



## NATIONAL AUDIT OFFICE SAYS IN SHOCKING REVELATION

# NCPA FAILED TO RESOLVE 53% OF CHILD ABUSE CASES

DISNA MUDALIGE

The National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) had received 79,259 complaints on child abuses during the previous eight years, but more than half of those complaints stood unresolved. A recent Audit Report by the National Audit Office said that 42,073 complaints (53%) had not been resolved. Child abuse cases include physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual abuse and negligence.



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## AG'S DEPT HAS CONCLUDED 12,968 CHILD ABUSE CASES IN LAST 18 MONTHS

DILSHAN THARAKA

Statistics released by the Attorney General's Department indicate that the Department has concluded a total number of 12,968 child abuse cases within the last 18 months. The Attorney General's Coordinating Officer Nishara Jayaratne said the Police had submitted those child abuse cases to the Attorney General's Department for legal action in the period between January, 2019 and July 2020. The Attorney General has concluded

12,968 cases and also forwarded 6,149 indictments to the High Court. Further, 4,372 suspects have been released so far and the police have been instructed to file 2,447 cases in the relevant Magistrate's Courts, she said. She added that 851 pending cases are currently held at the Child Protection Unit of the Attorney General's Department. "Accordingly, compared to the previous statistics reports, this is the first time in the history of the unit where such a low number of pending cases exist," she said.

## President to open Ninth Parliament tomorrow

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

Parliament issued a statement yesterday (18) regarding the commencement of the Ninth Parliament session and the election of the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker of the House and the Deputy Chairman of Committees. **TO PAGE 02**



## President begins work on building people-centric economy

Strategy to uplift Batik, handlooms industry discussed

DINULI FRANCISCO

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa said it was necessary to develop the local economy to move forward until the rest of the world recovers from the COVID-19 outbreak. The President made this comment announcing the scope of State Ministries at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. The President instructed officials to implement a plan to develop batik and handloom industry covering all its aspects. The President added that with its success, the garment industrialists will be able to reach stability in the next five years. **TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressing leading entrepreneurs and stakeholders of the batik and handloom industry at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. (Picture by President's Media)

## Two hour daily power cuts for four days

The Ceylon Electricity Board announced a two hour daily power cut with immediate effect for four days from 6 to 7 pm or 7 to 8 pm. The power supply will be suspended for two hours across the country on a daily basis, with immediate effect for four days. **TO PAGE 02**



## PNB men handed over major part of heroin to smuggler - DSG

### Arrested narcotics men further remanded till Aug.31

SHAVINI MADHARA

A suspect revealed that he had gone to Matara with the arrested Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers and handed over a major part of the contraband to a smuggler in Minuwangoda. The 13 Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers, who were arrested on drug trafficking charges, were ordered to be further remanded till August 31 by Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayarathne yesterday. Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa

Peiris informed the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court that the Criminal Investigations Department arrested Vihanga Prabhath Devinda alias "Manik" last week and found four vehicles in his possession. The DSG Dileepa Peiris further told the court that the suspects were detained and interrogated under the Prevention of Terrorism Act. The driver of the above arrested suspect was also arrested by the CID. **TO PAGE 02**

## Nine PNB officers further remanded

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayarathne yesterday ordered to further remand the nine Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers who were arrested on charges of maintaining links with drug peddlers, till August 31. **TO PAGE 02**

## Sri Lankans in S.Korea to be repatriated in two months

Over 1,600 Sri Lankan migrant workers stranded in South Korea will be repatriated to Sri Lanka on special flights within the next two months. Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva during a meeting with the resident representative of the Korean Human Resources Development Agency in Sri Lanka Kim Won Seok said all training centres of the Sri Lanka Bureau of Foreign Employment will be utilised to quarantine the returnees. The Minister said that until these workers are repatriated to Sri Lanka, those seeking new employment opportunities cannot enter South Korea. **TO PAGE 02**

## COVID-19 recoveries on the rise

The total number of recoveries from COVID-19 has reached 2,755 after 79 individuals were discharged during the last 48 hours. Accordingly 72 individuals were discharged from the Kandakadu treatment and Rehabilitation Center and seven others from the Welikanda Base hospital. Based on latest reports, 134 individuals including several foreign nationals are receiving treatment at five different

hospitals. Most of these individuals are said to be returnees who contracted the virus while they were overseas. The latest case was a returnee from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) who arrived in the country recently. As per the Epidemiology Unit's statistics, 135 patients infected with the virus are currently under medical care. Sri Lanka has thus far witnessed 11 deaths due to the virus outbreak.

## Three graft seekers in Bribery net

A person who had attempted to bribe the Dompe Police Officer-in-Charge by offering Rs.200,000 was taken into custody by Bribery Commission officers. The suspect is a resident of Pethiyagoda area in Kelaniya. He had reportedly tried to bribe the OIC in exchange to prevent legal action being taken on two individuals who



were recently arrested for possessing cannabis. The two suspects that he had tried to help were arrested with a kilo of cannabis. Bribery Commission sleuths also arrested a former Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) employee for demanding Rs.26,000 to arrange a transfer of a current employee at the labour office of the SLPA. **TO PAGE 02**

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Mannar Wind Power Plant.

# Mannar Wind Power Plant ready in September – CEB

**RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE,**  
Northern Province Special Corr.

The Mannar Power Plant, the largest wind power plant under construction in Sri Lanka, will add 100 mega watts to the

national grid in September, the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) officials said. Work on the Mannar Wind Power Plant has been completed now. The project was built by

an Indian and a local company. The previous government delayed the construction costing the CEB about 50 million rupees a day. The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) opposed the

construction. A wind power plant is also constructed in the Thenmarachi Marawanpulavu area in Jaffna. It will add 120 MW to the national grid, CEB sources said.

## Over 200 Sri Lankans stranded in Middle East return

**MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

Over 200 Sri Lankans stranded in the Middle East because of the Covid-19 pandemic returned yesterday (18) morning.

About 200 migrant workers in Jordan, Qatar and other parts of the region had landed early morning yesterday, Airport sources said. A Sri Lankan flight UL 1506 landed at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA) around 6 am and the passengers and the crew were subjected to PCR tests. Foreign Relations Ministry Secretary Admiral (Rtd.) Jayanath Colombage stated a special flight will be sent to repatriate those stranded in the Middle East and repatriation will continue.

## Three held with fake Rs. 5,000 notes



The currency notes.

Three persons were arrested along with fake Rs.5,000 currency notes in 128 bundles by the Special Task Force in Galwana, Mulleriyawa on a tip off.

The vehicle they were travelling in yesterday morning was also seized. The three suspects were transporting the counterfeit notes in a bag at the time of the arrest.

The suspects are residents of Ja-ela, Angoda and Mulleriyawa. They will be produced before the Hulftsdorp court today.

## Insect set to destroy invasive aquatic plants

**A.A.L.DIAS,**

Matale District Group Corr.

The Gannoruwa Plant Conservation Unit under the direction of the Matale Agriculture Deputy Director Office has taken steps to destroy lacustrine and other invasive aquatic plants in the Galewela Divisional Agrarian Service area.

Kudawewa and Ralarotawewa will be cleaned first, Unit sources said. Scientifically identified insects called Sirtabagus have been released to the two tanks to destroy the invasive plants.

Japan Jabara and Salviniya that have covered many rural tanks in the area could be destroyed in this way, the sources said.

Deputy Agriculture Directress Dilrukshi Wijerathna and Dambulla Assistant Agriculture Director Jayantha Samarawickrama participated in the initial step.

## Passport case against Shashi Weerawansa

### Dock statement submitted before court

**SHAVINI MADHARA**

Shashi Weerawansa, wife of the Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa, provided a dock statement before the Colombo Chief Magistrate's Court yesterday over an incident where Shashi Weerawansa had allegedly obtained two passports including a diplomatic passport by submitting forged documents to the Immigration and Emigration Department.

With the dock statement, Shashi Weerawansa denied the allegations levelled against her. She also informed court that she had obtained a diplomatic passport in 2010 for a sudden reason.

"I asked former Controller of Immigration and Emigration Chulananda Perera about the documents which I have to submit to obtain a diplomatic passport. Then he told me to submit my birth certificate and the National Identity Card. During that time, a identity card had been lost. I had lodged a complaint to the police in this regard. So, I had

submitted those documents to the Immigration and Emigration Department. However, I did not fill the applications. Somehow, I had received the diplomatic passport in the evening of the same date. I observed that there were several mistakes in my passport. I had informed them to the former controller of Immigration and Emigration and then he confirmed that it was a valid passport. He also informed that I can go abroad with this passport without any issue," Shashi Weerawansa added.

Shashi Weerawansa stated that the case was filed against her after five years from obtaining the diplomatic passport. She, therefore, stated that the case was filed due to political revenge.

President's Counsel Shavendra Fernando appeared for the accused and Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris appeared for the Criminal Investigations Department. The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for October 9.

## Twenty eight ex-provincial councillors elected to Parliament – Kanchana Jayaratne

**NADIRA GUNATILLEKE**

Twenty eight of the 58 Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna's (SLPP) ex-provincial council members contested for the General Election have been elected to Parliament, SLPP Provincial Council Members' Association President and Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Chairman Kanchana Jayaratne said.

One of them has been from the National List, he said. In addition to the ex-MPs in Badulla, Puttalam and Polonnaruwa, the remaining newly

elected MPs in those three districts are former SLPP Provincial Councillors.

Among the newly elected MPs are former Chief Ministers, Provincial Ministers and Provincial Councillors.

A ceremony to welcome and felicitate them will be held at the Grand Monarch Hotel on August 21 at 6.30 pm under the patronage of Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation Chairman and founder of SLPP Basil Rajapaksa, he said.

## Sudda arrested

The Special Task Force (STF) yesterday arrested Yohan Pradeep Kumara alias 'Sudda', a close associate of underworld figure Nalin Chathuranga alias 'Ladiya'. The latter is operating from overseas now.

Yohan was arrested in Hokandara North and a motorbike with forged number plate was also seized. It had been used for criminal activities, STF sources said. The officers seized another motorbike sans a number plate.

Police said that 'Sudda' had been evading police. He was arrested for several offences and granted bail. The shooting and murder of 'Podi Sudu' in Athurugiriya in 2018 and opening fire at the residence of former MP Sujewa Senasinghe's Secretary were some of the offences against him.

He was also arrested by the Colombo Organized Crimes Division for keeping swords. Police said Sudda had been acting on orders of Ladiya.

## Anuruddha Sampayo, three others further remanded

Negombo Prison Interdicted Superintendent Anuruddha Sampayo and three other prison officers were further remanded until August 31 by the Negombo Magistrate's Court.

The order was delivered when

the defendants were produced before the Negombo Magistrate's Court yesterday.

On July 22, following directions of the Attorney General, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) obtained arrest war-

rants on Anuruddha Sampayo and three other officials of the Negombo Prison from the Negombo Magistrate.

Arrest warrants were issued on Anuruddha Sampayo, Chief Jailors Sarath Bandara and Nishan-

tha Senaratne and Jailor Kalinga Kaluaggala.

Negombo Prisons Jailor Kalinga Kaluaggala surrendered to the CID on July 25 and was subsequently remanded, while Chief Jailors Sarath Bandara and Nis-

hantha Senaratna surrendered to the Negombo Magistrate's Court on July 29.

Sampayo had filed a writ petition at the Court of Appeal seeking an injunction preventing him from being arrested by the CID.

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The liberation of hundreds of thousands of people in Puthumathalan in April 2009, the world's largest hostage rescue mission carried out by Security Forces anywhere in the world, without harming the civilians trapped inside the No Fire Zone brought a true sense of humanity to the military operation against the animalistic type of tactics adopted by the LTTE when treating civilians.

World Humanitarian Day – August 19

# Sri Lankan Humanitarian Operation:

## An unprecedented rescue of innocents

World Humanitarian Day is an international day dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. It marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to Iraq, Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his colleagues were killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad.



The Humanitarian Operation ensured a bright future for the children of the North



Sri Lankan Security Forces were engaged in a massive humanitarian mission.



**NADIRA GUNATILLEKE**

**S**ri Lanka is the only country in the world that can proudly celebrate the World Humanitarian Day which falls today, because it is the only country which launched a 'humanitarian operation' to save thousands of innocent people from the clutches of a terror outfit. The operation saved a very large number of people without injuring them.

The humanitarian operation was an achievement that came the hard way through the sacrifices made by generations of people who wanted this country to be free from terror, at least for future generations.

Some, mainly Western, nations with vested interests try to underestimate this humanitarian operation by charging that the Sri Lankan Security Forces and the Government allegedly committed war crimes. But in reality, the elimination of terror leader Velupillai Prabhakaran and his terror gang on the banks of the Nanthikadal Lagoon in Mullaitivu on May 18 and 19, 2009, freed thousands of poor innocent Tamil people from the clutches of the LTTE.

Some Western nations are trying to paint a gloomy picture about the entire humanitarian operation and are making 'war crimes' accusations against the Forces. It is obvious that these nations do not have the basic sense to understand how the Sri Lankan Government and the Security Forces carried out this task and are reluctant to accept the ability of a small nation to save almost all human lives while eliminating such a powerful terror outfit.

If we go through the events that unfolded from the date the LTTE closed the sluice gates of Mavil Aru, the Sri Lankan Government and the Security Forces had to take all necessary steps to liberate the civilians from the grip of terror and ensure their basic human rights such as water and food. The liberation of Mavil Aru and the strategically important Sampur in Trincomalee ensured the rights of the people in Trincomalee to survive with their basic needs such as water, food and security.

From then onwards, the LTTE realized that they have no future if they get further isolated from the public. That was why they used the

tactic of creating human shields around them wherever battles erupted.

The Security Forces engaged in this humanitarian operation used a more humane way to confront the LTTE tactics by adopting the small team operations concept on the battlefield without using common arms used in wars. The troops were able to face the challenge of these human shields by surprisingly taking Tiger territory and liberating civilians from the Tigers' grip. They took care of the civilians who flooded into Rideetenna in December 2006 and January 2007 days prior to the capture of Vakara.

Anyone who was there at the battlefield knows how humanely the Security Forces treated the civilians while ensuring that no Tiger cadres infiltrated into Security Forces controlled areas. But it took a long time for the common people to understand the tactics used by the Security Forces as they could not witness the huge battles that took place when the Security Forces captured those territories. However, the capture of Thoppigala, considered the pinnacle of the Eastern victories, brought the humanitarian operation closer to the common people, though certain Opposition politicians dismissed it as a mere patch of jungle.

The Vanni Operations became more challenging as the LTTE continued to create human shields at each and every township they held. The LTTE knew that losing people was more deadly than losing territory to the Security Forces. That was why they kept more than 270,000 people with them until the final stages of the battle they fought in Wellaimullawaikkal in Mullaitivu.

The LTTE used ruthless tactics to keep the civilian population with them. Those who tried to challenge them became victims of their bullets. The liberation of hundreds of

thousands of people in Puthumathalan in April 2009, the world's largest hostage rescue mission carried out by Security Forces anywhere in the world, without harming the civilians trapped inside the No Fire Zone brought a true sense of humanity to the military operation against the animalistic type of tactics adopted by the LTTE when treating civilians.

World Humanitarian Day is an international day dedicated to recognize humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes. It was designated by the United Nations General Assembly as part of a Swedish-sponsored GA Resolution A/63/L.49 on the Strengthening of the Coordination of Emergency Assistance of the United Nations, and fixed for August 19. It marks the day on which the then Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to Iraq, Sérgio Vieira de Mello and 21 of his colleagues were killed in the bombing of the UN Headquarters in Baghdad.

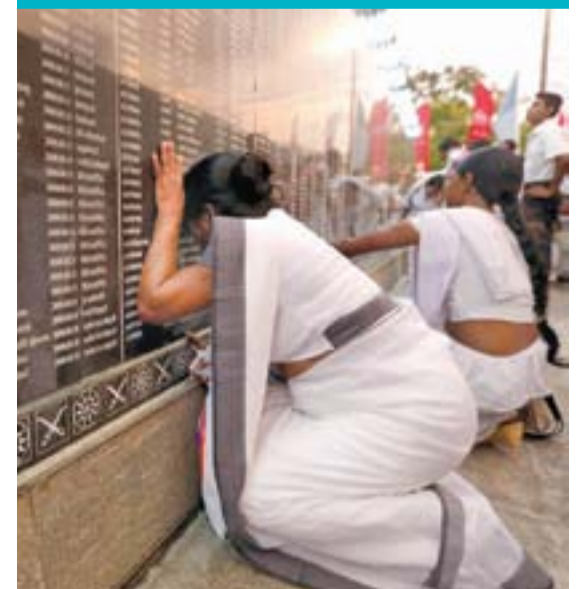
On World Humanitarian Day (WHD), August 19, the world commemorates humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and the UN honours all aid and health workers who continue, despite the odds, to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need.

In 2009, the United Nations General Assembly formalized the day as World Humanitarian Day.

This year World Humanitarian Day comes as the world continues to fight the COVID-19 pandemic over recent months. Aid workers are overcoming unprecedented hurdles to assist people in humanitarian crises in 54 countries, as well as in a further nine countries which have been catapulted into humanitarian need by the COVID-19 pandemic.



**A very special 'thank you' goes to the late Ranil Wijayapala, a former News Editor of the Daily News and the Sunday Observer for his journalistic contribution towards this world-famous Humanitarian Operation carried out by the heroic Sri Lankan Armed Forces. He went to witness almost all the battles with the Armed Forces to gather accurate information on the Humanitarian Operation and keep the readers informed.**



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DISHAN JOSEPH

A few years ago, I visited the Arlington National Cemetery in USA, and found a thought-provoking phrase on a monument for war heroes. It said, "Freedom is not free" - four words that beautifully capture the essence of why soldiers around the world fight to maintain the sovereignty and integrity of a nation, from internal and external threats.

There is a monument built within the Training Academy of the Special Task Force, in Katukurunda. This monument is unique because it is built with the old guns, helmets and equipment of police commandos who had died to protect this nation. These men upheld the sacredness of democracy and the right of liberty for all Sri Lankans. How can anyone attempt to value a human life?

These men are the sons, husbands, fathers and brothers of families who still mourn their demise, with a sense of pride. This monument is an endearing reminder to all aspiring recruits of the STF, about the altruism and gallantry required of them when they wear the coveted Green Beret on completion of their intense training. As an officer once told me, they believe that the STF flag in the academy flies not because of the wind, but because of the breath of their departed comrades who still live in their hearts.

## Formation of the STF

As most of us recall, the 1980s was a period of volatile tension for this once tranquil island. Sri Lanka was about to witness the bloom of organized subversive threats from the North and the South. By 1983, some of the police stations in the Northern Province were under attack by small arms fire.

The Sri Lanka Police has a history of almost 150 years, but this violent escalation was something new to the Police Department at that time. Policemen in the Northern Province needed the support and firepower of a professionally trained unit from within the police. The late Ravi Jayawardene was a visionary who realized this urgent need. Subsequently foreign assistance was obtained for the training of the first batch of police commandos. This initial batch received intense training in counter-terrorism operations. The STF was deployed to the Northern and Eastern Provinces.

Soon the STF gained the trust and appreciation of the Batticaloa region. They realized the importance of winning the hearts and minds of the Tamil and Muslim people.

For the first time, policemen would use Sterling submachine guns, M-16 assault rifles and Browning pistols. The gabardine (khaki) uniform was replaced with jungle camouflage uniforms and the Green Beret, which is the trademark attire of the Police Special Task Force. This uniform would become a visual symbol of trust and safety for the Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims, during those turbulent days. It must be emphasized that the STF has operated with strict discipline, teamwork and professionalism.

## Consistent growth

Over the past three decades, the men and women of the STF have steadily grown into a fully fledged police counter-terrorism force, having successfully progressed into specialized units. Their prowess in VIP security has been globally endorsed, and they were consulted to share their insight at the Beijing Olympics. The VIP Security Division has had the distinction of guarding many foreign heads of state and prime ministers, Pope John Paul 11 and high-profile sports teams during their visit to Sri Lanka. The STF played a key role in the security of the Commonwealth Heads meeting (CHOGM) held at the BMICH. Training for these officers has been augmented by overseas training in countries like Israel, USA, India and Pakistan.

Another vital team that performed a great service to this country was the STF Bomb Disposal Team. These officers were the pioneers of explosive ordnance disposal working within the public domain. We recall their red van with its blaring siren driving around Colombo city in response to emergency calls. The team has since expanded as the Counter Terrorism Bomb Disposal Unit (CTBD) using world-class bomb detection technology, alongside trained sniffer dogs and their handlers. This team saved lives by neutralizing the second vehicle bomb near St. Anthony's Church, Kochchikade, during the 2019 Easter Sunday attacks. The CTBD specializes in conducting perimeter

search operations. For the past 30 years, the Special Task Force has been the primary service branch that dedicatedly searched and protected the Parliament of Sri Lanka, thus enabling our nation's decision makers to operate with maximum safety.

The global security landscape remains inundated with threats. The FPU (Formed Police Unit) of the STF has trained to take part in United Nations Peace Keeping missions. The FPU specializes in Public Order Management, dealing with the control of violent crowds. Another significant unit within the Special Task Force is the dynamic SWAT team. Trained and modelled on the American SWAT concept, these police commandos are experts in assaulting terrorist hideouts and anti-hijack missions. Descending from hovering helicopters is another area of their expertise. In the past few months, SWAT officers have successfully raided and arrested high-profile members of organized crime gangs and narcotics dealers. The STF has qualified parachute jumpers and snipers.

Another threat that is disturbing law enforcement agencies globally is the threat of CBRNE (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear and Explosive) materials. Foreseeing this grave danger, the STF trained its first CBRNE response teams, wearing hazmat uniforms and oxygen cylinders. This team set the benchmark for others to follow. Going a step further, the STF has prudently established a modern high-tech CBR monitoring station with 24-hour surveillance at an undisclosed location. They are the pioneers who advocated and introduced the security concept of transporting hazardous materials in keeping with the standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

There is much the STF has done apart from their counter-terrorism role. Since the opening of the Southern Expressway, they have taken the role of first responders. Trained paramedics and firefighters are positioned on duty covering 24 hours. They have been able to rescue people trapped in vehicles and rush them to hospital. During natural disasters, these rescue teams have been involved in search operations. The STF has a life-saving team stationed on the serene beachfront of Arugam Bay in the Eastern Province, and have saved many tourists from drowning.

In the past 35 years, the STF has produced top athletes. They have excelled in boxing, karate, taekwondo, rifle and pistol shooting, soccer, swimming and rugby. STF men have been a formidable part of the Police rugby team for many years. Women have been

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absorbed into the permanent STF cadre and have risen to serve in the rank of Chief Inspector. Some women officers have qualified to wear the air-borne badge.

Today we focus on reconciliation as a nation. Realizing the value of our cultural diversity the STF is credited with teaching Tamil language to all recruits. They follow a Tamil language programme and at the culmination of the course make a presentation of song, speech and drama. This is rooted in the fact that the STF began its duties in the North and the East.

Operating in small teams, they knew the importance of gaining the trust of the Tamil and Muslim communities. They understood the cultural aspects of both communities. This unbiased and professional attitude has assisted them to work well in defending the villages in that era. Today we cherish peace. Sri Lankans can definitely count on the Special Task Force to excel in every sphere of their duty towards our motherland.

# Minister Johnston examines 'jumbo issue'

**ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE,**  
Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

Highway Minister Johnston Fernando along with officials recently visited Wanduressa, Kobeygane and Palukadawala to inspect the issue of

wild elephants in the Puttalam District. The farmers told the Minister to look into the issue, which has already killed many people in the area.

W.A. Muthubanda, a farmer, said

the electric fence is not adequate due to lack of equipment and maintenance. Extra pillars should be set up to renovate the fence, he said.

"We have brought this matter to the previous government, but no action

has been taken," the people told. Minister Johnston Fernando said that the issue has been going on for a long time and it cannot be solved overnight. He promised them that the electric fence will be repaired soon.

## Norochcholai shuts down following power outage

**MIHIRA WIJESEKERA,**  
Marawila Group Corr.

Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) spokesman Sulakshana Jayawardena said that the power supply of the Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant was suspended due to a technical fault following the island-wide power outage and that it will take about four days to repair it.

Jayawardena said that although the Norochcholai had

been supplying power uninterrupted, the system had to be shut down because of the island-wide power outage.

"The entire power system automatically shut down yesterday due to a technical fault with the cooling system.

It should be refilled with water, and it will take at least four days," he said. The Norochcholai Lakvijaya Power Plant supplies 45 per cent of the country's electricity.

## Pillayan allowed to attend Parliamentary sessions

**T.L. JAWFARKAN,**  
Batticaloa Group Corr.

The Batticaloa High Court permitted Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan, the remained leader of the Tamil Makkal Viduthalaipulikal (TMVP), Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan to attend Parliamentary sessions.

asan granted leave for Pillayan when he was produced before the Batticaloa High Court today to attend the next sessions of Parliament on August 20. Pillayan contested the last parliamentary election and won with 67,542 votes. He was elected to Parliament with 54,277 preferential votes.



Sivanesathurai Chandrakanthan being taken to the Batticaloa High Court.

## Abduction case hearing against Kurunegala Mayor on September 8

**ARIYAPALA WANSHATHILAKE,**  
Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

The indictments against Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeeva Witharana and three other persons will be heard on September 8 before Kurunegala High Court Judge Mapa Bandara.

Mayor Thushara Sanjeeva Witharana along with his father Sunil Witharana, H.P. Nihal Justin and Sunil Tharanga were charged with abducting a person along with a motor cycle worth Rs. 85,000 on September 7, 2007 in Doratiyawa, Hewapola, Kurunegala.

The case has been proceeding for nearly 13 years.

## Father arrested for molesting four children

A father of four was arrested by Katugastota Police on suspicion of sexually abusing his daughters and son.

The abused girls are 16, 8 and 5 years old and the boy is 12 years old, police said.

The suspect was arrested by Katugastota Police OIC W.M.S. Uvindasiri on a tip-off.

The 38-year-old suspect is a resident of Yahalatenna, Katugastota. He is attached to the Army Rifles Division, Police said.

The suspect had threatened his wife not to tell police or anyone else about the abuse.

The four children have been hospitalised for a medical checkup, police said.



Thenuka Vidanagamage assumed duties as State Minister of Rural and School Sports Infrastructure Promotion yesterday. Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa was present. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

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## Probe the blackout

Monday's islandwide 'blackout' where the entire country was without electricity for well over six hours calls for a thorough investigation far beyond the all too familiar knee jerk reaction committees appointed by the authorities to probe the matter.

Power outages of such magnitude in this country have followed a pattern. They invariably occur with the advent of new Governments. Soon after former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga assumed office in 1994 there was an islandwide blackout that lasted two days due to a strike that forced the then Power and Energy Minister and Deputy Minister of Defence Anuruddha Ratwatte to use strong arm tactics to get the engineers restore the power supply.

Again soon after the Yahapalanaya Government took over there were a series of power cuts at regular intervals bringing the wrath of the people against the rulers. Now we have a new Government which has only just sworn in its Cabinet that was greeted with a similar islandwide power cut at a time all the country's reservoirs in the catchment areas were filled to capacity guaranteeing an uninterrupted power supply to the people.

Could this be sabotage? The Committee appointed by Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma should not ignore this aspect. The newspapers these days are full of stories on various lobbies connected to power generation urging for the setting up more coal power plants in the country. This at a time when over 85% of the population is enjoying the benefits of electrification. Not only that, a certain organization that has all along been taking an inordinate interest in matters connected to power generation pounced on Wednesday's power blackout to drive their point home. All these aspects should be probed by the committee.

The country cannot afford power outages of this nature particularly at a time the economy reeling from the Coronavirus is trying desperately to recover. Television news yesterday was full of the consequences of the power failure with traders and businesses gravely affected.

There is no knowing the cost to the country's economy as a whole due to Wednesday's blackout which it could ill afford at this juncture. The proposed committee should also probe if the power cut was related to attempts made by certain segments to line their pockets through the purchase of electricity from the private sector - an accusation that is made frequently. It is time the new Government embarked on a programme to ensure an uninterrupted power supply to the country and provide electricity at an affordable rate. Today the high cost of living is chiefly due to the high cost of electricity being tagged onto most consumer goods and services. Most investors shy away from setting up business here due to electricity costs which naturally would be eating into their profits and opt for countries in the region with low power costs. Measures should be taken to explore means of providing cheap and renewable sources of power as an alternative to coal and thermal power.

It was reported that the wind power plant near Norochcholai has been inoperative for a long time. Steps should be taken to remedy the situation. Solar power panels should be made more affordable giving the opportunity to a larger segment to employ the facility, thus reducing the burden on the national grid.

Measures should also be devised at promoting power conservation among the population. We have a gadget oriented society that demands a vast usage of electricity to meet their comforts with no care for the consequences. If the trend continues the CEB/LECO will soon be unable to meet the demand, resulting in rolling province-wise power cuts, as was the case sometime ago. Power could be saved by adopting simple measures. For instance families could be persuaded to press their clothes in one go rather than using it at intervals. The TV could be switched off entirely without keeping it on standby.

One previous Government had a separate minister in charge of Power Conservation. The Government should think of a similar option to preserve our energy sources at a time demands are bound to soar due to the increase in the population and commercial activity.

The CEB too should be streamlined and properly managed under the new Minister. Its losses should be eliminated and it should be made to function as a profit-making institution. Overstaffing has been the bane of State bodies such as the CEB and the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CEP). President Gotabaya Rajapaksa should not permit any moves by Government politicians to pack loss making institutions such as the CEB and CPC with their supporters as it has been happening under all Governments. The President has already done away with all trappings and "Boru show" in State bodies. No doubt, he will extend the same principle to ensure that all State bodies including the CEB function as profitable entities



# PARLIAMENT TO BEGIN WORK IN EARNEST



Setting the country's Legislative wheels in motion after a hiatus of nearly a half-year, the ninth Parliament is to be inaugurated in a dignified fashion tomorrow with emphasis on the health guidelines in the face of COVID-19.

The country's supreme law-making body is expected to spring back to life in no time with the Constitutional amendments and a Vote on Account earmarked as high-priority tasks of the new Government.

Ring the curtain up for the first session of the new Parliament, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is to outline the future trajectory of the Government led by him for the next five years. The Policy Statement of the Government is a traditional practise in Parliament that has long replaced the 'Throne Speech'. President Rajapaksa's Policy Statement will revolve around the work plan to implement his election manifesto 'Saubagyaye Dekma' (Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour), which the people have wholeheartedly endorsed at the last two Elections.

Prior to the President's address, the House will finalize the names for its key positions, and all the Members who have made it to the August Assembly following a hotly contested Election, will take their oaths before the newly elected Speaker "to uphold and defend the Constitution" as "honourable MPs".

Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, a SLPP stalwart from Matara, is tipped to be the new Speaker with SLFP Senior Member Ranjith Siyambalapatiya as the Deputy Speaker. The Speaker has a lot of clout under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution as he is the ex-officio Chairman of the ten-member Constitutional Council, the apex decision making body that recommends the appointments to the Independent Commissions and high ranking positions such as the Attorney General, Auditor General, Parliament Secretary General, IGP, Chief Justice and superior court judges etc. Some of these powers may however be subject to changes under the constitutional reforms to be brought in soon.

### Two seats still vacant

For the first time, two new political parties, the 'Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna' (SLPP) and the 'Samagi Jana Balawegaya' (SJB) assume the roles of the Government and the Opposition in Parliament relegating the United National Party (UNP) and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) to the fringes of political discourse.

Minister Dinesh Gunawardena has been re-appointed as the Leader of the House and Minister Johnston Fernando as the Chief Government Whip. SJB Leader Sajith Premadasa will be the Opposition Leader and he is yet to announce who will be the Chief Opposition Whip.

Interestingly, it will initially be a 223-membered assembly as two National List slots assigned each to the UNP and the 'Ape Jana Bala Pakshaya' (Our Power of People Party), a new political formation mainly of Buddhist monks, are still vacant. Both these Parties, embroiled in deep internal divisions, have failed to send the names of their National List appointees to the Election Commission even by the time this edition went to press.



MP Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

In other words, there will be no official UNP representation in Parliament when it resumes tomorrow, a tell-tale of the present miserable state of affairs in the 'Grand Old Party', which held ruling power for a good number of years since the country's independence. Two weeks since its crushing defeat at the Parliamentary Poll, a fresh leadership crisis has brewed in the Party leading to double trouble. Doing a 180-degree turn, UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe, who previously offered to resign immediately following the Election debacle, has now decided to remain in the post until the Provincial Council Elections are over. The Government is contemplating holding the much-delayed PC Elections sometime early next year.

When it comes to the Our Power of People Party (OPPP), confusion reigned over its General Secretary post, and to make matters worse, Ven Galagoda Aththe Gnanasara Thera and former MP Ven Athuraliye Rathana Thera, two leading monks of the Party, were openly at war with each other to secure a stake in Parliament. The matter is likely to enter the Court rooms, and the Election Commission has decided not to gazette any name for the OPPP's National List seat until there is sufficient clarity.

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A ringside view of our new Parliament shows that it has an interesting mix of Members from veterans to first-timers, from professionals to businessmen, and from men of integrity to some whose presence at the law-making body could be argued. Parliament, after all, is said to be a vignette of the society we live in and



UNP: Reduced to a single seat



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa hands over the appointment letter as Leader of the House to Minister Dinesh Gunawardena



Justice Minister Ali Sabry

it also reflects the political maturity of the voters.

On a different note, the country's 52 percent female population is very poorly represented in Parliament. The number of female MPs has plateaued at 12 (5.3 percent) in the ninth Parliament. As a matter of fact, the female representation had never grown beyond 13 MPs in any Parliament up to date. The eighth Parliament initially consisted of 13 women MPs, but later the number dropped to 12 as actress turned politician Geetha Kumarsinghe lost her seat because of her dual citizenship. She is back in the picture after renouncing her Swiss citizenship.

Only eight women candidates were elected at the recently concluded Election, and the political parties accommodated another four from the National List to prop up female representation. Noteworthy, the National People's Power (NPP) offered the only National List slot available for the Party to Dr Harini Amarasinghe, a rights activist and academic.

In the meantime, the voters, with their preference towards the politicians who had been working closely with the people in their respective electorates, had missed out some who made an outstanding contribution at national level affairs in the last Parliament. To name a few, former Chairman of Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) Sunil Handunnetti, former Deputy Speaker Ananda Kumarasiri, and former Chairperson of the Women and Gender Sectoral Oversight Committee Dr Thusitha Wijemanna had received accolades for their active contribution in serious business of Parliament. Their absence will be



UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe

felt in the new Parliament, but hopefully there will be others from among the sitting Members to fill the void.

### On the cards

With the Government's announcement that it intends to present the 20th Amendment to the Constitution to Parliament next month, the topic of Constitutional reforms has once again come to the fore. President Rajapaksa and the top rung of his Party have made it clear even before the Election that they seek to remove the Constitutional barriers that stand in the way of efficient governance of the country. Now that the Government has received an overwhelming mandate of the people, it has decided to go ahead with the task with new-found vigour.

Newly appointed Justice Minister Ali Sabry told the media last week that the whole 19th Amendment was under review at Cabinet level. He however explained that the five-year term of the Presidency and its two-term limitation would remain and that the functioning of Independent Commissions would not be affected.

Minister Sabry during an interview with a private television channel also responded to the question whether the President has the Constitutional right to hold the Defence Ministry portfolio. He said, "In terms of Article 4 of the Constitution, the President should be the Commander of all the Forces and is in charge of the defence of the country. There is this haphazardly brought in 19th Amendment which says the President cannot hold ministries and it obviously clashes with the above Article. Article 4 is far superior to any other Article introduced by an amendment. Therefore, the President clearly has the power and the mandate to hold the defence portfolio".

This is indicative that the above conflicting Clause will be removed when presenting amendments to the Constitution. The Government is also planning to present another Vote on Account shortly for a sum exceeding Rs. One trillion for the remainder of the year, and then a full-budget in November for the next year. The President, utilizing the Constitutional powers vested in him, has authorized the funds for Government expenditure till August 31.

Now that the Legislative functions are back in order, the Government is expected to swing into full gear in the coming months focusing hard on delivering its pledges and confronting the urgent matters at hand.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We're a society that demands electricity 24/7. - Vaclav Smil





President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

# GOTABAYA ADMINISTRATION SIGNALS INTENT THAT FACTORED INTO THE TWO-THIRDS



Gevindu Kumaratunga



Dr Nalaka Godaheva



Prof. Nalin de Silva



Prof. Ranjith Bandara



Prof. Charitha Herath

**RAJPAL ABEYNAAYAKE**  
**D**oes a doctor's bedside manner count? Do the nuances of behavior matter in politics? Sri Lankans would know the answer is in the affirmative. The Gotabaya regime signals positive intent. It's written into the President's general tone and behavior, and it's written into the DNA of the team the SLPP picked for the task of governance with a massive two-thirds pendulum swing. This intent is suffused with nationalistic chutzpah. In other words, the key players of the newly elected Government are steeped in the local idiom. They approach the task of nation building with a certain degree of gravitas. This contrasts with the 'everything is a bit of a joke' approach of Ranil Wickremesinghe, Sajith Premadasa and the Yahapalana lot. Yahapalanaya was a good slogan. But its proponents approached the subject as if it was bit of a jig in the park. This is old fashioned master-servant politics. It may have had its utility in another era. People expected the upper crust politicians of the early post independence times to display a certain amount of public levity. If the bosses joked around, the hoi polloi felt better in their skins. Late John Kotelawala, J. R. J were all jesters to the manor born. A generation later, Chandrika Kumaratunga followed in the tradition, because she too dealt in the currency of patronage politics. Gotabaya Rajapaksa has seen the need to signal serious intent. His

identification of the need of the times is spot on. Governance is now a serious business, and the people signaled that to him when they drew a line over the risible Yahapalana regime, cancelling it in total. The Yahapalanites didn't seem to know the difference between joking and being jokers. When they collectively had a belly laugh on the evening of the Easter Sunday attacks at a press conference, they became the jokers — obnoxious, insensitive ones at that.

**INSULAR**

In the Sinhala monarchical tradition, there were appointed Court jesters — but the monarch of the realm did not joke around. The President has a work ethic that is contagious. His election campaigning consisted of doing the picket line with a difference — he stopped and listened as people informed him of their grievances. The other salient aspect of the team he picked was that these folks were articulate and steeped in the national idiom. Their thinking was essentially local which some folks misinterpret to be insular. But it's just that their world-views were articulated in the indigenous idiom. Prof. Ranjith Bandara, Charitha Herath, and Mohammed Muzammil are all articulate but with a nationally rooted worldview. They are not the only ones, but are a representative sample. Deracinated folk as opposed to locally rooted talent was in contrast what obtained in the Yahapalana

regime. Eran Wickremaratne, Harsha de Silva, were the typical hotchpotch of think tank types who looked to the West before they looked at anything that had to be put right in our own backyard. Mangala Samaraweera was of course the high priest of this pukka-sahib hands-akimbo tendency. The success of the Gotabaya pivot was in this writer's view, the fact that the President and his team were able to draw the exact striking contrasts to the former regime, so that the real salt of this country's earth, rooted in the local idiom were the lifeblood of his campaign to run the country, targeting the vision he imagined. The thinking is not just represented in Parliament on the national list or otherwise — it's manifest anywhere you look within the administration and its extended apparatus. Dr. Nalin de Silva is the ambassador to Myanmar. Anyone who doesn't know about his nationalism wasn't born here. Anuradha Yahampath the Governor of the Eastern Province is a local entrepreneur who founded an extremely successful handloom business but doesn't look to the Volkswagen Company to shore up entrepreneurship in the country. Manori Unamboowe, Ambassador to Germany inherited a local technology business and went onto organize the small business community for President Rajapaksa. The above is a mere random sampling, but contrast that list with say the Harsha and Eran duo, and the ideologues behind Yahapalana such as Charitha Ratwatte, Shiral Laktilleke,

Gamini Vijayagoda, Nirmal Ranjith Devasiri and the likes. These are folk who enjoy turning their noses at indigenous/homegrown and think that they are a step ahead in doing so. Dewasiri says he has evolved, but his thinking seems to be a moving cloud, and Laktilleke is foggy at the top, and very possibly has friends in the general area of FoggyBottom too. These people obtain their intellectual kicks by insinuating that those who do not ape the West are insular, while those who display a nationalist mindset are aborigines. It may be an interesting contestation from a purely academic standpoint, but the way the Gotabaya phalanx deftly capitalized on the contrasts was positively a coup in modern day politics, that should go down in lore as an unqualified success. **PRAGMATISTS** So, looking at the above list of SLPP ideologues and other ideamen and ideawomen, the canard that the Gotabaya administration is militarily-led is so laughable as to blow a few laughing-gaskets. Is Anuradha Yahampath a gun toting Admiral? Is Nalin de Silva used to doing his brainstorms with a bayonet? Will Charitha Herath and Gevindu Kumaratunga lay landmines to the tune of the Colonel Bogey march? These are nationalist pragmatists, and Yahapalana ideologues Jayadeva Uyangoda and Victor Ivan would have handled more explosives perhaps in their prior firebrand incarnations

than all of these people put together, but yet, Gotabaya Rajapaksa is running a military administration that gets its strategic input from the Army? Dr. Anil Jasinghe has been appointed the Secretary to the Ministry of Environment and so somebody should ask if he is Army too. He isn't, but it won't be long before somebody in the liberal commentariat says that Jasinghe developed a love for brass, spit and polish because he breathed the same air that Shavendra Silva the Chief of Defence Staff did, when they were deliberating together as colleague in the Covid Task Force. They would point out that Admiral Jayanath Colombage was made Secretary to the Ministry of foreign affairs, and scream militarization, but ignore the fact the gentleman has a doctorate. These appointments from among the practical technocratic community and those that are drawn from the more doctrinaire ideologues seems to have the critics flummoxed to a point that they seem now stuck in a certain place — and just keep mouthing the words "military military military" as if they got a vinyl record stuck on the needle. **USHERED** The concept of introducing a widely acclaimed coterie of men and women of some depth and professional stature never seemed to have occurred to the so called Good Governance experts who sent that gaudy unsightly bauble Ranjan Ramanayake

to represent the country at global forums. The more garrulous they were the greater their presence on the Yahapalana platforms — for example there is Harin Fernando who was famous for making his ailing father the authoritative figure on military intelligence. Brace yourself, but it's this same Google-loon that the SJB ushered into Parliament on their National List. But Nalaka Godaheva had to contest and win himself a seat and he did — emerging at the top of the list in his district. That was the difference in approaches, and even though some learned SLPP folk got their entry into Parliament through the National List, there was a healthy tendency of having the people vote for some of the more practically inclined individuals with an academic or professional background — and vote they did. So, despite the fact that the political opposition loves to portray the Government as being run by military hard hats while being powered by local yokels, the joke seems to be on them, because their intellectual horsepower in Parliament or outside of it is near zero compared to what the Gotabaya coterie of public intelligentsia has brought onto the table to empower the national discourse, both within and outside the Parliamentary chambers. Small wonder the people responded with a two-thirds when the Opposition was screaming incessantly that creeping 'militarization' had converted the country into a military barracks.

## Aaron Kuder and heart-doors that glide open on the wind

**In Passing...**  
 by Malinda Seneviratne  
**O**ne day, more than twenty years ago, in a cafe named 'Stella's' in a small town called Ithaca, located in upstate New York, I noticed a series of illustrations in several square pieces of ceiling. I asked someone who the artist was. My friend didn't know the name, but said 'I heard he committed suicide.' That's a preamble of sorts. I visited that cafe so often and indeed almost on a daily basis that by

day I noticed him with a large drawing book and realized that he was sketching the scene at Stella's. 'I hope you are not drawing me too!' I said. 'That's better than what most people tell me...they ask "can you draw me?"' We laughed. Aaron worked the night shift often. He finished at 2 am. I would stay until he was done. Then Aaron and his girlfriend Katy would take me for 'dinner'. There were a couple of all night diners. I always had trouble ordering food. People didn't get my accent. Katy or Aaron knew what I wanted (mashed potatoes with gravy) and would order for me. 'I once suggested that Stella's should declare independence of the United States of America. It was then that I found that something of the sort had happened already in that some of the regulars had titles bestowed on them or else announced by themselves. There was a Duke. There was a Duchess. There was a Lady-in-Waiting. I called Aaron 'The Gentle Giant' but he was 'The King.' Katy, who found all these titles beneath her, named herself 'The Supreme Goddess.' They were all beautiful people. To me, they were family, and although Aaron and Katy were very much younger, they were like foster parents. One day I asked Aaron about those sketches on the ceiling. I told him that I had heard the artist had committed suicide. He laughed. A resident of Ithaca, Aaron had indeed 'gone missing' for a while (I can't remember now where he had been), hence the speculation of suicide. 'I did that,' he said, and laughed. Sometime in June, 2000, I left Ithaca. Aaron was at work, but he had excused himself for a few minutes. 'I wanted to finish that painting of Stella's but I didn't have the time,' he confessed. 'So I thought I will give you the entire sketch book.' It had that sketch. It had all kind of sketches, mostly of 'super heroes' resident in Aaron's imagination. Beautiful and detailed drawings. It's the one 'parting gift' I received. Well,

through its hallways can be overwhelming. We must contain the tides of emotion in order to function. Our brains simplify our feelings into symbols... 'There is a door in my heart. It has a picture of a woman making/repairing a shoe. She is a cobbler. The symbol itself is not ornate. It is no more eye-friendly than your average bathroom door sign or crosswalk. The symbol, like the door, is made of wood and was obviously hand carved. And like all things in the heart, it was made with love. 'Opening the door is an easy thing. You don't even have to touch it. It does not squeak nor stick. It glides open on the wind. 'Inside? Well, there are not words for everything the heart has to say. There are hills, endless hills that are both difficult and a joy to climb. There are songs. Songs sung in many languages. Songs about love, songs about family, songs about yellow submarines. There are smells of wonderful food. 'Food made by friends for friends. Food made at diners. Food made to apart from the love, companionship, camaraderie and memories — Ithaca was the warmest place in all of the towns and cities I was resident in the USA. I met him once more. This was in 2004 when I was a member of a team of international election monitors (US Presidential Election, 2004, when George W Bush was 're-selected'). Our common and dear friend, Ayca Çubukçu, then a graduate student at Columbia University was spending some time in Ithaca. We met. We talked of times gone by. 'You didn't come to monitor any elections; you came because we had to meet each other,' was Aaron's take on that encounter. I don't know where Katy is now. Time passes, things happen. Aaron was happy then, he's happy now. He works for Marvel Comics. He's famous. We communicate off and on. A few days ago I posted a note on his Facebook wall. 'So I remember Ithaca, now and then. And when I do, what I remember most is Stella's. There was such laughter, warmth and love. And there was you. What did I bring back from Ithaca, I sometimes ask myself. Not much, but then again, "a lot" is as truthful an answer. I brought you, Aaron Kuder. And you shall remain resident in Sri Lanka until I die. Happy birthday! And Aaron painted something for me by way of thanks. 'A picture for you... 'The heart is an ocean and at the same time it is a castle. Moving

simply sustain. There are wonders big and small... paintings, rainbows, books of poetry (which are worlds unto themselves). There are waterfalls of tears. Healing tears for the pain of the world. Tears for us who just need a little attention. There are red balloons with children forever chasing them. 'And... most importantly of all there are more doors. But these doors are not made by this heart. These are the doors that lead into the hearts of others. And they were made by those hearts inside your own. No matter the miles of distance, the minutes, days, years that have passed, these doors do not fade. Their hinges do not squeak as they glide open on the wind. 'See you inside.' 'The Cobbler' was a monthly newspaper that Ayca and a few others, myself included, put together. The older and more radical of Ithaca's residents might remember. That's not important. Aaron tells stories with lines, spaces and colors. Some words too. It's hard to think of Aaron writing anything this long. Maybe he should have contributed pieces like this to 'The Cobbler.' Anyway, there are heart-doors open, he reminded me. We will meet again. One day. (malindasenevi@gmail.com, www.malindawords.blogspot.com.)



# 'New Cabinet focusing on local economy, a refreshing change'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

**An interview with Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Chairman and Colombo University Sociology Department Senior Lecturer Jagath Wellawatte analysing the progressive aspects of the new Cabinet.**

The Cabinet of Ministers and State Ministers of the new Government led by the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) were sworn in before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa last week. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the 'Magul Maduwa' of the historic Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic in Kandy.

Just moments after the swearing-in ceremony, social media platforms were flooded with both positive and negative comments about the new Cabinet and State Ministerial portfolios.

Jagath Wellawatte told the *Daily News* that the people have the right to criticise the government.

"But when I go through certain social media posts about the State Ministerial portfolios, I get a very negative feeling, like something

really bad is about to happen through certain jokes such as 'Meti Amathi', 'grocery list type of ministerial portfolios' and so on. Through these comments, certain people or groups are attempting to underestimate the value of those ministerial portfolios and also to discredit the government," Wellawatte said.

He said that the State Ministerial portfolios such as Paddy and Cereals, Organic Food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chillies, Onions and Potatoes, Seed Production and High-Tech Agriculture, Batik, Handloom Fabrics and Local Apparel Products, and Cane, Brass, Clay, Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion had been highly criticized by the social media users.

"If we carefully look into the composition of the new Cabinet and the State Ministerial portfolios, we can clearly understand the purpose behind that. The Government has paid its attention to the development of traditional industries such as clay, cane and batik and handloom fabrics. This is a very timely decision taken by the government to uplift the living standards of people dependent on those industries and also to expand the country's export-oriented production," he added.



Wellawatte further said that the present Government headed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has a clear vision of the future development of the country and they are attempting to use as much local resources to achieve future development goals. Through new State Ministerial portfolios, it is expected to achieve a considerable growth in local production. Unlike in the past, now State Ministers too have to play a key role in the Government's development agenda. With the assignment of specific subjects for the State Ministers, the Government can easily monitor the growth of fields allocated for them.

He further said that there is political propaganda that is intended to persuade people who voted to form this powerful government to accept false messages about the new Government, by using certain criticisms and jokes and stirring up emotions. According to the Joseph Goebbels' theory, "If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it." So, social media users have to be very careful about what they share and

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"The Cabinet of Ministers of the new Government is a very progressive one. None of the governments which ruled the country after gaining independence in 1948 appointed a Cabinet of Ministers with a vision. For the first time, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa issued a gazette notification including the vision, mission, key priorities and the institutions coming under each Ministry even before the swearing-in ceremony of the Cabinet of Ministers. All the Ministerial and State Ministerial portfolios have been designed to meet the objectives highlighted in Government's policy framework 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour,'" he added.

"Although there were Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers and State Ministers, the Ministerial portfolio had been gazetted only under the Cabinet Minister. Now, unlike in the past, all the institutions of the same field have been gazetted under relevant Ministerial portfolios. For example, earlier, universities, pre-schools and schools remained under various ministerial portfolios, but now all those educational institutions have been gazetted under the Education Ministry. But unfortunately, certain social media users are trying to put those progressive initiatives taken by President Gota-

baya Rajapaksa under the carpet by highlighting useless matters," Wellawatte said.

"But more than 70 percent of the country's rural community were satisfied about the new Cabinet and State Ministerial portfolios. For example, with the appointment of a State Minister for Wildlife Conservation Protection Programmes including Electric Fences and Ditch Construction, and Deforestation and Wildlife Resources Development, rural people who face various hardships due to the human-elephant conflict have expressed their gratitude to the President for assigning a Minister to address their issues directly.

"Don't compare the new Cabinet of Ministers with previous ones. This is a new model. There are no good and bad Ministries. All the Ministerial and State Ministerial portfolios are equally important. The time has come to change the attitudes of the people. Mao Zedong, the Chinese Communist revolutionary who became the founding father of the People's Republic of China, had to first win an ideological war to change the attitudes of the people. All the members of the Parliament at least on the Government's side should be united to achieve one common goal of developing the country by keeping aside their personal goals," Wellawatte said.

# Padaviya housewives manufacture organic fertilizer

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

A group of famer women in Padaviya, Anuradhapura, has launched a organic fertilizer project in line with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's *Saubagya Dehema* policy.

The Anuradhapura rural social development organization runs the organic fertilizer-manufacturing programme.

The project has been initiated in Sudarsanagama, Padaviya, where 50 housewives have got together to implement the organic fertilizer programme. The leader of the women's group Pathma Mayadunne told the *Daily News* that when most of the villagers in Sudarsanagama and its environs were light-



Famer women in Padaviya who have taken to the organic fertilizer programme. Pictures by Nimal Wijesinghe

ing crackers to celebrate the swearing-in of Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Prime Minister, she and her group of women launched a organic fertilizer promotion project.

"We were trained and guided

by the rural social development organization and its Executive Director Nimal Padmasiri in converting cow-dung, salvinia, glidiseria and margosa leaves and all kitchen waste into organ-

ic fertilizer. We regret that we did not undertake this programme earlier and instead depended on harmful chemical fertilizer and agrochemicals for gaining a better harvest," Mayadunne said.

"Our group of 50 housewives expects to use self-manufactured organic fertilizer for our home gardens and market the surplus to those in the environs, while encouraging the farmer women in other villages also to join the programme," she said.

"We shall endeavour to popularize the production of organic fertilizer. We urge the agriculture and the agrarian development departments to assist us in our organic fertilizer manufacturing project and its expansion."



Nimal Padmasiri of the rural social development organization



Padma Mayadunne

## Fire destroys five acres of forest

NAVARATNA BANDARA

Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

A recent wildfire has destroyed five acres of land in a forest reserve in the Haldumulla area, off Haputale.

The fire which broke out in a pine cultivation in Haldumulla town, on the Badulla - Balangoda road, early Sunday morning, was doused by local Forest Conservation Department officials, assisted by the police and residents of the area, the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) in Badulla said.

However, the fire had destroyed about five acres of land before it was doused.

Locals had informed the DMC about the disaster when they had first noticed the fire at dawn.

## Woman arrested for smuggling drugs into Mahara Prison



GAYAN SANJAYA

Officers on duty at the Mahara Prison recently arrested a woman who had tried to smuggle in drugs for the prison inmates during a routine visit.

The suspect had attempted to smuggle in drugs for her husband Lahiru Sandamal, a 20-year-old inmate who was recently remanded by the Wattala Magistrate on charges of possession of drugs.

The jailors said that the woman had confessed to bringing drugs before, but had not been able to visit her husband due to restrictions imposed on visitors following the COVID-19 crisis. The arrest was made under the guidance of the Superintendent of Mahara Prison Jagath Chandana Weerasinghe.

The suspect was handed over to the Ragama Police for further investigations.

## Kurunegala MC agrees to pay legal fees despite protests by Opposition members

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

At the monthly meeting of the Kurunegala Municipal Council (MC) held on Monday, Deputy Mayor Sumith Udikum-bura put forward a proposal to set aside over Rs. 2,000,000 as legal expenses of the case that is being heard at the Kurunegala Magistrate Court over the demolition of the Buwenekabahu Hotel.

Thirteen councillors approved the pro-

posal, while three JVP councillors disagreed, as they said the case is a personal case of the Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeewa Vitharana.

However, the Finance committee of the MC has agreed that the legal expenses for the case could be taken from Kurunegala MC's funds.

The former Kurunegala Mayor too had disagreed to approve the payment.



The demolished Bhuwenekabahu Hotel.

## Report on accused filed

KAPILA SOMARATNE,

Panadura Group Corr.

Police officers of the national authority for the protection of victims of crime and witnesses completed the investigations against S. Upendra Silva, an accused in a case pending for inquiry before the Panadura Additional Magistrate's Court.

The investigations were held following a complaint made by businessman K.S.S. Fernando that Upendra Silva who is accused on bail in the case had forwarded petitions to former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and 30 heads of government departments against him, alleging that he is running his business

illegally at Thalpitaya, Wadduwa without the required licences.

The report is to be forwarded to the Attorney General for legal action to be taken against Upendra Silva, police officers said. Wadduwa Police have also been directed to provide security to Fernando's business.

## Sergeant dies in accident

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

A sergeant attached to the Akmeemana Police station died while being treated for head injuries sustained in an accident which occurred while he was having a bath at Unawatuna beach.

The incident occurred on Tuesday, Karapitiya Police said.

The sergeant (34) was a resident of Thulhiriya in Alawwa. He had come on a trip to Galle with his family.

While he was bathing, his head knocked against a rock, causing serious injury. He was taken to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital, where he died while receiving treatment.

## No team sports in schools

S.M. WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Corr.

The Education Ministry has instructed all government school heads country-wide that team sports should not be allowed within the school premises until further notice due to the threat of COVID-19 pandemic, Kurunegala senior Education Director W.M. Balasooriya

told the *Daily News* yesterday in Kurunegala.

However, if team sports practices are essential, the PHI of the relevant area should be consulted prior to holding such practices. School heads are instructed to allow students to practise sports activities individually as it would not cause the spread of the pandemic.

## Isurugama, a village without water

DAYARATHNA BANDARA

Kegalle District Group Corr.

Steps have been taken to provide drinking water to 32 families in the Isurugama village in Bos-

sella who have not had adequate water supply for more than four years.

Isurugama village has 32 families who were displaced by the

landslide in 2016. The village has all other infrastructure facilities and only lacked a proper water supply.

The villagers protested their

lack of water supply and Kegalle Divisional Secretary K.G.S. Nischantha had reached an agreement with them for providing a proper water supply.

## Indian Consulate celebrates Independence Day

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA

Tissamaharama Spl. Corr.

The Consulate General of India in Hambantota celebrated the 74th Independence Day of India on Saturday, August 15, at the premises of the Consulate.

Consul General P.R. Dipin hoisted the Indian flag and read the Address to the Nation by Indian President Ram Nath Kovind.

Consular General P.R. Dipin

then planted a Na sapling associated with the Enlightenment of the Buddha.

W.H. Karunaratne - District Secretary of Hambantota, M.K.A.A. Amali - Municipal Commissioner, Hambantota, Dr. Suranga Ubeysekera - Director, Hambantota Hospital, Dr. P.B. Chandimarathne - Director, Chalmal Rajapaksa Ayurveda Research Hospital, Hambantota,

JagathPaliakkara - Deputy Inspector General, Hambantota/Matara, Capt. A.K.R. Athukorala - Commanding Officer, SLNS *Kawantissa*, Hambantota, Group Captain Thushara Sirimana - Commanding Officer, Air Force Unit, Weerawila, Brig. A.H.L.G. Amarapala - Brigadier Commander, Army Camp, Weerawila, Prof. Sujeeewa Amarasena - Vice Chancellor, University of Ruhu-

na, Matara, Capt. Ravi Jayawickrama - Chief Executive Officer, Hambantota International Port Services (Pvt) Ltd, Municipal Council members, local government officials and local police officers participated in the flag hoisting ceremony.

The Consul General also planted 10 tree saplings along with schoolchildren at St. Mary's National College, Hambantota.

# Police seek help to find them



Jayasekara Mudalige Shehan Niwmal (38), of Madamulla, Minuwangoda is reported missing since June 10, according to a complaint made by his mother Edirimuni Indrani Kusumalatha. He is about 5 feet tall and speech impaired, short hair and had tinted the front part of his hair in pink. He is lean. He was last seen in a purple t-shirt and brown pants. The Police request the public to give any information regarding him to the OIC Minuwangoda on 0112295222 or to the Police Public Relations Division on 0112436161.



Damindi Rishka (17) of Makalandala, Devalapola, Minuwangoda is reported missing since June 29, according to a complaint made by her mother Shashi Sudhammi Deva Surendra. She is about 5 feet tall, fair and has long hair. Any information regarding her could be given to the OIC Minuwangoda on 0112295222 or to the Police Public Relations Division on 0112436161.



Pierisyalage Samanthi Renuka (40) of Nilpanagoda, Minuwangoda is reported missing since December 23, 2019, according to a complaint by her husband Nihal Priyankara Pituwela. She is fair and about 5 feet tall and has long hair. She was last seen in a pink t-shirt and a white skirt. Police request the public to provide any information regarding her to the OIC Minuwangoda on 0112295222 or to the Police Public Relations Division on 0112436161.

## Lack of work experience, professional qualifications causes unemployment

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

Lack of work experience, professional qualifications and linkage with employers are the possible reasons for the unemployment in the country, Senior Economist Dr. Anura Ekanayake said at a seminar. Dr. Ekanayake was participating in a workshop in Colombo last Saturday (15) organised by the Curriculum Revision Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages of the Sabaragamuwa University with the participation of stakeholders to increase the employability of Arts graduates. Senior Economist Dr. Anura Ekanayake stated

that Mismatch between employment expectations and graduates' skill has to be addressed systematically since it was a long-standing issue in the country. Dr. Ekanayake highlighted the necessity of promoting students towards critical thinking and creativity rather than re-producing lecture notes and reliance on model questions and answers. "Communicate from high school days to parents and students that numeracy, computer skills and English are essential for a good job. It is important to give priority to group study, research and presentations," Dr. Ekanayake said.



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# NEW NANOWIRE FACE MASKS CAN DESTROY PATHOGENS

The benefits of wearing face masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19 are now well understood, but scientists are still searching for better materials to use – and a filter ‘paper’ made up of titanium oxide nanowires is showing a lot of promise. The new material is so good at trapping pathogens, and destroying them when ultraviolet light is applied, it could also be used in air conditioning units and ventilation systems, according to the developers.

While the nanowire-based mask looks as though it's made from regular filter paper, it brings extra antibacterial and antiviral properties to the material, making it far more effective at eliminating germs – and making it reusable, too.

“Since our filter is exceptionally good at absorbing moisture, it can trap droplets that carry viruses and bacteria,” says physicist László Forró, from the Laboratory of Physics of Complex Matter at EPFL in Switzerland.

“This creates a favourable environment for the oxidation process, which is



triggered by light.” The photocatalytic properties of titanium dioxide are key – when ultraviolet light hits the mask, its fibres convert moisture held in the nanowires into oxidising agents (including hydrogen

peroxide), which then have the potential to destroy pathogens upon contact.

In experiments on the material, the team showed how the filter could destroy *Escherichia coli* bacteria and degrade

strands of DNA, essentially wiping out dangerous microorganisms in the mask itself.

While standard disposable paper masks – typically made from layers of non-woven polypropylene plastic microfibre – are also effective at stopping the spread of respiratory disease, they tend to just trap the pathogens, and can't be easily sanitised.

“In a hospital setting, these masks are placed in special bins and handled appropriately,” says Forró. “However, their use in the wider world – where they are tossed into open waste bins and even left on the street – can turn them into new sources of contamination.”

The new material still needs to be tested with SARS-CoV-2 specifically, but the researchers are confident that these nanowire masks can be useful in fighting the global pandemic, given the results they've seen with *E. coli* and DNA strands.

Two of the study authors have established a startup called Swoxid, which will be the company moving to take this invention out into

the world and develop the material as a commercial proposition. There are plenty of hurdles before any new invention can hit the market, but the team seems quite gung-ho about their prospects.

“As of today, the technology we propose, exclusively under laboratory conditions, will allow for the filter production capacity of about 100-200 m<sup>2</sup> per week. This is enough to fabricate 40,000 - 80,000 reusable masks monthly,” the researchers write in their study.

Such a best-case scenario can only take place after further development and research takes place, but the team's prototype certainly looks interesting.

As our understanding of mask science develops, experts are getting better at figuring out which masks stop viral droplets most effectively – and with COVID-19 still very much with us, a mask that can actively destroy the virus would be hugely useful, if we can get it.

The research has been published in *Advanced Functional Materials*. (Science Alert)

## An Ice Age puppy leads to a surprise discovery

Scientists studying the body of a perfectly preserved Ice Age puppy have made an unexpected discovery – a piece of what could be one of the last woolly rhinos inside its stomach.

Russian researchers first excavated the preserved, furry body of the canine – which could be a dog or a wolf – from a site in Tumat, Siberia, in 2011.

Inside the 14,000-year-old puppy's stomach was a hairy piece of tissue. At first, scientists assumed the fragment belonged to a cave lion, because of its fine yellow fur. But tests by experts at Stockholm's Natural History Museum told a different story.

When they got the DNA back, it didn't look like a cave lion,” Love Dalen, a professor of evolutionary genetics at the Centre for Palaeogenetics, a joint venture between Stockholm University and the Swedish Museum of Natural History, told CNN.

“We have a reference database and mitochondrial DNA from all mammals, so we checked the sequence data against that and the results that came back – it was an almost perfect match for woolly rhinoceros,” Dalen said.

“It's completely unheard of. I'm not aware of any frozen Ice Age carnivore where they have found pieces of tissue inside,” he said.

After radiocarbon dating the sample, experts determined that the rhino skin was around 14,400 years old.

“This puppy, we know already, has been dated to roughly 14,000 years ago. We also know that the woolly rhinoceros goes extinct 14,000 years ago. So, potentially, this puppy has eaten one of the last remaining woolly rhinos,” he said. Scientists don't know how the puppy came to have a piece of rhino in its stomach.

Edana Lord, a PhD student at the Centre for Palaeogenetics who co-authored a paper studying the demise of the woolly rhino, told CNN that the creatures would have been roughly the same size as the modern-day white rhino – making it unlikely that the puppy killed the beast itself.

The researchers also found it curious that the puppy died shortly after eating the rhino.

“This puppy must have died very shortly after eating the rhino, because it's not very digested,” Dalen told CNN.

“We don't know if it was a wolf, but if it was a wolf cub, maybe it came across a baby rhino that was dead, or the (adult) wolf ate the baby rhino,” he speculated. “Maybe as they were eating it, the mother rhino had her revenge.” (CNN)

## AI-Human Brain merger on the cards

Scientists have discovered a ground-breaking bio-synthetic material that they claim can be used to merge artificial intelligence with the human brain.

The breakthrough, presented today at the American Chemical Society Fall 2020 virtual expo, is a major step towards integrating electronics with the body to create part human, part robotic “cyborg” beings.

Connecting electronics to human tissue has been a major challenge due to traditional materials like gold, silicon and steel causing scarring when implanted.

Scars not only cause damage but also interrupt electrical signals flowing between computers and muscle or brain tissue. The researchers from the University of Delaware were able to overcome this after various types of polymers.

“We got the idea for this project because we were trying to interface rigid organic microelectrodes with the brain, but brains are made out of organic, salty, live materials,” said Dr David Martin, who led the study.

“It wasn't working well, so we



thought there must be a better way.

We started looking at organic electronic materials like conjugated polymers that were being used in non-biological devices.

We found a chemically stable example that was sold commercially as an antistatic coating for electronic displays.”

The polymer, known as a Pedot, has exactly the properties needed to interface electronic hardware with human tissue without causing scarring while

also dramatically improving the performance of medical implants.

The versatile Pedot polymer was also recently discovered to be capable of transforming standard house bricks into energy storage units, due to its ability to penetrate porous materials and conduct electricity.

The latest research used a Pedot film with an antibody that stimulates blood vessel growth after injury and could be used to detect early stages of tumour growth in the body. (MSN)

Pedot polymers could also be used to help sense or treat brain or nervous system disorders, while versions could theoretically attach peptides, antibodies and DNA. “Name your favourite biomolecule, and you can in principle make a Pedot film that has whatever biofunctional group you might be interested in,” Dr Martin said.

The researchers made a polymer with dopamine, which plays a role in addictive behaviours.

Several companies and research institutions are already working on technology to connect brains to computers, with Elon Musk's Neuralink perhaps the closest to achieving a commercial product.

The startup plans to reveal more details about its brain chips later this month, which could one day provide “full-bandwidth data streaming” to the brain through a USB-C cable.

Mr Musk has made several claims about Neuralink's technology, stating earlier this year that it “could extend range of hearing beyond normal frequencies” and even allow people to stream music directly to their brains. (MSN)



## 50 percent of oceans could be hit by climate change



More than 50% of the world's oceans could already be affected by climate change, with this figure rising as high as 80% over the coming decades, a new study has shown. Scientists used climate models and observations in deeper areas of ocean worldwide to calculate for the first time the point at which changes to temperatures and salt levels—good indicators of the impact of human-induced climate change—would overpower natural variations.

The study, published in *Nature Climate Change*, estimates that 20-55% of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans now have noticeably different temperatures and salt levels, while this will rise to 40-60% by the middle of the century, and to 55-80% by 2080.

It also found the Southern Hemisphere oceans are being affected more rapidly by climate change than the Northern Hemisphere, with changes having been detectable there since as early as the 1980s.

Professor Eric Guilyardi, co-author at the University of Reading and LOCEAN-IPSL, Laboratory of Oceanography and Climate in Paris, said: “We have been detecting ocean temperatures change at the surface due to climate change for several decades now, but changes in vast areas of the ocean, particularly deeper parts, are much more challenging to detect.”

Yona Silvy, a doctoral student at LOCEAN-IPSL/Sorbonne University, and lead author of the study, said: “We were interested in whether the levels of temperatures and salt were great enough to overcome natural variability in these deeper areas, that is if they had risen or fallen higher than they ever would during the normal peaks and troughs. This affects global ocean circulation, sea level rise and poses a threat to human societies and ecosystems.”

Previous studies have gauged the impact of climate

change on the ocean by looking at surface temperatures, rainfall and sea level rise, but few have looked at the regional effects deeper down in the ocean to get a more complete picture.

The effects of climate change are harder to detect in deeper, more insulated parts of the ocean, where heat and salt spread at a slower rate due to weaker mixing processes. It is also difficult in areas that are poorly observed or where natural variability is high.

Yona Silvy and her co-authors used model simulations with and without the impact of human activity and an analysis that combines both temperature and ocean salt to detect significant changes and their date of likely detection, also known as “time of emergence”. Yet these are regions that will keep the memory of these changes for decades to centuries.

Changes detectable above natural variability were calculated to be seen in the Northern Hemisphere oceans between 2010-2030, meaning increases or decreases in temperature and salt levels are likely to have already taken place.

The more rapid and earlier changes seen in the Southern Hemisphere emphasises the importance of the Southern Ocean for global heat and carbon storage as surface waters make their way to the deeper ocean more easily there. However, this part of the world is also particularly poorly observed and sampled, meaning changes are likely to remain undetected for longer.

The scientists argue that improved ocean observation and greater investment in ocean modelling is necessary to monitor the extent of the impact of climate change on the world's oceans, and predict more accurately the wider effect this could have on the planet. (Phys.org)



## Transparent solar panels for windows hit new efficiency record

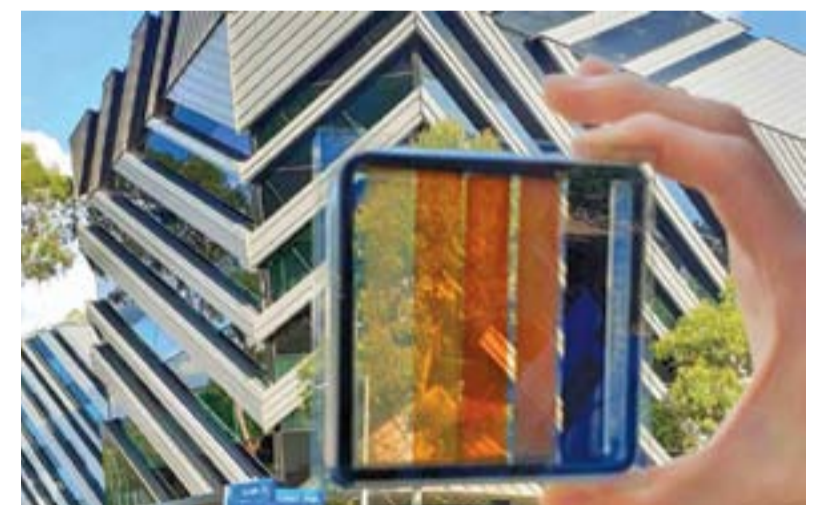
In a step closer to skyscrapers that serve as power sources, a team led by University of Michigan researchers has set a new efficiency record for color-neutral, transparent solar cells.

The team achieved 8.1% efficiency and 43.3% transparency with an organic, or carbon-based, design rather than conventional silicon. While the cells have a slight green tint, they are much more like the gray of sunglasses and automobile windows.

“Windows, which are on the face of every building, are an ideal location for organic solar cells because they offer something silicon can't, which is a combination of very high efficiency and very high visible transparency,” said Stephen Forrest, the Peter A. Franken Distinguished University Professor of Engineering and Paul G. Goebel Professor of Engineering, who led the research.

Buildings with glass facades typically have a coating on them that reflects and absorbs some of the light, both in the visible and infrared parts of the spectrum, to reduce the brightness and heating inside the building. Rather than throwing that energy away, transparent solar panels could use it to take a bite out of the building's electricity needs. The transparency of some existing windows is similar to the transparency of the solar cells Forrest's group reports in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

“The new material we developed, and the structure of the device we built, had to balance multiple trade-



offs to provide good sunlight absorption, high voltage, high current, low resistance and color-neutral transparency all at the same time,” said Yongxi Li, an assistant research scientist in electrical engineering and computer science.

The new material is a combination of organic molecules engineered to be transparent in the visible and absorbing in the near infrared, an invisible part of the spectrum that accounts for much of the energy in sunlight. In addition, the researchers developed optical coatings to boost both power generated from infrared light and transparency in the visible range—two qualities that are usually in competition with one another.

The color-neutral version of the device was made with an indium tin oxide electrode. A silver electrode improved the efficiency to 10.8%, with 45.8% transparency. However,

that version's slightly greenish tint may not be acceptable in some window applications. Transparent solar cells are measured by their light utilization efficiency, which describes how much energy from the light hitting the window is available either as electricity or as transmitted light on the interior side. Previous transparent solar cells have light utilization efficiencies of roughly 2-3%, but the indium tin oxide cell is rated at 3.5% and the silver version has a light utilization efficiency of 5%. Both versions can be manufactured at large scale, using materials that are less toxic than other transparent solar cells. The transparent organic solar cells can also be customized for local latitudes, taking advantage of the fact that they are most efficient when the sun's rays are hitting them at a perpendicular angle. They can be placed in between the panes of double-glazed windows. (SciTech Daily)

# JAPAN SUFFERS ITS BIGGEST ECONOMIC SLUMP



The Japanese economy has shrunk at its fastest rate on record as it battles the coronavirus pandemic.

The world's third largest economy saw gross domestic product fall 7.8% in April-June from the previous quarter, or 27.8% on an annualised basis.

Japan was already struggling with low economic growth before the crisis.

The figures released on Monday are a stark reminder of the severe financial impact faced by countries around the world.

Japan slipped into recession earlier this year following two successive quarters of economic contraction.

Its latest data for the April to June quarter was the biggest decline since comparable figures became available in 1980 and was slightly bigger than analysts had expected.

One of the main factors behind the slump was a severe decrease in domestic consumption, which accounts for more than half of Japan's economy. Exports have also fallen sharply as global trade is hit by the pandemic.

The latest data is the third successive quarter of declines for the Japanese economy, representing its worst performance since 1955.



The downturn puts further pressure on a Japanese economy that was already struggling with the effects of a sales tax hike to 10% last year, along with typhoon Hagibis.

After the record contraction most analysts expect Japan's economic growth to rebound in the coming months.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has introduced massive stimulus packages aimed to help cushion the blow of the pandemic.

China, the world's second biggest economy, also offers some cause for hope. Its economy rebounded in the April to June period, with growth of 3.2%.

While Japan lifted state of emergency measures in late May, concerns remain that a

recent spike in infections may again hit business and household spending.

Japan is the latest in a string

of Asian economies to report drastically lower second quarter GDP data.

That shouldn't be a surprise: No one escaped the reach of the pandemic, and even if there weren't strict lockdowns put in place, people generally stayed indoors and didn't spend money.

That has a knock-on effect on corporate earnings, as consumers buy less and so companies earn less.

It's a vicious cycle that in turn leads to a lack of confidence about hiring prospects - which means there's also nervousness about job prospects. All of that is showing up in the numbers today.

Still, now is the time to look to the future and to the possibility of a rebound.

Japan is likely to do better than other economies according to some analysts. Capital Economics says even though the world's third largest economy is in the midst of a second wave of infections, its health care systems aren't overwhelmed, and new cases have started to decline. The research house says it expects to see third quarter GDP bounce back - and continue through to next year. (BBC)

# Asteroid has close shave with Earth

Nobody saw little asteroid 2020QG coming, but it whipped by our planet as close as anything we've ever seen that was able to keep on going.

According to NASA's database of near Earth objects, the car-sized space rock flew by at about 4,778 miles from the center of our planet. That means it could have been less than 1,000 miles above our heads at its closest point, lower in altitude than pretty much all artificial satellites in orbit.

It currently owns the space for closest close approach in the database, which stretches back a century.

Now for the kicker - 2020 QG, which also went by the identifier ZTF0DxQ before getting an official catalog entry, wasn't spotted by an observatory until hours after the moment of closest approach on Sunday.

While this might sound disconcerting, it's not actually much to worry about as this asteroid likely posed no threat even if it had slammed into Earth's atmosphere.

NASA estimates 2020 QG to have a diameter of about 10-20 feet. That makes it roughly the size of a Tesla Model 3, which makes you wonder for a second if the car Elon Musk famously launched towards Mars might have activated its autonomous boosters and attempted to make its way home.

If a Tesla, or just about anything else that size collided with Earth, it would likely burn up as it met with the serious resistance provided by our atmosphere.

A couple years ago, a comparably sized asteroid dubbed 2018 LA was spotted before it actually did impact Earth. (Forbes)



# Most Americans not keen on a COVID vaccine

Less than half of American adults say they would get a government-approved coronavirus vaccine if one becomes widely available, new data from the NBC News/SurveyMonkey Weekly Tracking Poll show, with the majority unsure about getting the vaccine or saying they're ruling it out entirely.

Forty-four percent of American adults say they would get the vaccine, with 22 percent saying they wouldn't and 32 percent saying they aren't sure.

The differences in opinion are stark among demographic groups — a majority of Democrats, seniors, Asians, those making at least \$100,000 and those with college degrees all say they would get a vaccine if it's approved by the government.

In every other demographic group polled, a majority say either that they aren't sure whether they would get an approved vaccine or that they wouldn't.

Among those making under \$50,000, 37 percent say they would get a vaccine, 26 percent say they wouldn't and 35 percent say they aren't sure.

But increases in income correlate with respondents' level of comfort with the vaccine. Forty-five percent of those making \$50,000 to \$99,999 say they would get an approved vaccine, 22 percent say they wouldn't and 32 percent say they're unsure.



And for those making \$100,000 or above, 55 percent say they would get the vaccine, 18 percent say they wouldn't and 26 percent say they aren't sure.

There's also a significant partisan divide among Democrats, Republicans and independents.

Among Republicans and those who lean Republican, 31 percent say they aren't sure whether they would get a vaccine, while 36 percent say they would and 33 percent say they wouldn't. While a majority of Democrats and those who lean Democratic — 58 percent — say they would get a

vaccine, 30 percent say they're unsure and just 12 percent say they wouldn't get vaccinated.

Independents align more closely with the Republican groups. Thirty-seven percent say they and their families would get vaccinated, 25 percent say they wouldn't and 38 percent say they aren't sure.

Another key indicator is race. Asian Americans are the only racial group in which a majority of adults express comfort with getting vaccinated. Fifty-nine percent of Asian American adults say they would get a government-approved vaccine, while only 8 percent



say they wouldn't. Another 27 percent say they're unsure.

Forty-eight percent of white adults say they would get vaccinated, while 22 percent say they wouldn't and 29 percent say they're unsure.

Hispanic American adults had similar answers: Forty percent say they and their families would get the vaccine, 22 percent say they wouldn't and 35 percent say they're not sure whether they would.

But just 24 percent of Black adults say they would get a government-approved vaccine for themselves and their families, while 31 percent say they wouldn't and 42 percent say they're unsure. (NBC)

**Vasana Sampatha** Official Results  
 Draw No. 1605  
 Date 2020.08.17

**ONCE A HERO ALWAYS A HERO**

English Letter: **T** Winning Nos. **06 50 51 61**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of Winners
01 Prize	If only Four Numbers are correct	1,000,000/-	-
02 Prize	If Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	03
03 Prize	If only Three Numbers are correct	2,000/-	91
04 Prize	If Two Numbers and English Letter are correct	500/-	177
05 Prize	If only Two Numbers are correct	100/-	4,225
06 Prize	If one Number and English Letter are correct	60/-	2,600
07 Prize	If only One Numbers are correct	20/-	62,984
08 Prize	If only English Letter is correct	20/-	10,220

Total prize money won in this Draw  
**Rs. 2,613,080.00**

Next Super Prize  
**Rs. 23,038,038.40**

**NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD**

**17.08.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 741,261**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 29,049,370.00**

**Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 27**

**Govisetha** OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER 2512 DRAW DATE 17.08.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **B** WINNING NUMBERS: **28 39 75 77**

PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	1,000,000.00	01
2nd PRIZE	IF 3 LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	100,000.00	07
3rd PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	2,000.00	188
4th PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	1,000.00	432
5th PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	100.00	13993
6th PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	40.00	7176
7th PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	20.00	18845
8th PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs.	20.00	32878

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **232,291**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW  
**Rs. 8,172,380.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW  
**Rs. 107,570,585.68**

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.

DRAW NUMBER : 4217 OFFICIAL RESULTS

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA**

DATE: 17-08-2020

WINNING LETTER: **Q** WINNING NUMBERS: **6 3 2 9 0 2**

Prize structure - from right to left

1st Prize	6 3 2 9 0 2	Rs.	2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize <td>3 2 9 0 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>100,000/-</td> <td>11</td>	3 2 9 0 2	Rs.	100,000/-	11
3rd Prize <td>2 9 0 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>10,000/-</td> <td>108</td>	2 9 0 2	Rs.	10,000/-	108
4th Prize <td>9 0 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>1,000/-</td> <td>1,074</td>	9 0 2	Rs.	1,000/-	1,074
5th Prize <td>0 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>100/-</td> <td>10,754</td>	0 2	Rs.	100/-	10,754
6th Prize <td>0 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>20/-</td> <td>106,274</td>	0 2	Rs.	20/-	106,274

Prize structure - from left to right

1st Prize	6 3 2 9 0	Rs.	10,000/-	11
2nd Prize <td>6 3 2 9</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>1,000/-</td> <td>101</td>	6 3 2 9	Rs.	1,000/-	101
3rd Prize <td>6 3 2</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>100/-</td> <td>1,025</td>	6 3 2	Rs.	100/-	1,025
4th Prize <td>6 3</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>50/-</td> <td>10,711</td>	6 3	Rs.	50/-	10,711
5th Prize <td>6</td> <td>Rs.</td> <td>20/-</td> <td>42,404</td>	6	Rs.	20/-	42,404

Value of prizes won in this draw - **Rs.10,152,010.00**

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs.21,972,543.00**

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DRAW NUMBER : 584 OFFICIAL RESULTS

**Mega POWER**

DATE 2020.08.17

English Letter: **C** Super Number: **07** Winning Numbers: **20 24 40 70**

PRIZE	PRIZE STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY RS.	NO. OF WINNERS
1st PRIZE	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	-
2nd PRIZE	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	06
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	160
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	362
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,986
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,787
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	146,169
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	26,679

**BIGGEST PRIZE IN SRI LANKA** NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs.229,229,823.95**

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs.10,333,458.80**

NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs.23,755,281.60**

Total Prizes Won in This Draw **Rs.5,527,980.00**

**NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD**

OFFICIAL RESULTS

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DRAW DATE 17/08/2020 DRAW NUMBER 1527

SUPER NUMBER **06** WINNING NUMBERS **01 04 10 63**

PRIZE	ALL 04 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	500,000.00	01
2 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 03 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	15,000.00	11
3 PRIZE	03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	1,000.00	74
4 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 02 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	200.00	226
5 PRIZE	02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs.	100.00	3851
6 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	60.00	3422
7 PRIZE	01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs.	20.00	48362
8 PRIZE	ONLY THE SUPER NUMBER IS CORRECT	Rs.	20.00	12103

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW  
**Rs. 2,583,920.00**

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

SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW  
**Rs. 20,701,199.08**

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106

**WP KF-0033**  
Proton Savvy car for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 046012

**WP KQ-5316**  
Perodua Viva Elite car for highest offer. Senkadagala Finance PLC, Kandy. Inquiries Monday to Friday. 0770107270, 0774789216. 046016

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# Michelle Obama appeals to Americans to vote

Former first lady Michelle Obama delivered an impassioned speech at the first night of the Democratic National Convention, urging Americans who may have skipped the 2016 election to support Joe Biden in November. In her pre-recorded address, she spoke frankly about the challenges she sees facing the country, and the steep responsibilities a president faces.

"I am one of the handful of people living today that have seen firsthand the immense weight and awesome power of the presidency," Obama said. "You simply cannot fake your way through this job."

Obama, who wore a necklace spelling out "V-O-T-E," said the decision by many not to vote in 2016 "sent someone to the Oval Office who lost the national popular vote by nearly 3 million votes." The former first lady said the Trump presidency has undermined the achievements of her husband's tenure, and she also accused Mr. Trump of showing a lack of empathy.

"Here at home, as George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and a never-ending list of innocent people of color continue to be murdered. Stating the simple fact that a Black life matters is still met with derision from the nation's highest office," Obama said. "Sadly, this is the America that's on display for the next generation."

Obama also referenced the catchphrase she coined in her speech at the 2016 Democratic convention, when she said, "When they go low, we go high."

"Over the past four years, a lot of people have asked me, 'When others are going so low, does going high still really work?'" Obama said. "My answer: going high is the only thing that works."

Without naming the president, Obama offered her assessment that Mr. Trump "cannot meet this moment."

"He is clearly in over his head. It is what it is," she said, echoing Mr. Trump's own remark in an Axios interview a few weeks ago, when challenged about the fact that 1,000 Americans were dying each day as a result of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

"If you think things cannot possibly get worse, trust me, they can; and they will if we don't make a change in this election. If we have any hope of ending this chaos, we have to vote for Joe Biden like our lives depend on it," Obama said.

She also spoke about her relationship with Biden, and touched on his resilience in the face of personal tragedy: "His life is a testament to getting back up."

"I know Joe. He is a profoundly decent man guided by faith," Obama said. "He was a terrific vice president. He knows what it takes to rescue an economy, beat back a pandemic and lead our country."

She urged people to be enthusiastic about participating in the upcoming election and turn out in levels that sent her husband to the White House in 2008 and 2012.

"We have got to grab our comfortable shoes, put on our masks, pack a brown bag dinner and maybe breakfast too, because we've got to be willing to stand in line all night if we have to," Obama said. "It is up to us to add our voices and our vote to the chorus of history."

Obama did not reference Kamala Harris, Biden's running mate, as her speech was recorded before Harris was announced.

Obama finished her speech by reiterating the importance of empathy and making a good impression for the country's children.

"We want to be able to look our children in the eye after this election," she said. "We have got to reassert our place in American history. And we have got to do everything we can to elect my friend, Joe Biden, as the next president of the USA." (CBS)

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING**

<b>Date:</b>	19 August 2020
<b>Title:</b>	Integrated Road Investment Program
<b>Contract Nos. and Title:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/01-A: Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Colombo - Kandy Road (A001) (44 + 300 km to 59 + 200 km)</li> <li>RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/01-B: Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Colombo - Kandy Road (A001) (59 + 200 km to 72 + 100 km)</li> <li>RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/01-C: Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Colombo - Kandy Road (A001) (72 + 100 km to 86 + 000 km)</li> <li>RDA/ADB/iROAD/NCB/RMC/01-D: Rehabilitation, Improvement and Maintenance of Colombo - Kandy Road (A001) (86 + 000 km to 100 + 000 km)</li> </ul>

Reference to the Invitation for Bids published on 26 July 2020 in the Sunday Observer for the above mentioned contract packages, The deadline for submission of bids has been extended up to 30 September 2020, 11.00 hrs. (local time).

**The Chairperson**  
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,  
Ministry of Highways,  
"Maganeguma Mahamedura"  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha  
Koswatta, Battaramulla,  
Sri Lanka.

**CANCELLATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY**

I HERATH MUDIYANSELAGE CYRIL ABESINGHE (N.I.C.NO.671801246V) OF WALLIWELA, KAWAUFALALLA MATALE DO HEREBY INFORM THE GENERAL PUBLIC OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA THAT THE AUTHORITY GIVE TO SANGARAPILLI SUMADI (N.I.C.NO.158268000119) OF NO.467/47, ROYAL GARDEN, PALAPATWELA, MATALE BY SPECIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY BEARING NO.2024 DATED 25TH DAY OF APRIL 2018 ATTESTED BY RUWAN PURIJJALA NOTARY PUBLIC-MATALE HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

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**COMMERCIAL LEASING & FINANCE**

**Wuhan hosts water party**



**No mask party at Wuhan Water Park, China**

It was ground zero in the coronavirus pandemic and underwent the world's first - and arguably strictest - lockdown.

Now, the central Chinese city of Wuhan appears to have moved on from the virus, as thousands of revelers gathered in an open air water park for an electronic music festival - without any masks or social distancing measures in sight.

Over the weekend, the Wuhan Maya Beach Water Park was filled with partygoers in swimsuits bunched together shoulder to shoulder, waving to the beat of the music while cooling down in hip-high water; others relaxed on inflatable rubber tubes that packed the pool to the brim, with little space to float around.

The crowded party scene remains unthinkable in many parts of the world still grappling with the deadly virus. More than 21 million people have been infected across the globe, with tens of thousands of new cases reported every day in the United States, Brazil and India.

But in Wuhan, life has gradually returned to normal since the metropolis of 11 million people in Hubei province lifted a stringent 76-day lockdown in early April. The city hasn't reported any new cases since mid-May.

The Wuhan Maya Beach Water Park reopened in late June, but more than a month of seasonal rain had discouraged crowds from turning out. The number of visitors in early August only accounted for half of the level in the same period last year, according to Hubei Daily, a provincial Communist Party mouthpiece newspaper, citing a manager at the park.

Currently, the water park receives an average of 15,000 daily visitors during weekends, and is offering half-price discounts to some visitors, Hubei Daily reported.

The novel coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan in December last year. As the original epicenter of the outbreak, infections in the city account for nearly 60% of the more than 84,000 total confirmed cases across China, according to data from the country's National Health Commission and Hubei Provincial Health Commission. On January 23, Wuhan was sealed off from the outside world in an unprecedented state-imposed lockdown to contain the fast spreading virus. All flights, trains and buses were canceled and highway entrances blocked. Public transport in the city was shut down, and residents were banned from leaving their communities - even for grocery shopping.

Other cities in Hubei province soon followed suit, adopting similar restrictions.

The sweeping measures, which affected more than 60 million Hubei residents, have been heralded in China as having helped the country to turn a corner in its fight against the outbreak. In a major show of confidence, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Wuhan on March 10, three months after the outbreak was first detected in the city.

But the virus made a brief reemergence in mid-May, when six new cases were discovered in a residential community in the city. Municipal authorities rolled out an ambitious citywide nucleic acid testing drive, which saw more than 6.5 million tests conducted in just nine days, according to state media. (CNN)

**MINISTRY OF TOURISM & AVIATION**

**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**Bid No.: 178/T/2019**

**REHABILITATION OF APRON AND EAST TAXIWAY AT RATMALANA AIRPORT**

Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee on behalf of the Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited now invites Sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the **Proposed Rehabilitation of Apron and East Taxiway at Ratmalana Airport** as described below.

The work consists of widening of East Taxiway (width - 25m and length - 400m approx.) and rehabilitation of existing Apron area (4200 sq.m. approx.) including modification to existing drain system providing all materials and labour in accordance with the Specifications, Bills of Quantities and the Drawings.

Construction period is 270 days.

Location of the project: Ratmalana Airport, Ratmalana.

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

To be eligible for Contract award, the Successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall register for **Grade C3 - (Highway Construction) or above** with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) - Former ICTAD with experience in similar works.

A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), Supply Chain Management Division, Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake**, from 17.08.2020 until 25.09.2020 on working days from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rupees 30,000.00** in cash. A free copy of the Bid Document is available for reference in the above address.

All Bids shall be accompanied by a **Bid Security (on demand Bid Bond)** in the amount of **Rupees Two Million (Rs. 2,000,000.00)** in cash or an **on demand Bid Bond** issued by the institutions listed in clause 17.2 of Section 02 - Bidding Data of this Document.

All Bidders and their designated representatives are invited to attend the Pre-Bid meeting on **03.09.2020 at 1030 hrs** at the Conference Room of Chief Airport Manager's Office, Terminal Building, Ratmalana Airport, Ratmalana.

Bids shall be delivered either by hand or by registered post to the address - Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC), Ministry of Tourism & Aviation, Procurement Division, 6th Floor, Rakshana Mandiraya, Vauxhall Street, Colombo 2 on or before **1400 hrs on 29.09.2020. Late Bids will be rejected.** Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives.

For further details Bidders can contact Head of Civil Engineering (P&D), Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited, Bandaranaike International Airport, Katunayake on Telephone Nos. 011-2263500/02 and Facsimile No. 011-2251356.

**Chairman,**  
**Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC)**  
**Ministry of Tourism & Aviation**  
**Procurement Division**  
**6th Floor, Rakshana Mandiraya, Vauxhall Street,**  
**Colombo 02.**

**AIRPORT & AVIATION SERVICES (SRI LANKA) LIMITED**

**BID NO : 002/T/2020**

**BID FOR THE SUPPLY & ACCEPTANCE OF 1,000 NOS. BRAND NEW PASSENGER BAGGAGE TROLLEYS FOR BANDARANAIKE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, KATUNAYAKE**

This is further to the Paper Advertisements published in the 'Daily News' Newspaper on 11.03.2020, 29.06.2020 and 27.07.2020 regarding the above Bid.

The closing date of the above Bid is extended up to **2.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 26th August 2020.**

Others remain unchanged.

**Chairman**  
**Airport & Aviation Services (Sri Lanka) Limited,**  
**Bandaranaike International Airport,**  
**Katunayake.**

**SRI LANKA TELECOM TENDER NOTICE**

**TENDER FOR STANDARDIZATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR DRINKING WATER BOTTLES**

(Tender No: L/0094/2020)

Tenders for the captioned subject will be accepted by the undersigned, up to **10:00 hrs on 03rd September 2020.**

Tender documents could be obtained via mail from **19th August 2020, till 7 working days from the date of publishing of this tender by;**

- Producing the receipt obtained after payment of the non-refundable Tender Fee of Rs. 1,000.00 + Taxes to any SLT Teleshop/Shroff (Account Code-419101 Cost centre- 3411) during the office hours.
- Mailing the scanned image of above payment receipt to **dhanusha@slt.com.lk**

Sealed tenders shall be sent by hand or by Registered Post, addressed to the undersigned to reach him before closing the tenders at **10:00 hrs on 03rd September 2020.** Late submissions will be rejected.

Tenders will be opened immediately thereafter in the presence of the tenderers' representatives.

Please call on **011-3090628** for further information.

**GENERAL MANAGER - PROCUREMENT DIVISION,**  
**9th FLOOR, SLT/HQ - A Building,**  
**SRI LANKA TELECOM,**  
**LOTUS ROAD, COLOMBO 01.**





Vantage FFSL Presidents Cup

# Defenders SC beat Red Star SC 1-0

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Defenders Sports Club concluded their first round matches with a winning note, while qualifying for the quarter finals stage, after halting the unbeaten run of Red Star Sports Club with a 1-0 win in their inter club soccer match played for the "Vantage FFSL Presidents Cup" at Sugathadasa Stadium yesterday.

Both teams with an unbeaten record took into the field with much expectations and to put up a belligerent performance. The standard of football dished out was well below the expectation, as both teams played without a proper strategic plan. Their defense was solid but strikers failed to put the finishing touches.

Defenders were quite fortunate to be offered a penalty kick, after referee Tushan Indika penalized a rival player for dangerous play in the goal box area, which remained as a doubtful decision. R.J.Bernard made no mistake with a

penalty just a few minutes before the short whistle, where both teams left for lemons at 1-0. After the turn around it was a ding dong battle for supremacy. Once again the much expected Red Star lads, especially their strikers were not up to the mark. The midfielder initiated some teasing moves but the strikers played havoc, with the scoring opportunities which were on offer.

Defenders too ran circles in their opponent defense area, but again failed to make an impact on the score line. The second half reminded a barren score sheet, without any changes to the scoreboard which remained 1-0.

### Police beat Serendib SC

In the other two matches, Police Sports Club defeated Serendib Sports Club, Mawanella 2-1 after leading 1-0 at half time. Serendib, another unbeaten team in the tournament, came out as underdogs against the defending F.A.Cup Champions Police SC. They

worked hard to add another win to their account, which the cops with immense experience deprived and sealed the match their way. They scored one goal in each half.

### Ratnam sink Sea Hawks

Ratnam Sports Club defeated Sea Hawks Football Club by 4-1, after a 1-1 half time score. Even though Ratnam won the match, has already exited from the tournament losing both their early matches to Police SC and Serendib Sports Club respectively.

### Saunders rout Super Sun

Meanwhile at Race course stadium, Saunders Sports Club crushed Super Sun Sports Club by 9 goals to 5 after leading 6-0 at the short whistle. D.de Silva (2), M.Kurshid (3), S.Niresh(2), C.Abeyskere, S.Perera scored a goal each for winners, while M.Shasan(3), M.Rifkhan, P.Sharujhan netted a goal each for losers.



Defenders SC goal scorer, R.J.Bernard kicks the ball to the net, off a penalty, in their inter club football encounter against Red Star SC played at Sugathadasa Stadium yesterday.

# Colombo FC takes on Blue Eagle SC today

ALTHAF NAWAZ

Colombo Football Club and Blue Eagle Sports Club, who are qualified for the quarter finals stage will play in their final first round fixture today at Sugathadasa Stadium kick off is at 3.30 p.m.

Both these teams managed to secure wins against Crystal Palace Football Club and SLTB Sports Club respectively, as they qualified for the next round of the competition. On aggregate Colombo FC headed their group points table.

Colombo FC are poised to be the favorites of winning this game, consisting of a well-balanced side. As per their team sources, they are injury free and are likely to retain the same team, which defeated Crystal Palace FC.

On the other hand, Blue Eagle SC remains as an unpredictable team. Even though they are not blessed with many

National players in their ranks, they are capable of creating an upset in this tournament. A close tussle is expected.

Meanwhile the Organizers, the FFSL have decided to play the quarter finals on 23 and 24 while the semifinals will be staged on 27 and the grand final will be held on 31 of this month played at Sugathadasa Stadium.

The Champions will receive the "Vantage FFSL President's Cup" and rupees three hundred thousand in cash while the fair play trophy will be awarded to the most disciplined team of the tournament, where they carry away the "Dinmore fair play trophy" and a cash reward of rupees 100,000 respectively.

**Today's Fixtures-**  
Colombo FC vs Blue Eagles SC  
Crystal Palace FC vs. SLTB SC

# Sharmal, Anika in spotlight as Clay Court Nationals resume



Sharmal Dissanayake

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Sharmal Dissanayake and Anika Seneviratne will be the cynosure of all eyes when the Sri Lanka Tennis Association (SLTA) Clay Court Nationals gets underway at the SLTA Courts in Green Path on Friday.

The top seed Dissanayake and Seneviratne who is ranked number two, will be determined to retain the title for another year as they look to underline their supremacy in the local tennis arena.

Dissanayake of course has received a bye into the second round of the Men's Singles but his real challenge

would start from the semi-finals onwards where he is set to meet the third seed Sankha Atukorale or the number six Sean Sanderson. Meanwhile, the bottom seed in the Men's Singles Vimukthi Akila has also received a bye into the second round and his first major hurdle will come when he confronts the 15th seed Dinuka Sandaruwan in the third round.

The defending Women's Singles champion Anika Seneviratne would start her campaign as the bottom seed and her first major challenge will come when she take on the third seed

Tania Doloswala in the third round.

However, Janali Manamperi is the top seed in the Women's Singles and she would take on the unseeded Chalani Gunathilaka in the opening fixture.

Fourth seed Savini Jayasuriya is the other seeded player in the Women's Singles and she will meet P. Chandramohan in the first round encounter.

The other events that will be worked off are the Men's and Women's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, Boys and Girls Under-18, Under-16, Under-14 and Under-12 Singles and Doubles.



Anika Seneviratne

## SLC Major Tier 'A' Tournament Plate C'ship

# Moors SC beat Tamil Union

Praveen Jayawickrame steered Moors SC to beat Tamil Union C & AC by 44 runs in the second weekend of the Super 8 round in the SLC Major League Tier 'A' Cricket tournament - Plate Championship (2019/2020) yesterday.

Praveen took 11 wickets against Tamil Union C & AC. Dushan Hemantha of Baduraliya CC scored 110 runs.

Chanaka Ruwansiri skipper of Lankan CC made second ton in the plate championship. Chanaka Ruwansiri scored 165 runs against SSC.

Other two matches drawn.

● **At De Soysa stadium Moratuwa.** Moors SC won by 44 runs.

**Moors SC:** 206 and 171 (46.1) (Kavishka Anjula 43, Ayana Siriwardhana 32, Dhananjaya De Silva 5/54, Sadeesh Pathiranga 2/43)

**Tamil Union C & AC:** 178 (37/3 o/n) (52) (Dhananjaya De Silva 95 n.o., Praveen Jayawickrame 5/53, Ramesh Mendis

3/39) and 155 (20/1 o/n) (36.3) (Suranga Lakmal 40, Tharanga Paranavithana 30, Dhakshitha Fernando 20, Praveen Jayawickrame 6/91, Ramesh Mendis 2/18)

● **At NCC. Match drawn.** Badureliya CC: 267 and 276 (69.1) (Dushan Hemantha 115, Dunith Jayatunga 48, T M Sampath 20, Upul Indrasiri 5/85, Lakshitha Rasanjana 5/97)

**Negombo CC:** 381 (328/7 o/n) (105.2) (Dilshan Munaweera 91, Madawa Warnapura 87, Anjelo Jayasinghe 66, Upul Indrasiri 38, Roscoe Thattil 33, Ashen Silva 30, Dushan Hemantha 4/82, Alankara Asanka 2/43, Buddika Sanjeeva 2/90)

● **At Colts. Match drawn.** SSC: 332 (76.2) and 226/4 (48) (Sandun Weerakkody 67, Nuwanidu Fernando 45, Charith Asalanka 34, Kavindu Kulasekara 33 n.o., Dasun Shanaka 23, Geeth Kumara 3/49)

**Lankan CC:** 375 (308/5 o/n) (119.4) (Chanaka Ruwansiri 165, Geeth Kumara 60, Primosh Perera 34, Kasun Abeyrathne 22 n.o., Keshan Wijerathne 21, Jeffrey Vandersay 5/117, Kalana Perera 3/54). **YK**

# Tennis pioneer Angela Buxton dies aged 85

**LONDON, MONDAY:** Former British tennis player, two-time Grand Slam doubles champion and equal rights pioneer Angela Buxton has died at the age of 85, it was announced on Monday.

Buxton, who had Jewish heritage and was targeted by anti-Semitic abuse during her career, was a doubles partner and lifelong friend of Althea Gibson, whose 1956 French Open title was the first Grand Slam singles

triumph by a black American player.

"Saddened to hear of the passing of British tennis player Angela Buxton, friend and doubles partner of Althea Gibson," Billie Jean King wrote on social media.

"It was wonderful to spend time with her and hear her words about Althea at the unveiling of her statue (at the US Open) last year. Rest In Peace to a true champion." **AFP**

# 'Weather the winner' as England and Pakistan draw second Test

**SOUTHAMPTON, MONDAY:** Pakistan's Mohammad Abbas took two wickets on Monday as a weather-interrupted second Test against England at Southampton ended in a predictable draw.

England were 110-4 in reply to Pakistan's first innings 236 when home captain Joe Root (nine not out) declared to hasten the end of a match ahead of what would have been the statutory last hour.

Root's move ended the shortest Test in

England, in terms of balls bowled, since a rain-affected draw between England and Pakistan at Lord's in 1987.

Abbas, who took 2-28 from 14 overs, removed Zak Crawley (53) and Dom Sibley (32).

England, who enjoyed a three-wicket win in the first Test at Old Trafford earlier this month, remain 1-0 up in a three-match series ahead of Friday's finale, also at Southampton.

"It has been frustrating for both teams," Pakistan captain Azhar Ali told Sky Sports.

"The game was set quite nicely, with conditions good for bowling throughout - the total we got, we thought would be very competitive but, unfortunately, the weather was the winner in the end."

Umpires Richard Kettleborough and Michael Gough had been widely criticised for their interpretation of the rules regarding rain and bad light, even on a ground

where the floodlights have been in use, with former England captain Nasser Hussain saying that "merely because conditions are not ideal is not a reason to walk off the field".

Root, while happy to still be 1-0 up, suggested England could follow the example of other Test-match countries by being flexible with their start time in the event of bad weather, rather than sticking rigidly to 1000 GMT and trying to make up lost time later in the day. **AFP**

SCORECARD

<b>PAKISTAN</b>		lbw b Yasir Shah..... 9
<b>1ST INNINGS 236</b>		<b>J. Buttler</b>
(Mohammad Rizwan 72, Abid Ali 60; S Broad 4-56, J Anderson 3-60)		not out..... 0
<b>ENGLAND</b>		<b>Extras</b> (lb3, nb3, w1)..... 7
<b>1ST INNINGS</b>		<b>Total</b> (4 wkts dec, 43.1 overs, 194 mins)..... 110
(overnight: 7-1)		<b>Did not bat:</b> C Woakes, S Curran, D Bess, S Broad, J Anderson
<b>R. Burns</b>	c Shafiq b Afridi..... 0	<b>Fall of wickets:</b> 1-0 (Burns), 2-91 (Crawley), 3-92 (Sibley), 4-105 (Pope)
<b>D. Sibley</b>	c Rizwan b Abbas..... 32	<b>Bowling:</b> Afridi 10-3-25-1 (1nb, 1w); Abbas 14-5-28-2 (1nb); Naseem 5-0-10-0 (1nb); Yasir 11-2-30-1; Masood 3-0-14-0; Azhar 0.1-0-0-0
<b>Z. Crawley</b>	lbw b Abbas..... 53	
<b>J. Root</b>	not out..... 9	
<b>O. Pope</b>		





# Finance

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## Master plan with monitoring and support vital for development - Dr Godahewa

LAKMI NANAYAKKARA

Proper communication and monitoring should be carried out with all government entities to carry out the development activities of the country based on a master plan, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitization, Nalaka Godahewa said assuming duties at Suhurupaya.

The main problem that lies within the ministries is that despite the availability of master plans necessary support is not received internally as well as externally to carry out them.

With respect to maintenance and development of urban areas, drainage systems and public sanitization, it is crucial to have a master plan. The

progress of these activities should be continuously monitored to ensure that proper values are given to public trust. Moreover funds for these activities should be passed based on the priority level of the planned activities.

"This is my personal opinion and I hope that the government will also look into this matter in the same way since the main aim of the government is to see a working country," he said.

Godahewa also pointed out that the prevailing housing problems of the public should be looked into and appropriate solutions should be discussed as it directly falls under the domain of the Ministry. Majority of the public, both low income and middle income families reside in rented

houses or apartments. Some even don't have a proper land deed for the houses they reside which brings many difficulties. Thus these matters should be considered and proper schemes should be implemented to solve the above stated problems.

Furthermore, public sanitization should be improved more which currently lacks proper maintenance. "It is evident that the government authorities responsible for maintaining the sanitary facilities fail to do that," he said. Thus as a ministry the problems and the reasons for the lack of concentration should be identified and analyzed and proper discussions should be done with the relevant authorities to propose solutions.

"I hope to go through all the plans



State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa assumes duties

that are already in place and prioritize them and then extend my fullest support to my staff to carry out them and develop the country," he added.

## Hemas posts Rs. 13 bn revenue

Hemas Holdings PLC reported consolidated Group revenue of Rs. 13 billion, a decline of 1.6% during the first quarter of the financial year 2020/21, compared with the same period last year.

Group EBIT at Rs. 415 million for the period is Rs. 395 million higher than the previous financial year. "Earnings of Rs. 269 million for the quarter were an improvement of Rs. 695 million. In understanding our financial performance, relative to last year, it is important to note that Q1 FY 2019/20 was negatively impacted by the aftermath of the April attacks, with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting Q1 FY 2020/21," Hemas Group Chief Executive Officer Steven Enderby (Pictured) said.

"Of importance is month on month performance during Q1 FY 2021, as a



measure of the impact of COVID-19 on the Group. Our performance was significantly negative in April; however, our core Consumer and Healthcare businesses have shown continued recovery in May and June. In the month of June, our performance in these sectors, which account for more than 90% of our revenues, was broadly in line with our original plans."

"Overall Hemas is ahead of our initial COVID impacted expectations due to a relentless determination to keep our core Consumer and Healthcare busi-

ness operating and providing our essential products and services to our customers across the country. The businesses that account for the majority of our revenues and profitability have recovered strongly."

"We have maintained tight control on costs and cash flows and as a result, have significantly improved our cash flow from operations during the quarter. The health and safety of our team remains a primary consideration, and we are investing in expertise and protective equipment to minimize risks. Our Consumer sector reported revenue of Rs. 3.8 billion during the quarter over Rs. 4.6 billion in the corresponding year, a decline of 16.6%. Similarly, the sector operating loss of Rs. 48 million is an Rs. 64 million decline over last year's profit of Rs. 16 million." To Page 18

## Commercial Leasing and Finance increases PAT by 29%

Commercial Leasing and Finance PLC (CLC) concluded FY 2019/20 on an impressive note, consistently performing well year on year despite the extremely challenging events that marked the financial year.

During the year, CLC also became the first Finance Company in Sri Lanka to be granted a license by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka for accepting micro savings through digital platforms.

CLC recorded Profit After Tax of Rs. 1,547 million, reflecting an increase of 29% from Rs. 1,198 million in the previous year even as revenue declined marginally.

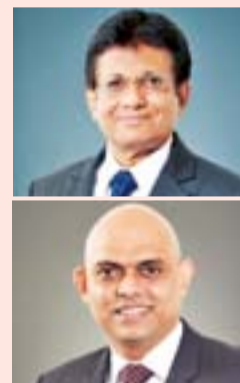
Cost of funds reduced by 8% and overheads by 12%. Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) for the year stood at 7.05%, whereas industry NPLs exceeded 11%.

Thilakarathne said, "Despite the volatility

in the sector during 2018 and 2019, CLC has remained steadfastly loyal to its customer base, ensuring our financial services remained accessible at all times. CLC's strong performance has instilled confidence amongst depositors, with its depositor base growing to Rs. 25 bn and accounting for 52% of the total funding."

CLC commenced its Gold Loan operation in the previous financial year and has now expanded the service to 55 of its 65 branches.

Looking ahead, Thilakarathne said, "Companies will not only have to build



Chairman Priyantha Fernando and Krishan Thilakarathne, Executive Director/CEO

## Asgi Akbarally, Chairman Amāna Bank

Ali Asghar (Asgi) Akbarally has been appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Amāna Bank upon the retirement of the Bank's Founder Chairman Osman Kassim.

Leaving a strong legacy in the Islamic banking industry in Sri Lanka, Osman Kassim retired from Amāna Bank having completed the maximum 9 year statutory period of holding a directorship in a Licensed Commercial Bank as per CBSL directions. Despite retiring from the Bank, Osman Kassim continues to be one of the Bank's top 10 shareholders.

Asgi Akbarally joined the Board of Amāna Bank in July 2020 as the nominee director from Akbar Brothers, taking over the position vacated by Tyeab Akbarally, who also retired upon completing the maximum 9 years of directorship as per CBSL regulations.

Asgi Akbarally is an Executive Director of Akbar Brothers (Pvt) Ltd, one of Sri Lanka's largest

diversified corporates, globally renowned for its tea exports.

Akbarally is currently the Honorary Consul of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Commenting on his retirement and appointment of the new Chairman, the Bank's outgoing Chairman Osman Kassim said, "It is heartening to know that Asgi, whose business acumen and experience gained through building and guiding a homegrown company to become a world renowned tea brand, will be leading the Bank's forward journey."



Also sharing his views newly appointed Chairman Asgi Akbarally said, "Stepping in to fill this former Chairman's void will be no easy task, but I am thankful for the foundation laid, from which we eagerly look forward to build upon to achieve the Bank's strategic goals and continue making our 'People Friendly' banking model available for all Sri Lankans with wider reach and accessibility."

## ComBank's assets crosses milestone Rs 1.5 tn in 1H

The Commercial Bank of Ceylon Group has reported mixed results for the first half of 2020, with robust top line growth negated by a combination of factors including pressure on interest margins due to reduced credit demand and interest concessions granted as pandemic relief to borrowers, increasing impairment provisions and low yields on surplus liquidity.

Comprising of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC - the country's largest private bank - its subsidiaries and associates, the Group saw its assets grow by a healthy 11.19% over the six months to cross the milestone Rs 1.5 trillion mark in the second quarter of the year, and gross income improve by 2.15% to Rs 75.167 billion in the review period.

However, with interest income declining by 5% to Rs 61.393 billion for the six months ending 30th June 2020 and by 11.05% in the second quarter alone, mainly due to recognition of a day one/modification loss on interest concessions offered

to customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic under the special concessions mandated by the Central Bank and the Bank's own concessionary payment schemes, net interest income for the period reviewed reduced by 5.71% to Rs 22.767 billion and by 16.98% to Rs 9.984 billion in the second quarter, adding pressure on net interest margins. The Bank disclosed in a filing with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

The Bank's ability to limit the decline in net interest income for the six months to 5.71% was due to its success in reducing interest expenses by 4.57% to Rs 38.626 billion via timely repricing of its liabilities in the review period.

"The ups and downs reflected in our six-month results are symptomatic of the combination of factors that were in play, the pandemic slowing down of business and the consequent rise in impairment charges, and many concessions, voluntary as well as regulator-mandated, that the Bank had



Dharma Dheerasinghe and S Renganathan

to provide in support of customers affected by the impacts of COVID-19," Commercial Bank Chairman Dharma Dheerasinghe commented.

"There were also other gains in some areas that helped cushion the negative impacts to some extent. We believe this is all par for the course."

The Bank's Managing Director S. Renganathan elaborated that although total operating income had increased by a respectable 10.34% to Rs 35.437 billion in the review period, impairment charges and other losses had increased significantly by 67.56% to Rs 9.261 billion for the six months.

The increase in provisions was mainly due to the higher

credit risk on account of facilities under moratorium, additional collective impairment provisions made under stressed scenarios for certain identified industries and a decision to apply increased weightages for the worst case scenario when assessing the probability-weighted forward looking macro-economic indicators and Loss Given Defaults with the objective of capturing the impact of COVID 19 on the Expected Credit Loss computation as at June 30, 2020, resulting in net operating income reducing by 1.56% to Rs 26.176 billion.

"Banking has become a balancing act more than ever before, with different indicators contributing to a see-saw effect," he said. To Page 18

## Plantation companies to lose Rs 500 mn. due to vacillation on oil palm

Plantation companies will sustain a cumulative loss of more than Rs 500 million within months due to policy inconsistencies and vacillation by the government on a well-regulated expansion of Sri Lanka's oil palm cultivation, the sector's apex industry association has warned.

The Palm Oil Industry Association (POIA) said 356,000 oil palm plants imported on the strength of a government decision to expand cultivation have been maturing in nurseries for more than three years, due to the government's failure to address concerns arising from false-

hoods and disinformation spread by misled activists and lobbyists with vested interests.

"About 40 per cent of these trees may already be unviable and we fear that the entire stock may have to be destroyed within the next two months, unless the government resolves this matter expeditiously," POIA President Dr Rohan Fernando said.

The Palm Oil Industry Association represents cultivators as well as refiners, processors, manufacturers, marketers and sellers of palm oil and other products of the oil palm, who have cumu-

latively invested Rs 26 billion in the industry. Sri Lanka has less than 11,000 hectares under oil palm - just over 1 per cent of the extents under tea, rubber and coconut - and plantation companies had been mandated to increase the total area under oil palm to 20,000 hectares under strictly-enforced guidelines that ensure the industry is environmentally non-invasive, before the government back-peddled on the plan.

Dr Fernando said the industry's appeal to the government for permission to plant whatever

viable trees are left in the nurseries, would enable the plantation companies to reduce the losses they are faced with and help increase local production of palm oil at a time when imports are being restricted to conserve foreign exchange. He said even if the entire stock of trees had been planted, the country's extent under oil palm would only have increased by about 2,750 hectares.

"We are also aware that the government is looking at expanding coconut cultivation to which we have absolutely no objection, but experts have calculated that it would take at least 20 years to reach a point where the country's edible oil requirements can be met by locally-grown coconut."

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offers his perspective on CLC's performance: "despite several setbacks like Easter Sunday Attacks, Covid 19 lock downs, CLC has sustained the previous year's performance amidst a challenging 2019/20 by curtailing NPLs within reasonable levels and acquiring an 'A' Stable rating reaffirmed by ICRA Lanka." Commenting on the road ahead, Fernando said, "In the medium term, we are looking at moving one notch up in the 'A' grade rating as well as towards becoming a Rs. 100 billion Company and to maintain our quality of credit at high standards with low NPLs, all the while contributing to the growth of the economy by elevating micro businesses to SME levels."

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# Foreign investors, local entrepreneurs to get benefits alike - Cabraal

## Steps to move up in Doing Business Index

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The newly elected government while encouraging foreign investors would also provide similar benefit to the local entrepreneurs as well, the newly elected State Minister of Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reform Ajith Nivard Cabraal said, while assuming duties at the Ministry of Finance in Colombo.

“While encouraging FDI we must create a level playing field for both local and foreign investors,” he said. “We will also take steps to move up in the Doing Business Index cutting red tape and creating a better environment for investors.”

“Sri Lanka must move forward in line with the global economy but we must at all times keep our Sri Lankan identity intact.

He said that the government will strengthen banking and financial sectors and Capital Markets. “We must also take steps to strengthen ailing Finance Companies and prevent them from collapse.”

He also said he would be working closely with the media as they are the best ‘medium’ to carry on the ‘work they do’ to the people.

Following is a Q&A with State Minister of Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reform Ajith Nivard Cabraal.

**Q: From an accountant to Governor and then a Minister: How do you review your journey?**

A: It's a long journey from where valuable insights were gained. I must firstly thank both the President and Prime Minister for having confidence in me and appointing me to this key



State Minister of Finance Ajith Nivard Cabraal assumes duties looked on by Treasury Secretary Sajith Atygalle and other well wishers. Pictures by Malon Karunarathne

position. We must also thank the people for giving the government a two thirds majority to turn around the country. Even before the Ministers took oaths our areas of work has been streamlined which means we can start work from day one.

The President has given us targets and deadlines. With a two thirds majority backing us, we cannot wait without delivering what the people elected us for: a prosperous Sri Lanka.

Looking back after I finish my tenure as a Minister I will not have any excuses for not fulfilling my given tasks. I hope to achieve many of my targets within the first three and a half years of my office.

**Q: How do you see the current status of the economy?**

A: The then Yahapalana government completely broke the smooth economic fabric which the previous Mahinda Rajapaksa government achieved and created. The development drive and program to add key infrastructure was completely halted. Sri Lanka's economic growth rate was lowered close to under developed Afghanistan and we have a daunting task to rebuild it. In addition the present covid pandemic has put additional pressure on the new government.

However firstly we will honor all international debt at the right time as Sri Lanka has never defaulted on them.

Many local industries and services suffered significantly due to high taxes by the previous government, curfew, lockdown and dying up of tourism due to global covid Pandemic.

**Q: What steps have been taken to correct these?**

A: The government after the election of Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressed these issues and provided financial relief. This segment still needs to be supported by way of cash grants, tax breaks, loan and interest moratoriums, quick release of new loan facilities and most importantly as concessional interest rates and we will continue this work.

The government will keep on introducing novel tools such as providing employment to 100,000 under privileged families an initiative never done by any government before. This is one initiative which is coordinated by the Special President Task Force appointed to seek and implement measures to drive away poverty.

The Government will provide special benefits to entrepreneurs who want to start industries outside Western provide and several such novel measures would be introduced to stimulate the economy and most importantly to bridge the regional economic disparity.

“The new Government will introduce a “People-centric Economy. We will work towards having a stable rupee and keep interest rates at com-

petitive levels. Inflation will be maintained at a single digit level. The Finance Ministry will create the environment necessary to achieve this goal by introducing tax reforms, monetary and banking regulations, and financial backup.”

Many initiatives and benefits would be taken and offered to woo FDI and for this the Colombo Port city would be an ideal platform.

Most importantly due to mismanagement of the previous Yahapalana government people have lost faith in the government and Finance Ministry. We will also take measures to correct this and raise the confidence of people towards us.

**Q: What steps do you plan to take with regard to Finance Companies?**

A: Due to high interest rates and other benefits offered thousands of unsuspecting clients have deposited their hard-earned savings with Finance Companies.

Due to lack of regular check and balance system by authorities some of the Finance companies acted arbitrarily and crashed. About five Finance companies have closed down and though this ‘crash’ was on the cards the previous government authorities did not take precautions against the collapse.

Firstly the Finance Ministry will review the policy on finance companies and if necessary introduce new regulations to prevent their future collapses and also explore the possibility of rebuilding some finance companies.

**Q: What incentives are offered to local entrepreneurs and exporters?**

A: Local entrepreneurs and exporters are not only major contributors to earn foreign exchange but are also key players in creating employment.

Exporters are today challenged by shrinking demand due to the Covid Pandemic especially from Europe and

North America. Though export segments such as tea, rubber, and apparel have registered swift recoveries in recent months some others are fighting for survival and the government will assist them with numerous ways. The exporters too should think new and create new products to the local export basket.

The Finance Ministry will create the environment necessary to achieve this goal by introducing financial backup, tax reforms and export friendly monetary and banking regulations.

We will certainly take a series of new measures to cut red tape and improve on the Global Doing Business Index.

**Q: How do you plan to revive some of the loss making State institutions?**

A: Most of the present government MP's, Ministers, think tanks along with the President and Prime Minister were closely monitoring the economic developments of the country long before an election was even announced. We saw the weaknesses and strengths of the economy and have identified an economic development package which also includes the reviving of State institutions.

Many ask us if we can ‘do this’, I say YES certainly we can do it since we planned solutions for them during the last three four years. Now it's a matter of implementing them. Most importantly we now have a strong leadership and a clear vision to execute this plan.

**Q: What would be the urgent initiatives in your agenda?**

A: Firstly it would be to support the covid affected businesses and help to revive them since the government managed the spread and treatment of the covid pandemic much better than all the other countries in the world.

The key to this is the successful method that was implement-



## FACT FILE...

Having gained his primary education at St Peter's College, Colombo and St. Sebastian's College, Moratuwa, Ajith Nivard Cabraal then moved to accounting studies and as an accountancy student he gained an Eisenhower Fellowship in 2000.

In 2005, Cabraal set up Cabraal Consulting Group his own management consulting company specialized on corporate governance (strategic planning, mediation) and turnarounds.

Due to his vast knowledge and experience he was appointed as a Board Member and also headed many business organizations and institutions of a professional or regulatory nature. He also served as Chairman and/or Director of many quoted and unquoted public companies as well.

These included Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, South Asian Federation of Accountants, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Sri Lanka, National Institute of Business Management, Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Moratuwa, Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka, the Strategic Enterprises Management Agency, Sri Lanka Accounting and Auditing Standards Monitoring Board, Committee on Corporate Governance in Sri Lanka.)

Cabraal was an internationally recognised consultant in Corporate Governance and was also the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee which developed the first Code of Best Practice on Corporate Governance in Sri Lanka.

Cabraal was also a Fellow in the 2000 Multi-Nation programme of the Eisenhower Foundation, USA.

In a bid to give back to his Alma Mater, he was also the President of the St Peter's College Old Boys' Union from 1996 to 1999.

As an accountancy student in Colombo, Cabraal met Mahinda Rajapaksa, who was studying law at Sri Lanka Law College. Cabraal was then appointed as chief economic advisor to Rajapaksa during the latter's term as Prime Minister, contributing to his manifesto (Mahinda Chintana). In 2005, Cabraal resigned from all his private positions to work full-time for the government.

Effective July 2006, Cabraal was appointed 12<sup>th</sup> governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka until January 2015. The beginning of Sri Lanka's economic recovery after the end of the civil war fell into his term.

He took many difficult decisions to ensure fiscal and monetary stability of the country.

He was also head of the Steering Committee and took a multi member team to St. Kitts in a bid to get Sri Lanka elected as the host country for the Commonwealth Games and ended close second to Victoria, Australia.

He was also actively promoting the SLPP political agenda and was appointed National List Member of Parliament after the landslide victory of Mahinda Rajapaksa, he was appointed State Minister of Finance and Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reform.

ed in contact tracing thus stopping the spread of the virus.

This is a major plus point for Sri Lanka not only to woo FDI but also increase investments to the government security market. I see a huge opportunity to woo major global corporations to not only invest in the Port City but also move their regional officers to it.

Development of the capital market too is a priority and we hope to bring in new legislation towards promoting this segment.

We have also identified Start up as a key area that needs support and will provide them with capital at very attractive rates.

**Q: Do you see the impact of Covid pandemic declining?**

A: Though some sectors may take longer time to recover, I see some areas improving. With

the global demand for oil picking up in the future purchasing power of the Gulf nations would pick up.

This will help to increase foreign remittances.

“In the export segment we already see a demand for apparels, fish, tea, rubber and also new products like personal care equipment. In May, the exports started to recover and by June bounced back close to pre-crisis level. This is already evident as we see an increase in export revenue.

Exports should be more innovative and start exporting new products targeting the ‘new normal’

Essential sectors and utilities such as pharma, healthcare, power, energy, and telecom had the least impact from Covid.

With a strong political leadership we expect more FDI.

A stronger rupee by the end of first half is also expected.



Two Finance State Ministers Ajith Nivard Cabraal and Shehan Semasinghe

## Hemas posts Rs. 13 bn revenue... From page 17

With the divestment of the Group's interest in Travel and Aviation segments, Leisure comprises our hotel investments of Serendib Hotels PLC and Anantara Peace Haven Tangalle.

Leisure reported revenues of Rs. 42 million. Followings stringent cost containment measures taken by the management, the sector reported an operating loss of Rs.277 million.

Hemas Mobility sector revenues decreased by 34.4% compared to Q1 last year, with revenues of Rs.456 million. Operating profit declined by 65% over last year. The

decline in performance is attributable to weakened trade and transhipment volumes impacting shipping agency volumes and the closure of the airport limiting airline aviation activity to cargo operations only.

“The Group has delivered resilient performance in the quarter, despite the profound impact of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis. Overall, our Healthcare and Consumer businesses have shown strong month on month recovery and by June were achieving pre-COVID activity levels. Leisure remains a challenge.”

In this milieu, the Bank contained operating expenses for the six months to Rs 12,986 billion, a growth of just 2.72% over the corresponding period of 2019, enabling it to post an operating profit of Rs 13,191 billion before taxes on financial services, which reflected a reduction of 5.44%, Renganathan disclosed.

With taxes on financial services for the period reducing by 42.48% to Rs 2,073 billion due to the abolition of the Debt Repayment Levy (DRL) and Nation Building Tax (NBT) from January 2020 and December 2019 respectively, the Group recorded profit before income tax of Rs 11,117 billion, an improvement of 7.40% over the first half of 2019. Taken separately, the Commercial Bank of Ceylon generated a profit before taxes on financial services of Rs 12,511 billion for the six months under review, a decline of 8.17%.

## ComBank's assets crosses... From page 17

Total assets of the Group grew by Rs 158 billion or 11.19% since December 31, 2019 to Rs 1,567 trillion as at 30th June 2020. Gross loans and advances grew by Rs 10,829 billion or 1.16% since end 2019 to Rs 941,567 billion at the end of the six months reviewed.

Total deposits recorded a growth of Rs 86,237 billion or 8.07% over the six months to reach Rs 1,155 trillion as at 30th June 2020, reflecting an average monthly growth of over Rs 14 billion.

Elaborating on some of the key elements that impacted Group performance, the Bank said net fees and commissions had reduced by 15.52% for the six months to Rs 4,088 billion as a result of a 31.37% reduction in this component in the second quarter of the year.

Gains in exchange income from swap trading and foreign currency trading and translation gains of Rs

963.3 million from US Dollar denominated reserves. In addition, net gains from de-recognition of financial assets increased from Rs 355,693 million to Rs 2,134 billion in the review period mainly due to capital gains on the sale of government securities.

An imminent US\$ 50 million equity investment in Commercial Bank by the IFC via a private placement would further boost the Bank's Tier I capital.

The Bank's gross NPL ratio increased to 5.37% from 4.95% at end 2019 while its net NPL ratio increased to 3.19% from 3.0%.

As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Commercial Bank launched a series of concessions and facilities to help businesses and individuals recover from the adverse effects of the pandemic, in addition to its conformance with regulator-mandated concessions



# LAUGFS Holdings celebrates 25 years of entrepreneurship

LAUGFS Holdings Limited, celebrates 25 years in business. Its inception was Gas Auto Lanka, a revolutionary business that introduced LPG as an alternate fuel for motor vehicles. Propelled by this entrepreneurial spirit LAUGFS went on to become trailblazers in many industries in Sri Lanka. Currently the Group is present in 20 industries and have expanded beyond Sri Lankan borders. Its annual revenue exceeds USD 300 million and is backed by an employee carder of 3,500.

W. K. H. Wegapitiya, Group Chairman of LAUGFS Holdings Limited, said, "25 years ago, we began our journey to draw out the infinite potential of our nation and its people. Though we had humble beginnings, we were filled with the determination to achieve greatness. 25 years later, we have touched the lives of millions of Sri Lankans and are a leading name across the industries in which we operate; moreover we have achieved an international presence for the 'LAUGFS' brand. We are proud to celebrate 25 years of our LAUGFS family along with our loyal customers and business partners who have supported us on this journey."

Though the origins of LAUGFS was Gas Auto Lanka established in 1995; in its 25 year journey, it evolved and diversified to progress from local to global. In the year 2000, LAUGFS opened the first 24-hour supermarket in Sri Lanka, in 2001, LAUGFS Gas initiated operations,



signalling the beginning of rapid growth for LAUGFS across an industry that was formerly a monopoly. With its strategic vision to become a dominant player in the

LPG industry LAUGFS set on to create an overarching LPG supply chain; from trading to shipment, storage and transport. In line with this vision the group acquired 3

seafaring vessels; Gas Challenger, Gas Success and Gas Courage which are used in the transportation of LPG. Moreover LAUGFS owns the largest LPG Transhipment Terminal in South Asia, located within the Hambantota Port and operated under LAUGFS Terminals.

Between 2004 and 2010, the group continued to establish a multitude of strategic business units across multiple industries. LAUGFS Petroleum, LAUGFS Corporation (Rubber), LAUGFS Salt & Chemicals and JADE Restaurants were founded during this time frame. In 2008 Eco Sri began operations in cooperation with the Government of Sri Lanka to engage in vehicle emission testing across the island, with the forward thinking vision of a greener tomorrow. LAUGFS Lubricants became Sri Lanka's first local lubricant brand, making it another industry first for LAUGFS.

"We wanted to be more than just another national corporate entity in the market; we wanted to truly drive the nation forward and extend the innovative zeal of LAUGFS across Sri Lanka and internationally. Our journey has been long and challenging but after two and a half decades of dauntless growth in the face of adversity, we are thrilled for LAUGFS's prospects over the next 25 years," said M Thilak De Silva, Group Deputy Chairman of LAUGFS Holdings Limited, reflecting on the history of LAUGFS.

## Sanasa Life Insurance donates air-conditioner to De Zoysa Women's Hospital

Sanasa Life Insurance recently donated an air-conditioning machine to the operating theater of the De Zoysa Women's Hospital in Colombo that had been in short supply for a long time.

During the recent epidemic, the SANASA Movement, as one of the island's foremost community based organizations dedicated to the well-being of the rural grassroots in Sri Lanka, carried out a number of social service and relief activities to the people under the name 'SANASA Sahana Athwela' Project.

Wanatha Perera, Deputy General Manager of SANASA Life Insurance stated that the donation was made in line with the

visionary leadership of SANASA leader Vishwa Prasadini Dr. P.A. Kiriwandeniya and his concept of 'Social Responsibility beyond Business'. SANASA Life Insurance is an emerging leader in the Micro Insurance industry which was launched in October 1991 as a program to provide relief to the average villager in the event of an emergency in the name of All Ceylon Mutual Insurance Organization (ALMAO). Having obtained licenses for General Insurance in 2005 and Life Insurance in 2013, SANASA Life extends its services for the protection and well-being of Sri Lankans for over 28 years and counting.



Sanasa Life Insurance officials donate the air-conditioner to De Zoysa Women's Hospital

# Evoke celebrates 12 Years of Redefining Digital Services

Evoke International (Pvt) Ltd celebrated its 12th anniversary recently. Evoke is the largest value-added service provider based in Sri Lanka offering a wide range of innovative, data driven and customer-centric products with their 360 degree in-house development team. Some of their services include mobile app & web development, content aggregation, content production, WAP Products, SMS, IVR & Voice Services and Digital Media.

Evoke was launched in 2008 capitalizing on the rapid shift toward the digital from mainstream entertainment channels such as radio and television. The company's mission at the outset was to differentiate itself from the rest of the competition by not being a mere 'agency' but, rather, a digital services provider that creates unique and engaging solutions to deliver optimum satisfaction and value for money for its clientele.

Evoke has developed and launched a number of products over the years, most notably, SLT Filmhall, Evoke Video Unlimited, Airtel Movie Box, Airtel Music Box, Vindana Application, Vindana TV, Reverse Bid and Evoke Music which is the number one local music channel on YouTube. Currently Evoke provides entertainment services to the public through leading Telco brands, media outlets and other global partners such as Hungama, iTunes, Spotify & AWS.



The Evoke Team

Evoke's ever-expanding portfolio of content featuring 1000+ movies, music of all genres and products in voice, data, WAP & app segments are widely sought after by its extensive clientele ranging from independent artists to telecommunication providers and everyone in between.

Commenting on the success of the Company, Chairman of Evoke Rajitha Basnayake said: "We are pleased to complete yet another year of growth and transformation. Over the years, Evoke has made significant strides in

how 'entertainment' is consumed and shared with the sharp increase of mobile penetration among the local population. With Smartphone ubiquity across Sri Lanka and the region fueling consumer engagement in communication, digital entertainment, information and commerce we observe consumers transforming from 'connected' which is the conventional to the contemporary which is 'digital'."

"Our digital strategy is therefore aimed at bolstering our connection to youth delivering truly engaging con-

tent and exclusive opportunities for our business partners. In that regard we have forged meaningful partnerships with a number of local and global entertainment giants including Indian-based Hungama Digital Media Entertainment Pvt Ltd," he added.

Speaking at the simple ceremony to celebrate the 12th anniversary, Director & CEO Lahiru Wickramasinghe said: "Everything we have achieved over the years can be attributed to the team effort without which survival in such a dynamic industry,



Rajiv Gunawardena (Director), Rajitha Basnayake (Chairman) and Lahiru Wickramasinghe, (CEO/Director)

enjoying the first-mover advantage in most contexts, would not have been possible."

He added: "We plan to venture out of Sri Lanka this year to Bangladesh & the Middle East where we see great potential for what we offer – this will serve to create value for all our stakeholders as well as afford us an opportunity to showcase what Sri Lanka and Sri Lankans are capable of technologically." Meanwhile Director Rajiv Gunawardena credited Director & CEO Lahiru Wickra-

masinghe's visionary leadership for the success of Evoke while also applauding the talent within the company for their respective contributions toward making Evoke vision a reality. "We are well poised financially for expansion and we believe that to sustain the momentum we will have to be innovative because the industry we are in is subject to constant change and evolution. We look forward embarking on new projects, new avenues and new markets in years to come," he added.

## Western Union expands with Seylan Bank in Sri Lanka

Western Union, a leader in cross-border, cross-currency money movement and payments, today announced a collaboration with Seylan Bank, enabling receivers in Sri Lanka to connect to their loved ones around the world. Customers in Sri Lanka can now receive money at over 172 Seylan Bank locations across the country.

"At Western Union, we have adopted a truly global and inclusive perspective by considering the needs of customers in markets across the world," said Sohini Rajola, Head of Network, Middle East and Asia Pacific, Western Union. "We are excited about our collaboration with Seylan Bank, providing customers with additional locations to receive money. The

common vision we share to facilitate customers in the country to connect to their loved ones in over 200 countries and territories across the globe, is what drives us to provide high service levels."

"Over the years, Sri Lankan's living and working overseas have continued to support their loved ones back home" said Kapila Ariyaratne, Director /CEO, Seylan Bank. "When receiving money from abroad, abroad, customers look for convenience, speed and reliability. We are glad to provide that in partnership with Western Union – reaching not just the city, but also rural areas.

Throughout our history we have placed customer aspirations at the heart of everything we do, and we will continue to do so."

Western Union's unique ability to partner with a growing base of local financial institutions, is driving financial inclusion and improving last-mile access for millions of unbanked and underbanked populations. Western Union serves customers from a large network of Agent locations offering unparalleled convenience to customers in Sri Lanka. Customers are advised to check the Agent Locator link for the status of the nearest locations.



## IIT's first Virtual Careers Day 2020 brings together IIT students and Sri Lanka's top companies

Informatics Institute of Technology (IIT), successfully conducted the IIT Careers Day 2020 on an online platform for the first time in its history. The transition to the online platform was in keeping with the need to conform to the health and safety regulations issued by the Government of Sri Lanka following the COVID-19 outbreak in the country.

Each year, the IIT Careers Day brings together Sri Lanka's leading ICT and non-ICT organisations, including local blue-chip and multinational companies, and presents them with the opportunity to meet many IIT undergraduates.

The event is organized with the objective of providing a platform for IIT students to interact with these top companies, present themselves for interviews and secure one-year



IIT students in action

internship which is part of the IIT degree programme. Given the wide array of participating companies, IIT students are able to choose the companies that they'd prefer to commence their careers in while it allows the companies to interview some of the best ICT and business graduates in the country and employ the candidates ideally-suit-

ed for their various job requirements.

Held via Microsoft Teams, IIT Virtual Careers Day 2020 allowed companies to participate and interact with IIT students. Each company was given a time limit to present something about themselves to the audience while students had the opportunity to interact with the company

and clarify any doubts after the conclusion of the presentation. Some of the leading companies that took part included Pearson Lanka, Dialog Ideamart, UniverSL Software, Econulate, Auxenta, Vinota, Rootcode Labs, Infor Nexus Services, Omobio and Creative Software.

Sharing her thoughts on the latest IIT Careers Day, Naomi Krishnarajah – Dean of IIT stated, "Internship is an important feature for all undergraduate degree programmes at IIT. It provides real life exposure to the world of work where students harness their classroom knowledge with practical application and skills developed in a professional setting."

A representative from Pearson Lanka stated, "Even though the world is facing a pandemic, IIT did not allow this to affect or hinder their students' advancement in their respective fields. A highly-commendable Virtual Career Fair was organized and personally I did not encounter any glitches when it came to the organizing of the event by the campus. Congratulations on a job well done!"

A representative from Infor Nexus Services pointed out, "While many Universities and higher education institutes are not operating during the lockdown period it's good to see IIT is operating smoothly and was able to organize this career day backed by the latest technology to make sure the future manpower of the country are kept educated and hopeful. It was great to see so many students interacting and asking questions, and glad to know the students have interests in new technology areas which are in demand."

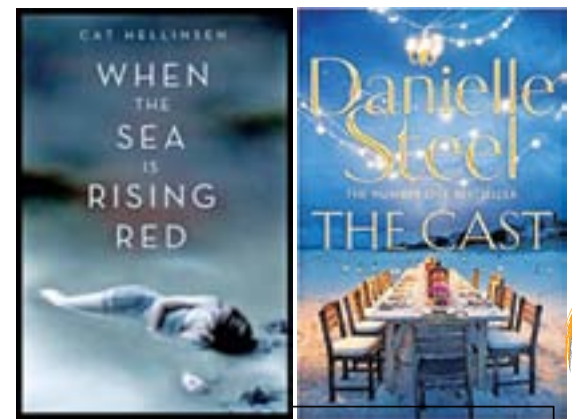
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# ANCIENT FAITH, PROFOUND PEACE

## UNIQUE FEATURES OF LORD NATARAJA STATUES OF POLONNARUWA PERIOD

DR SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

**A**nanda Tandava pose of Lord Shiva is commonly known as Lord Nataraja. In Bharatha Natyam generally, Ananda Tandava pose is used to symbolize Lord Shiva as the symbol of Bharatha Natyam. This particular Lord Nataraja bears five important Pancha Bootham (the five elements) which are believed to be the most important elements for the creation of the world. The five elements are the sky, water, fire, wind and earth. The Lord bears the moon on his head which indicates the sky; similarly, the River Ganga flows from the terrace of the Lord which indicates water.

The dancer of the Ananda Tandava is called by several names connected with dance, namely Lord Nataraja (King of dance); Kuthapiran, Kootharasan, Aadal Valaan and Ampala Koothan are some of the other names of the dancing deity. In almost every Bharatha Natyam recital, this particular dance pose of Lord Nataraja adorns the stage. And it is the universally acknowledged symbol of Bharatha Natyam.

Four to five different important Lord Nataraja bronze sculptures were discovered from different locations in the Polonnaruwa period archaeological sites. The dancing deity Lord Nataraja is the Lord of dance.

One Lord Nataraja statue with all traditional Hindu Saiva Agama Sastra (Traditional basic principle of Hindu codes) features was discovered at the 1st Siva temple of Polonnaruwa. This particular sculpture was discovered in 1908. According to some scholars, this sculpture is almost the same as one of the Nataraja sculpture of Chennai Museum.

Another Lord Nataraja statue was discovered from the backyard of the 5th Siva temple of Polonnaruwa in October 1960 by C E Godamkumbura. This was one of the tallest Lord Siva's sculptures found in Sri Lankan archaeological sites. The height of the sculpture is 140 cm. It resembles some exceptional features among all other Nataraja sculptures discovered from the archaeological sites of Polonnaruwa. A cobra is seen at the right-hand elbow level of this dancing deity's statue. An excellent Sinhala artistic influence could be assessed at this sculpture.

The base of this bronze sculpture contains beautifully carved exclusive and exquisite sculptural figures. Numerous instrumental players' figures are beautifully carved on the pedestal. At the extreme right end, a female figure is



depicted with cymbals. Similarly, a flute player is also carved at the base. As compared to other bronze Nataraja sculptures, such beautiful carved figures at the base are not at all found anywhere else in Sri Lanka. The sculpture's outer frame is generally known as Thiruwas. According to Hindu philosophy, Thiru-

wasi denotes the life and death cycle of living beings. According to Hindu mythology, the outer frame named Thiruwas should be round, but this Thiruwas is in semi-square shape. Yet some other traditional Hindu features are seen in this statue. Beautiful anklets adorn the legs.



An Uddeki is seen at the rear right upper hand. A fireball is seen at the upper rear left hand. The lower down right hand is depicted with Abaya hasta. But river Ganga and Moon at the terrace of the Lord are not seen at this sculpture. In all the traditional Nataraja dancing deity bears the moon and river Ganga at the terrace. It denotes two different elements of Panchaputhams such as the sky and water respectively. In the Sabtha Thandava, this is last Tandava. Normally Lord Nataraja sculpture is always depicted with spread hair. (It reveals that at the final Thandava (Tandava dance) the hair of the deity has got speared). Such a feature is missing in this famed Siva Nataraja sculpture of Polonnaruwa.

Hence to a certain extent, this particular Nataraja sculpture is quite different from the all other Nataraja sculptures. Hence it is assumed that this particular statue must be a creation of a local sculptor without understanding the traditional features of Hindu philosophy during the Polonnaruwa period. It reveals the cultural admixture or amalgamation of Hindu and Buddhist traditions.

The height of another Lord Nataraja statue is 64.5 cm. This particular bronze statue was discovered from the 1st Siva temple in Polonnaruwa. The hair is separated into six layers. On both sides, the hair is depicted as spread out. The spread out hair reveals the strenuous and vigorous dance of the Lord. According to scholars, this is one of the excellent creations of Polonnaruwa bronzes. Like all the other Nataraja poses this resembles the same characteristic features. But the unusual feature of the statue is the length of the legs.

The length of the legs is quite long. It is believed that this was made by a trainee sculptor. The ornamental decoration of the statue is excellent. Normally the body should be straight and the Araimandi sitting position should be adopted in this pose. As compared to other Nataraja poses the half-sitting posture extent is not much seen in this



statue and the body is slanted more to the left side.

The unique feature of the sculpture is, without Thiruwas, (the round outer frame) and tuft. It is totally based on the aiva tradition. The height of the statue is 61.5 cm.

This statue was discovered at the 5th Siva Devala of Polonnaruwa in 1908. Beautiful hair decoration and ornamental decorations adorn this sculpture. The Muiyalavan's body position (demon under the right leg of the Lord) is quite

different from all the other Muiyalavan's body position of other Nataraja statues. Anyhow this is an excellent handiwork of a Dravidian sculptor.

The posture of Nataraja sculpture is the same as all other Nataraja sculptures. The remarkable feature of the statue is that the absence of Thiruwas. The Nataraja sculptures of Polonnaruwa are unique and reveal the traditional Hindu and Indian influence on Sri Lanka during the Polonnaruwa period.

# Capture this!



RUWINI JAYAWARDANA

**P**hotographs are the best souvenirs which celebrate life. They are personal, beautiful, and have a story behind them. They also capture a moment which you can have forever or change the way you see things. With the proper camera and vision, photography can make your life much better.

This wonderful art form which has become a favourite hobby or a profession for many is celebrated each year by the Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs Ministry, Cultural Affairs Department, and Sri Lanka Arts Society's State Photography Sub-society. The team has organised the State Photography Festival 2020



State Photography Advisory Board Vice Chairman Nishan Algewatte

which will be held today (August 19) at the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute Auditorium at 4 pm. Prime Minister



State Photography Advisory Board Chairman Prasanna Hennayake

Mahinda Rajapaksa will grace the event as the Chief Guest. National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion

State Minister Vidura Wickramanayaka and Prime Minister's Secretary Gamini Senarath too are guests at the event.

"The State Photography Festival had been held annually at the Nelum Pokuna theatre for four consecutive years. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we accepted entries online. Though we had around five or six categories each year, this year the entries fall under two categories: Life during COVID-19 and an open category," State Photography Advisory Board Chairman Prasanna Hennayake said.

The objectives of the event are to propagate photography as an artistic and scientific communication medium and to continue the art of photography as a qualitative media. It also aims to give professional value for photography at the state level.

State Photography Advisory Board Vice Chairman Nishan Algewatte notes that though they have asked for printed photographs in the past, this year they have requested them to upload their entries on a link given in the Cultural Affairs Department website.

"We got double the amount of entries we normally receive. The photographs will be displayed on monitors at the event. The Prime Minister will also launch our website during the ceremony. Only around 250 people will be present on the premises so the event is only for invitees. The exhibition will go online on Youtube and our Facebook page so that everyone can enjoy these wonderful photographs which have been skillfully captured by our photographers," he said.

# No Tears To Shed

Dad pacing up and down  
Along the corridor  
In a pensive mood.  
His bowed head on his hands,  
Tears streaking down his pale face.  
Motionless, I watched him,  
Yet inquisitive to fathom him,  
Slowly I ventured,  
Touching him on his shoulder,  
With a cold and gentle grasp  
He took my hand  
Broke out murmuring

All's Lost!  
He has dishonoured me  
In spite of all the gossip  
I believed him.  
I saw him with his Bride,  
At the Altar today!  
He shattered all my hopes  
All my kith and kin  
Will curse me  
He has dishonoured!

Indra Goonawaradane

Heart kept secret  
It is sized clenched fist  
Great and "centre"  
Heart and tongue aren't big  
But they show excellence  
Heart has limited beat – But  
Heart' desires beat heartbeat  
It's worst is avarice  
Mind is wonder unseen,  
Is, thought mine  
Thought light of the mind  
Generous mind is peaceful  
Physic, psyche and spirit  
Integrated  
"A sound physic in  
A sound psyche"  
"If a psyche is spoilt  
Entirety of physic becomes  
spoilt"  
Sans polished and rubbed  
Gems aren't bright  
Similarly  
Human beings do not become perfect  
Unless they face tests  
Souls have no feature  
Eternal they are  
A sin free soul  
The peaceful

Fahim Latiff

# Selene

Oh!  
The moon  
At night  
In my sight  
Enchants me  
With light  
Shamefully  
Without light.

Naleen De Alwis

## POETRY CORNER

# HEART, MIND AND SOUL

# A DREAM THAT CANNOT BE FORGOTTEN

Rustling were the leaves on my window pane,  
Piercing through my nostrils was the scent of  
'sepalika' flowers  
"My home," I whispered, gladly opening my eyes.  
Alas! my heart cried out. What a mirage it was!  
"You're dreaming - dreaming of the days gone  
by,  
Dreaming of the faded life in the village."  
The salty taste on my lips carried me into the  
past.  
Back to my home, the sweet home I loved.  
The soft, nightly breeze musically roaming

lulls me for an undisturbed night  
with pleasant, happy dreams.  
Smiling through the flourishing foliage  
are the pearl frilled Sepalika fairies  
wishing me a very good night.  
Where are they now, my heart cried out.  
Gone with wind.  
For I forsake them for this urban abode.  
Only my little doggie  
Still lies on the doormat  
Guarding me from ghosts, nymphs and goblins.

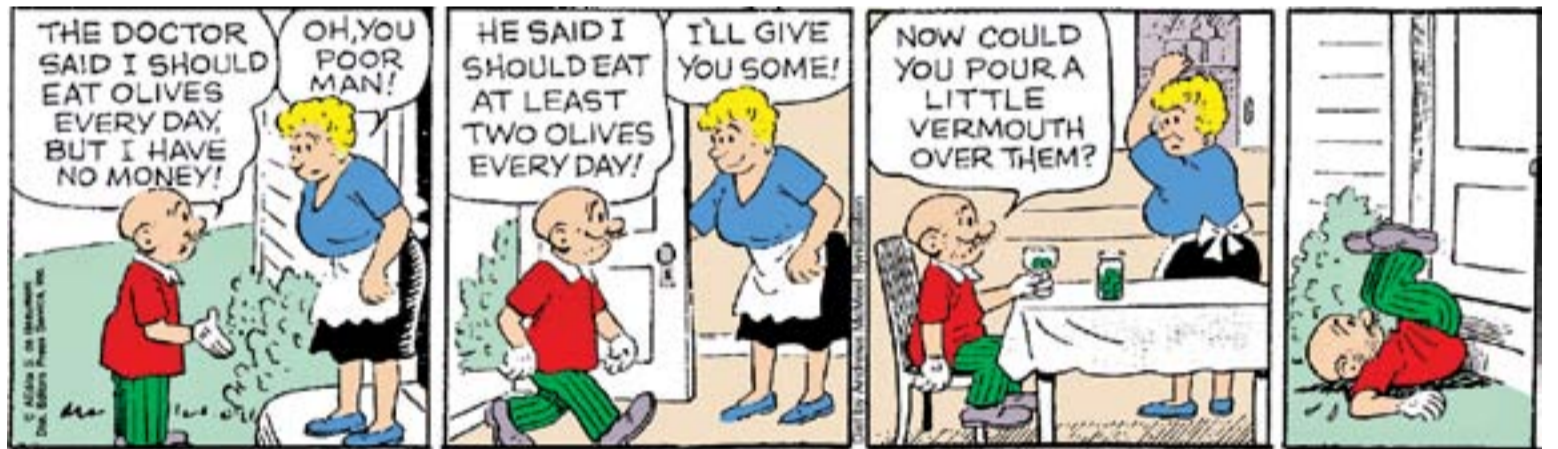
Lalitha Somathilaka

### MARMADUKE



"Did Marmaduke help you make the shopping list?"

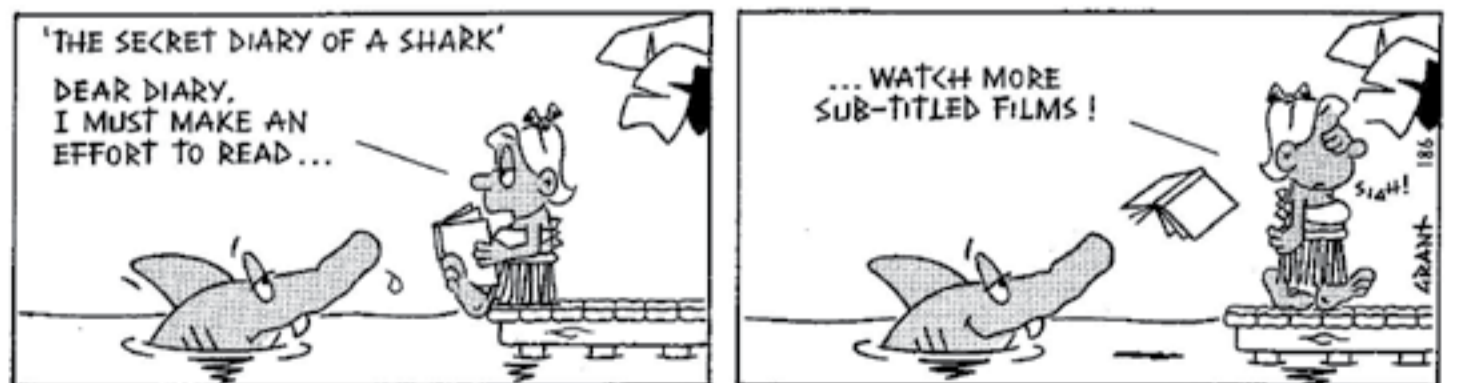
### MUTT AND JEFF



### ARCHIE



### FISH TALES



### UP & RUNNING



WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO WATCH THE MOVIE BUT SHE WANTS ATTENTION...



# Stories of blissful joy

## Book Review

TITLE: **MARTHAAGE DAVAS KAALA**  
AUTHOR: **SUMEDHA NAWARATHNE**

Journalist Sumedha Nawarathne's maiden work has come out as an anthology of short stories under the title *Marthaage Davas Kaala* or *A Lost Quarter of a Day in the Life of Martha*. It contains 12 short stories, some published earlier in newspapers and others appearing for the first time. These stories have been written in lucid Sinhala in poetic language challenging the grasping skills and intellectual curiosity of readers.

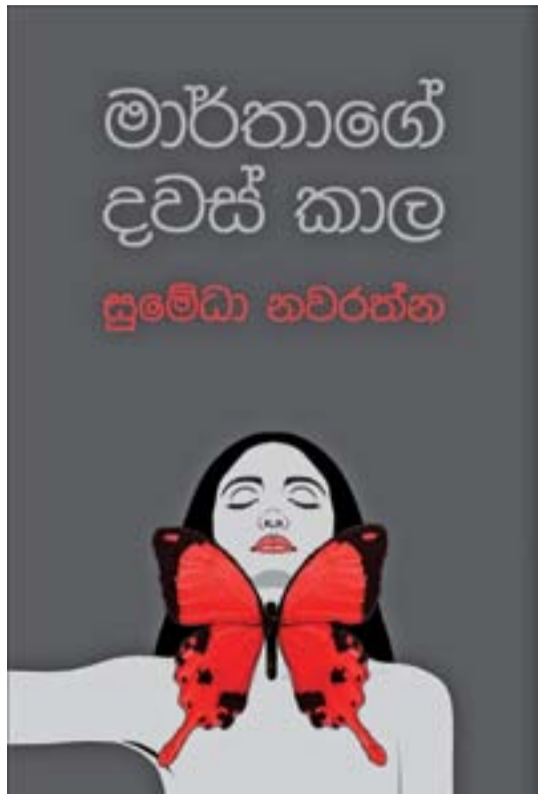
The stories depicting the style of early Russian short stories in the genre of Anton Chekhov have touched upon contemporary human, social and political issues. The beauty of Nawarathne's writing style is that she has not taken a side on these issues and simply presented the cases in heart-touching language. It is up to the readers to live in the sceneries she has created and choose whether to be a part of the stories or not. In all stories, the readers who live in the stories will find that they are experiencing the incidents which Nawarathne has presented in her stories.

The Letter Box portrays the story of a married couple that appears to be having a Platonic relationship. But to compensate for the lack of physical relations, they write letters to each other expressing their unbounded love and drop them in a letterbox kept inside the bedroom for the other party to collect.

### Lyrical love

The language which Nawarathne has used to write these love letters is so melodious that each letter can easily be converted to the lyrics of a love song. Such non-physical relations in married couples appear to be strange but Nawarathne has created the impossible. The reader is treated to such impossible experiences and savour the blissful joy which one can get from non-physical spiritual love relations.

Apart from stories depicting love or family relations, Nawarathne has touched on contemporary



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social or political issues as well. The story titled *Wurtheeya Satana* or *Labour Dispute* is about how an authoritarian ruler would give a 'take it or leave it' choice to those beings ruled by him. Finally, the vulnerable subjects, birds, in this case, agree to live in a world of restricted freedoms because the alternative has been more painful in the form of complete immobility due to the clipping of wings. In *Singapore Sihinaya* or *Singapore Dream*, the powerful whole world collapses without warning.

Those people who are trained to look up to the House at *Diyawanna Oya* – the Parliament – are shocked by the news of the disappearance of Parliament. *Rathu Pas* or *Red Soil* is a story wound around the incident relating to the massacre of people who had been agitating for water by the armed forces deployed by the authoritarian rulers. Nawarathne creates a sense of ridicule at the end of the story.

When an old woman was crying that the earth has been smeared by the red blood of those who have been massacred, the agents of the rulers correct her immediately that it is simply red-coloured soil. In *Harak An* or *Bull Horns*, a warning has been given not to criticise or fight the powerful who have more fatal weapons to shoot. *Koombi Paraana* or *Lives of Ants* is a story presenting the irony of life. One fight against injustice only when that injustice has hit him and not when others are subject to injustice.

### Continuous discrimination

The main story, *Marthaage Davas Kaala* or *A Lost Quarter of a Day in the Life of Martha* is about a young mother who is subject to continuous discrimination by her Mother-in-Law for no fault of hers. Whatever she does in the house is not to the liking of the mother-in-law. She pleads with her husband to take her for an outing and he finally agrees to do so on a Friday after he has managed to get leave of absence for a quarter of a day. Martha waits for the excitement but sadly disappointed when Mother-in-Law falls sick and husband has to take her to hospital.

Sumedha Nawarathne's maiden attempt is promising. She has a future as a writer. Readers who would be fully absorbed by Nawarathne's lucid writing style would finish reading her book in one go.

*Reviewed by W A Wijewardena*



## A woman's life in 19th-century Japan

Forget the tea ceremonies and geishas. This is a vivid examination of the life of an ordinary if much-married woman.

In 1839 a priest's daughter called Tsuneno ran away from her village in Echigo, otherwise known as the Snow Country of north-central Japan. Her destination was Edo, the shogun's city, which she had longed to see from the moment she first heard of its existence. The journey took two weeks and involved a treacherous mountain trek, but to Tsuneno it was worth it. Her village home was not only on ice from equinox to equinox, but its customs and expectations seemed frozen too. The shogunate, an ancient feudal system of governance, might be on its last legs but Edo still meant warmth and sizzle and the kind of social melt that allowed for fresh starts.

### Subversively Feminist

Tsuneno, though, was no one's idea of a lovely young heroine, nor did she, as you might expect from the slackly orientalist cover design and title of Amy Stanley's book, end up as a tip-top geisha with a sideline in erotic yet subversively feminist poetry. She was, in fact, a much-married middle-aged woman with such a bad temper that, on the occasion of her fourth marriage, her eldest brother Giyu felt obliged to warn the groom: "As you probably know, she's a very selfish person, so please return her to us if things don't go well."

The great achievement of this revelatory book is to demolish any assumption on the part of English language



readers that pre-modern Japan was all blossom, tea ceremonies and mysterious half-smiles. Instead, by working through the rich archive of letters and diaries left by Tsuneno and her family, Stanley reveals a culture that is remarkably reminiscent of Victorian England, which is to say deeply expressive once you've cracked the codes.

We can hardly blame Tsuneno for wanting to bolt. At the age of 12 her parents had married her off for the first time to a priest in another province. Fifteen years and no children later, he filed for divorce. A year on, the family came up with another husband, and this time the arrangement limped on for four years. A third marriage endured only "four blurry, claustrophobic months". On the surface nothing terrible had happened – since Tsuneno was a woman from a respectable family (think vicar's

daughter) no one would dare to beat or starve her. But when you hear how her newly married younger sister was threatened with being put in a cage and displayed to strangers on account of her quick temper then you sense the pervasive threat to spirited women. Now, coming up to 40 and with no children to tie her down, Tsuneno decided on one last lunge at a life less ordinary.

### Squalid tenement

It would be pleasing to report that she found her bliss in Edo. But as a migrant she was far more vulnerable than if she had stayed put: the nice-seeming man from her village who was chaperoning her over the mountains raped her the moment they left their home turf. Naturally, he wanted to marry her too. On arrival in the city there wasn't much

work. Tsuneno wasn't young or sunny enough to be a geisha and was reduced instead to becoming a domestic servant, picking up after nine women before going home at night to her squalid tenement. She spent nearly a year shivering in one unlined kimono because her brother, now head monk at the home temple, refused to send the clothes that she had asked for.

### Victorian novels

And then, when she finally got to choose a husband for herself, it didn't work out any better than before. Izawa Hirotsuke may have been a samurai, albeit a low-ranker, but he turned out to be as bad as all those officers on half pay in Victorian novels who hang around spa towns looking for a lady to leech off. "If I'd known even the slightest bit about his character," wrote Tsuneno in one of her inimitable letters home, "I would never have married him." But she did, twice, which says as much about her as it does about him.

Stanley works hard throughout this compelling book to make Tsuneno into a feminist heroine, a brilliant girl born ahead of her time who "always claimed what was hers". But on the evidence provided here, it really wasn't like this. Tsuneno is interesting and admirable precisely because she was of her time and had to make the best of the hand she had been dealt. It is her ordinariness, and her multiple failures at not getting what she wanted, that make her story so deeply absorbing.

*- The Guardian*

# KARU

## THE UNVANQUISHABLE



**ANOMA PROVIDES THE READER WITH QUITE A NUMBER OF EPISODES IN THE LIFE OF KARU AS SHOWN IN HIS RECORD-BREAKING EVENT. IT HAPPENS TO BE CITED IN VARIOUS FOREIGN DOCUMENTS. AS A COMMON READER, I FEEL AS IF I AM READING A SPIRITUAL TEXT WHERE THE MIND IS SHOWN AS THE FORE-RUNNER OF ALL SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WHERE SPORTS MATTERS AS AN AREA THAT NEEDS TO BE REDISCOVERED.**

PROFESSOR **SUNANDA MAHENDRA**

Over the years, one may find several profiles of sportsmen have appeared in library shelves. They include profiles of cricketers such as Don Bradman and Dennis Compton. There is a galaxy of other profiles on record-breaking and record-making athletes and persons linked to great world sports activities like Olympic Games that usher in sports celebrities of varying types.

They bring honour and fame to the respective countries that they represent in sports activities. The intention of holding great sports festivals, in a wider vision, is to bring about a noble sense of human understanding in participation sans defeat and victory.

This great vision and mission enabled humans to live as a common entity rather than splitting the existence into smaller compartments of race and ethnic identities. All these go to state just one point as raised by a lecturer cum researcher on sports culture namely Anoma Ratnayake. To her credit, she has taken the pains of presenting an offbeat book titled *Aparajita* (Vanquished).

### Sportive spirit

The book is written in the form of a narrative profile on a Sri Lankan sportsman named Ranatunga Karunananda. She uses the mini tag *Karu* in a friendly manner throughout her presentation of facts and events.

Karu had been one of the well-known athletes in his county, Sri Lanka. As time goes on he gets the chance of developing his skills in sports activities as understanding the various types of experiences in his own life. Over time, he is shown as a person known for his *sportive spirit* and *sportive skills*. As the author of the profile shows, he leaves his school career to take up a post as a police officer who ascends from the very lowest rank to much higher ranks. But he gives up the career to become a soldier attached to the army.

This too he gives up due to various reasons. He does not give up sports, as he was attached to it at a much higher level of thinking. The culmination of his sports career is observed as he becomes Sri Lanka representative in 1964. This is more known as the 18th Olympic Games Festival held in Tokyo. The day is recorded as October 14. As the profile writer, Anoma Ratnayake, points out in a running committing type of presentation, our athlete too lined up for the great race of running ten thousand metres.

Karu received the number 67. There was hardly anyone from his own country to cheer him up. But he had his own *Come on Karu* murmuring within him in his inner mind. But he faced the starting point in the utmost sportive spirit embedded in his self as a trained sports personality. The climate too was not conducive for Karu to run as it was thick winter. But he was steadfast as awakened as he was running with a smile cast on his face. Though several others declined to run the entire needed footage Karu continued.

### Unstoppable runner

He was determined not to be a winner, but a participant. And he was one, par excellence at that. As such, he went on running, covering the entire distance arriving at the destination as the last runner. Then the onlookers wondered as to this marvel of participation. They all cheered the Sri Lankan runner and hailed him as the epitome of vision in Olympic spirit in the very participation. By all means, he was neither a winner nor a loser in a proper sense of the term.

He was a great participant who ran the entire gamut of coverage needed. This very fact was recorded as one of the visionary events on the part of a great sportsman. As the writer, Anoma records the media has emerged in order to get the views to the Sri Lankan runner Karu to boost the sportive spirit needed for many countries.

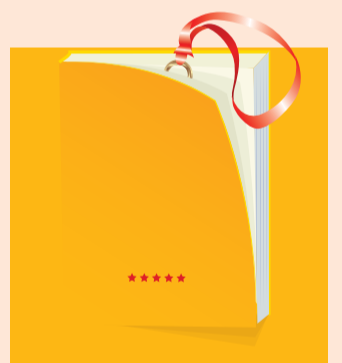
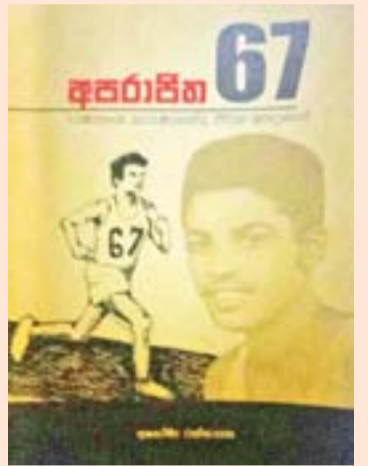
Anoma provides the reader with quite a number of episodes in the life of Karu as shown in his record-breaking event. It happens to be cited in various foreign documents. As a common reader, I feel as if I am reading a spiritual text where the mind is shown as the fore-runner of all social activities where sports matters as an area that needs to be rediscovered.

### Above defeat and triumph

The writer is presently engaged in more research on the sports culture, the subject area that she teaches at the university level of education attached to the University of Kelaniya. As a researcher who has attended several local and foreign sports seminars, she states that the spirit of participation, over victory and defeat phenomenon, has to be taught at various levels of education from the school level onwards.

I feel that the view has to be endorsed as a compulsory necessity. The teaching of the aspects of sports culture are linked to not only the physical wellbeing but also the spiritual upliftment in the personality building of an individual. As such, this book may provide background guidance to fulfil the aims and objectives therein. Quite a few rare photos are included along with text.

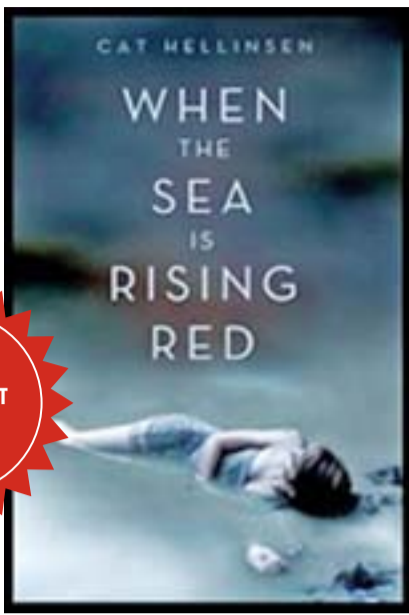
Though this book gives way to know about Karu, I sincerely feel that anybody who feels the pulse of the investigative reporting may be able to find more about him for future reference. Perhaps I feel that this writer should undertake another step ahead in the investigation in order to gauge his sports personality. Though briefly stated as the fact pertaining to his maternal and paternal legacy. His marital life and the birth of a daughter that he reckoned as a lucky symbol as his departure or death relating of a drowning event are factors that could be presented in a future imprint. The work is definitely a detour from the normal sports writings and coverages that we see in day to day media channels.



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**AUTHOR:** Cat Hellisen

After seventeen-year-old Felicitia's dearest friend, Ilven, kills herself to escape an arranged marriage, Felicitia chooses freedom over privilege. She fakes her own death and leaves her sheltered life as one of Pelimburg's magical elite behind. Living in the slums, scrubbing dishes for a living, she falls for charismatic Dash while also becoming fascinated with vampire Jannik.



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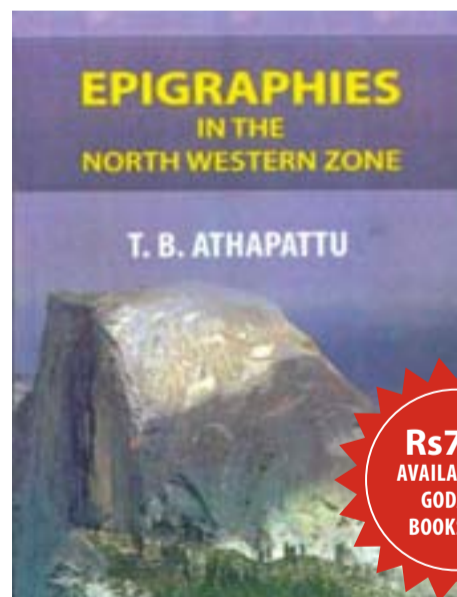
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**AUTHOR:** Susann Cokal

Sanna is a mermaid - but she is only half seavish. The night of her birth, a sea-witch cast a spell that made Sanna's people, including her landish mother, forget how and where she was born. Now Sanna is sixteen and an outsider in the seavish matriarchy, and she is determined to find her mother and learn who she is.



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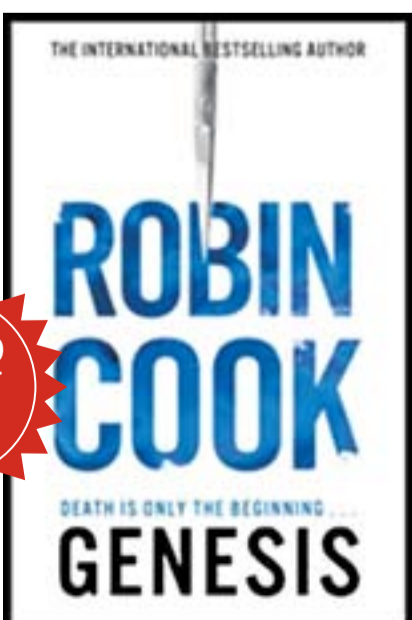


This is a commendable work. Indefatigable dedication has brought it forth. He visited the sites with minimal facilities or none at all and spent many hours in libraries. He has taken utmost care in deciphering, translating and commenting on the edicts. In his work, Athapattu has taken few steps ahead by embracing the social condition, livelihood, crafts, phonetics and grammar.

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When the body of twenty-nine-year-old social worker Gloria Montoya, seven weeks pregnant with her first child, shows up on Chief New York City Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery's autopsy table, she's baffled to find no apparent causes of death. With no clues to go on, Laurie enlists the help of Dr. Tricia Albanese, a forensic pathology resident with a background in genetic science, to help her trace the identity of the unborn baby's father using DNA from the mother and child.



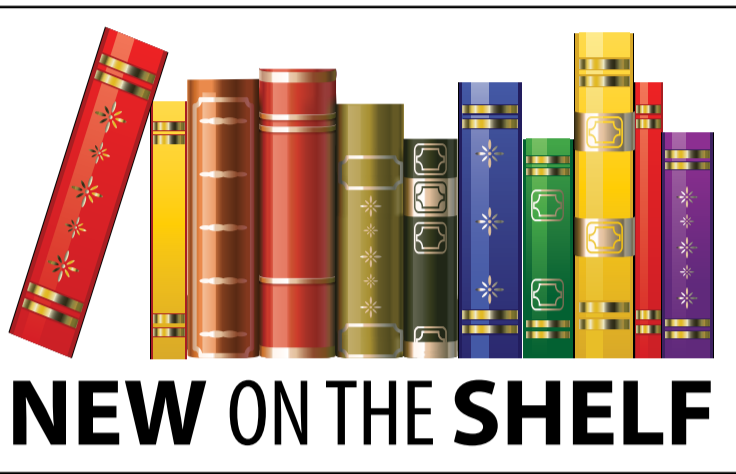
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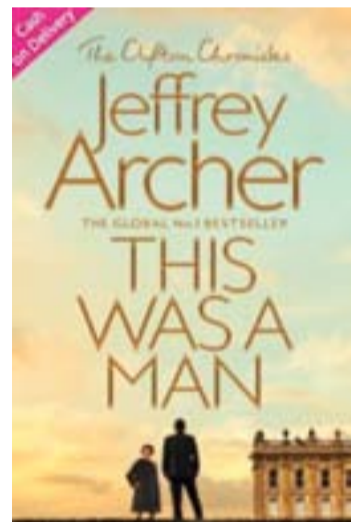
Inspirational and uplifting, The Cast is a celebration of the resilience, imagination and creativity of women. The Cast is an irresistible celebration of the strength of women who find the courage to persevere in life's dramas, full of heartbreak and joy. Kait Whittier has built her magazine column into a hugely respected read, followed by fans across the country. She loves her work and adores her grown children, treasuring the time they spend together.



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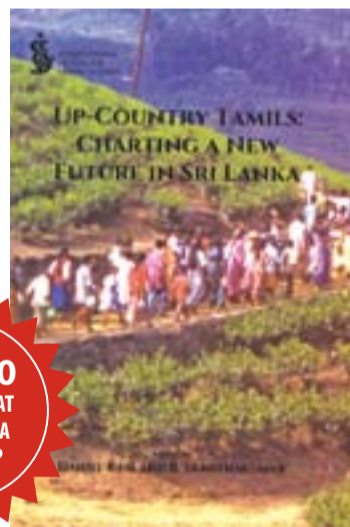


In Whitehall, Giles Barrington discovers the truth about his wife Karin from the Cabinet Secretary. Is she a spy or a pawn in a larger game? Harry Clifton sets out to write his magnum opus, while his wife Emma completes her ten years as Chairman of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and receives an unexpected call from Margaret Thatcher offering her a job.

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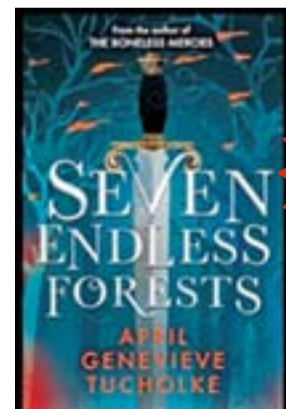
**TITLE:** Up-country Tamils: Charting a New Future in Sri Lanka  
**AUTHOR:** Daniel Bass, B. Skanthakumar

The International Centre for Ethnic Studies is pleased to share with you the digital version of its latest publication Up-country Tamils: Charting a New Future in Sri Lanka. This book emerged from a conference organized by ICES in August 2017 which brought together a broad range of scholars and practitioners who have been researching and working on the area with an aim to enhance understanding of the issues and challenges on the subject and generate recommendations for law, policy and practice. The book addresses the many problems that Up-country Tamils face in contemporary Sri Lanka, politically, economically and socially, as well as the historical origins and structural determinants of their current predicament. The individual chapter authors pay particular attention to the changes that have taken place for Up-country Tamils since 2009 and their implications for the future of the community.



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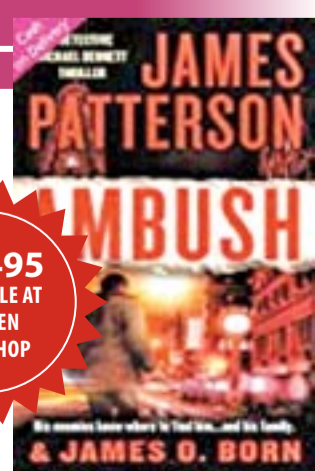


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On the heels of a devastating plague, Torvi's sister, Morgunn, is stolen from the family farm by Uther, a flame-loving Finnish wolf-priest who leads a pack of ragged, starving girls. Torvi leaves the only home she's ever known, and joins a shaven-skulled druid and a band of roaming Elsh artists known as the Butcher Bards.

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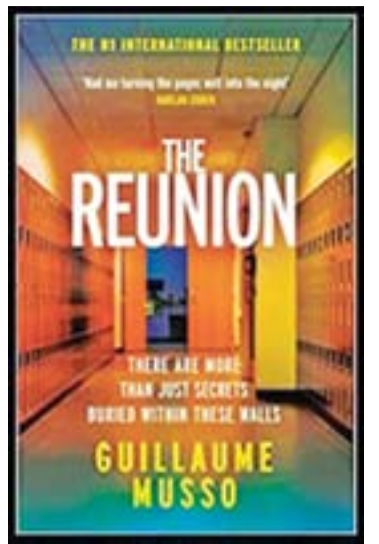
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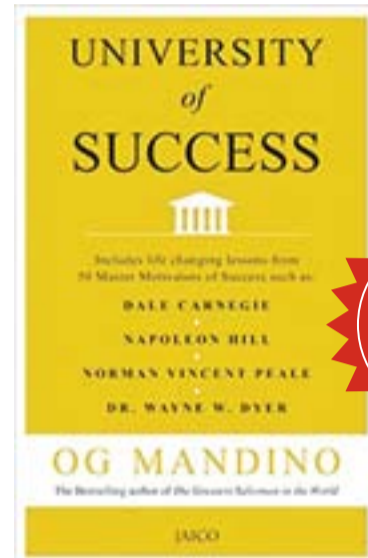
**TITLE:** The Reunion  
**AUTHOR:** Guillaume Musso

One freezing night, as her campus is paralyzed by a snowstorm, 19-year-old Vinca Rockwell, the most beautiful and glamorous girl at her prep school, runs away with her philosophy teacher, with whom she has been conducting a secret affair. She will never be seen again.



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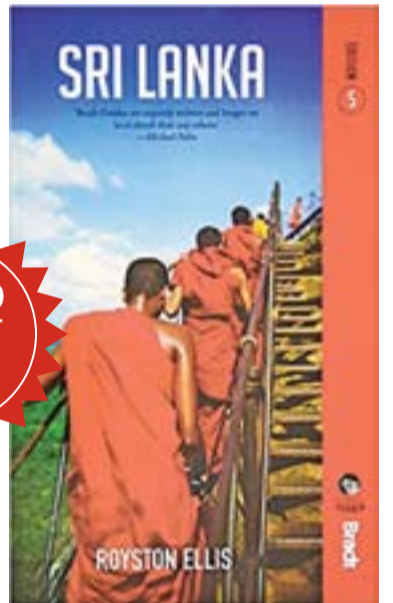


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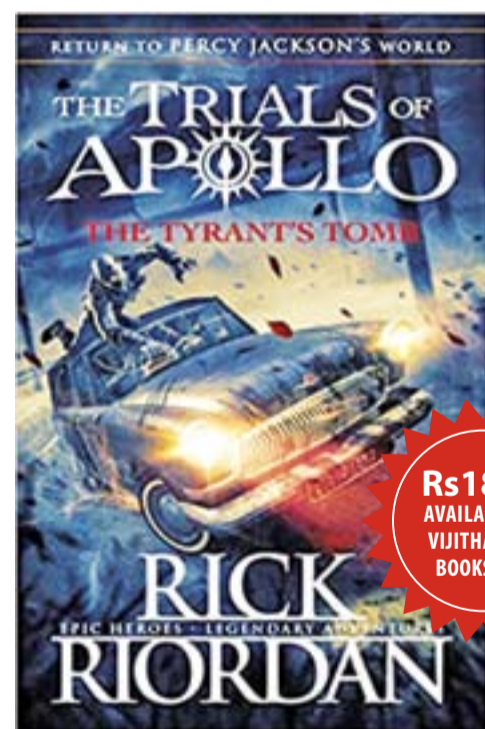
**TITLE:** Sri Lanka  
**AUTHOR:** Royston Ellis

Lush, teardrop-shaped island south of India, Sri Lanka appears to be the quintessential tropical paradise, but its cosmopolitan capital and newly built hotels and highways suggest there's more than first meets the eye. Wander through ancient ruins in Polonnaruwa or Anuradhapura or head north to discover Jaffna, recently opened to tourism. Trek through the interior and go elephant spotting in superb national parks such as Ruhunu or lounge on white-sand beaches along the pristine coasts.



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**TITLE:** The Tyrant's Tomb  
**AUTHOR:** Rick Riordan



You will get to the Tiber alive. You will start to Jive. The former God Apollo is having a pretty rough time of it. Well, for one thing, he's called Lester. But being an awkward mortal teenager is the least of his worries. Though he and his friends (some of them) have emerged from the Burning Maze, they still have a triniturate to defeat, oracles to rescue, and prophecies to decipher, so that the world may be saved, and Lester can become Apollo once again. But, right now, Nero, Caligula and Commodus are sailing to San Francisco with a massive army - and an overwhelming desire to destroy Camp Jupiter and everyone in it. Unfortunately, our only chance of salvation lies in the forgotten tomb of another psychotic ruler. You thought the emperors were scary? Wait till you meet the last king of Rome.

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**TITLE:** The Deathless Girls  
**AUTHOR:** Kiran Millwood Hargrave

On the eve of her diving, the day she'll discover her fate, seventeen-year-old Lil and her twin sister Kizzy are captured and enslaved by the cruel Boyar Valcar, taken far away from their beloved traveller community. Forced to work in the harsh and unwelcoming castle kitchens, Lil is comforted when she meets Mira, a fellow slave who she feels drawn to in a way she doesn't understand.



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No. 84
FORM OF NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED BY THE PROBATE OFFICER
Notice under Section 529 (2) of the Civil Procedure Code

It is hereby notified that the following applications have been made for the proof of will/probate/grant of letter of administration / issue of certificates of heirship, in respect of the estates of the deceased persons described in the Schedule hereto.

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SCHEDULE

District Court of Matara
Last date for filing of objections 23rd day of September 2020
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District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Matara
Last date for filing of objections 06th day of October 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
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District Court of Marawila
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Negombo
Last date for filing of objections 21st day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Nugegoda
Last date for filing of objections 25th day of September 2020
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District Court of Polonnaruwa
Last date for filing of objections 23rd day of October 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
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District Court of Minuwangoda
Last date for filing of objections 08th day of October 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Mount Lavinia
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
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District Court of Trincomalee
Last date for filing of objections 25th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Nuwara Eliya
Last date for filing of objections 28th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Mount Lavinia
Last date for filing of objections 24th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
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District Court of Anuradhapura
Last date for filing of objections 23rd day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Ruwanwella
Last date for filing of objections 15th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Attanagalla
Last date for filing of objections 25th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Ratnapura
Last date for filing of objections 16th day of September 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
District Court Registration No. Name and Address of Deceased Whether Deceased left Will Name and Address of Applicant

District Court of Trincomalee
Last date for filing of objections 09th day of October 2020
SCHEDULE
Column I Column II Column III Column IV
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District Court of Panadura
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of October 2020
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**SCHEDULE**

**District Court of Minuwangoda**  
Last date for filing of objections 29th day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
80/T	Siriwardhana Wijesinghe Mudalige Prasi Wijesingha alias Sriwardana Wijesingha Mudalige Prasi Wijesingha No. 113, Kudagammana, Divulapitiya.	No	Weerasekara Kodithuwakku Ralalage Nimala Weerasekara No. 113, Kudagammana, Divulapitiya.
81/T	Degirige Srimathi Tamara Kumari Perera alias Degirige Srimathee Tamara Kumari Perera Nilpanagoda, Minuwangoda.	Yes	Ladduge Ranjith Norman Silva alias Ladduge Ranjith Noman Silva No. 7/93, Pudinathalarama Road, Magamma, Ragama, presently of Minuwangoda, Nilpanagoda.
78/T	Wijesinghe Appuhamilage Ranjith Nandalal Wijesinghe alias Wijesinghe Appuhamilage Ranjith Nandalal Wijesinghe Divulapitiya, Hapuwana	No	Wijesinghe Appuhamilage Dilshan Ravi Madushanka Chitra Wwin, Hapuwana, Marandagahamula.

Date : 22.07.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Minuwangoda

**District Court of Kaduwela**  
Last date for filing of objections 23rd day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
677/T	Amarashipage Sandhya Nilmini Perera, No.1047/3A, Pothuarawa Road, Malabe.	No.	Wijesuriya Mudiyansele Senarath Chandratissa Wijesuriya, No. 1047/3A, Pothuarawa Road, Malabe.

Date : 14.08.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kaduwela

**District Court of Moratuwa**  
Last date for filing of objections 22nd day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
804/2020/T	Gananapala Welihinda alias Welihinda Gnanapala alias Welihindabadalige Gnanapala No. 53/5, P.M. Fernando Mawatha, Moratuwa.	No	Ruwan Wasantha Welihinda No. 269/3, Wewa Road, Boralesgamuwa.
791/2020/T Moratuwa District Court	Mihindukulasuriya Jones Fernando 110/8, 3rd Lane, Lanawa, Uyana, Moratuwa.	No	Mihindukulasuriya Carmalita Prasansani Senofi Fernando 17/97, Janatha Jaya Mawatha, De Soysa Road, Rawathawatta, Moratuwa.

Date : 31.07.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Moratuwa

**District Court of Negombo**  
Last date for filing of objections 29th day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
1339/T	Goniymalimage Wilbert Anthony Aponu, No. 88/3, Aponu Mawatha, St. Jude Place, Thaladuwa, Negombo.	No	Goniymalimage Dinesh Manjula Aponu, No. 88/3, Aponu Mawatha, St. Jude Place, Thaladuwa, Negombo.

Date : 23.07.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Negombo

**District Court of Nawalapitiya**  
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
T 32/20	Hewa Wedige Somasiri *168/17*, Koltmale Road, Bawwagama, Nawalapitiya.	No	Hewa Wedige Thilina Sandaruwan *168/17*, Koltmale Road, Bawwagama, Nawalapitiya.

Date : 20.07.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Nawalapitiya

**District Court of Kuliapitiya**  
Last date for filing of objections 20th day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
783/T	Hettipola Arachchilage Malani Sujatha Herath Menike alias Hettipola Arachchilage Malani Sujatha Herath Menike	-	Singharalalage Anura Chandrasiri Aliwala Road, Makandura, Gonawila.
780/T	Siriwardhana Mudiyansele Vindika Manoj Siriwardhana, Kuliapitiya Road, Elabadagama.	No	Sasala Helan Srimathe Kostha, Kuliapitiya Road, Elabadagama.

Date : 10.08.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Kuliapitiya

**District Court of Colombo**  
Last date for filing of objections 21st day of February 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
DTS/00316/19	Mrs. Daisybel Ranasinghe, No. 215-F1, Anderson Flats, Park Road, Colombo 05.	No	Deepthi Neelapani Perera (nee Ranasinghe) No. 215, F1, Anderson Flats Park Road, Colombo 05.

Date : 04/12/2019 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Colombo

**District Court of Horana**  
Last date for filing of objections 23rd day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
1627/T	Delduwa Widanalage Sunil Rathnasiri Ponseka, Premathilaka Mawatha, Meemana, Pokunuwita.	No	Delduwa Widanalage Lalitha Leelangani Ponseka, No. 92C, Kulupana, Pokunuwita.

Date : 10.08.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Horana

**District Court of Moratuwa**  
Last date for filing of objections 22nd day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
779/T/20	Weerahnadige Sebastian Peter Fernando No. 19/3A, Fraser Road, 1st Lane, Moratuwella, Moratuwa.	No	Waduge Sriyani Malkanthi Fernando No. 19/3A, Fraser Road, Moratuwella, Moratuwa.

Date : 31.07.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Moratuwa

**District Court of Tangalle**  
Last date for filing of objections 26th day of October 2020

**SCHEDULE**

Column I District Court Registration No.	Column II Name and Address of Deceased	Column III Whether Deceased left Will	Column IV Name and Address of Applicant
T51	Kahawatha Gamage Premasiri Ranasinghe	Did not leave a Will	Seethawaka Gamage Pathmaseli No. 29, Aranwela Road, Beliatta.

Date : 10.08.2020 Signed Probate Officer - District Court of Tangalle

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**



**PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE**

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Sri Lanka Air Force invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the under mentioned goods and services.

Procurement Identification Number	Description	Date and time of Bid closing / opening	Non Refundable Fee (Rs.)
AHQ/20/PUB/CLO/1008	Purchase of Chevrons & Shoulder Flashers for Annual Kit Issue Year - 2021	09 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	Rs. 2,000/-
AHQ/20/PUB/CLO/1009	Purchase of Track Bottom - Male Officers, Lady Officers, Airwomen and Warrant Officers for Annual Kit Issue Year - 2021	09 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	Rs. 2,000/-
AHQ/20/PUB/CLO/1011	Stitching of Shirt Short Sleeve Working Dress - Lady Officers and Male Officers with Double Stuffed Collar for Annual Kit Exchange Year - 2021	09 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	Rs. 2,000/-
AHQ/20/PUB/CLO/1012	Stitching of Working Dress Trouser - Lady Officers and Male Officers for Year - 2021 Kit Issue	09 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	Rs. 2,000/-

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Complete set of bidding documents in English language could be inspected by interested bidders from the Sri Lanka Air Force website [www.airforce.lk](http://www.airforce.lk) and may purchase from the Procurement Division (Tender Section) from **19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 between 1000 hrs and 1400 hrs** on every working day before **08<sup>th</sup> September 2020** upon payment of a non-refundable fee to the Shroff at Sri Lanka Air Force Station Colombo. The offers without the receipt of payment will not be accepted.
- The sealed bids in duplicate, shall be addressed to "The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee and may be either dispatched by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box at the Main Guard Room well before the closing time. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened soon after closing the bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of the bids, upon presentation of their National Identity Card and letters of authorization from their employers. No bidder or his representative will be permitted to attend the bid opening after the bid closing time.
- The procurement condition and required items are listed in the "Schedule of Prices" of the each bidding document and the applicable rates of supplies shall be indicated for each item listed therein. The rates quoted by each bidder in the Schedule of Prices shall not be subjected to variation on any account.
- The supplies shall be made to Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake. The prospective bidders shall be aware that they shall include all their expenses with all taxes including VAT and other levies in the quotations submitted.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel. 011 - 2325468) or Procurement Officer Tenders (Tel. 011 - 2441553 or 011 - 2441044 Extension 23569 Fax: 011 - 2441553 and 011-2347694).
- The address referred to above is:
 

Sri Lanka Air Force  
No.140  
Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha  
Colombo 02

**Air Force Headquarters,**  
P.O. Box 1592  
Colombo 02

**COMMANDER OF THE AIR FORCE**

**DEPARTMENT OF EXAMINATIONS, SRI LANKA**

It is hereby notified that the Admission Cards and Timetable in respect of the following Examinations have been dispatched to the addresses given in the applications or to the Heads of relevant institutes.

Examination	Date of Examination	Venue
01 Examinations of the Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka - 2019 (2020) (Oriental Pandit Preliminary Examination)	August 29, 30 & September 05, 06, 12, 13, 2020	17 Towns including Colombo
02 Examinations of the Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka - 2019 (2020) (Oriental Pandit Intermediate Examination)	August 24, 25, 27, 28, 31 & September 02, 03, 04, 07, 2020	09 Towns including Colombo
03 Examinations of the Oriental Studies Society of Sri Lanka - 2019 (2020) (Oriental Pandit Final Examination)	August 24, 25, 27, 28, 31 & September 02, 03, 04, 07, 08, 10, 11, 2020	09 Towns including Colombo

Candidates who have not received Admission Cards or those who require further information are kindly requested to communicate with the Organization (Institutional and Foreign Examinations) Branch of this Department giving full name and address. Admission Cards can be downloaded from the Department's Website: [www.slexams.com](http://www.slexams.com)

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Commissioner General of Examinations

5/5/2/AD/2019  
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Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka,  
Pelawatta, Battaramulla.  
18, August 2020

**DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT EASTERN PROVINCE**

**Notice on summon of meeting under the Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No.22 of 2012**

By virtue of power vested on me under Section 66(G) of Local Authorities Elections as amended by Act No. 22 of 2012, I, Nagarasa Manivannan the Commissioner of Local Government of Eastern Province do hereby summon the Meetings on the following date and time to fill the vacancies arose as a result of resigning the post of Chairman of the Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha and Chairman of the Navithanveli Pradeshiya Shaba in Ampara District, Eastern Province. Furthermore, the scheduled meetings have been published in the Gazette notification (Extraordinary) No. 2189/6 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 17.08.2020.

Name of the Local Authorities	Date and Time of Summoning the Meeting	Place of the Meeting
Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha	02.09.2020 at 10.00 am.	Council Hall, Sammanthurai Pradeshiya Sabha
Navithanveli Pradeshiya Sabha	02.09.2020 at 02.00 p.m.	Council Hall, Navithanveli Pradeshiya Sabha

**N. Manivannan,**  
Commissioner of Local Government,  
Department of Local Government,  
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GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

INVITATION FOR BID



01. The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority (RDA) on behalf of the Chief Engineer, RDA, Akkaraipattu invites sealed Bid for the following work from the eligible and qualified Bidders.

Package No.	Description of Work	Direct Construction Cost (Rs.)	Contract Period (days)	ICTAD Grade for Bridges / Highways	Required Bid Security	
					Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Valid Period Up to
RDA/CE/AKP/2020/01	Construction of Build up Drain on By Pass Road to Pallikkudiruppu Village Road (B 576) Ch:(0+210 - 0+385)km - RHS & Ch:(0+725 - 0+900) & (0+210 - 0+385)km - LHS	5.62 Mn	91	C7	80,000.00	01/01/2021

02. Bidding will be conducted through Local Competitive Bidding procedure among Regional Contractors, who have been registered within the limit of Eastern Province.

03. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be currently registered with the Institute for Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grade mentioned above in Bridges / Highways.

04. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the following Office and may inspect the bidding documents from Chief Engineer's Office, RDA, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu, free of charge during office hours.

Chief Engineer's Office, Tele : 067-2277949  
Road Development Authority, Fax : 067-2277949  
Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu

05. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application along with the copy of the Registration Certificate issued by Registration under the Public Contracts Act No.03 of 1987, Department of the Registrar of Companies for the contract and ICTAD Book to the Chief Engineer, Road Development Authority, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu from 19/08/2020 until 03/09/2020 between 9.00 am and 1.00 pm on working days upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2,700.00 for each document (including VAT). The method of payment will be by cash.

06. Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled to be held at the Office of Chief Engineer, RDA, Akkaraipattu at 10.30 am, on 27/08/2020 and subsequently site visit will be arranged.

07. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate separately for each package to the following address "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu" on or before 2.30 pm on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or representatives who choose to attend. (Package Number of the Bid should be indicated on the **Top left corner of the sealed envelope**)

08. Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the time of closing of the Bids.

09. Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security from a reputed bank for an amount given in the above table. Bid Security shall be valid up to 01/01/2021

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
Chief Engineer's Office,  
Road Development Authority,  
Ampara Road, Akkaraipattu.**



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TENDER NOTICE

Chairman of Departmental Procurement Committee (Major) of Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to quote for the Tractors and vehicles as follows.

SRN	Description	Quantity	Non Refundable Tender Fee (LKR)	Bank Guarantee (Valid for 60 Days)	Tender Ref.
01	Wheel Loader Machine	01	1,000.00	120,000.00	PR-6056
02	Backhoe Loader Machine	02	2,000.00	300,000.00	PR-6058
03	Fork Lift Machine	01	1,000.00	40,000.00	PR-6060
04	Tractor 75Hp	05	2,000.00	350,000.00	PR-6063
05	Tractor 45Hp	08	2,000.00	350,000.00	PR-6065
06	Tractor High Clearance	02	1,000.00	120,000.00	PT-6062
07	Tipping Trailer	04	500.00	15,000.00	PR-6067
08	Cane Loader	01	1,500.00	220,000.00	PR-6076
09	Cane Loader	02	3,000.00	800,000.00	PR-2988/9
10	Diesel Bowser	01	500.00	60,000.00	PR-6083
11	Bus	02	1,000.00	100,000.00	PR-6087
12	Double Cab	03	1,500.00	270,000.00	PR-6088
13	Tractor Mounted Cane Loader	04	2,000.00	320,000.00	PR-6305
14	Tipper Truck	02	500.00	100,000.00	PR-6310
15	Lorry	01	500.00	40,000.00	PR-6315
16	Motor Grader	02	2,000.00	400,000.00	PR-6055
17	Crew Cab	04	1,500.00	160,000.00	PR-6314/20
18	Cabin Recondition	01	500.00	30,000.00	PR-6359

Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). The bid document could be obtain from the Lanka Sugar Company Head Office, No.27, Melbourne Avenue, Colombo 04 on any working day up to 03.00 PM 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

Sealed bids should mention the tender reference and the description on the top left corner of the envelope. Sealed bids will be accepted up to 2.00 PM on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and late bids will be rejected. The bids will be opened immediately after closing the tender at the address given below. The decision of the tender board shall be the final.

Any inquiries: Head Office -011 2 50 55 58 Procurement: 077 2858085

The Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee (Major)  
Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd,  
No.27, Melbourne Avenue,  
Colombo 04.

# Employment Opportunities

## LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PRIVATE) LIMITED

### Employment Opportunities

Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited, a distribution utility in Sri Lanka which has seven Branches covering operational areas of the coastal belt of the island from Negombo to Galle serving over 500,000 consumers and has a workforce of 1500 employees is seeking qualified personnel for the following posts.

#### 1. ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

<b>Qualifications</b>	4 years Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering obtained from a state university of Sri Lanka or Associate Member of Institute of Engineers Sri Lanka or any other qualification recognized by above institute as equivalent.
<b>Age</b>	Below 40 years as at 31.08.2020

#### 2. TECHNICAL OFFICER GRADE II

<b>Educational &amp; Professional Qualifications</b>	G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) including passes in English and Mathematics and anyone of the following qualifications :- a) National Diploma in Technology (Electrical Power) b) Higher National Diploma in Engineering (Electrical) c) National Diploma in Engineering Science (Electrical Engineering) d) Diploma in Technology (Electrical Engineering) - (Open University of Sri Lanka) e) City & Guilds Advanced Diploma in Electrical Engineering (Full Certificate in Practical & Theory)
<b>Other Qualifications</b>	Computer Literacy and working knowledge in English.
<b>Age</b>	Below 40 years as at 31.08.2020

#### 3. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

<b>Educational &amp; Professional Qualifications</b>	G.C.E. (A/L) in four (04) subjects / three (03) subjects (as applicable) & Diploma in Human Resource Management from CIPM / NIBM or equivalent from a recognized Institution OR Degree or Higher qualification in Human Resource Management.
<b>Experience</b>	10 years experience in the Clerical and Allied Grade
<b>Other Qualifications</b>	Competence in Computer Literacy with knowledge in Labour Law and Industrial Relations shall be considered preferable.
<b>Age</b>	Below 40 years as at 31.08.2020

#### 4. HOLIDAY BUNGALOW CARETAKER

<b>Educational Qualifications</b>	G.C.E. (O/L) with 06 passes including Sinhala / Tamil and Mathematics in not more than two sittings
<b>Experience</b>	05 years' experience as a Holiday Bungalow Caretaker
<b>Other Qualifications</b>	Should have good and versatile experience and ability in preparing local and foreign dishes (food and beverage), receiving visitors (reception) and of the maintenance works in a holiday resort.
<b>Age</b>	Below 45 years as at 31.08.2020

An attractive salary will be offered to the selected candidate with a wide range of fringe benefits.

Please forward your detailed Curriculum Vitae with copies of certificates together with names, addresses and contact telephone numbers of two non-related referees to reach the undersigned on or before **31 August 2020**.

The post applied for should be clearly stated on the application and on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.



**Head of Human Resources & Administration  
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited  
3rd Floor, E.H. Cooray Building,  
411, Galle Road,  
Colombo 03.**



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National Institute of Business Management (NIBM)  
(Ministry of Education)

## Expression of Interest (EOI)

### CONSULTANCY ON INTERIOR & EXTERIOR RELATED CONSTRUCTION WORKS

Reference No: FI/PU/T-07-2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Institute of Business Management, 120/5, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 07 invites sealed Proposals from eligible consultant/s and service provider/s to provide consultancy services for interior & exterior related construction works to be carried out at a rented building for 10 years situated at Gatambe, Peradeniya, Kandy. This building will be used for conducting academic programmes & to provide other study facilities for students of NIBM Kandy Campus.

The NIBM Kandy Campus conducts Degree Programmes, Higher Diploma, Diploma and Certificates programmes. Over 1,500 students are currently following these programmes. The purpose is to expand the Kandy Campus and to accommodate a greater number of students with better service and learning spaces.

#### Required competencies and experience of the consultant/s and Service provider/s:

- Should have extensive and proven mix of skills and expertise in the field of consultancy on construction and interior & exterior works on similar projects.
- Should have a minimum 5 years of professional experience in construction works and interior & exterior consulting.
- Priority will be given to Chartered Architects, Chartered Engineers, Chartered Quantity Surveyors to provide consultancy.
- As and when required at the project site during the project period.
- Ability to deliver within the specified time frame given by the client.
- The consultant should be residing /willing to reside in Sri Lanka during the project phase.

The project must be carried out by the selected Consultant/s and or Service Provider/s and should not be subcontracted to any third party.

Interested consultant/s and service provider/s should hand over the proposal with following documents to the Procurement Department of National Institute of Business Management, No. 120/5, Wijerama Mw, Colombo 07, on or before 10:30 hrs. on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

- Detailed CV outlining the Professional/ Academic qualifications along with details of previous project assignments.
- Proof of Consultancy documents in relation to construction, interior & exterior work carried out in the past.
- Proof of documents of financial stability.
- Clearly mention percentage/Lump sum charges for Consultancy service, prepare BoQ, Drawings, Estimates etc.

For more information or clarification, please contact Mr. Saman Rodrigo - Additional Director - HR & Administration of the National Institute of Business Management on 0117321000.

- Pre-Bid Meeting and Site visit will be held at 11:00 hrs on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at Project site of "Jathika Pola Building", Gatambe, Peradeniya, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

Short-listed candidates will be called for a presentation with company profile, with experience in similar projects.

**Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
National Institute of Business Management,  
No. 120/5, Wijerama Mw,  
Colombo 07.**



## BID INVITATION

The Lanka Hospitals Corporation PLC wishes to invite price proposal and/or price quotations from bidders who are interested to provide following requirement.

Bid Invitation No.	Title of the Bid Invitation	Non Refundable Fee	Bid Documents Issuing Date	Closing Date and Time of bidding	Eligibility Criteria
LH/20/001636/GK/P0281	Construction Work of Lift Core for Service Building	3500.00	From 20th August 2020 to 02nd September 2020	03rd September 2020 -11.00am	ICTAD registered company with grade C7 or above.

### General Information :

- A complete set of bidding documents in English Language can be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request (for each) to Manager Procurement, Procurement Department, No. 598, Administration Building, Lanka Hospitals PLC, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 and upon payment of a non-refundable fee per set in cash to the Finance Dept., on working days from above mentioned issuing date between 10.00 am & 3.00 pm.
- Duly perfected bids should be marked "The Tender No. & Title of the Tender" on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. Sealed bids may either be deposited in the tender box located in Procurement Department, 04th Floor, Administration Building, No. 598, Lanka Hospitals PLC, Narahenpita, Colombo 05 or sent by registered post to the same address.
- Bids will be opened soon after the deadline in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- Incomplete & late bids will be rejected & The Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject bids received as a whole or part thereof.
- If the bidder acts as an agent, sub-agent, representative, or nominee for and on behalf of any tenderer a Copy of PCA 3 certificate issued by the Company Registrar should be submitted along with the request letter to obtain bidding documents and should get the contract registered after the each bid is awarded. (if applicable)
- Pre bid meeting for Construction Work of Lift Core for Service Building will be held on 24.08.2020 at 11.30 am in the 10th Floor (Conference Room) at Lanka Hospitals Corporation PLC.**

For Further details, please contact Tel : 011-5438579, 0755 82 7777.

**The Chairman - Procurement Committee,  
The Lanka Hospitals PLC PQ (180)  
No.578, Elvitigala Mawatha,  
Narahenpita  
Colombo 5.**

## APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE FROM THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF COMPANIES

In pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007, an application has been made to the Registrar General of Companies for license directing an association about to be formed under the name of ASSOCIATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES to be registered with limited liability without the addition of the word 'Limited' to its name.

The Objects for which the Association is proposed to be established are :-

- To encourage the advancement of Good Laboratory Practices in Sri Lanka.
- To facilitate the interactions amongst laboratory personnel.
- To disseminate information and scientific knowledge relevant to laboratory practices to targeted personnel.
- To undertake and execute all activities required to achieve the above targets.
- To assist the membership on technical requirements necessary for international laboratory accreditation by providing Proficiency Testing, Interlaboratory Comparison and Certified Reference Material
- To uphold high standards in the professional activities and the general conduct of the members.

(The association shall not engage in Primary and Secondary Education in Sri Lanka)

The objects of the association are set out in the articles of association. A copy of which may be inspected at The Registrar General of Companies is hereby given that any person, company or corporation can send objections, if any, on or before 30th August 2020 by a letter addressed to "The Registrar General of Companies, Samagam Medura, No. 400, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10."



## Department of Posts

### Calling for Proposals for the issue of Commemorative Stamps - 2021

Proposals are hereby invited in terms of Paragraph 7.1 of the Stamp Issuing Policy of the Department of Posts in order to consider suitable themes for commemorative stamps to be issued in 2021.

These proposals should be forwarded under the themes of nationally or internationally important events such as commemorations, distinguished personalities, natural sceneries, sports and other events that depict the national pride and culture. Relevant proposals should be forwarded with a brief description and written documents to prove such dates of commemoration and all information in respect of proposed issue along with names, address, telephone numbers, e-mail address and the signature of the proponent.

All proposals should reach the **Director, Philatelic Bureau, Postal Headquarters, 310, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 01000** on or before 30th September 2020.

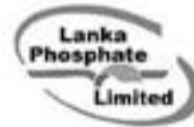
You are kindly informed that late proposals for 2021, received after the closing date for submitting proposals will not be considered.

**Ranjith Ariyaratne  
Postmaster General,  
Postal Headquarters,  
No. 310,  
D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 01000.**

# Employment Opportunities



## MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES LANKA PHOSPHATE LTD VACANCIES



Lanka phosphate Ltd is a State owned company coming under the purview of the Ministry of Industries. The company is seeking for energetic, dynamic, result oriented and knowledgeable individuals with professional qualifications for the following positions.

- ATTRIBUTES:**
- Should be citizens of Sri Lanka.
  - Should have good physical and health condition, decent character, exceptional interpersonal leadership skills, good vision and ability to work in any part of the country.
  - Should have strong communication skill, fluent in English and ability to work in a computerized environment.
  - Should not be above 55 years of age as at 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (Upper age limit will not be applied to those who are presently employed in government sector, state corporations/companies and statutory boards - applications from officers in government organizations should be forwarded through the head of their respective institutions).

### DESIGNATION :

#### 01. DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER (PRODUCTION) - (HM-1-3)

**Educational/Qualifications and Experience** : B.Sc (sp) Degree in Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Engineering, Chemical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering obtained from a recognized university.  
WITH  
Postgraduate Degree qualification (Masters) in the relevant field or Associated Membership from a recognized professional Chartered institute which is relevant to the subject area of the post. MBA will be an added advantage.  
AND  
Minimum 15 Years experience in a Managerial level in a manufacturing field.

**Salary Scale** : HM 1-3 2016A - (Rs. 86,865/= - 15 x 2,270/= - 120,915/=)

#### 02. ADMIN & HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER - (HM-1-1)

**Educational/Qualifications and Experience** : B.Sc Management Degree in Human Resource Management/ Business Administration/ Public Administration obtained from a recognized university.  
WITH  
Post Graduate Degree qualification (Master) in the relevant field and Minimum of 15 years Experience in a Managerial level in the same field. MBA will be an added advantage.

**Salary Scale** : HM 1-1 2016A - (Rs. 80,295/= - 15 x 2,270/= - 114,345/=)

In addition to the above salary offered, the selected candidate will be entitled to EPF/ ETF benefits, Government approved allowances, Annual bonus, Monthly attendance allowance, Production incentives, Meal allowance, Encashment of un-utilized medical leave, Benefits of medical scheme and Personal accident insurance cover etc.

Applications with full Bio-data, contact details of two non-related referees and certified copies of education certificates should be forwarded by registered post or email ([chairman@lpl.lk](mailto:chairman@lpl.lk)) on or before 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

The position applied should be written on the top left - hand corner of the envelope.

**CHAIRMAN,  
LANKA PHOSPHATE LIMITED,  
73/1/1, NEW KELANI BRIDGE ROAD,  
COLOMBO-14.  
Tel: 011 2459906/ 7 Fax: 011 2459908**

Date:- 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020

## PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

### TENDER FOR PROVIDING SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2020/2023

#### TENDER NO. P-060/2020

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed Private Security Firms for providing Security Service to People's Bank Head Office & nearest Departments, Regional Offices and Branches for the period of 01.11.2020 to 31.10.2023

1.	Head Office and Departments	13.	Kurunegala Region
2.	Ampara Region	14.	Matale Region
3.	Anuradhapura Region	15.	Matara Region
4.	Badulla Region	16.	Moneragala Region
5.	Batticaloa Region	17.	Nuwara-Eliya Region
6.	Galle Region	18.	Polonnaruwa Region
7.	Gampaha Region	19.	Puttalam Region
8.	Hambantota Region	20.	Ratnapura Region
9.	Jaffna Region	21.	Trincomalee Region
10.	Kalutara Region	22.	Wanni Region
11.	Kandy Region	23.	Western Zone - I
12.	Kegalle Region	24.	Western Zone - II

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for each tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank Branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from **19.08.2020 to 08.09.2020** on working days of the Bank.
- Perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond for the value of Rs. 500,000/= from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Pay Orders / Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds and these should be valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Cheques drawn by the Tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed Tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the closing date (09.09.2020) mentioned above. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- It is mandatory to submit the audited financial statements pertaining to FY 2016/2017, 2017/2018 & 2018/2019 equipped with all notes to accounts and auditor opinion along with the tender submission.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all Bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department on the Telephone Nos. given below.

**Chief Manager (Supplies)  
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.,  
No. 30/101, Kew Road,  
Colombo 02.  
Tele. Nos. : 2439577/8, 2307326  
Fax No. : 2439576  
Web : [www.peoplesbank.lk](http://www.peoplesbank.lk)**



[www.peoplesbank.lk](http://www.peoplesbank.lk)



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BANK**

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BIKES & THREEWHEEL FAIR KOTTAWA

Table listing vehicles for the Bikes & Threewheel Fair at Kottawa. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, and Type. Lists various models like Scooty Streak, Apache RTR, Hunk, etc.

Inspections can be done at company vehicle yard, on 21 & 22 (From 09.00 to 05.00) and 24th Monday 9.00 am to 2.00 pm at No 17/1, Pinhas Junction, Horana Rd, Kottawa.

The management of the company has the right to withdraw any vehicle from the fair without prior notice.

Auction date : 25TH August 2020 Time 10.00 am. Includes contact info for Arpico Finance Company PLC.



Sri Lanka Medical Council Ceremonial Administration of Dental Surgeons' Oath (2020 Batch)

Venue : Sri Lanka Foundation, Colombo 07
Date : 24.08.2020
Time : 8.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

All dental officers should check their registration numbers from our website.

Attendance of Dental Surgeons of the above batch is compulsory.

Dress code for Dental Surgeons who are due to take the Oath:

Gentlemen- Office attire (long sleeves white shirt with the tie) / Ladies - Saree (any colour)

N.B

Please note that all Dental Surgeons should report to the registration desk between 8.15 a.m. and 9.00 a.m.

No Dental Officer will be permitted to enter the auditorium after 9.00 a.m.

Further information about this ceremony could be obtained from our website.

(www.srilankamedicalcouncil.org)

Dr. Ananda Hapugoda Registrar Sri Lanka Medical Council

TP: 0112691848

LOLC FINANCE PLC Gigantic Motor Vehicle Auction Sale On Saturday 22nd August 2020. To be held at Mihilaka Medura, BMICH, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07. Commencing 10.00 a.m onwards.

Table listing vehicle categories and models for the LOLC Finance auction. Categories include Jet Ski, Bus, Cab, Four Wheel Tractor, Jeep, Car, Tipper, Truck, and Van. Each entry lists model, price, year, and status.

On View - 19th, 20th & 21st August 2020

at LOLC Vehicle Facility Centre, No. 98/1, Avissawella Road, Mahabuthgamuwa, Wellampitiya & LOLC Vehicle Facility Centre, No. 260, Grandpass Road, Colombo 14.

Conditions of Sale

- The Auction will be conducted in accordance with the strict guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health, adhering to COVID 19 protocol.
On the view days, buyers will be taken batches for inspection.
Prospective buyers will be taken on a first come first serve basis & limited to the first 150 customers as per the Health Ministry guidelines.
Entrance on the day of auction By a non-refundable Ticket of Rs. 2000.00 and refundable deposit of Rs. 25,000.00
Payment: Non-refundable initial deposit of 25% in Cash at the fall of the Hammer & Balance 75% & Removal latest by 3.00 pm Friday 28th August 2020 to be paid to LOLC, No. 100/1, Jayawardhanapura Mw, Rajagiriya.
The Management has the right to withdraw any vehicle (s) from the Auction without prior notice.
The decision of the Auctioneer will be final.
The Gate will be open at 8.30 a.m. for Registrations

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SINGER FINANCE

GIGANTIC AUCTION SALE OF

120 Nos. Diesel & Petrol Motor Vehicles, Motor Cycles & Three Wheelers

On Saturday 22nd August 2020

To Be Held At No.166, G.L.P. Bird Park, Buthgamuwa Road, Rajagiriya.

Viewing - Tuesday 18th to Friday 21st August

At the Venue of No 1009/13A, Sumudra Mawatha, Athurugiriya Road, Malabe & Maithripala Senanayaka Mawatha, Anuradhapura Between 9.00 a.m - 5.00 p.m

Table listing vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price. Categories include Motor Coach, Motor Car, 4 Wheel Tractor, and Jeep.

Table listing Motor Lorry vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Table listing Motor Tipper vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Table listing Motor Cycle vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Table listing Three Wheeler vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Table listing Van vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Table listing Bus, Car, Tractor, Lorry, Tipper, Motor Bike, Three Wheeler & Van vehicles for Sing Finance auction. Columns include Vehicle No., Model, Year, and Price.

Conditions of Sale: Entrance - By a non-refundable Ticket of Rs. 1000.00 per person & a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000.00 per person on the day of Auction. Payment - Non-refundable initial deposit of 25% in Cash at the fall of the Hammer & Balance 75% & Removal latest by 3.00 pm on Wednesday 26th August 2020 to be paid to Sing Finance, No. 49B, R. A. De Mel Mawatha, Colombo 03.



MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HOME AFFAIRS AND PROVINCIAL COUNCILS &  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
JICA FUNDED RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN EMERGING REGIONS  
(LOAN NO: SL-P116)

**PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT  
UVA PROVINCE  
INVITATION FOR BIDS - PHASE I**

Date: 19.08.2020  
Loan Agreement No: SL-P116  
IFB No: SL-P116/UP/RR/2019/01  
IFB No: SL-P116/UP/RR/2020/02  
IFB No: SL-P116/UP/AW/2020/01  
IFB No: SL-P116/UVA/GW-PW/2020/01

- The Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of the Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Improvements to rural roads in Meegahakiula and Haldummulla Pradesheeya Sabha areas of Badulla District, Improvements to irrigation systems in Kandeketiya Pradesheeya Sabha area in Badulla District of the Uva Province and construction of production wells including testing and commissioning for the development of groundwater extraction in selected sub-project areas of Uva and Eastern provinces.
- Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.
- The Chairman of the Provincial Procurement Committee on behalf of the Uva Provincial Council now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following projects,
  - SL-P116/UP/RR/2019/01  
Construction and completion of improvements to 3.95 km of community access road named Aggalaulpotha Road in Meegahakiula Pradeshiya Sabha of Badulla District, Uva Province, as part of Phase 1 of Project implementation. The work includes earthworks, new road sub-base and new concrete pavement, the existing asphalt road has to be repaired and overlaid with asphalt concrete and provision for reconstruction of 600mm reinforced concrete pipe culverts 2 Nos, 1 new 3m x 2m reinforced concrete box culvert, concrete cross-drains, and concrete retaining walls also to the length of about 20m.
  - SL-P116/UP/RR/2020/02  
Construction and completion of improvements to 4.13 km of community access roads named Amilagama (off Haldamulla - Karanawagama) Road and Jana Udanagama (off A4) Road in Haldumulla Pradeshiya Sabha of Badulla District in Uva Province as part of Phase 1 of Project implementation. The work includes earthworks, new road sub-base and concrete pavement. Amilagama Road has repair of 600mm reinforced concrete pipe culverts, Reconstruction of 600mm reinforced concrete pipe culverts 09 No, Reconstruction of 1m x 1m reinforced concrete box culverts 02Nos, new construction of 900mm reinforced concrete pipe culvert 01Nos, and widening of 600mm reinforced concrete pipe culverts 03Nos. Jana Udanagama road has reconstruction of culverts 04 Nos, & new culverts 02 Nos and concrete cross-drains. Concrete retaining walls also to be constructed for about 20m length.
  - SL-P116/UP/AW/2020/01  
Construction and completion of Improvements to Irrigation Systems in the villages of Etanwela, Bopitiya, Pallewela, Banjanapitiya in Kandaketiya Pradeshiya Sabha. The work comprises the rehabilitation of Etanwela Tank, Banjanapitiya Anicut and Canal and Mahanthewela Anicut. These include improvements to tank bund, construction of concrete lined canals, sluices, anicuts and other related irrigation structures in the systems.
  - SL-P116/UVA/GW-PW/2020/01  
Construction of Production Wells including Test Wells, Water Source Confirmation with safe yield analysis, Installation of well Casing including necessary filter packs to suit ground formation. This is for the Development of Groundwater Extraction in Uva and Eastern Provinces for its selected sub-project areas. The Bidder shall meet following criteria to enter the Bidding Process.

To be considered in contract award of above works, some highlighted criteria given in the Bid documents, to be fulfilled as tabulated below.

SI No.	Package No.	Non-Refundable Fee	Bid Security	CIDA Registration	Financial Situation	Financial Resources	Construction Experience
i.	SL-P116/UP/RR/2019/01	LKR 12,500	LKR 1 million is valid for 118 days from the date of Bid opening.	Minimum Grade C4 in highway construction and a copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Companies in Sri Lanka or valid Business Registration and form PCA3	LKR 95 Million minimum average annual construction turnover, of 3 years having highest annual turnover during last 10 years	LKR 22 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	Minimum 2 similar nature contracts (each shall be at least 30 Million worth) satisfactorily completed in the last 10 years.
ii.	SL-P116/UP/RR/2020/02	LKR 20,000	LKR 2.7 million which is valid for 118 days from the date of Bid opening.	Minimum Grade C4 in highway construction and a copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Companies in Sri Lanka or valid Business Registration and form PCA3	LKR 200 Million minimum average annual construction turnover, of 3 years having highest annual turnover during last 10 years	LKR 45 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	Minimum 2 similar nature contracts (each shall be at least 65 Million worth) satisfactorily completed in the last 10 years.
iii.	SL-P116/UP/AW/2020/01	LKR 10,000.00	LKR 600,000.00 Which is, valid for 118 days from the date of Bid opening.	Minimum Grade C5 CIDA registration in Irrigation and Drainage Canals, A copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Registrar of Companies in Sri Lanka or valid Business Registration and form PCA3	LKR 50 Million minimum average annual construction turnover, of 3 years having highest annual turnover during last 10 years	LKR 10 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	Minimum 2 similar contracts (each shall be at least 17 Million worth) satisfactorily completed in the last 10 years.
iv.	SL-P116/UVA/GW-PW/2020/01	LKR 4,000.00	LKR 300,000.00 Which is, valid for 118 days from the date of Bid opening.	A copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Water Resource Board in Sri Lanka and company registration and form PCA 3 (Registered with Registrars of Contracts under Common Contract Act No.3 of 1987 for this particular Bid)	LKR 10 Million minimum average annual construction turnover, of 3 years having highest annual turnover during last 10 years	LKR 3 million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	Minimum two similar type of contracts successfully completed during last 10 years, starting from January 2010 (proof documents are to be attached)

Table (1)

- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Office of the Provincial Project Director, (Uva Province - RIDEP) Project Implementation Unit, No. 37/2, Bandaranyaka Mawatha, Badulla. T.P. 055 2232490, Email: ridepuva@gmail.com
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee specified in above Section 03 of Table (1). The method of payment should be by cash. Bids shall be issued from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to 08<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on normal working days at the address above.
- The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for the Procurement of Small Works.
- Sealed original and duplicate bids should be in separate envelopes, marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate', finally placed in one sealed envelope and marked "Bids for Package No.....(as per the above table)" on the top left hand corner, and sent by registered post to the Provincial Project Director, (Uva Province - RIDEP), Project Implementation Unit, No 37/2, Bandaranyaka Mawatha, Badulla or may be deposited in the Tender Box available at the above location on or before 01.00 p.m. on 09<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and bids must be accompanied by a bid security as per the above Section 03 of Table (1). The form of the Bid Security shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by a Bank registered & authorized by Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend soon after bid closing at the the Chief Secretary's Office, Uva Provincial Council, Raja Veediya, Badulla, Sri Lanka.
- Pre-bid Meeting will be held on 03<sup>rd</sup> September at conference room Provincial Project Director, (Uva Province -RIDEP) Project Implementation Unit, No 37/2, Bandaranyaka Mawatha, Badulla as follows.

IFB No: SL-P116/UP/RR/2019/01 - 09.30 hrs.  
IFB No: SL-P116/UP/RR/2020/02 - 09.30 hrs.  
IFB No: SL-P116/UP/AW/2020/01 - 11.30 hrs.  
IFB No: SL-P116/UVA/GW-PW/2020/01 - 13.00 hrs.

**Chief Secretary,  
Chief Secretary's Office,  
Uva Provincial Council,  
Raja Veediya,  
Badulla.**

E-mail: chiefsecuva@gmail.com/ridepuva@gmail.com

TP : 055-2232490

Fax: 055 2232490

Date: 19/08/ 2020

# INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### SALE OF USED ISUZU DOUBLE CAB (Registration No. 253-5334)

Tender No. ITN/Q/93/2019

Sealed bids are hereby invited for the sale of 'Isuzu' Double Cab (Registration No. 253-5334) used by the Independent Television Network Ltd.

Type of the Vehicle - Isuzu Double Cab  
Registration No. - 253-5334  
Year of Manufacture - 1999  
Engine Capacity - 2499 cc

The above vehicle could be inspected at the Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla up to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 on normal working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

A complete set of Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the Manager (Supplies), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla until 02<sup>nd</sup> September 2020 during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,080.00 (Inclusive of 8% VAT) and refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000.00 in cash.

Sealed Bids shall be delivered to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla either by Registered post or deposited in the 'Tender Box' kept at the Front Security Guard Room of ITN Head Office, Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla before the closing time of **2.00 p.m. on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020**. The relevant Tender No. "ITN/Q/93/2019" shall be mentioned on top left-hand corner of the envelope.

Bids will be opened at **2.30 p.m. on 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2020** at the Engineering Office of ITN Head Office, Wickramasinghepura, Battaramulla and bidders or their representatives may participate at the opening of bids. Late bids will be rejected.

Further details could be obtained from the Transport Officer on Tel. No. 011-2774424 or Manager (Supplies) on Tel. No. 011-2775493 during normal working hours.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Independent Television Network Ltd.,  
Wickramasinghepura,  
Battaramulla.**

## STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS



### INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE



#### INVITATION OF BIDS FOR SURGICAL AND HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE POLICY

BID NO :- SUP/SD/20/68

#### NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)

The Chairman of the Procurement Committee of Industrial Technology Institute invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for providing **Surgical and Hospitalization Insurance Policy for ITI**. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

- Bidders who have at least five years of experience in providing similar services to State Institutes may submit Bids.
- All eligible Bids to be submitted should be with Bid Security of Rs. 90,000/= (Rupees Ninety Thousand only) along with an unconditional guarantee obtained from a Commercial Bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka payable to the Director General of Industrial Technology Institute.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Senior Supplies Officer, Supplies Section, Industrial Technology Institute, 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thalahaena, Malabe. (Tel.No : +94112797314 or +94112797315, Fax No : +94112379832, e-mail : supplies@iti.lk) and inspect the the Bidding Documents free of charge at the Supplies Section.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be collected by interested Bidders on submission of a written request along with a non-refundable payment of Rs. 3,000/= by cash to the Director General, Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thalahaena, Malabe on working days from **19.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.**
- Bids must be addressed to the Director General, Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thalahaena, Malabe and the original and a copy of the Bidding Documents should be sent by registered post or put into the Tender Box available at **HR Section, Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thalahaena, Malabe** under sealed cover, at or before **10.00 a.m. on 08.09.2020**. Please mark on the top left-hand corner of the envelope "**Bid No. and closing date of the Bid**". Late Bids will be rejected.
- Valid Certificate of Registration obtained from the Registrar of Public Contracts, as prescribed in Public Contracts Act No. 3 of 1987, if the contract exceeds Five Million Rupees.
- Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized Representatives at Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thalahaena, Malabe immediately after the closing of the Bids.
- The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final at all determinations.

**Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Industrial Technology Institute,  
No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens,  
Thalahaena,  
Malabe.**

## The Housewives' companion

Classifieds on  
**Daily News**

**NAME CHANGE**  
The Public of Sri Lanka, is hereby informed that J Sanglimadam Pawanawari residing in the Dehiwala Pradeshiya Secretariat division, at No. 50/1, Fairline Road, Dehiwala. From today onwards will be using the name Fatima Pabasan Ermanuel.  
Fatima Pabasan

**NOTICE**  
Under Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007  
Notice is hereby given that the Company, CEYLEX AGRICULTURE (PRIVATE) LIMITED has changed its name to KINGSBRU LEISURE (PRIVATE) LIMITED under Section 8 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 with effect from Sixth (6th) July Two Thousand and Twenty (2020).

The company bears the Registration No. PV 00215120 and has its Registered Office at No. 65/10, Park Street, Colombo 02.

By Order of the Board  
Company Secretary

**NOTICE**  
Under Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007  
Notice is hereby given that the Company, LTL GLOBAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED has changed its name to CEYLEX GLOBAL ENGINEERING SERVICES (PRIVATE) LIMITED under Section 8 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 with effect from thirty first (31st) July two thousand and twenty (2020).

The company bears the Registration No. PV 73576 and has its Registered Office at Parkland, 17th Floor, No. 33, Park Street, Colombo 2.

By Order of the Board  
Company Secretary

**Repeat Your ad For Better Offers**

**DRESSMO (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
COMPANY REGISTRATION NO. PV 102542  
NOTICE OF WINDING-UP ORDER AND APPOINTMENT AS JOINT LIQUIDATORS  
UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ACT NO. 07 OF 2007

Name of Company: **DRESSMO (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
Address of Registered Office: Asokarama Road, Koondeniya, Dickwella.  
Court: Commercial High Court of the Western Province (Colombo - CIVIL)  
Number of Matter: HC (CIVIL) 74/2019/CO  
Date of Order: 29th January, 2020  
Date of Presentation of Petition: 25th September, 2019  
Names of Joint Liquidators: Pinchabuduge Eksiri Aruna Jayewickreme & Gerard Jeevaantham David  
Address: Liquidators, Level 03, No. 11, Castle Lane, Colombo 04.  
Date of Appointment: 29th January, 2020

**SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY**  
**AUCTION NOTICE**  
**SALE OF PERISHABLE CARGO**  
DATE OF AUCTION: 20.08.2020  
My No- LD/S/CICT/2020/08/PC-01, LD/S/SLPA/2020/08/PC-02, LD/S/T/436

Schedule of uncleared Perishable cargo (Big onions, Dried chillies and Biscuits) lying at SLPA yards to be sold by auction will be held on 20.08.2020 at 11.00 hours at the BQ welfare building.

Auction documents can be obtained from the office of Sales Section, Logistics Division, Sri Lanka Ports Authority at One Stop Documentation Center, Canal Yard, No. 15, Lotus Road, Colombo 01 from 08.00 hours to 10.00 hours on 20.08.2020 on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 250/= (plus VAT).

Visit, [www.slpa.lk](http://www.slpa.lk) for more details.

**Chief Manager (Logistics)**  
**Sri Lanka Ports Authority,**  
**Logistics Division,**  
**No. 15, Lotus Road,**  
**Colombo 01**  
18.08.2020

**VEHICLE SALE**

MOTOR CYCLE			YARD
BFO-4010	BAJAJ / PULSAR	2017	KURUNEGALA
BDV-7596	HERO / DASH	2015	EMBILIPITIYA
THREE WHEELERS			YARD
AAW-9514	BAJAJ	2015	AMPARA
YM-4437	BAJAJ	2011	ANURADHAPURA
YC-1969	BAJAJ	2010	KANDY
QV-7597	BAJAJ	2009	NUWARAELIYA
MOTOR CAR			YARD
CAY-6134	SUZUKI / WAGON R	2017	RAGAMA
KF-2206	MARUTI	2007	ANURADHAPURA

The above vehicles can be inspected at the yards and those are on Tender Basis.

KURUNEGALA 0374-943738	RAGAMA 0113-288893	NUWARAELIYA 0114-346723	KANDY 0812-051010
AMPARA 0634-925696	EMBILIPITIYA 0773-038137 HIRAN	ANURADHAPURA 0772-385714 CHAMIL	

**TENDER NOTICE**  
Ministry of Health, Nutrition & Indigenous Medicine  
**General Service Maintenance & Repair of Air Conditioners Installed at Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.**

1. Sealed bids for the General service Maintenance & Repair of following Air Conditioners at Teaching Hospital Batticaloa, which will be received by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to 10.00 A.M on 09.09.2020.

S.No.	BTU	Quantity
01	9000 BTU	09
02	12000 BTU	36
03	18000 BTU	74
04	24000 BTU	118
05	36000 BTU	26
06	48000 BTU	37
07	60000 BTU	07

2. Only the sole nominated representatives /accredited agents of manufacturers of the Air Conditioners offered for the Sri Lanka market are eligible to participate in this Tender.

3. Bid documents should be made on a complete set of bidding documents purchased by any interested eligible bidder, agent, representative or nominee for or on behalf of a bidder on submission of

- A written application to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa.
- Upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000/= in cash to Accountant, Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa during working hours.
- A certified copy of certificate of business registration.

4. Bid documents could be collected from the Planning Development Unit of Teaching Hospital, Batticaloa up to 08.09.2020 between 9.30 A.M and 3.00 P.M during working days.

5. Sealed bid documents should be sent by registered post to the address given below or deposited in the tender box maintained in the office of Chief Accountant on or before 10.00 A.M on 09.09.2020.

6. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of tender at the Director's Conference Room on 09.09.2020 at 10.00 A.M and at the time of opening the bidder or his representative could be present as an observer.

**Chairman,**  
**Regional Procurement Committee,**  
**Teaching Hospital,**  
**Batticaloa.**  
19.08.2020

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
Ministry of Roads and Highways  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the projects in Gampaha District which described below:-

Contract No.	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate (Excl. Contn./ (Rs. Mn.)	Bid Security (Rs. Mn.)	Duration (Days)	CIDA Grade & Speciality
RDA/DC/WP/GOSL/2020/16	Widening and improvements to Imbulgoda - Weliveriya road (0 + 100 - 3 + 000km) - B 161	143.9	1.7	365	C3 or above grades - Highways
RDA/DC/WP/GOSL/2020/17	Widening and improvements to Imbulgoda - Weliveriya road (3 + 000 - 4 + 420km) - B 161	110.3	1.3	365	C4 or above grades - Highways

2. The work consists of site clearing, earthworks, sub base, base & shoulders, surface application, construction of culverts & drains and incidental works.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grades as mentioned in the above table.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Project Director (Western Province), Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla (T.P.011 - 2876600 and Fax No. 011 - 2877226) and inspect the bidding document free of charge during office hours from the following office.

Director (Construction)  
Road Development Authority  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura"  
Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla  
T: 011 - 2864388 Fax No. 011 - 2861821

6. The Pre - Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hrs on 27.08.2020 at the office of the Project Director (Western Province), Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla and a site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.

7. A complete set of Bidding Document in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Construction), RDA, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla from 19.08.2020 until 08.09.2020 during 09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non - refundable fee of Rs. 20,000.00 (without VAT) for each bidding document. As per the Public Contract Act no. 3 of 1987, the Agent and successful winners of the tender shall be registered in the Department of Registrar of Companies.

8. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid - Security shall be valid up to 05.01.2021.

9. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, C/o Director General, Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 09.09.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

10. Each Bid shall be valid up to 09.12.2020.

The Chairman,  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
Ministry of Roads and Highways  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

1. The Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project described below:-

Contract No.	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate (without Contn./ (Rs. Mn.)	Contract Duration (Days)	ICTAD Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)
RDA/DC/NP/DEPOSIT/2020/40	Improvements to Welioya Sampatnuwara to Gajabapura Road (1.95 km)	45.8	301	C4	750,000.00

2. The work consists of construction of sub base, base, shoulder, asphalt surfacing and box culvert.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

4. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) in grade given in the above table or higher grade in highway speciality.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following offices and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during office hours.

- Provincial Director (NP)  
Road Development Authority  
Kandy Road, Vavuniya.  
T.P : 024 - 2222826 Fax: 024 - 2220679
- Director (Construction)  
Road Development Authority  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha  
Battaramulla.  
T.P : 011 - 2864388 Fax: 011 - 2861821

6. The Pre - Bid meeting will be held at 10:00 hrs on 27.08.2020 at the office of the Provincial Director (NP), Road Development Authority, Kandy Road, Vavuniya and a site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.

7. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Provincial Director (NP), RDA, Kandy Road, Vavuniya OR Director (Construction), 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla from 20.08.2020 until 09.09.2020 during 09:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 12,500.00 (excluding of VAT). As per the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987, only the Agents and Successful winners of tenders shall be registered in Department of Registrar of Companies.

8. Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid - Security for an amount given in the above table. Bid - Security shall be valid up to 07.01.2021. Bids shall be valid up to 10.12.2020.

9. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the Chairman, Road Development Authority Procurement Committee, C/o Director General, Road Development Authority, First Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura", 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla on or before 14:00 hrs on 10.09.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing, in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.

The Chairman,  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
Road Development Authority,  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, "Maganeguma Mahamedura",  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha  
Battaramulla.

**Ministry of Energy**  
**CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION**  
**EXTENSION NOTICE**  
Design & Construction of a Building for Plant and Stores (with Mezzanine Floor Portion) for Agrochemical manufacturing Plant & Warehouse at Muthurajawela  
B/35/2020

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites the attention of prospective bidders who have already collected the bidding documents with reference to the advertisement appeared in this paper under the above heading. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation announces the following amendments to the previous advertisement.

The deadline for submission of bids which was determined to close at 1400 hrs. on 21.08.2020 has now been extended to 1400 hrs. on 04.09.2020.

Accordingly, last date of issuing of the Bidding Documents will be at 1500 hrs. on 03.09.2020 and the bid security has to be valid for 121 days from the date of closing of bids (i.e. 02.01.2021).

All the other conditions appeared in the previous newspaper advertisement remain unchanged.

CPC apologizes for any inconveniences that cause.

**Chairman,**  
**Departmental Procurement Committee,**  
**C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores)**  
**Procurement & Stores Function,**  
**1st Floor, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,**  
**No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 09.**  
Tele : 0094 11 5455331  
Fax : 0094 11 5455424

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STATE MINISTRY OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, VOCATIONAL  
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**INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE (ITI)**

**BID NOTICE FOR**

- 01. SECURITY SERVICE - SUP/SD/20/66**  
**AND**  
**02. JANITORIAL SERVICE - SUP/SD/20/67**  
**NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (NCB)**

Sealed Bids are invited by the undersigned from Security Firms registered with the Ministry of Defence / Divisional Secretariat for the maintenance of Round the Clock Security Service of the ITI Premises at **No. 363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, No. 120/4A, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07 and No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe for the Year 2020/2021.**

AND  
From prospective Bidders for the maintenance (Janitorial Service) of ITI at **No. 363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07, No. 120/4 A, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07 and No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe.**

The selected service providers are required to enter into an agreement with ITI for a period specified by the ITI.

Standard Bidding Forms will be available at Supplies Section, ITI, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe or Cashier of the ITI at No. 120/4A, Vidya Mawatha, Colombo 07 on payment of a non-refundable payment of **Security Service - Rs. 6,500/= and Janitorial Service - Rs. 2,500/=**. Tender Forms will be issued from **19.08.2020 to 07.09.2020** between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

The completed Bidding Documents should reach on or before **10.00 a.m. on 08.09.2020** under registered cover or could be deposited in the Tender Box available at **HR Section, Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe.** Late Bids will be rejected. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be noted as,

- 01. Security Service - SUP/SD/20/66**  
**02. Janitorial Service - SUP/SD/20/67**

Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at Industrial Technology Institute, No. 503/A, Halbarawa Gardens, Thaladena, Malabe, immediately after closing of the Bids.

The final decision will be the decision of the Procurement Committee.

For site visits and further details, please contact Supplies Section  
(Tel : 0112797314 / 0112797315).

Related documents will be available free of charge in order to inspect at Supplies Section of ITI.

**Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee**  
**Industrial Technology Institute**  
**No. 503A, Halbarawa Gardens**  
**Thaladena, Malabe.**

**VEHICLES FOR SALE**  
Registered Vehicles

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C / 193, UHANA ROAD, AMPARA

**Commercial Leasing & Finance PLC**

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EP RB-XXXX	TAFE 45 DI 2500.00 CC	2009
UP RG-XXXX	MAHINDRA 595 DI 50 HP 2523.00 CC	2019
CP RF-XXXX	TAFE 45 DI 2500.00 CC	2017
EP RF-XXXX	TAFE 45 DI 2500.00 CC	2018
<b>THREE WHEELERS</b>		
UP QT-XXXX	BAJAJ 45 173.00 CC	2009

On view to vehicles 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Mr. Sanath - 0774 727 460, Mr. Godley - 0774 139 675  
Mr. Anjula - 0769 014 010, Mr. Samantha 0777 354 156  
Mr. Chanaka - 0772 684 120

**The Land Acquisition Act (Chapter 460)**  
**as amended by the Land Acquisition**  
**(Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 1964**

**Notice under Section 7**

My Ref. No. 8/3/5/4

Land Ministry's Ref. No.  
4/3/9/2013/HW/369

It is intended to acquire the land described in the Schedule below for public purpose. For further particulars see Part III of the Extra Ordinary Gazette, No. 2182/43 dated 03rd July 2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**Schedule**

District : Matala  
Divisional Secretary's Division : Matala  
Grama Niladari Division : 349 A - Padiwita Welagama  
Village : Padiwita Welagama (Ward No. 11- Kumbiyangoda) (within the Municipal Council Limit of Matala)  
Name of Land : Both side of Matala - Udupihilla Road (Kumbiyangoda Road)  
Lot Nos. : from 1 to 41  
Plan No. : Ma/1768  
Extent : 0.2587 Hectares

**K.P.K.L.P. Madhuwanthi**  
**Divisional Secretary**  
**Matala.**

At Matala Divisional Secretariat  
Date : 14.08.2020

**WATTALA PRADESHIYA SABHA**

**COMPUTERIZATION OF OFFICE AFFAIRS - STAGE II**

**TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited for the Purchase of a Computer Software System, required for the computerization of the undermentioned sections of the office activities of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha subject to the following terms and conditions. Tender documents could be obtained **up to 3.00 p.m. on 02.09.2020** from the Head Office of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= . Duly completed tenders in duplicate (two copies) marked as 'Original' and 'Duplicate' enclosed in two separate envelopes, and both the covers again enclosed in a single envelope, should either be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Chairman, Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha, Hendala, Wattala or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Office to be received on or before 10.00 a.m. on 04.09.2020. Tenders received will be opened at 11.00 a.m. on 04.09.2020. The Tender Board of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

**Terms and Conditions :**

- Having over 05 (five) years of experience in preparation of a Software System of Office duties of a Pradeshiya Sabha.
- Having successfully implemented and activated the computerization of basic subject matters of more than 10 Nos. of Local Government Bodies.
- Should be able to link with the already existing Software Systems of the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha.
- The required Software System should be "Cloud based" One. Data System should be of MYSQL.
- Required Software Systems :**  
The Software Systems should be created as interconnected / internet service providing systems for applying / payments / service providing / allocating.

1.	Payment of Assessment Taxes through an Internet Website.
2.	Payment of Trade Stall Taxes through an Internet Website.
3.	Payment of Business Taxes through an Internet Website.
4.	Complaint Management through an Internet Website.
5.	Allocating / Reservation / making payments for receipts in festivity halls, through an Internet Website.
6.	Allocation / Reservation / making payments for Crematoriums, through an Internet Website.
7.	Reservation / Allocation of playgrounds and making payments for them through an Internet Website.
8.	Issuance of Assessment Tax Certificates through an Internet Website.
9.	Application for a non-vesting certificate and making payments for it, through an Internet Website
10.	Application for a Street Line Certificate and making payments relevant for it, through an Internet Website.
11.	Application for and making payments for cutting and removal of Branches (Way Leaves) of trees and disposal of other garbage and waste materials, through an Internet Website.
12.	Disposal of garbage from business premises through an Internet Website.

- The said Software System should be a programme, already created at the time of the submission of the Tender.
- The prospective Institution should be a one, having recognizable knowledge and understanding on the subject of local government matters.
- Please note that preference and much attention will be given to the experience, quality standard of Software System and for the after service when selecting of a suitable institution, for this assignment.

**Chairman**  
**Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha**

At the Wattala Pradeshiya Sabha

on 11.08.2020

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA**

**DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF "PROPOSED EXTENSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING; FOR THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING" ON EXISTING LABORATORY BY A STEEL PORTAL FRAME STRUCTURE**

**CONTRACT NO. CW/CON/2016/1265**

- The Chairman Ministry Appointed Procurement Committee on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the above work.
- The eligible bidders shall comply with the following qualification criteria , grade C2 or above of the ICTAD (Presently CIDA ) registration in building construction.
- Bids should be submitted on the forms which can be purchased from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 20.08.2020 to 04.09.2020** upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rupees Forty One Thousand Five Hundred (41,500/=) to the shroff of this University by cash.
- You may obtain further information regarding the bidding documents at Capital works Division (081-2392450) during the office hours up to **10.11.2020**.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the same place given in 4 above.
- Bids shall be valid for 90 days from the date of closing of the bids.
- All bids accompanied by a bid security of LKR **3,430,000.00** which should be obtained either from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka or from the Construction Guarantee Fund (CGF) valid for 120 days after the closing of the bids . The bid security should be "on demand" and "unconditional" and on the format given in the bidding document.
- Bids shall be deposited/delivered to the tender box in the **Director, Infrastructure Development Office, Ministry of Higher Education, Innovation and Technology, No 18, Ward Place, Colombo 07.**
- The Total contract period (design and construction) is 24 calendar months (including 3 calendar months for completion and handing over of the existing laboratory) and the total project cost is approximately LKR 343 Mn. excluding Vat and all other government taxes.
- Deadline for submission of bids will be 11.00 a.m. on **10.11.2020** and will be opened soon after the closing.
- Bidder or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.
- Pre-bid meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on **08.09.2020** at Conference Room No II at Senate House University of Peradeniya.

**Chairman**  
**Ministry Appointed Procurement Committee**

**QUOTATIONS FOR SUPPLY OF**  
**COMPRESSIBLE NO. - PAK RUBBER BLANKETS**

**IMP/ADV/2020/11**

Sealed quotations are hereby invited from foreign principals and local suppliers for the supply of "**Compressible NO - PAK Rubber Blankets**" as specified below.

Quantity	Description
100 Nos.	Compressible NO - PAK Rubber Blankets 921mm (AC) x 1202mm (AR) (with Alu Bars) Thickness: 2.16 mm (+/-) 0.02 mm

**Foreign Offers**

Offers indicating Cost, Insurance & Freight Charges (All Inclusive) separately with specifications should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked as "**Quotations for Compressible NO - PAK Rubber Blankets**" on the top left hand corner.

**Local Offers**

Ex - stock price indicating transport charges, VAT and other levies separately with specifications should be submitted in a separate cover in the same manner.

Offers should be sent to the **Head of Procurement to reach on or before 31 August 2020 at 2.30 p.m.** which will be opened immediately. No separate documents will be issued. Suppliers may use their own formalities.

Probable date of delivery, validity of price, terms of payment etc. should be clearly indicated on the offers. Acceptance of new sources/ product is subjected to a quality test.

The successful bidder should provide a Performance Bond to the value of 05% with a validity period of 90 days.

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Winije International Company	Accountant	Ministry of Health	Nurse		
D.S.K Apparel	Accounts Assistant	Rajarata University	Nursing Officer Gr.11		
Tudawe Brothers ( Pvt) Ltd	Accounts Assistant	Hemas Capital Hospital (Pvt) Ltd	Pharmacist/Assistant Pharmacist		
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		Ranfer Group Of Companies	Legal Advisor Company Secretary	Ranasiha Lanka Construction (Pvt) Ltd	Technicians / Plant Operators
		Superior Courts Complex Board Of - Management	Management Assistant	Ceylon Food Exports (Pvt) Ltd	Works Superintendent (Workshop)
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		Persistent Systems Lanka (Pvt) Ltd	Technical Leads/Senior Software Engineers (UI Development)		
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				General Sir John Kotelawala - Defence University	Senior Lecturer Gr.11 - Research
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				Negombo South International School	Teachers
				Wisdom International College	Teachers
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