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## NEW 'OBSCENE PUBLICATIONS' BILL TO BE DRAFTED CABINET APPROVES PROPOSAL TO CURB CHILD PORNOGRAPHY



ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Government has taken measures to draft a new bill on "Obscene Publications" to curb child pornography. The Cabinet of Ministers who met on Monday (21) under the auspices of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa approved a proposal made by Justice Minister Ali Sabry to advise the Legal Draftment to proceed with the preparation of the proposed bill. Accordingly, the Legal Drafting will also

be advised to proceed with the drafting process based on the document containing the information required to draft a new bill prepared by the Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka (ICTA) and Sri Lanka Computer Emergency Readiness Team on the advice of the Attorney General, the Cabinet of Ministers said in a statement yesterday. "Posting child pornography through Information Technology" **TO PAGE 02**

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**Good Governance Govt. spent Rs.11,918 mn for tinned fish imports in 2019 - Bandula**  
SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI  
A sum of Rs.11,918 million was spent to import tinned fish in 2019 under Good Governance Government when the country is surrounded by the sea. The Mahinda Rajapaksa government spent only Rs.515 million for the same purpose, said Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena in Parliament yesterday. He said further that the with the reduction of custom duties on the import of tinned fish during the UNP led previous government tenure the import and intern the out flow of foreign currency soared. **TO PAGE 02**

## UN'S RESPONSIBILITY IS TO ASSIST DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVTS - PRESIDENT TELLS UNGA

**'GLOBAL COMMUNITY MUST STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH SRI LANKA TO COUNTER TERRORISM'** **'SL IS COMMITTED TO PROMOTE PEACE ACROSS THE WORLD'** **'VIGILANT ON TRANSNATIONAL DRUG TRAFFICKING'** **'ONCE DEVELOPED, UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO COVID-19 VACCINE IS VITAL'**

"Democratically elected governments of nations understand the pulse and needs of their people the best. It is the responsibility of the UN to assist and support processes of such elected Governments to bring about sustainable solutions for needs of their people," President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said in pre-recorded address to the General Debate of the 75th General Assembly on the United Nations yesterday (23). "Sri Lanka is committed to follow a neutral foreign policy with no affiliations to any particular country or power bloc," the President reiterated. The annual session of the General Assembly commenced at the UN Headquarters in New York at 9.00 p.m. in Sri Lanka Time yesterday (22) using video conferencing technology. This year's General Session is being held under the theme of "The Future We Want, the UN We Need: Reaffirming Our Collective Commitment to Multilateralism". President Rajapaksa joined the Session around 4.45 am local time. Emphasizing that Sri Lanka remains deeply committed to addressing **(Full address on Page 11)** **TO PAGE 02**

**Circular issued on official hours of Grama Niladhari**  
All Grama Niladhari (GN) Officers must remain in their offices on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.30am and 4.15 pm and on Saturdays till 12.30pm, a Circular issued by Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Ministry Secretary Major General (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne stated. The Circular said the GN officers can reserve Monday to visit their relevant Divisional Secretariat (DS) Office and attend to the work referred to them from it. From the rest of three days in the week, two days must be allocated for field work. The remaining day of the week will be their off-day. The Circular will be effective from October 1. The Circular said the Grama Niladhari Officers are duty bound to work round the clock on all working days.

**Mega Power lottery creates history with Rs.236 mn winner**  
Creating a record in the history of Sri Lanka lotteries, a winner to the tune of Rs. 236 million was found for the Mega Power Lottery marketed by National Lotteries Board. The winning ticket was sold by a Lottery agent, R.A.Ajith Ranasinghe of Katugostota Kandy. **TO PAGE 02**

The Sri Lanka Army manufactured 'Unibuffel combat vehicles' (an improvised version of Unicorn) arrived in Mali and the United Nations peacekeeping missions were in the process of conducting test runs and terrain acclimatization. The 'Unibuffel combat vehicles' were manufactured by the Sri Lanka Army's Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (SLEME). About 243 Sri Lankan UN Peacekeepers are serving the Mali Combat Squadron. **Picture courtesy Army Media Unit**

**Two Police personnel deployed for each Parliamentarian - Chamal**  
SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL AND AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI  
Police Officers will be assigned to provide security for both Parliamentarians and the public alike and the Police Officers would not be assigned to carry the files and bags of Parliamentarians, said Irrigation Minister and Internal security. **TO PAGE 02**

**PCoI probing the Easter Sunday attacks**  
**Notices issued on Maithri, his Private Secretary and three Auxiliary Bishops**  
SHAVINI MADHARA  
The Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks has issued notices on former President Maithripala Sirisena, his Private Secretary Sameera De Silva and three Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Colombo to appear before the Commission at 10.30 a.m today (24). **TO PAGE 02**

**Gazette on issuing legal documents to those occupied State lands cancelled**  
RUKSHANA RIZWIE  
The Gazette Extraordinary titled "Expedite the issuance of legal documents to those who have occupied or developed State lands without any document" has been cancelled. The previous gazette notice numbered 2192/36 was published by the Land Commissioner General on September 10. **TO PAGE 02**

**Admissions to intermediate classes of national schools suspended**  
The Education Ministry yesterday announced that the admission of students to intermediate classes in all national schools has been suspended until further notice. Accordingly, the students can only be admitted to Grade 1 or 5 or for the Advanced Level class. Issuing a press release, the Ministry said that the decision was taken under the existing provisions as the Ministry has decided to review the process of admitting students to intermediate grades in all national schools with the aim of identifying and rectifying any shortcomings.

**Prof. Tissa Vitharana appointed COPA Chairman**  
SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI  
Parliamentarian Professor Tissa Vitharana was appointed Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) yesterday. SLPP member Professor Vitharana's name was nominated by MP Lasantha Alagiyawanna who was the former Chairman and was seconded by Minister Udaya Gammanpila at the inaugural meeting of the Committee. The COPA consists of Udaya Gammanpila, Duminda Dissanayake, Dayasiri Jayasekera, Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Dr. Sudarshani Fernandopulle, Shehan Semasinghe. **TO PAGE 02**

**Light Railway project temporarily suspended**  
RUKSHANA RIZWIE  
The Ministry of Transport has decided to temporarily suspend the Light Rail Transit Project along with several development rail projects citing cost factors. The Light Rail Transit Project which was approved by the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development (MMWD) under a public-private partnership was estimated to cost Rs.6 billion. **TO PAGE 02**

**SJB files petition against 20A**  
LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA  
Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) General Secretary Ranjith Maduma Bandara yesterday filed a Special Determination petition in Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of the bill titled "Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution". Six petitions have been filed so far against the 20th amendment to the Constitution. **TO PAGE 02**

**Commitment of all parties needed for mixed electoral system - Dinesh**  
SANDASEN MARASINGHE, CAMELIA NATHANIEL and AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI  
The commitment of all political parties are needed for a quick change over to a mixed electoral system, Leader of the House and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena told Parliament yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

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# President on inspection tour of Narahenpita NHDA Office

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa made a sudden inspection visit to the Narahenpita Office of the National Housing Development Authority.

The President visited the office yesterday (23) following a complaint by a

client. According to the complainer, the officers had failed to perform their respective duties on a number of occasions while saying that the staff were not adequate.

President Rajapaksa who observed

the office witnessed that there were sufficient staff to fulfil their duties properly.

The President noticed a differently abled person who had visited the office seeking services waiting in great dis-

tress and inquired about his background and his need. The President who met with the staff emphasized that the primary responsibility of the public servants is to fulfill the public needs efficiently and without hesitation.

## Soldier needs kidney

Rusiru Tharanga Hettiarachchi, a soldier of the Sri Lanka Army (31), is suffering from acute renal failure and awaits kidney transplant.

He is receiving treatment at the Military Hospital in Narahenpita. Anybody wishing to donate an O+ or O- kidney, contact him over 075 8002074 or 077 1924296.



## Former IGP Pujith tells PCol probing the Easter Sunday attacks 'Former President interfered with Police transfers'

SHAVINI MADHARA

Former President Maithripala Sirisena interfered with the transferring of senior police officers, although an Independent Police Commission was appointed through the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Pujith Jayasundara told the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks.

Former IGP Pujith Jayasundara further stated that the Security Council Heads had discussed about the arrest of then Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Admiral Ravindra Wijegunawardena and certain inquiries conduct-

ed by the Police against some Army officers at the Council meetings.

"During a Security Council meeting, they were convinced that Inspector Nishantha Silva attached to the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) was attempting to arrest the then Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) and several other Army officials arbitrarily. Accordingly, the former President informed me to transfer IP Nishantha Silva from the CID," Jayasundara said.

Former IGP Jayasundara said that he had also informed the former President that there were no prior disciplinary action taken against Nishantha Silva.

"Former President Sirisena then went for an overseas visit, and a few days later former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando informed that the President wanted to remove IP Nishantha Silva immediately. Accordingly, I had transferred him to the Negombo Police Station. Meanwhile, I submitted a report to the Police Commission attaching the National Security Council references," Pujith Jayasundara said.

Jayasundara said former President Sirisena later called him again and asked who had given instructions to transfer IP Silva. "I told the former President, it was him who gave the instruction. He got very annoyed

and said he never gave such an instruction and disconnected the line," the witness said.

"Former Defence Secretary Kapila Waidyaratne asked me not to take part in the Security Council meetings. I was aware that a Council meeting was to be held on October 23, 2018. Normally, I am informed about the Security meeting the day before or on the morning of that day. But, I didn't get a call from them," former IGP Pujith Jayasundara added. Former President Maithripala Sirisena arrived before the Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) probing the Easter Sunday attacks as an observer to listen to the evidence given by former IGP Pujith Jayasundara yesterday.

## UN's responsibility is to assist democratically elected Govts... From Page 01



drug-related socio-economic issues. President Rajapaksa pointed out the need to enhance efforts to strengthen the prevention of drug abuse among children and youth, and ensure that educational settings are free of any harmful and addictive drugs. "Sri

Lanka is extremely concerned about the increasing sophistication of the transnational criminal groups engaged in illicit manufacture and trafficking of drugs.

In order to address this, a Presidential Task Force was appointed to eradicate the drug men-

ace, and to create a safer and a more secure country. Since its establishment, it has produced commendable results," President Rajapaksa said.

"Sri Lanka, having experienced separatism and terrorism for nearly three decades, con-

demns all terrorist acts in the strongest possible terms, be it domestic or international.

In spite of its elimination from the Sri Lankan soil, the international network of this terrorist outfit remains, pushing its ruthless ideology and influencing certain Capi-

als to spread its baseless lies and propaganda, President pointed out.

"We are hopeful that no State will tolerate activities of this international network which continues to espouse and propagate violent ideology under different guises and

manifestations. "The WHO now must seek to facilitate universal access to a COVID-19 vaccine, once developed, which should be designated as a basic public good and be affordable and obtainable by all," the President said.

## Two Police personnel deployed for each... From Page 01

Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Minister Chamal Rajapaksa yesterday.

He made this observation yesterday in response to a request made by Samagi Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Buddhika Pathirana demanding additional Police security for Parliamentarians. MP Pathirana made the request during the round of

questions for oral answers.

"We would not provide Police Officers to MPs to carry their files and bags," State Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said.

State Minister Rajapaksa queried as to why the Parliamentarians



need additional security if they have the trust of the people. He added that two Police officers have been deployed for each Parliamentarian. He added there are only 85,000

mentarians need more Police security, more Police personnel will have to be recruited to the service.

He added that four Police officers were assigned for the security of the Parliamentarians during the 88/89 insurrection period and another two were added for each MP when LTTE terrorist activities had intensified. However, now

the number of Police Officers have been reduced to two from four.

Buddhika Pathirana said that some of the Parliamentarians have voiced their opinions against certain drug kingpins. He said at a time when threats had been levelled against the President and the Defence Secretary by suspects in the Prison, the lives of those Parlia-

mentarians who speak against the drug kingpins are threatened. He asked if more security could be increased.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said that he would look into the matter. SJB Parliamentarians S.M. Marikkar and Thushara Indunil also supported the proposal made by MP Buddhika Pathirana.

## Mega Power lottery creates history with... From Page 01

General Manager of the National Lotteries Board Dharshana Wijesiriwardena

said that the Mega Power Lottery was introduced in May 2016 and it produced 'three

Super' winners on a daily basis. This is the highest in the lottery history of Sri

Lanka and previously Rs.130 million was awarded to a lucky winner from the Govi

Setha Lottery in 2015 and the winner was from Embilipitiya."

## Notices issued on Maithri, his Private Secretary... From Page 01

This is with regard to the media statements issued by Sameera De Silva and three Auxiliary Bishops pertaining to the evidence made before the Presidential Commission.

The former President's Private

Secretary Sameera De Silva had issued a media statement through his Facebook page alleging that former Defence Secretary Hemasiri Fernando had provided a false statement before the Commission.

Meanwhile, three Auxiliary Bishops had issued a media release condemning a statement allegedly given to the Commission by Samagi Jana Balawegaya Parliamentarian Harin Fernando on September 16. President's Counsel Maithri

Gunaratne appearing on behalf of the Sameera De Silva said that his client had removed the facebook post following the instructions given by the former President. President's Counsel Maithri Gunaratne also apologised from the

Commission about the media statement issued by his client.

## Gazette on issuing legal documents to those occupied State... From Page 01

The previous gazette made it possible for individuals who had occupied state lands where they had either constructed houses or

used it for agricultural purposes to apply for ownership. This was an islandwide program except for state lands occupied in the Colombo or

Gampaha districts. According to the new gazette "It is hereby informed that the notice published by the Land Commissioner Gener-

al, under the caption "Expedite the issuance of legal documents to those who have occupied or developed State lands without any docu-

ment", in the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2192/36 and dated 10th September 2020 is cancelled," the new gazette said.

## Light Railway project temporarily... From Page 01

The concept and development of the project was undertaken by the previous government while a Chinese Firm Seoyoung Engineering undertook the feasibility study for the project in November 2017. Secretary to

President P.B. Jayasundara in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Transport N.B. Monti Ranatunga cited that the 'Light Railway Track System' was very costly and not the appropriate cost

effective transport solution for the Urban Colombo transportation infrastructure.

"The President has directed me to request you to terminate the project with immediate effect. A suitable transport solu-

tion could be worked out in consultation with the Ministry of Urban development and Housing and the Department of National Planning of the Ministry of Finance."

## New 'Obscene Publications' Bill to be... From Page 01



and other media have seen an increase in recent years. Although the provisions are included in the Penal Code and the Obscene Publications Ordinance to

deal with such matters, it appears that the provisions are inadequate to meet the present circumstances," the Cabinet Paper said. The Obscene Publications Ordinance was last revised in

2005. Obscene Publications include obscene writings, drawings, prints, paintings, printed matter, pictures, posters, emblems, photographs, cinematograph films, video cassettes or any

other obscene objects. The publication of an obscene article or abetting to such an act is an offence under the Ordinance.

Recently, several incidents where underage chil-

dren were sexually abused to produce video footages with pornographic content were reported and it was revealed that these CDs were being sold in foreign countries.

## SJB files petition against 20A... From Page 01

including TNA leader R. Sampanthan, Centre for Policy Alternative, Anil Kariyawasam and Nagananda Kodituwakku.

The petitioner Parliamentarian Ranjith Madduma Bandara had named the Attorney General as the respondent and seeking a declaration that the bill in whole or in part thereby requires the approval by people at a referendum and requires a two-third

majority in Parliament. The petitioner stated that a bill titled "Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution" was published in the supplement issued on September 2, 2020 to the part two of the gazette notification issued on August 28, 2020 and has been placed on Order Paper of the Parliament on September 22, 2020.

Madduma Bandara alleged that the proposed bill was prejudicial to the

sovereignty of the people and inconsistent with the concept of checks and balances. The petitioner stated that repealing of the present Article 33(1) of the Constitution is inconsistent with the public trust doctrine, prejudicially affects the sovereignty of the people. The petitioner stated that the repeal of the first proviso to Article 35 would mean that the official acts or omissions of the President

would no longer be subject to review before the Supreme Court in applications made under Article 126 of the Constitution. The petitioner further stated that Clause 5 of the bill is inconsistent with the public trust doctrine, inconsistent with the concept of Equality before the law and rule of law enshrined in Article 12 of the Constitution.

The petitioner said the proposed

amendment would permit the President to make appointments of members, chairpersons to specified Independent Commissions, as well as appointment of the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, the President of the Court of Appeal and Judges of the Court of Appeal and other specified constitutional functionaries acting purely in his own discretion.

## CoL Cabinet Sub-Committee to ensure essential commodities

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA and SITHARA SENANI

The Government has decided to implement decisions taken at the Cost of Living Cabinet Sub-Committee in order to ensure the supplying of food and other essential commodities to the market without any shortage and to control the Cost Of Living within the country.

The decisions taken at the Cabinet Sub Committee have been submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers by Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardena.

Accordingly, giving priority for the essential commodities directly affects the fluctuation of Cost Of Living, affecting the stable local manufacturing policy in order to attract more farmers to cultivation, limiting imported items only for the essential purposes, providing fare prices for the farmers produce, creating a mechanism for consumers to purchase local products at reasonable prices and providing high quality seeds for the farmers are among the decisions.

## Good Governance... From Page 01



He added that as a result the tinned fish manufacturing company commenced during the Mahinda Rajapaksa government tenure was made to closure.

He made this observation in response to an Oral Question raised by Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Heshana Withanage.

Minister Dr. Gunawardena said that according to the information of Sri Lanka Customs, 28 companies have imported canned fish which did not fit for human consumption in recent times. He added that the said canned fish stocks had been turned away.

Withanage said that there were claims the Government decided to reduce canned fish prices as stocks which were not suitable for human consumption were circulating in the country.

The Minister said that substandard canned fish stocks came in due to the former Government's decision to reduce custom duties on canned fish imports. However, the substandard tinned fish consignments were turned away. He added that the government took measures to reduce the price of the tinned fish to cushion the people's difficulties during the COVID 19 pandemic period and the complaint is baseless. Minister Dr. Gunawardena added however that if there is any complaint of the standard of any product, he would direct it to the Consumer Affairs Authority for quick remedial action.

The Minister told Parliament that the attention of the House should be drawn to the imports of tinned fish despite the country being surrounded by the sea. He added that allowing the excess imports of tinned fish for petty gains would have negative repercussions on the country's economy.

## Prof. Tissa Vitharana... From Page 01

Prasanna Ranaweera, Tissa Attanayake, Prof. Tissa Vitharana, Harin Fernando, Niroshan Perera, Faizal Cassim, Cader Masthan, Ashok Abeysinghe,



Upul Galappaththi, Gunapala Rathnasekara, Weerasumana Weerasinghe, Prof. Ranjith Bandara, Mohomm Mussamil, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya and Buddhika Pathirana.

## Commitment of all parties needed for mixed electoral... From Page 01



He made this observation joining the debate on the Adjournment Motion moved by Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Sagara Kariyawasam. Minister Gunawardena said that it is the government's belief that there should be an electoral system under which a majority of Parliamentarians should be elected under first past-the-post system and the rest on proportional representation systems.

He added that they had already implemented a mix electoral system when it comes to local bodies. "It is essential to extend such a system to Parliament," Minister Gunawardena said.

Minister Gunawardena further said that the present Election Commission has become the focus of criticism for one of its members who had referred certain matters to the judiciary without the consent of other members.

He added that a number of free and fair elections were held in this country even before the Independent Election Commission was set up under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. An Election Commission could always seek the advice of the judiciary.

The Minister also said that the electronic voting system too should be introduced to the country. At present India, Bangladesh and many countries in Asia are using this method.

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### Committee to probe political victimization in 2015 to 2019 begins work

**IRANGIKA RANGE**

The Committee appointed by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa to investigate incidents of political victimization in the Government and the Semi Government sector between the period from 2015 to 2019 started its official work yesterday at Room no 123 in BMICH.

The Committee is headed by Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge.

The Committee includes retired Ministry Secretary P.H.M. Mahinda Seneviratne and retired Addi-

tional Director General Ariyaratne Ariyapperuma. Attorney-at-Law Chaturika Wijesinghe is the Secretary and Convener of the Committee.

The Committee has so far received 6,952 appeals pertaining to incidents of political victimization and out of them 2,365 complaints were lodged directly with the Committee. More information about the Committee can be obtained by dialing 0112991550 0112991551 (phone). Fax number is 0112991552.

## PM, Indian PM to hold Virtual Summit on September 26

The Prime Ministers of Sri Lanka and India are scheduled to have a Virtual Bilateral Summit on Saturday, September 26, 2020.

On the initiative of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had a telephone conversation with the Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on August 6, 2020, both leaders agreed to review the multifaceted bilateral relationship through the scheduled Virtual Summit.

The Summit level interaction is expected to focus on the full gamut of bilateral engagement inter-alia political, economic, finance, development, defence and security spheres, educational, tourism and cultural as well as regional and international issues of mutual interest.



The relevant subject Ministers and Senior Officials of both countries will associate the leaders at the Summit. This is the first Virtual Summit

level interaction by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with a foreign leader since assuming premiership last month.

### Religious leaders, academics oppose legalizing of cannabis cultivation

**ASHRAFF.A.SAMAD**

Religious leaders and academics expressed their disapproval of the proposal to legalize cannabis cultivation in Sri Lanka.

The Sri Lanka Temperance Association, convening a press conference on Tuesday at the Buddhist Congress Hall in Colombo 7 urged the Government not to relax the existing laws.

Association President Ven. Dr. Ittappana Dhammalankara Nayaka Thera said that some Ayurvedic doctors have recently been pressing the Government to legalize cannabis production in Sri Lanka. "We are strongly opposed to legalizing cannabis cultivation and the Government should never try to amend the Cannabis Production Amendment Act," he added.

The religious leaders commended President Gotabaya Rajapaksa for his efforts on drug eradication in the country.

Archbishop of Colombo His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith said the President and the Prime Minister should never amend the existing laws with regard to cannabis growers.

"All the religious leaders and religious institutions should be responsible for protecting the youth from drugs and educate them on the danger of addicting to drugs. Our people are heavily using cannabis. The Government should take action to eradicate drugs and cannabis from the country," he said.

They pointed out that about 40 percent of fishermen and bus drivers in Sri Lanka are addicted to cannabis. "This was also a reason for various road accidents happening in the country. They use cannabis before driving. This situation is very dangerous," they said.

They observed the drug use is gradually declining in Sri Lanka due to the massive action initiated by the President to eradicate drugs.

Association Deputy Chairman Veteran Consultant Physician Prof Anula Wijesundara, Colombo University Senior Lecture Psychiatrist Dr. Mahesh Rajasuriya also addressed the press conference.

### Lankan Embassy in Qatar temporarily closed

**RUKSHANA RIZWIE**

The Sri Lankan Embassy in Doha, Qatar has been temporarily closed from September 22 and will reopen from October 5, after a staff member of the Embassy tested positive for COVID-19.

"The Embassy will remain closed during the period for quarantine purpose and that consular as well as labour related matters are open for emergency service," Embassy sources said.

In a special notice issued by the embassy, the diplomatic mission advises that Sri Lankan citizens seek the assistance of the embassy through email and phone until consular services resumes. For emergency services, the mission can be reached on [consular.doha@mfa.gov.lk](mailto:consular.doha@mfa.gov.lk)

### Renewable energy resources development programme launched

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Coroner **NIMAL WIJESINGHE**

The Government has launched a countrywide renewable energy resources development programme, Solar Power, Wind and Hydro Power Generation Projects Development State Minister Duminda Dissanayaka told *Daily News*.

He said that State lands that are unsuitable for cultivation in the Anuradhapura, Polonnaruwa, Mannar Vavuniya, Monaragala and the Puttalam districts are being acquired with the consent of the Government Agents to carry out the proposed project. "There are around 250 - 300

private sector companies involved in solar power generation in the country and the State Ministry, the Sustainable Energy Authority and the Atomic Energy Authority are working closely with them while regulating their activities," he said.

He added that nearly 10,000 direct and indirect job opportunities have been created in this field and this would expand further in future. The State Minister said that there is a huge necessity to develop the biomass supply chain including Albizia wood through increased cultivation, to develop biomass power generation. "If we go for large scale manufacturing of

renewable energy equipment such as wind turbines, solar PVs etc. we will be able to gain huge economic benefits to the country. We understand that the high quality raw materials required for solar PVs are available in the country and research and training on value addition of these resources are already being conducted by our universities," he said.

He added that the country needs an integrated renewable energy development programme in the country.

He pointed out that the people are now using the incentive packages extended by the Government to set up rooftop solar panels.

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# Former government slandered image of public officials through COPE/COPA live transmissions: Johnston

Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando yesterday said in Parliament that the 'Yahapalana' government misused the COPE/COPA live transmission to slander the image of public officials. Fernando also said that the 'Yahapalana' government also targeted the former President and his supporters using the live transmission of parliamentary committee proceedings.

Fernando made these observations when SJB MP S.M. Marikkar requested the Speaker not to alternate the live transmission of COPE and COPA. Fernando, speaking on the matter, said, "Former Leader of the House Kiriella said that the previous government took the decision to transmit the COPE and COPA, live. We were also in the same committee that took this decision; I hope he remembers this."

"MP Marikkar said that now COPE will investigate into 'suit-wearing Cinnamon Garden-dwellers' who were involved in corruption during the 'Yahapalana' regime. That is an internal problem that they have. I should point out that the previous government used this live transmission to slander some persons' image, specifically the image of the former President and his supporting ministers; it was used to fulfill their political agenda," he added.

The Chief Government Whip said, "We can also use this live transmission as a political means to an end. But there is something



called moral values. What do most TV channels do using these telecasts? They take specific cuts from this telecast and use them for political campaigns. (Referring to MP Marikkar) Yes, channels that represent people like you. We are not letting any public officials lose their self-respect. This government is not doing media displays. Your government did it, and people refused it. We are not doing what a rejected government once did."

MP Marikkar, demanding that no alterations should be made to the live transmission of COPE proceedings, said that, "It does not matter which government started this process; this is a matter of transparency. The public has a right to know how these proceedings are carried out, and what happens in them."

"Now the proceedings of the House are broadcast as a live transmission. It is not an edited late transmission. Therefore, the tradition of the COPE is also the same. However, we have a hunch that the live transmission is to be turned into a late transmission. So, we request not to do that. Moreover, COPE is now going to probe issues that occurred during 'Yahapalana' government from 2015, so the present government has nothing to fear," he added.

"The government also now has an opportunity to reveal how 'suit-wearing Cinnamon Garden-dwellers' were involved in corruption. I would like to request the Speaker to pay attention to this matter. Please don't do a late transmission of the COPE proceedings; it will jeopardize people's confidence in the House. We are not asking for something new; just that you stick to the same procedure."

In reply, the Speaker said that he shall look into the matter. Meanwhile, Government MP Jagath Pushpakumara said, "You are misleading this House and the public. No such decision was taken. Since MP Charitha Herath is a new Chairman, he only requested the other Members to give their opinion. The Opposition is saying that the COPE Chairmanship traditionally goes to them. How can it be so?"

"D.E.W. Gunasekara once held the position and he was on the government's side. Even though then COPE Chairman MP Sunil

Handunnetti was in the Opposition, he was in a clear alliance with the government. He worked according to the government's agenda," he added.

Following Pushpakumara, former Minister SJB MP Lakshman Kiriella said, "The proposal to live-transmit COPE, COPA, and other committee proceedings was passed by the House."

COPE Member MP Nalin Bandara, raising a question, said, "I am a COPE Member. Now the government is saying that it has taken a decision to stop the live broadcast. But our new COPE Chairman told us he is considering all options, and will give a decision in the coming week. This decision should come from the COPE Chairman. It is not a decision that should come from the Leader of the House."

In reply, Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando said, "This is a decision taken at the government's party meeting."

Minister Namal Rajapaksa, at this juncture, requested the Speaker not to allow Opposition MPs to carry out media displays which waste the time of the House. "This is a decision taken at the government's party meeting."

The Speaker said Opposition MPs were misdirecting the House from its agenda by asking such questions. However, the Parliament Media Division stated yesterday that newly-appointed COPA Chairman Prof. Tissa Vitarana said COPA sittings would be open to the media.



Sandasen Marasinghe, Camelia Nathaniel and Amali Mallawaarachchi

## Oral question allocations impartial: Speaker

The allocation of oral questions for both the Government and the Opposition is done impartially by the respective Parliament officers, in accordance to the dates on which those oral questions have been submitted for registration, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said yesterday.

The Speaker made this observation when Government MP M. Muzammil urged the Speaker to fairly allocate the opportunity to raise oral questions between the Government and the Opposition.

Muzammil said, "I would like to draw your attention to the arrangement of oral questions, both yesterday and today. There are 73 MPs in the Opposition; on our side, there are 82. Yesterday, only two Government MPs were given the opportunity to raise oral questions as per the agenda. Today, the agenda says that only three government MPs can ask oral questions."

"Some of the Opposition MPs have been allowed to ask two questions within one session. Please look into this matter. The government MPs also should be given a fair chance to ask oral questions. In my opinion, the Government and the Opposition sides should be given a 50-50 chance," he added.

In reply, Speaker Abeywardena said that the oral questions are arranged as per the dates on which they are submitted and registered. At this juncture, Muzammil said that he, too, has submitted oral questions as early as August 22, but his questions did not appear in the agenda.

The Speaker then said that the other



MPs whose questions are included in the agenda must have submitted their questions before Muzammil did. "When oral questions are submitted, we include them in a register. Then, the questions are included in the agenda in accordance with the dates the questions got registered. It is a process."

Samagi Jana Balawegaya MP Mujibur Rahuman said, "If a Government MP has a question to be asked from the government, they can do it in their government party meeting. However, as the Opposition oral question round is the only platform, we have to question the government."

In reply to MP Rahuman, Government MP Shantha Bandara observed that every MP has the right to raise oral questions. The Speaker again stressed that there is no issue regarding the arrangement of oral questions in the agenda.

## Tax Policy to be simplified to attract investors: Semasinghe

### 'Greater emphasis on promoting online system'



Samurthi, Household Economy, Micro-Finance, Self-Employment, Business Development and Underutilized State Resources Development State Minister Shehan Semasinghe said in Parliament yesterday that the Tax Policy would be simplified in a manner that would attract investors into the country.

He said greater emphasis would be placed on reducing the use of paper and promoting a paper-

less online system. The state minister said this in response to a question raised by MP Mohammed Muzammil, during the round of oral questions.

The state minister said that the new government had simplified the Tax Policy and introduced an easy tax collection system, which would make it easier for all small and medium-scale enterprises. He said that all banks and financial institutions have been issued direc-

tives to simplify process of providing information to the Credit Information Bureau (CRIB). State Minister Semasinghe also said that a new credit-rating system would be introduced in the near future.

He said that nearly Rs.369 billion had been spent on paper imports between 2015 and 2019, adding that special attention had been placed on the use of online methods for letters, documents,

etc. He said several systematic measures have been taken in this regard.

The state minister said that a proper programme will be implemented in the future to protect the environment and reduce the huge cost for paper imports, adding that factories have been set up to produce high-quality paper that can compete internationally, under the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

## 'Senior Members forced to sit in back rows due to large number of small-party MPs'

The election of MPs from a large number of small political parties to Parliament has created a difficult situation as senior MPs who had been representing the House for a long time have been forced to sit in back rows, Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena said in Parliament, yesterday.

The Speaker made this observation yesterday, in response to a question raised by Samagi Jana Bala Wegaya Parliamentarian Nalin Bandara Jayamaha. He said that it is a difficult task to allocate front row seats to both party leaders

and the senior members as requested by MP Nalin Bandara.

"There are 15 political parties representing Parliament this time, and it is difficult to provide front row seats to both party leaders and senior MPs," the Speaker said.

MP Nalin Bandara brought to the notice of the chair that Senior MPs have been made to sit at the back rows, while allowing leaders of small parties to sit in the front. Nalin Bandara further said that he made this request on another day as well but it had not been implemented yet.

## Sagara K. moves Adjournment Motion for Election Commission Progressive Report

Government MP Sagara Kariyawasam yesterday moved an Adjournment Motion on the Progressive Report of the Election Commission pertaining to the time period between July 7, 2019 to September 30, 2019; while proposing to increase the number of Commission Members from 3 to 5, to relax limitations on election propaganda and to establish an advanced voting system where employees of essential services can vote.

Moving the adjournment motion, MP Kariyawasam said, "There are only three members in the Election Commission where the quorum is also the same. This has created serious issues. For example, one member of the EC said in open media not to vote for a particular political party. Then there were several delays when issuing preferential numbers for election candidates."

"What matters is the independence of the Commission, not the independence of a par-

ticular member of the Commission. The public loses respect for the whole system of independent commissions when certain EC members are displaying such behaviour. So, we believe that the number of EC members should be increased from 3 to 5," he added.

Kariyawasam also proposed that limitations on election propaganda need to be lifted. He said only the candidates with major financial abilities could afford to carry out propaganda in electronic and other digital platforms.

He proposed an advanced voting system that would allow employees working in essential services such as health, aviation, tourism, and expressways would be given a chance to cast their votes.

"These employees are not privy to postal votes. As they need to provide services, most of them miss the chance of voting. If we can incorporate an advanced voting system, we

can make space for these voters too. They should be allowed to vote on a day prior to Election Day," the MP said.

MP Kariyawasam also said that nobody should blame all the members of the EC because of one member. "The Election Commission was able to successfully hold the 2020 General Election in a free and fair election. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the EC, while sticking to health regulations, was able to conduct the election with no spread of the virus. When the 'Yahapalana' Government was trying to postpone the local government election, the EC did not allow that," he added.

Seconding the adjournment motion, Government MP Premanath Dolawatta said, "I am seconding the motion. We witnessed over the last several months prior to the election that one member of the Election Commission ruined the image of the EC. This member,

Hoole, openly said not to vote for the 'Pohotuwa' party. If people had the slightest confidence in the EC, they lost it that day."

"The quorum of the EC, which was brought forth in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, is problematic. As a result, other members had to depend on this member when making some decisions. Especially when every time an election was to be declared, the EC went on to say that the elections were not necessary. We know that the UNP governments are known to postpone elections. The EC also supported this. With moves such as these, people's democratic rights were violated," he added.

"Furthermore, for the 19th Amendment, the Constitutional Council included members who are not bound to answer Parliament. We doubt if such members, some of them who are attached to NGOs, were trying to influence the EC via this EC member. So, this is

why the 20th Amendment introduces a Parliament Council that includes Parliamentarians, as they are answerable to the House," the MP said.

"Members of the Parliament Council cannot run away from the public. The 'Yahapalana' Government was hiding behind this label called independent commissions. We remember how some of the IGP's who were appointed by the independent police commission acted according to the whims and fancies of the previous government. This same IGP said that he would bend the law," MP Dolawatta said.

"During the previous Rajapaksa rule, no elections were postponed. When I went to the courts requesting provincial council election should be held, no support was given by the EC. It seems that the EC is answerable to the House. That is why members like Hoole acted in that way," he added.

## PM, Prasanna seek Cabinet nod to restart Tourism Industry

DANUSHKA GODAKUMBURA

A combined proposal has been submitted by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga seeking the approval of the Cabinet of Ministers to restart the country's tourism industry adhering to quarantine rules and regulations.

According to the proposal, all visitors should be subject to a PCR test 72 hours prior to their departure and a visa will be issued only for individuals holding negative PCR reports.

It is also compulsory to have a comprehensive

travel health insurance cover including the COVID 19 cover. "It has also been proposed to open only the Mattala International Airport for tourists. During the first 14 days of their visit to Sri Lanka, tourists will be permitted to stay only at beachside hotels and they would later be allowed to travel to other parts of the country. Prior to that they should also be subjected to another PCR test," sources said.

Tourists from Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine have already expressed their willingness to come to Sri Lanka subjected to these rules and regulations.

## Asgiriya Chapter 'Lekadikari' complains to Senior DIG about false news report

ASELA KURULUWANSA AND IRANGIKA RANGE

Lekadikari (Secretary) Asgiriya Chapter Venerable Medagama Dhammananda Thera said yesterday a complaint has been made with the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police for the Central Province requesting that an investigation be launched about false news report published on a website that Asgiriya Chapter was opposed to the 20th Amendment.

Ven. Venerable Thera has urged the Senior Deputy Inspector General of Police for the Central Province to take stern action against responsible persons who have tried to misguide society by publishing wrong news.

The Thera further said that the Karaka Sabhawa of the Asgiriya Chapter had not discussed this issue at any occasion and it is a totally fabricated lie.

## CID informs Court

### Rs.13 mn credited to "Save the Pearls" organization

SHAVINI MADHARA

The Criminal Investigations Department (CID) yesterday informed the Fort Magistrate's Court that the investigations revealed that Rs.13 million has been credited to an organization called "Save the Pearls", which allegedly belongs to Attorney-at-Law Hijaz Hisbullah from an illegal Organization in Qatar.

Attorney-at-Law Hijaz Hisbullah is being detained and interrogated by the Criminal Investigations in connection with having allegedly aided and abetted suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed, who set off the bomb at the Cinn-

mon Grand Hotel, during the Easter Sunday attacks last year.

The CID further stated that they will conduct a separate investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering with regard to the money. The CID further pointed out that they have concluded the investigations and sent an abstract of the investigations before the Attorney General on September 17.

Hijaz Hisbullah was represented by President's Counsel Farman Cassim, Counsel Hafeel Farisz and few others respectively. The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for October 07.

## Sumitra Peries conferred “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays”

A ceremony to confer “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays” on Sumitra Peries, was held at the official residence of the Japanese Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Sugiyama Akira, recently.

The event was held with the participation of Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, Speaker of the Parliament; Dinesh Gunawardena, Minister of Foreign Relations; and Dr. Ravindra Randeniya, veteran film actor.

Known as the ‘Poetess of Sri Lankan Cinema’ and the first Sri Lankan female film director, Sumitra Peries enriched the enduring friendship between the two countries not only through the agency of cinema over

past five decades, but also through serving as a founding committee member of “Sri Lanka-Japan friendship Cultural Fund”; which is the organizing body of the prestigious “Bunka Award”, since its inception in 1993. Whereas Peries’s magnum opus, “Sagara Jalaya”, was telecasted by NHK, Japan’s National Broadcaster, in 1990; “Loku Duwa” and “Duwata Mawaka” received wide acclamation at Fukuoka International Film Festival in 1994. Peries also enjoyed close association with the icon of Japanese silver screen, Kurosawa Akira, from whom she has emulated new visual experience through developing innovative cinematography.

“The Order of the Rising Sun” is the highest order conferred by the Government of Japan, in the name of the Emperor, on individuals who have made distinguished achievements in the international relations, promotion of Japanese culture, among others. Abeywardena and Gunawardena, in their congratulatory remarks, also commended Peries’ services to Sri Lanka and Japan, in bridging the two cultures through the world of cinema. Peries, in her speech, reciprocated her appreciation while reminiscing her visit to Japan with her husband, Dr. Lester James Peries, and her unforgettable interaction with Kurosawa Akira.



Clothing resembling Sri Lanka Army uniforms, as well as firearm and vehicle parts, and human skeletal remains were found on a private land in Muhamalai, Kilinochchi, on Wednesday. During the civil war, Muhamalai was an area where heavy conflict occurred between the Tri-Forces and the LTTE. Picture by Rasula Dilhara Gamage, Northern Province Special Corr.

## Kalmunai RDHS launches dengue prevention programme

ADDALAICHENAI CENTRAL CORR.

The Office of the Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) has launched a dengue prevention programme in the Ampara District. Furthermore, the number of awareness programmes regarding the disease have also been raised during the past few weeks.

Health authorities are conducting door-to-door inspections to check for mosquito breeding grounds, and those found to have such grounds in their home gardens or workplaces have been warned that legal action would be taken in future.

Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) Dr. G. Sugunan has requested all the residents of Kalmunai to pay attention to eradicating dengue in their respective areas.

## Man arrested for forcing daughter to take narcotics

PRİYADARSHANI KAHAWALA  
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

A man who forced his 13-year-old daughter to swallow over 10 narcotic pills was arrested by the Panadura Anti-Corruption Unit, on Monday. The

child has been admitted to the Panadura Hospital for treatment, police said.

The suspect and victim are residents of the Modarawila Tsunami Housing Scheme in Panadura, and the former is said to be an alcoholic and drug

addict. The suspect, aged 32, is said to have had frequent arguments with his wife.

She had been away from home when the incident occurred. Investigations are continuing.

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### MR. MATHAVARAJA SATHIYENDRAN

(Attorney-at-Law)

It is with deepest regret, we announce the demise of Mr. MATHAVARAJA SATHIYENDRAN, who attained rest on the 22nd of September 2020. He was born in Trincomalee on 15.08.1959 and resided at Harmers' Avenue, Colombo 06. He was the son of late Subramniyam Mathavaraja and late Seethadevi Mathavaraja, son-in-law of late Myilvaganam Kangatharam and late Rasamma Kangatharam, husband of Malavili, father of Abishek, brother of late Sri Rangan, Sri Bawan, Yogeswaran, Aravindan and Subodhini, brother-in-law of Satkunam, Mangai and Ambigai.

His remains will lie at Mahinda Funeral Parlour, Mount Lavinia on Thursday (24th September) from 9 am till 4 p.m. The last rites will be performed at 11 a.m. on Friday (25th September) followed by cremation at the Mount Lavinia Cemetery.

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# Korean envoy calls on first Lankan migrant worker batch to Korea post-COVID-19

On September 22, South Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Woonjin Jeong met a delegation of 11 Sri Lankan migrant workers representing the first batch of 22 workers who are going to South Korea, post-COVID-19. This occasion was held at the South Korean Embassy. The Ambassador offered congratulations to the migrant workers and expressed his appreciation for their contribution to uplift the economies of both countries.

The Ambassador reiterated the significance of the Sri Lankan migrant workers to South Korea and emphasized that their precious contribution is a bridge that bolsters the ties between Sri Lanka and South Korea. He stated that he had met several Sri Lankan employees in South Korea and was deeply moved by their skills and performance.

Approximately 23,000 Sri Lankan workers are employed in South Korea under the Employment Permit System (EPS). The Ambassador expressed his grati-

tude towards the Country Director of the EPS centre in facilitating the departure of the Sri Lankan migrant workers amid the coronavirus pandemic. The proactive engagement of the EPS centre has led to the first delegation of migrant workers heading for Korea and it has strengthened the strong bilateral relations of the two countries.

R.K. Randeniya, Deputy General Manager of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment, further added that since the Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Sri Lanka and South Korea in 2004, almost 100,000 Sri Lankans have benefitted from the Employment Permit System. South Korea has opened a window of opportunities and a plethora of Sri Lankans have acquired skills and benefits from this programme.

The Ambassador further assured the aspiring migrants that South Korea is maintaining a strong policy of equal pay for equal work which applies to both South Korean nationals and



South Korean Ambassador to Sri Lanka Woonjin Jeong with the batch of Sri Lankan migrant workers.

Sri Lankan nationals. He expressed his hope to expand the number of Sri Lankan migrant workers recruited in Korea in the near future.

The Ambassador also mentioned that he believed Korea to be the safest country in the world amid COVID-19 before arriving in Sri Lanka. Upon his arrival in Sri Lanka in July, he was impressed by the effective measures implemented by the government of Sri Lanka to deter the spread of COVID-19. Sri Lanka is one of the safest countries to live in at present.

He further stated that it is remarkable how there was no single COVID-19 case from Sri Lankan workers repatriated from South Korea and Korean residents in Sri Lanka as well.

The Country Director of the EPS Centre of the HRD (Human Resources Development Service) in Sri Lanka also expressed his pleasure in facilitating the departure of the migrant workers as they have been requesting many pleas to expedite their departure. Therefore this delegation is the result of many months of discussions

and hard work. In concluding his remarks, the Ambassador, on behalf of his country, government, and people, once again expressed his best wishes to all the migrant workers for their invaluable contribution. He stated that "All Sri Lankan migrant workers are civilian diplomats" on Korean soil, who contribute to strengthening the relations between our countries. The Ambassador presented the migrant workers with masks manufactured by a Sri Lankan social enterprise as tokens of appreciation.

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION THROUGH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Lord JESUS, by faith in Your merits, I now take Your precious blood and sprinkle it over myself and my family right from the crown of my head to the very soles of my feet. I claim total and complete protection for my life and my family.

Lord JESUS, keep me free today from evil, sin, temptation, Satan's attacks and afflictions, fear, doubts, anger, all calamities and from all that is not of Thy Kingdom. Fill me Lord JESUS with the gift of wisdom, so that I will live today in Your glory by doing that which is right.

I Praise You, Jesus  
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Oh! Holy Spirit, Thou who makes me see everything, and shows me the way to reach my ideals, Thou who gives me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me, and who are in all instances of my life with me. I, in this short dialogue want to thank Thee for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from Thee, no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with Thee and my loved ones in Your Perpetual Glory.

(MENTION YOUR REQUEST)

Thank You, Holy Spirit, for Your love towards me and my loved ones.

AMEN.

This prayer should be said for 3 consecutive days.

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Fill me Lord JESUS with the gifts of your Holy SPIRIT and grant me the gift of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and discernment so that I will live today in Your Glory by doing that which is right.

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## Godwin Jayasuriya

# Man of principle

Godwin, known to his close friend as 'Godi', was person who was always concerned about honesty and integrity. He had strong principles that he always adhered to, to the very last letter; and when he observed others not adhering to them, it would certainly annoy him.

'Godi' was a man with a large heart, ever compassionate towards domestic workers and the needy. I recall one instance he gifted a fridge and several other electrical items to a domestic worker, prior to his departure to the UK.

Godwin joined Richmond College in 1945, at the Fifth Standard. I came to know him closely much later, when he was in the Eighth Standard, as a friend of our group consisting of Nimal Rajadaranayaka, Niel Dias, Ranjan Rajawasan, Ranjith de Silva, and Walter Gurusinghe.

Godwin was a very emotional person, and was sometimes very impulsive. They say, "big emotions are part of life. If they were not big, we may not notice them, and their vital role will be lost. We need our emotions to warn us, protect us, motivate us, and send

messages about us to others". Perhaps they are messengers, bringing you insight and teaching you resilience, and Godwin was just that.

Godwin was not a sportsman, but he participated in Athletics and Cricket while representing the College house called 'Winchester'. I also remember him taking part in long-distance events such as the 'mile run' and the school marathon. He was a member of the school debating team, along with my brother Elmo and P.J.H. Gunasekera.

Our group used to play table tennis and tennis, and he was always there with his good sense of humour, keeping our group active. We played tennis with Henry and Freddy Armstrong, who were boarders, only after the teachers had vacated the courts.

Godwin also had two other good friends called Hema Ayagunawardana and Clarence Abayagunawardana.

I think 'Godi' sat for his university entrance exam in 1956, but failed to gain entry and decided to join the Survey Department. Another good friend of his was Nimal Nagahawatta, whom I met at Hanguranketha. We used to get together during evenings, and I remember Godwin telling me once that he had met my good friend police colleague Gaya Pathikirikorala at Padaviya. His superior, at one time, was one of our fellow past pupils, Elmo Perera, who retired later as Surveyor-General and an Attorney-at-Law.

I remember Godwin had a wide circle of friends, even as a bachelor. He met our mutual friends Anton

## APPRECIATIONS

Balasuriya, Robert Perera, and Ajith Kanagasundaram when they were living on Fife Road. While he was at Kalutara, Godwin had a wide circle of friends and a scooter. It is here that he met Hareetha, and I had the privilege of being the best man at their wedding.

It was in 1976 that he left to Zambia, where both Hareetha and he found employment opportunities. Godwin was also once a lecturer at the Technical College.

In 1990, he returned with the family after having a house built in Nugegoda. In 1993, Godwin and Hareetha migrated to The United Kingdom and took permanent residency there, which was a wise move considering the situation here and the Children's education. However, Godwin's heart was here, and he used to visit us often.

Godwin also surveyed a property of mine at Athurugiriya, free-of-charge, even though I offered to pay. He purchased an apartment at Colombo 5, and it was there that we had our 50-60 Club inaugural meeting with Ranjan Rajawasan as the Secretary. I myself

was elected President of the club in 1995.

Godwin was an active member of the 50-60 Club; he was always there with his guitar to provide music at our meetings. It was in 2016 that 'Godi' celebrated his 80th birthday, which was organised by his wife Hareetha and sons Niranjan, Arjuna, and Priyanath, at the Colombo Swimming Club.

Godwin visited us again several times with his son Arjuna. He did not visit as much later on; he said needed to get a medical checkup, and that there were some issues that needed solving. Since then, we never met, but he sent gifts by his youngest son, Priyanath. But Godwin and I always kept in touch.

It is sad to lose such a sincere friend, but having heard his period of ill health, perhaps this was a merciful release. Our prayers are there for his soul and his family, at this hour of grief. Godwin lived a life of honour; and his conduct as a father, husband, and friend has shown us that he lived a life of high principles. May he rest in peace!

NIHAL DE ALWIS

## Golden Jubilee of Rev. Father Damian Fernando

Name - Rev. Father Joseph Mary Peter Damian Fernando

Parents:

Father - W.B. Christopher Fernando  
Mother - K. Annie Fernando

Date of Birth - March 15, 1946

He had his primary education at St. Xavier's College, Marawila. Entered the minor seminary at St. Paul's Seminary, Marawila. He is the youngest in the family of nine children. He has five sisters and three brothers. At present, he has only one sister among the living - Rev. Sister Rose Fernando, in the congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Number of priests and religious sisters in his family. There are eight priests - to name them,

1. Rev. Fr. Fabian Fernando O.M.I (deceased)

2. Rev. Fr. Joachim Fernando O.M.I (deceased)

3. Rev. Fr. Eymard Dalpadadu O.M.I

Living - Working as the Editor of BHAKTHI PRABODHANAYA at Dean's Road, Maradana.

4. Rev. Fr. Marcellian Fernando (Diocesan Priest - Chilaw Diocese, dead)

5. Rev. Fr. Joe Paul Fernando (Diocesan Priest - Chilaw Diocese, dead)

6. Rev. Fr. Joseph Vaz (Diocesan Priest - Chilaw Diocese, dead)

7. Rev. Fr. Roncali Silva (Diocesan Priest - Chilaw Diocese - Administrator at Kurusa Palliya - Marawila)

8. Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando (Diocesan Priest in U.S.A)

Only 3 Priests are living out of 8.

Number of religious sisters:

10 all in four different congregations

1. Rev. Mother Vincent H.F (deceased)

2. Rev. Sister Tharcisus H.F (deceased)

3. Rev. Sister Alphonsin H.F (deceased)

4. Rev. Sister Christian H.F (deceased)

5. Rev. Sister Bennet - Apostolic Carmel (deceased)

6. Rev. Sister John Canisus H.F (deceased)

7. Rev. Sister John Marie - Apostolic Carmel at "Faustin Villa", Nainamadama.

8. Rev. Sister Clement - Holy Angels sister (deceased)

9. Rev. Sister Sahayani H.F at Children's Home, Malkaduwa.

10. Rev. Sister Rose Fernando - Perpetual Help Convent, Periyamulla, Negombo.

Out of the 10 religious sisters only three are among the living.

Rev. Fr. Damian Fernando was ordained

by Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Marcus Fernando on the September 22, 1970, at the Marawila Church - Our Lady of Purification, with two other priests - Rev. Fr. Ananda Fernando and Rev. Fr. Pius.

The provenance of the word jubilee is the Hebrew word "Jobel" which means a ram's horn, formed like a little trumpet - A trumpet is sounded to announce and proclaim the Golden Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Damian's priestly ordination. Bishop Sheen of reverend memory calls it "Divine Romance". The tapist monk Fr. Raymond calls it "Love does such things". So, an occasion like this is a celebration of love. Above and beyond all else, God's incredible love as manifested in what he has done in the life of Rev. Father Damian for the last 50 years of his priestly vocation.

The present celebration is absolutely impossible and devoid of meaning without the past commitment he made 50 years ago.

It is a happy day of rejoicing for what God has accomplished through him and for him. It is a beautiful day of thanksgiving, when he looks back on the past fifty years and says, "What shall I render to the Lord for all that he has done for me". It is an appropriate day for asking for God's Mercy. It is a wonderful day for stock-taking for the future. A point of departure. "Here am I Lord, I am ready to go if you lead me and I will hold your people in my heart".

The words of Prophet Jeremiah -  
Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you,

and before you were born, I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth."

But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak."

Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me,

"Behold, I have put my words in your mouth."

See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to break down,

to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

(Jeremiah 1:4-10)

These words of Prophet Jeremiah are very much familiar to Fr. Damian. These words have been fulfilled and had become a reality in the life of Fr. Damian Fernando, for the past 50 years of his priestly ministry.

Reaching the 50 years of Golden Jubilee of the priestly commitment is indeed a course for rejoicing, thanksgiving and celebration.

Fr. Damian is blessed with a very affable personality, where each and every person can approach him at any time, without any inhibition. He is always ready to welcome anyone who needs his advice and guidance.

Having obtained a Degree on Spiritual Direction and Counseling he is available and is always ready to listen to anyone who comes for help. He has sincere tender loving care towards his family, as well as towards the people of God.

Fr. Damian's ever-present winning smile, his great openness and almost extravagant generosity in treating people who come across his path here in Sri Lanka and abroad is remarkable.

Soon after his ordination, when he was at Chilaw, Manpuri and Puttalam Parishes, he touched the lives of people, especially by taking good care of God's people, by making his liturgy very meaningful and alive. He made God's love and Presence a reality for them, who came into close contact with him. He is blessed with a golden heart. The biggest talent, he has or possess is the ability to love.

He is gifted with four to five languages - English, Sinhala, Tamil, Spanish and Latin. He is very much loved by his loving parents, brothers and sisters.

At present, he is giving his loving service at San Buena Ventura Mission, California.

Memory is not necessarily about what went on in his past. It is what is going on inside of his sight at this moment. It is never idle. It never lets him alone. It is made of the stuff of his life in the process of becoming the grist of his soul. Memory is the one function of the human mind that touches his very core. It takes him back to where he came from and forward to where he goes from here - From God to God.

So, we jubilantly raise our glasses and wish him a Very Happy Golden Anniversary and clink them musically to sing him "Ad multos felicissimus annos".

SRIYANTHA DE WAAS,  
Rev. Fr. Damian's Nephew

## Obituaries

**REV. SISTER SCHOLASTICA PINGHO** - Sister of Charity of Jesus and Mary is called to the Lord. Her remains lie at, **Elder's Home, Ranwala, Kegalle**. Funeral Mass will be at 3 p.m. on Thursday the 24th September 2020. Followed by burial at Catholic Cemetery, Kegalle. Informed by, the Provincial Superior of Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary. 057530

**EKANAYAKE - GERALD NEVILLE** - Dearly beloved son of late Wilmort and Marjorie Ekanayake, brother of Bevis, late Rita and of Dawn, Wilmort (Tarzarn), Marie, Lawna, Helen and Barbara, uncle of Denise, Rosie, Michael, Malina, Marissa, Diana and Cathy. Remains lie at **A.F. Raymond's Funeral Parlour**. Cortege leaves the parlour at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday 24th September for cremation at the General Cemetery, Borella at 5.00 p.m. 057498

**SENEVIRATNE - A.J. NISHAN** - Darling son of Nishanta & Lorraine, grandson of late Noel & Theo Seneviratne & Dudley & Myrtle Perera, nephew of Sandra, Heloise, Errol, Annabella, Maxine, Howard, Avril, Nihal, Lalith and Sabrina. Remains lie at residence **3, 2nd Lane, Uswatte, Moratuwa**. Cortege leaves residence on Friday 25th September at 2 p.m. for burial at General Cemetery Borella (Roman Catholic Section). 057502

## VEHICLE SALE

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# State Minister promises relief for Chunnakam welfare camp families

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

A large number of families who lived as Internally Displaced People (IDP's) in camps for about 30 years were successfully resettled under the previous Mahinda Rajapaksa regimes which were in power until 2015. But unfortunately, due to the narrow political objectives of certain politicians who represented these areas, the innocent civilians were compelled to live in welfare camps, said State Minister of Rural Housing, Construction, Building Materials and Industries Promotion Indika Anuruddha.

State Minister Indika Anuruddha was speaking while on an inspection tour of the Sabapathy Pillai welfare camp in Chunnakam and also the construction site of a housing project implemented to provide homes for Internally Displaced People in this camp.

According to State Ministry sources, around 409 persons belonging to 56 families are currently staying at this camp.

"The country now has a leader who is very well aware about the cruelty of war and the facilities that should be

provided for the war affected people. The present government is therefore committed to provide all relief measures and facilities for the people," he added.

He further said that the political culture of using innocent Tamil people living in the North and East by certain Tamil politicians residing in Colombo for their political objectives has been changed.

Jaffna District Parliamentarian Angajan Ramanadan and State Ministry Secretary Ranjith Abeysinghe also participated in this occasion.



# PCol: Former Defence Secretary refutes claim on intelligence reports

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Former Defence Secretary Kapila Waidyaratne, PC testifying before the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks on Tuesday refuted the claim that he had been presented 40 weekly intelligence reports by the then State Intelligence Service (SIS) Director Senior DIG Nilantha Jayawardane during his tenure.

He said during his statement made to the Police Unit of the PCoI on July 25, he was shown only 18 documents by the officers there and of these documents he can recall only three documents as he had seen before.

Waidyaratne stated this in response to a statement that had been made before the Commission by the former SIS Director that he had submitted 40 weekly intelligence reports to former Defence Secretary Waidyaratne PC.

According to Waidyaratne, any intelligence report he received had been forwarded to the former Chief of National Intelligence DIG Sisira Mendis along with a note.

The former Ministry Secretary also said that he did not receive any report from the SIS regarding those extremist groups engaging in collecting funds or storing weapons.

"If I was informed about all what Nilantha had in his hand on these extremists, I could have considered these incidents in-depth further," he stressed.

Meanwhile, former Inspector General of Police (IGP) Pujith Jayasundara whose testimony began on Tuesday for the first time said Senior DIG Jayawardane preferred work individually than teamwork.

He said he had not seen Jayawardane working in teams but added that both of them had good relationships during the service.

When questioned about the nature of his relationship with other officers in charge of the divisions such as Terrorism Investigation Division, National Intelligence Service and the Directorate of Military Intelligence, Jayasundara said he had a good relationship with them as well.

# Large consignment of illicit timber recovered

IRANGIKA RANGE

A large consignment of illicit Kumbuk and Jak timber and tree logs alleged to have been felled by racketeers, were recovered by the Wildlife Conservation officers during a raid in a timber mill located at Kottawa recently.

Investigations revealed the consignment of Kumbuk logs has been illegally transported to a saw mill from Monaragala by a lorry. The logs have been covered by coir during transportation.

The owner of the saw mill also did not have a valid permit in his possession for transporting Jak logs.

The consignment has been handed over to the State Timber Corporation. The stock of Kumbuk timber was valued at more than Rs. 1.41 million while the stock of Jak timber has been valued at Rs.50,164.

The owner of the saw mill was fined Rs.100,000 and the consignment was confiscated.



SDJF CONDUCTS WORKSHOP FOR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF:

The Sri Lanka Development Journalist Forum (SDJF) concluded a two day workshop on visual story telling and editing for the staff of the communication department at Sri Lanka Parliament recently. The programme was held from September 17-18 at Committee Room 8 in Parliament with the participation of 35 staff. Here, a staff being trained by the resource persons of SDJF. Picture by Ampara District Group Correspondent

# More organic fertilizer to be used - Minister

Kurunegala Corr. S.M. WIJAYARATNE

The Government has decided to increase the use of organic fertilizer for the cultivation of paddy and other crops by 30 percent next year, said Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage.

Minister Aluthgamage was speaking at a media conference in Kurunegala recently.

"Both farmers and consumers are faced with problems due to the continuous usage of chemical fertilizers. The use of chemicals has led to many health problems among the people," he said.

"President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has encouraged farmers to use more organic manure in our food production to protect the people's health. Accordingly, pri-

ivate companies that come forward in manufacturing organic fertilizer will be provided tax concessions, technology and technical expertise, lands and raw materials. Food and vegetables that are being produced using organic manure would be purchased by the Government at higher prices to encourage farmers with the aim of creating a healthy nation," he said.

# Only SLBFE authorised to send Lankan workers to Israel

IRANGIKA RANGE

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala De Silva said that only Sri Lankan workers approved by the Sri Lankan government will be allowed to work as skilled labourers in Israel hereafter based on the bilateral agreement signed between two countries.

Accordingly, the Israeli Government has stopped accepting Sri Lankan workers through Sri Lankan private recruitment agencies and only the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment (SLBFE) is authorised to send Sri Lankan workers to Israel. This decision was taken fol-

lowing public complaints that private employment agencies had charged large amounts of money from persons who wish to go to Israel for employment and especially for those sent to work in Israel's domestic nursing and agricultural sectors.

The Minister further said that due to this agreement, no

private employment agency would be allowed to send Sri Lankan workers to Israel hereafter.

The Minister urged the public not to be deceived by any private agency claiming to have the authority to send Sri Lankans as skilled labourers to Israel.

# Helmut Kohl Memorial Maternity Hospital in Galle opens next year



Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl



Text and Pix by MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Correspondent

The Helmut Kohl Memorial Maternity Hospital which is considered to be the largest maternity hospital in South Asia is scheduled to be opened in January next year, the Hospital Project Director Dr. Priyantha Athapattu said.

"The work on the massive hospital complex is nearing completion. Ninety per cent of the entire project has been completed by now, he further said.

"The six storey hospital complex consists of 600 hospital beds, six operation theatres, Intensive Care Units (ICU's), laboratories, Paediatric Intensive Care Units and Special Paediatric Treatment Units including all required modern medical and surgical equipment. The German government granted a loan of €25 million (Rs.357 billion) for the construction of the state of the art hospital," Dr. Athapattu said.

The hospital was initially con-

structed on land with an extent of 800 perches and later expanded by another 200 perches.

The hospital was named after former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl who served as Chancellor from 1982 to 1998.

The former German Chancellor had been enjoying the Christmas vacation with friends at a guesthouse at Talpe, Galle in December 2004 when the tsunami struck Sri Lanka. He was stranded in Southern Sri Lanka and was later airlifted by a military helicopter from Galle to the airbase at Katukurunda and from there to Colombo by road.

However, during his rescue flight Helmut Kohl had witnessed the vast and shocking devastation caused to the Mahamodara Maternity Hospital by the killer tsunami. The former Chancellor who was highly moved by the merciless devastation on the hospital made a generous donation of Rs.3000 billion for the construction of a new

hospital. In 2007, then Prime Minister late Ratnasiri Wickremanyake laid the foundation stone for the new hospital complex.

Nevertheless, the Non-Governmental Organization which was entrusted with the responsibility of the project did not execute the hospital project properly and gave up the venture half way. No one was aware of what happened to the massive donation made by the former German leader.

The site became a mosquito breeding ground thus shattering the people's dream of a modern sanatorium.

Owing to continued public campaigning, the previous government had to re-commence the work on the project on a €25 million loan from the German government in respect of which an agreement was reached between the two governments in 2015. The new maternity hospital will replace the existing maternity hospital at Mahamodara, Galle.

# Police probe cocaine parcel that washed ashore at Payagala

KAPILA SOMARATNE PANADURA GROUP CORRESPONDENT

The Payagala Police were conducting investigations to arrest the owner of the parcel containing Cocaine valued about Rs one mil-

lion, which had washed ashore at the Gibson Beach at Payagala on Tuesday (22).

So far the police were unable to trace the real owner of the package.

The Police would produce the

package before the Kalutara Magistrate. Police believe that this package had accidentally fallen from a boat which transported drugs in the sea and washed ashore to the Payagala beach.

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## Justice before compensation

A picture caption in this newspaper, two weeks ago, showing Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge distributing compensation to family members of road accident victims would be funny if not for the tragedy involved. The caption showed the Minister handing over a cash cheque to one such family member as a token where Rs. 4 million were disbursed among 32 persons who lost a member of a family or for serious injury in hit and run accidents during the year 2019.

Why is the Government paying compensation to family members of accident victims from public funds one may be constrained to ask when this ought to be done by the offenders themselves, providing the culprits are arrested. After all, aren't these public funds collected from direct or indirect taxes which the family members who receive compensation may also have contributed towards by way of Government levies on goods and services. Won't this be tantamount to paying these victims from their own money however microscopic this maybe? This is equally unacceptable as letting offenders get away by merely paying compensation to accident victim families without being made to face charges before a court of law. The other day we read about a national cricketer agreeing to pay a sum of Rs. one million as compensation to the family of a private bus conductor whom he knocked down and fatally injured. Before that, another leading national cricketer who knocked down and damaged a tri-shaw after allegedly driving under the influence of liquor was similarly made to take the easy way out by compensating the tri-shaw driver.

Why is the law silent in these instances any reasonable individual is wont to ask. Not so long ago there was also the case of a film star knocking down and seriously injuring a pedestrian through reckless driving. Nothing was heard about the matter thereafter. It goes without saying that the application of the law should receive the foremost priority in all such instances and without exception. Compensation should only be the last option. If not, all those well heeled and in the public limelight such as sportsmen, film stars and celebrities would be shielded with blanket immunity from the law. Besides, what deterrent would such an arrangement have on would be offenders who would be encouraged to go wild on our roads killing and maiming people secure in the happy knowledge that they would only have to part with a million -which to some will only represent drop in the bucket- and that the long arm of the law would not reach them.

It was reported that road accidents claim three lives each day in this country. According to statistics, in 2017 alone there were 3,555 road fatalities, representing 2.8 percent of total deaths in the country. Fatal road accidents have today become a regular feature. The victims in the accidents are usually a breadwinner of a family or a student with bright prospects in his/her academic careers as per the accompanying commentary of the scene on television. In rare instances entire families get killed and in others a parent or both parents perish, leaving behind the young children to fend for themselves. Therefore road accidents and their aftermath has now become a social problem too. Hence the urgent need for the authorities to act to at least bring down the number of road accidents.

To begin with, tough action should be taken against driving under the influence of liquor. A mere fine following a court appearance is not effective. Nothing short of a lengthy prison term and/or confiscation of the vehicle involved would suffice. If an individual driving under the influence of liquor is involved in a fatal accident he/she should also be compelled by law to take care of the dependents of the victim/victims. Today whenever a fatal accident is shown on television invariably, according to the newsreader, the perpetrator is arrested by the police. Nothing is known of what happens thereafter.

As another measure in curbing road accidents, an age limit should be placed on drivers, particularly that of heavy vehicles. A majority of the accidents in recent times had occurred in the wee hours and reportedly when the drivers had fallen asleep on the wheel. In addition, all vehicles of old vintage and rickety jalopies should be put off the road, since they are prone to mechanical defects than the new vehicles, resulting in accidents. Fitness tests should be made compulsory for all drivers of motor vehicles at regular intervals to avoid disaster, since, as is commonly known, those addicted to alcohol display particular symptoms that are not conducive to steady manoeuvring.

Not just the aged and alcoholic drivers, some of the young motorists who have just passed their drivers' tests too are guilty of reckless driving.

Private buses, no doubt, are the worse culprits when it comes to road discipline and have lived up to their dubious tag of being 'killers on wheels'. According to the Chairman of the All Island Private Bus Owners' Association Gemunu Wijeratne nearly one third of all private bus drivers in the Western Province are drug addicts. Need one say more?

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Almost all accidents take place because of human distraction. - Sebastian Thrun



Voters rejected the Grand Old Party (UNP) at the August 5, 2020 General Election. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

# The great challenge before the UNP

Sri Lanka's second oldest political party, the United National Party (UNP), now reduced to one National List seat in Parliament which the party is yet to fill, last week appointed Ruwan Wijewardene as its deputy leader in an eleventh-hour attempt to resurrect itself from the political wreckage it finds itself in.

The government led by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and other stalwarts of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) was busy trying to finalise the tabling of the 20th Amendment in Parliament when the UNP's highest decision-making body, its Working Committee, met to elect a deputy leader.

The move, mooted by party leader and former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was not without its fair share of drama. Wickremesinghe wanted the Working Committee to make a unanimous decision and was keen on nominating Wijewardene for the position. However, there were two demands by some members of the Working Committee.

The first was that Wickremesinghe steps down as the leader of the party. The second was that a vote be taken to elect a deputy leader. Wickremesinghe chose to ignore the first demand, maintaining that he was only interested in staying on as leader to ensure a smooth transition of authority to his successor. He then allowed a vote to be taken.

Contesting for the post of deputy leader were Ruwan Wijewardene and Ravi Karunanayake, the latter already being the UNP's 'assistant leader'. However, Wijewardene emerged the clear winner with 28 votes against the ten votes polled by Karunanayake. It is now widely expected that Wickremesinghe will resign in January and that Wijewardene will go on to succeed him as leader.

However, Wijewardene himself stated after his appointment that he will contest for the position of leader, clearly indicating that there could be another contest for the leadership in a few months. In the interim, Wijewardene has a few months to project himself as a unifying figure in the party now riddled with factions and in-fighting.

### Wijewardene's appointment

Nevertheless, Wijewardene's appointment as deputy leader has come in for strong criticism with his detractors claiming that his only qualification was being a kinsman of party leader Ranil Wickremesinghe. Wickremesinghe's mother, the late Nalini Wickremesinghe and Wijewardene's father, newspaper magnate Ranjit Wijewardene were siblings.

Indeed, in the lead up to the UNP's leadership stakes, there were several contenders with Ravi Karunanayake and Navin Dissanayake in the forefront. Arjuna Ranatunga was among the 'also rans' and former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya was spoken of as a 'compromise' candidate who could unite the party before passing the mantle of leadership to a younger leader.

Among them, Wijewardene was clearly the most junior in terms parliamentary experience. Ravi Karunanayake entered parliament in 1994. Jayasuriya entered Parliament in 1999 but rapidly rose through the ranks of the UNP to become its deputy leader and was the Speaker in the last Parliament. Dissanayake entered Parliament in 1999 and Ranatunga entered Parliament in 2001. Wijewardene entered parliament only in 2010.

All of them other than Wijewardene-Jayasuriya, Karunanayake, Dissanayake and Ranatunga have held numerous Cabinet portfolios. Karunanayake has held the crucial Finance portfolio. Wijewardene has only been the State Minister of Defence and the non-Cabinet minister for Media during the previous government.

Wijewardene's tenure as State Minister of Defence was also not without blemish. It was when he was in office



Opposition Leader  
Sajith Premadasa



UNP leader  
Ranil Wickremesinghe



UNP deputy leader  
Ruwan Wijewardene



Navin Dissanayake



The greater task for Wijewardene or whoever inheriting the mantle of leadership of the UNP is to restore the party to its former glory. While it is true that the UNP was the party that was instrumental in obtaining independence for Sri Lanka and has formed several governments in the past, none of this will guarantee an automatic resurgence just because Ranil Wickremesinghe departs as leader.

that the 2019 April Easter terror attacks took place, costing over 250 lives and causing irreparable damage to Sri Lanka's image as a vibrant tourist destination. However, Wijewardene was not in any way directly responsible for the lapses that led to the attacks.

### Wickremesinghe loyalists

These issues and Wijewardene's relative lack of seniority makes his choice as deputy leader an interesting one. He is seen by Wickremesinghe loyalists as someone who can rally the diverse factions of the party and bring them together. However, his critics argue that he does not have the mass appeal that would be vital to reinvent the UNP as a political party of the people.

If Wijewardene was party leader Wickremesinghe's choice, the former Prime Minister chose well in avoiding nominating Ravi Karunanayake who was staking his claim. Karunanayake has always been a loyalist of Ranil Wickremesinghe when the latter was being battered by his own party and hoped that years of standing by his leader would pay dividends.

However, Karunanayake has permanently sullied his standing because of his alleged involvement in the Central Bank bond scam. After the inquiry in

when J.R. Jayewardene stepped down but had to yield to the more senior Ranasinghe Premadasa who as President went on to sideline the duo for challenging him.

Dissanayake formed the Democratic United National Front (DUNF) with Athulathmudali but was invited back to the UNP by D. B. Wijetunge after the assassinations of Premadasa and Athulathmudali. He won a vote against Ranil Wickremesinghe to become Leader of the Opposition in Parliament. He would have been the next leader of the UNP had he not been felled by a terrorist attack in October 1994.

Nevertheless, the greater task for Wijewardene or whoever inheriting the mantle of leadership of the UNP is to restore the party to its former glory. While it is true that the UNP was the party that was instrumental in obtaining independence for Sri Lanka and has formed several governments in the past, none of this will guarantee an automatic resurgence just because Ranil Wickremesinghe departs as leader.

The UNP has virtually no grassroots network left. Its breakaway faction, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) led by the former deputy leader of the UNP Sajith Premadasa is already the major opposition party in the country and has 54 seats in Parliament. It is enhancing its standing among the masses by taking a firm stance against the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

### UNP and SJB

Therefore, the biggest question facing the new leader of the UNP is whether it should align itself with the SJB. Already Ruwan Wijewardene has said that he sees "no problem" in working with the SJB and SJB general secretary Ranjith Madduma Bandara has expressed reciprocal sentiments of a similar nature.

The new UNP leadership must realise that, apart from its name, symbol and history- which meant nothing much to the voter at the recently concluded general elections because the party polled less than 250,000 votes in the entire country - it does not have much leverage to bargain with the SJB.

The SJB itself is an alliance and the UNP could join the SJB in much the same way that the once powerful Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) is now a silent member of the SLPP-led political alliance. Or else, it could take an imaginative leap and invite SJB leader back to the fold of the UNP.

The SJB, for its part, is quite content to go it alone. It has been buoyed by the results of the recent general election, winning over fifty seats just a few months after the party was registered and at a time it was hampered in taking its message to the people because of the Covid-19 pandemic. In fact, some SJB stalwarts are heaving a sigh of relief that it no longer has to accommodate individuals from the UNP with questionable credentials whose shenanigans cost the UNP dearly.

If the SJB is invited to join the UNP, it would be on the terms dictated to by the SJB and would also mean that the party leadership would have to be conceded to Sajith Premadasa. Had Premadasa still been in the UNP, being its deputy leader, he would be the rightful heir to the leadership but it is also highly doubtful whether a Working Committee dominated by Wickremesinghe loyalists would have endorsed him as leader.

It would take great political courage, wisdom and selflessness for Ruwan Wijewardene, if he does assume the leadership of the UNP, to invite the SJB to return to the UNP and to concede the leadership to Premadasa. However, that is what it would take to restore the UNP to its glory days and become the Grand Old party it once was. If Wijewardene is able to do so, his elevation as deputy leader despite being relatively inexperienced, would be fully vindicated and would be the best decision ever made by Ranil Wickremesinghe.

# Much maligned but still necessary: the U.N. at 75

The postwar institution designed to maintain global peace has fallen short of many goals, but on the whole succeeded.

MICHAEL HIRSH

The annual gathering of the United Nations General Assembly is especially strange this year, with speeches from world leaders piped in from around the globe as they mark the U.N.'s 75th birthday from afar. But the truth is, many nations were socially distancing themselves from the U.N. well before the coronavirus came along.

Indeed, the scattered assembly and empty chamber looming over the East River are emblematic of a longer-term problem than COVID-19: the widening gulf of policy and practice among dozens of key U.N. members, and a pervasive sense of the world body's growing irrelevance. Leading the way, of course, has been an unremittingly hostile Trump administration.

This year's UNGA theme is "confronting COVID-19 through effective multilateral action." Yet this is precisely what the world has not done against the worst pandemic in decades. Instead it's mostly every country and vaccine manufacturer for himself, despite the COVAX initiative recently co-orchestrated by the World Health Organization, which aims to speed vaccine development to nations most in need. The United Nations says more than 170 countries are in talks to join, many of them submitting non-binding expressions of interest, so that a vaccine would go to vulnerable groups around the world first. But the effort came months after the pandemic hit, held up in part by U.S. obstructionism and European divisions. And the U.N. agency that's supposed to be the front-line responder, the WHO, finds itself under attack from every side, especially the U.N.'s most powerful member, the United States.

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any other president—even George W. Bush—in pushing the United Nations to the sidelines. Arguing that the WHO has fallen under Chinese influence, it is defunding the world's premier health agency even as the global death toll from COVID-19 is reaching 1 million (and U.S. deaths now top 200,000). Trump also withdrew from the U.N. Human Rights Council and the compact on migration.

The U.S. was recently rebuffed by the Security Council and U.N. leadership in seeking to reimpose sanctions on Iran over the 2015 nuclear agreement, which Trump but no other nation has rejected. And Trump, perhaps in a fit of pique, decided to skip his planned videotaped anniversary remarks on Monday. His administration relegated the speech to the No. 2 at the U.S. mission—not even U.N. Ambassador Kelly Craft. Craft herself—a political donor appointee with scant diplomatic experience—has also been a marginalized player, outmaneuvered by China and Russia and a far cry in stature from such prominent U.S. ambassadors as Adlai Stevenson, Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Richard Holbrooke. (Trump delivered his major speech to the assembly on Tuesday.)

## The U.N. Security Council

In other respects, 75 years on, the United Nations has turned into a very different institution than it was supposed to be when it was inaugurated on Oct. 24, 1945 (the leadership decided to commemorate the 75th anniversary at a high-level session on Monday). The General Assembly has been little more than a talking shop for most of its history. The U.N. Security Council—designed by Washington to be a great-power-dominated enforcer of world peace—is all but paralyzed by worsening hostility between the U.S., China and Russia, each of which veto resolution after resolution against each other.

And as Trump walks away from the U.N., Beijing has been swift to move into the vacuum, taking major steps at Washington as it seeks a leadership role throughout the organization. "No country has the right to dominate global affairs, control the destiny of others, or keep advantages in development all to itself," Chinese President Xi Jinping said in his speech Monday as the 75th celebration got underway. "Even less should one be allowed to do whatever it likes and be the hegemon, bully or boss of the world."



U.S. President Donald Trump looks on as Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks during a press conference on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly on September 25, 2019 in New York City.

In his speech Tuesday, Trump hit back at Beijing over its role in spreading the coronavirus, saying, "The United Nations must hold China accountable for their actions."

Most experts and diplomats believe Trump is being foolish in snubbing the United Nations—and leaving it open to Chinese influence—because for all its flaws it still critically serves U.S. interests.

Indeed, when viewed over its entire long history, the United Nations has mostly realized its larger purpose: preventing a third world war, argues Stephen Schlesinger, author of a 2004 book about the U.N.'s founding, *Act of Creation*. "The U.N. played a direct role in resolving the biggest and most dangerous confrontation we've had in the last 75 years, the Cuban Missile Crisis." This is true: Then-U.N.

Ambassador Stevenson had a critical part in averting nuclear war between the United States and the

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Soviet Union when he famously confronted the Soviet ambassador in the Security Council, telling him, "You are in the court of world opinion right now."

Schlesinger counts about 30 cases in its history where the United Nations played a peacemaking role in preventing a regional or local conflict that could have threatened a wider war—some that easily might have drawn in Washington. These include crises in Cambodia, Mozambique, Guatemala, Angola, Serbia, South Africa, Namibia and Croatia.

Yet few of these events garnered major headlines. "The problem is the U.N. failures tend to be dramatic and the successes tend to be mundane," said Richard Gowan of the International Crisis Group, referring to past blue helmet disasters such as the Rwandan genocide and the 1995 slaughter at Srebrenica in Bosnia.

The United Nations has adapted in other ways and proved critical in trouble spots across the world, from Afghanistan to Syria to Iraq. And it continues to perform essential stabilizing functions—not least as a

legitimizing authority whether the issue is nuclear non-proliferation, sanctions against rogue nations like North Korea and Iran, or armed invasion. The United Nations played an essential role in the Paris climate pact and the Iran nuclear deal—both of which Trump has rejected but which Democrat Joe Biden has pledged to rejoin if he is elected. And the Security Council has been necessary to organizing broad alliance support in U.S.-led missions such as the Gulf War. It even became important in supporting George W. Bush's early enforcement actions against Saddam Hussein in 2002, before he went beyond his U.N. remit and invaded. The U.N. has created critical institutions from the International Atomic Energy Agency—which monitors the largely successful Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty signed by 191 states—to the World Food Programme.

True, the United Nations has partly failed to fulfill the role that began a century ago with Woodrow Wilson's dream of global governance through a League of Nations (which failed, only to be reinvented in a more practical way by Franklin Roosevelt). Global collective security under FDR's "four policemen" concept, giving the major powers (the victors of World War II) a veto, never worked well enough to form anything like a supra-national

combat force. Nor was there ever serious consideration of an independent "peace enforcement" capability, as former Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali proposed after the Cold War stalemate between Moscow and Washington ended. It's impossible to imagine that the United States and other major powers will ever allow the United Nations to develop one either. U.N. peacekeeping missions, the so-called blue helmets, are composed of combined national forces.

Though the United Nations was conceived at the Dumbarton Oaks estate in Washington D.C. and inaugurated in San Francisco—then plunked down in the middle of New York City—it has long been regarded as an alien entity by many Americans who see it as a threat to U.S. sovereignty. On the right, conspiracy theorists spread nonsense about U.N. black helicopters traversing the American heartland, plotting to install a new world order run by international bureaucrats.

Yet for most of its existence, when it comes to the really big issues, the United Nations has acted more as an adjunct to U.S. power than an obstructionist force. "It's sort of tragic that so many Americans see it that way," said Gowan. "If you talk to most diplomats around the U.N., what they will tell you is the U.S. really dominates the institution. [U.N. Secretary-General António] Guterres has had to devote a considerable part of his term to massaging the Trump administration."

## U.S. initiatives

And far from threatening world government, the United Nations has never gone to war in the name of collective security unless the United States has orchestrated such military action. And this has happened just twice in its history—Korea in the early '50s, and the Gulf War in 1990-91.

For all its flaws and failures, the U.N. Security Council is also necessary if the United States is to impose its influence as the lone superpower without too much in-your-face unilateralism, and minimizing any commitment of U.S. forces. U.N. legitimation gives foreign leaders the face they need to sign onto U.S. initiatives. As former U.S. general and NATO commander Wesley Clark—who led the multilateral effort in the Balkans in the 1990s—once said, "The role of the U.N. Security Council 'is huge because it enables your friends to do what you want them to do in their own domestic politics,' and they don't have to admit to bowing to U.S. pressure."

The United Nations also acts as a clearinghouse for an endless slew of aid projects that Washington has no interest in orchestrating. In war-torn Afghanistan in the winter of 2001-2002, for example, it was the World Food Program that managed to get food—much of it supplied by U.S. aid—to hard-to-reach regions as the war was still going on. Earning almost no headlines, the WFP averted a famine.

And in the end, most presidents come to see the U.N.'s broader role—the vast substructure of stability it provides to the global system. Even Trump initially made use of the U.N. to orchestrate sanctions against North Korea and Iran. "Most American presidents have kind of a skeptical view at first but they come around to realizing it's a useful extension of our foreign policy," said Schlesinger.

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United Nations Headquarters in New York.

## SILENCE: THE UNRECOGNIZED TRAVEL COMPANION



In Passing...

by Malinda Seneviratne

Not everyone enjoys waking up to or being woken by birdsong. For some the transition from night to day, sleeping to an awakened state, silence to cacophony is best if it is close to seamless. They would prefer their days and lives to be free of harsh or unexpected interruption. Smooth.

It is not impossible for an individual to craft the world around him/her in ways that are more or less ideal. Life however wrecks the best laid plans, brings down preferred architectures and that which is placid now can without notice become tempestuous.

We rarely get to a land called "Calmness," simply because it's

not marked on any map, there are no buses running to and from it, road signs are absent and most of all because we don't know what it looks like, even if we know about it.

And so we long for silence and curse the noise, dream of easy passage and lament a jarring reality.

Maybe we have thought of silence all wrong. Maybe we look for it in the wrong places. Maybe we just don't use the filters that allow us to separate dark from light, truth from falsehood etc. Maybe we trip because we are looking for it in a distinct universe as a stand-alone entity.

Silence is not a stranger and neither is it a strange place. Perhaps we should acknowledge it

as unrecognized companion, invisible but eminently present accomplice, approving bystander and, ultimately, the substance that shapes our conversations.

In the heat of an argument, we could pause. Silence will immediately offer perspective, give us things in their true dimensions. When undecided, when anxious or fearful, silence will give space for reflection and will open a pathway to lead us away from emotion to reason.

It might sound ridiculous to suggest to someone that the most beautiful silences actually reside between words or even syllables or suspended between embrace and let-go.

We read little or too much and in both degrees of engagement leave things out, inflate what's read and by and large through misreading and exaggeration, through illiteracy and trivializing lose the faculty of noticing things, silence for example.

Life doesn't lend itself for neat carving where the carved elements can be neatly organized and labeled. Birds don't chirp as per a roster. Things



Kandy lake, a popular place to enjoy a peaceful walk.

come in mix and melt. Things reveal themselves in silhouette and reflection are wait for teasing apart.

There's a high note captured by a flute, rising above the elegant exposition of a full orchestra. It's not heard or if indeed is heard is typically dismissed simply because outliers are considered

less citizens in the Nation of Comprehension.

That's silence. Yes, a note which has or represents a sound and yet, in contrast to what else is out there and of course whatever is prominent, is nothing. Metaphorically speaking.

We try too hard, maybe? Our gaze is too intense, perhaps? We

are mis-trained to notice the noticeable and believe the unnoticed is non-existent, maybe?

We see the faraway mountains. We are duly thrilled. The grain of sand also has a story as compelling, but this we don't get to hear.

Silence. Constant companion. Co-conspirator but never named.

Silence: a witness whose evidence is disregarded. Silence: right there with you when the last bell calls. Shares our birthday but doesn't blow any candles. Dies with us and doesn't get mentioned on headstone.

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World Maritime Day falls today

# SEAFARING: Shrinking a world that's oceans apart



The World Maritime Day's theme for this year is "Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet," which provides an excellent opportunity to raise awareness of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and to showcase the work that the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and its Member States are undertaking to achieve the targets. The theme will provide opportunities for leaders from various sectors, including shipping, to both reflect on the work done and the urgent steps they further plan towards a sustainable future.

The shipping industry, with the support of the IMO regulatory framework, has already started the transition towards this sustainable future. The IMO has adopted and will continue to develop measures to cut greenhouse gas emissions, reduce the sulphur content of ships' fuel oil, implement the Ballast Water Management Convention, protect the polar regions, reduce marine litter, improve the efficiency of shipping through the electronic exchange of information, meet the challenges of the digitalization of shipping and enhance the participation of women in the maritime community.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the professionalism and sacrifice of the two million seafarers who serve on the world's merchant fleet. Shipping has continued to transport more than 80 percent of world trade, including vital medical supplies, food and other basic goods that are critical for the COVID-19 response and recovery – but hundreds of thousands of seafarers face a humanitarian crisis as they have been stranded at sea, unable to get off the ships they operate with contracts extended by many months. This needs to be addressed urgently, through Governments designating seafarers as essential workers and ensuring safe crew changes can take place.

This year's World Maritime Day is celebrated today, September 24 in the form of an online event, due to social distancing measures caused by the pandemic.

**BACKGROUND**

International shipping transports more than 80 percent of global trade to peoples and communities all over the world. Shipping is the most efficient and cost-effective method of international trans-

portation for most goods; it provides a dependable, low-cost means of transporting goods globally, facilitating commerce and helping to create prosperity among nations and peoples.

The world relies on a safe, secure and efficient international shipping industry, which is an essential component of any programme for future sustainable green economic growth in a sustainable manner.

The promotion of sustainable shipping and sustainable maritime development is one of the major priorities of the IMO in the coming years. Therefore, energy efficiency, new technology and innovation, maritime education and training, maritime security, maritime traffic management and the development of the maritime infrastructure: the development and implementation of global standards covering these and other issues will underpin IMO's commitment to provide the institutional framework necessary for a green and sustainable global maritime transportation system.

**IMO SECRETARY-GENERAL KITACK LIM'S MESSAGE**

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all of us, with unprecedented impacts on our lives, our economies and our societies. At the IMO, we have observed and attempted to address the impacts on the shipping industry and especially seafarers. In these challenging times, the ability of shipping services and seafarers to deliver essential goods, including medical supplies, food and fuel is central to responding to, and overcoming this crisis.

The pandemic has shown that shipping, the most reliable, efficient and cost-effective method of international transportation that carries more than 80 percent of global trade, remains the leading

facilitator of the global economy. Therefore, shipping and maritime will be at the heart of the economic recovery and future sustainable growth far into the future, both at sea and ashore, supporting an inclusive and resilient economy to underpin the achievement of the sustainable development goals.

"Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet", our theme for 2020 could not be more relevant now and for years to come.

In the post-COVID world, much focus will be directed at the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by all UN Member States in 2015.

These goals are as relevant as ever, and shipping is essential for sustainable development. The 2030 Agenda will only be realized with a sustainable transport

**FACT BOX**

**SIX TYPES OF MERCHANT SHIPS:**

The global fleet has six types of ships: tankers, passenger ships, container ships, fishing vessels, bulk carriers and general cargo ships. There are approximately 55,000 merchant ships carrying cargo around the world.

**TONS OF BANANAS:** The largest ship can store 18,000 containers. That means it can carry more than 745 million bananas. One banana for each European.

**POWERFUL:** A container ship engine has about 1,000 times more power than an average family car. Nevertheless, big container ships only travel at 23 knots at peak. That means they travel 26.5 miles per hour.

**A LONG JOURNEY:** In one year, an average container ship travels the equivalent of 75 percent of the way to the moon and back during its regular travel across the ocean.

**BIGGEST FLEETS:** Germany, Japan and Greece are the three countries with the biggest fleet based on total dead weight tonnage controlled by parent companies located in these countries.

**GREAT EMPLOYER:** Around 1.5 million seafarers are employed by the global shipping industry.

**MALE-DOMINATED INDUSTRY:** Only two percent of all seafarers are female.

**COMMUNICATION CHALLENGES:** Around 33 percent of ship crews in the world have no means of communication while they are on the open sea. Only 10 percent have any kind of internet access.

sector supporting world trade and facilitating the global economy.

But shipping also needs to secure its own sustainability. Shipping activities must be balanced with Safety of Life at Sea and the long-term health and diversity of the oceans. A major part of IMO's role is to ensure that shipping continues to make its contribution to the global economy without upsetting nature's delicate balance.

Supported by IMO's regulatory framework, shipping is engaged on a journey of transformation towards this sustainable future.

**IMO'S ACTIONS ARE:**

- enhance maritime safety and digital shipping;
- ensure and enhance the professionalism, competence and workplace environment of the world's seafarers;
- decarbonization of international shipping and reduction of sulphur in ships' fuel oil;
- protect the polar regions and reduce marine litter;
- facilitation of maritime traffic in collaboration with port industry;
- technical cooperation and capacity building of developing countries;
- enhance gender equality in the maritime community and;
- maintain a robust response system to meet threats to safety and security at sea, and protect the marine environment

All form the foundation for shipping's part in securing a sustainable future for all of us. We must now look to see what more should be done to achieve these goals.

At the start of 2020, alongside our UN sister entities, we marked the beginning of a decade of action and delivery for the SDGs. In choosing "Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet" as this year's World Maritime Theme, we focus global attention on how IMO, the Organization's Member States, civil society and the shipping industry are working together to ensure that shipping continues and strengthens its contribution towards sustainable growth.

As the global pandemic has turned all our lives upside down, I have been encouraged by the unprecedented level of

cooperation and collaboration in the maritime world. I have spoken many times of our "voyage together", encompassing Member States, NGOs and multiple maritime stakeholders. However, this year, the spirit of those words has been more important than ever. We need to capitalize on this willingness to work together as we move forward, supporting shipping, seafarers and the maritime sector to fulfil their responsibilities.

(Source: UN Nations & IMO)

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## Maritime Day celebrations onboard "8 Degrees Floating Boat" tomorrow

A special awareness workshop/seminar to increase awareness on the importance of shipping safety, maritime security and the marine environment under the theme 'Sustainable Shipping for a Sustainable Planet' to mark World Maritime Day will be held tomorrow, September 25, at 6.30 pm onboard "8 Degrees Floating Boat" at Cinnamon Lakeside.

The panel of experts includes Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prof. Admiral Jayanath Colombage, CEO LAUGF Maritime and- IMO Consultant,

Dr. Leslie Hemachandra, Maritime Lawyer, Owner DANMAR, Dr. Dan Malika Gunasekara, Country Manager- DNV GL Eng. Saman Kumarasinghe, and Vice-Chancellor of Northshore Campus, Prof. Nalaka Jayakody.

It will be held under themes such as Seafarers are Key Workers and Seafarers' Education Today, Criminalization of the Seafarers, Decarbonization of International Shipping and Revisiting Sustainable Shipping aftermath of the MT New Diamond catastrophe.



**SUSTAINABLE SHIPPING FOR A SUSTAINABLE PLANET**



# President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's address to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

**Full text of the President's address:**  
**"Mr. President,**  
**Mr. Secretary-General,**  
**Your Majesties,**  
**Your Excellencies,**  
**Distinguished Delegates,**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**  
**Ayubowan!**



At the outset, I congratulate Your Excellency Volkan Bozkir on being elected as the President of the 75th Session of the United Nations General Assembly. We wish you success and assure you of our fullest cooperation.

I take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to His Excellency Prof. Tijani Muhammad-Bande, for his effective stewardship of the last General Assembly.

I wish to extend Sri Lanka's appreciation to the Secretary-General His Excellency António Guterres for his dynamic leadership and untiring efforts in pursuing the objectives of the United Nations, even amidst unprecedented conditions brought about by the pandemic.

The effort taken to hold the UN General Assembly in a modified format, in keeping with the current constraints is commendable.

I extend my deepest condolences to all those who have lost loved ones due to the pandemic and express deep appreciation to the frontline healthcare and essential workers, both in Sri Lanka and globally, for their dedication and selfless commitment.

The theme of this year's General Debate is timely, and echoes the importance of solidarity across national borders in alleviating the effects of COVID-19.

We commend the efforts taken by the UN to respond to this challenge, including the "COVID 19 Global Humanitarian Response Plan" and the establishment of the United Nations COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.

Sri Lanka supports the extensive work being carried out by the WHO, which has played a critical role in shaping the global response to the pandemic. The WHO now must seek to facilitate universal access to a COVID-19 vaccine, once developed, which should be designated as a basic public good and be affordable and obtainable by all.

As a country proud of her long-standing democratic traditions, the Government of Sri Lanka has witnessed two free and fair elections, where I as the President and my Government were elected with overwhelming majorities.

This is also a clear signal of the support of the people of Sri Lanka for a path forward for the country, that will safeguard the people and protect the sovereignty of the country without succumbing to any force.

At a time when even the most powerful countries in the world were facing substantial challenges in the wake of COVID - 19 pandemic, Sri Lanka was able to successfully face the challenge.

Thanks to a well-coordinated and synchronized mechanism of preventive measures at the national level, assisted by a robust local healthcare system, we managed to contain its spread. I must thank the people of my country for the cooperation they extended in this monumental task.

Sri Lanka's sustenance during this calamity was due to the series of inclusive, non-discriminatory and holistic measures taken by the Government, prioritizing the health and safety of her people.

These measures include, financially supporting low income families, pensioners, differently-abled, day-income earners, farmers, and disadvantaged groups and managing the repatriation of Sri Lankans in a coordinated manner.

Sri Lanka also explored avenues of business to create new economic trends. This included the use of digital technology to connect the farmer, supplier and consumer; to deliver essential items and services; and to provide on-line education.

These measures ensured the 'right to life' of all Sri Lankans and all foreign nationals who were trapped during restrictions on air travel, regardless of their ethnic, religious or social background.

The WHO has commended Sri Lanka's efforts to control COVID-19 more effectively even with modest means, than more resourced countries.

Sri Lanka was among the first countries in South Asia to open schools to bring children back in safety, as commended by UNICEF.

The World Travel and Tourism Council has recently stamped Sri Lanka as a safe destination for tourists.

Sri Lanka notes with deep concern that developing countries are facing an unprecedented economic and debt crisis due to the pandemic, and the need for debt relief and financial stimulus for such countries must be duly recognized.

Sri Lanka is committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Moreover, we, as a country, are extremely serious about protecting our environment. With a bio-diversity that is unique to us, we are ensuring that our environmental assets are not only duly preserved but also prudently used. My government is taking all measures to strike the right balance between preserving the environment and taking development forward.

The recent debacle involving an oil tanker in our seas was carefully managed ensuring that our marine resources are in no way compromised. As a small country with limited resources to handle disasters of this magnitude, we, with the help of the neighbouring countries, minimized the damage caused by the oil tanker to the marine habitat.

Sri Lanka welcomes the initiative of the President of the 74th General Assembly for launching the Alliance for Poverty Eradication, which will mobilize action on this issue.

Based on the vision of my policy statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour", a Presidential Task Force in charge of Economic Revival and Poverty Eradication was established to create a production economy. The Task Force is focusing on creating a unique economic structure based on novel initiatives.

This complements my country's long and consistent history of protecting our society from extreme poverty. Our government is taking a bold and creative initiative to reduce poverty in the country by targeting poor families and providing a member of each such family wage employment that will help the family to come out of poverty and look to the future with hope.

We are convinced that education is an important tool for emerging out of poverty.

In Sri Lanka, the National Education System is being restructured according to the theme, "Equal learning opportunity for every child"

envisaged in the national policy framework. Many rural schools are being upgraded and others modernized to equip children with knowledge and skills that would help them to contribute to the development of the country.

A cost-free official "e-learning portal" for school children, with the support of all telecommunication operators, has successfully contributed towards home learning during the pandemic.

State Ministries have been established recently, covering all areas of education for women, children and youth of the country, placing emphasis on vocational and technical education and training.

Sri Lanka remains deeply committed to addressing drug-related socio-economic issues. There is a need to enhance efforts to strengthen the prevention of drug abuse among children and youth, and ensure that educational settings are free of any harmful and addictive drugs.

Sri Lanka is extremely concerned about the increasing sophistication of the transnational criminal groups engaged in illicit manufacture and trafficking of drugs.

In order to address this, a Presidential Task Force was appointed to eradicate the drug menace, and to create a safer and a more secure country. Since its establishment, it has produced commendable results.

Sri Lanka, having experienced separatism and terrorism for near three decades, condemns all terrorist acts in the strongest possible terms, be it domestic or international.

In spite of its elimination from the Sri Lankan soil, the international network of this terrorist outfit remains, pushing its ruthless ideology and influencing certain Capitals to spread its baseless lies and propaganda.

We are hopeful that no State will tolerate activities of this international network which continues to espouse and propagate violent ideology under different guises and manifestations.

The global community must stand in solidarity with Sri Lanka, notwithstanding narrow domestic political compulsions, to counter terrorism. This ideology that introduced suicide bombings to the world has set precedents for acts of violent extremism across the world. This is evident by the growing recruitment drive of the extremist outfits.

It is the hope of my people that the world community will not seek to forget or rewrite the violent past of this terrorist organization and allow the propagation of the group's propaganda, which aimed at indoctrination and radicalization of another generation of youth.

As a nation that has witnessed the bitterness of war, Sri Lanka is committed to promoting peace across the world. We remain fully committed to UN Peacekeeping.

We are proud to have a long association with United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, with over 20,000 Sri Lankan Peacekeepers having served in Peace Missions across the world. They are providing critical

services to conflict affected communities in most difficult and dangerous terrains.

As a Nation, we are keen to contribute to the common goal of global peace and security.

This time when the United Nations reaches its 75th year, it is a great opportunity to self-assess the approach and success towards maintaining international peace, security and development.

The UN system needs to ensure equity, inclusivity and transparency, while being more responsive to the ever-changing global environment.

In order to ensure the sustainability and the credibility of the Organization, political witch hunts through questionable motives against Member States, need to be halted.

Democratically elected governments of nations understand the pulse and needs of their people the best. It is the responsibility of the UN to assist and support processes of such elected Governments to bring about sustainable solutions for the needs of their people.

Sri Lanka is committed to follow a neutral foreign policy with no affiliations to any particular country or power bloc.

As a strategically placed country in the Indian Ocean, it is our priority to ensure that the Indian Ocean is maintained as a zone of peace where no country could gain advantage over any other.

Moreover, Indian Ocean has many international sea lanes that are economically important to a large number of nations and therefore, should remain accessible to global trade and commerce.

Geo-politically too Indian Ocean receives the focus of the entire world. Given this situation, powerful countries and nations should provide their support and assistance to maintain the neutrality of the Indian Ocean and to protect its valuable marine resources.

In conclusion, I wish to re-iterate the importance of the UN charter which enshrines the protection of sovereignty, territorial integrity of States and non-interference in their domestic affairs.

**"Thank you."**

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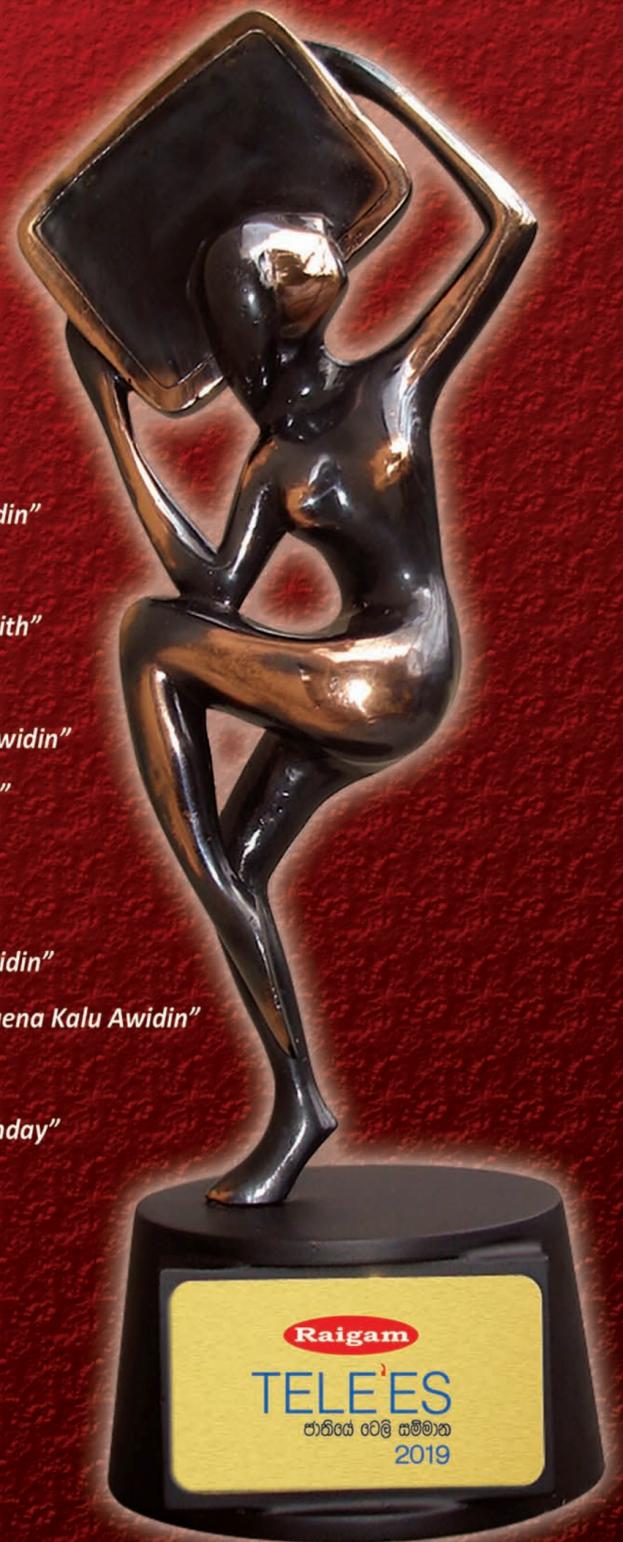
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**National Television**

# UN Chief warns against 'new Cold War'

## Xi calls for global unity to overcome COVID crisis



UN Secretary-General António Guterres addressing the general debate of the General Assembly's 75th session at the UN in New York on Tuesday. - AFP

**UN:** UN Secretary-General António Guterres on Tuesday urged the world to prevent a Cold War between the United States and China and halt conflicts so it can focus on the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We must do everything to avoid a new Cold War," Guterres said in an address as he opened an almost entirely virtual UN General Assembly.

"We are moving in a very dangerous direction. Our world cannot afford a future where the two largest economies split the globe in a Great Fracture - each with its own trade and financial rules and internet and artificial intelligence capacities," he said, without saying the United States and China by name.

Guterres has campaigned for an end to all violent conflicts as the world instead focuses on stopping the disease. He pointed to some partial successes including ceasefires declared in Cameroon, Colombia and Cameroon.

He pressed for a universal ceasefire by the end of the year.

"I appeal for a stepped-up international effort - led by the Security Council - to achieve a global ceasefire by the end of this year," Guterres said.

Meanwhile, Chinese President Xi Jinping gave a robust defense of China's ambitions Tuesday in a speech to the UN, warning against the perils of a "clash of civilizations" during a pandemic that has ripped through the world.

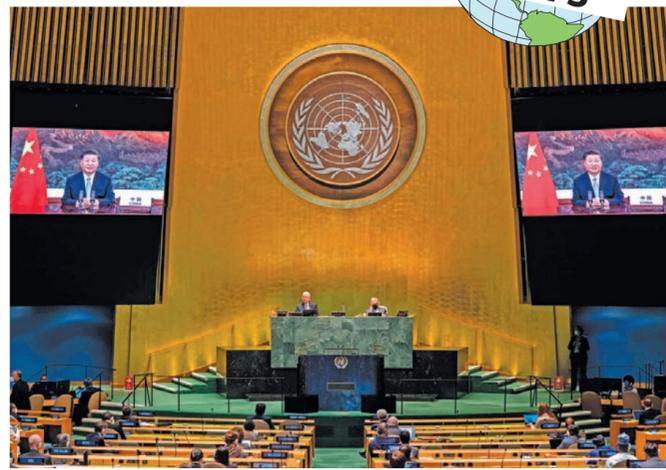
The world must "oppose politicization and stigmatization" over COVID-19, Xi said in the pre-recorded address, urging world leaders to embrace the "concept of a big family... and avoid falling into the trap of a clash of civilizations."

But Xi reassured world leaders his country had no desire for "hegemony, expansion or sphere of influence."

"China has no intention to enter a Cold War with any country," he said, insisting Beijing is instead a bulwark of international systems such as the World Trade Organization and a willing partner in the face of diplomatic spats.

President Xi Jinping also said that China will go carbon neutral by 2060, a target hailed by environmental activists as a major stride forward. Xi renewed his support for the Paris climate accord and called for a green focus as the world recovers from the COVID-19 crisis.

- AFP



President of the People's Republic of China, Xi Jinping (on screen) addressing the general debate of the 75th United Nations General Assembly Session on Tuesday at the UN in New York. - AFP

## Freed Taliban return to battlefield

- Top Afghan negotiator



Chairman of Afghanistan's High Council for National Reconciliation and lead negotiator Abdullah Abdullah (L) speaking at the historic peace talks with the Taliban in the Qatari capital Doha recently.

**US:** A number of Taliban prisoners who were released by the Afghan government as a condition for peace talks have taken up arms again, the government's lead negotiator Abdullah Abdullah said Tuesday.

Abdullah, the chairman of Afghanistan's High Council for National Reconciliation, said discussions with the Taliban in Qatar so far have been positive.

However, he said some - though not the majority - of the 5,000 Taliban prisoners released by the government as a condition for talks had resumed the fight against Kabul.

"I do know that some have returned to

the battlefield, which is a violation of the agreement that they had made," Abdullah said during an online conference with the US Council on Foreign Relations.

Abdullah said talks between the two sides had begun in Doha on a positive note, as the delegations build some familiarity with each other.

Yet the level of violence inside Afghanistan has not fallen, and he called on the United States, which launched the peace process with its own deal with the Taliban, and Pakistan, which maintains ties to the insurgents, to pressure them to agree to a ceasefire.

- AFP

## Trump set to announce Supreme Court pick on Saturday

**US:** US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he will announce his pick on Saturday for the crucial Supreme Court seat left open by the death of justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg - and his Republican Party vowed a quick vote to confirm the nominee.

Democratic opponents, led by Presidential candidate Joe Biden, have demanded that Republicans back off on replacing Ginsburg - who died last week - until after the November 3 election, when they'll know whether Trump is getting a second term.

Republicans are ignoring this, giving Trump, who has already replaced two other justices, a chance to tilt the nation's highest court to the right for decades to come, whether he beats

Biden or not. Speaking at a campaign rally in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, Trump said he would reveal his nominee at 5:00 pm (2100 GMT) on Saturday at the White House.

Although two Republican senators said they believed the upper chamber of Congress should not vote at all before the election, the party's 53-47 majority is still just big enough to go ahead. Democrats argue that any Senate vote should be delayed until after the election has made clear who will lead the country from 2021. Adding to tensions, there is fear that leaving Ginsburg's seat unfilled - reducing the court to eight justices - raises the possibility of a 4-4 tie in the event of rulings related to election disputes.



US President Donald Trump at a campaign rally in Moon Township, Pennsylvania on Tuesday. - AFP

## US House adopts bill to avoid shutdown



The US House of Representatives

**US:** The US House of Representatives adopted a budget bill Tuesday to avoid an imminent government shutdown and extend funding through early December, after Democrats reached a deal with the White House and Republicans.

The bipartisan text would still need the Senate's backing and President Donald Trump's signature before it could enter into force.

"We have reached an agreement with Republicans," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement following a deal with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin to prevent

large portions of the government from shutting down after September 30.

The measure would "add nearly \$8 billion in desperately needed nutrition assistance for hungry schoolchildren and families," Pelosi said.

Congress, which is deeply divided along party lines, would not likely have been able to reach a broader agreement on a new 2021 budget before the end of the fiscal year, which falls on September 30 in the United States.

The short-term bill extends funding through December 11.

- AFP

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### DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results

2020/09/22

Draw Number - 319

English Letter: **W** Winning Number: **16 40 64 77**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize (if all numbers are correct)	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize (if English Letter and 3 numbers are correct)	Rs. 100,000.00	02
3rd Prize (if any 3 numbers are correct)	Rs. 3,000.00	63
4th Prize (if English Letter and 2 numbers are correct)	Rs. 1,000.00	150
5th Prize (if any 2 numbers are correct)	Rs. 100.00	3,567
6th Prize (if English Letter and 1 number is correct)	Rs. 60.00	2,525
7th Prize (if 1 number is correct)	Rs. 20.00	60,763
8th Prize (if only English Letter is correct)	Rs. 20.00	11,367

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 2,489,800.00  
 Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 78,437

Next Draw Super Prize **117,274,075.44**

### Govisetha Official Results

DRAW NUMBER 2548 DRAW DATE 22.09.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **J** WINNING NUMBERS: **04 31 45 56**

COMBINATION	PRICE	NO. OF WINNERS
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2 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	09
3 PRIZE IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	182
4 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	412
5 PRIZE IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10,059
6 PRIZE IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	6,601
7 PRIZE IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	16,922
8 PRIZE IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	3,0247

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **213,432**  
 TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 6,869,320.00**  
 SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 63,642,626.80**

Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw. Prizes of Rupees Five Lakh and above are liable to government taxes. To obtain prizes, Presenting National Identity card is a must.

### MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 22-09-2020

WINNING LETTER: **T** WINNING NUMBERS: **8 3 1 1 8 3**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Rs.	Number of winners
1st Prize	8 3 1 1 8 3	2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	3 1 1 8 3	100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	1 1 8 3	10,000/-	109
4th Prize	1 8 3	1,000/-	1,102
5th Prize	8 3	100/-	11,099
6th Prize	3	20/-	110,018

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Rs.	Number of winners
7th Prize	8 3 1 1 8	10,000/-	11
8th Prize	8 3 1 1	1,000/-	118
9th Prize	8 3 1	100/-	1,105
10th Prize	8 3	50/-	10,971
11th Prize	T	20/-	43,827

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.10,365,850.00

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs.12,309,762.00**

### NEEROGA LAGNA JAVA

DATE: 2020/09/22

WINNING NUMBERS: **06 47 55 59**

Zodiac: **GEMINI**

PRIZES STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NUMBER OF WINNERS
1st prize If 4 numbers are correct	Rs.1,000,000/-	-
2nd prize If 3 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 10,000/-	3
3rd prize If 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 2,000/-	67
4th prize If 2 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 200/-	310
5th prize If 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	3,509
6th prize If 1 number and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 60/-	4,667
7th prize If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	50,716
8th prize If only the zodiac is correct	Rs. 20/-	18,683

Total Prize Money won in this Draw **Rs. 2,244,900.00**  
 The Next Super Prize **Rs. 17,739,403.00**

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### Mega POWER

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ENGLISH LETTER: **K** SUPER NUMBER: **13** WINNING NUMBERS: **01 33 53 75**

PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2nd PRIZE If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	07
3rd PRIZE If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	158
4th PRIZE If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	349
5th PRIZE Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,814
6th PRIZE If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,694
7th PRIZE Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	144,042
8th PRIZE Only English Letter are correct	20.00	26,957

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# The Mega Show at BMICH on November 18

DINESH WEERAWANSA

The 42nd Observer -Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year will be held at the BMICH on November 18. This is sooner the GCE Advanced Level examination is over.

The Mega Show has been planned to be held at the BMICH following all Covid-19 guidelines set by the Health authorities. Though the BMICH has a seating capacity of 1,600, only 800 people will be invited for the Mega Show, in keeping with the Covid-19 regulations.

The Schoolboy and schoolgirl cricketers who will carry away the top awards were picked recently by officials of the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) and Cricket Umpires Association at a meeting at the Galadari Hotel, Colombo.

The distinguished panel was chaired by Ashantha de Mel, the chairman of the National Selection Committee. Having De Mel as chairman of the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year was a fitting tribute to one of Sri Lanka's top fast bowlers in the early Test era.

De Mel was Sri Lanka's prime bowler who sent down the first ever over in the inaugural Test against England in 1982. Thus, he also captured the country's first Test wicket, that of Geoff Cook. In fact, Sri Lanka played its inaugural Test four years after the Observer Cricketer of the Year contest was inaugurated.

Ashantha Lakdas Francis de Mel, who had the honour of bowling Sri Lanka's first ball in a Test match, was one of the few Sri Lanka bowlers in the 1980s who bowled above medium pace. He also had the ability to bowl a well disguised out-swinger that baffled batsmen.

He had his early education at Isipathana College, Colombo up to Ordinary Level and then moved to Royal College Colombo. The most



notable event as a bowler came at the 1983 World Cup in England, where he made maximum use of the seaming conditions to bag his only two ODI five-wicket-hauls. At Headingley against Pakistan, he took five for 39 and once again took five wickets - this time for only 32 runs, as New Zealand crumbled to 181 and Sri Lanka won the match by three wickets, their only win in the tournament in Derby.

He ended the 1983 World Cup having Sri Lanka's best bowling figures in every match. He was the tournament's second highest wicket taker with 17 wickets, one behind champion India's Roger Binny. His international career ended in 1987 due to a knee injury.

The SLSCA delegation at Friday's selection committee meeting was led by its president Thilak Waththuhewa, Principal of Nalanda Vidyalaya. Apart from the SLSCA top officials, several umpires and batsman.lk officials also supported the panel with their statistical data in picking the winners.

Rewarding schoolboy cricketers at the end of each season was first moved by Sri Lanka's flagship English newspaper Sunday Observer with the inaugural show taking place in 1978/79.

From its humble beginnings at the Nawaragahala to the posh Grand Ballroom of the Colombo Hilton, the Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year contest has gone from strength to strength via the BMICH and Galadari Hotel.

But for a longer duration, the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer show has been associated with the BMICH - the venue for this year's event too.

Returning to the BMICH was mainly due to the fact that it has the capacity to accommodate a large gathering in keeping with the Government's Health Ministry regulations after the Covid-19 pandemic. Hence, the Mega Show that was originally held at the BMICH will return to the same arena for its second innings.

The Observer-Mobitel Schoolboy and Schoolgirl Cricketers of the Year has improved in every aspect to become the best in rewarding the champion of champions. Even the initial sponsor Haliborange to Bata Shoe Company and current sponsor SLT Mobitel, the quality and standards of the contest has improved every year since Sri Lanka's first school cricket awards show.

A couple of competitive shows which copied the Mega Show are not rewarding cricketers this year. We have always encouraged these events as the Mother of All Shows for the benefit of the teenagers. But the rival events will not be at play this time as their sponsors seem to have ended their innings due to lack of mileage owing to the Covid-19 lockdown.

Nevertheless, the sponsor of the Observer-Mobitel School Cricketers of the Year show - SLT Mobitel played a straight bat with the Sunday Observer to maintain the uninterrupted run of the event for the 42nd year. Thus, the 42nd



FLASHBACK: Observer Mobitel Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year 2019 Kamil Mishara of Royal College

It has been the feeder pool for the national team, providing an ideal opportunity for the next generation of cricketers once they graduate from the Observer Schoolboy Cricketer of the Year 'cricketing university'.

Organized by the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (ANCL), the event is sponsored by the country's national mobile service provider Sri Lanka Telecom Mobitel for the 13th successive year. Chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom and SLT Mobitel Rohan Fernando and SLT Mobitel CEO Nalin Perera have given their maximum financial backing to keep the Mega Show alive.

The Sunday Observer realized the need to reward the raw talent of the country's schoolboy cricketers way back in 1978-79 at a time when there had been no organized inter-school cricket tournaments, apart from the traditional first XI matches between the leading schools.

With the introduction of the Show and its expansion it has a separate segment for outstation schoolboy cricketers and it went a long way in inspiring players from remote areas to showcase their talent.

The ANCL Chairman and board of directors have always given their best support to keep the Mega Show alive. Chairman/CEO W. Dayaratne, President's Counsel, together with Director Editorial Dharma Sri Kariyawasam, Director Legal and Administration Rakhitha Abeygunawardhana, Director Finance Janaka Ranatunga and Director Operations Canishka Witharana have helped this show to go from strength to strength.

## New high performance indoor cricket centre at Katunayake

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Youngsters at practices



Former cricket star Chaminda Vaas at the opening ceremony

## C.C.C. School of Cricket celebrates 22 years of success

C.C.C. School of Cricket found in 1998, by veteran cricket mentor, Nelson Mendis will Celebrate twenty two years of service to young cricketers with the annual Inter House Cricket Tournament on September 26 and 27 at their home ground, C.C.C., Maitland Crescent, Colombo.

The cricket school, which has gained much popularity as the leading cricket coaching school in the Island, with more than 300 students, will have two days of cricket and fun, when their Under 09, U-10, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15 and over 15 age

group cricketers will turn up for their respective Houses - Bradman, Sobers, Tendulkar and Jayawardena to battle for the Championship. Old Boys vs Present Bays Match is also on the cards.

Present Test, ODI and T-20 National cricketer and the Captain of C.C.C. the champions of the Premier League Cricket Tournament Kusal Mendis will be the chief guest.

The Parents, Executive Committee led by C.E.O., Harsha Peiris has made elaborate arrangements to make this event a success.

## P&S steps into Esports with mobile tournaments

Perera & Sons (P&S), Sri Lanka's foremost quick service restaurant facility provider, has announced their first foray into Mobile Esports with two events for mobile gamers. The P&S PUBG Mobile Series will feature PUBG Mobile as its stand-alone event with Rs. 100,000 in prize money going out to the top 8 placements of the event. In addition, the P&S Mobile Contenders event will feature Free Fire (squad based battle-royale) and Call of Duty Mobile (Multiplayer) with a prize pool of Rs. 50,000 split between the two events.

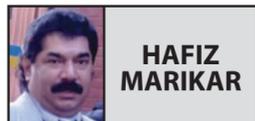
Perera & Sons, founded in 1902, celebrated their 118th year providing meals for Sri Lankans across the island. P&S has modernized their offerings recently with their website for online purchasing, partnering with food delivery networks such as Pickme and Uber Eats and catering to a younger consumer with their product offerings.

Perera & Sons has partnered with Gamer.LK to take their brand to today's youth and young adults who are engaged

heavily in Esports. Sri Lanka has recognized Esports as an official sport and it is considered the fastest growing sport in the country. Estimates put Sri Lanka's gaming population at three million, with thousands actively taking part in competitive Esports events throughout the year. "We are very excited to join with Gamer.Lk as we believe Esports will be the future of all sports. It has the ability to encompass and engage enthusiasts, especially female gamers, from all walks of life. With the advent of Covid-19 and the many lockdowns the world still faces, Esports has been able to engage people from their very own homes, without the need for physical onsite presence, when even stepping out of the home may not be allowed due to health and safety precautions," said Gihan Perera, the Managing Director of the company.

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## Bertie Dias, one of the finest sportsmen from Kandy



HAFIZ MARIKAR

The man who guided Sri Lanka rugby to be the Asian runnerup in 1974, is Late Col. Bertie Dias one of the finest sportsmen to come out of Kandy, he was a product of Trinity College in the 1950's. Bertie as he was known among his friends, can be rated as one of the finest scrum half's this school has produced, some of the others top scrum halfs were S.B. Pilapitiya, Japana Jayawardene, Hanzil Samad, Ashan Ratwatte and Dilip Selvam.

At Trinity he was under the watchful eyes of Philip Bultjens at rugby. Bertie had an illustrious career and left an indelible mark in the history of Sri Lanka Rugby. He was one of the finest ruggers who made the rugby circle colorful and courageous, as a player, referee and coach.

Under his coaching, Sri Lankans emerged number two in Asia in 1974. Bertie as he was affectionately known, excelled in both studies and sport's while at School. He was a fine, hockey player, boxer and a top athlete during his time.

He won the coveted 'Lion' for Rugby in 1950 along with H.L.Fernando and R.W. Tucker, and in the same year, won the first 'Hockey Lion' with S.S. Bambarad-

eniya. Trinity's recognition for hockey was granted only in 1950, but more than ten years previously, hockey had in fact been played quite seriously by a school side that called itself the "Rabbits".

Some of his team mates in 1949, under the leadership of K. Arumugam, were E. Rulach, C.S. Bambaradeniya, C. B. Halangoda, D. Ratwatte, L. Kdirgarmar, S.S. Bambaradeniya, R.W.Tucker, M. Hermon, W. Wijarthne, C.N. Panabokke, D.Y.L.Pakustan, M.B. Ellepola, and R.B. Rodrigo. In that year in the 1st leg of the Bradly, Royal College won by 8 points to 3 and in the 2nd leg Royal 8 Trinity 6.

Then in 1950 he played along with A.L.J. Madugalle, D. Ratwatte, R.W.Tucker, H.L. Fernando, V. Wijeratne, Kavan Rambukwella, L. Pilimatalawa, Lakshman Jayakody, M.S. Paditharanthne J. Shanmuganathan, B. Speldewinde, G.Tenakoon, J. Weerasakera and that year captain was S.S. Bambaradeniya. In that year Trinity won the 1st leg of the Bradly by 6 points to nil and in the 2nd leg Trinity scored 5 points against Royal's 3 points.

Some of his hockey mates at school were S. S. Bambaradeniya, C.H. Meares, G.H.M.N.P. Elikawela, R.M.P. Kehelpannala, K. Palanandy, S.M. Selvaratnam, M.P. Weersinghe, D. Wickremasinghe and R.R. Williams. Today there is a trophy presented in memory of him for the Trinity-Royal Old Boys Hockey match.

While at the University of Ceylon, Bertie was a tower of strength in all the undergraduate teams. He played Rugger, Cricket and Hockey also boxed for the Varsity and participated in athletics. Having graduated, he taught at Trinity for a short period before joining the Army as an officer. In the Army too, he excelled at rugger and hockey and was instrumental in the promotion of sport in the Army. He gave his best for the Army team as a player, captain, coach and official.

He first played club rugger for Kandy Sports Club, later for Dimbulla A & CC, Dickoya MCC, Up-Country, Havelock SC, Low Country, Sri Lanka Army, Defence Services and Sri Lanka.

He was a fine coach, and knew how to do the job, and has coached many a sides and helped them to play good quality rugger. Perhaps the best ever Trinity rugby team was the 1956 side that produced nine All Ceylon 'caps' and two captains. The side was coached by Bertie Dias. In that year, they beat Royal in both legs of the Bradly, S. Thomas', St. Joseph's, St. Peter's, the only schools who were playing the game at that time. The side was led by D.N. Frank, and the team was made up of players like D.N. Frank, Ken de Joodt, M.V. Boteju, Franklyn Jacob, R.J. de Silva, G. Weasinghe, U. Ratnayake, Nimal Maralande, J. Dias de Singhe, M. Uvais Odayar, D.N. Frank, R.N. de Alwis, S.P. de Silva, A.S.B. Ellepola, and Mike de Alwis.

It was as a rugger coach that Bertie became more popular. His first major role was as coach of the successful Up-Country provincial rugby team. Bertie coached Kandy SC, Sri Lanka Army, Sri Lanka Air Force, Dimbula ACC, Dickoya MCC, Havelock SC, CR & FC, Central Province RFU, Sri Lanka Schools and Sri Lanka and when any one needed his services, he was ever willing to help.

Bertie underwent rugby coaches and referees assignment in UK. There had been occasions when Bertie had folded his slacks and blown barefooted at matches when the appointed referee failed to turn up.

The year Bertie passed away, Kandy Sports Club, organized a seven a side rugger tournament, with teams like HNB Kandy, Ceylon Tobacco Leaf Division, Central Finance, Kurunagla RFC, Hill Club, Chilaw RFC and Old Anthonians.

This tournament was won by Central Finance led by Chandima Amadoru and for the first time in Kandy a Ladies game was played before the finals in which there were players like Sakunthala Perera, Duwonetha Dhanapala, Deborah Chinnai, Ulla, Claudia Crozier, Sujewa Malkanthi, Manori Samarakoon, Vasantha Yapa, Sanella Wanigasekara, who were divided in two teams and played.

Bertie Dias will not be forgotten by the rugby loving public of Sri Lanka. May he attain "Nibbana".

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**President's Gold Cup Volleyball Powered by Dialog Axiata**

**Grand finale on Sept. 26 at Youth Centre**

The first national level sporting event to be held since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, with the grand finale of Sri Lanka's top Volleyball tourney - the President's Gold Cup 2019 Powered by Dialog, will spike-off on September 26 at the Maharagama Youth Centre.

The two-day season finale will be played in accordance to the directive and guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Sports.

The President's Gold Cup Powered by Dialog, women's final played between Mahasweva Rathnapala and Radawana Golden Bird and the highly anticipated, hard fought men's final to be played between Gampaha Siyanatharu and Debagama Rantharu will spike-off from 1.00 pm onwards from the Maharagama Youth Centre, the finals will be live telecast on ITN.

The precursor to the grand finale, the President's

Gold Cup Powered by Dialog U-23 category women's match will be contested between Maha-usweva Rathnapala and Kegalle Hidramani, while the men's grand final between Nathandiya United and Wenappuwa Joseph Vaas, will commence on September 25 from 1.00 pm onwards.

"It's indeed an honour and privilege to hold Sri Lanka's first national level tourney with Sri Lanka's national sport, since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to thank our title sponsor Dialog Axiata for the support rendered towards us to conduct this tourney during this challenging period," said President of the Sri Lanka Volleyball Federation, Ranjith Siyambalapatiya MP, Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of Committees.

The President's Gold Cup Championship Powered by Dialog, the largest tourney to be held in Sri Lanka, officially commenced in Sep-

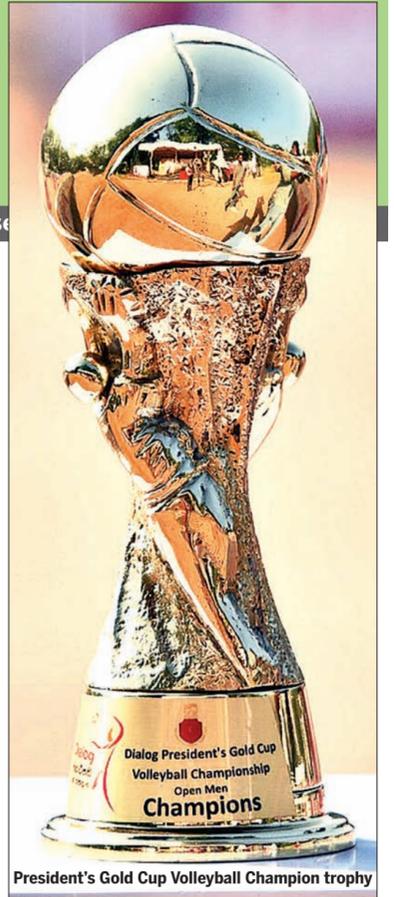


tember 2019 with the participation of 2,500 teams and over 40,000 players. As a result of the social distancing regulations set by the government to control the outbreaks of the COVID-19 pandemic, the grand final of the

tourney and the final matches of the Dialog National Junior Volleyball Championship and President's Gold Cup Championship were postponed to the present date, after careful consideration of the health and safety of the players and spectators.

In last year's grand finale, Siyanatharu S.C and Casual S.C were the Men's and Women's Champions respectively.

Dialog Axiata is also the proud sponsor of the Sri Lanka National Cricket, Rugby, Volleyball and Netball teams. In addition to its connection with the President's Gold Cup Volleyball, the Company also has close associations with the National Junior and Senior Netball tourneys, Premier Football, Schools' Cricket, Schools' Rugby, and Paralympic sports - by powering the Army Para Games, National Para Games, and the Sri Lankan contingent to the Olympic and World Paralympic Games.



President's Gold Cup Volleyball Champion trophy



99X Technology Application Security Engineer Pranieth Chandrasekara receiving his trophy from Chess Federation of Sri Lanka Treasurer Irosh Jayasinghe at the 9th Mercantile-Government Service International Rating Chess Championship 2020

**Pranieth bags chess title for 99X Technology**

Application Security Engineer Pranieth Chandrasekara swept up gold at the 9th Mercantile-Government Service International Rating Chess Championship 2020 representing 99X Technology. The tournament was conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka.

An active member of the Company's chess team, Pranieth together with several other 99X Technology employees celebrated another achievement last month, when they emerged runner-up at the Mercantile-Government Services Online Blitz Chess Championship 2020.

MAS Holdings emerged victors, with 99X Technology as runner-up, Bank of Ceylon coming in as second runner-up, and Sri Lanka Customs and Commercial Bank placing fourth and fifth respectively.

Along with Pranieth, the team consisted of Software Delivery Consultant Sameera Gunasinghe, Senior Quality Assurance Engineers Roshika Gunarathne and Hashan Seneviratne, Senior Software Engineer Buddhi Senarathna, Quality Assurance Engineer Linisha Siriwardana and Human Resources Executive Eeshani Ranadheera.

Speaking about his win, Pranieth said: "I was quiet for a year due to my studies and it is nice to be back in the game. It was my maiden mercantile-government sector competition, so to win it for the company was a great feeling".

The event was very competitive with the participation of some of the top players in the country.

The 99X Technology chess team maintained a steady presence in Sri Lanka's mercantile chess arena over the past several years. The Company 99X Technology takes pride not only in its employees' technical capabilities but also in their additional talent.

The chess team is an integral part of this drive and is an active initiative within the company, with many internal chess tournaments held among the employees. The pandemic has not dampened their enthusiasm, with tournaments continuing virtually even as they work from home. The team also uses its skills to train young talent at 99X Technology's adopted school in Pepiliyana, conducting regular chess lessons for the students.

"I am extremely proud of Pranieth and the chess team's recent achievements. Chess is something we encourage all our employees to participate in and it's excellent to see them grow from strength to strength, and compete among the best in the country."

"I wish them all the best and hope to see them achieve even more in time to come," stated 99X Technology Co-Founder and CEO Mano Sekaram. Based in Sri Lanka, 99X Technology is a product engineering company co-creating well-engineered, innovative digital products for the Scandinavian market. Its expertise has been proven through a portfolio of over 150 impactful global digital products developed since 2004, together with leading Independent Software Vendors (ISVs).

The Company 99X Technology employs over 350 technology and product specialists, who are high achievers, creative thinkers and team players. It has been adjudged one of 'Asia's Best Workplaces for 2020' and has been named a 'Best Workplace in Sri Lanka' for eight consecutive years. (D.R)

**Senal Deelaka to lead Havelocks**

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Havelock's Sports Club has appointed Senal Deelaka as their skipper, while Sanath Martiz will continue as head coach for the upcoming 2020/21 rugby season scheduled to commence from end October.

A former product of Isipathana, Deelaka has a sound track record. This is his seventh year as a player and will occupy his favourite position as flanker for the Park Club.

He represented the college first XV team from 2010 to 2014 and guided them to clinch the triple crown as captain in 2014. An indefatigable player, he was also a member of the junior National side as vice-captain,

which ended as runner-up in 2014 at the Asian Junior Rugby Championship held in Colombo, where Hong Kong, Chinese Taipei, South Korea and Sri Lanka participated.

Senal was also the deputy skipper when Havelocks lost that nerve tingling league decider played in the 2018/19 season, which they lost to Kandy SC at home by a mere two-point margin, but later went on to win the knock out championship the same season.

The other good news for Havelocks is that two senior players, Dinuk Amarasinghe and Sumudu Rankotge, have rejoined this season. Dinuk crossed over to CR and FC in the 2019/20 season, while Rankotge

played for CR and Kandy Sports Club before rejoining them.

Over 30 players, including a few new faces, are contracted by Havelocks for this season, where only Shawkat Lahir has crossed over to Kandy SC.

Meanwhile, Sanath Martis, the 'Think Tank' behind their success story, has opted to continue for another year. Even after receiving several thumping offers from other clubs in the fray, he has shown his sincere gratitude to them at a crucial juncture, when the club is in the process of transforming in achieving their vision under the leadership of Thusitha Peiris the incumbent President and his team of officials. Martiz

is renowned for moulding several talented players while winning many championships.

Umesh Madushan the former Royal College, Colombo player will be Senal's deputy, while former Thomian Sammy Akbar is their Rugby Chairman while former Peterite Roshan Opatha is the Rugby Secretary.

"We are happy to retain last year's squad - except Shawkat - and are delighted to get back the services of two senior players Dinuk Amarasinghe and Sumudu Rankotge. Overall the squad is well-balanced with some talented players. We are pretty confident with Martis' support we could achieve our goals," said Roshan Opatha.



Senal Deelaka

**SLC signs formal clothing sponsorship**

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and Namal Balachandra Pvt Ltd have signed a three year agreement thus choosing the firm as the official formal clothing sponsor of National cricket teams. Under this agreement, Namal Balachandra Private Limited, a renowned apparel and costume designer in Sri Lanka will provide formal clothing to the National Men's and Women's teams.

The agreement was signed and exchanged between Sri Lanka Cricket and Namal Balachandra Private Limited at the SLC headquarters yesterday with Mohan De Silva, Secretary of the SLC and Namal Balachandra, Chairman and Managing Director of the Namal Balachandra Private Limited signing on behalf of the respective entities.

At this occasion SLC Secretary Mohan de SILVA said "We are very happy to have Namal Balachandra Private Limited as our formal clothing sponsor, which comes at a critical time, not only for the game of cricket, but for the entire world, owing to the ongoing health crisis'. Therefore, we



Mohan De Silva, Secretary of the SLC, (Left) is exchanging the agreement with Namal Balachandra, Chairman / Managing Director, Namal Balachandra Private Limited.

value this sponsorship immensely, as it shows the commitment of the corporate world to keep Sri Lanka Cricket continue its forward journey added SLC Secretary. Accordingly, the firm will provide Suits, Jackets, Shirts and Trousers to the players, along with

other considerations to the SLC. "We are proud to be a part of Sri Lanka Cricket and its forward journey, as we know this tie up will definitely contribute towards enriching the value of our brand," said Namal Balachandra.

**Smith helps Royals down Chennai in IPL feast of sixes**

**DUBAI, TUESDAY:** Skipper Steve Smith cracked a match-winning 69 in Rajasthan Royal's opening Indian Premier League game on Tuesday that produced a record-equaling 33 sixes in the Twenty20 tournament.

Steve Smith



Smith, who faced concussion fears coming into the IPL, put on a key 121-run second-wicket partnership with Sanju Samson, who smashed 74, to guide Royals to 216 for seven and a 16-run win over Chennai Super Kings in Sharjah.

South African veteran Faf du Plessis made a valiant 72 off 37 balls with seven sixes but Chennai, led by Mahendra Singh Dhoni, ended on 200 for six in 20 overs.

Chennai were involved in another six-hitting fest against Royal Challengers Bangalore in the 2018 edition that also saw 33 sixes. Australian Smith opened the innings for Royals, inaugural IPL winners, in 2008, and after the loss of the first wicket it was raining sixes with Samson hitting nine of them in his 32-ball blitz. "Absolute pleasure to bat with him. He is the world's best batsman," said Samson, who brought up his 50 in just 19 balls

and hit nine sixes in his knock. "And when he goes out and bats 20 overs, it becomes easy for the others coming in."

Smith got four hits over the fence and Jofra Archer smacked four in the final over to help Royals get 30 runs off South African quick Lungi Ngidi. "They batted really well. Steve and Sanju. You have to give credit to their bowlers too," Dhoni, who remained unbeaten on 29, said after the loss.

Smith passed a concussion test in the United Arab Emirates when he joined his IPL team after missing three one-day matches in England following a hit on the helmet during practice.

The much-delayed IPL, which was originally scheduled to start in March, moved out of India due to the coronavirus pandemic and is being played behind closed doors.

But Jay Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India, said the popular league had the highest ever opening day viewership for any sporting league across the globe when 200 million people tuned to watch Chennai beat Mumbai Indians on September 19. AFP

**SLC Major Youth Tournament**

**Bishan Mendis scores century for Army**

Bishan Mendis of Army CC made a century and Amshi De Silva of CCC shown good bowling performances on day four of the Under-23 Major Club Youth Cricket Tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) yesterday.

Army SC, Baduraliya CC, Colts CC, NCC and SSC were unbeaten so far. Army CC, Chilaw Marians CC, Colts CC and SSC leading the points table after fourth day.

CCC beat Kurunegala YCC by 4 wickets (D/L method) and Sebastianites C & AC beat Police SC by 38 runs. Galle CC beat Kandy Custom CC by 4 wickets (D/L method) and Army CC beat Navy SC by 62 runs (D/L method).

Baduraliya CC beat Nugegoda S & WC by 2 wickets and SSC beat Tamil Union C & AC by 4 wickets (D/L method). Air Force SC beat Lankan CC by 4 wickets (D/L method).

● **At CCC.** CCC won by 4 wickets according D/L method. **Kurunegala YCC:** 105 (33.4) (Randeera Ranasinghe 24, Kaveen Bandara 21, Amshi De Silva 5/23, Ruvin Seneviratne 4/18)

● **At Police Park.** Sebastianites C & AC won by 38 runs. **Sebastianites C & AC:** 170 (49.1) (Tharusha Fernando 46, Tharusha Samarawickrama 23, Rayan Fernando 23, Savindu Peiris 19 n.o., Mohamed Faheem 3/10, Charuka Jayathilake 3/39, Resandu Thilakarathna 2/26)

● **At Galle.** Galle CC won by 4 wickets (D/L method) **Kandy Customs SC:** 130/8 (23) (Sasith Manuranga 28, Sasith Priyal 25, Bhagya Ediriweera 19, Thanula Chamod 2/23, Kusahn Madhusa 2/23)

● **At Katunayake.** Air Force SC won by 4 wickets (D/L method) **Lankan CC:** 148 (43.4) (Kevin Perera 29, Damith Silva 27, Sawan Kankanange 21, Kasun Ekanayake 3/31, Ravindu Sembakuttige 2/11, Kasun Ravindu 2/23, Movin Subasinghe 2/28)

● **At Welisara.** Army CC won by 62 runs (D/L method) **Army CC:** 271/9 (47) (Bishan Mendis 104, Pathum Kumara 71, Akindu Karunaratna 3/63, Johanne De Zilwa 2/42)

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## “Banks, should have more flexible lending policies”

Local banks need to change policies and attitudes drastically towards being more focused on development of the country (rather than themselves) and a better priced energy platform too is needed to develop the economy and the industry said Minister of Industries, Wimal Weerawansa.

“I have never seen a country where industries can be developed by paying high prices for electricity such as Sri Lanka. Also I’ve not seen such rigid policies from banks when lending to entrepreneurs or industries like in this island,” he said delivering the keynote address at the Second General Conference of the ‘Situwara Jayabala’ Business Cooperation Organization’ held at the BMICH.

“I found out that in the first four months of this year that there were three banks that made a net profit of over Rs 3 billion. But when their strongest client becomes helpless day by day, that heart does not become friendly in the banks that talk about a friendly heart.” Banks in our country are generally less interested in lending to industries. However, when the banks observe a businessman growing up, their officials visit his house and lend him money.

“The Central Bank of our country has developed a lot of monetary policy for the benefit of the bankers and not for the benefit of the clients who come to the bank. We need to remove such obstacles that make it difficult for our coun-

try to move forward,” said the Minister.

Under a regime that waited until the ‘Saharans’ committed suicide killing over 200 people, a regime that stole the Central Bank’s money in broad daylight and artificially inflated bank interest rates, a regime that led to anarchy in the country, there is no way to create a conducive environment for business.

The problems that have arisen in the business community today are due to the decisions taken by the regimes that ruled the country at that time.

“However now as a government we will do our utmost to bring about the necessary policy and structural changes and do our utmost to create the

right environment for entrepreneurial success in this country,” he stated. “We have taken the bank interest rate to a single digit. I would like to say at this juncture that the government is working to bring it down further.”

This government led by President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa has taken as many steps as possible for the benefit of businessmen in this country by summoning and advising financial institutions that deal with the public and offering series of moratoria,” he said.

The conference was chaired by Dr. Ishantha Siribaddana, a member of the Monetary Policy Advisory Committee of the Central Bank, and featured a discussion on ‘The Need for a National Trade Policy’. (SS)



MarCom Collective members with the Prime Minister

## MarCom Collective meets PM

### Seeks policy support to revive industry

A high-level delegation from the MarCom Collective comprising of conveners of the Collective, 9 association Presidents and representatives of Ernst & Young Sri Lanka met the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Mahinda Rajapaksa, at Temple Trees recently.

The devastating impact of COVID-19 on the industry saw the urgency for 12 sectors coming together to identify immediate measures to revive and fortify the industry with policies that will mitigate the effects of the downturn in the business and

ensure long-term sustainability post revival.

An independent consultancy company, Ernst & Young Sri Lanka, presented their 3-point agenda to Mitigate, Revive and Sustain the industry to the Prime Minister. The report identifies that the industry generates an annual net revenue Rs.151 billion which accounts for 1% of the country’s GDP. The industry that employs over 100,000 people with another 200,000 dependents needs immediate attention.

The sector yields a revenue of Rs.1.510 million per employee which

is considerably higher than other key sectors such as Tea, (Rs. 232,000 mn), Textile and Garments (Rs.444,444 mn), Rubber (Rs.452,308mn) and Tourism (Rs.1.068 mn) in spite of these sectors earning their revenue in foreign exchange.

These proposals complement the government’s efforts to accelerate the recovery of the sector and the economy. They were well received by the Prime Minister who appreciated the contributions of the sector and assured to take the proposals into consideration.



Minister presented with the ‘Situwara Jayabala Proposal for Business Update 2020’ at the event

## CBSL identifies need to facilitate non-resident investors

The Central Bank (CBSL) has identified the need to facilitate non-resident investors to enable them to invest in government securities and other sectors to encourage the inflow of foreign currency into the country, according to the state information office.

Approval has been given to introduce US Dollars/Sri Lankan Rupee buying and selling exchange facilities for one or two years by the Monetary Board of the Central Bank.

Hence, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the proposal presented by the Finance Ministry to take the following measures to minimize the foreign exchange risk that may occur to Licensed Commercial Banks which will include Conducting the initial foreign exchange transaction and subsequent exchange transaction at the same exchange rate. Concerning the foreign exchange transactions prior to the maturity of the investment, granting

permission to exchange at the same foreign exchange rate subject to a penalty. This facility is applicable only if there is foreign exchange inflow to the country and subject to a minimum investment of US\$ 25 million and a maximum of US\$ 1000 million. In the case of depreciation of the exchange rate of the US Dollar against the Sri Lanka Rupee during the applicable period, the Central Bank will compensate the loss incurred when transferring its

dividends to the Treasury in the future. This is because any loss that could be incurred to the Central Bank is considered as a cost to the Treasury.

Also State Minister of Money and Capital Market and State Enterprise, Ajith Nivard Cabraal in an interview earlier this month said Sri Lanka could attract about \$3.5 billion to the local debt market over the next year, which “would make a huge difference to Sri Lanka’s external account.

## PNF stands firm against land policy liberalisation

DINESH PERERA

The Professionals’ National Front (PNF) announced that they would continue to oppose the liberalisation of land policy. They suggested that people acting in American interests were continuing to push the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) agenda in Sri Lanka.

The PNF noted that there were also elements of the 20th amendment that helped the MCC. They called on the government to prevent the hasty passing of legislation as this would limit their capacity to organise against laws that harm the national interest.

Engineer Kapila Renuka Perera said that they trust that the 20th amendment will be passed. Perera called on the public to look to see if the new amendment will protect the coun-



Dr. Samantha Ananda, Kapila Renuka Perera, and Kesara Kottegoda.

Picture by Dinesh Perera

try from the passage of the MCC agreement.

The PNF made these statements on 23 September at the Organisation of Professional Associations to which it is affiliated.

Dr. Samantha Ananda said that the President was a government servant in his professional career and as such would do nothing harmful to the country. Ananda, however, noted that NGOs and foreign powers are trying to influence Sri Lankan legislation.

Dr. Ananda noted that a recent gazette was part of the same MCC agenda just

cloaked under a new title. Dr. Ananda urged the public to note the US’s willingness to use force in the pursuit of their interests.

Dr. Ananda noted that the proposed Trincomalee Colombo transport corridor which was sold to the Sri Lankan public under the guise of increased economic activity was just a cloak for US Multinational Corporations and their affiliates to set up operations.

Sri Lanka Audit Services representative Kesara Kottegoda noted that the amendments to the

National Audit Commission by the 20th amendment were not welcome. He said that reverting to systems of a financial audit would greatly weaken governance at state institutions.

Pointing to the Bond scam Kottegoda noted that it was a powerful Audit Service that was able to shed light on the issue. Kottegoda said that fraud in Sri Lanka at state institutions did not normally take the form of misstatement of accounts.

The PNF will use their clout with the government mainly to protect land policy, the Audit Service, and due process in the passing of legislation. The PNF will make public their 19 concerns with the 20th amendment and the constitution and hope that they are addressed in the passing of the bill.

## PMI’s expands in August

Recovery of manufacturing activities continued in August 2020 as reflected by Purchasing Managers Indices (PMI), benefitting from the normalization of business activities in the country.

Both New Orders and Production sub-indices remained at expansionary levels in August 2020 while a noticeable development was observed in the Employment sub-index.

The expansion of manufacturing activities was mainly supported by the manufacturing of the food & beverages sector. Some respondents in the sector highlighted that they have recruited new employees with the anticipation of upcoming seasonal demand. The Stock of purchases expanded at a slower rate in line with the movements of Production and New Orders. The overall expectations for manufacturing activities for the next three months improved, yet some manufacturers are still concerned that the relatively weak demand partic-

ularly from the external front prevents them from reaching pre-COVID levels.

Services sector continued to expand for the third consecutive month with PMI reaching 56.0 in August 2020. This was underpinned by the expansions observed in New Businesses, Business Activities and Expectations for Activity compared to July 2020 indicating the gradual recovery of services sector activities to the pre-pandemic levels. New Businesses, particularly in financial services, insurance and transportation sub-sectors, improved in August 2020 with the gradual recovery in economic activities.

Business Activities sub index increased for the fourth successive month and reached to 66.7 signifying a swift recovery in services sector activities compared to the previous month. In line with the increase observed in apparel and pharma protective masks exports, business activities in the transportation sub-sector improved.

## DFCC Bank supports Watawala Tea’s acquisition financing of Daintee

DFCC Bank PLC completed the acquisition financing for Watawala Tea Ceylon Limited a 100% owned subsidiary of Sunshine Holdings, one of the most established corporate entities in Sri Lanka.

Watawala Tea Ceylon Limited acquired a leading Sri Lankan confectionery company Daintee Limited, adding several brands to its portfolio including Daintee, Milady and Bensons.

The transaction was valued at Rs 1.7 billion. The term loan of Rs 1.6 billion was structured by DFCC Bank to finance the acquisition. DFCC has been involved in large scale transactions with both the private and public sector during the last 12 months and is a preferred Bank for long-term financing for



Lakshman Silva Director and CEO, DFCC Bank handing over a memento to Vish Govindasamy, Group Managing Director, and Sunshine Holdings.

Corporates. The acquisition of Daintee Limited comes at a time where Sunshine as a Group looks to selectively expand its presence in Sri Lanka’s fast-growing FMCG segment by extending its portfolio beyond tea.

Daintee joins Sunshine Consumer’s growing portfolio of businesses that markets and distributes some of the country’s

most-loved tea brands. The acquisition is in line with the Group’s strategy to nurture and build local brands. DFCC Bank Director and CEO Lakshman Silva said, “DFCC Bank is delighted to support and partner Watawala Tea Ceylon Limited in structuring and arranging this unique two tiered facility which comprises of guarantee and term loan facilities. This

transaction stands as a further testament to our ability in closing large transactions and our strong and continued commitment to our stakeholders.

DFCC Bank Senior Vice President and Head of Corporate Banking Shamindra Marcelline stated, “This is a landmark transaction by the Bank for an important corporate banking client. The transaction marks another significant achievement, especially given prevailing market conditions which is conducive for strategic mergers and acquisitions. Congratulations to Watawala for leading the way.”

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Director General, Sanjaya Mohottala at the opening



New administrative building

## HEPZ invests Rs 46 mn on administrative building

The BOI’s Horana Export Processing Zone opened the new administrative building recently.

A total cost of Rs 46 Million was spent to construct this fully furnished building. Sanjaya Mohottala, Director General of the Board of Investment was the Chief Guest at this occasion. The event was attended by a large number of investors, Government officials and the Senior BOI officials.

Director General BOI, Sanjaya Mohottala stated that, “our biggest challenge is to maintain the GDP rate at 6% for next 10

years. The main role of the BOI is to uplift the economy of the country while attracting Foreign Direct Investment. We need to provide with necessary infrastructure facilities for the investors. Further healthy investment climate should be created in the country. We have to be more proactive instead of reactive” he added.

He further stated that the steps are being taken to develop trust sectors for investment such as Pharmaceuticals, Agriculture processing, ICT, aquaculture and Rubber etc. Further, BOI’s responsibility is to pro-

vide with more efficient service to our investor community. H D De Silva Chairman of HDDS (Pvt) Ltd, M K D Lawrence, Executive Director, BOI and Sujewa Thilakumara, Senior Deputy Director BOI also spoke at the occasion.

Horana Export processing Zone was established in 1999 on a land of 390 Acres of which 181 Acres are industrial land. The infrastructure facilities at the zone include water, the processing of waste water and electricity, making it attractive to investors.

The zone’s enterprises have a

significant impact on the local economy as they provide direct employment of 3,375 people and the indirect employment would be doubled.

The Horana EPZ therefore promotes the Government’s objective to develop regional industrialization. The total export revenue of the zone was Rs 8,632 Million in 2019.

There are 21 enterprises in commercial operation at the Horana EPZ involved in the manufacture of Apparel and accessories, Food, Wooden, Consumer, Steel and Aluminum and Plastic products.



## Shares - Colombo Stock Exchange

Market Statistics on 23.09.2020						
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close
<b>Main Board</b>						
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	37,837	21.00	21.00	21.30	20.10	21.00
ABANS	397	91.00	91.10	93.00	90.80	90.90
ACCESS ENG SL	6,275,179	23.50	24.30	25.00	24.10	24.60
ACL D	467,099	53.60	54.50	54.50	52.00	53.70
ACL PLASTICS	1,536	172.00	172.40	172.50	170.00	170.30
ACME	2,543,753	5.10	5.00	6.10	5.00	5.80
AGALAWATTE	5,987	17.70	17.70	17.90	17.00	17.70
AHOT PROPERTIES	2,125	36.10	35.90	35.90	34.70	35.60
AITKEN SPENCE	112,487	40.60	40.60	40.60	38.70	39.70
AMANA BANK	156,499	3.00	3.00	3.10	2.90	3.10
AMAYA LEISURE	18,200	30.80	30.80	30.80	30.00	30.70
ASIA ASSET	85,484	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.00	8.10
ASIRI	17,993	21.80	22.10	22.10	21.60	21.60
ASIRI SURG	10,385	11.00	11.10	11.10	10.80	10.90
BAIRAHA FARMS	62,831	110.20	114.00	114.00	108.00	111.70
BALANGODA	5,117	13.50	13.90	13.90	13.30	13.80
BUKIT DARAH	132	218.40	220.00	220.00	220.00	220.00
C M HOLDINGS	117,435	64.00	65.10	79.00	65.10	74.90
CANDOR OPP FUND [COF-U-0000]	16,996	7.90	7.50	7.50	7.40	7.40
CARGILLS	83	187.60	188.00	188.00	187.00	187.60
CARGO BOAT	2,604	52.50	53.00	53.00	50.00	52.00
CARSONS	10,449	200.00	200.00	200.00	197.00	200.00
CDB	4,840	83.20	83.50	87.00	83.50	84.40
CDB [CDB.X0000]	61,067	63.00	63.40	65.40	63.00	64.40
CENTRAL FINANCE	17,700	81.90	81.50	82.50	80.60	80.70
CENTRAL IND.	83,540	63.60	64.00	64.10	62.10	62.40
CEYLINCO INS.	27	1,664.20	1,801.00	1,801.00	1,800.00	1,664.20
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	88	810.00	825.00	825.00	810.00	810.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN XD	105	97.60	99.90	99.90	99.80	99.90
CEYLON INV. XD	21,697	54.90	54.50	55.20	52.50	54.70
CEYLON TOBACCO	161	945.00	955.00	955.00	954.00	954.90
CHEMANEX	10	61.30	64.00	64.00	64.00	61.30
CHEVRON	497,489	85.50	86.00	86.00	84.30	85.10
CIC	37,583	93.00	95.00	95.00	91.90	92.00
CIC [CIC.X0000]	43,929	70.00	69.20	71.50	68.50	69.80
CITRUS LEISURE	52,193	10.20	10.30	10.40	10.10	10.10
COLD STORES	25	669.90	670.00	670.00	670.00	669.90
COLOMBO CITY	30	798.00	768.00	768.00	766.00	798.00
COLOMBO LAND	29,785	27.30	27.00	27.10	26.30	26.60
COMMERCIAL BANK	355,091	80.90	81.50	82.00	80.50	80.90
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	64,929	72.10	72.00	72.00	71.20	71.40
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	608,208	11.10	11.10	11.20	10.40	10.80
DFCC BANK PLC	2,466,358	71.30	71.30	71.50	69.70	70.10
DIALOG	676,931	11.60	11.60	11.60	11.40	11.40
DIMO	3,390	353.70	360.00	375.00	341.00	358.80
DIPPED PRODUCTS	76,824	214.40	220.00	220.00	211.00	216.20
DOCKYARD	3,718	63.00	62.60	62.90	61.10	61.30
DOLPHIN HOTELS	50,000	26.10	28.40	28.50	28.40	28.50
DURDANS	4,774	89.00	87.00	89.00	87.00	87.00
DURDANS [CHL.X0000]	10	80.00	75.30	75.30	75.30	80.00
EAST WEST	336,355	13.10	13.10	13.20	12.70	12.90
EXPOLANKA	4,644,461	9.60	9.70	9.90	9.50	9.70
FIRST CAPITAL	26,753	61.10	62.00	62.00	60.20	60.90
FORT LAND	597,209	14.30	14.40	14.50	13.90	13.90
GESTETNER	1,367	88.00	85.00	89.00	85.00	88.60
GRAIN ELEVATORS	593,177	73.60	75.00	76.00	72.50	74.80
HAYCARB	75,429	311.90	312.00	316.00	311.00	312.40
HAYLEYS	59,453	259.90	261.00	265.00	250.00	259.40
HAYLEYS FABRIC	2,394,555	23.20	23.00	23.60	22.50	23.20
HAYLEYS FIBRE	7,227	118.90	119.50	119.50	118.00	118.00
HDFC	15,980	33.00	33.00	33.00	31.70	31.90
HEMAS HOLDINGS	310,934	70.30	71.00	71.00	69.00	69.70
HNB	210,397	128.50	129.50	129.50	126.00	127.80
HNB ASSURANCE	853	135.00	135.00	135.00	134.10	134.70
HNB [HNB.X0000]	249,852	100.60	100.90	101.30	99.30	99.90
HORANA	11,761	22.20	22.20	22.40	22.00	22.40
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	5	54.20	57.00	57.00	57.00	54.20
HOTELS CORP.	1,290	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20
HUNAS FALLS	240	145.00	144.50	145.00	144.50	145.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	2,847,660	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.30
JANASHAKTHI INS.	33,615	31.50	31.90	32.00	31.00	31.50
JKH	337,647	136.40	137.00	138.00	136.00	137.60
KANDY HOTELS	2,000	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.90	4.90

Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close
KEGALLE	14,337	70.20	71.50	71.50	69.70	71.00
KELANI CABLES	16,393	99.00	99.00	100.00	97.00	97.00
KELANI TYRES	1,465,626	79.80	80.00	82.50	80.00	81.20
KELANI VALLEY	5,964	71.00	72.00	72.40	70.80	71.00
KINGSBURY	1,061	10.20	10.30	10.30	10.20	10.30
KOTAGALA	50,717	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.80	7.90
L O L C HOLDINGS	90,918	135.10	136.00	136.00	133.90	135.00
LAKE HOUSE PRIN	1	141.30	166.00	166.00	166.00	141.30
LANKA ALUMINIUM	7,172	71.20	72.00	77.10	72.00	72.90
LANKA ASHOK	138	708.60	710.00	720.00	710.00	719.20
LANKA HOSPITALS	2,360	42.60	43.00	43.30	42.10	42.60
LANKA IOC	3,922,076	25.30	25.80	26.60	25.50	26.20
LANKA REALTY	12	36.70	36.70	36.70	36.70	36.70
LANKA TILES	272,273	96.50	97.00	100.00	94.20	97.10
LANKA VENTURES	7,725	50.00	49.90	50.00	49.50	49.50
LANKA WALLTILE	139,852	83.50	84.00	85.90	80.40	83.50
LANKEM DEV.	326,727	5.00	5.10	5.10	4.90	5.00
LAXAFS GAS	266,678	19.30	19.10	19.10	17.70	18.00
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	134,633	13.90	14.00	14.00	12.90	13.40
LAXAPANA	4,530	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.00	17.50
LF FINANCE	19,222	137.80	138.90	139.00	138.00	138.00
LEE HEDGES	1	77.40	79.50	79.50	79.50	77.40
LION BREWERY XD	1,540	550.00	555.00	556.00	545.30	549.90
LML	580,713	104.80	105.00	105.00	100.70	104.30
LVL ENERGY	704,915	9.70	10.10	10.30	9.50	9.90
MALWATTE	21,843	10.60	10.80	10.90	10.70	10.90
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	83,884	8.10	8.30	8.30	7.90	8.20
MELSTACORP	1,467,400	34.80	34.90	34.90	33.90	34.10
MERC. SHIPPING	1,510	56.50	50.00	57.90	50.00	50.10
MERCHANT BANK	62,050	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.30
MULLERS	5,408,574	1.00	1.00	1.20	0.90	1.10
NAMUNUKULA	1,736	130.00	125.30	130.00	125.30	129.60
NAT. DEV. BANK	149,356	91.70	91.70	92.00	90.30	90.80
NATION LANKA	24,751,316	0.80	0.90	1.30	0.90	1.10
NATIONS TRUST	94,840	64.20	64.00	64.40	63.50	64.00
NATIONS TRUST [NTB-X-0000]	93	75.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	75.00
NAWALOKA	42,302	3.90	4.00	4.00	3.90	3.90
NESTLE	1,406	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,090.00	1,087.20	1,090.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	385,006	13.90	14.20	14.20	13.80	13.90
PAN ASIA	296,253	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.70	13.70
PANASIAN POWER	17,487,859	4.00	4.10	4.20	3.90	4.00
PEOPLE'S INS	79,756	24.00	24.00	24.80	23.70	23.90
PEOPLES LEASING	1,103,853	13.10	13.30	13.30	12.80	13.10
PIRAMAL GLASS	1,580,740	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.10	4.20
PRINTCARE PLC	3,495	30.00	30.00	30.20	30.00	30.20
R I L PROPERTY	1,355,892	5.90	6.00	6.00	5.90	6.00
RADIANT GEMS	8,145	22.00	22.00	23.00	21.60	23.00
REGNIS	9,040	87.50	86.80	87.40	85.50	87.40
RENUKA AGRI	1,454,319	4.10	4.10	4.20	3.90	4.10
RENUKA CITY HOT.	26	204.90	202.00	202.00	202.00	204.90
RENUKA FOODS	46,402	18.90	18.90	19.10	18.00	18.40
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	40,001	14.00	13.60	14.20	13.60	13.60
RENUKA HOLDINGS	90,800	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.40
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	92,104	14.50	14.50	14.80	14.00	14.80
RESUS ENERGY	4,706	29.10	29.30	29.30	29.00	29.00
RICHARD PIERIS	1,580,958	15.10	15.30	15.30	14.80	15.00
ROYAL CERAMIC	678,805	115.00	116.00	117.50	112.00	114.50
S M B LEASING	419,713	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.50
S M B LEASING [SEMB.X0000]	1,616,033	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.30
SAMPATH	660,616	135.10	135.50	136.00	133.50	134.30
SAMSON INTERNAT.	3,320	99.60	105.00	107.00	103.90	105.60
SANASA DEV. BANK	88,599	54.00	54.10	54.10	52.80	53.50
SEYLAN BANK	23,056	47.00	47.00	47.30	46.30	46.90
SEYLAN BANK [SEYB.X0000]	134,208	33.60	33.20	33.80	33.00	33.70
SEYLAN DEVTS	139,550	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.40	12.40
SIERRA CABL	1,539,239	4.10	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.10
SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	5,224	29.90	30.			

## CEAT Kelani production surge boosts earnings of local rubber industry

Increased production to meet local demand has enabled CEAT Kelani Holdings to increase its monthly purchases of natural rubber in the domestic market by as much as 35 per cent by September, the country's leading tyre manufacturer has disclosed.

The Company, which sources all of its natural rubber requirements locally, said its purchases in September 2020 alone would reach 500 tonnes (500,000kgs), generating Rs 150 million in revenue for Sri Lankan producers in areas such as Kegalle, Kalutara, Ratnapura and Monaragala.

In the pre-pandemic months of December 2019 to February 2020, CEAT Kelani's purchases of rubber averaged 366 tonnes a month, generating average monthly revenue of Rs 107 million for local suppliers, the Company said.

"One of the major reasons for CEAT Kelani's existence in Sri Lanka is the availability of natural rubber, and we have always been focussed on maximising local value addition," the Company's Managing Director Mr Ravi Dadlani observed.

"With our ramping up of production in response to the temporary import restrictions imposed by the government, our contribution to local natural rubber producers has increased sharply, by as much as 40 per cent in value terms in just seven months."



The warehouse of a natural rubber supplier to CEAT and CEAT Kelani representatives conducting training for rubber suppliers

Increased production of truck, bus, radial and two-wheeler tyres by CEAT, while supporting the government's efforts to conserve foreign

exchange through import substitution, would also help local industry achieve the 'V' shaped post-pandemic recovery that is expected of it, Mr Dadlani said. CEAT Kelani engages with a base of nearly 30 dealers for the

purchase of natural RSS rubber and interacts with them on daily basis. Besides daily procurement transactions, the Company imparts knowhow to the dealers to help them improve the quality of RSS grades. "We periodically

audit dealers' operations and help them maintain high quality standards," Mr Dadlani added. "As a result many of our dealers are now recognised as 'CEAT approved NR dealers.' This recognition not only helps them to be consistent suppliers to CEAT Kelani, it also helps them to establish themselves as quality suppliers of RSS grades to rest of the local industry."

CEAT's ramping up of production of truck and bus tyres since the start of the pandemic-linked lockdown has resulted in the Company now producing 100 per cent of the segment's requirements and enabled the government to make a saving of Rs 11 billion a year in foreign exchange.

The Company has also achieved an 85 per cent increase in the production of tyres for the 'two-wheeler' segment over the past three months; enabling a further saving of Rs 350 million a year through import substitution.

CEAT Kelani Holdings is considered one of the most successful India - Sri Lanka joint ventures in the manufacturing sector.

The joint venture's cumulative investment in Sri Lanka to date totals Rs 8 billion, inclusive of Rs 3 billion committed in January 2018 for expansion of volumes, technology upgrades and new product development.

## ComBank IPG services show remarkable growth momentum

As e-commerce continues to burgeon in Sri Lanka, the Commercial Bank of Ceylon has asserted its ascendancy in this sphere, with payment processing services deployed by the Bank now accounting for approximately two out of every five transactions.

This market share of 40% in value terms is a testament to the role the Bank has played in supporting the country's retail industry and promoting online sales for customers, the Bank said.

The Bank currently supports the online payment processing of over 500merchants through Mastercard Payment Gateway Services (MPGS) and Visa Cyber-source, two of the world's leading payment gateway platforms which are fully-compliant with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) requirements. The third IPG solution of the Bank is 'ComBank SimplePay' which is a simplified, Sri Lankan adaptation of the Mastercard product 'Simplified Commerce.'

Commercial Bank is the preferred IPG partner of a cross section of businesses in Sri Lanka, including global fast food companies, all major e-commerce sites, white goods merchants, leading upmarket clothing stores, educational institutions, airlines and leading travel agents.

Both MPGS and Visa Cyber-source platforms offer tokenization support, eliminating the need for customers to re-enter their card details when performing repetitive transactions with a specific merchant.

This is made possible as the

card details are stored securely by the Bank which generates a unique token, keeping the purchasers' sensitive card details away from the merchants' systems.

Further, these solutions provide access to a comprehensive set of fraud mitigation tools, supporting both 'Mastercard Secure Code' and 'Verified by Visa' 3D secure authentication solutions while having the fully automated process to handle ComBank Easy Payment Plans (EPP).

Besides offering security, one of the most crucial features of cashless payments, Commercial Bank's IPG solutions also support device-optimised payment screens which are designed to offer a seamless experience to users of various devices; a feature much requested by the local eCommerce industry.

'ComBank Simple Pay' was launched to empower local businesses to reap the benefits of e-commerce and can be accessed via iOS and Android mobile applications.

The platform provides local entrepreneurs the opportunity to create their own online store without spending large sums on web development and designing.

They can also sell products, accept electronic payments, set up automatic payments to settle bills, and raise custom electronic invoices.

The first Sri Lankan bank to be listed among the Top 1000 Banks of the World and the only Sri Lankan bank to be so listed for ten years consecutively, Commercial Bank is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

## Aruni Goonetilleke appointed to Softlogic Finance Board

Softlogic Finance PLC recently announced the appointment of financial risk expert Aruni Goonetilleke to its Board of Directors as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

With a career spanning over 25 years, Goonetilleke has worked with local and international giants in the banking industry. In her new role with Softlogic Finance PLC, Goonetilleke will provide independent oversight-based on her in-depth knowledge in corporate banking, credit risk, operational risk and compliance to the wider teams, to carry out the transformational journey Softlogic Finance PLC has embarked on.

Goonetilleke serves on the boards of Tea Small Holder Factories PLC and Sunshine Holdings PLC. She last held the position of Head of Corporate Banking at People's Bank, where she managed a portfolio of large-scale



Aruni Goonetilleke

local corporates, state owned enterprises and offshore companies.

Prior to her tenure at People's Bank, Goonetilleke had an illustrious career with Standard Chartered Bank, globally, where she last held the position of Head of Credit for Commercial Banking, in Singapore. She has also

held senior positions including Head of Credit for SME, in the Singapore office of the Bank, and that of Chief Risk Officer and Head of Credit Corporate Banking, in Sri Lanka. She has also held internal audit roles in Wholesale and Retail Banks globally.

A graduate of the University of Colombo, Goonetilleke holds a Master's degree in Law from the Harvard Law School.

Other current members of the Softlogic Finance Board of Directors include Aaron Russell-Davison (Chairman), Priyantha Wijesekera (CEO), Haresh Kaimal, Manilka Fernando and Dinesh Renganathan. Softlogic Finance PLC is the financial services arm of diversified conglomerate Softlogic Holdings, which also has interests in healthcare, retail, ICT, leisure, automobiles and restaurants.

## SLASSCOM signs MoU with National Chamber of Commerce Sri Lanka

The Sri Lanka Association of Software Service Companies (SLASSCOM) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka (NCCSL) to facilitate the promotion of the NCCSL initiative, an online platform known as 'fromsri.lanka.com', among SLASSCOM member companies.

SLASSCOM members will have the opportunity to feature their products and services on this online platform which operates as an online B2B marketplace for Sri Lankan companies to promote their products and services to global buyers.

Fromsri.lanka.com is Sri Lanka's one stop online destination to source all Sri Lankan made products and services, owned and managed by The National Chamber of Commerce of Sri Lanka. The platform has been designed and developed with the aim of supporting Sri Lankan companies across all industries to promote their products and services into the Global Market.

"We are aware that this is the 'LINK' which Sri Lanka was missing. The IT/BPM services industry is booming due to the rapid digital transformation around the world



Hashantha Abewickrema, Business Development Manager From Sri Lanka.com, Chamika Godamanna, Sub-Committee Chairman NCCSL, Asela De Livera, President NCCSL, Channa Manoharan, Chairman SLASSCOM, Chamind? De Silva, Executive Director SLASSCOM, Nishan Mendis, Director SLASSCOM and Shiraz Lye, Director SLASSCOM

and Sri Lanka has great solutions to offer. Most global companies do their sourcing digitally nowadays, so through this platform those opportunities would easily reach us" says Asela De Livera, President, NCCSL. "This partnership is in line with the SLASSCOM industry strategy of 'Drifting the curve' and will also strengthen the SLASSCOM marketing Forum initiative of promoting and showcasing SLASSCOM member companies and their products and services in high potential countries" stated

Channa Manoharan, Chairman, SLASSCOM.

He added "The SLASSCOM industry strategy 'Drifting the curve' is for building momentum to come out of the 'corner' stronger in challenging situations. When race car drivers approach a bend on the track, unlike ordinary drivers who slow down, they accelerate. This is known as 'drifting the curve.' It's all about how much momentum you have when you come out of the corner.

The knowledge and innovation industry (IT-BPM

sector), one of the main export revenue earners of the country and throughout the COVID-19 crisis, has emerged as a beacon of resilience, inspiring and helping other sectors and countries to adapt to the new post-pandemic business reality. The partnerships, commitment and dedication displayed by the sector is a testament to the fact that Sri Lanka is a premier global destination for IT-BPM businesses with a resilient talent pool, infrastructure, government support, and social environment.

## Standard Chartered Bank SL appoints Ajanthan Sivathas as Country Technology Manager

Standard Chartered Bank has announced the appointment of Ajanthan Sivathas as the Country Technology Manager, Sri Lanka to lead the Digital and Data Strategy of the Sri Lankan office as part of the country management team.

Ajanthan joins Standard Chartered from Unilever Sri Lanka, where he was the Head of Information Technology for Sri Lanka. He worked across many digital transformation projects

involving technologies related to Cloud Computing, Microsoft Office 365 tools, RPAs and Data Analytics in a career spanning over a decade.

Bingumal Thewarathani, CEO, Standard Chartered Sri Lanka welcomed the appointment. "Ajanthan brings vigour and focus to the digital journey of Standard Chartered bank Sri Lanka, at a time when the new normal has permeated the way we do things, and

where the digital advantage is crucial for growth and development. We welcome Ajanthan to the country management team and will be working closely with him as he leverages his multi-disciplinary knowledge and experience in leading digital growth."

Ajanthan will report to Yusuf Roopawalla, CIO India and South Asia, Standard Chartered Bank, with a matrix reporting line to Bingumal Thewarathani.



Ajanthan Sivathas

thri, CEO, Sri Lanka. Ajanthan Sivathas holds a degree in Electronic and Telecommunications Engineering from the University of Moratuwa and is an Attorney-at-Law. He is also certified in Project Management, Agile Delivery and SAP SD.

## JASTECA holds 34th AGM on Sept. 25

The Japan Sri Lanka Technical and Cultural Association (JASTECA) which is Sri Lanka's alumni association of past trainees of Japan's Association for Overseas Technical Corporation and Sustainable Partnerships (AOTS) and its predecessor, is the foremost organization that has been a catalyst in transferring Japanese Technology and Japanese Management Systems to Sri Lanka from Japan.

With over 3,000 members, many of who are in the technical fields, the Association will conduct its 34th AGM on September 25, at the Galadari Hotel.

Akira Sugiyama the Ambassador for Japan in Sri Lanka will be the Chief Guest while the Keynote

address will be delivered by Professor Buddhi Marambe, Department of Crop Science Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya on the topic "Modern Trends in Production Management". Being one of 73 societies in 44 countries in AOTS's network of alumni societies in the Asia, Africa, Eastern Europe and Latin America, JASTECA of Sri Lanka is considered one of the best managed in terms of activities and governance.

Having originated in 1984, succeeding from the Asia Cultural Association, JASTECA has contributed to the developments efforts of Sri Lanka in various forms such as:

- Inviting experts from Japan to

conduct seminars on Quality Management, Human Resource Management, Productivity Techniques and other unique Japanese techniques in Sri Lanka.

- Conducting long term workshops on productivity improvement for particular industries such as the apparel industry and agricultural machinery.

- Facilitating Sri Lankan managerial and technical level persons to undergo training in Japan. Organising specialized management courses for groups of Sri Lankan entrepreneurs, managers, and conducting Top Management Fora in Japan.

- Organising the 5S and CSR award scheme to promote the implementation of 5S in Sri Lanka.

- JASTECA and AOTS has recently introduced a new programme called "Experience Japan" for young persons to experience Japan chaperoned by a parent.

## HNB partners Sun Lanka for offers on Sany heavy machinery

Sri Lanka's premier private sector bank HNB PLC has partnered with Sun Lanka Auto Traders to offer customers discounts and convenient payment options inclusive of attractive benefits for Sany heavy machinery.

The MoU for the partnership which will offer customers an attractive 0.50% reduction from the prevailing market interest rate was signed at a ceremony held at HNB Head Office. HNB Head of Personal Financial Services, Kanchana Karunagama and Sun Lanka Auto Traders Chairperson, Koshila Eraththa were present at the occasion.

"The partnership with Sun Lanka Auto Traders will offer customers the opportu-



Sun Lanka Assistant General Manager, Dilshan Wijewardenne, Sun Lanka General Manager, Chen Gaojie, Sun Lanka Chairperson, Koshila Eraththa, HNB Head of Personal Financial Services, Kanchana Karunagama, HNB Senior Manager Leasing, Niluka Amarasinghe, HNB Assistant Manager Leasing, Roshan De Silva, HNB Business Development Executive HNB Leasing, Mahesh Ratnayake

nity to make use of an assortment of special benefits and exclusive discounts to purchase heavy machinery. As a leading private sector bank, we have worked towards offering loyal customers with the best possible leasing solutions to meet

their specific demands over the years, and we are delighted to once again offer a niche market segment with customised payment solutions to fulfil their needs," HNB Head of Personal Financial Services, Kanchana Karunagama said. HNB will

offer leasing customers the value-added prestige Prime credit card providing access to an exclusive range of discounts on automobile products, servicing spare parts, tyres and batteries. HNB will also waive off the first year annual fee for the card. Dedi-

cated to serving a vast array of motor needs, HNB General Insurance will also provide additional benefits to customers through cost-effective vehicle and life insurance schemes. This includes discounted vehicle insurance premiums for customers and enhancing the ease of leasing heavy machinery vehicles. "We work towards enhancing the capabilities of our customers in the construction sector, and we believe that partnerships of this nature offer us the opportunity to better serve them with attractive discounts, affordable leasing solutions and convenient leasing solutions to grow their business," Sun Lanka Auto Traders Chairperson, Koshila Eraththa said.

# People's Bank, first state bank to accept fingerprints

## For pensioner verification

People's Bank has made history by becoming the first state bank to accept fingerprints of pensioners for verification purposes, in lieu of conventional life certificate.

The official launch ceremony was held at the People's Bank Head Office with Chief Guests Former Auditor General - S. Swarnajothi and Veteran Musician - Edward Jayakody, Director General of Pensions - A. Jagath D. Dias, Additional Director General - K. A. Pathmapriya, People's Bank Chairman - Sujeewa Rajapakse, Chief Executive Officer/General Manager -

Ranjith Kodituwakku together with People's Bank Corporate and Executive Management, Officials of the Pension Department and a large gathering of customers were also present at the event.

In keeping with the "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" manifesto of the Government which aims to utilize technology to enhance the efficiency and output of the State sector, the Department of Pensions recently introduced a facility that enables pensioners to use their fingerprint as verification instead of the time consuming process of

obtaining and submitting a life certificate to the Department. Accordingly, with this new facility any of the nearly 650,000 pensioners in the country, irrespective of whether they are a People's Bank customer or not, can walk into any of the selected People's Bank branches and conveniently provide their fingerprint on a specialised electronic device.

The fingerprint is accepted as equivalent to the submission of the life certificate and is instantly updated in the Department of Pensions records. The facility is initially available at 75 People's



People's Bank Chairman - Sujeewa Rajapakse, Chief Executive Officer / General Manager - Ranjith Kodituwakku and Director General of Pensions - A. Jagath D. Dias addressing gathering.



Former Auditor General - S. Swarnajothi experiencing the fingerprint verification facility

Bank branches across the island and will be subsequently expanded to other branches in the future.

The new technology-driven process using the fingerprint is a welcome relief to all pensioners as they will be able to attend to this verification matter conveni-

ently by making a quick visit to a People's Bank branch. The obtaining of the life certificate by the pensioner is annual occurrence and plays an important role in the Department of Pensions' efforts to regulate the process of pension payments.

All pensioners are expected to obtain this life certificate through a tedious process that involves their respective Grama Niladhari Officer and Divisional Secretariat. Initially, all pensioners are mailed applications for the Pensioner Life Certificate

during a particular time period of the year. More details could be obtained from [www.peoples-bank.lk](http://www.peoples-bank.lk) For 59 years People's Bank has gone to great lengths to provide innovative financial solutions to its valued customers spread across the island.

## Unilever Sri Lanka makes entry to Health Foods Drinks

Unilever Sri Lanka, one of Sri Lanka's largest fast-moving consumer goods companies has announced its entry to the Health Foods Drinks market with the inclusion of two iconic brands, Horlicks and Viva into its Food and Refreshments portfolio.

This announcement forms part of the successful regional merger between Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) and GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Limited (GSKCH). With this, Unilever Sri Lanka takes over ownership for marketing and distributing Horlicks and Viva in Sri Lanka.

The inclusion of Horlicks and Viva into its portfolio is in line with the company's commitment to provide healthy and nutritious food and refreshments to Sri Lanka, as more and more consumers connect with the global megatrend of wellbeing and nourishment. Unilever Sri Lanka Marketing Director Home Care, Food, Refreshment and Water Sharmila Bandara said, "Horlicks and Viva are cherished brands, which have won the hearts and minds of generations. Deeply rooted in the local culture, the brands are considered an everyday nutrition staple

in households across the country and we are honoured to now represent them in Sri Lanka."

Unilever Sri Lanka, Category Lead Nutrition Milinda Weerasinghe said "Horlicks and Viva's rich range of beverage-based nutrition products have enjoyed a vibrant presence in the Sri Lanka Health Food Drinks market segment, appealing to all age groups.

As these brands enter a new era of consumer relevance under heightened concern around health and nutrition, we are confident of the possibilities they present to unlock further trust and confidence among consumers. It is with this in mind that we welcome both Horlicks and Viva into the Unilever Sri Lanka family."



## Leading Business Magazine recognises Union Assurance

### For its transformative approach

Union Assurance was recently recognised by leading business magazine ECHELON for rising to the challenges of COVID-19 and for its transformative journey in digitizing Life Insurance to get closer to its customers.

The leadership team led by Chief Executive Jude Gomes who had taken the job only months before, were well prepared for the challenges ahead.

The new normal brought with it a formidable opportunity for Union Assurance to live by its promise - Your Life, Our Strength, and offer much needed support to its stakeholders to demonstrate that being a responsible insurer can be much more than a slogan.

Union Assurance has been at the forefront of technology advancement in the insurance industry in its 30 years of operation. The Com-

pany is the first Life Insurer in Sri Lanka to have a 100% digital, paperless submission process to issue policies with fast turnaround, straight-through processing, digital claims submissions & servicing capabilities.

The Company also implemented the recently modernized cloud-based 4G (4th generation) insurance platform, a first in the region. Celent (a division of Oliver Wyman), a global research and advisory firm for the financial services industry, recognized this platform and awarded Union Assurance with "Model Insurer" recognition at a recent event in New York, setting a new benchmark for the industry in Sri Lanka.

The Company's readiness in digitization augured well for promptly adapting online training for its agency force on conducting new



The team leading the charge at Union Assurance

business and servicing customers using digital platforms. An online recruitment program was launched during lockdown, allowing many individuals to take up new work and expand their sources of income.

Union Assurance also implemented working from home the day following lockdown to ensure uninterrupted service to their policyholders, along with a 24/7 trilingual call centre, a web chat option, an innovative digital system to submit claim documents and other service-related documents to make engage-

ment convenient. To consolidate its transformative journey, Union Assurance launched its bold new identity portraying a new logo and payoff line marking a new beginning for Life Insurance in early 2020.

The logo depicts the circle of life, with the tagline Your Life, Our Strength. The new identity marks an exciting journey built on the teamwork of dynamic professionals to nurture relationships amidst the strong financial foundations the Company has established.

## SLIIT 'Sip Saviya' School Reach Programme helps students continue education uninterrupted

SLIIT has showcased its ability to overcome significant challenges during the Covid-19 conducting classes' online, leveraging technology to help students continue their education uninterrupted.

The SLIIT School Reach Programme 'Sip Saviya' has been structured to help students face issues encountered due to the new normal environment and skills which are necessary towards successful future endeavours.

Among its objectives, the Sip Saviya' programme, part of SLIIT's corporate social responsibility initiatives, supports students inculcating knowledge and skills necessary for their education and future professional careers.

The programme is presented to students in two segments; A/L students receive assistance in subjects which are perceived as difficult and in



order to improve their skills through interesting workshops covering topics such as Soft Skills Development, Study Management, Internet of Things - IOT, Organization Networking, Time Management Skills, English Language Skills, Cyber Security etc. are organised.

Prior to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, these workshops took place during

school hours with over 150 students attending each session. These workshops have been conducted in over 100 schools island-wide successfully reaching over 3000 students. Continuing its agenda to support young students across the island and helping them fulfill their potential, the SLIIT School Reach Programme 'Sip Saviya' successfully engaged them through a

virtual setting. Uditha Gamage, Director Development and Engineering Services said, "Due to Covid-19 we realised the importance of continuing to provide students access to sessions conducted through the SLIIT Sip Saviya programme. Technology has served as a catalyst to make all of this possible via a virtual platform, where students benefit by enhancing their skill levels and gain clarity in their educational and career goals."

Despite the necessity to maintain social distancing due to Covid-19 and the inability to continue with sessions at schools, SLIIT maximized the use of technology to ensure that students had access and were able to benefit from the virtual workshops. Using modern technology online sessions were organised. Benchmarking the popular Ted-talks, short powerful talks were also deliv-

ered to students online ensuring they were engaged and interested despite the challenging conditions.

Roshani Madarasinghe, Head of Marketing, added, "SLIIT's School Reach programmes seeks to encourage young people to get interested in a range of different areas. Confronted with the unprecedented challenges of Covid-19 our exceptional team at SLIIT with deep commitment has engaged young learners online helping them gain valuable experience outside the classroom."

Helping these students were a panel of SLIIT's eminent resource personnel including 300 lecturers backed by 5000 years of collective teaching experience. They also covered the wide range of topics supporting students broaden their horizons in preparation for their future success.



Officials opening the Samsung store

## Samsung opens branch store in Havelock

Samsung, opened a new branch store in Havelock town to expand services to their customer base.

The company held a celebration event with officials including Samsung Sri Lanka Managing Director Kevin You, John Keells Office Automation (Pvt) Ltd CEO, Janoda Thoradeniya DP Jayasinghe Group of Company's Managing Director Upali Jayasinghe and Integrity Engineering Managing Director Bhagya Kariyawasam at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The newly opened branch is Samsung's largest showcase store yet in the country to facilitate visitors with Samsung's cutting-edge mobile technology, as well as a variety of interactive activities.

Integrity Engineering Pvt Ltd, the authorized sales distributor for Samsung in the buzzing streets of Colombo Fort, Maligawatte and Majestic City, manages the new branch in Havelock and says that the store is designed to express the company's vision for the future.

## Allianz Lanka raises awareness on benefits of Insurance

Allianz Lanka reaffirmed its commitment to raising greater awareness on the need for insurance and taking its benefits to more businesses and consumers island-wide during the Insurance Awareness Month.

The insurer seeks to apprise the public of the value delivered by insurance through a series of on ground community engagement programs in key towns across the country.

Teams from Allianz Lanka's Life and General Insurance businesses kicked off this initiative with a town storming campaign in Bandarawela.

They showcased a host of world-class insurance solutions from Allianz that provide greater protection and a wide range of benefits at economical rates. This included Allianz Universal Life Family that offers the protection of insurance for the entire family, Allianz PAB Plus affordable personal health insurance cover and Allianz Shopkeeper's Insurance for business owners. This was followed by an educational and entertaining even-

ing session with the active participation of the members of the community.

The program covers the towns of Matara, Ratnapura, Negombo and Jaffna during the month of September.

Commenting on this occasion, Gany Subramaniam, Director and Chief Executive Officer, Allianz Insurance Lanka Limited and Director, Allianz Life Insurance Lanka Limited said, "At Allianz, we are committed to helping secure people's lives and giving them the courage for what's ahead. Given the uncertain times the world is currently faced with, we believe that the security and peace of mind offered by insurance has become even more invaluable. Hence, this Insurance Awareness Month, our teams are actively engaging with people around Sri Lanka, educating them on the need for insurance and how they could secure their future with our world-class insurance solutions. We will continue to strive to deliver the protection of insurance to more businesses and consumers across the island."



The Allianz Lanka team at the on-ground community engagement program in Bandarawela

## Pan Asia Bank conducts medicinal tree planting at sacred Jethavanaramaya

In commemoration of its glorious 25th anniversary, Pan Asia Bank held an auspicious tree planting ceremony at the north side of the Jethavanaramaya Stupa in Anuradhapura, the sacred historical temple. The Program is initiated under Pan Asia Bank's Green Initiative, the 'Haritha Sammana' project.

As a little step to green the area, Pan Asia Bank has come up with this worthy initiative as its Corporate Social

Responsibility to the society as the 'Truly Sri Lankan Bank'. Director and CEO of Pan Asia Bank, Nimal Tillekeratne led the proceedings by planting the first sapling while Ven. Ihala Halmillewe Rathanapala, Chief Incumbent at Jethavanaramaya and Chief Guest on the occasion planted the second sapling to inaugurate the notable initiative to enhance greenery.

At the ceremony, Pan Asia Bank

planted and offered 100 medicinal trees with cages to the priests, with the aim of reaching another 500 medicinal trees with cover cages across the country. Sri Lanka's forest cover needs to be restored and as the truly Sri Lankan Bank, Pan Asia Bank is making a significant contribution while also receiving accolades for its green lending efforts - a testimonial to its stature as a truly Sri Lankan bank.



Nimal Tillekeratne Director and CEO of Pan Asia bank planting the first medicinal plant in the Jethavanaramaya sacred garden, inaugurating the tree planting project

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## SUNNY SIDE UP DURING THE PANDEMIC

RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

Starting her career as a model, bagging the Miss Universe Sri Lanka 2006 title and then moving onto Bollywood for acting - Jacqueline Fernandez has had an inspirational journey as an actress. Though her acting debut 'Aladin' got mixed reviews and was a commercial failure, Jacqueline soon got her breakthrough role with the psychological thriller 'Murder 2' in 2011. She managed to follow this up with glamorous roles in 'Housefull 2' and 'Race 2' and top-grossing action and comedy films like 'Kick', 'Housefull 3' and 'Judwaa 2'.

Though she has tasted success and has managed to place her name among the top Bollywood actors in the field, Jacqueline does not sit on her laurels. She believes that embracing one's oddities makes them stand out and unique.

"Recently, I uploaded a picture on Instagram exposing my freckles, which I've always been asked to conceal and have felt obliged to do in the past. I get them from my mom. It's hereditary. So, I've asked myself: Why have I been hiding them all these years? Why can't I own the way I look? I guess somewhere in the back of my mind, I am reminded of the comments I've been privy to by people who have referred to them as 'black spots' or 'dirt' and so, I've always considered it a flaw. Now, I've learnt to be unfazed by it. As individuals, we need to reassess the concept of perfection and beauty. Today, more and more people are embracing their oddities. It's what makes them more interesting. It's time to be fearless!" she exclaimed.

Considered as one of the fittest actors in Bollywood, Jacqueline's love for exercise and dancing is well-known. The 35-year-old, who has been routinely sharing snippets from her lockdown life on social media platforms, revealed how her fitness routine has evolved as she stays indoors and that she has been able to devote more time to activities that she enjoys.

"My fitness routine includes activities that make me happy. It doesn't make me feel like it is a task that I must complete. I have been riding

horses, swimming, running, dancing and practicing yoga to keep myself fit during lockdown. Also, being amidst nature has never felt so good. This lockdown has helped me devote more time to activities that I enjoy. I have been devoted to my fitness regime, which includes dancing as it emotionally and spiritually uplifts me. However, for the other part of the time when I'm not working out or treating myself to good music and dance, I indulge in reading, painting, and completing my projects," she expressed.

Though a total workout junkie, Jacqueline does cheat occasionally too, but makes it a point to workout extra next day to burn up those extra calories. Her favourite cheat treats are pizzas and croissants.

"My cheat day is usually Sunday as the rest of the week I try to maintain and keep a strict diet. I tend to indulge in either a pizza or a chocolate milkshake along with a lip-smacking snack. If I am travelling or shooting outdoors, my cheat meals depend on what I'm craving for at the time. In this case, I tend to indulge in and explore as much as I can," she pointed out.

Jacqueline had been self-quarantined at Salman Khan's Panvel farmhouse during the initial stages of lockdown. Queried on how she dealt with frustration during this period when life came to a standstill she notes, "It's more of a mix of emotions that I experience. Being quarantined has become the new normal and in order to stay safe, it's the best thing we can do to help ourselves and others. It's important to maintain sanity, keep busy and leverage this time of staying indoors to learn new things and explore new interests. That's what I have been doing and for what its worth, I'm doing my best to make the most of this time and value it to the fullest." Her sunny spirit is infectious even during this period of uncertainty.

"I've also finally taken the time out to read, I'm currently hooked on to 'The Female Brain' by Louann Brizendine, which was recommended by Lisa Haydon when we were shooting for 'Housefull' four years ago. I personally believe every girl should read this book because it provides an insight into why we feel the way we do, and why we shouldn't feel guilty about certain emotions, because sometimes, they're purely hormonal," Jacqueline mused.

Decluttering is another aspect she had occupied herself with these days. She says that she spent the past two months standing in front of her wardrobe, contemplating on what she should do with everything she owns.

"I decided to dedicate two whole days to decluttering it. Let's just say that I now have a room full of 'stuff' - I realised that I've been hoarding candles, a number of cushions, and gadgets - they were all catching dust. It made me realise that we consume way more than we need. So, I gave them all away. I segregated the clothes I don't see myself wearing for the next few months into boxes and I curated a capsule wardrobe, of sorts, for myself. What's left on the shelves are six pieces that I wear on rotation - tank tops, sweatpants, workout clothes, and a good skirt for days when I want to dress up. Decluttering my space has given me peace of mind. Now, if I need to purchase something I'll see if I already own something similar. I'm recycling within my own closet, it's the best form of minimalism," she opined.

However she admits that what she misses most these days is her family.

"I haven't seen my parents in nine months. This is probably the longest I've gone without seeing them. But, the great part about a time like this is that my family and I have constantly been chatting over Zoom - my brother is in Australia, my sister is in the US, and even though we've had to navigate

the different time zones, we make it a point to get on a group call. It's beautiful how this period has brought all of us closer together. During tough times like these, we need to stay connected with our loved ones and keep ourselves updated about each other. Before the lockdown, I would rarely make the time for anyone - I would always say 'I'm busy' and expect them to understand. These moments of self-reflection have taught me the negative connotation of the word. You can be productive and work-oriented while still valuing other people's time," she said.

Back in her apartment in Mumbai, the actress isn't one to spend her time moping around. Besides immersing herself in household chores, she has been focusing on her other businesses, which include her activewear label, Just F. She's also created her own short film titled 'The Little Things'.

"I've been working since I was 14, so I don't really know what a day off is like. Editing and directing this film was a lot of fun. I have my tripod and lighting equipment at home, shooting content by myself and being self-sufficient has been a liberating experience," she said.

She recently showcased her acting chops in a role of a helpless wife who takes the suicidal decision of going on a murderous rage and becoming a serial killer when her husband is arrested on the charges of brutally killing six women, in Netflix's 'Mrs. Serial Killer'.

Next month, after a lengthy hiatus, Jacqueline is geared up to return to set and begin shooting for her upcoming horror flick alongside Saif Ali Khan, Fatima Sana Shaikh and Ali Fazal, titled 'Bhoot Police'.



## Lynn Ockersz's third collection of poetry out

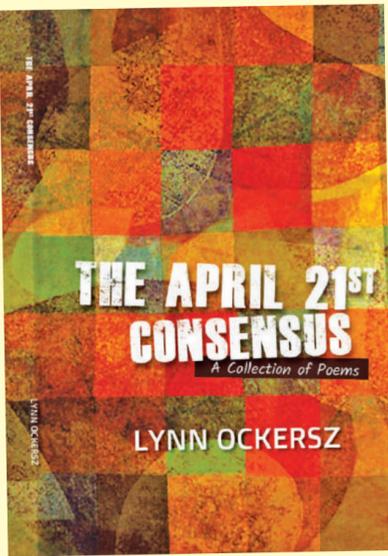
A third collection of poems titled, 'The April 21st Consensus', has just been published by senior journalist, poet and literary critic Lynn Ockersz. The majority of poems in this collection reflect the poet's perceptions and interpretations of major international socio-political realities of our times. They could be described as reflecting his deep concern for the powerless of the world.

Accordingly, humanism is the collection's guiding inspiration.

While the condition of the powerless and vulnerable constitutes the universal dimension in 'The April 21st Consensus', recurring issue areas in the collection, such as, national reconciliation, inter-religious peace, political disharmony, power abuse and setbacks in democratic development, render the collection a revealing window to the contemporary world. Found in the collection are also poems of spirituality which testify to the poet's belief that the secular and spiritual realms could never be treated as separate.

Notable for a concise, concen-

trated and creative use of language, the collection breaks comparatively new ground for the poet. It is an artistic and tasteful publication of Darshana Marketing Enterprises (PVT) Ltd, Battaramulla (darshanar@darshanapathum.com) and is currently available for sale at the main bookshops of Sarasavi Publishers, Expographic Bookshop, Pelewatte and Poo-balasingam Bookshop, Jaffna, besides being on sale at the outlets of these book shops at the annual book fare that is now on at the BMICH complex. The book is available on <https://brightlight.lk/> for deliveries across the island.



# High TEA PARTY at the MÖVENPICK HOTEL, COLOMBO

Lounge around and let your worries melt away as the Mövenpick Hotel, Colombo, launches a "High Tea Party". AYU's first high tea buffet. What's not to love about spending time with your friends with a good cup of tea and some delectable sweets and savouries on a lazy Saturday?

Feast on an extravagant afternoon tea as the savouries include finger sandwiches, bagels and creamy chicken liver mousse profiteroles plus an assortment of scones, waffles, pancakes and a host of sweet-toothed delicacies such as fresh mini fruit tarts, chocolate eclairs and swiss carrot cakes to name a few.

The High Tea Party takes place every Saturday from 2 to 5 pm and is priced at Rs. 2,350/= nett which includes teas, coffees, hot chocolate and milkshakes while the bubbly high tea is priced at Rs. 2,950/= nett.

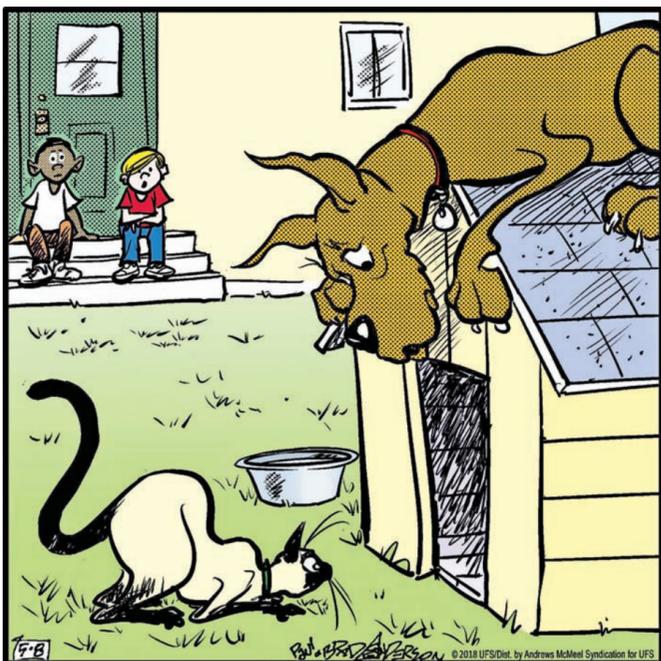
Credit Card offers will be applicable for the high tea buffet with DFCC and Sampath bank offering a 20 percent savings whilst HSBC and Standard Chartered will be offering guests a 10 percent savings.

High tea scones

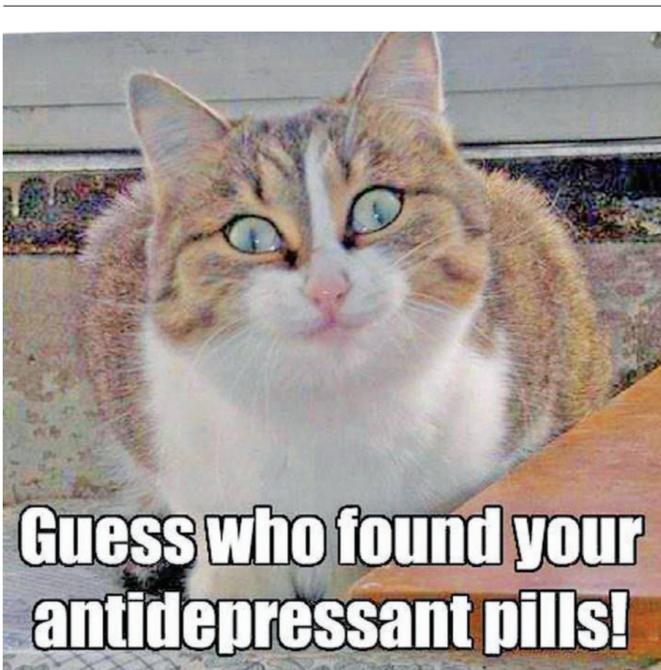
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High tea bagels

## MARMADUKE



"Marmaduke made a deal with King Tut that he won't chase him if he gets the mouse out of his house."



Guess who found your antidepressant pills!

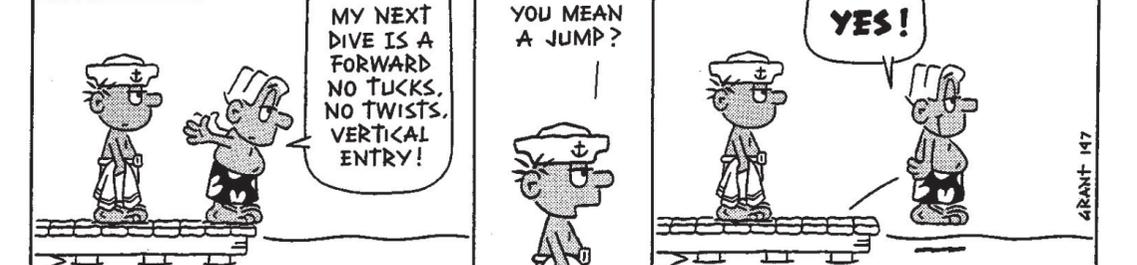
## MUTT AND JEFF



## ARCHIE



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## UP & RUNNING





# Oranges



Oranges are a very popular fruit they come in many different kinds and all taste a little different from each other. Oranges have many uses in our daily activities, but orange juice is the most popular almost everywhere in the world. Despite orange juice, oranges have so many other uses. There are a lot of different varieties of oranges as well as its uses, classification's and some other facts about this very popular citrus fruit. Oranges have oval and thick skin. Their color ranges from orange to red-orange. But they are green before they ripen. The inside is divided into segments of juicy pulp. They grow well in tropical climate and require considerable amounts of sunshine and water. Some kinds of oranges have sour flavour but most of oranges have a sweet flavour. It depends on the varieties of oranges. There are a lot of varieties of oranges, such as, mandarin oranges or tangerine.

Oranges are good for our body. They are good source of vitamin C that can promote a healthy immune system, prevent heart disease and high blood pressure. Oranges also contain a significant amount of important mineral. While a diet containing a variety of fruits and vegetables is best, orange is one of the healthiest. Oranges that have sweet to sour flavour are commonly peeled and eaten fresh or squeezed for juice. They also use to produce perfume or the ingredient of cake.

Oranges are a type of citrus fruit which people often eat. Oranges are a very good source of vitamin - especially vitamin C.

**Maneesha Perera,**  
Grade 10,  
Mahinda College,  
Galle

## Little thoughts

## Drawing is my hobby



My hobby is drawing. I mostly draw pictures of people, animals, and birds. I use crayons, pencils, colour pencils etc. to draw pictures.

During my parents, sister, and friends' birthdays I gift my best drawings to them. I spend my free time drawing pictures. I got first prize in my school for this year's drawing competition.

I love drawing girls with different hairstyles. The hairstyles I know are plaits, two sides, ponytail, etc. I like to draw the sunset the most.

I love drawing. I like to become an artist when I grow up.

**Oshadi Ratnayake,**  
Grade 5,  
Princess of Wales College,  
Moratuwa

## Childhood memories

The memories of childhood have a special significance in one's life and are cherished by almost everyone. As one grows up, one longs more for his or her childhood which is known as the best period of a person's life.

A child has no worries or anxieties about earning a living. He or she is free from the stress and unpleasantness of adult life. His or her motto of life is "eat, drink and be merry." These memories leave an everlasting impression on one's life.

It is the same in my case. When I recollect my childhood days, I feel so happy! It was a pleasant period which I spent in high spirits.

During my childhood, I was carefree and had no worries at all. I used to wander like a deer in the open fields, enjoying the natural beauty of the pastures in our village.

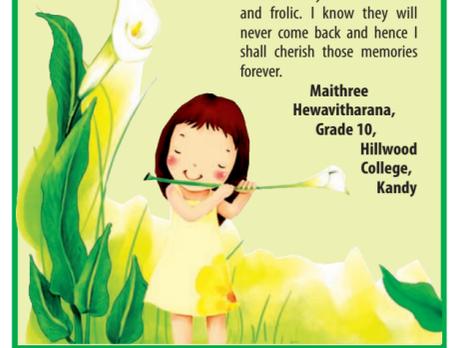
Certain incidents are still fresh in my memory. Once a juggler with two monkeys came to our street. He made the monkeys perform a short

skit that had us crying with laughter. Mr. Monkey fell in love with Miss Monkey, but she refused to marry him. He then donned a colourful coat and went to her house and asked her father for her hand. She went to her house and asked her father for her hand in marriage. He agreed and they were ceremoniously united in marriage. All the while the man kept up a narrative which was all the more amusing because of his serious expression.

Another incident, which I still remember, is swimming. It was a Sunday when my friends and I went for a picnic. Some boys were expert swimmers but unluckily, I did not know how to swim. My friends dived into the river and compelled me to do the same. Soon, I was caught by the current of water and was carried away swiftly. There was every possibility of me being drowned but an elder boy rescued me. I was very grateful to him because he gave me a new lease on life.

As I grow older, I look back with great nostalgia on my childhood days filled with fun and frolic. I know they will never come back and hence I shall cherish those memories forever.

**Maitree Hewavitharana,**  
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Hillwood College,  
Kandy



## Global warming

Global warming is the latest alarm bell for the earth's environment. Global warming refers to the increase in the average temperature of the earth's surface during the last century, from 1900-2000. Earth's surface temperature has increased more than one degree Fahrenheit since 1900.

Global warming is alarming because of its adverse effects on the ecological balance of the earth. The resultant ecological imbalance, due to global warming, is the root cause of various natural calamities like floods, famines, etc. also it is the root cause of various environmental threats like increase in sea level, glacier melting, changes in quantity and pattern of rainfall, heat waves, extreme seasons, etc. this is why global warming is the buzzword of almost all environmental talks, projects, and discussions, etc.

Global warming is a threat to the very existence of life on earth. Not only humans but any other form of life, be it flora or fauna face a threat in the face of global warming. Hence, it has become the pungent need of the hour to root out the causes of this threatening phenomenon.

The most evident causes of global warming are industrialization, urbanization, deforestation, sophisticated human lifestyle and related human activities. These human activities and trends have led to increased emission of greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous in the average temperature of the earth's surface, hence global warming. The greenhouse effect is a natural process wherein sunlight passes through the atmosphere, warming the earth's surface. Then, the earth's surface and water bodies release energy in the form of heat or infrared radiation into the atmosphere and maintain balance with the incoming energy.

There is no doubt that the ever-increasing phenomenon of global warming would lead to the total extinction of any form of life from the earth's face. Global warming depletes the ozone layer and might lead us to doomsday. It is a wake-up call for us to amend our ways of living to limit the use of products that contribute to the increase in global warming. For our sake and existence of all life on our heavenly planet earth, it is the need of the hour that we are heavenly planet earth, it is the need of the hour that we make sincere efforts and attempts to contain the monster called 'global warming'.

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**Binalie Weerakoon,**  
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## Blooming buds in Kuliypitiya

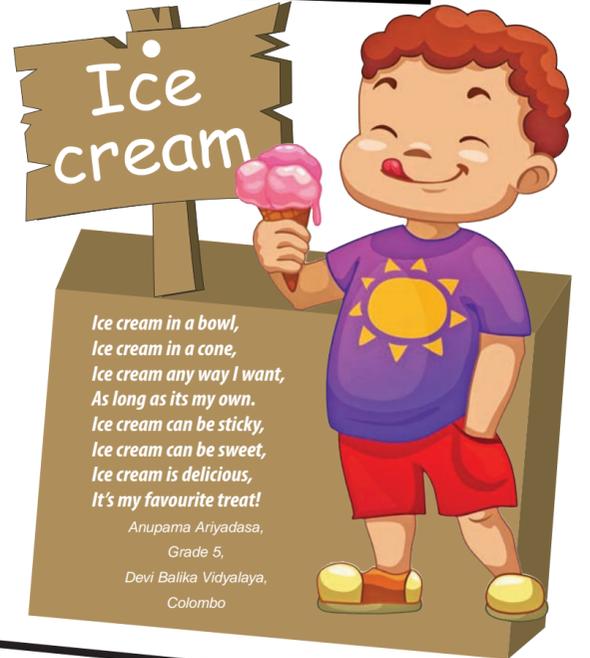


The management of Lyceum International Schools understood the need of providing quality Pre-primary education and came up with this concept of opening Leaf Schools in order to provide quality English medium Education with core values to be instilled in the tender minds of the society by initiating the very first Leaf School in the prestigious town of Kuliypitiya.

The main objective of the school is to cater to the needs and the development of early childhood education. The school will have grades from Lower nursery, Upper Nursery to Pre-grade. Just like all the other branches, this artery too will incorporate all the norms and traditions, which are part of the very life of the name-Lyceum International School.

Lyceum International School was founded by the

visionary educator Dr. Mohan Lal Gero in the year 1993 with just seven students and four teachers in the heart of Nugegoda to provide quality English medium education from pre-primary up to grade 12. Today, the Lyceum International Schools network has expanded its wings in providing excellent education of high standards under the guidance of Dr. Mohan Lal Gero-the founder, Mr. Nikitha Gero-the Chief Visionary Officer, and Dr. Kumari Gero as the Coordinating Principal for the entire network which consists of 08 branches with over 20000 students. Lyceum International School Nugegoda being the parent-school has equally given the privilege to the communities of Panadura, Wattala, Gampaha, Ratnapura, Nuwara-Eliya, Anuradhapura, and Kurunegala for high quality English medium education.



*Ice cream in a bowl,  
Ice cream in a cone,  
Ice cream any way I want,  
As long as its my own.  
Ice cream can be sticky,  
Ice cream can be sweet,  
Ice cream is delicious,  
It's my favourite treat!*

**Anupama Ariyadasa,**  
Grade 5,  
Devi Balika Vidyalaya,  
Colombo

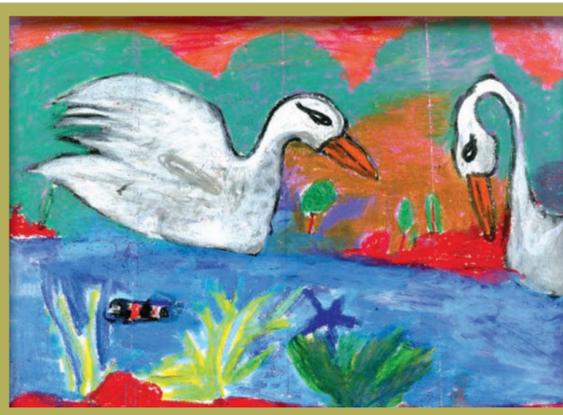
## Art Gallery

## Ducks in a pond



**A beautiful, big tree**

**Ayra Nazeer,**  
Grade 4,  
Kingston College International,  
Mount Lavinia



**Abdur Rahman,**  
Grade 4,  
Kingston College International,  
Wellawatte



**My city**

**Rehansa Weerathunga,**  
Grade 5,  
Passara Central College,  
Passara

A cup of coffee is more than just a mug that gives you a morning boost. It works wonders on your skin too. Coffee is seriously underrated. Therefore let us round up some ways to incorporate coffee into your skincare routine that even a tea drinker would enjoy.

**NUTRITIONAL INGREDIENTS IN COFFEE**

Black coffee contains a number of micronutrients, notably potassium, magnesium and niacin. The sodium level is very low in coffee. The data below provides the micronutrient nutritional profile of one cup (237g) of medium strength black coffee.

- Total Fat 0.1g grams
- 0 percent Saturated Fat 0g grams
- Trans Fat 0g grams
- Polyunsaturated Fat 0g grams
- Monounsaturated Fat 0g grams
- 0 percent Cholesterol 0mg milligrams
- 0 percent Sodium 4.7mg milligrams
- 0 percent Total Carbohydrates 0g grams
- 0 percent Dietary Fiber 0g grams
- Sugars 0g grams
- Protein 0.3g grams
- Vitamin D 0mcg micrograms 0 percent
- Calcium 5mg milligrams 0 percent
- Iron 0mg milligrams 0 percent
- Potassium 116mg milligrams 2 percent
- Caffeine 94.8mg

**USE COFFEE TO MAINTAIN BEAUTY**

Diving deeper into the benefits of coffee, it has also been noted that coffee is great for the skin. While drinking a cup gets you that internal coffee boost, rubbing your skin with a soap or cream that contains coffee also promises a whole set of benefits that make coffee a favourite skin 'drink.'

**BEAUTY BENEFITS**

**It is a rich source of antioxidants:** The environment is full of free radicals (pollution particles, etc.) that wreak havoc on the skin. However, loading up skin with the antioxidants in coffee protects it and bolsters its natural defences. In fact, a study showed that coffee bean extracts can be responsible for skin cell energy preservation due to its free-radical properties.

**It protects against harsh sun rays:** UVB is harmful and may even lead to more complicated and life-threatening skin diseases. Protecting your skin with caffeine may protect it against UV carcinogens.

**It makes skin smooth and bright:** Because of its qualities it may even lead to more complicated and life-threatening skin diseases. Protecting your skin with caffeine may protect it against UV carcinogens.

**It enhances circulation:** When coffee promotes blood circulation, it leads to healthy and energised skin, effectively reducing the swelling of tissues and de-puffing areas of the skin. You can also make coffee ice cubes in advance and trace it over the affected area.

# BREW TO BOOST YOUR BEAUTY!



**HEALTH BENEFITS**

**Coffee boosts your physical performance.**

Have a cup of black coffee about an hour before workout and your performance can improve by 11-12 percent. Caffeine increases adrenaline levels in your blood. Adrenaline is your body's 'fight or flight' hormone which helps you to prepare for physical exertion.

**Coffee may help you lose weight.**

Coffee contains magnesium and potassium, which helps the human body use insulin, regulating blood sugar levels and reducing your craving for sugary treats and snacks.

**Coffee helps you burn fat.**

Caffeine helps fat cells break down body fat and use it as fuel for training.

**Coffee reduces risk of cancers.**

One study has shown that coffee may decrease the risk of developing prostate cancer in men by 20 percent, and endometrial cancer in women by 25 percent. People in the test group drank four cups of coffee a day. Caffeine may also prevent developing of basal cell carcinoma, the most common type of skin cancer.

**Coffee reduces risk of stroke.**

Reasonable consumption of coffee (2 to 4 cups a day) is associated with lower risk of stroke.



**Coffee reduces risk of Parkinson's disease.**

Studies have shown that regular coffee drinking decreases risk of Parkinson's disease by 25 percent. There's evidence that coffee causes activity in the part of the brain affected by Parkinson's.

**Coffee protects your body.**

Coffee contains a lot of antioxidants that work as little warriors fighting and protecting against free radicals within your body.

**COFFEE BEAUTY TREATMENTS**

Beauty experts the world over are waking up and smelling the coffee. If they are to be believed, coffee just doesn't wake you up, it also does the same to your skin and hair. It has anti-wrinkle

properties and because of all these benefits, coffee has become a common ingredient of numerous luxury beauty products and spa therapies, especially anti-ageing and anti-cellulite ones.

**SIDE EFFECTS**

Coffee is likely safe for most healthy adults when consumed in moderate amounts (about four cups per day). Coffee containing caffeine can cause insomnia, nervousness and restlessness, stomach upset, nausea and vomiting, increased heart and breathing rate, and other side effects.

**GROWING COFFEE FOR BEAUTY TREATMENTS**

When growing coffee plants, the soil needs to stay moist, but not soaking wet. Also, make sure that both the soil and the pot your coffee plant is growing in has good drainage. The humidity around the plant will need to stay high as well.

*Compiled by Ruwini Jayawardana*

**COFFEE HOME REMEDIES**

**FACE SCRUB**

This ingredient works great as a scrub as it is not harsh on the skin. Try a natural scrub by mixing ground coffee, brown sugar, and olive oil. Once you have mixed it well, massage it on your face in circular motions to buff away the dead skin cells.

**SCALP EXFOLIATOR**

Coffee is also a great exfoliator for your scalp. Take a half cup of ground coffee and massage on your wet hair for two minutes. Rinse it off with your regular shampoo and conditioner. This will help to get rid of excess product build up and dead skin cells.

**ANTI-CELLULITE BODY SCRUB**

This genius ingredient is also known a good body scrub to minimize cellulite. Coffee helps to tighten skin and also reduce the appearance of dimply cellulite. For the DIY body scrub, mix ground coffee with a spoon of olive oil and sugar. Use this mixture and massage on the affected area in circular motions. You can follow this routine on daily basis, depending on your skin type.

**SKIN BRIGHTENER**

For a radiant and glowing complexion, you can try a coffee mask. Take half cup of coffee and mix it with few spoons of milk for thick consistency. Use this mixture as a face pack for 10-15 minutes and wash it off with lukewarm water. This face mask will help to get rid of dead skin cells, leaving behind a glowing skin.

**REDUCE PUFFY EYES**

Coffee increases circulation and also helps to reduce puffiness as it is high in antioxidant properties. It helps to shrink blood vessels and works great to reduce eye puffiness. Whenever you make a cup of coffee, keep the grounds aside and let them cool for some time. Apply the leftover under the eyes and eyelid area for a few minutes and later rinse it off with cold water. For puffy eyes, you can also try the coffee ice cubes hack.



## PAMPER YOUR SKIN AND HAIR WITH POMEGRANATES

Fruits are a bliss for our health and beauty. All fruits keep us healthy and deeply nourish our skin. They are a natural booster, especially fruits like apple, pomegranate, orange, banana, etc. that have amazing benefits. Pomegranate is a fruit that is extensively used in Ayurveda as a cure for several problems. It is enriched with the goodness of antioxidants, minerals, fibres, vitamin A, C and E along with folic acid. It contains medicinal properties and is packed with antioxidants three times more than green tea, thus making it a super fruit. Did you know that pomegranate also aids weight loss, treats stomach problems and is beneficial for joint pain?

Including a pomegranate in your everyday diet can have spectacular effects on your health and skin. Moreover, the fruit delays ageing and keeps your skin beautiful. It treats dull and dry skin by keeping it hydrated and nourished. It cures acne breakouts too and prevents sunburns. The punicic acid in pomegranate accelerates hair growth and strengthens the hair follicles.

**1. SKIN BRIGHTENING FACE MASK**

The arils of pomegranate have a tendency of brightening your skin tone. It nourishes your skin from within and

lightens all the blemishes and scars. This pack will help to exfoliate your skin and keep it bright. It is really effective for tanned skin. Repeat this twice a week before bedtime for the best results.

**How to use:** Add 2 tablespoon of honey and the seeds of 1 pomegranate into a bowl. Also add a cup of oat meal and 100 ml buttermilk. Grind all the ingredients into a smooth paste. Apply it evenly on your face and neck. It can be also applied on the elbows and knees. Let it stay for 10 minutes and later rinse it with lukewarm water.

**2. HYDRATING HAIR MASK**

The punicic acid in pomegranate helps to strengthen the hair follicles and stimulates circulation. It deeply conditions the hair and deases the scalp. It is really effective for frizzy and dry hair. It also promotes hair growth.

**How to use:** Take a cup of yoghurt and pomegranate seeds with a teaspoon of lemon juice. Grind them into a smooth paste and apply it on your scalp and roots. Let it stay for half an hour and wash it thoroughly. It will hydrate your hair making them appear flawless.

**3. POMEGRANATE PEEL MASK AND SCRUB**

Don't ignore the peel of pomegranate as it is the best for the prevention of breakouts and acne. It promotes cell growth by preventing breakdown of collagen.

It works well for treating stubborn pimples and acne scars. It is a natural exfoliant containing sun blocking agents that protect your skin from harmful UV radiations.

**How to use:** You can sun dry the peel before using it. Once it is dried, grind them into a powder for use. You can make a mask by adding it with honey and lemon. You can also use it as a scrub on your face and other body parts.

**4. ANTI AGEING MASK**

Pomegranate peel is really beneficial for keeping wrinkles at bay and it delays ageing.

**How to use:** Take a teaspoon of pomegranate peel powder and add a few drops of milk to it. Mix them well and apply it on your face. For oily skin, you can add rose water instead of milk.

Let it dry and wash it with lukewarm water. You can use this mask twice a week for better results.

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## KATRINA KAIF'S PERFECT MAKEUP TIPS

When it comes to beauty, Katrina Kaif knows what she likes. From her signature makeup look - a bold brow, a defined eye and a nude lip - to her regimented skincare and wellness routine, Kaif likes to stick to the path she's known and loved. Even while quarantining at home, while others broke out new face tools or copied makeup tutorials, Kaif kept her routine as simple as she's always had.

"Your skin, your hair, everything got the time to recover a little bit because we weren't shooting every day and having that makeup on your skin or your hair being styled so that of course was a little bit of a change but other than that it's it's pretty it's much basic," she shared in an exclusive chat with Vogue India's editor-in-chief, Priya Tanna. Here are the five actionable tips we picked up from her interview that you can add into your routine.

**EXERCISE REALLY DOES LEAVE YOU WITH LIT-FROM-WITHIN SKIN:**

Exercise, by revving up the heart rate and improving blood circulation, can help to deliver oxygen and nutrients to the skin, which helps promote collagen production and cell turnover, leaving it luminous and healthy. Kaif knows this well: "It can be tough when you're just on your own to motivate yourself so just trying to keep that balance in check," she says about the struggle of getting into the mat. "Exercise for me is something that not only physically but mentally is also very, very important for me. It releases endorphins, it keeps you feeling upbeat, happy and energetic," she shared about her get-glowing hack.

**AN AGE-OLD SKINCARE PRACTICE IS THE SECRET BEHIND KAIF'S LIFTED, TAUT SKIN:**

While tools like jade rollers and gua shas are popular now, Kaif likes to stick to a simpler practice - Eva Fraser's facial workouts. "You don't need any

tool, you don't need any fancy roller, you don't need anything. You just need a mirror and a little bit of patience," she says about doing facial exercises, that can work the muscles in your face and improve collagen creation and reduce fine lines. "They are classic and as old as the hills and it's just such a forgotten thing because we're always searching for something new," she confirms.

**YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO FOLLOW MAKEUP RULES:**

Kaif is a major proponent of playing with makeup and finding what works for you and your face structure, rather than sticking to traditional rules. "I think people sometimes can find makeup and makeup looks too rigid," she says, "like,



this is a look for going out, this is a Diwali look, this is a wedding look and this is a day look." Instead, she suggests experimenting by yourself. "I think once you get to know your face and just experiment a bit," it can be ideal.

**SMUDGING YOUR KAJAL IS A GREAT EYE MAKEUP HACK:**

Kaif has had a makeup tip she's always loved: "Apply kajal on your lid, close to your lashline, then tap a thin, flat brush into a pot of black eyeshadow powder and press it on top of your kajal line. This creates an incredible depth," she shared with Vogue India back in 2019. Now, she has an addition to that trick. "I always thought that when we enhance our eyes with a kajal and we line the top of our eyes and we line the bottom of our eyes, when you're doing a natural day look, not a smoky look—that that's going to make the eye look more defined," she shared. But instead, she learnt from a makeup artist on set to smudge the liner on the top lid, which will make the "eye look so much more open and softer."

**BLENDING IS KEY:**

While applying base products like concealer and blush, blending the formula into the skin is key to making it look seamless and like second skin.

"The other thing which I think is very important is blending - unless you're doing a particular colour look," shares Kaif.

It's very important to be particular about which brush goes where," she shares. Some makeup artists suggest that using the heat of the fingers can actually help press and blend makeup into the skin better.

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# AT LEAST 380 WHALES DEAD IN AUSTRALIA MASS STRANDING

**AUSTRALIA:** At least 380 whales have died in a mass stranding in southern Australia, officials said Wednesday, with rescuers managing to free just a few dozen survivors.

Nearly the entire pod of 460 long-finned pilot whales stuck in Macquarie Harbour, on the rugged and sparsely populated west coast of Tasmania, has now perished.



People helping a whale in Macquarie Harbour on the rugged west coast of Tasmania, as hundreds of pilot whales have died in a mass stranding in southern Australia despite efforts to save them, with rescuers racing to free a few dozen survivors. - AFP

"We have got a more accurate count and we can confirm that 380 whales are dead," Tasmania's Parks and Wildlife Service manager Nic Deka said.

"There's around 30 left still alive but the good news is that we have saved 50," he said, describing the rescue effort as emotionally taxing.

The first of the giant mammals were found on Monday, sparking a major effort to free them from a sandbar only accessible by boat.

It is the largest mass stranding ever recorded in Tasmania, an island state off mainland Australia's south coast, and likely the biggest in the country's history.

A rescue crew of 60 conservationists, skilled volunteers and local fish farm workers has concentrated efforts on a group of whales partially submerged in the water.

The rescuers have spent two days wading in the cold shallows to free the still living creatures, using boats fitted with special slings to guide them back to the open ocean.

They are now racing to free as many of the 30 remaining live whales as possible. - AFP



The Apollo 14 lunar module in 1971.

# NASA's latest Moon mission to cost \$28 bn

**US:** NASA on Monday revealed its latest plan to return astronauts to the Moon in 2024, and estimated the cost of meeting that deadline at \$28 billion, \$16 billion of which would be spent on the lunar landing module.

Congress, which faces elections on November 3, will have to sign off on the financing for a project that has been set by President Donald Trump as a top priority. The \$28 billion would cover the budgetary years of 2021-25.

In a phone briefing with journalists Monday on the Artemis mission to return human beings to the Moon, NASA administrator Jim Bridenstine noted that "political risks" were often the biggest threat to NASA's work, especially before such a crucial election.

Barack Obama cancelled plans for a manned Mars mission, after

his predecessor spent billions of dollars on the project.

If Congress approves the first tranche of \$3.2 billion by Christmas, "we're still on track for a 2024 moon landing," Bridenstine said.

"To be clear, we're going to the South Pole," he said, ruling out the sites of the Apollo landings on the Moon's equator between 1969 and 1972. "There's no discussion of anything other than that." Three different projects are in competition to build the lunar lander that will carry two astronauts - one of them a woman - to the Moon from their vessel Orion. The first one is being developed by Blue Origin, founded by Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, in partnership with Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman and Draper. The other two projects are being undertaken by Elon Musk's SpaceX and by the company Dynetics.

The first flight, Artemis I, scheduled for November of 2021, will be unmanned: the new giant rocket SLS, currently in its test phase, will take off for the first time with the Orion capsule.

Artemis II, in 2023, will take astronauts around the Moon but will not land.

Finally, Artemis III will be the equivalent of Apollo 11 in 1969, but the stay on the Moon will last longer - for a week - and will include two to five "extravehicular activities."

"The science that we would be doing is really very different than anything we've done before," said Bridenstine. "We have to remember during the Apollo era, we thought the moon was bone dry. Now we know that there's lots of water ice and we know that it's at the South Pole." - AFP

# Ex-PM May attacks 'reckless' UK Brexit plan

**UK:** Former British Prime Minister Theresa May said Monday she would not support the Government's new Brexit legislation, which will break international law, accusing the government of acting "recklessly and irresponsibly".

May, whose 2016-2019 Premiership was derailed by the tortuous Brexit process, said the draft law would "lead to untold damage to the United Kingdom's reputation".

"As a result, with regret, I have to tell the minister I cannot support this bill," she told fellow MPs as the proposed legislation underwent scrutiny in parliament.

The UK Internal Market Bill unveiled earlier this month would override parts of the Brexit treaty struck by May's successor Boris Johnson with the European Union last year.

British lawmakers voted last week to allow the draft law to



Former British Theresa May takes Prime Minister Boris Johnson (inset) to task over Brexit.

proceed for further scrutiny despite EU calls for it to be withdrawn.

Numerous MPs from the ruling Conservatives cautioned against adopting the most contentious measures in the legislation, but only

two ended up voting against it while 29 abstained - including May. Britain left the EU in January but remains bound by the rules of the 27-member bloc until December 31. - AFP

# COVID-19 fails to halt record drug flows

**FRANCE:** Record seizures of cocaine indicate that the drug is more available than ever in Europe, and there is little sign that the coronavirus pandemic has disrupted smugglers and dealers, the EU narcotics agency said Tuesday.

The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction's annual report also noted large seizures of heroin as well as a scaling up of synthetic drug production.

During the COVID-19 outbreak, organised crime groups had "quickly adapted their modi operandi" to keep up the cultivation, smuggling and sale of drugs.

"There are fears that innovative drug distribution models developed during lockdown, along with the economic impact of the pandemic on vulnerable communities, will add to the challenges already posed by an abundant supply of drugs," the agency said.

Increased seizures of large quantities of cocaine, cannabis resin and heroin - transported by sea - raised concerns that organised crime was infiltrating legitimate supply chains, shipping routes and large ports.

Cocaine purity has increased and cocaine seizures were at an all-time high of 181 tonnes in 2018, the year for which data is examined in the 2020 report, some 40 tonnes more than in 2017.

## Rise in cocaine seizures in Europe

2<sup>nd</sup> drug the most popular in Europe, with 4.3 million consumers in 2018

30% rise in seizures of cocaine in Europe between 2017 and 2018

5.4% or 18 million Europeans\* declared to have consumed cocaine during their lifetime

\*between 15 and 64 years Source: EMCDDA annual report



"Indicators point to high availability of cocaine on the European market and signs of growth in countries where it was previously uncommon," the report said.

The volume of heroin seized in the EU nearly doubled from 2017 to 2018, the report added.

While street dealing had been affected by restrictions during the height of the pandemic, it said consumers and dealers had been turning to online "darknet" markets, social media and home delivery.

Smuggling by plane declined, but trafficking by

ship "continued at pre-pandemic levels," it said.

Seizures and intelligence data did not suggest "any immediate major disruption" to drug trafficking activities using methods such as concealing drugs in shipping containers.

Synthetic drug production and cannabis cultivation in Europe also "did not appear to be seriously affected".

The report warned that "the events of 2020 are likely to have a long-term impact on the future challenges arising in the drugs area".

During the pandemic there were signs of "declining inter-

est in substances like MDMA (commonly known as ecstasy) and cocaine that are commonly used in social settings".

But there were also reports of a greater use of more novel substances such as the psychoactive drug benzodiazepines, "possibly driven in part by shortages of more established drugs".

"We must be concerned that... as the economic repercussions of the crisis take effect, some in our communities may become more vulnerable to drug problems," agency director Alexis Goodeel said. - AFP

# 'Pen guns', the latest threat in Kabul

**AFGHANISTAN:** Police in Kabul have seized a stash of "pen guns" they say criminals and insurgents are using in a wave of targeted assassinations that has gripped the Afghan capital in recent months.

The cylindrical, single-bullet firearms look much like regular ink pens and are easy to carry undetected.

"It is like a click pen, the shooter puts the bullet in the cartridge, aims and clicks the thrust button to fire the bullet," an official at Kabul's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) told AFP on condition of anonymity.

Police last weekend unveiled a cache of 48 pen guns discovered in a larger haul of weapons including "sticky bombs" that can be slapped under vehicles and detonated remotely or on a timer. "The terrorists wanted to use these weapons in com-



A stash of pen guns found by Afghan authorities on display.

plex-target killings in the capital," interior ministry spokesman Tariq Arian interior ministry spokesman said.

Rising unemployment and poverty

have worsened Kabul's already abysmal security situation, with kidnappings, robberies and drive-by shootings commonplace.

- AFP



Czech Republic's Prime Minister Andrej Babis

# 'I got carried away': Czech PM regrets lifting virus measures

**THE CZECH REPUBLIC:** Czech Prime Minister Andrej Babis admitted Monday that his government had made a mistake when it eased restrictions aimed at containing coronavirus over the summer.

His mea culpa came as governments across Europe struggle with a second wave of Covid-19 infections following the holiday months in which the number of cases began rising sharply.

"Even I got carried away by the coming summer and the general mood. That was a mistake I don't want to make again," the billionaire populist said in a televised speech.

After fending off much of the pandemic earlier in the year with timely steps including mandatory facemasks outdoors, the government lifted most measures before the summer holidays.

The Czech Republic registered a

record high of 3,130 coronavirus cases last Thursday, almost matching the total for the whole of March, although testing capacity was low at the start of the pandemic.

Interior Minister Jan Hamacek said the country was now ranked second worst in the EU behind Spain in terms of daily case growth per 100,000 residents.

"The situation is serious. Experts say that if we exceed 120,000 new infections

per month, we'll start running out of hospital beds. We'll do our best to prevent this," he said. Health Minister Adam Vojtech - a lawyer known for singing in the Czech version of the "Idol" series - announced his resignation earlier Monday. He was immediately replaced with epidemiologist Roman Prymula, who has helped coordinate government measures to curb infections.

- AFP

# Julian Assange 'hears voices' in prison, says psychiatrist

**UK:** WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange complained of hearing imaginary voices and music while detained in a high-security British prison, a psychiatrist who has interviewed him told his extradition hearing on Tuesday.

Michael Kopelman, a psychiatrist who has interviewed Assange around 20 times, said the former hacker would be a "very high" suicide risk if he were extradited to the

United States for leaking military secrets.

He cited as evidence Assange's "severe depression" and "psychotic symptoms", which included auditory hallucinations while in solitary confinement in his cell at the high-security Belmarsh Prison in southwest London.

Kopelman told the Old Bailey court in central London that Assange said he hallucinated music

and voices saying "you are dust, you are dead, we are coming to get you".

Assange's suicidal impulses "arise out of clinical factors... but it is the imminence of extradition that will trigger the attempt," he added, warning "he will deteriorate substantially" if extradited.

Assange's partner Stella Moris has previously said she feared he would take his own life, leaving

their two young sons without a father. James Lewis, representing the US government, quizzed Kopelman over the veracity of some of Assange's claims, suggesting he may have made them up.

Assange faces 18 charges under the US Espionage Act relating to the 2010 release by WikiLeaks of 500,000 secret files detailing aspects of US military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. - AFP



Julian Assange



## Russia vows stronger military cooperation with Iran



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Russian President Vladimir Putin

**RUSSIA:** Russia said Tuesday it will develop military cooperation with Tehran after a United Nations arms embargo on Iran expires next month, despite US efforts to block arms deals.

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said earlier this month that Washington would prevent Iran from purchasing Chinese tanks and Russian air defence systems as the UN arms embargo expiration approaches.

"New opportunities will emerge in our cooperation

with Iran after the special regime imposed by UN Security Council Resolution 2231 expires on October 18," Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, told the Interfax news agency.

"The amount of this cooperation and the areas in which it will develop is a separate question," he added.

He said any agreements with Iran would have "nothing to do with the unlawful and illegal actions of the US administration, which is trying to intimidate the entire world". The embargo on conventional arms shipments to Iran is set to expire next month after the United States failed to win support for a new UN resolution.

The Trump administration says it is "snapping back" virtually all UN sanctions on Iran lifted under a 2015 nuclear accord with Tehran negotiated by former President Barack Obama. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov is due to meet his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif in Moscow on Thursday. - AFP

## Russia's giant 'Arktika' makes maiden voyage

**RUSSIA:** Russia's nuclear-powered icebreaker Arktika, touted as the most powerful of its kind and a symbol of Moscow's Arctic ambitions, set off on its maiden voyage on Tuesday.

Designed to transport liquefied natural gas from the Arctic, the giant vessel is 173 metres (570 feet) long and 15 metres high.

"The unique domestically-built vessel will for the first time find itself in the extreme conditions of Arctic ice where it will have to confirm its status as the flagship of Russia's ice-

breaker fleet," said its constructors, the Baltic Shipyard in Saint Petersburg.

The Arktika is expected to arrive at its future home port of Murmansk in northwestern Russia in two weeks after undergoing tests of its performance en route.

Launched in 2016, it is part of a planned fleet of nuclear icebreakers aimed at significantly boosting freight traffic along Russia's Arctic coast, making the passage between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans navigable all year round. - AFP



According to its constructors, the Arktika can cut through ice that is 2.8 metres (around 9 feet) thick.

## Fear of hospitals... some Mexicans 'prefer to die at home'



A health worker goes door to door looking for people with coronavirus symptoms in Tlapa de Comonfort in the southern state of Guerrero.

**MEXICO:** By the time 61-year-old Mexican mechanic Martin Urdian finally decided to go to hospital to seek treatment for the coronavirus, it was already too late. He died the next day.

When Urdian and his wife fell ill, they chose to stay at their home in Mexico City rather than put their trust in the creaking public health system.

After their symptoms worsened, they even bought two mechanical ventilators for \$3,400 instead of going to hospital. "He was suspicious because he saw on the news about the overflowing hospitals, and poor care, but in the end he felt worse and finally went," Urdian's brother Alfredo told AFP.

Urdian died on June 17, while his wife recovered without hospitalization.

In Mexico, it is common to hear of people choosing to fight the virus on their own at home, sometimes refusing to be taken

to hospital by paramedics. The government has recognized that the health system has suffered from years of neglect, but says it is working to improve standards. When the pandemic began, Mexico had a shortage of 200,000 doctors and 300,000 nurses, prompting the health ministry to embark on a major hiring spree.

It also scrambled to refurbish a thousand hospitals and buy supplies with an investment of \$1.9 billion.

Rather than set foot in hospital, Jessica Castillo endured a week at home in Hidalgo state in central Mexico where she even had suicidal thoughts, the 43-year-old pastry chef said. With more than 73,000 deaths, Mexico has the world's fourth-highest COVID-19 toll, although the government says that is partly due to its large population. The country of 128 million has officially registered nearly 700,000 coronavirus infections. - AFP

## Swedish Police struggling to control criminal "clans"

**SWEDEN:** Police in Sweden say they're struggling to control criminal "clans" exercising their own form of justice, amid an escalation of violent crime in what has long been a tranquil and safe country.

With close family loyalties and little regard for the authorities, a few dozen criminal gangs now wield considerable influence over some of Sweden's disadvantaged neighbourhoods, say experts.

Shootings, bombings and grenade attacks have become regular events in cities and towns across the country. Media outlets report on drug wars, blackmail, settlements of scores and witnesses too fearful of repercussions to testify.

"Have you seen the movie 'The Godfather'? Then you know what it's like," journalist Johanna Backstrom Lerneby, who wrote a book about one of Sweden's most infamous crime families, told AFP.

The problem of "clan gangs" has made headlines since early September, when deputy police chief Mats Lofving told Swedish Radio there were at least 40 family-based criminal gangs in Sweden.

"Far from everyone wants to be a part of Swedish society," Lofving said, adding these families had come to Sweden solely for the pur-



Swedish Police on duty in the capital Stockholm.

pose of committing crime, bringing with them their own parallel systems of government.

Speaking at a press conference in early September, Prime Minister Stefan Lovfen called the criminal gangs a "poison in our society that we need to get rid of".

Overall, Sweden remains a country with low levels of violence. Its murder rate in 2018 was 1.07 per 100,000 inhabitants compared to the European average of 2.39, according to Eurostat, compared to 5.0 in the United States according to the FBI.

But Sweden's Minister for Home Affairs Mikael Damberg expressed concern in an interview with AFP that the family-based gangs had gained a foothold. - AFP



### SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE

CALLING APPLICATIONS FOR SUPPLYING OF HIRING VEHICLES FOR SRI LANKA TELECOM PLC (SLT)-2020/2021

(Tender No: L/0458/2020)

Applications for supplying hiring vehicles (Cars, Vans, Double Cabs), are accepted only from reputed companies in the transportation industry in Sri Lanka by SLT PLC, until 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020.

The suppliers shall have a capability of supplying around 600 vehicles island wide. The age of the vehicles shall be below five (05) years form the year of manufacture. The service contract period will be two years and could be extended up to maximum of three (03) years upon negotiations.

Application documents could be obtained from under mentioned SLT Procurement Division office during office hours commencing from 9.00 hrs till 07 working days from the date of publishing of this notice by, producing the receipt obtained after paying the non-refundable Fee of 1000.00 LKR + Taxes (8% VAT) to the, SLT Teleshop, Colombo Fort.

Duly filled applications with all documents shall be delivered by hand or by Registered Post, addressed to the undersigned to reach there before closing the applications on 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 (The above reference number shall be noted on the upper left corner of the envelop)

Please call on 0714302916 (Ravindra Gunawardena) if requires further information,

CHAIRMAN – SENIOR TENDER BOARD  
PROCUREMENT DIVISION,  
9th FLOOR, SLT/HQ – A Building,  
SRI LANKA TELECOM,  
LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.



MINISTRY OF TOURISM

SRI LANKA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (SLTDA)

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

Development of Investment Case Management System

Contract No. : SLTDA/ICM/NC/NCB/ICM System/2020/07

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority invites sealed proposals from eligible & qualified Service Providers for Development of Investment Case Management System.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have Business Registration in the relevant field.
- The Intended Contract Period is 180 days with 3 years of maintenance.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Assistant Director (Procurement), Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No.80, Galle Road, Colombo 03; Telephone / Facsimile No: 0112426800 (Ext 305) / 0112382622. Electronic mail address: [amilam@srilanka.travel](mailto:amilam@srilanka.travel) and inspect the bidding documents from 09.30 to 15.30 hours on working days.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No.80, Galle Road, Colombo 03 from 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 from 09.30 hrs. to 15.30 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 10,000.00. The method of payment will be form of cash in Sri Lanka Rupees.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate as per the ITB to the address at Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No.80, Galle Road, Colombo 03 on or before 14.00 hrs. on 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020. Late bids shall be rejected and Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 05<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020 at 10:00 hrs at Chairman's Boardroom (1st Floor), Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority, No.80, Galle Road, Colombo 03.
- Bids shall be valid for 119 days (up to 11th Feb. 2021) from the date of Bid closing.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 465,000.00. Bid Security shall be valid up to 28 days beyond the Bid validity (up to 11th March 2021).
- All bids shall be accompanied by a certificate of registration of the bidder issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in Sri Lanka according to the Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987 of the Government of Sri Lanka and subsequent Gazette Notifications (PCA3 form).
- An Employee or a firm and/or an individual that has a close family relationship with an employee of the Ministry of Tourism, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority and any other institution under the control of the Ministry shall not be eligible for award of the contract.
- The Departmental Procurement Committee decision will be the final decision. Further, SLTDA has the right to accept or reject any Bid without adducing any reasons and SLTDA will not be responsible for any costs or any expenses incurred by the prospective bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of Bids.



Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority,  
No. 80, Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.



**Chilaw Plantations Ltd.**

(Ministry of Plantations / State Ministry of Coconut, Fishtail, Palmyra and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification)



**Calling Expressions of Interest for leasing out an one-acre block of land from Lankarani Estate located in the heart of Norochcholai town bordering Palavia / Kalpitiya Road, for a Bank, Supermarket or suitable business venture**

**Extension of Closing date**

This refers to the advertisement published on 11-08-2020 and the closing date for the submission of expressions of interest has been extended till 16-10-2020.

The Chairman/Chief Executive Officer,  
Chilaw Plantations Ltd.,  
165, Puttalam Rd.,  
Chilaw 61000.



**Chilaw Plantations Ltd.**

(Ministry of Plantations / State Ministry of Coconut, Fishtail, Palmyra and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification)



**Calling Expressions of Interest for leasing out a 20-acre block of land from Kasamadu Estate located next to 9 km-post on Puttalam Old Mannar Rd. close to Wilpattu Sanctuary for a Tourist Resort**

**Extension of Closing date**

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The Chairman/Chief Executive Officer,  
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**STATE MINISTRY OF INTERNAL SECURITY, HOME AFFAIRS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**Services and Repairing of Air-conditioners at Ruhunu Magapura Administration Complex**

Reference the advertisement dated 21.09.2020 regarding above procurement, the closing date of bids mentioned as 07.10.2020 in para 4 therein is corrected as 14.10.2020.

W.H. Karunarathne  
Chairman of the Procurement Committee,  
District Secretary/Government Agent,  
Hambanthota Administration District



**NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK**

**Auction Sale of Unredeemed Pawned Articles: 2020 – October**

Notice is hereby given that the articles pawned on or before 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2019 at the undermentioned National Savings Bank Branches and not redeemed or renewed on or before the dates indicated below, will be sold by public auction at respective auction centers, commencing at 09.00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 10.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.30, Park Road, Bandarawela	Bandarawela, Wellawaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.88, Kotugodella Street, Kandy	Kandy, Mulgampola, Kandy Postal
3	National Savings Bank, No. 32, Ambagamuwa Rd, Nawalapitiya	Nawalapitiya, Ginigathhena
4	National Savings Bank, No.11, Lower King Street, Badulla	Badulla, Hali Ela, Passara, Welimada
5	National Savings Bank, No.26, Anagarika Dharmapala Mw., Matara	Matara, Kekanadura, Weligama, Matara 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Dickwella, Devinuwara
6	National Savings Bank, No.52, Horana Road, Panadura	Panadura, Wadduwa, Bandaragama, Kalutara, Aluthgama, Beruwala, Matugama, Kalutara 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	National Savings Bank, No.130, Front Street, Colombo 11	Pettah, City, World Trade Center, City Plus, Kotahena, Mutwal, Maligawaththa
8	National Savings Bank, Sirimavo Bandaranaike Mw, Ratnapura	Rathnapura, Kuruwita, Nivithigala
9	National Savings Bank, No.88,88A Ginigathhena Road, Yatiyantota	Yatiyantota, Bulathkohupitiya, Deraniyagala
10	National Savings Bank, No.134, Negombo Road, Ja-ela	Ja Ela, Kandana
11	National Savings Bank, No.98, Gampaha Road, Kirindiwela	Kirindiwela, Pugoda
12	National Savings Bank, No.86, St.Joseph Street, Negombo	Negombo, Kochchikade
13	National Savings Bank, Amarathunga Building, D S Senanayake Road, Ampara	Ampara, Akkaraipattu, Pottuvil, Samanthurai, Thambiluvil, Ampara 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Uhana
14	National Savings Bank, No.139, Wellawaya Road, Monaragala	Monaragala, Bibila, Buttala, Siyambalanduwa, Badalkumbura
15	National Savings Bank, Opposite Railway Station, A 9 Road, Kodikamam	Kodikamam, Chvakachcheri, Kilinochchi
16	National Savings Bank, P W D Rd, Mullaitivu	Mullaitivu, Mallavi
17	National Savings Bank, No.15, Colombo Rd, Wennappuwa	Wennappuwa, Marawila, Dankotuwa, Nattandiya
18	National Savings Bank, No.21, Maradankadawala Road, Kekirawa	Kekirawa, Galenbidunuwewa, Galnewa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 11.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.445, Matale Road, Dambulla	Dambulla, Naula, Galewela
2	National Savings Bank, Kandy 2 <sup>nd</sup> Branch, No.18, Yatinuwara Veediya, Kandy	Kandy 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kandy City Center, Rikillagaskada
3	National Savings Bank, No.341, Colombo Road, Peradeniya	Peradeniya, Pilimathalawa, Deltota
4	National Savings Bank, No. 24, Park Road, Nuwara Eliya	Nuwara Eliya, Ragala
5	National Savings Bank, No. 96, D C Wanigasekara Mw, Akuressa	Akuressa, Morawaka, Kamburupitiya, Deniyaya, Neluwa

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 08.10.2020 - Date of Auction 11.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
6	National Savings Bank, No.379, Kandy Road, Kegalle	Kegalle, Warakapola, Rambukkana, Kegalle 2 <sup>nd</sup>
7	National Savings Bank, No.75, Kandy Rd, Mawanella	Mawanella, Aranayaka
8	National Savings Bank, No.93, Rathnapura Rd, Baduraliya	Baduraliya, Bulathsinhala, Kalawana
9	National Savings Bank, No. 342, De Soysa Rd, Moratumulla	Moratumulla, Moratuwa, Katubedda, Puwakaramba, Piliyandala, Piliyandala 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kahatuduwa
10	National Savings Bank, No. 255/7, Kirula Rd, Narahenpita	Narahenpita, Rajagiriya
11	National Savings Bank, No.430/10, Ihala Karagahamuna, Kandy Road, Kadawatha	Kadawatha, Kiribathgoda, Kelaniya, Ragama, Ganemulla
12	National Savings Bank, New Shopping Complex, Nittambuwa	Nittambuwa, Veyangoda, Mirigama
13	National Savings Bank, No 116, 116A, Bazaar Street, Batticaloa	Batticaloa, Arayampathy, Chenkalady, Valaichenai
14	National Savings Bank, No. 292, Batticaloa Road, Sawmill Junction, Kaduruwela	Kaduruwela, Higurakgoda, Medirigiriya
15	National Savings Bank, No.136, K K S Road, Chunnakam	Chunnakam, Kareinagar, Chankanei, Manipai
16	National Savings Bank, No. 11, Inner Circular Road, Vavuniya	Vavuniya
17	National Savings Bank, No.14, Kandy Road, Kurunegala	Kurunegala, Melsiripura, Rideegama, Mawathagama, Ibbagamuwa, Kurunegala 2 <sup>nd</sup>
18	National Savings Bank, No.591/1, New Town, Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura, Nochchiyagama, Anuradhapura 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Eppawala

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 17.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.3/5, T B Panabokke Road, Gampola	Gampola, Geliyoa, Pussellawa
2	National Savings Bank, No. 30, Galagedara Road, Katugastota	Katugastota, Alawathugoda, Galagedara
3	National Savings Bank, No.114, Nuwara Eliya Road, Talawakele	Talawakele, Pundaluooya, Hatton
4	National Savings Bank, No.20, Colombo Rd, Kaluwella Road, Galle	Galle, Galle 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Udugama, Baddegama, Karapitiya, Hikkaduwa, Habaraduwa, Imaduwa
5	National Savings Bank, No.4, Wanduruppa Road, Ambalantota	Ambalantota, Angunakolapelessa, Sooriyawewa, Hambantota, Tissamaharamaya
6	National Savings Bank, No.25 B, Sunandarama Road, Kalubowila	Kalubowila, Delkanda, Boralessgamuwa, Nugegoda, Pitakotte, Nawala, Kirulapone, Borella
7	National Savings Bank, New Town Rd, Embilipitiya	Embilipitiya, Godakawela
8	National Savings Bank, No.149, Ratnapura Rd, Horana	Horana, Ingiriya, Kiriella
9	National Savings Bank, No.12, Colombo Road, Gampaha	Gampaha, Yakkala, Gampaha 2 <sup>nd</sup>
10	National Savings Bank, No.514/4 Avissawella Rd, Kaduwela	Kaduwela, Delgoda
11	National Savings Bank, No.17, Kurunegala Road, Minuwangoda	Minuwangoda, Divulapitiya
12	National Savings Bank, Hospital Road, Kaluwanchikudi	Kaluwanchikudy, Kalmunai, Periyakallar, Palugamam
13	National Savings Bank, No. 52/1, Marutham Building, Kodikamam Road, Nelliady.	Neliyady, Atchuvvely, Point Pedro

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 17.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
14	National Savings Bank, No.16, Valvuthayam Comple, Talaimannar Rd, Mannar	Mannar, Vankalai
15	National Savings Bank, No.161, Main Street, Kuliyaipitiya	Kuliyaipitiya, Narammala, Hettipola, Pannala
16	National Savings Bank, Kurunegala Road, Chilaw	Chilaw, Madampe, Bingiriya
17	National Savings Bank, No.66, Main Street, Alawwa	Alawwa, Polgahawela, Giriulla

Final Date to Redeem or Renew the Articles 15.10.2020 - Date of Auction 18.10.2020		
No.	Place of Auction	Branches that offer the Articles
1	National Savings Bank, No.39,40 New Town, Kandy Rd, Mahiyanganaya	Mahiyanganaya
2	National Savings Bank, No.20, New Town, Digana, Rajawella	Digana, Wattedgama
3	National Savings Bank, No.147, Trincomalee Street, Matale	Matale
4	National Savings Bank, No.341, Galle Road, Ambalangoda	Ambalangoda, Uragsmanhandiya, Pitigala, Elpitiya
5	National Savings Bank, No.55, Beliatta Rd, Hakmana	Hakmana, Beliatta, Tangalle, Walasmulla, Weeraketiya, Middeniya, Urubokka, Deiyandara
6	National Savings Bank, No. 75 High Level Rd, Homagama	Homagama, Meegoda, Kottawa, Maharagama, Battaramulla, Athurugiriya, Thalawathugoda, Malabe, Hanwella
7	National Savings Bank, No.318, Galle Road, Mt.Lavinia	Mount Lavinia, Dehiwala, Kollupitiya 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Bambalapitiya, Wellawatta, Head Office Branch
8	National Savings Bank, No.57/1, Yatiyanthota Rd, Avissawella	Avissawella, Ruwanwella, Eheliyagoda
9	National Savings Bank, No.71/A, Barnes Rathwatte Mawatha, Balangoda	Balangoda, Kahawatta, Pelmadulla
10	National Savings Bank, Awariwatta, Katunayake. (opposite to the bus stand)	Katunayaka, Raddolugama
11	National Savings Bank, No.378, Avissawella Rd, Wellampitiya	Wellampitiya, Mulleriyawa
12	National Savings Bank, No.257, Negombo Rd, Wattala	Wattala, Peliyagoda, Mahabage
13	National Savings Bank, No. 5, Main Street, Trincomalee	Trincomalee, Kantale
14	National Savings Bank, No.496, Hospital Road, Jaffna	Jaffna, Jaffna 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Kayts, Thirunelvely, Kopay
15	National Savings Bank, Anuradhapura Rd, Kahatagasdigiliya	Kahatagasdigiliya, Kebithigollewa, Horowpathana, Medawachchiya
16	National Savings Bank, No.7, Main Street, Galgamuwa.	Galgamuwa, Maho, Thambuttegama
17	National Savings Bank, No.1/10, Old Hospital Road, Nikaweratiya	Nikaweratiya, Puttalam, Anamaduwa, Wariyapola

The Bank reserves the right to cancel, amalgamate or postpone these auctions without further notice.

**Deputy General Manager (Operations)**  
**National Savings Bank,**  
**Head office,**  
**Colombo 03**  
**Tel : - 2573008-11, Ex: 441, 244 , Fax : - 2574018**

**Classifieds**

**Automotive**



Luxury Vehicles For sale

**WP HS-6495** Mercedes Benz, C180, 1997, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No. 310, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Tel. 0714542958, 0714515236. 057243

## PEOPLE'S BANK

### TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

**Consultancy Services to evaluate the Digital Banking & Core Banking System of People's Bank RFP No. 06/2020**

Regarding the tender notice published on 08.09.2020 on the above mentioned RFP Scheduled to close on 23.09.2020, Bank has decided that deadline for the submission of your offer to be extended till 05.10.2020 2.00 p.m. due to unavoidable circumstances.

- The Proposals will be opened at 02.00 p.m. on 05.10.2020 and any proposal received after closing date & time will be rejected and returned unopened.
- Further information can be obtained from below contact details.

**Chief Manager - Supplies Department**  
**People's Bank,**  
**No 30/101, Kew Road,**  
**Colombo 02.**

**Tele. No. : 2439577**  
**Fax No. : 2439596**  
**Web : www.peoplesbank.lk**

www.peoplesbank.lk

## Invitation for Bids

### Department of Examinations

#### Procurement of Supplying Drawing Papers and Thermoform Sheet for G.C.E. O/L - 2020

**Contract No : 4/10/3/2020 (02)**

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Commissioner General of Examinations, Department of Examinations now invites sealed Bids for the Procurement of Supplying **Drawing Papers and Thermoform Sheet** described in the table below, from eligible and qualified Bidders who possess minimum experience mentioned below. Complete details are included in the bidding document.

Lot No.	Type	No of Items in the Lot
1.	Drawing Paper GCE O/L (24"x36") 125 ± 5 GSM (250 Sheets per Ream)	230 Reams
2.	Bralian Thermoform Sheet (11"x11.5") (250 Sheets per Ream)	50 Reams

- Bidding will be conducted following the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and three years' experience in supplying stationery items.
- The Bidder should possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in accordance with Section 6 of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Department of Examinations (**Telephone : 011-2786200-238 or 0112785219**) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on working days until 14.10.2020.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders from the Supply Division upon submission of a written application with Business Registration letter's copy at or before 2.30 p.m. on 14.10.2020 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2,500.00 for each document. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be valid up to 90 days. (Up to 13.01.2021).
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees 65,000.00 (Sixty Five Thousand) unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the bidding documents and should be valid up to 120 days from the date of closing of Bids. (12.02.2021).
- Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before 15.10.2020 at 2.30 p.m. Late Bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of Bids.
- Duly filled and sealed Bids marked "**Procurement of Supplying Drawing Papers and Thermoform Sheet for G.C.E. O/L - 2020, Contract No. 4/10/3/2020(02)**" on top left-hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
- The Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee's action.

**The Commissioner General of Examinations,**  
**Department of Examinations,**  
**Pelawatta, Battaramulla.**

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## NLDB

### NATIONAL LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT BOARD (NLDB)

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from Local Suppliers, for the Supply of undermentioned quantity of seeds required for the cultivation in the Year 2020, in the farms of Ridiyagama and Polonnaruwa, belonging to the National Livestock Development Board.

	Farm	Item	Required Quantity (Kgs.)
1.	Ridiyagama	Sorghum Seed	5400
2.	Polonnaruwa		1600

Bidding Documents including the conditions of Bidding, specifications and required quantities of seeds, for cultivation could be obtained during office working hours, on submission of a written request letter from the Supplies Manager, National Livestock Development Board (NLDB) at the following address upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (Rs. One Thousand only) per Bid.

Bidding documents will be issued up to 3.30 p.m. on 13th October 2020, and Bids will be closed at 2.30 p.m. on 14th October 2020 and Bids thus received will be opened immediately thereafter at the National Livestock Development Board (NLDB) at No. 40, Nawala Road, Narahenpita, Colombo 05. Sealed Bids duly marked the caption to the effect "**Purchase of Sorghum Seeds for NLDB Farms (Board's Farm)**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, enclosing Bids and should be sent by Registered Post to the following address before the bid closing date.

**Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee,**  
**National Livestock Development Board (NLDB),**  
**No. 40, Nawala Road,**  
**Narahenpita, Colombo 05.**  
**Telephone : 0112-501701/2, 011-5746308**

## Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka

### G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination — 2020

It is hereby notified that the G.C.E. (Advanced Level) Examination will be held from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 to 06<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Admission cards and timetables of school candidates have been already posted to the heads of respective schools and those of private candidates to the private addresses given in their applications. It is hereby informed that the admission cards sent to the heads of schools must be distributed to the relevant candidates immediately and it should not be delayed under any circumstance.

Private candidates who have not yet received admission cards, should visit and inquire this department in person or inform in writing the Commissioner of Examinations, School Examinations Organization & Results Branch, Pelawatta, Battaramulla along with the photocopies of the application, the photocopy of the receipt of payment of the examination fees or a letter from the Postmaster confirming the payments of examination fees and the receipt of postal registration of the application. Also, the convenience of accessing the departmental official website [www.doenets.lk](http://www.doenets.lk) and downloading the admissions have been provided to private candidates.

Private candidates who require any amendment in subjects, medium or any other respect should either directly come to the School Examinations Organization & Results Branch of the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka or inform through the telephone numbers mentioned below or fax number on or before 02<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

The National Identity Card issued by the Department for Registration of Persons, or the valid Passport or the valid Driving Licence will be accepted as a valid proof of identity of a candidate at this examination.

**An additional time of 10 minutes will be granted for 3 hour question papers to read the question paper and select the questions.**

- Any person who appears for the examination on behalf of another candidate (impersonation), keeps notes in possession while answering, getting assistance from or assisting another candidate, and misbehaviour in and around the examination hall shall be guilty of a punishable offence under the Public Examinations Act.
- Use of calculators and correcting fluid in this examination are not permitted. However, use of non programmable normal calculators is permitted only for the subject Nos. 33, 65, 66, 67.
- It is a punishable offence to appear for this examination as a private candidate by an individual who is still studying at a certain government school.
- Bringing Mobile Phones, Smart Watches or Electronic Devices into the examination hall, keeping them in possession, and using them are strictly prohibited and any candidate who violates this condition could be debarred from sitting for examination for five years and the relevant articles would be confiscated.

**Inquiries:**

Telephone Nos : 011-2784208, 2784537  
 Fax No. : 011-2784422  
 Postal Address : Commissioner General of Examinations,  
 School Examinations Organization & Results Branch,  
 P.O. Box 1503, Colombo.

**Operation room is functioning 24 hours during the examination period.**  
**Telephone Nos: 0112786200, 2784201, 2784204, 2786205, 2784206, 2787207, 2785202,**  
**Hotline: 1911**

B. Sanath Pujitha  
 Commissioner General of Examinations

6/3/AL/2020  
 Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka  
 Pelawatta, Battaramulla.  
 22.09.2020

## SOORIYAWEDA PRADESHIYA SABHA

### Leasing-out of Assets

Sealed tenders in two copies will be received by me, up to 2.00 p.m. on 15th October, 2020, for the leasing-out of the Assets, belonging to the Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha, stated in the schedule below, for the period from 01.01.2021 up to 31.12.2021.

Relevant tender forms, will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 14th October 2020, for persons who submit the National Identity Card and the Grama Niladhari Certificate confirming the residence and on payment of the specified charges stated below.

All tenders could either be sent by registered post addressed to, "Chairman, Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha" or placed in the tender box kept at the office of the Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha, to be received before the closing time.

Tenders received will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on 15th October 2020 before a tender board. The Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha retains the full right to either accept or reject all tenders received or any part thereof. Relevant tender conditions are stated in the bid documents. The successful tenderer should be prepared to deposit a security deposit of 25% of the bid price within a week from the date of acceptance of tender.

Further details can be obtained on telephone Nos. 047-2288212 and 047-3621096.

S/ No.	Name of Asset	Minimum Bid Price -Rs.-	Refundable Tender Deposit -Rs.-	Non refundable Tender fee -Rs.-
01	Leasing-out of the wholesale Pola of the Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair	20,100,400.00	200,000.00	3,000.00
02	Leasing-out of the retail pola of the Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair.	4,350,000.00	100,000.00	1,500.00
03	Leasing-out of the Weniwelara weekly fair and its public toilet.	1,205,500.00	100,000.00	1,500.00
04	Leasing-out of the Sooriyawewa fish market.	1,266,500.00	50,000.00	1,500.00
05	Leasing-out of the public toilet at the Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair	110,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00
06	Leasing-out of the vehicle park at the Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair	106,200.00	10,000.00	1,000.00
07	Leasing-out of the chicken stall at the Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair	35,900.00	2,500.00	1,000.00
08	Leasing-out of the Threewheeler Park at Sooriyawewa Weekly Fair	80,000.00	10,000.00	1,000.00
09	Leasing-out of the public notice Board (20'x10') near the Sooriyawewa Bus Stand	29,500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
10	Leasing-out of the public notice board near the Hudpaha Junction (20'x15')	30,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00

**N.B.** In addition to the above bid price, payments will be subject to VAT, NBT and other taxes of which the Government will be able to levy.

**J. Eranda Janaka**  
 Chairman,  
 Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

Office of the Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha,  
 Date: 21.09.2020

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## Poojapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha

### Invitation of Quotations

#### Installation of a Security Camera System (CCTV Camera)

The Procurement Committee of the Pradeshiya Sabha has decided to obtain the undermentioned item and quotations are hereby invited from qualified institutions or individuals to carry out the said work.

S/No.	Description
01	Installation of Security Camera System (CCTV Camera) for the Sabha Office

Quotation forms containing the specifications and the conditions required to submit quotations for the above, can be obtained from **28.09.2020** up to **28.10.2020**, on weekly working days, between **9.00 a.m.** and **3.00 p.m.** on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00, made to this Pradeshiya Sabha. Sealed procurement application should be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Poojapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha, to be received at or before **10.30 a.m.** on **29.10.2020**.

All bids received will be opened at **10.30 a.m.** on **29.10.2020** and bidder or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening. The Procurement Committee of the Pradeshiya Sabha retains the right to the final decision with regard to this bid.

(Further details can be obtained on Telephone No. 081-2302682).

**Anura Fernando,**  
Chairman,  
Poojapitiya Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Poojapitiya.

Date - 22.09.2020

# Employment Opportunities

## CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD Projects Division

### VACANCIES - Contract Basis

Ceylon Electricity Board intends to employ an Environmental & Social Safeguard Specialist on contract basis for implementation of Thermal Power Projects. Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka having the Qualifications, Experience and Professional Competencies specified below and preferably having previous work experience in Environmental Management in similar type of projects on fixed term contract basis for the Projects Division in CEB.

#### Environmental & Social Safeguard Specialist - One (01) Vacancy

##### Qualifications and Experience:

- First Degree in Biological Science, Environmental Science/Management, Social Science, Natural Resources Management, Forestry, Agriculture, Applied Science or any other related field of science obtained from a recognized University.
- AND
- Postgraduate qualification in Environmental Science or Environment Management obtained from a recognized university.
- AND
- More than 15 years' experience in Environmental Monitoring and Social Safeguard related activities (in which more than 10 years' experience should be in activities related to large scale infrastructure projects/ power plants etc.)
- Experience on foreign funded projects will be an added qualification.

- Age Limit** : Persons over 45 years will be considered only on exceptional grounds.  
**Remuneration** : Based Management Service Circular 2019/01 dated March 15, 2019 issued by Department of Management Services - Ministry of Finance. (Depends on the qualifications & experience)  
**Mode of Selection** : Through an Interview among shortlisted applicants.  
**Reporting Station** : Project Office at Colombo, Puttalam or Trincomalee (Selected candidates may need to stay at sites, according to the requirements of the Project)  
**Closing date and Time** : October 08, 2020 at 10:00 hrs

##### Professional and Other Competencies:

- Ability to deliver technical services related to Environmental Impact Assessment & Monitoring, Emission Management and Bio Diversity Management of the project, suggesting and implementing Mitigation Measures as per the National and International guidelines.
- Ability to handle project environmental and social safeguard related activities in the specified areas of specialization independently.
- Ability to function effectively in a team environment inspiring trust and co-operation of other team members of the Project.
- Ability to analyze and resolve implementation problems related to environmental and social safeguard in an effective manner.
- Good public relations skills.
- Computer literacy.
- Ability to communicate effectively.
- High level of proficiency in written and spoken English.
- Proficiency in written and spoken Tamil Language will be an added qualification.

##### Terms and Conditions:

- The appointment will be on contract basis for a period of two (02) years.
- The contract may be extended for a further term depending on the requirements of the Project. CEB reserved the right to extend or terminate the service as mentioned in the appointment letter.
- This appointment will not be considered as any future entry qualification for permanent cadre of CEB.
- Base Stations will be Project Office in Colombo and site have to visit, according to the requirements of Project Director.

##### Other Benefits:

- The selected candidates will be entitled to CEB Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) with Employee's contribution of 10% and CEB contribution of 15%.
- Employee's Trust Fund (ETF) contribution of 3% by CEB.

Applicants are requested to fill the given application form in the CEB web site (<https://www.ceb.lk/careers/en>) and submit on line. Additionally, all applicants should submit a signed printed application submitted on line to CEB including a complete Curriculum Vitae (CV) along with copies of certificates (Education, Experience, Training, Other qualifications, etc.) with names, contact numbers and addresses of two non-related referees.

Applications shall be sent to the address given below on or before the closing date and time mentioned above by registered post. Electronic submissions are not accepted. The post applied for should be clearly marked on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Applications received after the closing date / time will be rejected. Only shortlisted applicants will be called for interviews. Any form of canvassing will be considered as a reason for disqualification.

Those applicants who are already in the Public Service / Public Institutions should forward their applications through their heads of departments and it should herein be clearly indicated whether the applicant will be released in case of selection for the post.

##### For more information:

**Project Director (CPP)**  
Telephone: 0112 337 635/ 0112 337 636

**Office of the Project Director (CPP),**  
3rd Floor, 65/1, GOBA Building,  
Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha,  
Colombo 02.



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## DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

### ISSUE OF RS. 75,000 MILLION TREASURY BONDS

Rs. 45,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 05.75% 2022 'A' and Rs. 30,000 million Treasury Bonds under the series of 05.35% 2026 'A' are to be issued through an auction on September 28, 2020.

The details of these Treasury Bonds are as follows:

Series	05.75% 2022 'A'	05.35% 2026 'A'
ISIN*	LKB00322K152	LKB01526C014
Amount offered	Rs. 45,000 million	Rs. 30,000 million
Maximum yield rate for acceptance (%)**	5.65	6.60
Coupon rate	05.75% per annum	05.35% per annum
Date of issue	15 November 2019	01 March 2011
<b>Date of maturity</b>	<b>15 November 2022</b>	<b>01 March 2026</b>
Dates of coupon payment	15 May & 15 November	01 March & 01 September
Accrued Interest amount	Rs. 2.1875 per Rs. 100.00	Rs. 0.4581 per Rs. 100.00
Date of Auction	Monday, 28 September 2020	
Closing date and time of bid submission	Monday, 28 September 2020 at 11.00 a.m.	
<b>Date of settlement</b>	<b>02 October 2020</b>	
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

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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.

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## Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka Anuradhapura

### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) Provision of Cleaning Services 2020/2021

Sealed bids are hereby invited from eligible and qualified bidders, for the maintenance of the cleaning services at the Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura, for the year 2020/2021, by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka, Anuradhapura.

- 1) Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- 2) Period of agreement will be 01 year (one).
- 3) To be eligible for the award of contract; successful bidders, should not have been blacklisted and should meet the following requirement criteria:

##### ● Registration

Bidders should be registered business entity / Institution / be an active community based organization registered under the Divisional Secretary (for CBOs (Community Based Organizations), they should have to submit capability / feasibility certificate, issued by the Divisional Secretary of the area along with the Bids.

##### ● Service Experience

Should have 03 years of in-service experience in the relevant field (out of this 03 years of service experience, one(01) year of minimum experience should be within the similar capacity).

4. Relevant bidding document will be issued from the general administration department of the Bhikshu University, during working hours from 24.09.2020 to 14.10.2020. For this purpose the receipt for the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= paid to the Cashier / Shroff in the University, along with a written request, should be submitted to the Senior Assistant Registrar (General Administration) and the bidding documents could be inspected from this University's website: [www.busl.ac](http://www.busl.ac), for the references only.
5. Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate (two copies), enclosed in two separate covers, marked as the 'Original' and the 'Duplicate' clearly and both envelopes again enclosed in one single cover, should either be sent by registered post, addressed to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka, Puttalam Road, Anuradhapura**, or deposited in the **Tender Box** kept at the above address, to be received at or before **2.00 p.m.** on **15.10.2020**.
6. The caption to the effect "**Provision of Cleaning Services - 2020/2021**" should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, containing sealed bids. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on 15.10.2020, and the bidder or his authorized agent may be present on this occasion.
7. All the Bids shall be valid up to **30.12.2020**.
8. All the bids, should be accompanied by a bid security of Rs. 110,000/= (Rs. One Hundred & Ten Thousand only) "On demand" and "Unconditional", Bank guarantee, obtained from a recognized, reputed commercial bank, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid upto 26.01.2021.
9. A Pre bid meeting with the bidders will be held at 10.00 am. on 07.10.2020, at the Senate House of this University, and all the bidders are advised to be present at this meeting.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee (DPC),**  
**Bhikshu University of Sri Lanka,**  
**Puttalam Road,**  
**Anuradhapura.**

24.09.2020



## CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION REFINERY DIVISION

### INVITATION TO BID

#### Garden Maintenance of Refinery Housing Schemes

Public Tender REF — PD/SER/2020/05

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division hereby calls bids for "Garden Maintenance of Refinery Housing Schemes".

Bidders are requested to produce following documents (along with a request letter) for pre-qualifications at the time of collecting the bidding document.

1. Documentary evidence from clients as proof of satisfactory performance of similar previous services.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 shall be paid by the bidders at the time of collection of Bidding documents.

Bidding documents will be issued up to 15.00 hrs on 08/10/2020. Sealed quotations will be received until 14.30 hrs on 20/10/2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter. Other information and bidding documents could be obtained from the undermentioned.

**Chairman**  
**Departmental Standard Procurement Committee (Minor),**  
**C/o. Deputy Refinery Manager (Maintenance & Projects),**  
**Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,**  
**Refinery Division,**  
**Sapugaskanda,**  
**Kelaniya.**



## CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION REFINERY DIVISION

### INVITATION TO BID

#### Garden Maintenance of Refinery Premises

Public Tender REF — PD/SER/2020/01

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division hereby calls bids for "Garden Maintenance of Refinery Premises".

Bidders are requested to produce following documents (along with a request letter) for pre-qualifications at the time of collecting the bidding document.

1. Documentary evidence from clients as proof of satisfactory performance of similar previous services for a value not less than Rs 10 Million.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 shall be paid by the bidders at the time of collection of Bidding documents.

Bidding documents will be issued up to 15.00 hrs on 08/10/2020. Sealed quotations will be received until 14.30 hrs on 21/10/2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Other information and bidding documents could be obtained from the undermentioned.

**Chairman**  
**Departmental Standard Procurement Committee (Minor),**  
**C/o. Deputy Refinery Manager (Maintenance & Projects),**  
**Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,**  
**Refinery Division,**  
**Sapugaskanda,**  
**Kelaniya.**

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## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS - YEAR 2021

### Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

Applications are invited from suppliers who wish to register for the supply of undermentioned materials/equipment and services and from applicants/registered societies who wish to register as contractors for year 2020. Applications, mentioning "Registration of Suppliers - Year 2021" on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the application, should be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Sooriyawewa" to receive before 15.12.2020.

Those who apply for registration as suppliers should pay a registration fee of Rs. 250.00 for each supply/service. If that amount is paid by a cheque it should be drawn in favour of Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha Fund.

Applicants and approved societies who wish to register as contractors should pay Rs. 1000.00 for registration and the application received from the Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha should be perfected and submitted.

#### 01. Supply of Goods

- Supply of Office Stationery
- Office Printing Works, Picture Framing and Drawing and Making Notice Boards
- Supply of Office Equipment and Goods (Wooden, Steel, Iron, Plastic, Fibre, MDF and Wood Mixed etc)
- Electrical Equipment and Tools / Accessories required for the supply of electricity connections
- Supply of Typewriters, Photocopiers, Computers, Printers, Fax Machines, Time Marking Machines etc.
- Supply of Consumable Items for Computers and Office Equipment (Toners, Cartridges, Ribbons, Pen Drives etc.)
- Supply of Sanitary accessories and Disinfectants
- Supply of Door Window Curtains, Uniform Materials
- Name Boards, Notice Boards, Printing of Banners
- Supply of Building Materials / Accessories relevant to Plumbing Works
- Supply of Tyres, Tubes, Batteries and Spare Parts for Vehicles and Retreading of Vehicle Tyres
- Supply of Spare Parts for Vehicles and Machinery
- Supply of Library Books, Newspapers and Magazines
- Supply of Fire Extinguishing Equipment
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- Supply of Timber (Planks, Rafters, Reefers)
- Supply of materials required for landscaping including Plants / Fertilizer / Chemicals etc
- Making and Supplying of Rubber Stamps, Date Stamps etc.
- Processing of Office Identity Cards
- Supply of Security Camera System
- Supply of Food and Beverages
- Supply of Ekel Brooms, Brooms etc.
- Supply of Metal, Rubble, Sand, Bricks, Gravel
- Supply of Air Conditioners, Air Conditioning Systems
- Supply of Pre School Equipment and Children's Park Equipment
- Supply of Pesticides and Weedicides
- Supply of Tiles
- Supply of Loudspeakers
- Supply of Medals, Souvenirs, Plaques and Trophies

#### 02. Supply of Services

- Repairing and Servicing of Typewriters, Duplicating Machines, Photocopiers, Computers and Fax Machines
- Repairing, Maintenance and Servicing of Office Equipment
- Repairing and Servicing of Vehicles
- Making Vehicle Seat Covers and Cushioning
- Stitching of Uniforms
- Aluminium and Foundry Work
- Improvements and Repairs to Air Conditioners, Electrical System
- Computer Networking, Computer Software Processing and Development, Installation and Provision of Consultancy Services
- Supply of Translation Services
- Supply of vehicles on hire basis (Tippers, Gully Bowser, Backhoe Loaders, Vans)
- Supply of Machinery required for Road Maintenance Work
- Supply of Surveying Services
- Supply of Festival Goods and Equipment Services
- Supply of Legal Services
- Supply of Iron and Steel Equipment
- Supply of Insurance Services
- Repairing of Tractor trailers, Garbage Carts and Welding Works
- Supply of skilled and unskilled labour

Further details may be obtained during office hours by calling on Tel. No. 047-2288212.

#### Conditions:

- Separate applications should be submitted for each supply and service mentioned above.
- Quotations are generally called from registered suppliers and the quotations submitted should be static for at least 03 months.
- Sabha reserves the right to obtain goods from other suppliers at the time of necessity. Registration of the suppliers who fail to submit quotations when requested and of those who fail to supply goods and services to the required standards and qualities will be cancelled.

**J. Eranda Janaka**  
Chairman  
Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

22.09.2020

### Application for the Registration of Suppliers

#### Sooriyawewa Pradeshiya Sabha

- Name of Institution/Name of Applicants : .....
- If a Company Registration No : .....
- National Identity Card No. if an individual and not a company : .....
- Address : .....
- Name of the Authorized Person (For Inquiries): .....
- (a) Telephone No. ....  
(b) Mobile No. ....
- Fax No. ....
- Email Address : .....
- Website : .....
- Business Registration Certificate No. ....
- VAT Registration No. ....
- Items to be supplied : .....
- Item No. of the Item expected to be supplied : .....

I hereby declare that the information given above is true and correct and agree to the conditions above.

Date : .....

Signature

## FISCAL SALE

### In the Commercial High Court of the Western Province

Case No. HC/Civil/135/13/MR

Nature: Mortgage Bond

Procedure: Regular

Value: Rs. 5,125,922.62

Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC,  
No. 21, Sir Razeek Fareed Mawatha,  
Colombo 01.

Plaintiff

Vs.  
Hewa Pathirana Anura alias  
Hewa Pedige Anura Hewa Pathirana,  
No. 21, Main Street,  
Meerigama.

Defendant

In terms of the Judgement of the Commercial High Court of Colombo dated 23rd of August 2017 in the above styled action

The Defendant has failed to act in terms of the said judgement declared against the Defendant to pay.

**On the 1st cause of action** a sum of Rs.2,997,165.84 being the principal amount due and payable by the Defendant to the Plaintiff Bank up to 24th of February 2012 and further interest at the rate of 22% per annum upon the said principal amount from 25th of February 2012.

**On the 2nd cause of action** a sum of Rs.750,000/- being the principal amount due and payable by the Defendant to the Plaintiff Bank up to 24th of February 2012 and interest of a sum of Rs. 611,526.56 due and payable up to 24th of February 2012 on the said defaulted principal amount and further interest at the rate of 22% per annum on the said defaulted sum from 25th of February 2012 until payment in full.

**On the 3rd cause of action** a sum of Rs. 425,000/= being the principal amount due and payable by the Defendant to the Plaintiff Bank and interest of a sum of Rs. 342,233.22 on the said principal amount from 24th of February 2012 and further interest at the rate of 22% per annum on the said defaulted principal amount from 25th February 2012 until payment in full and costs,

And therefore it is hereby given notice that for the purpose of recovering the said sum by the Plaintiff Bank, the mortgaged property pertaining to this action owned by the Defendant and described in the schedule hereto is sold in public action at the premises, where the said property is situated.

on 20th of October 2020 at 12.30 p.m,

by me upon the authority of the commission of sale issued to me.

#### Access to the Property

You can have access to the property having travelled a few metres passing the Meerigama Railway Station and then turn to left by the Bo Tree and travel about 850 metres along the Negombo Road and then turn to right and travel about 50m along Sangamitta Mawatha, (Tarred Road) and turn to left again and ravel about 250m along the 1st Lane (Rubble Road) then turn to left by the 1st bend and travel a few metres and you will reach the property. The property concerned is situated on the left side of the road.

#### Mode of Payment

Soon after the auction the purchaser should pay by cash the following payments to the Deputy Fiscal. Cheques are not accepted.

- The purchaser should pay soon after the purchase of the property, 25% of the sale price and the balance 75% should be deposited to the credit of the action within a period of 30 days from the date of auction.
- In terms of Section 258 of the Civil Procedure Code the purchaser should pay a cost of Rs.150/- for the 1st Rs. 7,500/- of the purchase price and at the rate of Rs. 5/- each for every Rs. 1,000/- in excess of Rs. 7,500 Fiscal's charges and all the expenses in relation to the sale.

#### THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All that divided demarcated and amalgamated allotment of land bearing Lot No. 1 and 2 in plan No. 618 dated 01.06.1997 and made by K.K. Kanagasabei, Licensed Surveyor from and out of several allotments of land known as "Ihalagahawatta alias Maragahawatta" situated at Murugampola in Udagahapattu of Hapitigam Korale in the District of Gampaha, Western Province (within the registration division of Negombo) and the said allotments of land No. 1 and 2 are bounded on the North by Kandahenawatta belonging to H.T.P. Indrapala on the East: by Road and a portion of the same land belonging to I.P. Leen and others, on the South: by a portion of the same land belonging to I.P. Leen and others and PS road and on the West: by a portion of the same land belonging to H.P. Gironis and containing in extent of Three Roods and Thirty One Decimal Seven Four Perches (A.O R.3 P.31.74) or Hectares 0.3838 together with plantations, buildings and everything standing thereon and registered in the Folio F 270/168 in the Negombo Land Registry.

By order of Court,  
The Registrar / Deputy Fiscal,  
Commercial High Court - Colombo 12.

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020

## CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL DECISION ON

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)  
FOR THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PIPE BORNE  
SEWERAGE COVERAGE FOR DEHIWALA - MT. LAVINIA  
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AREA

### NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT NOTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 23 BB (4)

This is to inform the public that after study of the Environmental Impact Assessment report of the above project the Central Environmental Authority has decided in terms of regulation 13 of the National Environmental (Procedure for approval of projects) Regulations No. 01 of 1993, to grant approval to the National Water Supply & Drainage Board, P.O. Box 14, Galle Road, Ratmalana for the implementation of the above project subject to specific terms and conditions.

Director General  
Central Environmental Authority  
"Parisara Piyasa"  
No. 104, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

United Nations Development Programme



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Provide Technical assistance to the  
Department of Motor Traffic Sri Lanka (DMT)  
in the establishment of a  
quality management system certifiable to  
ISO 9001:2015 Standards.

(RFP/PID/2020/71)

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Sri Lanka wishes to call for Request for Proposals from qualified service providers to provide a Proposal to Provide Technical assistance to the Department of Motor Traffic Sri Lanka (DMT) in the establishment of a quality management system certifiable to ISO 9001:2015 Standards.

This procurement process is being conducted through Online Tendering System of UNDP and detailed instructions and link to the e tendering event can be accessed from [www.lk.undp.org](http://www.lk.undp.org) procurement > procurement notices.

**Bid Submission deadline appearing on e-Tendering portal will be FINAL and prevail on the once appearing on other websites.**

**Proposals submitted via email or by hard copies will not be accepted.**

Head of Procurement/Administration  
United Nations Development Programme  
202-204 Baudhdhaloka Mawatha  
Colombo 07, Sri Lanka.

UNDP reserves the right to accept or reject any proposal.  
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**CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION**  
REFINERY DIVISION

## TENDER NOTICE

**Garden Maintenance of Orugodawatta Tank Farm and Water Intake Station**

Public Tender REF — PD/SER/2020/06

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, Refinery Division hereby calls bids for "Garden Maintenance of Orugodawatta Tank Farm and Water Intake Station at Kelaniya".

Bidders are requested to produce following documents (along with a request letter) for pre-qualifications at the time of collecting the bidding document.

1. Documentary evidence from clients as proof of satisfactory performance of similar previous services.

A non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 shall be paid by the bidders at the time of collection of Bidding documents.

Bidding documents will be issued up to 15.00 hrs on 08/10/2020. Sealed quotations will be received up to 14.30 hrs on 20/10/2020 at the under mentioned and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Other information and bidding documents could be obtained from the undermentioned.

Chairman  
Departmental Standard Procurement Committee (Minor),  
C/o. Deputy Refinery Manager (Maintenance & Projects),  
Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,  
Refinery Division,  
Sapugaskanda,  
Kelaniya.

## TENDER NOTICE



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CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA

<b>Tender Number</b>	FMD/ENG/RP/2020/02
<b>Tender Description</b>	Supplying, installing, commissioning and handing over of IP Based CCTV System for Sovereign Study Centre, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Rajagiriya.
<b>Bid Closing and Opening</b>	<b>Date :</b> 15th October 2020 <b>Time:</b> 1430 Hrs. <b>Location :</b> Head Office Building, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No.30, Janadhipathi Mawatha, Colombo-01.
<b>Pre-bid Meeting</b>	<b>Date :</b> 07th October 2020 <b>Time:</b> 1000 Hrs. <b>Location :</b> Centre for Banking Studies, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, No. 58, Sri Jayawardanepura Mawatha, Rajagiriya.

For further information please refer <https://www.cbsl.gov.lk/en/tenders> or contact Maintenance & Project Engineer on 011 2477476.

Director, Facilities Management Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
SRI LANKA CUSTOMS

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Maintaining the Canteen at Sri Lanka Customs  
Headquarters Building for the Year 2020/2021

1. The Chairman of the Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Director General of Sri Lanka Customs invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Maintaining the Canteen at Sri Lanka Customs Headquarters Building.

Contract No.	Name of the Contract and Description	Amount of Bid Security (LKR)	Bid Closing	
			Date	Time
Log/S/07/catering/2019	Maintaining the Canteen at Sri Lanka Customs Headquarters Building for the year 2020/2021	50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand)	14.10.2020	2.00 p.m

2. Intended service period is three hundred and sixty five (365) days.  
3. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.  
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Director of Customs (Logistics), Sri Lanka Customs and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Logistics Directorate, on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020.  
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested eligible bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 to the Chief Shroff, 02<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Sri Lanka Customs on working days, up to 3.00 p.m. on or before 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The method of payment will be by cash only.  
6. Bids must be delivered to the Director of Customs (Logistics), Logistics Directorate, 06<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sri Lanka Customs, Customs House, No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11, at or before 2.00 p.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who are authorized to attend in person. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount stated in the above table.  
7. Maintaining the Canteen at Customs Headquarters Building for monthly rental of Rs. 15,000.00 will be charged by the Department.

Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Department of Sri Lanka Customs,  
Customs House,  
No: 40, Main Street, Colombo - 11.  
Tel 0112-221-680

Ministry of Fisheries

State Ministry of Ornamental Fish, Inland Fish &  
Prawn Farming, Fishery Harbour Development,  
Multiday Fishing Activities and Fish Exports

National Aquaculture Development  
Authority of Sri Lanka

Invitation for Bids

Procurement Notice

01. The Chairman of the National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka invites sealed bids from qualified and eligible bidders for the Procurement of following Items.

Contract No.	Name of Procurement	Bid Security (SLR) and Validity Period	Non Refundable Bid Fee (SLR)	Closing Date & Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents	Closing Date & Time of Receiving of Bids
NQ/ DPC/2020/ NCB/S/02	Provision of Security Services - 2020/2021 (for a period of one year for nearly 35 Nos. of Centers and Offices Islandwide requiring the service of approx. 100 - 105 Nos. of security personnel per day)	500,000.00 121 Days (12.02.2021)	6,000.00	13. 10. 2020 at 3.00 p. m.	14. 10. 2020 at 2.00 p. m.
NQ/ DPC/2020/ NCB/S/03	Provision of Cleaning Services - 2020/2021 (for a period of one year for the Head Office, Centers and Offices located at Pelawatte, Kalawewa, Rambodagalle and Baththuluoya )	100,000.00 121 Days (12.02.2021)	3,500.00	13. 10. 2020 at 3.00 p. m.	14. 10. 2020 at 2.00 p. m.

02. All eligible bidders may obtain further information on the Bid from Administrative Officer, Tel: 011 278 6495, Fax: 011 2786493 and [www.naqda.gov.lk](http://www.naqda.gov.lk) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the following address during office hours from 9.00 a.m to 3.00 p.m from 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020.  
03. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by any interested eligible bidder on submission of a written application with a copy of registration as per Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 (for contract value exceeding rupees five million) to the following address and upon payment of a non-refundable bid fee in cash or bank draft during the period as indicated above.  
04. Bids shall be valid for **Ninety-One (91) days (13.01.2021)** from the deadline for bid submission.  
05. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security issued by a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as specified in the Bid Documents and must be delivered to the address given below in accordance with the general conditions on or before the dates mentioned above.  
06. NAQDA will not be responsible for any costs or expenses incurred by Bidders in connection with the preparation or delivery of the Bids.

Chairman,  
National Aquaculture Development Authority of Sri Lanka,  
No. 41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatte, Battaramulla.

24.09.2020

My No: RG/NB/11/2/44/2020/82/සැ

NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)

1. I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the lands described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.  
2. The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Homagama 09.10.2020 to 23.10.2020 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.  
3. Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 30.10.2020. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 232 of Volume 363 N of Division of the Land Registry Homagama in Colombo District	All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 01 B in Plan No. 3699/13.02.2007 in land called 'Portion which is divided from 3/720 portion of Delgahawatta' situated at Magammana in Udugaha Pattu of Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the, North by : Portion of this same land East by : Road South by : The land belonging to Wimaladasa West by : The land belonging to Pedirick Singho Extent : A:04 R:00 P:13	01. Deed of Transfer No. 2041 written and attested by K. Dharmadasa, Notary Public on 08.03.2007. 02. Deed of Transfer No. 2129 written and attested by K. Dharmadasa, Notary Public on 30.10.2007 03. Deed of Transfer No. 188 written and attested by V.A.T.M. De Silva, Notary Public on 19.05.2009.

N.C. Vithanage  
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,  
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw., Battaramulla.

My No: RG/NB/11/2/06/2020/82/සැ

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SCHEDULE

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folios No. 83, 84 of volume 32 of Division 02 of the Land Registry Colombo in Colombo District	All that divided and defined Lot No. 'A' in plan No. 428 dated 15.11.1916 made by A Daniel, Licensed Surveyor of the land called 'Ambagahawatta' situated at Wellawatta, Pamankada Road in the District of Colombo, Western Province bounded on the, North by : Portion of the land marked Lot B East by : High Road South by : Lot Nos. 164 and 165 West by : Lot No.158 Extent : A:00 R:01 P:21.5	01. Deed of Transfer No. 599 written and attested by C.A.S. Mather, Notary Public on 06.03.1935 02. Deed of Transfer No. 2373 written and attested by B.J. St. V. Perera, Notary Public on 10.06.1949

N.C. Vithanage  
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,  
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw., Battaramulla.

Provincial Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Child Care Services,  
Environment and Provincial Council Affairs of the North Central Province

North Central Province

Procurement Notice

Sealed Bids are hereby invited for the selection of suitable qualified and eligible suppliers to obtain undermentioned supplies and services for the year 2020/2021 required for North Central Provincial Department of Social Services and for the Elders Home in Saliyapura, governed and administered by the Department.

Procurement No.	Description of the Supplies and Services	Quantity	Value of Bid Security valid up to 91 days (Rs.)
P15/2020	Supply of Dry Foods	Quantity given in the Bidding Documents	50,000/=
P27/2020	Supply of Vegetables		25,000/=
P29/2020	Supply of Coconuts		25,000/=
P22/2020	Supply of Fish, Chicken and Eggs		50,000/=
P28/2020	Other Supplies (Water, Electricity, Accessories and Sanitary Materials)		20,000/=
P30/2020	Supply of Betel, Aricanut, Cardamon, Maze, Nutmeg and Clove		15,000/=
P41/2020	Supply of Rice, Flour, String Hoppers		10,000/=
P08/2020	Supply of Bread		18,000/=
P31/2020	Supply of Empty Coffins		10,000/=
S1/2020	Provision of Hair Dressing & Barber Services		10,000/=
S2/2020	Provision of Sweeping	4500 Hours per month	50,000/=
P16/2020	Purchase of Hearing Aids (Elders') Equipment	200	50,000/=
P17/2020	Purchase of Eye Lenses (Intra Ocular Lenses - Foldable)	325	50,000/=
P06/2020(II)	Purchase of Tricycles	100	40,000/=
P13/2020(II)	Purchase of Spectacles	2000	40,000/=

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Provincial Department of Social Services, NCP, from 24.09.2020 up to 13.10.2020 between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on office working days of the week, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= (Rs. One Thousand only) per each Procurement Bid, and bidding documents could be inspected free of charge, during the same period at the same address. Further details in this regard could be had over Telephone No. 025-2224173 of the Department.

Interested Bidders should have similar experiences in the supply of above mentioned supplies or services as indicated in the Bidding Documents and all the Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security as mentioned in the table above obtained from a reputed commercial bank, approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid for 91 days up to 13.01.2021 to the value as given in the above table, as per the format indicated therein. Duly completed Bids priced as per the conditions of Bidding documents. Sealed and enclosed in the envelope separately marked the relevant category of supply or service and the year on the top left-hand corner of the envelope should either be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Secretary/Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee, Provincial Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services, Environment and Provincial Councils Affairs, 3rd Floor, Provincial Council, Administration Building Complex, Anuradhapura or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Ministry to be received on or before 2.00 p.m. on 14.10.2020 and Bids thus received will be opened immediately thereafter. (Delays that occur while in mail will not be considered as a responsibility of the Ministry).

Bids will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 14.10.2020 (relevant to all the supplies and services). Bidders or one of their accredited agents only could be present on this occasion. As all the bids will be forwarded to the Technical Evaluation Committee, selection of successful bidders will not be carried out on the same day of the opening of Bids.

All the bidders will be bounded by the rules and regulations given in the Procurement Documents and the decision of the Ministry Procurement Committee will be the final.

Secretary/Chairman,  
Ministry Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Ministry of Health, Indigenous Medicine, Social Welfare, Probation and Childcare Services,  
Environment and Provincial Councils, Affairs,  
Third Floor,  
Provincial Councils Administration Building Complex,  
Anuradhapura.

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**SALE OF TODDY TAVERN - 2021**

The undersigned E.M.M.S. Ekanayake Divisional Secretary, Kurunegala will receive Tenders again for the sale of Toddy Tavern Rents for the year 2021 till 10.30 a.m. on 12.10.2020.

For further particulars, please see the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka dated 24.07.2020.

E.M.M.S. Ekanayake,  
Divisional Secretary,  
Kurunegala.

The Divisional Secretariat,  
Kurunegala.  
21st September 2020

**REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I, **Ranasinha Mudiyansele Chinthaka Ranasinghe** (N.I.C. No. 770353742 V) of **Matuwagala, Kiriella, Ratnapura** inform the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the General Public, do hereby cancel and revoked the Special Power of Attorney No. 297 dated 02.11.2018 attested by W.A. Ashan Indika Notary Public of Gampaha, appointing **Kasthuri Arachchilage Sarath Premachandra** (N.I.C. No. 671540387 V) of No. 456/D/2, Keselwatta, Gonahena, Kadawatha as my Attorney in the said Republic of Sri Lanka. I shall not be responsible for any act or matter done by the said Attorney under the said Power of Attorney hereafter.

Ranasinha Mudiyansele Chinthaka Ranasinghe

**Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460) (Notice under Section 7)**

Government intends to acquire the land described in the following schedule. For further details please refer the Gazette Extraordinary No. 2188/19 dated 12/08/2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Schedule**

Province : Southern  
District : Galle  
Divisional Secretariats : Four Gravets Galle  
Grama Niladhari : 98, Madawalamulla  
Division : South  
Village : Madawalamulla  
South  
Plan No. : Cadastral Map No. : 810023,  
Block : 03 Sheet : 06  
Name of the Land : Wellambagalaaddara  
Owita  
Number of allotments : 231

I. **Himali Rathnaveera**  
Divisional Secretary  
Galle - Four Gravets

14.09.2020

**LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) Notice under Section 7**

My No: RBK/LAN/AQUIRE/A3/89  
Land Min's Ref No: 4-3/7/2017/HW/289  
It has been decided to acquire the land mentioned in the schedule below for public purpose. For more details please see the Gazette No. 2190/16 dated 24.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka:

**SCHEDULE**

1. **Province** : Sabaragamuwa  
2. **District** : Kegalle  
3. **Divisional Secretariat** : Rambukkana  
4. **Location** : within the No. 1B Dombemada West and No. 1B Dombemada East Grama Niladhari Division  
5. **Village** : Dombemada  
6. **Preliminary Plan No** : FVP NO 132, Supplement No 8, Sheet No10  
7. **Names of the lands** : within the Wagapediyathenna and Land lot 48  
8. **Total extent** : 1.4734 hectare  
Sgd. W. L. R. Indika Liyanage,  
Divisional Secretary,  
Divisional Secretary's Division  
Rambukkana  
21.09.2020

**Chilaw Plantations Ltd.**

(Ministry of Plantations / State Ministry of Coconut, Fishtail, Palmyra and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification)

**Calling Expressions of Interest for leasing out a 20-acre block of land from Unamoona Estate located close to Wilpattu Sanctuary bordering Kallady Lagoon for a Lagoon-side Tourist Resort**

**Extension of Closing date**

This refers to the advertisement published on 11-08-2020 and the closing date for the submission of expressions of interest has been extended till 16-10-2020.

The Chairman/Chief Executive Officer,  
Chilaw Plantations Ltd.,  
165, Puttalam Rd.,  
Chilaw 61000.

**Chilaw Plantations Ltd.**

(Ministry of Plantations / State Ministry of Coconut, Fishtail, Palmyra and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification)

**Calling Expressions of Interest for leasing out a 25-acre block of land from Imbulgaswadiya Estate located close to Katunayake Airport by the side of Negombo / Minuwangoda Road for a suitable business venture**

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**NUWARA ELIYA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL****Invitation for Bids**

**DESIGN, SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF STEEL WATER STORAGE TANK WITH DOME ROOF & TANK LINER FOR NUWARA ELIYA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AT "HADDONHILL"**

Contract No.: NE/MC/WW02/2020/02

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council (NEMC) invites sealed bids from eligible **local bidders** for "Design, Supply, installation and commissioning of steel water storage tank with dome roof & tank liner for Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council."
  - At Haddonhill near existing storage tank (required capacity 1500 m<sup>3</sup> average diameter 16.0 m average height 7.5 m)
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the below address from **24.09.2020** until **14.10.2020** from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Twenty Five Thousand Sri Lankan Rupees (Rs. 25,000.00) payable to the Shroff of Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council and collect the bidding documents.
- Eligible Bidders shall comply with the following qualification criteria.
  - Experience in Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Water Storage tank (specially in similar environment) for public/industrial water supply scheme during last 05 years.
  - CIDA, C4 or above.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information an inspect the Bidding documents from the above address from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days from **24.09.2020** till **14.10.2020**.
- Bids shall be valid up to 120 days from the closing date for submission of Bids.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of one percent (01%) of the Bidder's Bidding amount (Sri Lanka Rupees) valid for 150 days from closing date of the bid.
- The supply and Installation period is **180 days**.
- Completed and sealed Bid Documents supported by prescribed annexes with supportive documents shall be submitted in two envelopes as follows:
  - The first envelope shall be clearly marked "Envelope WS 1&2 General Information and Design/Technical Proposal" and with the warning "Do not open, except in the presence of the evaluation committee" and shall include separately sealed inner envelope of the original and copy of the instructions to the Bidder and details requested therein, specification and drawings.
  - The second envelope shall be clearly marked "Envelope 3 - Financial Proposal" and warning "Do not open, either with the General Information and Technical Proposal" and shall include separately sealed inner envelope of the original and copy of the price proposal and shall include priced BOQ only.
  - The Bidder shall seal the original and the copy of the General Information and Technical Proposal in two separate covers duly marked "Original of Preliminary Information and Design/Technical proposal" and "Copy of Preliminary Information and Design/Technical Proposal". The two covers shall be sealed as inner covers of envelopes 1 & 2.
  - The bidders shall seal the original and the copy of the Financial proposal in two separate covers, duly marked as "Original Financial proposal" and "Copy of Financial Proposal". The two covers shall be sealed as inner cover of envelope 3.
  - All inner and outer envelopes shall be addressed to **The Commissioner, Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, Nuwara Eliya** and written in envelope "Bid for Design, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Steel water storage tank with Dome roof and Tank liner at Haddonhill"
- Duly completed sealed bids shall be delivered to the address given below on or before 15.10.2020 at 10.30 hrs to the Tender box at the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, Nuwara Eliya and will be opened on 15.10.2020 at 10.35 hrs at NEMC.
- Pre bid meeting and site visit will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 06.10.2020 at Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council, Nuwara Eliya.

The Commissioner,  
Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council,  
Nuwara Eliya.  
Tel: 052-2222274, 052-2223605

**Invitation for Bids****Department of Examinations**

**Procurement of Supplying Printed & Non-Printed Computer Sheets for G.C.E. (O/L) and Other Exams - 2020**

Contract No : 4/10/02/2020 (02)

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Commissioner General of Examinations, invites sealed Bids for the Procurement of Supplying Printed and Non-Printed Computer Sheets described in the table below, from eligible and qualified Bidders who possess minimum experience mentioned below. Details are included in the bidding document.

Lot No.	Type	No. of Items in the Lot
1.	13"x9" <b>White</b> Bond Two sides with holes Continues Certificates Paper (Daham Pasal) (100 ± 2 GSM)	60 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
2.	15"x12" <b>White</b> Bond Two sides with holes and printed continues <b>Attendance</b> Sheets O/L (80 ± 2 GSM)	100 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
3.	15"x12" <b>White</b> Bond Two sides with holes and printed continues <b>Results</b> Sheets O/L (80 ± 2 GSM)	300 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
4.	15"x12" <b>White</b> Bond Two sides with holes and printed continues <b>Admission</b> Sheets O/L (80 ± 2 GSM)	420 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
5.	15"x12" <b>White</b> Bond Two sides with holes and printed continues <b>Results</b> Sheets <b>Schools</b> - O/L (80 ± 2 GSM)	100 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
6.	15"x12" <b>White</b> Bond with holes and printed continues Common Admission Sheets - (80 ± 2 GSM)	700 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)
7.	15"x12" <b>Pink</b> colour Two sides with holes and printed continues Common <b>Results</b> Sheets - (80 ± 2 GSM)	1300 Packets (1000 Sheets Per Packet)

- Bidding will be conducted following the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and three years' experience in supplying stationery items.
- Bidder should possess a valid certificate issued by the Registrar of Public Contracts in accordance with Section 6 of Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Department of Examinations (**Telephone : 011-2786200-238 or 0112785219**) and inspect the bidding documents free of charge from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on working days until 14.10.2020.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders from the Supply Division upon submission of a written application with Business Registration letter's copy at or before 2.30 p.m. on 14.10.2020 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,200.00 for each document. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be valid up to 90 days. (up to 13.01.2021).
- All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees 90,000.00 (Ninety Thousand Rupees) unconditional bank guarantee from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka on the format attached to the bidding documents and should be valid up to 120 days from the date of closing of Bids. (up to 12.02.2021).
- Bids must be delivered to the Supply Division, 03rd Floor, Department of Examinations, Pelawatta, Battaramulla on or before 15.10.2020 at 2.30 p.m. Late bids will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address given above after closing of Bids.
- Duly filled and sealed Bids marked "**Procurement of Supplying Printed & Non-Printed Computer Sheets for G.C.E. (O/L) and Other Exams - 2020**" Contract No. 4/10/02/2020(02) on top left-hand corner of the envelope should be submitted.
- The Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul bidding process and reject all Bids at any time prior to award of contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders or any obligation to inform the affected Bidder or Bidders of the grounds for the Department Procurement Committee's action.

**The Commissioner General of Examinations,  
Department of Examinations,  
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.**

24.09.2020

**To avoid inconvenience, Send your Marriage Proposals through e-mail...**

**classifieds@lakehouse.lk**

For confirmation & more details - Anusha - 077 7 278 948 | Piumi - 011 2 429 383 | Ramani - 011 2 429 347

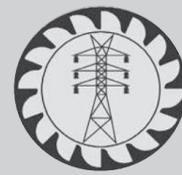
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**Marriage Proposals**

for 15 Words - Rs. 560/-  
Additional Each word - Rs. 23/- will be charged.



# INVITATION TO BID



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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
<b>MATERIALS</b>										
Lakvijaya Power Plant	<b>LV/T/2020/0223</b> Procurement of Handheld Borescope & Accessories	14.00 hrs on Wednesday October 14, 2020.	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 1,000.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 100,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkaliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkaliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from <a href="http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/">http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/</a>	NCB
Lakvijaya Power Plant	<b>LV/T/2020/0365</b> Supplying of centrifugal water pumps for gardening pump houses at Daluwa H/C	2020/10/14 14.00 hrs Pre Bid meeting 30/09/2020 10.00 hrs at Daluwa H/C	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkaliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 1,500.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 20,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkaliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkaliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from <a href="http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/">http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/</a>	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/C1/2K20/064</b> Supply, Delivery & Installation of 50kVA AMF Silent type Diesel Generator to Planning & Development Unit.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	75,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
Distribution Division 03 (P & D)	<b>DD3/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/010/D</b> Bid for Supply & Delivery of, • T – Off Joint Kit Insulated for ABC 33kV 3x95+50sqmm complete with all accessories including Earth Bond Messenger Earthing Kit and Surge Arrestors – 80 Sets	04 Nov 2020 10.00 AM	Divisional Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3rd Floor, No. 644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P.No. 0112880613, 01122880610	3,500.00	700,000.00	Office of the DGM (P&D – DD3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3rd Floor, No. 644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw , Ethul kotte.	Auditorium, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, CEB,DD3 Head Office, No.644, Sri Jayawardenepura Road, Ethul kotte.	-	ICB
Distribution Division 03 (P & D)	<b>DD3/P&amp;D/ICB/2020/017/D</b> Bid for Supply & Delivery of, • Moulded Case Circuit Breakers (MCCB), Complete with; a). 06 Nos. of straight extenders (Refer Drg. No.: DS&S/2018/013) b). 06 Nos. of angle extenders (Refer Drg. No.: DS&S/2018/013) c). 04 Nos. of insulated phase barriers d). Nuts and bolts required to install extenders Note: Lugs, nuts and bolts to connect cable to MCCB are not required. e). Mounting bolts for each MCCB as per clause 5.2.5 of Appendix V. For the following Breaker Capacities, 1. 1000A, 3 pole, 400/230V, without enclosure 2. 1250A, 3 pole, 400/230V, without enclosure 3. 1600A, 3 pole, 400/230V, without enclosure	04 Nov 2020 10.00 AM	Divisional Procurement Committee.	Office of the DGM (P&D - DD 3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3rd Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, Ethulkotte. T.P.No. 0112880613, 01122880610	3,500.00	400,000.00	Office of the DGM (P&D – DD3), CEB DD 3 Head Office, 3rd Floor, No. 644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw , Ethul kotte.	Auditorium, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, CEB,DD3 Head Office, No.644, Sri Jayawardenepura Road, Ethul kotte.	-	ICB
Division 04 (Southern)	<b>SP/DGM/C5/265/20 (M)</b> Supply and Delivery of 1000 Nos. of Steel Box for Housing Direct Connected 3 Phase Meters.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 14.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM (SP)'s Office, CEB, 167, Matara Road, Galle.	3,000.00	112,500.00	DGM (SP)'s Office CEB, No-167, Matara Road, Galle.	DGM (SP)'s Office CEB, No-167, Matara Road, Galle.	N/A	NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/54</b> Supply & Delivery of Power Quality Analyzers 02 Nos (PCA III form is required on or before bid opening when offer value is above Rs. 5 Millions)	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	1,500.00	50,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	-	NCB

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<b>CONSTRUCTION</b>										
Generation	Repairs to Hot Water Pipe Lines & Valves of the Boiler Floor of the MAN Plant of Sapugaskanda Power Station <b>BID NO: SPS/CE/SP/01M (2) - 2020/3200</b>	14.00 hrs on 15.10.2020	Thermal Complex Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager, Thermal Complex, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa. Tel: 0112423897/ 0112437426	10,000.00	400,000.00	Deputy General Manager, Thermal Complex, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa.	Deputy General Manager, Thermal Complex, Generation Head Quarters, New Kelani Bridge Road, Kolonnawa.	Free	NCB
Distribution Division 2	<b>BID NO: PHM DD2/DGM/CE (LCM)/DPC/2020/39</b> Construction of Pile Foundation And Erection Of Tower Nos. 15, 16 & 17 Attached To D/C Tower Line From Vavunathive Grid Substation To Urani Gantry (ICTAD C4 or Above)	14/10/2020 At 14.00hr	DPC-DD2	DGM(PHM-DD2), Ceylon Electricity Board, Po Box: 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy TP : 081 2222286/87 Fax : 081 2222286/87	7500.00	350,000.00	DGM(PHM-DD2), Ceylon Electricity Board, Po Box: 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy	DGM(PHM-DD2), Ceylon Electricity Board, Po Box: 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy	-	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (PHM)	<b>DD3/DGM(P&amp;HM)/T/2020/02</b> <b>EXTENSION OF BID CLOSING DATE</b> Bid for Construction of 33kV Double Circuit Lynx Tower Line from Horana GSS to Millewa Area, Stage 1(3.8 km): Erection of Foundations & Towers – 15 Tower Locations	07 Oct 2020 10:00AM	Divisional Procurement Committee	Projects & Heavy Maintenance - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte. T.P.011 2880 624	5,000.00	600,000.00	Planning and Development - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte.	Planning and Development - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte.	-	NCB
Distribution Division 3 (PHM)	<b>DD3/DGM(P&amp;HM)/T/2020/03</b> <b>EXTENSION OF BID CLOSING DATE</b> Bid for Construction of 33kV Double Circuit Lynx Tower Line from Horana GSS to Millewa Area, Stage 2(5.5 km): Erection of Foundations & Towers – 17 Tower Locations	07 Oct 2020 10:00AM	Divisional Procurement Committee	Projects & Heavy Maintenance - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte. T.P.011 2880 624	5,000.00	650,000.00	Planning and Development - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte.	Planning and Development - DD3, CEB DD3 Head Office, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor, No.644, Sri Jayawardanapura Mw, EthulKotte.	-	NCB
DD4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/CIVIL/T/2020/04</b> Bid for the Supply and Installation of Light Box Name Boards for Primary Substation at Kalutara Area	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	7,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	-	NCB
Assets Management (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	<b>CEB/WAS/ACR/B/2020/001</b> Refurbishment & Partition Work of Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Unit Office, Kolonnawa. <b>Eligibility :</b> CIDA(ICTAD) Grading-C8 or above in Building Construction	at 14.00 hrs on October 15, 2020 Tender documents will be issued up to 12.00 hrs on October 14, 2020	Provincial Procurement Committee (Workshop & Ancillary Services)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 011 244 7567 011 244 7568	2,000/-	28,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 011 244 7567 011 244 7568	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Civil Works and Buildings), Ceylon Electricity Board, 4th Floor, G.C.S.U. Building, No.90, Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02. 011 244 7567 011 244 7568	N/A	NCB
<b>SERVICES</b>										
Lakvijaya Power Plant	<b>LV/T/2020/0068</b> Support Service for Cleaning Service of Coal Handling Electrical Equipments	2020/10/14 14.00 hrs	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 3,500.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 40,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from <a href="http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/">http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/</a>	NCB
Lakvijaya Power Plant	<b>LV/T/2020/0357</b> Repairing of FRP Lining of UF and Desalinated water Tanks of Lakvijaya Power Plant <b>(Re advertising for bid closing date extension)</b>	New Bid Closing Date 14.00 hrs on Wednesday October 07, 2020.	Lakvijaya Power Plant Procurement Committee	Procurement Division, 4th Floor, Admin Building, Lakvijaya Power Plant, Ceylon Electricity Board, Narakkalliya, Norochcholai 61342 TP : 032 226 8964/977 Fax: 032 226 8966 Mob 0715777171	LKR 2,500.00 Deposit to Peoples Bank Acc. No: 071100123320705 Acc. Name Generation Division	LKR 300,000.00	Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Office of the Deputy General Manager Lakvijaya Power Station Ceylon Electricity Board Narakkalliya Norochcholai	Can be obtained free of charge from <a href="http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/">http://www.ceb.lk/tenders/</a>	NCB
Generation (Mahaweli Complex)	<b>MC/BOW/BIDS/2020/08</b> Obtaining Private Security service for Naula Building Site and Bowatenna Power Station. (to cover 02 shifts per day by 07 security guards)	2020 / 10 / 14 1100 hrs.	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee	Bowatenna Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, Naula. Tel: 066 4928783 066 4928750 Fax: 066 4935599	Rs. 1,000.00 The amount should be deposited on the Generation Division Collection Account at the People's bank, Dematagoda Branch, Account No. 071-1001-2-3320-705 & Produce the bank slip.	Rs. 25,000.00	Electrical Engineer Bowatenna Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, Naula.	Bowatenna Power Station, Ceylon Electricity Board, Naula.	N/A	NCB

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Generation (Asset Management Hydro Electrical Branch)	Obtaining service of hiring motor car for asset management hydro electrical, CEB year 2020/2021  Vehicles should not be older than 10 years from the date of first registration.  Un-registered Vehicles if considered, should register within 02 weeks of awarding  <b>Bid No. AMHE/DGM/003/032/14-2020</b>	15/10/2020 at 14:00 hrs	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee	Deputy General Manager (Asset Management Hydro Electrical), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy T.P.: 0812224424 Email.: dgmamhe@ceb.lk	Rs. 1000.00 Should be deposited to CEB generation collection account at Peoples' Bank Dematagoda Branch Acc. No.: 071-1-001-2-3320705 Deposit slip should be presented to get a bid document	Rs. 10,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager, (Asset Management Hydro Electrical), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy	Office of the Deputy General Manager, (Asset Management Hydro Electrical), Ceylon Electricity Board, No 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy  On 15/10/2020 at 14:00 hrs.	NA	NCB
Transmission	<b>BID NO: TR/SYC/ NCB/2020/02/D</b>  BID FOR PROCUREMENT OF SECURITY SERVICES FOR NATIONAL SYSTEM CONTROL CENTRE LOCATED AT NO 80, PARLIAMENT ROAD, PELAWATTE, BATTARAMULLA. FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020	15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020 15:00 hrs.	Transmission Divisional Procurement Committee	Office of the DGM (System Control) CEB, No 80, Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla 011-2787950	Rs. 500.00	Rs. 40,000.00	Office of the DGM (System Control) CEB, No 80, Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla	Office of the DGM (System Control) CEB, No 80, Parliament Road, Pelawatta, Battaramulla	Free	NCB
Distribution Division 1 Colombo City	<b>DGM(CC)/CE(C&amp;CS)/ PPC/2020/117</b>  Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (Maintenance) Unit of Colombo City (Vehicle ii/iii) (For 02 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 10:00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 13.10.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring van (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/217</b> Provision of Private Security Service of DGM (NWP) Office Complex and Call Center (NWP).	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) Branch CEB Narammala Road, Kuliypitiya. 037 - 2281892	3,500.00	85,000.00	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliypitiya	Deputy General Manager's Office CEB Narammala Road, Kuliypitiya		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/218</b> Provision of Private Security Service to Provincial Stores (NWP), Hyco (Kuliypitiya, Wariyapola) buildings and Dandagamuwa Oil Mills.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	4,000.00	120,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/240</b> Hiring of a Van for Chief Electrical Engineer (Commercial) Unit.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/241</b> Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) - II of Electrical Engineer (Narammala) Office.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/242</b> Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Ridigama) Consumer Service Center.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/243</b> Hiring of a Van for Area Maintenance Unit of Electrical Engineer (Wennappuwa) Office.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/244</b> Hiring of a Van for Loss Reduction Program Unit of Electrical Engineer (Wennappuwa) Office.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/245</b> Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Commercial) - I of Electrical Engineer (Wennappuwa) Office.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/246</b> Hiring of a Crew Cab for Kuliypitiya Maintenance Sub Unit - II of Chief Electrical Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) branch.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/259</b> Hiring of a Car for Chief Electrical Engineer (Kurunegala)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD1 (NWP)	<b>DGM/NWP/CEECM/T/2020/231</b> Hiring of a Van for Electrical Superintendent (Wariyapola) Maintenance Sub Unit of Chief Electrical Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) Unit.  <b>Correction Notice</b> Above Tender was published in Daily News paper on 2020-09-10. It shall be corrected as follows under same Tender Number  Hiring of a Crew Cab for Wariyapola Maintenance Sub Unit of Chief Electrical Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) Unit.	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 02:00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee.	Same as above	1,000.00	35,000.00	Same as above	Same as above		NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/126</b> Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Ampitiya in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	2020-10-14 at 14:00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	500/=	5,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB

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DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/127</b> Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Yatnuwara in Peradeniya Area for a Period of 01 Year.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	500/=	5,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/379</b> Hiring of a Van for ECSC at Naula in Dambulla Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/380</b> Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Naula in Dambulla Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	10,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/381</b> Hiring of a Three Wheeler for ECSC at Dambulla in Dambulla Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	10,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/382</b> Hiring of a Light Lorry for ECSC at Nortonbridge in Ginigathena Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/383</b> Hiring of a Van (With Hood Rack) for Area Office Mawanalla for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/384</b> Hiring of a Light Lorry for Material transport from Provincial Stores Matale & Distribution to ECSCs in Mawanalla Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/385</b> Hiring of a Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer (Katugastota) for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	20,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/386</b> Hiring of Van for Katugastota Area for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/387</b> Hiring of Van for CE(Construction) Unit Central Province for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/388</b> Hiring of Motor Car for Area Electrical Engineer(Mawanalla) for a Period of 02 Years.	2020-10-14 At 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	20,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/399</b> Rent/Lease land for use as pole yard belongs to ECSC Kegalle in Kegalle Area for a period of 02 years. Requirements : 1. Land should be approx.30 purchase & located in and around in Kegalle. 2. Crane can be enter to the land. 3. Need security fence & entrance gate around the land. 4. Land should be a flat land.	2020-10-14 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 035-2222466	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/400</b> Rent / lease Building for use as Area Office Hanguranketha for a period of 02 years. 1) Building should be located in or around Hanguranketha or Rikillagaska Town area. 2) Building area should be approx. 4500 sqft. 3) Electricity, Water, and Telephone and should be available. 4) Sanitary facilities should be 50 people. Gens Toilet-03 Ladies Toilet-01 5) Need parking facilities for 05 numbers of light vehicles. 6) Easy access to the building from the main road. 7) Need a safety location.	2020-10-14 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 052-2222918	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB

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DD 2 Central	<b>CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/401</b> Rent / lease Building for use as ECSC Galewela in Dambulla Area for a period of 02 years. 1. Building should be located in or around Galewela Town area. 2. Location area should be 40 perches. 8) Building area should be approx. 2200 sqft 3. Electricity, Water and Sanitary facilities should be available. 4. Need parkin facilities for 04 numbers of light vehicles. 5. Easy access to the building from the main road.	2020-10-14 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental.  T.P. 066-2283442	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial) CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/FA/RC POLES/2021</b> Registration of Suppliers for Manufacture & Supply of Reinforced Concrete Poles for the Year 2021 (Non Refundable Registration Fee Rs.5,000.00)	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	500.00	-	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	-	NCB
DD 2 (WPN)	<b>WPN/FA/PS POLES/2021</b> Registration of Suppliers for Manufacture & Supply of Pre-Stressed Concrete Poles for the Year 2021 (Non Refundable Registration Fee Rs.5,000.00)	2020-10-07 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	500.00	-	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No.280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	DGM(WPN)'s Office, CEB, No. 280, Kandy Road, Kiribathgoda	-	NCB
DD2 EP	<b>DGM [E]/QPPC/20/195</b> Hiring a van for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Kiran ECSC) – Batticaloa for a period of 02 years.	07-10-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Batticaloa) 065-2222639 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 EP	<b>DGM [E]/QPPC/20/196</b> Hiring a crew cab for the use of Uhana ECSC at Ampara for a period of 02 years.	07-10-2020 @ 2.00pm	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Ampara) 0632222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD 2	<b>PHM DD2/DGM/ DPC/2020/43</b> Hiring a double cab (4WD) on wet lease basis with a driver for the use of DGM Office Pr&HM-DD2) for period of two (02) years	07/10/2020 14.00 hrs	DPC-DD2	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	500.00	45,000.00	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	Deputy General Manager (Pro.HM) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board P.O.Box. 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. 081-2222286 081-2204298	NA	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-121/DI-07/2K20/064</b> Bid for hiring of a Three Wheeler for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) unit – Ella CSC (For 2 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	22,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-122/DI-08/2K20/065</b> Bid for hiring of a Crew Cab for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) unit – Ella CSC (For 2 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	51,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-123/DI-09/2K20/066</b> Bid for hiring of a Double Cab 4WD for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) unit – Ella CSC (For 2 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	63,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-124/DI-10/2K20/067</b> Bid for hiring of a Lorry for Electrical Engineer (Diyatalawa) unit – Ella CSC (For 2 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	51,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB

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DD 3 (Uva)	<b>DGM(UVA)/CE(COM)/DEO1/HV-125/MH-04/2K20/68</b> Bid for hiring of a Double Cab 4WD for Electrical Engineer (Mahiyanganaya) unit – Electrical Superintendent (Corporate) (For 2 years)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	63,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB
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DD 4 (Finance)	<b>DD4/AFM/T/2020/01</b> Selection of Audit Firms for Stock Verification 2020 <b>Package &amp; Package No.</b> <b>Package 1</b> <b>Western Province (South I)</b> (Locations : Area Stores & Consumer Service Centers) <b>Package 2</b> <b>Southern Province</b> (Locations :Area Stores & Consumer Service Centers)	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2020 10.00hrs	Additional General Manager Distribution Division 4	Office of the AFM (DD4) C.E.B., No. 25, 2nd Floor, Council Lane, Dehiwala Tel: 011-4204014 Fax :011-2710660	500.00	4,500.00	Office of the AFM (DD4) C.E.B., No. 25, 2nd Floor, Council Lane, Dehiwala	Office of the AFM (DD4) C.E.B., No. 25, 2nd Floor, Council Lane, Dehiwala	N/A	NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/55 Tender for Supply of <b>Private Security Services for Office of the Distribution Maintenance office Kaldemulla, Sub units under the DM unit &amp; Provincial Stores Thelawala and construction sites</b> in Western Province South I (PCA III form is required on or before bid opening when offer value is above Rs. 5 Millions)	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	100,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/56</b> Bid for the <b>Execution of Disconnection and Reconnection Orders for Kalutara Area</b> in Western Province South - I (PCA III form is required on or before bid opening when offer value is above Rs. 5 Millions)	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	120,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/2020/57</b> Tender for the <b>Janitorial Services for Consumer Service Centers &amp; Substations of Ratmalana Area</b> in Western Province South - I	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	40,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2020/45</b> Hiring of a <b>Crew Cab for the Matugama Consumer Service Center</b> Western Province South - I	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	15,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2020/46</b> Hiring of a <b>Van for Panadura Consumer Service Center Kalutara Area</b> in Western Province South - I	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala. 011-2638852	500.00	15,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB

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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2020/47</b> Hiring of a Van for office of the Rathmalana Area Maintenance Unit Western Province South - I	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.  011-2638852	500.00	15,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB
DD 4 (WPS-1)	<b>WPS-1/PPC/T/V/2020/48</b> Hiring of a Van for office of the Deputy General Manager (Planning and Development Branch) Western Province South - I	2020.10.15 10.00 a.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.  011-2638852	500.00	15,000.00	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), Office of DGM (WPS-1), 3rd Floor, Distribution Division 4 Head Quarters, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala.		NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committees, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International / National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidder or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No.3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Document, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working days till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidder or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

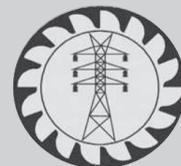
All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

\* ICB International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.

**General Manager**



The Information copy of the Bid document may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website [www.ceb.lk](http://www.ceb.lk)



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**CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD**

**MINISTRY OF HEALTH**  
**Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**  
**Renovation of Accounts Section**

1. The Chairman, Divisional Procurement Committee, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08 on behalf of the Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08 invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Renovation of Accounts Section at Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08 as described below and estimated cost is **Rs. 3.28 million** without Contingencies.

The location is at the **Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08**. Mainly the works to be carried out are Demolisher, Pavior, Aluminium Works, Painter & Decorator and Electrical Works as described in the BOQ. The Construction period is 60 days.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.  
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirement.

CIDA Registration Required:  
Specialty: Building  
Grade: **C08 or above**

4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given above from 10.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Director's Office, **Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08** from 24.09.2020 [date of commencement of issuing document] until 15.10.2020 [date] from 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 2,500.00**

6. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to **The Director, Medical Research Institute, Colombo 08** on or before 16.10.2020 at 10.00 a.m. [Time & date]. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

7. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00 for a validity period of 119 days from the date of closing.

8. Bid shall be valid up to 91 days.

The Director,  
Medical Research Institute,  
Colombo 08  
Tel: 011-2693532

**42<sup>ND</sup> OBSERVER MOBILTEL SCHOOL CRICKETER - 2020**  
**AWARD CEREMONY**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM**  
**EVENT CO-ORDINATORS**

**LPA/08/2020**

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited together with Mobitel will be organizing the above event and we request proposals from reputed and experienced event co-ordinators to provide the following:

- \* Total Event Management (excluding venue and refreshment charges).
- \* Lighting, sounds and acts.
- \* Stage setting, backdrop, digital screens and related equipment for BMICH.
- \* Compering (Male & Female).
- \* Provide high res video, 3D video, programming and live playback.
- \* 6 to 7 Acts with dancing troops, Sinhala, Tamil, English and Hindi

Please submit your proposals covering the above requirement, including the details of previous events handled in a sealed envelope marked "Proposals for Event Co-ordinators" on the top left — hand corner to the undersigned on or before **28th September 2020**. Details of previous events handled could be submitted in a CD form.

Further information could be obtained from 011 2429257.

The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason what so ever.



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**NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of the Company : **RAJ MEDICAL (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
Registration No : PV 64071  
Registered Address : No.46, Peradeniya Road, Kandy.  
Reg. Date : 12.05.2008  
**COMPANY SECRETARY**

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

Young Eagle Security Services (Pvt) Ltd. hereby gives notice to the Public on Incorporation under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Name of the Company : **Young Eagle Security Services (Pvt) Ltd.**  
Registered Office : **No.226/A, Negombo Road, Veyangoda.**  
Registration Number : **PV 68633**

**NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Sec. 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that the following Companies were incorporated.

Name of Company : **Master Recovery Services (Pvt) Ltd.**  
Number of the Company : **PV 00208232**  
Registered Office : **No. 184, Divulpitiya, Boralesgamuwa.**  
Secretary : **Alliance Management System (Private) Limited**

**NOTICE**

Notice in terms of Sec. 09 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Name of the Company : **SANDAN INTERNATIONAL (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
Registered Office : **No. 15, 6th Lane, Rathnagiriwatta, Hirana, Panadura.**  
Registration No : **PV 00227665**  
Incorporation Date : **19.09.2020**  
**Secretary**

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