suggested him to play as a wing forward.

He played until mid 1983, for the Griffins side. But due to the two nippy Police flankers at that era, Dharmakeerthi and Muruga Jayaratne, he never had an opportunity to play in that position. But later in an Army versus Police match Dahrmakeerthi got injured and Palitha was called to occupy that place, and he went on to secure that position until he hung up his boots, after his 10 year career.

He was a member of the champion Clifford Cup teams in 1984 1985 and 1991. Winners of John Player League from 1985 to 1989 and again in 1991. Winners of R.

Premadasa Trophy in 1987 and 1989. In 1986 he represented the national team at Cathay Pacific bowl competition. In 1987 tour of Wales, Sydney World Cup Sevens in Australia, Dubai Sevens in Dubai, in 1988, Italy Sevens in 1989, the tour of Hong Kong and Taiwan in 1989 are a few to be mentioned.

In 1992 he was to captain the Police rugby team as well as the Sri Lanka National Basketball team but his DIG A.S.Seneviratne who was his boss asked him to choose his future career whether to continue with his first appointment as OIC or to continue his sports, where he opted to give his job priority.

In 1985 he was called for national duty as a wing forward for the Hong Kong and Taiwan tour under Rohan Gunaratne He went on to establish several records both in Basketball as well as Rugby during his tenure as captain. He captained the Police Basketball team twice and won the National Championship in the 1988/89 season. He was a livewire of the National Basketball team which toured overseas on several occasions bringing honour to the country.

Harsha Sandaruwan- superb left arm leg spinner

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The fifth year first eleven cricketer, left arm leg spinner and middle order batsman and safe fielder Harsha Sandaruwan excelled for his Alma Mater St. Mary's College, Matugama as a fine leg spinner for five successive years from 2015 to 1920 Harsha commenced his schooling at Bellana

Maha Vidyalaya and during this period there was no cricket over there and he did athletics at the inter house level and came first in 100 metres and from there he joined Mihindu Maha Vidyalaya.

In the meantime he had a liking to cricket and attended practices at Agalawatte Cricket Academy under Nimesh Jeewan and attending cricket practices at his

new school St. Mary's College, Matugama he got selected for the under 13 team under Dinesh Sanjeeva. In 2015 he got selected for the 2015/16 first eleven cricket team and the first year itself he claimed 68 wickets. He represented St. Mary's for five years consecutively and he passed 60 wickets mark in his second year too and in his third year also he claimed 54

wickets and in his fourth year he bagged 64 wickets and in the last season he captured 80 wickets. Harsha has taken 329 wickets in five years for his school and it may be a all time record for St. Mary's College, Matugama.

Harsha played for the under 15 team and he captained the under 17 team. At St. Mary's his coach was Dinesh Sanjeeva and last

season his captain was Heshan Welgama and deputy was Tharindu Heshan. With these fine performances he was unlucky for not getting selected to the Provincial Team. When he was at Mihindu Vidyalaya he got the opportunity to play in two big matches. His Teacher in Charge of cricket at school is Mrs. Kannangara. He was called for the Sri Lanka under 19



squad comprising 30 players which will be reduced to 15 players. He played for Matugama Cricket Club in the division two tournament organized by Sri Lanka Cricket for one year.

Charles Wijewardena was one of the finest place kickers

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Charles Wijewardena was one of the best rugby goal kickers we have ever seen and he was a gifted ruggerite. He learnt his rugby in Kandy at Vidyalaya College played in 1965 and, straight from school he joined the Sri Lanka Air Force and led them in 1972 He later played for Police, CR and FC, Kandy Sports Club and the country and was the best place-kicker during his days and was called King Charles. He had the proud distinction of captaining two service teams Air Force (1972) and Police. (1979)

When he was the SSP, Jaffna Charles Wijewardena was kidnapped and killed while he was travelling to Inuvil to investigate a shooting incident on the 4th of August 2005. Some have to die for others to live. The death of Charles Wijewardena under tragic circumstances, was a



Charles Wijewardena

brutal act. He was tortured to death in the month of August in 2005. Soft-spoken Charles, an officer and gentleman, maintained his dignity on and off the field.

In my sports journalistic career spanning over 35 years, I have seen much of the good and the ugly side of the game. He was first helped by Air-Vice Marshal Harry Gunatilake. Charles Wijewardena turned out to be one of Harry's best products. Later he joined the Police Force as a sub-inspector in 1973 He initially played as a centre

and later when Nizam Hajireen, called it a day, he manned the last line as an attacking full back. He played hard, tackled hard, but never played dirty or caused pain to others. He was one of the first ruggerites to score over 100 points in a season from 1975-1980.

He never lost his way and unlike some of the present-day players he was never greedy for money nor did he indulge in any other unwarranted acts. He maintained the dignity of the Police Force on and off the field. He played a decisive role, assisting the needy with loving kindness and compassion. 'King Charles' was always gracious in victory and defeat.

Among his many achievements was his ability to kick at goal to win matches.

"Life is uncertain. but death is certain." May he attain the supreme bliss of Nibbana.

Shirosha heads Kalutara Branch of Umpires Association

H. L. SUNIL SHANTHA
Kalutara Central Special Correspondent

The 31st Annual General Meeting of the Kalutara Branch of Association of Cricket Umpires was held at Laya Beach Hotel, Wadduwa recently and the following office bearers were unanimously, elected.

Shirosha Gunathilaka, a very talented and dedicated Cricket umpire, who worked as the Chairman of the Kalutara Branch for a long period was again appointed as the president of the Kalutara Branch for the year 2020

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Serena into US Open quarters as Thiem, Medvedev march on

Serena Williams of the United States serves the ball during her Women's Singles fourth round match against Maria Sakkari of Greece on Day Eight of the 2020 US Open at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on September 7 in the Queens borough of New York City. AFP

NEW YORK, TUESDAY: Serena Williams battled into the quarter-finals of the US Open on Monday as top men's seeds Dominic Thiem and Daniil Medvedev sailed through to the last eight at Flushing Meadows.

After Williams kept her bid for a record-equalling 24th Grand Slam singles title alive, second seed Sofia Kenin was sent crashing out in the last 16 by Belgium's Elise Mertens.

Williams had to summon up every

last ounce of strength to depose 15th seed Maria Sakkari in three hard-fought sets.

The 38-year-old American needed almost two and a half hours to dislodge her 25-year-old Greek opponent 6-3, 6-7 (6/8), 6-3 inside an empty Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.

"She's such a good competitor. It was a really intense match," said Williams, who had been dumped out of a US Open tuneup tournament by the

same opponent last month. "I felt like she almost played better today. I was a little fatigued last time and had some cramps. Just felt like I was able to compete longer," Williams added.

There was little separating the players throughout the energy-sapping contest, with Williams notching 107 total points to Sakkari's 99.

Williams won 72 percent of points off her first serve while Sakkari won 73 percent. Sakkari also outdid Williams on aces, by 13 to 12.

Williams rallied from two games down in the deciding set, pumping herself up with loud screams that echoed around the spectator-free arena as she broke Sakkari twice to clinch the last-eight spot.

"I'm super passionate. This is my job. This is what I wake up to do. This is what I train to do 365 days of the year," Williams said afterwards.

The American will play Tsvetana Pironkova for a place in the semi-finals after the Bulgarian ousted France's Alize Cornet in another draining three-setter.

Pironkova, playing her first tournament in three years after a lengthy break in which she gave birth to her son, prevailed 6-4, 6-7 (5/7), 6-3 at the Louis Armstrong Stadium.

"It's absolutely unreal, I really can't believe it," said Pironkova, whose last tournament appearance before this year's US Open was the 2017 Wimbledon championships when she exited in the second round. Mertens ousted Kenin, this year's Australian Open champion, 6-3, 6-3 in 1hr 14 mins to set up a last-eight tie with former world number one Victoria Azarenka.

The Belarusian overcame 20th seed Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 in 2hr 30min at

Louis Armstrong Stadium. In the men's draw, second-seeded Thiem raced into the round of eight with a three-set demolition of Canadian rising star Felix Auger-Aliassime.

Thiem dismantled the 20-year-old 15th seed 7-6 (7/4), 6-1, 6-1 in 2hr 7min.

"I played a great match today, the best one from my whole America trip," said Thiem.

He will play Australia's 21st seed Alex de Minaur for a spot in the semi-finals after the Australian breezed past unseeded Canadian Vasek Pospisil 7-6 (8/6), 6-3, 6-2, in 2hr 17min. Third seed Medvedev blew away unseeded American France Tiafoe 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 in only 1hr 38min.

"I'm pleased with the fact that I've won all of these sets and didn't have to stay long on the court. That's always good when you're playing a

Grand Slam," said the Russian. Medvedev will face compatriot Andrey Rublev for a spot in the last four after the 10th seed ousted Italy's sixth seed Matteo Berrettini 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. The men's competition was blown wide open on Sunday after world number one Novak Djokovic was thrown out for accidentally hitting a line judge after smashing a ball in frustration during his last-16 match. His departure means the US Open will this year produce a first-time Grand Slam winner in the men's competition. Williams is seeking to equal Margaret Court's record for the most women's Grand Slam singles titles.

A tournament victory at the weekend would also see her break away from Chris Evert, on six titles, as the most decorated US Open champion of the women's game in the modern era. **AFP**

SLC to conduct inaugural T-10 tournament in December

At a meeting held at the Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) headquarters yesterday, the executive committee unanimously approved to conduct the inaugural T-10 cricket tournament in December this year.

Eight teams are scheduled to take part in the tournament which is to be played in two venues. The names of teams and the venues are yet to be finalized.

After the conclusion of the Lanka Premier League (LPL) in November, all players who participate will be free without any further engagement and as a result, SLC opted to use this time frame to give these players a further opportunity to get into

action, which will be conducive for their future tours.

SLC has decided to have six overseas players in a squad, and the tournament will be conducted on par with International T-20 standards. This is going to be the second event after the LPL. The LPL got postponed on several occasions due to the outbreak of Covid-19, which delayed health authorities granting permission. The other key factor for the delay of the tournament was the closure of the airport, which deprived the foreign players, match officials and other foreign stakeholders presence here. **(AN)**

Sanidula wins Youth Girls Chess Grand Prix

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sanidula Dahamdi of Musaeus College emerged champion at the Inaugural Sri Lanka Youth Girls Chess Grand Prix at the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) yesterday.

At the grand finals, Sanidula scored 1.5 points to 0.5 obtained by Chanethma Marasinghe of Girls High School Kandy. Earlier in the first game Sanidula won with white pieces and was fortunate to get an opening of centre counter where she got a positive play in Queens side. She just needed a draw in the second round with black pieces where she managed to get it in only 25 moves. She was adjudged Youth Girls Grand Prix Champion and received the trophy Medal and Rs. 20,000 cash award. Chanethma had to be satisfied with the Silver Medal and a cash award of Rs10,000.

Esha Pallie of Visakha Vidyalaya



Sanidula Dahamdi receiving the Champion trophy from the chief guest CFSL President Luxman Wijesuriya.

beat Oneli Omaya Wilvalaarachchi of Gothami Balika Vidyalaya in the consolation finals to win the Bronze Medal with a cash award of Rs. 6,000 while Oneli was 4th with a cash award of Rs4,000.

In the semi-finals, Sanidula beat Esha Pallie in the tie break Rapid

Chess games 2-0 on Saturday after tying the points 1-1 in the semi-finals. Chanethma beat Oneli Omaya Wilvalaarachchi 1.5-0.5 to qualify for the finals.

The Inaugural Sri Lanka Youth Girls Chess Grand Prix was conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka. There were 24 top youth Girls Chess players in the under 14 category.

The event was conducted in a new format where the 24 players were divided into two groups with equal strength and two leagues are played with 11 games

Luxman Wijesuriya, the newly elected president of the CFSL who is also the General Secretary of South Asian Chess Council and Commonwealth Chess Association was the chief guest while CFSL vice President, Thushan Wickramarachchi and Secretary General, Malith Akalanka gave away the awards.

Colts backing on experience to retain U-23 title

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Colts Cricket Club have retained the services of as many as 10 top Premier League players for the SLC Major Under-23 Inter-Club Cricket Tournament, which gets underway next week.

The defending champions with the backing of several senior players are favourites to retain the title once again as they look to begin the 2020/21 Inter-Club season on a successful note.

Colts CC, who are drawn in Group 'C' will launch their defence for the Under-23 title with a game against Moors SC on their home grounds at Havelock Park on September 16.

The rest of their opponents in Group 'C' will be the NCC, Saracens SC, Kalutara TC and the Sri Lanka Ports Authority CC.

Colts CC will be coached by former Sri Lanka cricketer, Indika de Saram with wicket-keeper batsman Vishad Randika as the Captain and former SL Under-19 cap Jehan Daniel as Vice-Captain.

In fact, right-hander Randika was one of their most successful batsman during the recently concluded SLC Premier League Tournament where he accumulated 539 runs inclusive of one century and four half centuries.

Another star player in the Colts CC line-up is Sri Lanka dashing opening batsman



Vishad Randika (Captain)

Avishad Fernando who will be determined to make amends after going through a modest Premier League Tournament.

The other key players in the line-up are Nipun Malinga, Nipun Ransika, former Sri Lanka Under-19 left-arm seamer Dilshan Madushanka and former Sri Lanka Under-19 left-arm spinner Rohan Sanjaya.

Ballroom Dancers Federation registration cancelled

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa has issued an extraordinary gazette notification cancelling the registration of the Ballroom Dancers Federation of Sri Lanka, which is the National Federation for the sport of Ballroom Dancing with immediate effect.

Actually this decision was made by former Sports Minister Dullas Alahapperuma during his period. However such decisions are gazetted after a period of time, it is the present Minister of Sports whose name appears in the Gazette

said a senior official of the Sport Ministry.

Sri Lanka Ballroom Dancing Federation was registered as the country's 58th National sports body on 11th March 2016 under a special gazette notification. However so many objections were received for this Federation. Besides not conducting competitions, the association had not even held an Annual General Meeting or submitted accounts statements.

Even their so-called provincial or district affiliated bodies had not conducted any activities according to the investigation conducted on the orders of former

Sports Minister Dullas Alahapperuma.

The investigators noted that the Association did not even have a legitimate or correct address. These issues were found after the investigation about this Federation and finally former Sports Minister Alahapperuma cancelled the registration of this Federation.

However this is an eye opener for some sports bodies which are not active.

Some of them used to do their activities to focus only on international tours and the financial benefits which they get from the Sports Ministry.

State Services soccer final postponed

State Services Football League organized tournament final which was to be played today at the City Football league ground has been postponed due to unavoidable circumstances according to the President of the Association.

He said the heavy

rains that prevailed during the past few days have inundated the ground to unplayable condition.

The date for this final will be announced later after Tournament Committee meets this week said the President. **B.P.**

Special workshops to form Wushu national pool

A special programme will be conducted to form national Wushu pool with the expectation of obtaining more medals at the 19th Asian Games in Hanjo City, China in September, 2022.

The President of Wushu Federation of Sri Lanka (WFSL) Manel Dharmakeerthi said, I am expecting to form a new Wushu pool with young talented players who are potential of winning more medals at international level, especially in upcoming 19th Asian Games.

There will be two special workshops to find out talented players who have participated in any sport between the ages of 18-25 years. The first

workshop will be held on October 10 and 11 at Digana Indoor Stadium, Kandy and the other will be conducted at Kotawila Indoor Stadium, Matara on October 30 and November 01.

"The selected players for the National Pool will be given special training under Chinese coaches in Sri Lanka and China," he further said.

Those who are interested in participating in these workshops should contact National Wushu Coach Ruchira Bodhinigoda or Kapila Sabhapathige on 0710432592. The interested applicants can directly participate when they are present at the workshop venues on respective dates.

All Island T10 Super League Cricket

SLT and School of Cricket Panadura joint champs

Sri Lanka Telecom CC and School of Cricket Panadura emerged Joint champions of the Inaugural All Island Hardball T10 Super League Cricket Tournament yesterday.

28 teams participated in a league system into 7 groups. Former national and current domestic players participated in this tournament.

Group champions from each group advanced to the quarter final round.

School of Cricket Panadura beat SAGA Police SC by 8 wickets and Sri Lanka Telecom CC beat SAGA SC by 27 runs in the quarter finals. Galle CC beat Royal Stars SC by 46 runs in the quarter final.

School of Cricket Panadura beat Galle CC by 7 wickets and Sri Lanka Telecom CC beat United Brothers SC Balapitiya by 135 runs in the semi-finals.

Final match ended with no result due to heavy rain. Sri Lanka Telecom CC and School of Cricket Panadura declared joint champions.

Joint Champions received Trophy and Rs. 150000/= each prize money.

Nimanda Subasinghe right hand opener of Telecom CC made unbeaten 123 runs in 35 balls with 9 boundaries and 10 sixes against United Brothers SC. He was the only centurion in this tournament

and scored the highest individual score in the tournament. Nimanda Subasinghe of Sri Lanka Telecom CC adjudicated the Man of the Tournament.

In the Under 15 final

Nandians CA and Balapitiya Super SC 'A' declared joint champion of the Under 15 T10 tournament due to not playing final.

In the semifinals

The School of Cricket Panadura won by 7 wickets.

Galle CC: 39/5 (5 overs) (Yashoda Lanka 28, Kalana Perera 2/1, Shanaka Lakruwan 2/6)

School of Cricket Panadura: 41/3 (4.4 overs) (Kamil Mishara 26 n.o.)

Sri Lanka Telecom CC won by 27 runs.

Sri Lanka Telecom CC: 155/2 (8) (Nimanda Subasinghe 123 n.o., Ramesh Mendis 13 n.o., Ayana Siriwardhane 13)

United Brothers SC: 20/3 (5.3) (Ramesh Mendis 3/3)

In the final

No Result.

School of Cricket Panadura: 71/7 (8 overs) (Kosala Ravindu 33 n.o., Charuka Chandeeera 21, Kavishka Anjula 2/6, Buddhika Sanjeeva 2/21, Nimanda Subasinghe 2/23). **YK**



Joint champion SLT team



Joint champions Panadura School of Cricket team



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Global GDP to fall by 4.4% in 2020 - Fitch

Fitch Ratings in its latest Global Economic Outlook (GEO) released Monday expects global GDP to fall by 4.4% in 2020, a modest upward revision from the 4.6% decline expected in the June GEO.

The recovery in economic activity after the unprecedented severe coronavirus-related recession in March and April has been swifter than anticipated, but we expect the pace of expansion to moderate soon.

"China has already regained its previous level of GDP and retail sales in the US, France and the UK now exceed February levels, but we doubt this will become the much-lauded 'V'-shaped recovery. Unemployment shocks lie ahead in Europe, firms are cutting capex, and social distancing continues to directly constrain private-sector spending", said Brian Coulton, Chief Economist, Fitch Ratings.

"Our 2020 China growth forecast is +2.7% (this was revised in late-July at the time of our most recent China sovereign rating review) compared to +1.2% in the June GEO. These revisions have been partly offset by cuts to our



Brian Coulton, Chief Economist, Fitch

2020 GDP forecasts for the eurozone to -9.0% (-8.0%), the UK to -11.5% (-9.0%) and for emerging markets (EM) excluding China to -5.7% (-4.7%). The latter primarily reflects a huge change in our India forecast for the fiscal year-ending March 2021 (FY21) to -10.5% from -5.0%.

A host of indicators across the majority of GEO economies point to a faster sequential increase in GDP in 3Q20 to date than we were previously anticipating.

"We do not expect the pace of expansion in recent months to continue, as the boost from reopening fades, labour market dislocations constrain consumer spending, and firms retrench on capex. And with the virus outbreak not yet contained, social distancing behaviour and ongoing restrictions will drag on activity," added Coulton.

The transport and leisure sector - which typically accounts for 8%-10% of GDP in the US and Europe - remains deeply depressed and has not undergone the post-lockdown recovery seen in manufacturing, construction or retail trade.

Emerging markets are in many ways facing tougher economic challenges from the pandemic, given more-limited social safety nets and healthcare capacity and less scope for aggressive macro policy easing.

The GEO forecasts assume that a reversion to highly stringent, nationwide lockdown approaches to virus containment will be avoided, but this is a key downside risk. Such a scenario could prompt renewed falls in GDP although likely on a more limited scale than that seen in 2Q20.

HCL Technologies inaugurates first Global Development Centre in Colombo

HCL Technologies (HCL), a leading global technology company, has officially opened its Global Development Center in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The center was inaugurated by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Gopal Baglay, Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka in the presence of Shiv Nadar, Founder, Managing Director and Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Technologies and C. Vijayakumar, President and Chief Executive Officer, HCL Technologies via a virtual ceremony.

HCL's office in Colombo will be home to world-class infrastructure, multi-layered data & physical security protocols, and high-end systems to support its global customer base. From its new state-of-the-art office, HCL will primarily focus on offering next-generation solutions to serve major blue-chip organizations.

Commenting during the virtual inauguration event, Prime Minister Rajapaksa said, "As a nation, we are not only honoured to welcome a multinational technology giant such as HCL but we are also thankful for the opportunities the centre will offer our youth. Presence of a global ICT leader such as HCL technologies is not only an asset to Sri Lanka but also sends a strong message to the entire world that

Sri Lanka is back in business, having successfully contained the global pandemic."

The office in Colombo which currently has a seating capacity for more than 650 employees, already has over 100 new HCL local recruits. By the end of November 2020, it hopes to further add 600+ seats at this centre. HCL plans to deploy about 3,000 people in the coming three to five years and of which 1,500 employees will start working in Sri Lanka in the next 18 months.

"We have a strong cultural link up with Sri Lanka. India and Sri Lanka have contributed to each other's growth and prosperity. Our efforts are focused on creating employment and we plan to establish a very large presence here. I am looking forward to seeing motivated and energized young Lankans join HCL and help us deliver on our promise - both to our clients and as well as to the country," commented Shiv Nadar, Founder and Chief Strategy Officer, HCL Technologies.

The company would help the local



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa participates in the virtual inauguration of HCL

workforce 'stay rooted' in their native place and invite Sri Lanka expats to come back home and be a part of this transformational journey.

HCL will also implement its Work Integrated Education Program to foster growth by actively cooperating with local ICT and engineering institutions in order to develop and train the local talent pool. For freshers, HCL will focus on hiring A Level, Higher National Diploma (HND) students through skills training and hiring program.

HCL joined hands with the Board of Investment (BOI) of Sri Lanka in February 2020 to launch its local entity -- HCL Technologies Lanka (Private) Limited and set up its first delivery center in the region. Through this entity, HCL will provide services to global clients in the areas of Applications & System Integration Services and Infrastructure Services.

Pelwatte Dairy butter to Japan, milk powder to China

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

Pelwatte Dairy Industries (Pvt) Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pelwatte Sugar Industries Ltd, will soon be exporting butter to Japan and milk powder to China.

Sri Lanka has reached self-sufficiency in milk and that is why we have decided to export butter to Japan and milk powder to China, Pelwatte Dairy Industries (Pvt) Ltd Chairman Ariyaseela Wickemanayake told Daily News Finance yesterday.

He said that the company will be initially, exporting 50 tonnes of butter to Japan and 100 tonnes of milk powder to China and will gradually keep on increasing the export with the passage of time. He also said that the company has also informed the Sri Lanka Export Development Board and Sri Lanka's missions in Tokyo and Beijing to coordinate with the embassies to create markets at that end and added that the company will be



Ariyaseela Wickemanayake

participating in Food Exhibitions in both capitals.

There will be such an exhibition in Beijing in the first week of November and we will be participating. There will be similar ones in Japan in the future and we will be going there as well, he said.

He said that there was a daily production of 250,000 litres of milk a day which was far in excess of the local demand that was why he was reluctantly compelled to look for export markets.

He said that these exports will also enable to set off trade balances with both countries with the balance heavily weighing towards them. Sri Lanka spends annually US \$ 5 billion in the import of Japanese vehicles and spares etc and a further US \$ 6 billion from China for the construction of highways, airports, ports and other infrastructure as well.

It is high time that the Government prohibits all powdered milk imports from New Zealand and Australia as well, he said.

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Merrill Fernando with his sons, C Fernando and Malik Fernando

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'Reinstating critical concessions historic decision' - Gem & Jewellery Industry

The directive to reinstate critical concessions for the Gem & Jewellery Industry, among many other concessions is a historic decision by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa that will uplift this industry to regain its position as a top foreign exchange earner to Sri Lanka.

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ly retracted in the new Inland Revenue bill introduced under the patronage of international donors in 2017 despite relentless representations by the industry of its detriment effects to the country," said Secretary, China Fort Gem and Jewellery Traders Association (CGJTA) Liyakath Rasvi.

Competitor countries such as Thailand and Hong Kong achieve USD 15 billion and USD 25 billion annual export revenue from Gems & Jewellery respectively. Despite both being non-producing countries, they achieve

these targets thanks to the friendly policies for the trade of gem and jewellery. Neither of these countries have any Government Authority to impede the export activities of the industry - they have enabled a hassle-free environment for exports.

The new tax policies will encourage a large volume of rough gemstones from other sourcing countries particularly from Africa to be supplied to the international market through Sri Lanka after value addition using our centuries old expertise in the art of

gem cutting, polishing and heating. The brand 'Ceylon Sapphire' commands a premium position in the world of coloured gemstones - with the guidance of the President and Prime Minister, the industry will be able to achieve hub status in the near future.

More than 300,000 people are engaged in this industry and CGJTA is very proud to mention that Sri Lankans are today at the forefront of knowledge in rough gemstones, which is very complex. We are also thankful

to the President and Prime Minister for making it obstacle free to bring in rough gemstones from anywhere in the world into Sri Lanka. These rough gemstones are value added and almost all are re-exported, earning valuable foreign exchange for the country. To page 18



Liyakath Rasvi

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CARGO BOAT	42,822	48.00	49.30	52.70	49.30	50.50	2.50
CARSONS	220	181.30	181.50	181.50	181.50	181.50	0.20
CDB (CDB.X0000)	300	57.90	59.90	59.90	59.90	59.90	2.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	3,460	75.00	75.10	76.80	75.00	75.10	0.10
CENTRAL IND.	247,622	57.80	57.70	59.50	57.70	59.00	1.20
CEYLON GUARDIAN	23,947	77.90	78.00	78.00	73.00	73.00	(4.90)
CEYLON INV.	10,345	43.10	44.80	44.80	43.80	43.80	0.70
CEYLON TOBACCO	1,461	960.50	960.00	960.00	956.00	959.20	(1.30)
CHEMANEX	2,095	57.00	57.10	58.00	56.80	56.90	(0.10)
CHEVRON	47,421	77.80	78.00	78.40	77.20	77.90	0.10
CIC XD	11,423	78.40	78.90	78.90	77.00	78.00	(0.40)
CIC (CIC.X0000) XD	36,373	55.60	56.20	56.50	56.00	56.10	0.50
CITRUS LEISURE	33,802	9.90	9.90	10.00	9.80	9.80	(0.10)
COLD STORES XD	2,491	661.10	655.20	660.10	625.00	625.80	(35.30)
COLOMBO CITY	11	730.10	731.10	750.00	731.10	730.10	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	21,302	22.90	23.00	24.00	23.00	23.20	0.30
COMMERCIAL BANK	279,468	78.00	77.50	78.00	77.10	77.60	(0.40)
COMMERCIAL BANK (COMB.X0000)	29,182	65.50	65.40	66.00	65.10	65.30	(0.20)
CONVENIENCE FOOD	40	625.00	601.10	660.00	600.00	625.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	131,260	7.20	7.30	7.50	7.30	7.30	0.10
DFCC BANK PLC	487,209	66.20	66.50	67.30	66.40	67.00	0.80
DIALOG	3,444,326	11.10	11.00	11.20	10.90	11.00	(0.10)
DIMO	69	285.70	294.50	294.50	281.00	287.70	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	81,627	184.00	184.50	189.90	184.50	187.40	3.40
DOCKYARD	27,323	65.00	65.10	65.10	63.70	64.50	(0.50)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	650	22.50	22.90	22.90	22.90	22.90	0.40
DURDANS XD	18,152	90.00	91.00	91.00	90.00	90.00	0.00
DURDANS (CHL.X0000) XD	4,001	78.00	78.00	78.00	75.70	78.00	0.00
EAST WEST	168,544	12.30	12.30	12.50	12.10	12.40	0.10
EASTERN MERCHANT	47,057	5.30	5.30	5.40	5.30	5.40	0.10
EXPOLANKA	9,688,662	6.20	6.30	6.40	6.20	6.30	0.10
FIRST CAPITAL	33,254	60.50	61.40	61.40	60.50	60.80	0.30
FORT LAND	20,991	9.70	9.60	9.80	9.60	9.80	0.10
GESTETNER	2,859	83.60	82.50	86.70	82.30	84.90	1.30
GRAIN ELEVATORS	131,351	58.10	58.50	59.00	57.90	58.20	0.10
HAYCARB	60,003	295.80	299.90	300.00	296.00	297.00	1.20
HAYLEYS	56,240	192.70	190.10	205.00	190.10	199.90	7.20
HAYLEYS FABRIC	353,117	15.40	15.30	15.50	15.20	15.30	(0.10)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	1,287	108.70	108.00	112.30	106.50	111.00	2.30
HDFC	1,280	30.00	29.00	29.50	29.00	29.30	(0.70)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	6,824	59.00	59.90	59.90	59.00	59.00	0.00
HNB	288,877	116.70	116.50	117.00	116.00	116.90	0.20
HNB ASSURANCE	3,813	135.00	135.00	135.00	134.00	134.90	(0.10)
HNB (HNB.X0000)	60,602	87.90	87.80	88.00	87.00	87.20	(0.70)
HORANA	1,270	20.50	22.10	22.10	20.40	21.20	0.70
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	1	51.60	51.50	51.50	51.50	51.60	0.00
HUNTERS	20	400.60	431.90	431.90	431.90	400.60	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	426,903	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	67,417	30.00	30.00	31.00	30.00	30.10	0.10
JKH	3,133,529	133.00	132.50	133.80	132.30	133.00	0.00
KAHAWATTE	288	33.10	33.80	33.80	33.30	33.60	0.50
KANDY HOTELS	140	4.80	4.70	4.80	4.70	4.70	(0.10)
KEGALLE	138,265	60.80	60.80	67.50	60.80	62.80	2.00
KELANI CABLES	1	86.60	87.90	87.90	86.60	86.60	0.00
KELANI TYRES	349,704	66.80	66.80	68.50	65.70	66.80	0.00
KELANI VALLEY	88,099	70.00	70.00	71.20	70.00	70.00	0.00
KINGSBURY	13,657	10.10	10.10	10.20	10.00	10.20	0.10
KOTAGALA	1,826,459	6.80	6.80	7.70	6.80	7.50	0.70
L O L C HOLDINGS	225,748	137.10	137.20	138.50	136.50	137.00	(0.10)
LANKA ASHOK	11	693.30	700.00	700.00	620.00	693.30	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	4,725	38.00	38.00	38.70	38.00	38.20	0.20
LANKA IOC	74,777	17.30	17.30	17.40	17.10	17.10	(0.20)
LANKA REALTY	12,823	34.00	34.00	37.00	34.00	36.00	2.00
LANKA TILES	66,578	76.50	75.20	78.00	75.20	77.40	0.90
LANKA VENTURES	21,739	47.60	48.50	49.40	48.00	49.20	1.60
LANKA WALLTILE	108,350	67.50	69.00	70.50	68.50	70.10	2.60
LANKEM DEV.	2,105,012	4.40	4.40	4.60	4.30	4.50	0.10
LAUGFS GAS	11,300	15.10	15.00	15.00	14.80	15.00	(0.10)
LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000)	24,506	11.00	11.10	11.10	10.80	10.90	(0.10)
LAXAPANA	18,883	15.20	16.30	16.40	14.50	15.00	(0.20)
LB FINANCE	20,911	136.20	136.00	137.40	136.00	137.00	0.80
LION BREWERY	1,969	542.50	542.00	542.00	542.00	555.30	12.80
LMF	16,186	90.50	92.40	92.40	88.00	89.50	(1.00)
LVL ENERGY	17,227	8.00	8.00	8.10	8.00	8.00	0.00
MALWATTE	180,145	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.00	10.30	0.10
MALWATTE (MAL.X0000)	368,796	7.40	7.50	7.90	7.30	7.60	0.20
MELSTACORP	74,292	27.70	28.00	28.00	27.60	27.80	0.20
MERCHANT BANK	13,439	7.40	7.20	7.40	7.20	7.30	(0.10)
MULLERS	34,000	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.00
MANUMUKULA	48,037	108.80	109.90	124.00	109.90	119.70	10.90
NAT. DEV. BANK	43,372	82.30	82.70	83.00	82.00	82.90	0.60
NATION LANKA	12,120	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.00
NATION'S TRUST	66,238	60.40	60.20	61.00	60.00	60.00	(0.40)
NAWALOKA	49,590	3.40	3.40	3.50	3.40	3.40	0.00
NESTLE	70	1,070.70	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,065.00	1,070.70	0.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	541,846	12.90	12.90	13.20	12.90	13.00	0.10
PAN ASIA	19,528	12.90	12.90	13.00	12.80	12.90	0.00
PANASIAN POWER	800,248	3.70	3.70	3.80	3.70	3.70	0.00
PEOPLE'S INS	40,355	23.20	23.10	23.50	23.00	23.00	(0.20)
PEOPLES LEASING	118,157	11.80	11.80	11.90	11.70	11.70	(0.10)
PIRAMAL GLASS	18,006,826	4.10	4.20	4.50	4.20	4.30	0.20
PRINTCARE PLC	1	28.00	29.80	29.80	29.80	28.00	0.00
R I L PROPERTY	1,856,883	5.80	5.90	6.10	5.30	5.60	(0.20)
RADIANT GEMS	39,860	21.00	23.40	26.20	22.20	22.60	1.60
REGNIS	3,294	71.00	73.50	73.90	72.00	72.40	1.40
RENUKA AGRI	3,149,281	3.00	3.10	3.20	3.00	3.00	0.00
RENUKA CITY HOT.	11	198.00	192.10	199.00	192.10	198.00	0.00
RENUKA FOODS	8,245	15.50	15.40	15.50	15.30	15.50	0.00
RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X0000)	180	10.90	10.90	10.90	10.50	10.70	(0.20)
RENUKA HOLDINGS	4,080	15.00	15.10	15.10	15.00	15.00	0.00
RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.X0000)	410	10.10	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	0.40
RESUS ENERGY	58,107	26.90	26.00	27.40	26.00	27.00	0.10
RICHARD PIERIS	113,479	11.50	11.50	11.70	11.50	11.60	0.10
ROYAL CERAMIC	176,452	84.80	84.10	87.00	84.10	86.10	1.30
S M B LEASING	3,810,822						

Minister Namal to revive Hambantota Int'l Convention Centre

With the opening of the Southern Expressway extension to Hambantota, Magam Ruhunupura International Convention Centre (MRICC) has now become an attraction for Conventions, Exhibitions and Events, which the Government would like to pursue immediately.

According to Namal Rajapaksa Minister of Sports and Youth, this property which was built in 2013, has become a significant piece of infrastructure especially with the extension of the Southern expressway to Hambantota. With this facility the travel time to Hambantota has been reduced to around two hours.

Hambantota is the only city in Sri Lanka which has a Port, an Airport and a Convention Center all together other than the Capital



Minister Namal Rajapaksa

Colombo. This makes Hambantota the second most important commercial region in Sri Lanka. All these 3 major infrastructure facilities are of International standards. Especially the convention center which is on par with any major convention & exhibition center in the world.

The Hambantota center was partly funded by the Korean government and



Kris Balthazaar

designed with the expertise of the Koreans while it was built by the UDA.

Today the facility which is almost 8 years old, is maintained by the Security Forces and the UDA. The facility which was underutilized up to date is now poised to attract many trade and consumer events. Minister Rajapaksa is inviting trade fair organizers and conference organizers to use this facility



Chandra Wickramasinghe

to promote the MICE industry in Sri Lanka.

The Managing Director of CDC Events & Travels (Pvt) Ltd, Imran Hassan carried out a site inspection in order to draw a Floor Plan for trade fair organizers to conduct many fairs in the center. CDC Events, one of the main trade fair organizing companies in Sri Lanka has planned to conduct the first major International trade fair

and conference in the facility early next year.

The Chairman of CDC Events and veteran businessmen Chandra Wickramasinghe said the event will be called "Hambantota International Trade & Agri-Export Fair 2021 (HITAF)" for which Minister Rajapaksa has pledged his fullest support, said the convener of this project Kris Balthazaar.

He also said that the government expected other trade fair organizers in the country to follow. He also added that exhibitors and visitors can drive down from Colombo on the highway or fly down direct to Mattala'.

The location has all facilities and activities awaiting them from Star class accommodation, world's best National parks to sacred religious sites.

SLAITO discusses potential for adventure tourism

DINESH PERERA

Of the 300-400 globally recognized adventure events taking place only one takes place in Sri Lanka. The Sri Lankan event the Rumble in the Jungle is a mountain bike stage race that takes place over jungles, tea estates, and mountains.

Panellists at a recent Sri Lanka Association of Inbound Tour Operators Webinar felt that there was much scope to improve the scale of adventure tourism in the country. The event was held on 21 August.

Manager Walkers Tours Dhiran Warnakulasuriya highlighted the importance of studying trends in Adventure Tourism and implementing them locally. The growth in trail running in Europe has the potential to bring tourists into Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka is rich in potential for Adventure Tourism. Warnakulasuriya said, "if you are in the hills in knuckles and you see an endemic bird that adds value to what you are doing."

Founder ARC Adventure Kriss Saunders said that Sri



Thilak Weerasinghe



Peter Miller



Dhiran Warnakulasuriya

Lanka has a coastline of 1340 km and that only around 2 percent of that area has a coral reef for diving.

He said it was important to implement conservation policies and balance economic activity with protecting wildlife.

Managing Director, No Roads Expectations, Peter Miller said "it is not about just the adventure. It is about culture and food. Sri



Kriss Saunders

Lanka has all of that." Chairman Lanka Sportreizen Thilak Weerasinghe said that Sri Lanka was in a unique situation that there was always a suitable bit of coast for water sports. Weerasinghe said, "if one side has a monsoon then on the Bay of Bengal side, we have a calm sea."

Weerasinghe noted the need to increase knowledge in the sector to increase its scale.

Amber Collection launches Amber Preserve

Amber Preserve is series of environmental and sustainable initiatives being implemented at all Amber Collection Properties: Flow - Luxury River cruises in Sri Lanka, The Marina - A Private Marina and Watersports Center and Palmstone Retreat - Your Secluded Jungle Hideaway

"Our initiative prioritizes three key pillars. Pillar one is minimizing our carbon footprint in the short term while aiming to be carbon positive in the next five years, through improved operational efficiencies, reduced wastage and investments in areas of concern, an official from Amber Collection said.

The second pillar focuses on highlighting, protecting and promoting the nature, ecology and wildlife of our locales followed by the third consisting of co-habitation, co-operation and uplifting of the local communities we work with. At a group level, The Amber Collection which is a part of the Debug Group of Companies has invested in over 150 megawatts of renewable energy both locally and internationally.



The Marina and Flow houseboats, part of the Amber Collection, Sri Lanka



"Our Flow river cruises which introduces a new and unique hospitality experience to Sri Lanka contains state of the art Bio Septic waste water treatment system that is a compact sewage treatment plant that safely processes all household waste water and recycles it

as clear odourless water which is then pumped out to land to irrigate the garden."

At the heart of our Go Green Organizational culture is the elimination of single use plastics that are kept to a bare minimum and recycled in a responsible manner and wherever possible plastic is

being replaced with more environmentally friendly alternatives with priority given to the use of recycled materials and goods.

Under the expert guidance of our full-time senior naturalist, Ajantha Palihawadana we are continuously documenting and creating litera-

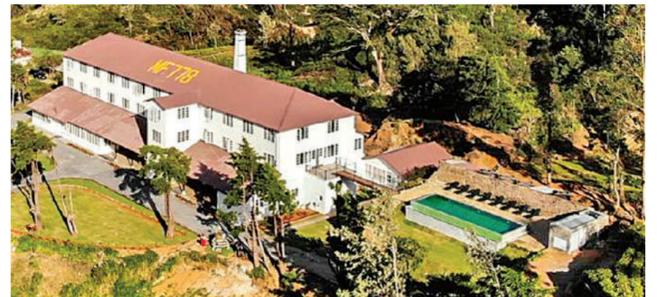
ture for reference on the wildlife and habitats surrounding our properties which will be released free of charge to locals and education institutes to teach them about the environment."

The Amber Collection is currently in the process of implementing a mangrove rehabilitation and restoration program at The Flow and The Marina properties which guests can also partake in.

Another study conducted by the team in the rainforests of the Kithulgala region surrounding Palmstone Retreat identified an additional 7 endemic birds bringing the total species of endemic birds spotted in the area to 18. Unique nature interpretation trips such as bird watching, waterfall walks with highlights on fauna and flora and hikes to the prehistoric Belilena Cave draw attention and increased awareness to the local biodiversity.

"The Amber Collection places and emphasis on improving and uplifting the livelihoods of our locals by sourcing local produce, hiring and upskilling local employees."

Kabaragalla Tea Factory transformed, offers luxury accommodation



First established in the late 1800's under the British colonial reign the Kabaragalla Tea Factory is a masterpiece of prefabricated industrial engineering that owes its grandiose design to the Victorian engineer. Situated in Mandaram Nuwara, this working tea factory has been transformed into luxury accommodation expediting a novel and unbridged experience surrounding tea culture.

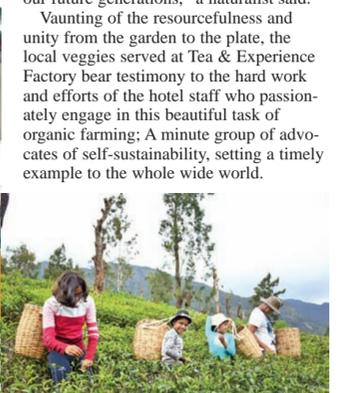
Guests residing at Tea & Experience factory are able to engage in the wholesome Tea experience, from "Leaf to Cup". From plucking the golden green to packaging, this immersive and unique experience is the highlight of their stay!

Making use of the prosperous surrounding, the naturalists and gardeners have set up an organic garden in the underutilized plots of land. Among the crops grown are

carrots, cabbage, radish, brinjal, leeks and coriander. "While the cold and favorable climate supports the production of a copious harvest, we've got to be selective with the type of crops we plant in different seasons. These days, for example, it is extremely windy and therefore we cannot grow creepers like beans or snake gourd" says Chathura, the in-house naturalist.

The fresh organic harvest from the garden of Tea & Experience Factory are mainly used for guest and staff consumption. "We loved the amazing tour around the organic garden where we learnt many things about growing our own crops for our home consumption" said Ms. Hashani who joined the organic garden tour.

"Our aim is to share the knowledge with our communities and pledge towards creating a better environment for all of us and our future generations," a naturalist said. Vaunting of the resourcefulness and unity from the garden to the plate, the local veggies served at Tea & Experience Factory bear testimony to the hard work and efforts of the hotel staff who passionately engage in this beautiful task of organic farming; A minute group of advocates of self-sustainability, setting a timely example to the whole wide world.



Sujeewa Palliyaguruge

Oak Ray Flower Drum Restaurant, Colombo 3, would be celebrating their 5th anniversary under the management of OrkRay Hotels and Resorts today, (9)

In a bid to offer guests an additional experience to dining, an outlet of the much sought after Senani Gem too was opened along with a mini handicraft center on the ground floor.

Chairman Managing Director, OrkRay Holdings Sujeewa Palliyaguruge said that they are making plans to increase their foot print in the restaurant segment and would be opening Oak Ray Flower Drum Restaurant in

Oak Ray Flower Drum celebrates fifth anniversary

Kandy city, at the end of this year. "In addition we will also reinvest in Oak Ray Flower Drum Restaurant, Colombo 7."

Director Hospitality, OrkRay Hotels and Resorts Eashan Pathirana said that since the take over five years ago the management has refurbished the property and increased guest areas to offer more dining capacity for guests. In addition, a mini banquet hall was created to host private functions.

He said the Oak Ray Flower Drum Restaurant, Colombo 3 would be officially celebrating their fifth year celebration on Friday (11) with several 'special offers' for both lunch, dinner and take away.

Five Hotel stay vouchers to be awarded to 5 lucky winners on the main event on September 11. Winners

would be chosen randomly from the patrons.

In addition several other promotions, discounts and offers await customers who dine on Friday 11. The 'VIP 10 Guest table offer' includes free spirits while other table offers include free desserts. In addition, a host of new menus would be offered.

In addition for the take away segment, 10 Dining vouchers will be given away to lucky customers who order the maximum amount of lunch packets until further notice. Five 'Hotel Stay' vouchers on a Bed and Breakfast basis will be presented to lucky customers who order the maximum amount of lunch packets on each day.



Eashan Pathirana

Travellers' choice award for 'Arie Lagoon' - Negombo

Within a span of two and half years since it's opening, Arie Lagoon has earned yet another accolade - "TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice for 2020"

This prestigious award accounts for Quality, Quantity based on reviews submitted by Travellers on TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel platform, over a twelve month period. Properties with consistently received positive traveler ratings are chosen from the best.

"We are honored and humbled by this fete. It motivates us all even further, it's

simply an amazing feeling. Paying attention up to the minutest detail and ensuring ultimate guests comfort and satisfaction has given us this recognition and we owe this to our dedicated team without who's commitment, this would not have been a reality", an official from Welikala Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, the owning company of Arie Lagoon, Negombo said.

"We are very optimistic, tourism will soon bounce back, stronger than ever and the golden era is yet to come, if further states"

AASL certified as Aviation Security Service Provider at airports

It is a regulatory requirement to appoint an Aviation Security Service Provider with a license issued by the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) for the provision and maintenance of Aviation Security Services at the civil airports in Sri Lanka.

On successful completion of the certification process, conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority of Sri Lanka (CAASL) Aviation Security Inspectorate under the leadership of P A Jayakantha (Deputy Director General Aviation Security Regulation) since the year 2015, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited (AASL) was issued the Aviation Security Service Provider Licence,

on the satisfactory demonstration to the Director General of Civil Aviation of their conformance to the applicable requirements, stipulated in terms of the provisions in the Civil Aviation Act, No. 14 of 2010.

The AASL will continue to provide the aviation security services, in accordance with the approved Airport Security Programme in which they are authorized to provide Aviation Security Services at civil Airports in Sri Lanka, namely Bandaranaike International Airport Katunayake, Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, Colombo Airport Ratmalana, Batticaloa International Airport and Jaffna International Airport.



The Aviation Security Service Provider License was awarded to Major General (Rtd.) G. A. Chandrasiri (Chairman AASL) by Capt. Themiyi Abeywickrama (DGCA and the Appropriate Authority for Aviation Security) at CAASL headquarters, Katunayaka looked on by other officials.

eZCash launches Lanka's first QR enabled payment facility

eZ Cash, the country's first and largest mobile money and payment service by Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, partnered VisionFund Lanka, a leading socially responsible microfinance institution affiliated with World Vision Lanka and also a subsidiary of VisionFund International, to facilitate customers with a convenient and sustainable QR card repayment facility for their microfinance loans.

A digitally inclusive solution to sustain VisionFund Lanka's client pool, this strategic partnership has revolutionized the microfinance loan repayment system with the launch of the QR card loan repayment facility. This mechanism empowers all VisionFund Lanka customers to produce and scan their respective QR cards at the nearest eZ cash

retail outlet for a quick and efficient way to access their loan details, providing not only financial accessibility to individuals living in rural areas but also acts as a vital step forward in carrying out financial transactions easily, safely, and virtually. Presently, the card is available to be collected by customers from the nearest VisionFund Lanka offices. As of 2019, VisionFund Lanka has been serving over 30,000 families in rural areas across the island, empowering small and SME businesses with much needed financial support.

As a progressive step forward in Vision Fund Lanka's digitization journey, Dinesh Kanagaratnam, CEO of VisionFund Lanka said "The timing of this launch is opportune as the need for faster, safer and easier ways of conducting financial transactions is vital,

now more than ever - and we are excited to be able to extend this facility to our clients predominantly living in rural settings. We are happy to partner with Dialog on this journey of ours to serve sustainably and will continue to explore innovative solutions to provide easily-accessible financial facilities to the communities we serve".

Renuka Fernando, Group Chief Digital Services Officer of Dialog Axiata PLC stated "Throughout the years eZ Cash has been at the forefront of providing sustainable, innovative solutions to digitize payments and collections of our partners and customers. This inclusive QR enabled microfinance loan repayment solution will be one of the many steps taken in our journey of enabling an efficient, seamless and hassle-free collection process"



L- R: Malintha De Silva - Chief Financial Officer (CFO) - VisionFund Lanka, Arunasiri Gunarathne - Specialist - Mobile Money - Digital Services, Padmanath Muthukumarana - Senior Manager - Mobile Money - Digital Services, Renuka Fernando - Group Chief Digital Services Officer, Dialog Axiata PLC, Dinesh Kanagaratnam - Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Shalinka Fernando - IT Project Manager, Rizanth Francis - Chief Operating Officer (COO), Sevandi Abeyasinghe - Human Resource Manager, Priveen Joseph - Risk and Compliance Manager, Lakshan Fernando - Internal Audit Manager - Vision Fund Lanka

Lasith Wimalasena appointed CEO of WindForce

WindForce (Pvt) Ltd, a leading renewable energy development company in Sri Lanka has recently appointed Lasith Wimalasena as its Chief Executive Officer.

The company owns, develops and operates over 200MW of wind, solar and hydro power plants in Sri Lanka and overseas. Wimalasena is a proactive, performance-driven professional with 24 years of progressive expertise working on projects in the power sector, and in manufacturing and corporate environments. He holds a Bachelor of Science (BSc) Honours Degree with specialization in Chemistry from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

Wimalasena commenced his career at



LTL Transformer/ LTL Galvanizers Ltd, where he held a number of Senior Management roles. He joined WindForce (Pvt) Ltd as its Chief Operating Officer in 2013.

Commenting on Wimalasena's appointment Manjula Perera, Managing Director said, "The Board is delighted with the appointment of Wimalasena and confident of him leading the company to greater heights."

Fairfirst Insurance upgrades technology

Fairfirst is upgrading its technology backbone to a state-of-the-art, best-in-class, technology platform that will make the customer journey at Fairfirst much better. This comes as no surprise as Fairfirst places itself as among the most innovative and tech-driven service brand in the industry hence taking a lead role in its tech-driven agenda with the support of a design-led thinking culture.

In mid-July, 'Project Butterfly' went live at Fairfirst. The first line of business that went live is Personal Accident Insurance policy. And very recently the Marine Insurance policy went live as well. Other portfolios are sequenced and will continue to be rolled-out over the next few months.

Project Butterfly is a business transformational project that was implemented to replace a 23-year-old legacy system. The new technology platform is a state-of-the-art IT system deployed by one of the top-most global technology vendors and with serious financial investment which has taken the company's infrastructure to a whole new level

Clement Fernandopulle, Chief Technology Officer, Fairfirst Insurance said, "We embrace a design-led thinking culture and in this way, we are able to focus on a tech-driven agenda. Project Butterfly is one such technological achievement that extends the flexibility of our work processes to our teams, business partners and customers. We



Butterfly Project Team achieving technological advancements to extend the flexibility of Fairfirst's work processes to teams, business partners and customers.

make sure that whatever breakthrough we make has an equal benefit across all functions."

They say a business is only as happy as its people which is quite so with Fairfirst's new system bringing about new benefits and features. The expectation of Project Butterfly is to improve a myriad of areas related to 5 key components:

Modernize, Modernizing and replacing in-house systems to incorporate

more functionalities and advanced technology. Consolidate, Removing of redundant technologies and consolidating technology platforms as applicable. Standardize, Standardizing all operational functions in to a single core system. Centralize, Centralizing functions to the extent possible considering regulatory requirements. Optimize, Optimizing systems by re-engineering the application landscape and processes around it.

EFL Global Freeport receives Merit Award at Taiki Akimoto 5S Awards

EFL Global Freeport (Pvt) Ltd, a member of Expolanka Holdings PLC, a leading logistics conglomerate in Sri Lanka has recently reached two key milestones of being recognized for their superior process discipline by winning a Merit Award at the Taiki Akimoto 5S Awards as well as being inducted in to being a Member of the World Free Zones Organization (World FZO).

EFL Global Freeport is the only logistics service provider to have achieved this Merit Award at the Taiki Akimoto 5S Award awarded by JASTECA, which was held at The Galadari Hotel recently, and was awarded in view of their adherence to 5S disciplines. Taiki Akimoto has become synonymous with 5S in Sri Lanka and this award is known as the Annual National Competition for 5S in Sri Lanka. Companies take part in this competition in order to obtain an independent assessment of their superior disciplines and adherence to benchmarked practices. A multitude of applications have been received for the Taiki Akimoto 5S Awards from both the Public & Private Sector Organizations.

Subsequently, EFL Global Freeport has also been inducted as a Member of the World FZO, which is the largest, most active Free Zone organization in



EFL Global Freeport team; Damayantha De Alwis (Sector Business Head) and Binara Wijesuriya (Business Head) accepting the Taiki Akimoto 5S Award from Sunil Ratnayake (General Secretary - JASTECA), Dr. Anil Munasinghe (General Manager: Marketing - Kelani Cables) and Nirosh De Silva (Assistant General Secretary - JASTECA)

the world with over 620 members from all parts of the globe. World FZO brings together free zones from all over the world and promotes their positive impacts by providing guidance, knowledge and services to its members, so as to enhance free zones' contribution to economic prosperity and social development.

EFL Global Freeport is the first private company to set up free zone

operations in Sri Lanka. Occupying 240,000sqft, the facility is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure along with a Tier 1 Warehouse Management System (WMS), HighJump to provide seamless services. EFL Global Freeport provides real time visibility and increased efficiencies through advanced analytics, business intelligence (BI), robotic process automation (RPA) etc.

Ravi Liyanage appointed as CEO at Janashakthi Insurance

Janashakthi Insurance PLC has appointed Ravi Liyanage as the company's Director, Chief Executive Officer with effect from November 16, 2020.

"It is my great pleasure to welcome Ravi Liyanage to Janashakthi Life as the Chief Executive Officer of Janashakthi Insurance PLC. I am confident that Ravi's wide experience, skill sets and interests will further strengthen our business strategies to drive innovation and business growth" said Prakash Schaffter, Chairman of Janashakthi Insurance PLC.

Ravi brings years of knowledge to the company with his experience in senior management roles across industries including Insurance, Finance, Retail, Manufacturing, Automotive and Lubricants. Further, he has held several Directorships in reputed Financial entities. He also served Janashakthi Insurance PLC from 2003 to 2011 where he played a key role in driving business growth in Marketing, Branch Operations, Sales and Distribution and as a Board Director of Janashakthi Finance from 2006 to 2009.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Colombo



and two Postgraduate degrees; Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing, from the Chartered Institute of Marketing - UK and Master of Business Administration in General Management from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He is also a Certified Management Accountant (CMA) from CMA (Australia) and a fellow of the Life Underwriting Training Council of USA. He has been awarded with many global and local accolades including Asian Brand Leadership Award from Brand Asia Congress, Marketer of the Year Award from the Chartered Institute of Marketing -UK, Global Brand Leadership Award from Global Brand Congress and Brand Champion Awards from the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing.

LB Finance joins Lanka QR network

LB Finance (LBF), recently joined the National Digital Payment platform Lanka QR via its popular mobile wallet LB CIM (Cash-In-Mobile).

LankaQR is the national QR standard for local currency payments introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). Following the integration CIM mobile wallet becomes interoperable for all four-transaction types of Lanka QR, enabling its users, to pay and accept payments from other mobile wallets offered by third party Banks and Financial Institutions.

LB CIM smart phone application is available for Android & iOS based devices. It comes in the form of two separate mobile applications; 'CIM Customer app' & 'CIM Business app', to cater to the specific needs of customers and retail merchants. LB CIM is proud to be one of the few tri-lingual mobile wallets available in the market and



D Kumaratunge, Director Payments and Settlements of CBSL, Bimal Perera, Head of Digital Financial Services, LBF

champions the concept of simplicity in its UI/UX offering. Company believes CIM's ultra-simple design gives it an advantage over the completion to become a truly inclu-

sive digital payment solution to Sri Lankan masses. The CIM customer app serves as an interest-bearing digital savings account (5.5% p.a.), that sits inside the users smart phone and functions as a wallet that can be used at any time to make payments to any Lanka QR merchant by simply scanning the merchant's QR code. Customers can use the CIM app to link any 3rd party bank account through Just-Pay network and top up their wallet, transfer money instantly to any bank, pay their credit cards, utility bills, mobile reloads thus eliminating the need to go in search of ATMs to withdraw money for daily cash purchases. Existing customers of LB Finance can also use the CIM app to service their loans/leases and inquire fixed deposit details at the convenience of their smartphone.

The CIM business app acts as a platform for retail merchants to develop their businesses by managing their business cash flows

more efficiently and securely, while earning interest on the savings balance stored in the mobile wallets. CIM Business app provides additional benefits to CIM registered merchants by bringing customized technological conveniences, designed to help them develop their retail business operations. Through the app, LB Finance expects to include Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in Sri Lanka to the formal financial services and provide them with a platform to manage their business cash flows efficiently and securely.

CIM mobile wallet is an ambitious initiative by LB Digital Financial Services (DFS), a specialized unit that combines the strength and heritage of a five decades old financial institution with the entrepreneurial spirit of a fintech start-up. LB DFS plans to further enhance the value proposition of CIM to position the product as the country's most inclusive digital payment solution.

ICC Smart Eco launches economical and user-friendly waste management solutions

In an effort to make user friendly waste processing technology easily accessible, International Construction Consortium (ICC) launched its newest range of waste processing machinery to the domestic market.

Introduced under ICC Smart Eco Solutions, the newest product range added to the portfolio are a series of Organic Waste Composting machines and Smart Modular Sewage Treatment systems. Under the compost technology range unveiled is the Smart Eco Quick Composter where the 'FOODCYCLER' is con-

ceptualized for domestic use and the 'PL Series' for commercial use. While all units are fitted with replaceable activated carbon filters to eliminate odor, the organic wastes (food waste) are transformed into nutrient-rich dry powder soil amendment within a span of 6-24 hours.

It is acknowledged that the immediate beneficiaries of the compost machinery range by ICC Smart Eco Solutions are a cross section of establishments such as; condominiums, hotels, hospitals, housing schemes, and factories among others. With easy access to



ICC's newest waste management technology, the latter, in particular, will be able to seamlessly re-process disposed products without having to deal with high volumes of pungent waste, and maintaining costly cold rooms. Since the establishment of the eco-solutions arm, ICC Smart Eco Solutions has been at the forefront in installing com-



mercial composting machines at large office blocks, factories, and condominiums. By improving access to smart solid waste management technology, ICC has been successful in being an active contributor in solving Sri Lanka's mounting garbage problem. Processed waste converted into odorless powder can be stored and used as fertilizer,



poultry food, or even sold for compost making. In addition to organic waste composting, ICC Smart Eco solutions also provides cost-effective and practical solutions for wastewater treatment. Innovative technology from ClearFox Germany, Danmotech China, and RTW UK provide Modular MBBR, FBR units which are easy to install and have

reduced carbon footprint in comparison to conventional systems. ICC's Smart Eco option not only helps save land space, but also makes it possible to reuse the processed and treated water. Several modular units have been installed thus far in the country in reputed hotels and housing projects.

Approved by the Central Environmental Authority (CEA), all installations come with a guarantee from primer contractor ICC which has over 40 years of expertise in the local and international construction space.

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MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

Mike Flanagan's reputation largely rests on seven films made between 2011 and 2019. Save for the mixed reviews the first of them got, his work has been well received by critics, even though at the box-office they've fared only moderately well.

Flanagan's achievement has been nothing less than the resuscitation of an entire genre. By the time he entered the field, the horror film had seen a comeback, having spent more than a decade (or two, if you count from the 1990s) in limbo. It needed a fresh set of minds to make that comeback possible. Thus 2013, the year that saw Flanagan's second film *Oculus*, also saw *World War Z*, *The Conjuring*, remakes of *Carrie* and *Evil Dead*, and *Willow Creek*. Of their directors Flanagan's the only guy still hanging around. His reputation has soared since then, and continues to soar. He is what you'd call a whiz-kid.

In 2018 I wrote a sketchy piece on the new horror film. I traced the twists and turns of the genre in terms of the predominating fears of the eras: Communism in the 1950s, Vietnam in the 1960s, and the pressure to conform in the 1970s. "As the 1980s came to a close," writes David Church, "the American horror film seemed locked into an endless loop of formulaic repetition." Crossovers, sequels, remakes, and comedy horror became the order of the day. The situation changed somewhat in the 1990s, particularly with an influx of slasher thrillers, a subgenre first worked out, then filmed over and over again, in the late 1970s.

That era ended with a bang: *The Sixth Sense* (1999), which led no less than *Newsweek* to proclaim its director, M. Night Shyamalan, as the next Steven Spielberg. 13 films (not a lucky number) later, of course, we know he's anything but.

The new millennium seemed hardly better, and in many respects actually worse, for the genre. "Ask fans, and they will tell you that American horror film in the last decade... has fallen into a slump." This was not because fewer audiences were going out to feast on these films – their box-office returns made it clear that they were still at the top of the league – but because they had become self-referential and self-perpetuating: either tied into never-ending franchises (*Scream*, *Saw*, *Final Destination*, and *Resident Evil*) or transposing Asian, particularly Japanese, flicks into the American landscape without any cultural adjustments (can anyone, for instance, watch *The Grudge* without wondering what relevance it has to the American suburban middle class?) Be it slasher, J-horror, remakes, or almost-remakes-of-remakes (*The Thing*, 2011, which gradually turned into a prequel to the 1980s classic – itself a remake of a 1950s classic), horror clearly had to be salvaged.

By 2005 and 2006, after years of investing in J-horror and neo-slashers, Hollywood turned to domestic remakes: *Assault on Precinct 13* (2005), *Black Christmas*, *The Hills Have Eyes*, and *When a Stranger Calls* (all 2006), and *Halloween* and *The Hitcher* (both 2007). These, in their own special way, provided an impetus for horror directors to break through the mould: thus having made two comic book fantasies (*Blade II* and *Hellboy*), the great Guillermo del Toro directed *Pan's Labyrinth* in 2006, his best until *The Shape of Water* 11 years later.

By now Mike Flanagan was 28. He had made his last film as a student: *Oculus: Chapter 3 – The Man with the Plan*, the basis for his second movie seven years later.

Flanagan was both within and without the era he emerged from. An 80s kid (born in 1978), he had grown up in Salem, Massachusetts, which given its association with witch trials and burnings made quite an impression on him. In sixth grade at high school, he had picked up Stephen King's *IT*, and in Maryland, where he attended Towson

MIKE FLANAGAN'S GHOSTS



University, he graduated with a BA in Electronic Media and Film. Surprisingly for someone who relished Stephen King and obtained a degree in film, though, he never interweaved these two interests for some time. "Why I spent so many years working on indie relationship dramas is beyond me," he once reflected. "I wanted to make a movie that was scary."

Oculus: Chapter 3 – The Man with the Plan was made for a mere \$1,500; it was his first real foray into horror. *Absentia* (2011), his feature-length debut, cost him \$70,000, and though it initially got tepid reviews, it gained a following on Netflix. Two years later he turned *Oculus* into a feature-length film; in 2016 he released no fewer than three movies (*Hush*, *Before I Wake*, and *Ouija: Origin of Evil*); in 2017 and 2019 he returned to his childhood fascination with Stephen King with *Gerald's Game* and *Doctor Sleep*. These have been in addition to his work on Netflix: *The Haunting of Hill House* and *The Haunting of Bly Manor*; a seven-episode series, *Midnight Mass*, is still in production.

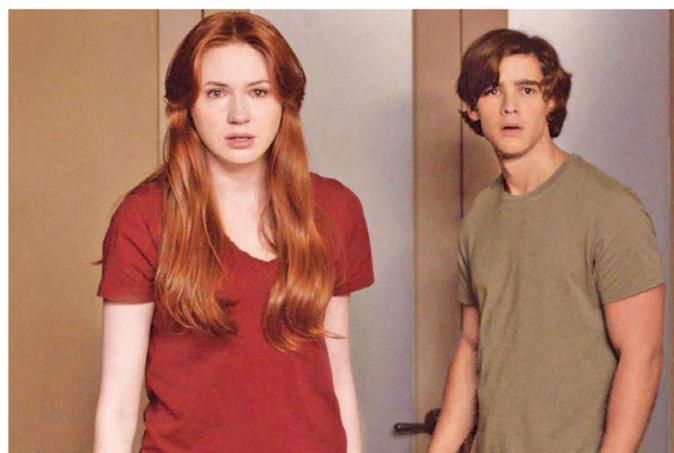
To point out that all these projects have been in horror would be redundant. What's more interesting, and pertinent, are what brings them together.

Dark pasts, shady antiheroes, unreliable narrators, and the intermingling of reality and fantasy: these are just some of the motifs that feature in Flanagan's work. But then, as at least one

critic has pointed out, correctly, when you look hard at them, many of the stories he comes up with are "absolutely bonkers and brutal."

This is certainly true of his debut. *Absentia* revolves around the disappearance of several males from a California suburb (Glendale, where Flanagan lived in a rented apartment for some time) who may or may not have fallen victim to an unknown entity. The premise, as it stands out, is at one level ludicrous, bordering on the wildly improbable even within the bounds of supernatural horror; it's almost like an *X-Files* episode. But still it works. The same can be said of *Oculus*, the premise of which is as ridiculous as that of another horror flick based on a short film that came out three years later, *Lights Out*.

The director's execution hence invariably helps transcend the limitations of the plot. This, of course, can be said of any young visionary filmmaker: at one level it was true even of Night Shyamalan, and before him, Brian De Palma. What's special about Flanagan is that unlike Shyamalan and De Palma, he's never let us down. He keeps us waiting for the payoffs, and delivers something that hits us and actually makes us think.



Oculus



Even in as pretentious a story as *Oculus* – pretentious because it's difficult to believe the setup, with the protagonist sparing no expense at investigating the mirror at the centre of her tragedy – you feel the director trying to defy its limits. Shyamalan did that too, and for a while – from *The Sixth Sense* to *Signs* (2004), plus *Split* (2016) – it worked. But like De Palma, he dictated too much to the material. In the end, he lost his way.

Flanagan's biggest strength is that he doesn't lose his way. Consider *Before I Wake*, arguably his least liked film. (It went by unnoticed so much that Brian Tallerico wrote his review of it for rogerebert.com long after those of *Hush* and *Gerald's Game* had been published on that site.) It has very little dialogue. Its emotional authenticity comes from the performances, from what's left unsaid: Kate Bosworth as a mother who's lost her child, Thomas Jane as her husband, and Jacob Tremblay as a "gifted boy" who dreams of wonderful things and makes them come alive, but dreams also of nightmarish things and

makes them come alive too. The setup is more ludicrous than *Oculus*. To make matters worse, halfway through the story the director seems to have sacrificed the emotional content of the plot – the mother's and father's shared bereavement – for the villain of the piece, a "boogeyman" summoned up by Tremblay from his darkest nightmares.

The line between emotional authenticity and contrived fear is almost impassable in *Before I Wake*. That is Flanagan's main weakness. But it becomes less and less so once Flanagan employs all the tricks of his trade to make us forget that there's a trade-off between the emotional core and the contrapuntal fear in the plot. This is true, to a great extent, even of *Oculus*. But by *Hush* and *Ouija: Origin of Evil*, he lets this trade-off go. That is why the latter two are so effective and don't seem manipulative. *Origin of Evil* was so chilling, in fact, that people readily forgot it was a sequel to a much more inferior film made two years earlier. It's the kind of work that can only be followed by something better.

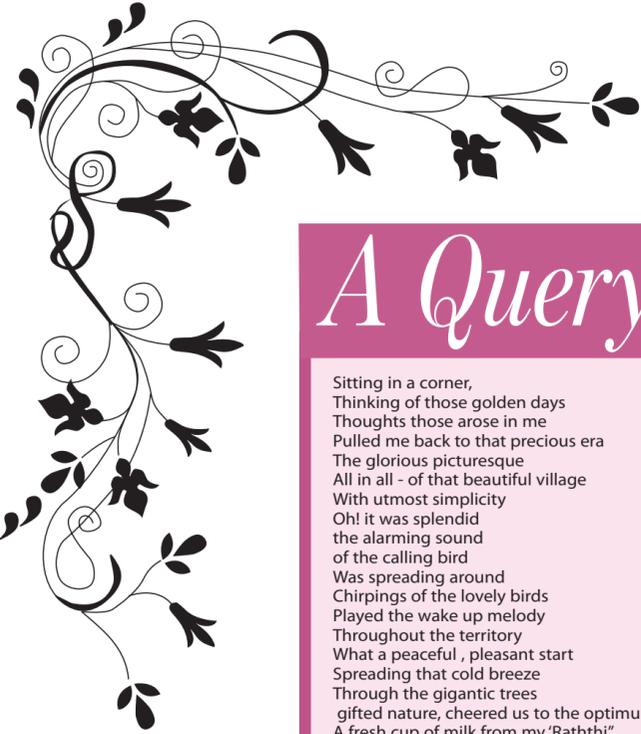
And with *Gerald's Game* and *Doctor Sleep* – both based on Stephen King novels, the latter based on a sequel to a masterpiece, *The Shining*, which had been filmed by the great Stanley Kubrick in 1980 – Flanagan seems to have gone as far as he can in the realm of supernatural horror without breaking our trust. In this he is equalled by only two other contemporaries working within the genre: Robert Eggers (*The Witch*, 2015, and *The Lighthouse*, 2019) and Ari Aster (*Hereditary*, 2018, and *Midsommar*, 2019).

The challenge in *Doctor Sleep* isn't, as one friend of mine put it, its excessive duration (even at three hours, it felt well structured and hardly overlong to me). The challenge is the fact that it's BOTH an adaptation of a Stephen King novel AND the spiritual successor to another adaptation, of the novel that precedes it, which King famously hated.

By squaring the circle – King loved Flanagan's take on *Doctor Sleep*, while Flanagan made it as a part homage to Kubrick, who directed the film of *The Shining* – the man has shown that much of the credit for the resuscitation of the horror genre in recent years must go to him. He is, in the final analysis, the whiz-kid that M. Night Shyamalan could have become, and yet didn't. That's as close to a summing up of the man I'm going to get. Whether it stands up to the test will depend on how much farther he goes.



Doctor Sleep



POETRY CORNER

A Query

Sitting in a corner,
Thinking of those golden days
Thoughts those arose in me
Pulled me back to that precious era
The glorious picturesque
All in all - of that beautiful village
With utmost simplicity
Oh! it was splendid
The alarming sound
of the calling bird
Was spreading around
Chirpings of the lovely birds
Played the wake up melody
Throughout the territory
What a peaceful, pleasant start
Spreading that cold breeze
Through the gigantic trees
gifted nature, cheered us to the optimum
A fresh cup of milk from my 'Raththi'
A nutritious filling

No hassle to anyone
No shouts. No pushes
Ready by myself to join my white army
Marching across the paddy fields
Watching the strong men - our field masters
The sound of washing clothes, over the large stones
Like natural crackers for us to lead
Evening walk, along the river bank
All my pals in the same rank
Beauty of those pebbles and foamy flakes
Freedom to enjoy our childhood
No discrimination or abuse
Oh! those sweet fruits, thousands of varieties
"Veera, Palu, Maa dung
Rambutan, himbutu, kone, mee amba and masan"
Nothing can compete, that heavenly taste
The magical disappearance
Disheartened to experience this vast difference
It's a query, ever last in my heart

Susi Abeynanda

TIME

All the time
I wasted my time
thinking, any time
She would set time
To be on time.
Every time
I checked my time
In no time
To find a good time
To share my time.
But alas! this time
For me it's bad time
As with passing time
She now spends her time
With a friend of mine full time!

Jayalath Basnagoda

Behold the enemy

Never before in the annals
in the world over
Had there been a fright
felt so stronger
A ruthless enemy
emerged Wuhan China
corner
Whence it started spread-
ing every nook and cor-
ner
No one thus far has it
seen
Visible but in micro
screen
Ruthless dragon named
the keen
Although blossomed not
being seen
Sneezing head-ache run-
ning nose with fever
Symptoms obvious when
it catches a weaker
If not demolish at proper
the quarter
Rhythmic breathing
seems almost over

Being a parasite crosses
the border
Clinging on to tourists'
finger
Closing the border an
option wiser
That does cause the
spreading weaker
Europe and U.S got severe
blaming
The enemy found there
plain sailing
Many a country hit the
ceiling
Little done for its ruthless
slaying
Being closer invites
spreading rapid
Being distant could help
avoid
this ruthless enemy 19
COVID
Wish the world would
soon be devoid

Sunil SJ Fernando

HEART, MIND AND SOUL

Heart kept secret
It is sized clenched fist
Great and 'centre'
Heart and tongue aren't big
But they show excellence
The heart has a limited beat - But
Heart desires beat a heartbeat
It's worst is avarice
The mind is wonder unseen,
Is, thought mine
Thought light of the mind
The generous mind is peaceful
Physic, psyche and spirit
Integrated

"A sound physic in
A sound psyche"
"If a psyche is spoilt
The entirety of physic becomes spoilt"
Sans polished and rubbed
Gems aren't bright
Similarly
Human beings do not become perfect
Unless they face tests
Souls have no feature
Eternal they are
A sin-free soul
The peaceful

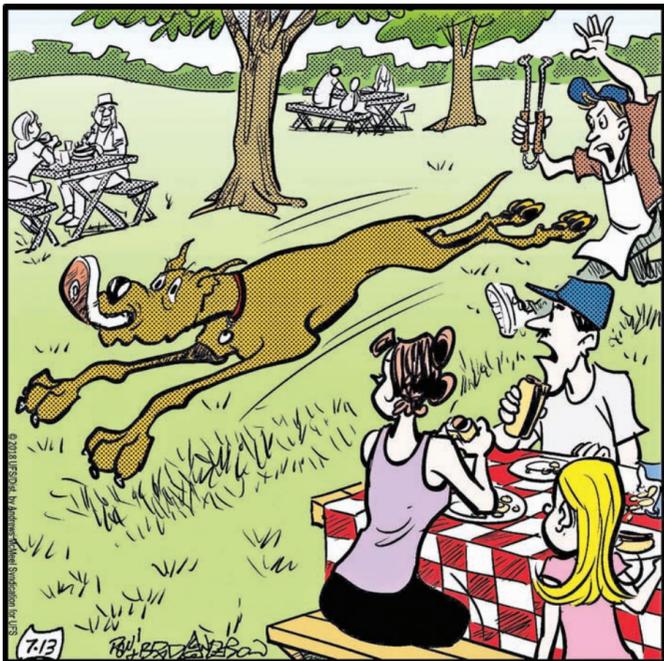
Fahim Latiff

KADUPUL

Tiny stars
Blinking
The waxing moon
Muffling her crying
Light fragrance
Everywhere spreading
The darkness
Painting the night
Celebrated her birth
Amid wild flowers
Her death
Amid blessings
In a single
night

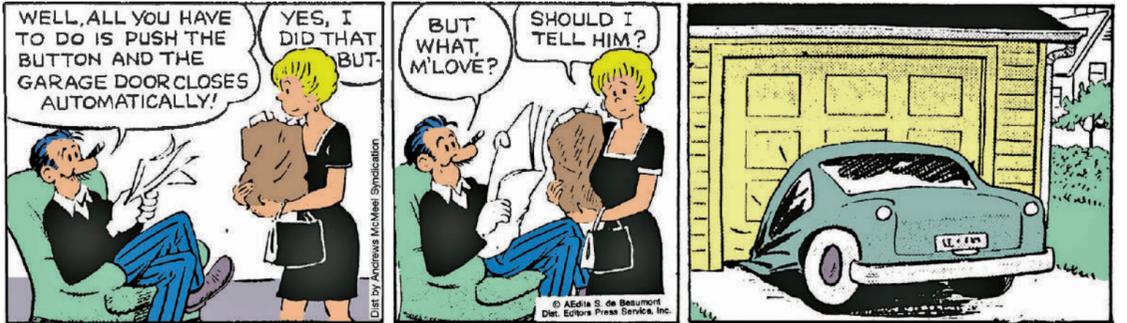
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MARMADUKE



"That's his version of locally sourced food."

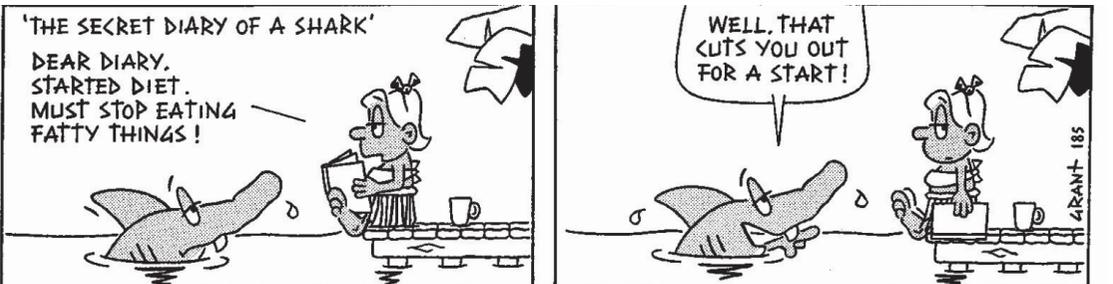
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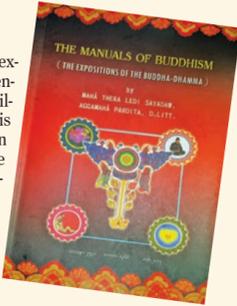
Over the years, I have felt that some of the most resourceful and invaluable books on spiritual matters related to the human life, when issued free are either lost forever or made to be shelved in niches unremovable. Such a book is the 721-page voluminous book titled *The Manuals of Buddhism (The Expositions of the Buddha Dhamma)* by Agga Maha Panditha Ledi Sayadaw Maha Thera, published in 2004 by Mother Aeyearwaddy Publishing House, Yongon, Myanmar.

I rediscovered this great work from my collection of Dhamma books. The work appears as a translation of the original collection of Dhamma articles selected in various places. The editors have taken special care to compile them in the best manner possible, enabling the reader to grasp the essence of Buddhist teachings as laid down in the Four Noble Truths and Noble Eightfold Path.

They are denoted by the term *Dipani* which means the light or illumination. The most Venerable Aggamaha Panditha Ledi Sayadaw Maha Thera (1846 - 1923) honoured as the most eminent and highly respected teacher of Tripitaka, the most gifted and an outstanding interpreter of Dhamma, a great pioneer of meditation etc. The work consists of eight long chapters that contain a host of interpretations, orthodox teachings, annexed with relevant anecdotes bearing direct relevance to express more meaning into the text.

Growing grain

In this direction, the explanations and commentaries are packed with illuminative creativity. This method of exposition could be deemed creative interoperations to orthodox teachings, enabling the reader to find more textual knowledge. The first chapter titled *Vipassana Dipani* or the exposition of insights is one good example that follows the technique.



To illustrate the concept of Sannavipassana or the hallucination of perception, the Maha Thera lays down the following events. In the middle of a great forest, a certain husbandman cultivates a piece of paddy land. While the cultivator was away, wild deer were in the habit of coming to the field and eating the young spikes of growing grain. So the cultivator put some straw together into the shape of a man and set it up in the middle of the field to frighten the deer away.

He tied the straws together with fibre into the resemblance of a body with head, hands and legs, and with white lime painting on a pot the lineament of a human face, he set it on the top of the body. He also covered the artificial man with some old clothes such as a coat and so forth and put a bow and arrow into the hands. Now the deer came as usual to eat the young paddy but approaching it and catching sight of the artificial man, they took it for a real man. They were frightened and ran away.

Followed by this tale or anecdote, the reader comes to know the value of it in another doctrinal layer of exposition as the Maha Thera explains the large forest stands for the three worlds of Kama Loka, Rupa Loka, and Arupa Loka. The travellers are all those who inhabit these worlds. The right road is the right views and the misleading road is the wrong view. Furthermore, the right views spoken here are two kinds, namely those that pertain to the world and those pertaining to Enlightenment.

Course of life

Of these two, the former is meant to connote this right view that goes as all beings are the owners of their deeds and every deed, both moral and immoral, connected by oneself is one's property and follows one throughout the whole long course of life. This is named as Vipassana Dipani or the exposition of insight. The next chapter is titled *The Pathanuddesa Dipani* or the Buddhist Philosophy of relations. This, to the reader, brings further insight into the Buddhist view of the world, interpreting the aspect of birth, the impermanence, the diseases or sickness and the concept of death. This is also interpreted as the cosmic law as related to the existence from birth to death. From here onwards, the interpretation of the Maha Thera leads to deeper insights titled *Sammaditthi Dipani* or the Manual of Right Views. The reader is given the basic aspect of the three kinds of wrong views:

1. Pubbekata ditthi

The view that all sensations enjoyed by beings in the present existence are caused and conditioned only by the volitional actions done by them in their past existences.

2. Issaranimmana Hetu ditthi

The view that all sensations in the present existence are created by a supreme being / or God.

3. Ahetu Apaccaya hetu ditthi

The view of the uncausedness and unconditionality of existence.

Followed by this brief explanation, the Maha Thera attempts to analyse each segment in a deeper but clearer expression taking each segment with examples. This includes the explanation in the concept of Kamma inclusive of interpretation to the aspects of the relations between past and present kamma and viriya or energy and nana or knowledge. From here the Maha Thera proceeds to a deeper analysis of the concept of Samma ditthi Dipani or the manual of Right View triggering off for the four Noble truths to the Eight-fold Noble Path. In this context, quite a number of examples via various tales are given.

The queries related to the beliefs in hells and heavens too emerge. The queries relate to the various types of living beings who are seen and unseen too emerge. They consist of various names like Preta, Bhuta etc. Followed by these factors, Maha Thera takes into consideration the Bodhi Pakkhiya Dipani or the Manual of the factors leading to Enlightenment.

As the editors and the team of translator explain, the Maha Thera has attempted to explain quite a number of inner meanings denoted in the original Pali words and terms. The concepts of Sila, Samadhi and Pragna are explained with examples drawn from day to day life. The culmination of the Dipani is observed in the analytical interpretation of spiritual achievements via meditation.

This process is titled *Magganga Dipani* or the Manual of the Constituents of the Noble Path. The most outstanding quality of the work stands out as the step by step explanations into the inner teachings of the vision of Buddha Dhamma. All in all, this work stands out not merely as a manual but also as a deeper interpretation of the meaning of life or existence.

Heights of a flight

K S SIVAKUMARAN

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She is an academic working for the Kelaniya University. She teaches Greek and Roman Literature in the Department of Western Classical Culture.

Apart from creative writing, she has written books on other subjects under her fete, which are also interesting.

Her latest book is titled *Fly High*. This collection has 40 poems. Her style of writing is different from other academic poets. It is why I like some of her poems.

In Literary Criticism, appreciation first is important before one attempts to critically analyze a literary work.

Poetry is an awareness of social consciousness and depiction of lifestyle and the condition in society. Besides, it is also entertaining and gives pleasure to the reader.

Instead of analyzing each of her poems, let me give illustrations of her poetic imagination and effective use of language that to me are original and fresh.

The purpose is to enable the reader to read her poems in full of what she says in her poems.

I like to mention her full poem, *The Industry*, to familiarize her style. "The manager of the resort In his linen trousers Cotton shirt and matching tie Watched the garden hand Drag the heavy equipment



From the Scorching sun

And
In an undertone warned him
'To smile all the time'
'Can you not remember the training?'
When in the hospitality trade,
The smile is the most important'
'I'm smiling' he retorted and
Meeting apologetically eyes
As I sipped my cooled soft drink
Broke into a warm bright smile'
She captures the mood of the gardener in this simple narrative.

There is plenty of sarcasm in her poems: *Crossing Path*, *Marks-ism* for instance. And many more.

Philosophical too. 'Amidst a crowd, yet pathetic not to realize, that you are alone, while many may surround you.' (*Survival*).

I like this poem well:

(The Terror attack of 21s of April 2019)
The hands of the clock had stopped at nine-fifteen
And with it the lives of victims, tranquillity and
The sense of security stability, ease, and confidence,
Peace in the country with the belief that all is well.

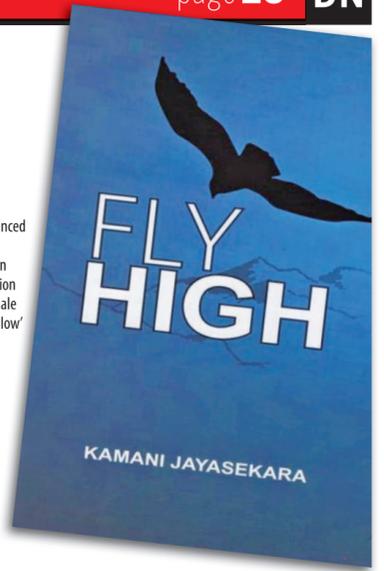
The bitter truth of futility enforced on humanity
That life was but dew drops on a blade of grass-
A reality no amount of religious preaching had convinced
Until the rude shock of the devastation
Not by nature, but the man most unkind against man
Innocent victims of a act ell planned with the intention
Though aim and objective not certain or meet rationale
Only the tower stood tall through the rabble of the hollow'
On 'A Tsunami?'
It started in the deep sea
Nothing visible on the surface
Calm, yet hiding the disturbance
That occurred near the bottom
Expanding and growing in waves
With time inevitable, expanding
And growing in the form of waves
With time inevitable in volume
Gathering strength and ferocity
To rise and crash repeatedly as
Walls of darkness on the
Unsuspecting shore and beyond
Taking as victims the innocent
Unconscious of their predicament
A might that they had hitherto
Uncomprehended in attraction.

There is another self-explanatory poem. 'Cry 'kukuku, Kukuku!!'
She who had been the pride of the clan
Whom the youthful had held many a fight over
Majestic in stature and wonder to behold
While her teats oozed with a creamy richness
And the calf, though not without pangs of hunger
Desperately tried to make her get up for she was
The only possession she had for defence against Man

Here is another funny story on the campus 'The Story'

It was rumoured that Harsha used to re-cite

The same story to each batch of fresher's
May be pit them at ease regarding his colleague



The story goes this -
'Once upon a time' as all stories go
Gunda had roughly caught him by his collar

In the staff common room and had shouted

"I heard that you had been telling people
Some stories about my wife" The wife
incidentally had been a student of the same
Department.

"Yes, had been" the prompt reply
"I told them what a good girl she was,
I can recall it if you insist"
"Don't you dare!"
Had been the threat that followed.

I will stop here.
You would enjoy the rest of the poems too
because they are simple and interestingly put
by an academic who doesn't want to flash her
erudition in complex jargon in the name of
literary criticism.

Fear torn down

Fear and Tears is the fourth book by Dharanee Upeka Weerasekera.

She is a lawyer who graduated from Faculty of Law, University of Colombo. She completed her Master of Arts degree from the University of Colombo. She gained her Masters in Law with a Merit Pass from the University of West London.

She joined the Sri Lanka Administrative Service in 2017 and she is currently serving as the Assistant Commissioner of Elections (Legal) in Election Commission.

Her first book is *Bermudawen Wishwayata*, an adventure fiction which won third place at the National Youth Awards festival. This book also won the Wayamba Literary Award for the Best Children's Fiction of the Year. Her second book is *Mandaram Andura Medin*, a short story collection. Her third book *Mage Pem Wehilihini* was a poetry collection published in 2015.

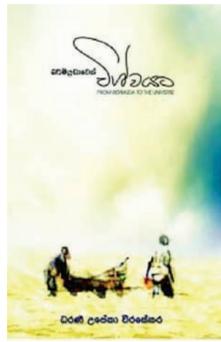
Fear and Tears is her debut English novel which has a different storyline connecting two countries.

Prabash is a talented, young law student. But the hardest pain in his life is the sudden murder of his father, who was the former Minister of Foreign Affairs. His tragic death happened when Prabash was a small kid. Prabash is determined to find the murderers of his father after years of silence. Fear and Tears is woven around the unexpected experiences encountered by him.



Dharanee's achievements

- National Art & Essay Competition 2005 All Island Third Place
- English Essay Competition
- Situwili Bendi Wilangu Binda Arts Festival 2004 conducted by Open University Sri Lanka All Island Third place English Medium Poetry
- National Literary and Arts Festival 2009 All Island Senior English Poetry Second Place
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- National Literary and Arts Festival 2007 All Island Senior English Short Stories First Place
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- National Literary and Arts Festival 2008 All Island Senior English Prose Second Place
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- Sinhala Day Competition 2004 Language Usage and Comprehension North Western Province Second Place
- Sinhala Day Competition 2006 Essay Writing North Western Province Third Place
- Dialog Sama Sithum Essay Competition English North Western Province Third Place
- Atlas Sithuru All Island Essay Competition 2007 North Western Province Second Place



Little Miss Puppet's story



11-year-old Ranghi is the only daughter in an upper class family, living in Colombo suburbs. Free spirited Ranghi's favorite hobbies are quizzing and ventriloquizing with hand puppets. Suddenly, Ranghi's mother falls ill on her birthday and her parents had to travel overseas to seek treatment. Ranghi and her only brother, 8-year-old Sasa are placed under the care of Ranghi's Aunt and her husband. Ranghi's Uncle owns a five-star hotel on southern coastline and they take Ranghi and Sasa to the hotel for a brief stay.

While staying in the hotel, Ranghi comes across a Carnival on the beach, located next to Uncle's hotel, and goes there with Sasa without informing Uncle and Aunt. Ranghi and Sasa befriend the carnival owner, a warm, kindhearted ringmaster named "Uncle Louis" and frequently visit the carnival under Uncle and Aunt's supervision.

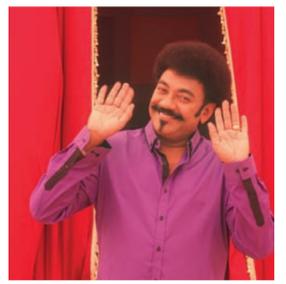
The hotel manager Walter, who is not a fan of Ranghi and Sasa, quarrels with Uncle Louis, based on a personal affair. Walter continuously plans to destroy the carnival and hurt Uncle Louis, as a result of their clash. Meanwhile Ranghi's uncle finds out Walter has been cheating hotel funds for so long and it has been the reason for Hotel's financial losses and Uncle fires Walter.

Ranghi asks Uncle Louis to teach her a new puppet act for school's annual talent show, as well as a surprise birthday gift for her mother.

Ranghi's mother gets well and plan to return home soon. Ranghi tells the happy news to Uncle Louis and asks him to speed up the training. Louis invites Ranghi to perform her act on the Carnival as a rehearsal on the night before her return back home.

While excited Ranghi awaits on stage for curtain to open prior to Louis introduction, Walter, thinking he lost his job at the hotel because Louis exposed him, to take revenge attacks the carnival and sets stage on fire with the help of thugs. Ranghi not knowing what's going on outside, trapped in the fire generated by Walter's attack. Uncle Louis jumps into burning fire and saves Ranghi's life, risking his own. Ranghi, after gaining consciousness at the hospital, sees her mother standing front of her and rest of her family around the hospital bed. She is overwhelmed by seen her mother back and well. But soon her happiness disappears being unable to see Uncle Louis there who is still in critical condition.

Ranghi visits Uncle Louis at the hospital and he asks her to keep practicing and promises her to be there for



the talent show. The schools' annual talent show day arrives and Uncle Louis fails to keep his promise, still at the hospital fighting for his life. When Ranghi's turn comes on the talent show, she becomes reluctant to perform, feeling sad for Uncle Louis. While her

parents are sitting in the auditorium worrying, School Principal, Class Teacher and fellow students try their best to console Ranghi and get her on stage but fail. Seen no other way, her Uncle and Aunt think of a plan to get Ranghi's spirit up and get her to perform.

CAST AND CREDITS

Written & directed by
Kalpana Ariyawansa & Vandana Ariyawansa
Produced by
Kularatne Ariyawansa
Ransara Pictures production
Cast
Jackson Anthony - Louis
Dilhani Ekanayake - Mother
Dayadeva Edirisinghe - Walter
Dhananjaya Siriwardana - Uncle
Umali Thilakarathne - Aunt
Niroshan Wijesinghe - Father
Bandula Wijeweera - Lead Singer
Kushenya Sayumi Fonseka - Ranghi
Lakshika Deshan - Sasa
Guest Appearance
Dr. Malini Fonseka
Dr. Ravindra Randeniya
Bandula Nanayakkarasam

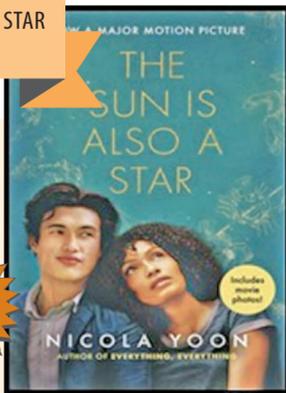
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Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Lyrics
Dr. Rohana Weerasinghe
Sound Design & Mixing
Tapas Nayak
Songs Performed by
Jackson Anthony
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Kalpana Ariyawansa
Editor
Kalpana Ariyawansa
Cinematography
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AUTHOR: NICOLA YOON

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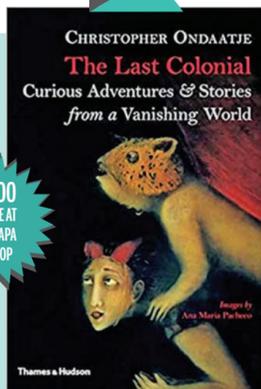
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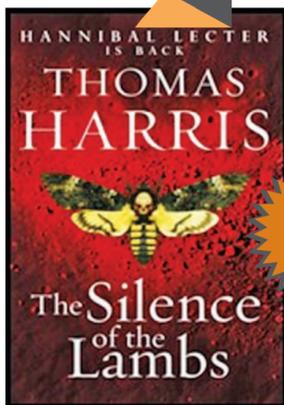
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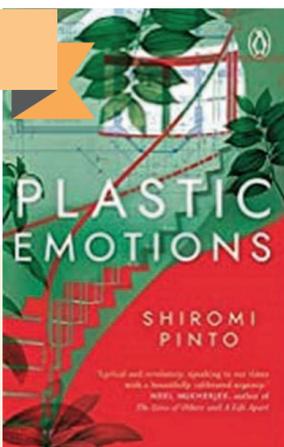
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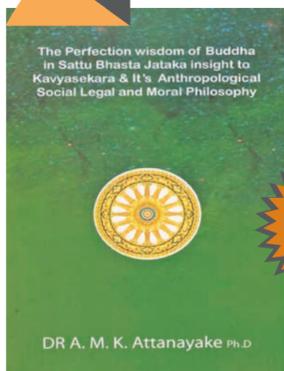
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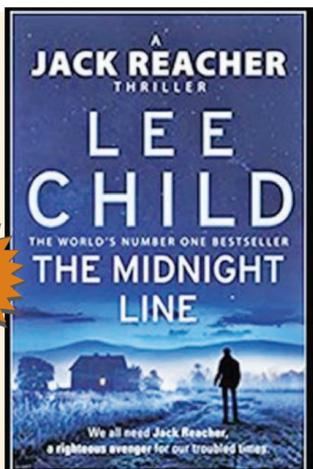
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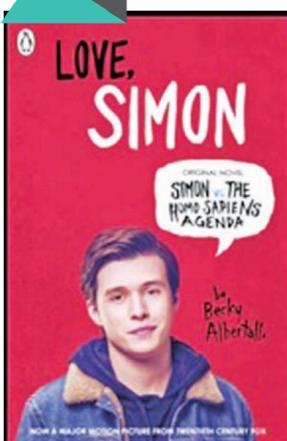
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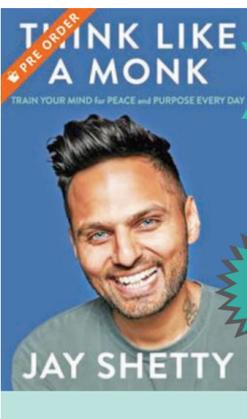
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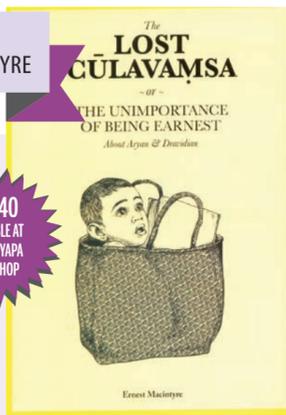
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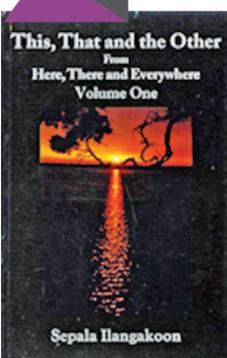
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**MINISTRY OF PLANTATIONS
SRI LANKA STATE PLANTATIONS
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VACANCIES

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- 3. POST : CLERK**
Experience:
More than 03 years as a Clerk or 05 years as a Junior Clerk in a reputed organization in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 4. POST : JUNIOR CLERK**
Educational Qualifications and Experience:
G.C.E. (O/L) with English & Mathematics with experience
More than 06 Months as a Junior Clerk/ Trainee Clerk in a reputed organization in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 5. POST : FIELD OFFICER**
Experience:
More than 03 years as a Field Officer or 05 years as an Asst. Field Officer or 10 years as a Junior Assistant Field Officer in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 6. POST : JUNIOR ASSISTANT FIELD OFFICER**
Educational Qualifications and Experience:
G.C.E. (O/L) with English & Mathematics with experience
More than 06 months as a Junior Assistant Field Officer / Trainee Junior Assistant Field Officer in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 07. POST : FACTORY OFFICER**
Experience:
More than 03 years as a Factory Officer or 05 years as a Senior Assistant Factory Officer in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 8. POST : SENIOR ASSISTANT FACTORY OFFICER**
Experience:
More than 03 years as a Senior Assistant Factory Officer or 05 years as an Assistant Factory Officer in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 9. POST : JUNIOR ASSISTANT FACTORY OFFICER**
Educational Qualifications and Experience:
G.C.E. (O/L) with English & Mathematic with experience
More than 06 months as a Junior Assistant Factory Officer / Trainee Junior Assistant Factory Officer in a Regional Plantations Company or Government owned Estate
- 10. POST: WELFARE OFFICER**
Educational Qualifications and Experience:
G.C.E. (O/L) with English & Mathematics with experience
More than 06 months as a Welfare Officer / Trainee Welfare Officer in a reputed organization in the plantation sector. Good communication skills in English, Sinhala and Tamil
- 11. POST : ESTATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER**
Experience:
More than 01 year as an Estate Medical Practitioner or 05 years as a Junior Estate Medical Assistant in a reputed organization
- 12. POST : DRIVER (LORRY)**
Experience:
More than 05 years
Age: For all above Posts should be below 45 years
Salary: As per the Collective Agreement in Force

Applications together with complete Bio-data and copies of relevant certificates should be forwarded by registered post, to reach **THE CHAIRMAN, SRI LANKA STATE PLANTATIONS CORPORATION, NO. 21, (BCC PREMISES) MEERANIYA STREET, COLOMBO 12** on or before 22nd September 2020 with the post applied for written on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

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The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, will receive bids from Foreign Principals / Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following.

Material : White Printing Paper
Substance : 70 GSM
Width : 20" X 25"

Quantity Required : 150 ± 10% Metric Tons
Bid Reference No : S.I. 2020/39

Closing of above Bids: 2.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020 and open the bids immediately after closing the same. Bidding Documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, at the below mentioned address on written application together with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 8,500/= per each Bid on or before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of bids given above.

Further particulars can be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Gangani Liyanage
Chairman, Procurement Committee

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Material : White Printing Paper
Substance : 70 GSM
Width : 35"

Quantity Required : 100 Metric Tons ± 10%.
Bid Reference No : S.I. 2020/40

Closing of above Bids: 2.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020 and open the bids immediately after closing the same. Bidding Documents will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, at the below mentioned address on written application together with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 6,000/= per each Bid on or before 2 p.m. day prior to the closing date of bids given above.

Further particulars can be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS



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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY, DELIVERY, INSTALLATION, COMMISSIONING AND MAINTENANCE OF SERVERS AND SERVER RACK FOR THE CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

- Sealed quotations are invited for the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning and maintenance of five (05) Nos. of servers and one (01) server rack for the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) from tenderers who have supplied and are maintaining the tendered brand(s) of devices in Sri Lanka during the 3 years ended on 31 July 2020. The tenderers should be accredited agents for the offered brand(s).

Bid Security	Bank Guarantee of Rs. 300,000/=
Issuing Bidding Documents	0900 Hrs. – 1500 Hrs. From 26 August 2020 – 15 September 2020 Mail Room, Ground Floor, CBSL Head Office Building, Colombo 01
Bid Closing Time & Date	1430 Hrs. – 16 September 2020

- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead.
- For further details, you may contact Senior Assistant Director/IT – Tel: 0112477124 or Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement – Tel 0112398754

The Secretary - Central Bank of Sri Lanka
No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01



MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

BID NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works/Supplies as described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
CIVIL TENDERS						
Construction of Bulk Meter Chambers in Trincomalee Region Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/NRW/CHAMBER/TRINCO/2020/33	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 34,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C8 or C7	2.23 million	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee. Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-2222525	23/09/2020 10.00 hours
Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Earth & Lightning protection System for Regional Manager Office-Kegalle Contract No: RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/M&E/REH/SUP/RM OFFICE/2020/49	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 7,150/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction C8 or C7	-	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura. Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273	23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Laying of uPVC/DI Pipes, Fittings Specials & Accessories for Accelerated Connection Programme in Kegalle Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/ACP/KEGALLE/CIVIL/2020/27	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 80,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction, Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	6.0 million	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura. Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273	23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Laying of PE/DI Clear Water Transmission main from Kalugamuwa junction to Illagolla tank Contract No:RSC-C/CS/CIVIL/PL/NRW/MEEWATHURA/2020/133	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 97,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	9.6 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 21/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at Manager (CS) office	23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Renovation of Rangala Water Treatment Plant Medadumbara WSS Contract No:RSC-C/CE/CIVIL/O&M/MEDADUMBARA/2020/222	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 35,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Building Construction C8 or C7	2.3 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027	23/09/2020 14.00 hours
M&E TENDERS						
Improvements of Neutralization Plant of GKWTP under Kandy North Pathadumbara Water Supply Project Contract No:KNPIWSP/M&E/WORK/PC-01/2020-35	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 20,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Electrical & Mechanical Services EM 03	KNPIWSP, NWSDB, Pahala Kondadeniya, Katugastota. Tele:081-2492287 Fax:081-2492286		30/09/2020 14.00 hours
Supply & Installation of Backwash Pumps and Accessories for Kurunegala Water Treatment Plant. Contract No: RSC(NW)/O&M/P/NRW/KURU/2020/28	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 50,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (North –Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala. Tele: 037-2221161 Fax : 037-2230086		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Supply, Delivery & Installation of Electrically Driven Submersible Pumps for Bosella Waththa, Moraliya Waththa and Dewalakanda Waththa Resettlement Lands in Kegalle District Contract No:RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/RES/BOSELLA, MORALIYA, DEWALAKANDA /M&E/SUP/2019/123R	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 60,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act. No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura. Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Replacing Electric motorize actuator of Butterfly Valves in Halmessa Raw Water delivery line at Moronthota Water Treatment Plant – Kegalle Contract No: RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/REH/M&E/SUP/MORONTHOTA/2020/58	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 12,090/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (Sabaragamuwa), NWSDB, New Town, Ratnapura. Tele: 045-2228274-6 Fax : 045-2228273		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
SUPPLY TENDERS						
Supply & Delivery of Mobile Phones for Meter Reading Application in Regional Support Center (Western Central) Contract No:RSC(WC)/IT/MOBILE PHONES/RSC(WC)/08-2020/D3	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 63,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (W-C), No. 175A, Kaluthota Building, Nawala Road, Nugegoda. Tele:/Fax: 011- 2856420-3		23/09/2020 10.00 hours
HIRING VEHICLE						
Hiring of a Van for Assistant General Manager's Office Kegalle. Contract No:RSC(SAB)/AGM(KEG)/O&M/KEGALLE/SER/2020/89	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 5,000/-	As per the Document	Manager (O&M), Kegalle, NWSDB, No. 114, Kumarathunga Munidasa Mawatha, Kegalle. Tele: 045-2228274 Fax: 045-2228273		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Hiring of a Van for RSC-C office & Manager Central North Office. Contract No:RSC-C/M&E/SER/RSC & O&M/RSC & CN/2020/151	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 10,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Hiring of a crew cab for Ampitiya, Kadugannawa, Matale & Palapthwela OIC Office RSC Central. Contract No:RSC-C/M&E/SER/CE,CS&CN/2020/152	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 10,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
SERVICE TENDERS						
Cleaning service maintenance for Kandy South Treatment Plant Udu Yatinuwara Water Supply Scheme. Contract No:RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/UNI/2020/214	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 37,500/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Cleaning and maintenance of Intake, Treatment plant office premises and pump operation Kotagala Water Supply Scheme. Contract No:RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/KOTAGALA/2020/173	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 23,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 21/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at DE (N'Elia) office		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
Obtain Services for Reading Water meters, Preparing Water Bills & Distributing to Customers in the Water Supply Scheme of Central East Region Contract No: RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/CE/2020/213	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 55,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya. Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 21/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at Manager (CE) office		23/09/2020 14.00 hours

Please register on line www.drc.gov.lk of Registrar of Companies to get PCA 3 form (only for tenders marked as ***). Further please use gmail for registration.

Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee between 09.00 hours & 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours.

Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Chairman,
National Water Supply and Drainage Board

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF ROADS & HIGHWAYS DEVELOPMENT

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BIDS



1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works described below:-

Contract No.	Name of the Contract	Contract Duration (calendar days)	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/EOM&M/GOSL/CLS/2020/23	PROVIDING JANITORIAL SERVICE FOR EOM&M DIVISION	365	450,000.00

2. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information during office hours from Director (EOM & M), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama if required. [TP: 0113047817, Fax: 038 2289560.]
4. The Pre-Bid meeting will be held at **10:30 hrs** on **21.09.2020** at the office of the Director (EOM & M), Road Development Authority, Kahatagahena, Walgama, Bandaragama. A site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application with the **registration certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts under the Act No. 3 of 1987, Department of the Registrar of Companies** for the contract to the **Director, Expressway Operation, Maintenance & Management Division** from **09.09.2020** between **09:00 hrs** & **15:00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 12,000.00 + 960.00 (VAT). The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security obtained from a reputed bank acceptable to the Employer for an amount given in the Bidding Data. **Bid Security shall be valid until 27.01.2021**
7. Bids shall be delivered in **duplicate** to the **Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, C/o Director General, Road Development Authority, 1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, on or before 14:00 hrs on 30.09.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
8. Bids shall be valid up to **30.12.2020**.
9. Bidders are required to submit the following documents along with the bids:
- A copy of registration form as a business.
 - A copy of registration form at Labour Department.
 - Documentary proof of maintaining at least one Janitorial Services Contract continuously one year period during the last 05 years.
 - VAT Registration Number.
 - List of Janitorial Services contracts in hand with the number of staff deployed in each contract.
 - PCA - 3 Certificate issued from the Department of Registrar of Companies

The Address Referred to above is:

**The Chairman,
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee,
Road Development Authority,
1st Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,
Battaramulla.**



Ministry of Plantation

Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization Project

1st Floor, ZIMANTRA Building,
No: 465, Ganahena, Battaramulla.



INVITATION OF BIDS

The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in US\$ 65.4 towards the cost of Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization (STARR) Project is being implemented under the Ministry of Plantation and intends to apply a portion of the proceeds for Transport of Budded Rubber Plants to the beneficiaries in Ampara and Monaragala districts.

Payment by IFAD will be made only at the request of The Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and upon approval by IFAD, and will be subject, in all respects, to the terms and conditions of the financing agreement.

Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization (STARR), Project now invites sealed bids from eligible transporters to transport 739,056 Nos. of budded rubber plants from following nurseries to the farmers fields in Ampara and Monaragala districts.

#	Address of the Nursery	Transport to
1	Mihisara Rubber Nursery, No. 153 B, Rathabale, Urapola	New Rubber Planting areas in Monaragala and Ampara Districts
2	Wijerathna Rubber Nursery, No. 15, Elapatha, Rathnapura	
3	Ambanpitiya Rubber Nursery, Abanpitiyawatta, Galigamuwa, Kegalle	
4	Sirisada Rubber Nursery, Yatanwela, Ruwanwella, Kegalle	
5	Kohobadeniya Rubber Nursery, Ganima, Kohobadeniya, Doraweke, Kegalle	
6	Udapetiawatta Rubber Nursery, Udapetiawatta, Ilepathgamuwa, Tholangamuwa, Kegalle	
7	Lahiru Plant Nursery, Muththetuwa, Metiyagane, Beligala, Kegalle	
8	Rubber Nurseries of Rubber Development Dept. at Gurugoda, Eagaloya, Welikadamulla, Kumbukkana, Middeniya, Padiyathalawa, Karapincha	

Priority is given to single-decker lorries, as the plants must be transported securely.

Bid guarantee equivalent to a value of Rs. 150,000/- valid for a period of 105 days beyond the tender opening (up to 11. January 2021) issued by a reputed commercial bank shall be submitted along with all bids by bidders. A complete set of bidding document may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application on a Letter Head upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,000.00 to the Accountant, STARR Project from 09.30 hrs to 15.00 hrs between 09.09.2020 and 23.09.2020.

The duly filled bidding document along with a duplicate shall be entered in a sealed envelope and sent to the Chairman, Project Procurement Committee, Project Management Unit, STARR Project, No.465, Ganahena, Battaramulla, by registered post or by depositing it in the Tender Box at the above address to reach before **2.30 p.m. on 28.09.2020**.

Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids. Bidder or his authorized representatives can be present on this occasion. Late bids will be rejected.

Further information in this regard shall be obtained from the **Project Director** (Tel. no. 011 2865099 / 011 2865566)

The pre-bid meeting will be held on **22.09.2020 at 10.30 a.m.** at the following address.

**Smallholder Tea and Rubber Revitalization (STARR) Project,
Ministry of Plantation,
1st Floor, Zimantra building,
465, Ganahena, Kaduwela Road, Battaramulla**

Tel: 011-2865099/011- 2865566 Fax: 011- 2866551



SRI LANKA
CONVENTION BUREAU

Ministry of Tourism
Sri Lanka Convention Bureau

Invitation for Bid Proposals

Appointing a Company to Produce four (04) MICE Video Clips

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) of Sri Lanka Convention Bureau (SLCB) invites sealed bid proposals from reputed and experienced Companies to produce four MICE Video Clips (One minute each) to promote MICE Tourism and position Sri Lanka internationally.

Bid proposals will be called through Two Envelop Method following the National Competitive Bidding Process.

The total contract value is LKR 5.0 Million including VAT and other applicable taxes. Companies having a proven track record and relevant experience of Video film production are encouraged to submit the bid proposals. The company should be a;

- Duly registered Advertising Agency/ Company registered in Sri Lanka as a legal entity
- Minimum of five years of continuous experience in the field of video filming/ Advertising
- Experience of handling a minimum of three Accounts for Global Brands in the past 5 years - Contract value more than LKR 1 Mn

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Manager of Sri Lanka Convention Bureau. (Tel: +94114 865050, Ext.:16, email: mktslcb@sltnet.lk.)

A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be received by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the address below, **before 29th September 2020**.

Bids must be delivered to the Sri Lanka Convention Bureau on or before **2.00 p.m. on 29th September 2020**. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at **2.00 p.m. on 29th September 2020**. The bidders will have to submit a bid bond of **LKR 50,000/-**.

The contract period will be 3 months from the date of Awarding the Letter of Award.

The top left - hand corner of the envelope should be marked as **"Production of MICE Video clips for SLCB"** and addressed to Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Convention Bureau.

**Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Convention Bureau
78, Galle Road,
Colombo 03**



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NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

Invitation for Bids

NSB/PT/ITE/2020/12

Bidding for implementation of a Mobile Banking Payment Application for the National Savings Bank, Sri Lanka

The Chairman, Procurement Committee-Major, National Savings Bank, No. 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03, invites Bids for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Configuration, Implementation, Commissioning, Training and Maintenance of a Mobile Banking Payment Application (Mobile App).

Description of Procurement	Bidding for a Mobile Banking Payment App to the National Savings Bank
Nature of Procurement	Single Stage Two Envelope bidding procedure as specified in the Procurement Guidelines.
Applicable Non- Refundable Tender Fee	Rs. 14,750/= Payments should be made by cash to the counter at Head Office Branch, National Savings Bank, 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Value of the Bid Security to be Submitted	Not less than Sri Lankan Rupees Six Hundred Fifty Thousand (Rs. 650,000/-)
Bid Validity Period	Valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days (till 28/03/2021) from the date of opening the proposals.
Last Date & Time of Issuing Bid Documents	29/09/2020 at 03.00 p.m.
Date & Time of Closing Tender	30/09/2020 at 10.00 a.m.
Pre-Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bidder shall not have been blacklisted by the Government or by the Bank Minimum average annual turnover of LKR 30,000,000/- (Calculated as total certified payments received for contract in progress or completed within the last three (3) years.) Bidder should have completed at least one similar project more than LKR 5,000,000/- within last five years and should be running live at least in one Bank in Sri Lanka. Bidder should be the Intellectual Property (IP) owner of the proposed solution. Bidders should have a Registered office in Sri Lanka, or the bidder should have a Local Agent who has a registered office in Sri Lanka. Proposed Solution should be able to integrate with Existing Banking System at NSB Proposed Solution should be able to facilitate Lanka QR, Just Pay and should comply with the Guidelines on Minimum Compliance Standards for Payment Related Mobile Applications provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
Further Information and inspecting documents	Chief Information Officer, IT Division, National Savings Bank, 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03 (Telephone 011-2574004/ 011-2377219.) Email cio@nsb.lk till 29/09/2020 between 9 am and 3 p.m. on working days.
Collecting of Bid Documents	A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be obtained on submission of a written request made on a company letterhead (original) to The Senior Manager (Supplies) of National Savings Bank between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 09/09/2020 till 29/09/2020.
Bid Delivery	Bids shall be delivered by registered post or by hand to Senior Manager (Supplies), Supplies Division, National Savings Bank, 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03 at or before 10.00 a.m. on 30/09/2020. Late bids shall be rejected.
Pre-Bid Meeting	22nd September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at 3rd Floor, IT Division, National Savings Bank, 255, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
Bid Opening	Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids, at the Supplies Division in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives who are nominated to attend.

The National Savings Bank reserves the right of rejecting any or all proposals and the right of accepting any portion of a bid without adducing any reasons.

**The Chairman-Procurement Committee-Major,
National Savings Bank,
No. 255, Galle Road,
Colombo 3.**



Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

INVITATION OF BIDS

01. Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Board of the Department of Wildlife Conservation from eligible and qualified bidders for the following works.

Bid No.	Procurement No.	Name of Work	Engineering Estimate (Without VAT) Rs. (In Millions)	ICTAD Registration	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Value of the Bid Security (Rs.)
01	WL/02/20/R-05-2020	Repairing the Mahawewa Maradanmaduwa Road in Wilpattu National Park	7.5	C 7 or Above (Roads)	3,000/-	113,000/- Should be valid up to 13.01.2021
02	WL/02/20/B-11-2020	Preparing the Road around Ticket Counter of the Yala National Park by laying paving stones	4.8	C 8 or Above (Buildings)	2,000/-	73,000/- Should be valid up to 30.12.2020
03	WL/02/20/B-16-2020	Construction of Seruwila Forest Ranger's Office	21.5	C 6 or Above (Buildings)	6,000/-	323,000/- Should be valid up to 13.01.2021

02. Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
03. Interested bidders may inspect bid documents free of charge at the Accounts Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Battaramulla between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on government working days up to 29.09.2020.
04. Bid documents in English language may be obtained up to 29.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on submission of a written request to the Director General of Wildlife, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Original of the ICTAD Registration Book upon payment of the non refundable fee to the Shroff of the Department.
05. Interested bidders should submit bids after inspecting the relevant project site.
06. If the abovementioned bid security is submitted by a bank guarantee, it should be to the value mentioned above valid up to the date mentioned in the table and should have been obtained from a government recognized commercial bank. If the bid security is paid in cash, it should be paid to the Shroff of this Department and the copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the bid. Bids without the bid security will be rejected. PCA 03 Certificate obtained upon registration with the Department of Registrar of Companies under Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 should be submitted with the bid and the bids without the PCA 03 Certificate will be rejected.
07. Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate sealed covers as Original and Duplicate should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed mentioning the name and number of the contract on the left hand top corner of the envelope and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the bid box kept at the Finance Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation to receive before 2.30 p.m. on 30.09.2020 and late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day (30.09.2020) and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
08. Further details regarding the bid may be obtained from the Deputy Director (Finance) of this Department by calling Tel. No. 0112-871537. Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take decision on the bid and the Director General of Wildlife reserves the right to take decisions on matters regarding this bid process that are mentioned or not mentioned in this notice or in the bid documents.
09. Chairman of the Departmental Procurement Committee is not responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of bids.

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
Department of Wildlife Conservation,
No. 811/A, Jayanthipura Road,
Battaramulla.



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01	WL/02/20/B-13-2020	Repairing the Caretaker's Quarters of the Yala National Park	6.9	C 7 or Above (Buildings)	2,500/-	104,000/- Should be valid up to 15.01.2021
02	WL/02/20/B-14-2020	Repairing the Quarters of the Ranger Assistant of the Yala National Park	7.2	C 7 or Above (Buildings)	2,500/-	109,000/- Should be valid up to 15.01.2021
03	WL/02/20/B-16-2020	Repairing the Guard Quarters No. 09 of the Yala National Park	5.9	C 7 or Above (Buildings)	2,000/-	80,000/- Should be valid up to 15.01.2021
04	WL/02/20/B-15-2020	Repairing the Guard Quarters No. 10 of the Yala National Park	5.3	C 7 or Above (Buildings)	2,000/-	89,000/- Should be valid up to 15.01.2021
05	WL/02/20/B-17-2020	Construction of a 20,000 Litre Water Tank at the Yala National Park	4.6	C 8 or Above (Buildings)	2,000/-	69,000/- Should be valid up to 01.01.2021

02. Bids will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
03. Interested bidders may inspect bid documents free of charge at the Accounts Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Battaramulla between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on government working days up to 30.09.2020.
04. Bid documents in English language may be obtained up to 30.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on submission of a written request to the Director General of Wildlife, Department of Wildlife Conservation and the Original of the ICTAD Registration Book upon payment of the non refundable fee to the Shroff of the Department.
05. Interested bidders should submit bids after inspecting the relevant project site.
06. If the above mentioned bid security is submitted by a bank guarantee, it should be to the value mentioned above valid up to the date mentioned in the table and should have been obtained from a government recognized commercial bank. If the bid security is paid in cash, it should be paid to the Shroff of this Department and the copy of the receipt obtained should be attached to the bid. Bids without the bid security will be rejected. PCA 03 Certificate obtained upon registration with the Department of Registrar of Companies under Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 should be submitted with the bid and the bids without the PCA 03 Certificate will be rejected.
07. Duly perfected bids in duplicate in separate sealed covers as Original and Duplicate, should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed mentioning the name and number of the contract on the left hand top corner of the envelope and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the bid box kept at the Finance Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation to receive before 2.30 p.m. on 02.10.2020 and the late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day (02.10.2020) and the bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.
08. Further details regarding the bid may be obtained from the Deputy Director (Finance) of this Department by calling Tel. No. 0112-871537. Departmental Procurement Board reserves the right to take decision on the bid and the Director General of Wildlife reserves the right to take decisions on matters regarding this bid process that are mentioned or not mentioned in this notice or in the bid documents.
09. Chairman of the Departmental Procurement Committee is not responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation of the bid.

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
Department of Wildlife Conservation,
No. 811/A, Jayanthipura Road,
Battaramulla.



DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ISSUE OF RS. 100,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS

Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 07.00% 2023 'A' and Rs. 40,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2026 'A' and Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 09.00% 2028 'A' are to be issued through an auction on September 11, 2020.

The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows :

Series	07.00% 2023'A'	09.00% 2026'A'	09.00% 2028'A'
ISIN*	LKB02023J016	LKB01326B011	LKB01628G019
Amount Offered	Rs. 30,000 million	Rs. 40,000 million	Rs. 30,000 million
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%) **	5.75	6.60	7.08
Coupon Rate	07.00% per annum	9.00% per annum	09.00% per annum
Date of Issue	01 October 2003	01 February 2013	01 July 2012
Date of Maturity	01 October 2023	01 February 2026	01 July 2028
Dates of Coupon Payment	01 April & 01 October	01 February & 01 August	01 January & 01 July
Accrued Interest Amount	Rs. 3.1940 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 1.1005 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 1.8587 per Rs. 100.00
Date of Auction	Friday, 11 September 2020		
Closing date and time of bid submission	Friday, 11 September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.		
Date of Settlement	15 September 2020		
Minimum amount of bid	Rupees five million (Rs. 5,000,000/-) and multiples of Rupees one million (Rs. 1,000,000/-) there onwards.		

Bids are invited from the Primary Dealers in Treasury Bonds on the basis of clean prices (exclusive of accrued interest from the date of last coupon payment to the date of settlement). Bids should be made only through the electronic bidding facility provided by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL). With respect to each Series/ ISIN, CBSL may accept any amount not exceeding the amount offered depending on the market conditions.

The general public is invited to purchase Treasury Bonds from the following Primary Dealers and any other Licensed Commercial Banks

Acuity Securities Ltd.	2206297	NSB Fund Management Co. Ltd.	2425010
Bank of Ceylon	2541938	People's Bank	2206783
Capital Alliance Ltd.	2317777	Sampath Bank PLC	2305842
Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC	2332319	Seylan Bank PLC	2456340
First Capital Treasuries Ltd.	2639883	Wealth Trust Securities Ltd	2675096

* International Securities Identification Number

** The rates specified may be subject to adjustment in the event of policy decisions and publicized accordingly in the CBSL web advertisement.

M.Z.M. Aazim
 Superintendent / Registrar of Public Debt

Public Debt Department

CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo 1.

Telephone: 2477011 Fax: 2477687

Web: www.cbsl.gov.lk

QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF 70 GSM WOODFREE OFFSET WHITE PRINTING PAPER

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Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "70 GSM Woodfree Offset White Printing Paper" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
60 MT	70 GSM - Woodfree Offset White Printing Paper - Size: 24" x 30"

Packing : Palletized packets with extra Seaworthy Export packing with moisture barrier.

Foreign Offers:

The bidders should quote both **FOB** and **CIF Colombo** prices (on at sight as well as 90 days usance). **CIF offers should clearly indicate detailed Cost, Freight & Insurance charges** separately. **ANCL reserves the right to place the order on FOB or on CIF term.**

Offers with samples and specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "Quotations for 70 GSM - Woodfree White Printing Paper" on the top left hand corner.

Local Offers:

Ex-stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with samples should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 23rd September 2020 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment, etc. to be clearly indicated on the offers.

Acceptance of new sources / product is subject to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

Bidders or accredited representatives will be allowed to be present at the opening. However, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.



Head of Procurement,
The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited,
No. 35, Lake House,
D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha,
Colombo 10.
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Wattala-Mabola Urban Council**Procurement Notice**

Bids will be received from reputed institutions to attend to the following requirements with regard to the construction of a 03 storeyed, approx. 9000 sq. ft. building for the proposed Health Section and Stores Section of the Wattala-Mabola Urban Council.

- 1.) Preparation of Architectural Drawings
- 2.) Preparation of Structural Drawings
- 3.) Preparation of Estimates
- 4.) Preparation of Procurement Specifications and documents up to the Procurement

Reputed institutions having the ability to offer their services with regard to the above, should submit their bids on or before **30.09.2020**, after inspecting the place. Site inspections can be done during office days and the pre-bid meeting will be held on **25.09.2020 at 10.30 a.m.**

- (1) Procurement details :
 - i.) Issuance of Procurement Forms :
From **09.09.2020** up to **3.00 p.m.** on **29.09.2020**
 - ii.) Acceptance of Bids :
From **09.09.2020** up to **10.00 a.m.** on **30.09.2020**
 - iii.) Opening of Bids :
At **10.30 a.m.** on **30.09.2020**

(2) The cover containing the bid should be marked the name of the project at the left side top corner and bids should be submitted in two copies, as the original and the duplicate.

(3) Bidder or one of his representatives with a written authority can be present at the bid opening.

(4) A non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,000/-** and a refundable deposit of **Rs. 10,000/-** should be placed when obtaining the bid documents.

(5) The decision of the Wattala-Mabola Urban Council with regard to this bid shall be the final.

Duly completed bid documents with a duplicate copy could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Wattala-Mabola Urban Council, Wattala or placed in the Tender Box kept at the same place, to be received at or before **10.30 a.m.** on **01.10.2020**.

**Chairman,
Wattala-Mabola Urban Council.
07.09.2020
Tel No. 011-2932275**

INVITATION FOR BIDS

TEACHING HOSPITAL, KARAPITIYA, GALLE.

OPERATING OF THE CANTEEN - 2020/2021

Applications will be received from qualified applicants for the operating of the Canteen at the Karapitiya Hospital, Galle, for a period of one year, for the year **2020/2021**.

- (1) Relevant applications can be obtained by interested persons from **09.09.2020 up to 29.09.2020** on weekdays between **9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** from the Head Office of the Hospital, on submission of a request letter to the Director of the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital and the Receipts received for the payment of a non-refundable form fee of Rs. 2000.00, made to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital and the National Identity Card.
- (2) Bids, the relevant cover marked "**Provision of Canteen Service for the Year 2020/2021**" at the left-side top corner, could either be sent by Registered Post addressed to, Chairman, Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Deputy Director (Finance) of the Head Office, to be received at or before **10.00 a.m. on 30.09.2020**.
- (3) Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of Bids at the same place and Bidder or one of his authorized Representatives can be present at the opening.
- (4) Bid Documents can be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Deputy Director (Finance).
- (5) Bid Documents will not be issued to persons who have contravened Government Contract Conditions and are blacklisted.
- (6) The Procurement Committee retains the right to either accept or reject Bids received in its entirety or part thereof.
- (7) For further details, contact the Deputy Director (Finance) on Tel. No. 091-2232159.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Teaching Hospital, Karapitiya, Galle.**

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NOTICE

We hereby inform all concerned that the Mortgage Business of our Society, has been closed with effect from 31.12.2000.

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**PURCHASING OF A
ROBOT ARM**

Sri Lanka Energies (Pvt) Ltd., is calling bids for supplying a Robot Arm for Injection Moulding Machines from reputed suppliers.

The tender documents could be obtained from the Head Office at 11th Floor, Sethsiripaya Stage II, Battaramulla from 09th September 2020 on the payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00

Duly completed sealed submissions should be deposited in the Tender Box provided in the same office on or before 11:30 hrs, 30 September 2020.

**General Manager
Sri Lanka Energies (Pvt) Ltd.,
T/P: 0112-186 286 / 071 050 2521
(Sashika)**

MAHO PRADESHIYA SABHA**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Procurement Notice and Conditions of Procurement**

Sealed tenders will be entertained by me, the undersigned upto 10.00 a.m. on **30.09.2020**, for the lease of the trade rights of the meat stalls, fish stands and trade stalls belonging to the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha, morefully described in the schedule below for the period from **01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021**.

Tender forms will be issued from the office of the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha, on working days of the week, from **08.09.2020 upto 1.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020**.

1. Tender application forms will be issued in duplicate (two copies) and duly perfected sealed tenders (both copies) and enclosed in separate covers as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the Chairman, Maho Pradeshiya Sabha, Maho or if hand delivered should be deposited in the tender box kept at this office, to receive on or before the closing time of Tenders.
2. Tenders should be sealed and stamped the envelopes enclosing tenders and name of the relevant tender should be indicated on the top left hand corner of the relevant envelope. Tenderers should assure themselves that with the original and the duplicate of the tenders will be received at this office before the stipulated closing time.
3. All tenders should be submitted / bid over the minimum bid of the relevant item of work. Cheques will not be accepted for the issuance of tender documents and tenders submitted below the part of the minimum bid and late and incomplete tenders will be rejected and bids of those tenderers will be confiscated and forfeited by the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha.
4. The security deposits of the tenderers who have obtained tender documents and yet not submit the tenders, will also be forfeited and confiscated by the Pradeshiya Sabha.
5. Duly perfected, sealed tenders will be opened at **10.00 a.m. on 30.09.2020** in the presence of the procurement committee of the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha, and the tenderer or his / her authorized agents, could be present on this occasion of opening of tenders.
6. The decision of the procurement committee of the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha, will be the final.
7. Further details could be obtained by visiting the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha or contacting upon the telephone No. 037-2275275.

Schedule

Serial No.	Description of the Assets	Minimum Bid (Rs.)	Non refundable Tender form fee (Rs.)	Refundable Bid Security Deposit (Rs.)
01	Maho Beef Stall	1,621,000.00	2,000.00	81,050.00
02	Ambanpola Beef Stall	185,000.00	1,000.00	14,800.00
03	Maho Chicken Stall	396,000.00	1,000.00	31,680.00
04	Maho Fish Stand No. 01	230,000.00	1,000.00	18,400.00
05	Maho Fish Stand No. 02	230,000.00	1,000.00	18,400.00
06	Ambanpola Fish Stand	100,000.00	1,000.00	10,000.00
07	Divullewa Junction Fish Stand	9,200.00	1,000.00	920.00
08	Yapahuwa Junction Chicken Stall	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
09	Maho New Public Market Trade Stall No. 11	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
10	Maho New Public Market Trade Stall No. 12	36,000.00	1,000.00	3,600.00
11	Maho new Public market trade stall No. 03	50,000.00	1,000.00	5,000.00
12	Maho new public market, trade stall No. 04	16,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00
13	Maho new public market trade stall No. 05	16,000.00	1,000.00	1,600.00

**Chairman,
Maho Pradeshiya Sabha**

at the Maho Pradeshiya Sabha
07.09.2020

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department Ministry of Urban Development and Housing

Supply of Rock materials for the Construction of Coastal Protective Structures & Supply of Heavy Machineries and Vehicles to Construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department invites sealed bids from all eligible and qualified bidders for the **Supply of Rock Materials for the construction of Coastal Protective Structures and for the Supply of Heavy Machineries and Vehicles to the construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures** as described below. Each procurement is an individual and independent procurement activity.

Name of the contract and contract no.	Description of Supply	Bid Security (Rs.) and Bid Validity Period	Supply duration (max.)	District	Contact Person
Construction of 50m T groyne at Kuttiduwa CCD/CD/2020/47	1850 Nos. of 1.0 - 1.5T rock armours (boulders)	92,000/= 77 days	30 days	Gampaha	Area Engineer (Colombo North) 031-2238400
	1400 Nos. of 1.5 - 2.0T rock armours (boulders)				
	1920m ³ of 2-250kg mixed material				
	01 No of 20T Excavator for 200 machine hours	20,000/= 49 days			
	01 No. of 1.0 cube Loader for 180 machine hours				

2. Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding Procedure**.
3. To be eligible for the contract award the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted.
4. To qualify for contract award, the bidders are requested to submit the following documents with their bids.

A. For Material Supply

- a) Certified list of machines, tippers, tractors, dump trucks and other vehicles which will be used in transporting materials with copies of vehicle/ machinery registration certificates
- b) Information of Rock Material supply during last five years to our Organization.
- c) Copies of Explosive Permit, Environmental Protection Permit and Industrial mining License which are valid for year 2020.
- d) Copies of Business Registration VAT Registration, etc.

B. For Heavy Machinery and Vehicle

- a. Certified list of machineries (Tippers, Loaders, Wheel excavators, High Bed / Low Bed Trailers, Dump Trucks) with their registration certificates.
- b. Information of heavy machinery and vehicle supply during last five years to our Department or any other Organization.
- c. Copies of documents to prove the ownership of heavy machineries and vehicles.
- d. Certified copies of Vehicle Insurance
- e. Copies of Business Registration, VAT Registration etc.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Additional Director General (Coastal Engineering), Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10 and inspect Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. and the bidders can reach officials for clarifications through Telephone 011-2472622/ 011-2322564 or Fax: 011- 2387920
6. Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application on a business letterhead to the Additional Director General (Coastal Engineering) at the above address from **09.09.2020 to 23.09.2020** from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon **payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Thousand (Rs. 1,000/=)**
7. Completed Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10, to reach on or before **1400 hrs. on 23.09.2020 for Supply of Rock Materials for the construction of Coastal Protective Structures and on or before 1430 hrs. on 23.09.2020 for Supply of Machineries and Vehicles to Construction sites of Coastal Protective Structures**
8. Sealed envelopes shall clearly bear the Contract name, contract identification No. and the criteria of supply (Material/ Machine)
9. Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids at the Department of Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management, 4th Floor, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10, in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
10. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security / a receipt of cash deposit for the amount stated in above description and the validity of bid security shall be **28 days beyond the bid validity period**. Cash deposit to the stated amount shall be paid to Shroff of the Department. Bid validity period shall be counted from the first day after bid opening date.
11. Late bids will be rejected.

**Director General,
Coast Conservation and Coastal Resource Management Department,
4th Floor, New Secretariat Building,
Maligawatta,
Colombo 10
Telephone: 011-2449197/011-2472622/011 2387920, Fax 011-2387920/ 011-2438005**

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TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputable Companies who are capable of removing of general waste from **Colombo International Container Terminals Limited ("CICT")**.

Tender No.	Description of Work	Closing Date
RFQ/01/09/20	Procurement of General waste removal tender	30th SEP 2020

Prospective Vendors are requested to obtain Tender Documents (In Electronic Format Only) by email to Ranidu Laksiri of Procurement Department of CICT (Mob/Tel : 0766-666803, 0112-666803) (Email : ranidu.laksiri@cict.lk)

Please submit your sealed Tenders to be received to below address not later than **3.00 p.m. (local time), on 30th SEP 2020** mentioning "Procurement of General Waste Removal Tender" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Management Committee
Colombo International Container Terminals Limited,
Port of Colombo,
120/20, Marine Drive Road,
Colombo 01,
Sri Lanka.

Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha, Kokkuvil

Invitation for Bids

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha, Kokkuvil invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following Works.

SN	Bid No.	Name of Item/Work	Bid Security & Validity Period	Non-Refundable Fees
01	NP/14/41/10/Acc/Proc/Sewing Machine - 2020	Purchase of Sewing Machines (10 Nos.)	5,000.00 21.12.2020	1,000.00
02	NP/14/41/(10)/Acc/Proc/Bicycles - 2020	Purchase of Bicycles (100 Nos.)	20,000.00 21.12.2020	1,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
- Interested eligible Suppliers may obtain applications from 10th September 2020 to 23rd September 2020 between 8.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. on working days from the Accounts Branch of Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha, Kokkuvil and payment of non-refundable fee should be made as given on the above. (For further information contact Telephone No. 021-222-2700, Fax No. 021-222-0138).
- Suppliers may submit their quotations by hand or registered post. The envelope shall bear the identification number on the left top corner (NP/14/41.....). The quotations to be addressed to Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha of Nallur, 14/5, Karuvappulam Road, Kokkuvil to reach before 10.00 a.m. on 24th September 2020 and will be opened immediately after closing of bids. Suppliers or their authorized representatives may be present. Late bids will be rejected.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security and the validity period of Bid Security is given in table above.
- A Pre bid meeting will be held at Pradeshiya Sabha of Nallur on 16th September 2020 at 10.00 a.m. Interested bidders may participate in this meeting at their own expense.

Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Nallur Pradeshiya Sabha.
09.09.2020



NATIONAL CANCER CONTROL PROGRAMME

MINISTRY OF HEALTH

PROCUREMENT OF CLINICAL BREAST EXAMINATION MANNEQUINS

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Anti Malaria Campaign, Ministry of Health, invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders to Purchase 26 clinical breast examination mannequins.

Contract No.	Description	Quantity	Refundable Bid Security (Rs.)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
NCCP/GOSL/15/2020	Purchasing 26 clinical breast examination mannequins	26	81,000.00	3000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Director, National Cancer Control Programme and inspect the Bidding documents at the address given below from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on office working days, commencing from **09.09.2020 to 29.09.2020**.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested Bidder from the Director, National Cancer Control Programme at the address given below on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. up to **28.09.2020** on submission of a written request and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lanka Rupees 3,000.00 (Three Thousand only). The method of payment will be in the form of cash, to the National Cancer Control Programme Office.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **29.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m.** Bids will be closed on **29.09.2020 at 10.00 a.m.** and will be opened immediately afterwards. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as indicated in the table of this invitation for Bids. Late Bids will be rejected. All Bidders who purchased the Bid documents are invited to participate at the time of bid opening at the address given below.
- The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee will not be responsible for any cost or any expenses incurred by the Bidders in connection with this Procurement of Purchasing 26 clinical breast examination mannequins.

(On behalf of Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee)
Director, National Cancer Control Programme
555/5, Public Health Complex,
Elvitigala Mawatha,
Colombo 05.

Tel : 011 2368627
 Fax : 011 2368627
 Email : nccpsl@yahoo.com

PEOPLE'S BANK

TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

TENDER FOR PROVIDING SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2020/2023

TENDER NO. P 060/2020

Regarding the tender notice published on 19.08.2020, Bank has decided that deadline for the submission of your offer to be extended till 24.09.2020, 2.00 p.m. due to unavoidable circumstances.

A pre-bid meeting on the above tender will be conducted in due course.

Further information please contact Chief Manager (Supplies) on following contact details.

Chief Manager - Supplies Department
Peoples' Bank
No. 30/101, New Road,
Colombo 02.

Tele No. : 2439577

Fax No. : 2439576

Web : www.peoplesbank.lk



NOTICE

Supply and Installation of Central Air-Conditioning System

Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwala.

Reference to the advertisement published on 28.08.2020 in the Newspapers to select and appoint a suitable Contractor, for the Supply and Installation of a Central Air-Conditioning System for the new PCR Laboratory of the Colombo South Teaching Hospital published by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, Kalubowila, Dehiwala. The Advt. referred to has been amended as follows :

- The Issuance of Bidding Documents has been extended **up to 2.00 p.m. on 18.09.2020**.
- Closing Date of Acceptance of Bids has been extended **up to 2.00 p.m. on 21.09.2020**.
- Bids will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 21.09.2020** at the Office Auditorium of this Hospital.
- Accordingly, Bids should be valid up to **18.12.2020** (Bid Validity Period) and Bid Security Deposits should be valid **up to 04.01.2021**. (Bid Security Validity Period).
- It is hereby informed that the Details requested under No. 12 of the Document Check List, in Page No. 21 of the Bidding Documents is not necessary.
- Pre Bid Meeting for the above Procurement will be held at **10.00 a.m. on 15.09.2020** at the Office Auditorium of the Hospital.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee,
Colombo South Teaching Hospital,
Kalubowila,
Dehiwala.

NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that a business establishment Sri Lakshmi Products (WTL/5565) at No. 74/1, Sri Wickrama Mawatha, Wattala is closed for business from 15.03.2016.

Management

LAND ACQUISITION ACT CHAPTER 460

Notice under Section 7

My Ref. No. MN/DS/L/D1/AQ/WPP/45
 Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/5/2019/CEB/40

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act, calling for the inquiries under Section 9 of the said Act, in respect of the allotments of land / lands which is described in the following schedule, which are required for a public purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2188/51 dated 14.08.2020.

- Province : Northern
- District : Mannar
- Divisional Secretariat : Mannar Town
- Grama Niladhari's Division : MN/62, Thoddaveli
- Name of the Village : Thoddaveli
- Name of the Land : Thoddavelikani
- Plan No. : MN 835
- Lot No. : 1
- Extent : 2.4064 Hectares

Please see the said Gazette for further details.

M. Piratheep
Divisional Secretary,
Mannar Town

Divisional Secretariat
of Mannar Town
 27.08.2020

LAND ACQUISITION ACT CHAPTER 460

Notice under Section 7

My Ref. No. MN/DS/L/D1/AQ/WPP/47
 Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/5/2019/CEB/42

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act, calling for the inquiries under Section 9 of the said Act in respect of the allotments of land / lands which is described in the following schedule, which are required for a public purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2188/51 dated 14.08.2020.

- Province : Northern
- District : Mannar
- Divisional Secretariat : Mannar Town
- Grama Niladhari's Division : MN/62, Thoddaveli
- Name of the Village : Thoddaveli
- Name of the Land : Thoddavelikani
- Plan No. : MN 833
- Lot No. : 1
- Extent : 2.4437 Hectares

Please see the said Gazette for further details.

M. Piratheep
Divisional Secretary,
Mannar Town

Divisional Secretariat
of Mannar Town
 27.08.2020



SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR PURCHASE OF SET-TOP BOXES FOR SLT PEO TV

(Tender No: L/0402/2020)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to **10:00 hrs on 25th September 2020**

Tender documents could be obtained from the under mentioned office during office hours commencing **from 09:00 hrs. on 09th September 2020, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by;**

- Producing the receipt obtained after payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs 1,000.00 + Taxes to the Shroff, Sri Lanka Telecom, Lotus Road, Colombo 1 and
- Submitting the duly signed Non Disclosure Agreement published in the below website.

Sealed tenders shall be sent by hand or by Registered Post, addressed to the undersigned to reach him before closing the tenders at **10:00 hrs on 25th September 2020**.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' representatives.

Registered suppliers for the relevant sub category can download the documents from <https://etender.slt.lk>

Please call on **011-3090653** for further information.

CHAIRMAN - SENIOR TENDER BOARD
PROCUREMENT DIVISION,
9th FLOOR, SLT/HQ - A Building,
SRI LANKA TELECOM,
LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.



MINISTRY OF ENERGY CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION

PURCHASE OF BEARING ASSEMBLY UNITS

B/40/2020

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation will receive International Competitive Bids from eligible Suppliers for the purchase of Bearing Assembly Units.

Bidding documents can be obtained between **0900 hrs and 1500 hrs up to 08.10.2020** from the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on a written request and on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 (Rs. 925.93 + 8% VAT) per set.

Bids will be closed at **1400 hrs on 09.10.2020** and opened at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), immediately after closing time of Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of Bids.

Bids may be sent by post under Registered Cover or may be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 01st Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09.

Bidding documents may be inspected at the Office of Manager (Procurement & Stores) up to 1500 hrs on **08.10.2020**. The Bidding Document is also available on the Website : www.ceypetco.gov.lk for inspection of interested Bidders.

Clarifications (if any) shall be sought from the undermentioned Telephone/Fax Numbers.

Chairman
Departmental Procurement Committee
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores)
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,
No. 609,
Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha,
Colombo 09, Sri Lanka.
 Tele : 0094-11-5455330, 5455337
 Fax : 0094-11-5455424

For classified advertisements and for replies

received in response to advertisements published under Lake House box numbers

Please Contact

MANAGER FRONT OFFICE

Hotline: 1949



NOTICE

Notice is here by given in terms of section 7 of the Companies Act.No 9(1) of 2007
 Name : DALASH WIN CEYLON (PRIVATE) LIMITED
 PV No: PV 00226107
 Date: 2020/08/18
 No: 27/8/3 Vihara Mawatha, Kolonnawa.

I, VIRGIN PRETTYBA KALAINAIDU of No. 43/1, Mohamadiyar Nagar Trincomalee NIC - 825650547V will be using my name in future as **Virginy Prettyba Kalnaidu** I do hereby inform the Sri Lankan Government and general public.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Name of the company: MAULA MARK (PRIVATE) LIMITED
 Registration No. PV 78898
 Registered Address: No. 439/C, Kalugamuwa, Geliyoa, Kandy.
 Reg. date: 19.05.2011
 COMPANY SECRETARY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Agroflora Tissue Culture Laboratory (Pvt) Ltd. hereby give the notice to the Public on Incorporation under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
 Name of the Company : Agroflora Tissue Culture Laboratory (Pvt) Ltd.
 Registered Office : No.25/11, Thalpathpitiya Road, Nugegoda.
 Registration Number : PV 00211086

**WATTALA - MABOLA URBAN COUNCIL
 PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Bids will be received from bidders with experience and ability for the undermentioned project, belonging to the Wattala Mabola Urban Council.

S/No.	Project	Tender form fee (non refundable) -Rs.-	Tender Deposit (Refundable) -Rs.-
01	Construction of a Public Toilet system inside a (20 x 10) container in the Hendala Trading Complex.	1000.00 + VAT	10,000.00

(1) Procurement Details :

- i) Issuance of Procurement Forms : from 09.09.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020.
- ii) Acceptance of Bids : from 09.09.2020 up to 10.00 a.m. on 30.09.2020.
- iii) Opening of Bids : At 10.30 a.m. on 30.09.2020

(2) The cover containing the bid should be marked the name of the Project at the left side top corner and should be submitted in two copies as the original and duplicate.

(3) Bidder or one of his representatives with a written authority can be present at the bid opening.

(4) The Wattala - Mabola Urban Council retains the right to the final decision with regard to this bid.

Duly completed sealed bids with a copy, could either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Wattala-Mabola Urban Council, Wattala or placed in the tender box kept at the same place, to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 30.09.2020.

**Chairman,
 Wattala-Mabola Urban Council
 Tel. No. 0112932275**

07.09.2020

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

EXTENSION OF BID SUBMISSION DATE

PROCUREMENT OF LIVE AND BLANK AMMUNITIONS FOR SRI LANKA POLICE

BID CONTRACT NO. :- MOD/FD/PB/50/11/09/2019

Further to the advertisement on Bids Invitation which appeared in the Sunday Observer on 01st of March 2020 and 07th of July 2020.

Please note that the closing dates of the following procurements have now been extended to the dates mentioned below.

Accordingly, the following amendments are enforced and these amendments should be taken into consideration by the prospective bidders for bidding process of the following procurements. Except the details described below, the other information given in the above advertisement remain unchanged.

The Bank Guarantees and Bids should be valid for the period mentioned below.

Name of Procurement	Qty	Bid Closing Date & Time	Issuing of Bid Document up to	Bid Guarantees should be valid up to	Bids should be valid up to	Date of Sample Submission
Procurement of Live and Blank Ammunitions For Sri Lanka Police	Bulk Purchase	23.09.2020 at 1400 hrs.	22.09.2020	From 23.09.2020 to 19.01.2021	From 23.09.2020 to 23.12.2020	On or before 06.11.2020 at 1500 hrs.

For further clarifications, please contact;

Address

**Accountant (Procurements),
 Ministry of Defence,
 No. 15/5, Baladhaksha Mawatha,
 Colombo-03.
 email: procurement@defence.lk**

**Chairman,
 Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC),
 Ministry of Defence.**

Telephone/Fax Numbers

T/Phone - 011-2390719
 Fax - 011-2390720

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**BIYAGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA
 DELGODA**

**Lease of Meat Stalls / Weekly Fair
 and other properties**

Sealed bids will be received by me until 1.30 p.m. on 30.09.2020 to lease the meat stalls / weekly fairs and other properties in the area of authority of the Biyagama Pradeshiya sabha described in the Schedule below for a period of one year from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021.

1. Bid forms could be obtained from the head office of the Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha at Delgoda until 3.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020 on payment of form fees and bid deposits as described below.
2. It is compulsory to produce the NIC, passport or any other documents to confirm the identity when obtaining the bid forms.
3. Government taxes will be levied in addition to the bid form fees and payments to be made only in cash.
4. Bid form issued in duplicate must be submitted in two separate sealed envelopes by registered post to the Chairman, Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha, Delgoda. or by placing in the bid box kept at the office before the deadline. Late bids will be rejected. The name of the bidder and the stall must be written on the top left hand corner of the envelope. The Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject the bid.
5. The bid deposit of those who bid below the minimum bid or who do not submit bids after collecting the bid form will be forfeited by the Sabha.
- 6) Bidders who have functioned successfully with another institution prior to 2020 must submit the relevant documents together with the bids.
- 7) Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 30.09.2020 at the head office of the Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha.

The bidder or his authorized representative may be present on this occasion.

Further details in this regard could be obtained until 300 p.m. on weekdays from the head office of the Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha Tel. 0112402226 / 0112403194.

The Schedule

No.	Stall	Tender form fee Rs.	Refundable Deposit Rs.	Minimum Bid Rs.
01	Kadawatha Public Market Weekly Fair	500.00	30000.00	804700.00
02	Pattiwala Weekly Fair	500.00	10000.00	242000.00
03	Malwana Beef Stall	500.00	50000.00	607200.00
04	Ulahitiwala Beef Stall	500.00	50000.00	559900.00
05	Kadawatha Public Market Chicken Stall	500.00	15000.00	279619.00
06	Makola Public Market Mutton Chicken Stall	500.00	20000.00	407550.00
07	Kadawatha Public Market Pork Stall	500.00	25000.00	673200.00
08	Makola Public Market Pork Stall	500.00	30000.00	727342.00
09	Kadawatha Public Market Public Toilet	500.00	2400.00	26500.00
10	Temporary trade stalls on either side of the Biyagama Free Trade Zone Road (Bazaar)	500.00	15000.00	176000.00
11	Walgama Weekly Fair	500.00	5000.00	72000.00

**G.A.A.C. Ganepola
 Chairman,
 Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha**

**Office of the Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha
 Delgoda.
 07.09.2020**



**SWAMI VIPULANANDA INSTITUTE OF AESTHETIC STUDIES
 EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**

Invitation for Bids

**Providing Security Services for Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies,
 Eastern University, Sri Lanka**

1. The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Providing Security Services for Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka.
2. The Intended Service Period is One year.
3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB)
4. Qualifications requirements include:
 - a. Bidder shall be a legally registered company in Sri Lanka and approved by the Ministry of Defence.
 - b. Bidder should have achieved minimum average annual turnover of LKR 35 million for the latest three completed financial years. (2018/2019, 2017/2018, 2016/ 2017)
 - c. Bidder should possess minimum of LKR 2.5 million net liquid assets. (Current assets - Current liability - Inventory) for the recent financial year. (2018/2019)
 - d. Bidder should have at least 3 years' experience in the field.
 - e. Bidder should have at least a staff fleet of not less than 150 security persons under the firm.
5. A complete set of bidding document in English may be purchased by interesting bidders on submission of written application from Deputy Registrar on a payment of non-refundable tender fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Three thousand (Rs. 3,000.00) from 09.09.2020 until 25.09.2020 within the working days, between 9.00am to 3.00pm. This fee shall be credited to the Account No: 075100110000767 in the Peoples Bank drawn in favour of "Director, Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Kallady, Batticaloa".
6. Quotation Number and the Subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of envelope. Late and incomplete bids will be rejected.
7. Bids must be delivered no later than 2.30pm on September 30, 2020 at the address; The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, SVIAS, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Kallady, Batticaloa. Late bids will be rejected.
8. A pre bid meeting will be held on September 21, 2020 at 10.00 am at the Board room of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Kallady, Batticaloa. Interested bidders may participate in the meeting at their own expenses.
9. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing at the above address
10. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of Bids.
11. Bids shall be valid for a period of 118 days (22.01.2021) after the Deadline for submission of Bids and all bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security for Sri Lankan Rupees One Hundred Fifty Thousand (LKR150,000.00) in the format given in the Bidding Documents.
12. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy Registrar of Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, Eastern University, Sri Lanka at Kallady, Batticaloa at this address during any working days during office hours from 9.00hrs to 15.00hrs. The Deputy Registrar may be contacted on Telephone 065 2050965.

**Chairman,
 Department Procurement Committee,
 Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies
 Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Kallady, Batticaloa.
 09/09/2020**

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LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7
 My Ref. No. MN/DS/L/D1/AQ/WPP/44
 Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/5/2019/CEB/41

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act, calling for the inquiries under Section 9 of the said Act in respect of the allotments of land / lands which is described in the following schedule, which are required for a public purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2188/51 dated 14.08.2020.

1. Province	: Northern
2. District	: Mannar
3. Divisional Secretariat	: Mannar Town
4. Grama Niladhari's Division	: MN/62 Thoddaveli
5. Name of the Village	: Thoddaveli
6. Name of the Land	: Thoddavelikani
7. Plan No.	: MN 836
8. Lot No.	: 1
9. Extent	: Hectares 2.1310

Please see the said Gazette for further details.

M. Piratheep
 Divisional Secretary,
 Mannar Town

Divisional Secretariat
 Mannar Town.
 27.08.2020

LAND ACQUISITION ACT CHAPTER 460 Notice under Section 7
 My Ref. No. MN/DS/L/D1/AQ/WPP/46
 Land Ministry Ref. No.: 4-3/5/2019/CEB/43

A notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition Act, calling for the inquiries under Section 9 of the said Act, in respect of the allotments of land / lands which is described in the following schedule, which are required for a public purpose, has been published in the Gazette Extra Ordinary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka No. 2188/51 dated 14.08.2020.

1. Province	: Northern
2. District	: Mannar
3. Divisional Secretariat	: Mannar Town
4. Grama Niladhari's Division	: MN/62, Thoddaveli
5. Name of the Village	: Thoddaveli
6. Name of the Land	: Thoddavelikani
7. Plan No.	: MN 834
8. Lot No.	: 1
9. Extent	: 2.0673 Hectares

Please see the said Gazette for further details.

M. Piratheep
 Divisional Secretary,
 Mannar Town

Divisional Secretariat
 of Mannar Town
 27.08.2020

AUCTION OF UNREDEEMED GOLD ARTICLES

Gold articles left as security for gold loans at Vavuniya, Balangoda, Moratuwa, Kalutara, Kurunegala, Galle, Medawachchiya, Polonnaruwa, Dehiattakandiya, Kanthale, Walapane, Kandy, Chilawa, Keagalle, Nikaweratiya, Bandarawela, Monaragala, Kirulapone (City Branch), Ampara, Mannar, Mallavi, Ratnapura, Batticaloa, Dambulla, Hatton, Horana, Jaffna, Matara, Nuwara-Eliya, Puttalam, Trincomalee, and Matale HNB Finance branches, up to 31/01/2020, and not redeemed or renewed by 22/09/2020, will be sold by public auction.

Auction Date : 23/09/2020
Auction Time : 10.30 am
Auction Venue : HNB Finance, No.168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda

- Participants to the auction must produce their National Identity Cards.
- HNB Finance Limited reserves the right to cancel, postpone or merge the auction dates.

HNB Finance Limited
 No. 168, Nawala Road, Nugegoda.
 Tel: 0112 02 48 48
 Fax: 0112 17 62 63

HNB FINANCE

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964. Notice under Section 7
 My No. MWN/LAN/ACQUI/D1/5-11

The Land, described in the Schedule below has been acquired by the Government for a public purpose.

For more details refer the schedule III of the Extra - Ordinary Gazette No. 2186/21 dated 29.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

M.M.P. Priyangani Petangoda
 Divisional Secretary,
 Mawanella.

Divisional Secretariat
 Mawanella
 Date: 31.08.2020

SCHEDULE

The allotments of land No. 1-32 called Mawathalanda / Peterwaththa / Bandarawaththa, Beligahawaththa mentioned in the Plan No. M.P.K. 3558 dated 30.08.2019, situated at Anwarama Village in No. 19D Grama Niladhari Division of Habbunkaduwa, Galboda Korale (East) Minor Division, in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Mawanella, in Kegalle District in Sabaragamuwa Province.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE
MAHAMODERA TEACHING HOSPITAL

Sealed Quotations will be received up to 10.00 a.m. on 02.10.2020 from State and Private Institutions, qualified in Electrical Maintenance Work, to attend to the Electrical Maintenance Work of the Mahamodera Teaching Hospital, Galle, for the Year 2020/2021. Relevant Forms can be obtained from the Head Office of the Hospital up to 2.30 p.m. on 30.09.2020, on payment of a Form Fee of Rs. 500/=. The cover containing the quotations should be marked "Quotation for Electrical Maintenance Work" at the left-side top corner. Sealed Bids should be sent by registered post addressed to : "Chairman, Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Mahamodera, Galle" or else they can be placed in the Tender Box kept at the Director's Office.

Further details can be obtained during office hours.

Chairman
 Regional Procurement Committee,
 Teaching Hospital,
 Mahamodera, Galle.
 0912222261

PROCUREMENT NOTICE - GLOBAL

PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY

EXTENSION OF CLOSING DATE
Tender No. T/GL-001//2020

Please be informed that the above Tender No. closing date for purchasing of Medium Frequency Induction Furnace which was published in the Global Procurement Notice on March 23, 2020, has been extended.

Below is the Revised Tender Closing Date for purchasing of Medium Frequency Induction Furnace.

Revised Closing Date : September 24th 2020 at 09:00 hrs. GMT.

Note : Other terms & Conditions remain same.

Chairman
 Industrial Development Board
 No. 615, Galle Road, Katubedda, Moratuwa,
 Sri Lanka.
 Fax: 0094 11 2607002
 Tel : 0094 11 2607002
 email chairman@idb.gov.lk

LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964 (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7
 My Ref. No. RAT/LAN/10/F1/1
 Land & Land Dev. Mini's Ref. No.: 4-3/4/2017/D/131

The General Public is hereby informed that the inquiry under Section 9 of the Land Acquisition Act with regard to the land described below, which has been acquired to the Government, will be held on 09.09.2020 at the Divisional Secretariat Ratmalana.

The persons interested in this land should appear at that inquiry. For further details please see the Gazette No. 2186/21 dated 29.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule
 Divisional Secretariat : Rathmalana
 P.P. No. : 521001/10/09
 Lot No. : 261 (one allotment)
 Total Extent : 0.7279 hectare
 Name of the land : Kadawalawaththa, assessment No. 30 and 34 at old Air Port Road.

H.R. Himali Karunarathna
 Divisional Secretary,
 Rathmalana

Divisional Secretariat
 Divisional Secretary's Division
 Ratmalana.
 02.09.2020

THE COMMITTEE ON HIGH POSTS OF THE PARLIAMENT OF SRI LANKA TO EXAMINE THE SUITABILITY OF PERSONS APPOINTED/NOMINATED TO THE STATE SERVICES AND STATE CORPORATIONS

The Committee on High Posts of the Parliament of Sri Lanka is due to examine the suitability of the persons nominated / appointed to the following posts: -

No.	Name and Address	Designation
1	Admiral (Retd.) K. K. V. P. Harischandra de Silva No. 137/15B, 2nd Lane, Salgas Mawatha, Mattegoda	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
2	Mr. Vishramal Sanjiv Gunasekara No. 175, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 04	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to Japan
3	Mr. Asoka Milinda Moragoda, No. 3/2, Allen Mathiniyarama Road, Colombo 05	Nominated as the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to the Republic of India
4	Mr. Ravinatha Ariyasinha, No. 30/54, Longdon Place, Colombo 07	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the United States of America
5	Professor. Kshanika Hirimburegama, No. 03 2/1, Lake Crescent, Colombo 02	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the French Republic
6	Dr. Palitha Kohona Mahawatte, Kohona, Pallepola	Nominated as the Ambassador of Sri Lanka to the People's Republic of China

Any organization or individual desirous of making representations with regard to the above nominations / appointments should send duly signed written memoranda under registered cover to **The Secretary, Committee on High Posts, Committee Office, Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayawardanepura Kotte** on or before **23 September 2020**. Representations may also be faxed to fax No. 011-2777300 or be sent via email: highposts_c@parliament.lk.

The Committee may require such memoranda to be supported by oral evidence. The advertisement is also available in the Parliament Website (www.parliament.lk)

Secretary to the Committee
Secretary General of Parliament

Parliament of Sri Lanka
 Sri Jayawardanepura kotte
 09 September 2020

Procurement Notice
North Western Provincial Department of Ayurveda
Supplies and Services - 2021

Bids are invited for the supply of following supplies and services for year - 2021 for the North Western Provincial Department of Ayurveda and bids are received from qualified persons and institutions up to 10.00 a.m. on 30th September 2020. Quotations may be submitted for one or both services.

02. **Bid forms and other details :**

Will be issued from 09th September 2020 up to 3.00 p.m. on 29th September 2020 and the following qualifications should be certified to be true and submitted to obtain bid documents.

- National Identity Card
- Certificate issued by the Regional Director of Health Services that the linen washing place suitable for washing for the Ayurvedic Hospital, Kurunegala.

03.

Institution to which Supplies should be made	Supplies and Services	Amount of Bid Bond / Security Deposit (Rs.)	Security Deposit		
			Refundable Deposit (Rs.)	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)	
(a) I. D.W. Welagedera Ayurvedic Hospital	i. Supply of Dry Firewood	25000.00		1000.00	
	ii. Washing of Soiled Linen	25000.00		1000.00	
(b) Rural Hospitals	i. Supply of Dry Firewood	-	2500.00	500.00	
		-	500.00	200.00	
	ii. Washing of Soiled Linen	-			
		-			
	9. Puttalam	i. Washing of Soiled Linen	-	500.00	200.00

04. **Maximum rate for washing soiled linen is as follows :**
 Small size piece (less than 5 sq. ft.) Price to wash a piece Rs. 65.00
 Medium size piece (From 5 to 18 sq. ft.) Price to wash a piece Rs. 80.00
 Large size piece (Above 18 sq. ft.) Price to wash a piece Rs. 150.00

05. **Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 23.09.2020 at this office**

06. **Receiving and Opening of Bids:**
 Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 30th September 2020. Duly perfected bids should be inserted in a sealed envelope mentioning the service applying for on the left-hand top corner of the envelope and may either be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this office to be received before the scheduled time and date. Bids will be opened at 10.15 a.m. on 30th September 2020. Decision of the Procurement Committee is final. For further details, please call Tel. No. 037-2228408.

S.M.A.R. Seneviratne
 Chairman / Procurement Committee
 Office of the North Western Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda
 Colombo Road,
 Kurunegala.

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