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JOB FOR 10,000 MORE GRADUATES

Cabinet approval was granted yesterday (19) to provide employment to 10,000 more graduates under the programme formulated by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to employ unemployed graduates.

The programme to provide employment to unemployed graduates that was suspended due to the General Election

re-commenced last Friday. Under this programme 50,000 unemployed graduates received jobs. With today's decision of the Cabinet another 10,000 will be joining them.

A group of unemployed graduates who did not receive appointments staged a protest near the Presidential Secretariat yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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PRESIDENT OPENS NINTH PARLIAMENT TODAY
WILL PRESENT GOVERNMENT'S POLICY STATEMENT
SANDASEN MARASINGHE

CABINET APPROVAL TO ABOLISH 19A AND DRAFT 20A

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet of Ministers has granted approval to draft the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, Cabinet Spokesman and Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella disclosed yesterday.

Hence, the approval of the Cabinet has been granted to abolish the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and to draft the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, Minister Rambukwella told the maiden Cabinet news briefing of the new Government yesterday.

The Cabinet of Ministers also granted their approval to include certain Acts such as Right to Information (RTI) in the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

The inaugural meeting of the newly appointed Cabinet of Ministers was held yesterday morning presided by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

New Cabinet Spokesmen appointed

Minister Keheliya Rambukwella has been appointed as the Cabinet Spokesman while Ministers Udaya Gammanpila and Dr. Ramesh Pathirana were appointed as joint Cabinet Spokesmen.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will ceremonially declare open the first session of the Ninth Parliament and present the new Government's Policy Statement at 3 pm today.

The First Sitting day of the First Session of the Ninth Parliament will make history for being the first ever to sit without a member elected from the United National Party which was also the first political party set up after the country achieved Independence. (See pages 25 to 32) **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Easter attacks: AG returns 18 more incomplete files

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera returned a further 18 incomplete investigation files to the Acting Inspector General of Police (IGP) regarding suspects arrested in connection with the Easter Sunday bomb attacks on April 21, 2019.

Accordingly, the total number of files returned so far is 100.

Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told the media that the AG has directed the Acting IGP to properly conclude the investigations of the incomplete files. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

TNPF accepts country's Unitary State Constitution - Douglas
Tamil National People's Front (TNPF) leader Gajendra Kumar Ponnambalam accepts the Unitary State Constitution of Sri Lanka, said Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda.
A press release issued by the Fisheries Ministry states that TNPF leader Gajendra Kumar Ponnambalam told Minister Devananda that he accepts the Unitary State Constitution of Sri Lanka. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

INDIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER CALLS FM INDIA-LANKA PARTNERSHIP TO REACH GREATER HEIGHTS - JAISHANKAR

External Affairs Minister of India Dr. S. Jaishankar called Dinesh Gunawardena yesterday to congratulate him on his reappointment as Minister of Foreign Relations of Sri Lanka.

Dr. S Jaishankar conveyed that he looks forward to working closely with Minister Gunawardena to take India-Sri Lanka partnership to greater heights as part of India's neighbourhood first policy.

Immediately after Minister Dinesh Gunawardena assumed charge of his duties, the High Commissioner of India Gopal Baglay paid a courtesy call on the Minister.

High Commissioner Baglay handed over a Letter of Congratulations from Dr. S Jaishankar and noted that the strong mandate received by the Sri Lankan Government at the recent elections would play a key role in strengthening the commitment by both the countries to take the bilateral relationship forward. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



Devise creative strategies to promote local industries - President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa stated that the traditional industries must not be allowed to collapse by working within the framework of outdated rules and regulations.

The President said that as a result of laws that are not sensitive to the needs of traditional industries, those industries had collapsed and the lives of those who depended on them had been disrupted.

"Those who engage in industries adhering to the relevant laws should not be allowed to suffer because of a small number of wrongdoers," the President added.

The President made these observations at a discussion held at the Presidential Secretariat on Tuesday (August 18) on the future plans of the State Ministry of Cane, Brass, Clay,

Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion.

"It is necessary that officials be innovative to develop local industries.

Grassroots level issues need to be prioritized. After the implementation of a Government decision at grassroots level, continuous follow up action is also vital. The development of traditional industries which have not received proper attention for long is a task that needs to be carried out according to well-designed plans," the President emphasized.

President Rajapaksa explained that because of these reasons, the State Ministries were formulated and structured giving consideration to each sector of the economy. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Committee to probe irregularities of State banks during past 5 years

A four-member committee has been appointed to look into the allegations of irregularities, unproductive measures and instances where actions were taken contrary to the objectives at the four main State banks of the country during the last five years, states the Ministry of Finance.

The Cabinet of Ministers granted approval to the Cabinet paper submitted by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Minister of Finance, to streamline the State banking system and make it efficient in order to strengthen the national economy, and also to look into irregularities that had taken place within State banks. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Strengthen CEB System Security Unit - Dullas

Minister of Power Dullas Alahapperuma has instructed the relevant departments to strengthen the security of the System Security Unit of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) with immediate effect.

Minister Dullas Alahapperuma gave these instructions during a visit to the System Security Centre of the CEB to inquire into the recent power outages that affected the entire island.

Accordingly, the Minister has informed Defence Secretary Kamal Gunaratne about the deployment of Special Task Force personnel in addition to the officers currently deployed for the security of the system control centre.

Magistrate orders CID to submit report on Hijaz Hisbullah

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Fort Magistrate Ranga Dissanayake issued an order yesterday directing the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) to submit a report on the summary of evidence against Attorney-at-Law Hijaz Hisbullah.

Attorney-at-law Hijaz Hisbullah is currently being detained and interrogated by the CID in connection with having allegedly aided **▶ TO PAGE 02**

Put neighbourhood first - Foreign Secretary

Trade, regional cooperation among Asian countries vital - State Minister

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

State Minister for Regional Cooperation Tharaka Balasuriya who assumed duties at the Foreign Ministry yesterday said that trade and regional cooperation within and among the Asian countries needs to be revisited and reviewed.

"We can see that there is a larger regional cooperation among Asian countries," **▶ TO PAGE 02**



ALL SCHOOLS TO RE-OPEN

AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI

The Education Ministry yesterday gave permission to re-open all Government and Government-approved private schools in the country which were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation prevailing in the country.

The Education Ministry release adds that the schools, despite exceed-

ing the total of 200 students, can open if they have necessary classrooms and facilities and the ability to enforce social distancing regulations.

The Education Ministry has noted that it has issued relevant instructions to the respective regional, provincial, ministerial education authorities regarding the re-opening of schools islandwide.

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Minister calls for mechanism to help poor people seeking jobs in Japan

IRANGIKA RANGE

Labour Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva said yesterday that a certain percentage has to be given to the poor and Samurdhi families when sending skilled Sri Lankans for jobs in Japan.

"Today, recruitment agencies normally charge around Rs.500,000 from a person who intends going to Japan for employment. Most people are forced to pawn their jewel-

lery or sell their properties to fund the required money. People from poor and Samurdhi beneficiary families cannot bear these high charges and will therefore never get an opportunity to seek employment in Japan. Therefore, it is necessary to allocate a certain percentage for these underprivileged categories," the added.

Minister De Silva was speaking at a meeting held with representa-

tives from IM Japan Company and other government approved Japanese Agents who are authorised to recruit trainees for the Technical Intern Training Programme in Japan.

The Minister said that charging money for sending people for foreign employment opportunities is against the international labour rules. However, the government can be entrusted with the responsi-

bility of training skilled workers. Eventhough the government appreciates the role play by the private sector in providing foreign job opportunities to Sri Lankans, the system of charging money from the people who seek foreign employment cannot be accepted," he added. We will provide recruiting agencies three months to adopt a new system to carry out this procedure," he added.

Cabinet approval to abolish... From Page 01

A wide range of issues and Cabinet Papers were discussed at this meeting. Co-Cabinet Spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said that several important decisions related to a new Constitution as well as the 20th Amendment were discussed at the Cabinet meeting.

A decision had been taken to appoint a five-member ministerial sub-committee to study Cabinet papers and drafts related to the proposed Amendment to the Constitution. Accordingly, a committee comprising

Ministers Prof G.L. Peiris, Nimal Siripala de Silva, Dinesh Gunawardena, Udaya Gammanpila and Ali Sabry, PC, was appointed to submit recommendations on the proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Power had been granted to Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC, to propose names for the expert committee to work on the new Constitution. Accordingly, those names are scheduled to be submitted for approval of the Cabinet of Ministers soon.

Addressing the media conference held yesterday

at the Government Information Department, Cabinet Spokesman Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said that the Cabinet of Ministers also approved a proposal made to recruit 10,000 more graduates to the public sector.

Mass Media Keheliya Rambukwella was appointed as the Cabinet spokesman of the new Government yesterday. Plantation Industries Minister Dr Ramesh Pathirana and Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila were also appointed as Co-Cabinet spokesmen.



State Minister for Regional Cooperation Tharaka Balasuriya assuming duties at the Foreign Ministry yesterday. Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage was also present. Picture by Saman Sri Wedage



Indian High Commissioner Gopal Baglay met Foreign Secretary Admiral Prof. Jayanath Colombage yesterday (19) morning. Discussions focused on strengthening multi-dimensional Sri Lanka - India relations.

TNPF accepts country's Unitary State... From Page 01

Ponnambalam stated that his party accepts the current unitary system of the Sri Lankan Government and will be sworn in accordingly in Parliament after which he will take steps to fulfill his political aspirations.

Ponnambalam made these observations during a debate between Minister Douglas Devananda and Gajendra Kumar Ponnambalam on August 16.

Ponnambalam had said so while they were taking part in a programme on a Private Television Channel.

During the discussion, Minister Devananda said that the leaders of Tamil National People's Front condemned the Unitary State and said that no solution other than the Federal System could solve the problems of the Tamil People. Furthermore, the All Ceylon Tamil Congress, the

parent party of the Tamil National People's Front, must have in the party Constitution that a Unitary System of Government should be realistically available to all, irrespective of race, religion or language. However, the Minister pointed out that this is not the case in the party Constitution at present, where there is no mention of the Federal System and in such a situation, stating that Federalism will be given to people at times of election, amounts to cheating the public.

In response to Minister Douglas Devananda's statement, Kumar Ponnambalam stated that his party accepts the current unitary system of Sri Lankan Government and will be sworn in accordingly in Parliament after which he will take steps to fulfill his political aspirations.

PRESIDENT OPENS NINTH PARLIAMENT TODAY... From Page 01

The UNP which was unable to win a single seat at the recently held General Election only managed to secure a seat from the National List based on the votes it achieved as a whole. However, as the party has so far been unable to nominate a person for the seat, the Election Commission has gazetted the names of the Parliamentarians without two seats, including the UNP member. The Ape Janabala Pakshaya (AJP) too has so far failed to nominate a person for the seat they secured from the National List.

However, the other country's other main political party, the SLFP which established governments from time to time has only one directly elected seat in the Ninth Parliament which is also a significant feature.

The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) also creates history in the Ninth Parliament which has 145 MPs. However, the Ninth Parliament too shares a common feature with the other previous Parliaments as it comprises only 12 female representatives. Sri Lankan Parliaments have so far not had more than 13 female MPs.

The first sitting of the Ninth Parliament will commence at 9.30 am to elect the Speaker in accordance with Standing Order No. 1 of Parliament. All the new Members of Parliament will then take their official oaths or affirmation before the new Speaker.

This is followed by the appointment of a Deputy Speaker and a Deputy Chairperson of Committees.

Secretary General of Parliament

Dharmika Dasanayake has officially informed all Members of Parliament to attend the first sitting of the 9th Parliament. The Secretary-General made this invitation through a letter to the 223 Members of Parliament whose names have been gazetted by the Chairman of the Election Commission. Arrangements have been made under the instructions of the President to hold his arrival to the Parliament premises in a very simple and charming manner.

"Accordingly, there will be no gun salutes or vehicle parades. A cultural pageant will take place to greet the President."

The invited dignitaries will be arriving at 02.15 pm out of which the members of Parliament will be the first to arrive at the premises. After the arrival of the new Speak-

er of Parliament, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will arrive, followed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The new Speaker of Parliament and the Secretary General of Parliament will receive President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the main steps of the Parliament Building.

The President will be accompanied to the House of Parliament by the Serjeant-at-Arms, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms and Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms followed by the Speaker of Parliament and the Secretary General of Parliament. The students of Devi Balika Vidyalaya Colombo will line up for the recital of Jayamangala Gatha at the main entrance of the Parliament Building in welcoming the President.

Easter attacks: AG... From Page 01

State Counsel Jayaratne said that multiple Police stations in the country had arrested over 200 suspects in connection with the Easter Sunday Attacks and Police had directed investigations files regarding each suspect to the Attorney General's Department to take legal action against them.

"However, some investigation files were incomplete and legal action could not be taken based on these incomplete files," she said.

Accordingly, the Attorney General took steps to return the incomplete investigation files to the Acting IGP and instructed him (Acting IGP) to ensure the full conclusion of the investigations and submit those reports to the Attorney General's Department.

Magistrate orders... From Page 01

and abetted suicide bomber Mohammad Ibrahim Insaf Ahmed, who set off the bomb at the Cinnamon Grand Hotel, during the Easter Sunday attack last year.

The Magistrate made this order pursuant to a request made by President's Counsel Wasantha Nawarathna Bandara who appeared on behalf of Attorney-at-Law Hijaaz Hisbullah.

On a previous hearing, the Magistrate observed that several media institutions had revealed the contents of confidential statements given by two witnesses on June 17 on camera. He had issued an order directing the Western Province Deputy Inspector General of Police to conduct an investigation into the incident.

The Magistrate re-issued an order to the Western Province Deputy Inspector General to conduct an inquiry regarding the matter and fixed further inquiries for September 16.

JOBS FOR 10,000... From Page 01

The President, on his way after the Cabinet meeting, parked his vehicle near the protesters and told them that all the graduates would be given jobs.

"Go home now. Today we decided to give jobs to another 10,000 more," the President told them.

Trade, regional cooperation among Asian... From Page 01

even when it comes to tourism we see that some of the key source markets are these Asian countries," he said.

"There exists ample opportunities for us as a nation. In order to circumvent the challenges we need to reconsider the supply chain management and see what needs to be changed in order for us to benefit from stronger and better trade relations."

He said that in the past Western nations have had a greater

neglected its immediate neighbour and in order to achieve greater economic prosperity.

"The country must put its neighbourhood first," he said. "The President and this Government is deeply focused on this region, not a faraway place, but this region and the neighbourhood must come first," he told the gathering.

"Economic integration of the South Asian region is less than 5 percent of our combined Gross

Domestic Product. We have much to achieve. We need to review our economic model and move from an import based economy to one that is export oriented."

The Foreign Secretary who was referring to the Asian region added that there can be greater cooperation among these Asian countries. He said that the Coronavirus crisis gave Sri Lanka a wakeup call due to the lack of imports.

India-Lanka partnership to reach greater... From Page 01

During the meeting, Minister Gunawardena noted that it was important for India and Sri Lanka to pursue close cooperation in the post COVID scenario and expressed hope to expand travel and tourism between

the two countries in a limited manner. Both sides also discussed closer cooperation in the expansion of Buddhist linkages. Minister Gunawardena welcomed the decision of Indian Government to convert the Kushinagar

Airport as an International airport for ease of travel for Buddhist pilgrims. High Commissioner Baglay and Minister Gunawardena also discussed other issues of regional and international interest to both

the countries. Minister Dinesh Gunawardena had undertaken his first official visit to India in January 2020 during his last term, at the invitation of the Minister of External Affairs.

Committee to probe irregularities of State banks... From Page 01

Accordingly a four-member committee has been appointed to formally study the irregularities, instances of violating the objectives and procedures of respective institutions, provision of the Banking Act as well as the unproductive activities and

transactions at the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, National Savings Bank (NSB), Regional Development Bank (RDB) and affiliated institutions after January 08, 2015.

The committee will also make recommendations to transform

the state banking system into a more people-friendly service.

The Committee is chaired by former High Court Judge Sisira Ratnayake and also includes Chartered Accountant Susantha de Silva and retired Additional Auditor General W. Premananda.

A representative of the Finance Ministry will serve as the Secretary of the Committee.

The Finance Ministry Secretary would submit the report by the Committee inclusive of the recommendations to the Cabinet of ministers within three months.

Devise creative strategies to promote local... From Page 01

Traditional industrialists were worried due to the lack of state patronage. President Rajapaksa said that this was clearly exposed during his visits across the country during the election campaign.

Issues affecting the rural industrial sector including cane, brass, pottery and furniture were discussed in depth. The President emphasized the importance of implementing short-term and long-term strategies to solve these issues to uplift those industries while monitoring the progress regularly. President Rajapaksa instructed the officials to investigate the problems

industrialists encounter in the processes of collecting and transporting clay and to reopen the closed entities which manufactured clay related products.

"Children need to be educated about the importance of traditional industries from a young age. Traditional industry is also an appropriate subject for research dissertations of university students. It can make a considerable contribution to the development of the industry", President stated.

President Rajapaksa highlighted the importance of close coordination between the Provincial Ministries

and Line Ministries in the development of local industries and the need to attract the youth to the field. He added that it was the responsibility of the Ministries to which these subjects have been assigned to give professional recognition to the traditional industrialists.

"Wetlands that have no agricultural value can be used to plant industrial crops like cane. A large sum of foreign exchange is spent annually on the importation of bamboo sticks used for the production of incense sticks. We can manufacture them locally and stop

foreign exchange being drained to other countries," the President advised the Industrial Development Board.

Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa, State Minister Prasanna Ranaweera, Secretary to the President P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary to the Ministry of Finance S.R. Attygalle, Secretary to the Ministry of Industries, Chulananda Perera, Industrial Development Board Chairman Upasena Dissanayake and National Crafts Council Chairman Sudath Abeysekera were also present at the discussion.

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Funeral will be held at 43/4, St Anthony's Mawatha, Colombo 3 on 20th of August 2020 Informant - Son

Obituaries
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Schools reopen with safety measures

After months of closures, the lights have been turned on again in Sri Lankan schools, and students of all grades are walking through their doors once again, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) stated in a press release.

"We are happy to note that the reopening of schools was made possible following collaboration of the Ministry of Education with the Ministry of Health. All measures are being put in place to ensure that all students and teachers can safely return to school and continue their learning process," said Dr. Punchi Nilame Meegaswatte, Secretary-General of the Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO.

Eric Falt, Director and Representative of UNESCO in New Delhi (which covers South Asia), added: "It is vital that we continue to seize this pivotal moment to open up safer and better schools, and reach the most marginalised. While things may never return to the way they were, we can ensure that the 'new normal' for every child, adolescent, and youth, includes quality learning."

Across the region, there will be continuous efforts to focus on reaching the most vulnerable children, who have likely fallen further behind since the pandemic and who face the greatest risk of not returning to school at all. In the coming months, it is likely that schools in South Asia will reopen and close again as COVID-19 outbreaks reoccur.

With education systems navigating as best they can through this turbulent time, flexibility of decision-making at local levels will be important, so that containment measures can be applied locally if and when outbreaks occur, rather than complete national lockdowns.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, UNESCO had earlier launched the Global Education Coalition in March 2020 to ensure that learning never stops even during the lockdown period. Furthermore, the safe reopening of schools has been of utmost priority for all stakeholders.

In this regard, UNESCO, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), and the World Bank

jointly issued a "Framework for Reopening Schools" in April, to ensure that all students and teachers can safely return to schools.

UNESCO and UNICEF have also continued to work collaboratively with the South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), to promote regional cooperation in education and progress towards achieving "Sustainable Development Goal 4: Quality Education for All".

Pending confirmation from member states to the SAARC Secretariat, UNESCO and UNICEF are planning to organise technical consultations focusing on safe school reopening in the region, the continuity of learning, and building back better.

While COVID-19 has disrupted learning for over 430 million children in South Asia, it has also provided a once-in-a-generation opportunity to strengthen the resilience of education systems. In only a few months, there have been significant changes to teaching and learning, which should inspire greater opportunities for change in the future.

Four-year delay in release of vehicle registration books

M.A.R. MANUKULASOORIYA

A large number of vehicle owners who have submitted their vehicle registration books to the Polpithigama Divisional Secretariat in 2016, to change the ownership of the original buyers, are yet to receive their books.

They said that they are unable to obtain revenue certificates and insurance certificates for their vehicles under this situation and therefore, are unable to drive or ride

their vehicles. When inquired by the *Daily News* regarding the matter, Polpithigama Divisional Secretary Chamila Niroshini Pathirana said that the registration books had been sent to the Department of Motor Vehicle Registrations. She added that the Department would send the books directly to the vehicle owners.

"If the complainants provide the necessary information, I can inquire about it from the department," Pathirana added.



The dilapidated Pannala - Nabiriththawewa Road. Picture by Hiriyala Group Corr.

Pannala - Nabiriththawewa Road needs repairs

HIRIYALA GROUP CORR.

The Pannala - Nabiriththawewa Road, which was renovated by the previous government at a cost of Rs.402 million, has again become dilapidated within a short period of time.

This road, which is 40 kilometres long, cuts through 20 agricultural villages in the Ibbagamuwa Divisional Secretariat Division.

Residents of these villages said that fur-

thermore, 30 small bridges that were set up in the region by the Good Governance Government were also on the verge of collapse.

They have urged the new government to renovate the road and 30 bridges so that they could be used for a long time. Residents also said that as a great number of people used the road and bridges every day, if they were to be repaired, people would be able to access other towns easily.

Needy couple with quadruplets: Philanthropists' help requested

SARATH MANULA WICKRAMA,
Anuradhapura Special Corr.

Philanthropists have been requested to assist a low-income Anuradhapura couple who recently had quadruplets as they cannot meet the prices necessary to take care of their children.

Mirisavetiya Viharadhikari Ven. Eethalawetunuwawe Gnana-thilake Thera has requested philanthropists in the area to assist the couple; Udara Jayaratne and Vijithani Anuradha of No.1, Old Puttlam Road, Thisawewa, Anuradhapura; to bring up their quadruplets that were born on May 10 at the Peradeniya Teaching Hospital.

The quadruplets comprise three



girls and a boy; they have been named Yenuli, Yesadhi, Yenara and Yesara. The infants were discharged from the hospital recent-

ly. The parents need three other persons to look after their children, as well as a 400-gram packet of powdered milk per day.

16 youth held for alleged substance abuse

RAHUL SAMANTHA
HETTIARACHCHI,
Ambalantota Group Corr.

Sixteen youth alleged to have used narcotics at a recent party in Kirinda were remanded until August 25 by the Tissamaharama Magistrate, yesterday.

Among the youth remanded were 10 males from Ratnapura and six females from Colombo.

Investigations are continuing.

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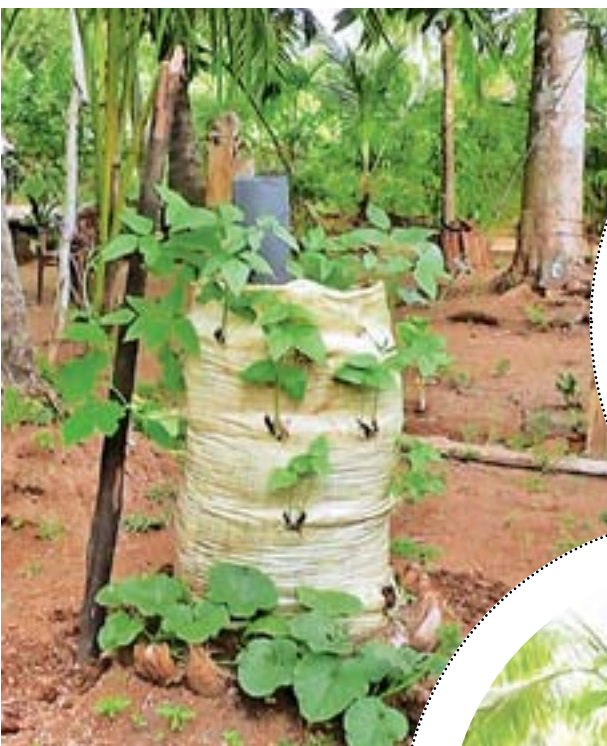
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AMALI MALLAWARACHCHI and CHITHRANANDA KALUWARACHCHI Hidogama Group

A group of women in Padaviya Sudarshana village commenced a project to manufacture organic fertilizer to mark the swearing-in of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa following the General Election 2020.

“When the Prime Minister of our country is sworn in, we have to do something important and beneficial to the country. When our beloved former President Mahinda Rajapaksa is sworn in as the Prime Minister with a large majority, we wanted to celebrate it in a fruitful manner. So, the women of Padaviya Sudarushana village started making organic fertilizer. We are using aquatic plants and cow dung that we could access easily in this area to produce organic fertilizer”

While the majority in the country celebrated the swearing-in of the Prime Minister by lighting firecrackers, a group of 50 women from the Padaviya Sudarshana village got together and started an exemplary programme on producing organic fertilizer by using the waste found in their surrounding areas.

Speaking on this eco-friendly project, H. Pathma Mayadunna of Padaviya Sudarshana village said, “In fact, when the Prime Minister of our country is sworn in, we have to do something important and beneficial to the country. When our beloved former President Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as the Prime Minister with a large majority, we wanted to celebrate it in a fruitful manner. So, the women of Padaviya Sudarushana village started making organic fertilizer. We are using aquatic plants and cow dung that we could access easily in this area to produce organic fertilizer.”

“The leftovers in our home kitchens are also used. With the coordination of a journalist, the Rural Social Development Institute taught us how to make money by utilizing everything disposable and environmentally friendly. Following

the project, now we understand the amount of resources we wasted due to lack of knowledge. Now we understand that everything we disposed earlier could be turned into money. We would like to extend our gratitude to those who made us aware of this income method,” she added.

Another villager who is part of the project, W.M.G.M. Daya Kumari said, “We are fortunate to launch this useful programme on the day that Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as the Prime Minister. This will bring us, as well as the country, an income. Since we are using all unnecessary aquatic plants, the lake will be clean and beautiful in the future. Our houses and home gardens will also be beautiful. We will also receive an income. Also, the women in our village who will be able to consume organic vegetables will become beautiful.”

Nimal Padmasiri, the Executive Director of the Rural Social Development Institute, speaking on the occasion said, “August 9 is a significant day for the whole country since Former President Mahinda Rajapaksa was sworn in as the Prime Minister on that day. While large crowds of people spent a lot of

money on lighting firecrackers and eating milk rice to celebrate the event, these women started making organic fertilizer, becoming a part of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa’s vision of economic prosperity through local production. Celebrating a day like this by launching a programme to develop the economy of women is an example to the whole country.”

“We have got to know that a State Minister has been appointed on organic fertilizer. So, I think the decision taken by this group of women is ideal. When the President takes steps to give organic fertilizer to farmers, we also have a responsibility to produce organic fertilizer in the village.

That is our duty. The President hopes to provide non-toxic food to every Sri Lankan in the future. We would like to thank all these women in the Padaviya Sudarshana village who have contributed to the success of this project.

We are thrilled to provide guidance to this project. These women are very talented. From today, organic fertilizer will be produced in 50 houses in this village. The women who claimed to be poor will receive an income as well,” Padmasiri pointed out.



Various steps in the programme to manufacture organic fertilizer.

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Ven. Wadigawewa Vipassi Thera planting a mango sapling in the home garden.



Ven. Wadigawewa Vipassi Thera, philanthropists Navarathne, Wimaladasa and Jayasena with the owners of the new house.



Ven. Wadigawewa Vipassi Thera opening the new house while Ven. Udugabbala Gnanaloka Thera and Ven. Jayasiripura Palitha Thera look on. (Pictures by Hidogama Group Corr.)

Shelter for four, blessings for many

HIDOGAMA GROUP CORR.

A newly-built house was donated to a family in need by the Chief Incumbent of Anuradhapura Sri Silawansa Viharaya Ven. Wadigawewa Wipassi Nayaka Thera recently. The house was built with the contributions of the Dayaka Sabha of Anuradhapura Sri Silawansa Viharaya.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Incumbent of Anuradhapura Sri Silawansa Viharaya Wadigawewa Wipassi Nayaka Thera said it was one of his ambitions to donate a house to a family that needed financial assistance. "My intention was at least to find some money to purchase the necessary equipment to build a roof. However, with the great commitment of our Dayaka Sabha, we were able to collect more than Rs. 1.5 million. When our Dayaka Sabha distributed aids for the needy during the lockdown



Milk is being boiled over at the house-warming ceremony.

period due to COVID-19, we met a family who needed a house. So, we allotted a piece of land and started building the house. Our Dayaka Sabha, including the Principal of Eleyapattuwa Maha Vidyalaya

Ven. Pandit Jayasiripura Palitha Thera, businessman Jayasena, retired Principal Wimaladasa, retired Director of Agriculture Nawaratne were committed from the beginning to fulfil this task. On the day that marked

my birthday and the day of Upasampadawa, I was extremely glad to be able to help those who were in need."

The new owner of the house, Darshika Manohari, speaking to the *Daily News* said, "My husband and I have now been married for five years. My husband does not have a permanent income. We have no money to build a house. Life was immensely difficult. We have a five-year-old child and I am expecting another now."

"So we were living in a house made of wood. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Ven. Nayaka Thera and the Dayaka Sabha for helping us. It is a favour we shall never forget," she said. Head and Chief Incumbent of Sri Sarananda Pirivena Rajakiya Pandit Ven. Udugammala Gnanaloka Thera graced the event also.



H.R. Karunaratne with his wife and son in front of their old house.



Temperature check is still a regular practice everywhere.



PCR tests have been done continuously.

Sri Lanka: The Coronavirus success story in South Asia

As the subcontinent struggles to flatten the Coronavirus curve, with India alone recording 2.7 million cases and taking the third spot in the world, Sri Lanka offers a glimmer of hope in curbing the daily infection rate.

So far the country has recorded 2,893 cases among its population of 21.67 million people.

How did the Sri Lankan Government manage to keep the deadly virus at bay?

Early lockdown, a high testing rate and effective social distancing measures have proved to be key for Sri Lanka in their fight against the pandemic and keeping the infection rate low.

From March to the end of April, the country had conducted 930 tests per one million people, while its South Asian neighbours had a very low testing rate: Bangladesh (393), India (602) and Pakistan (703).

"More than 50 percent of the COVID-19 cases in Sri Lanka are of people between the ages of 20 and 60. These are relatively younger people who are less vulnerable to a severe presentation of the disease. A reason why most of the cases are



Face masks are a mandatory requirement in public places.

mild may be that the lockdown in Sri Lanka started very early," said Razia Pendsse, WHO representative to Sri Lanka.

Another major source of support came in the form of The Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL) - it came up with policies for monetary easing from the start of 2020. The CBSL suspended loan payments and launched a concessional refinancing programme of US\$ 27 million (Rs. 50

billion), which is 0.33 percent of the country's GDP, for activities affected by the pandemic.

Robust healthcare

The Sri Lankan Government, led by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, also committed 0.1 percent of GDP for quarantine and containment measures, and an additional US\$ 5 million to the SAARC COVID-19

Emergency Fund. A Petroleum Stabilization Fund (PSF) was built to utilise the lower international prices of oil. A separate presidential contributory fund was also raised, which is worth US\$ 7.4 million to date.

Apart from all these measures, the Government laid a strong emphasis on the surveillance system to keep COVID-19 mortality at bay.

In light of a remarkable response to the pandemic, health experts from around the world have lauded Sri Lanka's healthcare system, which has already been made a case study for other countries since the 1980s.

For instance, the Rockefeller Foundation's report published in 1985,



Officers of the health unit of the Sri Lanka Air Force dressed in special protective gear disinfecting the Fort Railway Station in an attempt to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus in public places during the lockdown.

described Sri Lanka as a country that has created an affordable healthcare system. In most districts of the country, primary healthcare facilities are within three kilometres for each neighbourhood.

The ease of accessing health facilities, coupled with low cost services, has helped the country improve its public health.

Sri Lanka's robust healthcare infrastructure was one of the main reasons the Government was able to act swiftly to respond to the first calls of COVID-19 infections.

The Government mobilised healthcare workers to closely monitor the pandemic's movement right after the

first case was reported in the country, and they ensured that most COVID-19 suspects are traced in potential hotspots.

"The first case came out in Sri Lanka in the last week of January, after which there were no cases till about mid-March. During that gap, the Government ensured that the public health surveillance was activated to find any cases with respiratory illnesses. Once the cases were identified, we conducted the needed diagnostics so that we were able to rule out any suspected COVID-19 cases," the WHO's Pendsse told German news organisation, DW. (TRT World)

Navy arrests four persons with 807kg of illegal turmeric

Naval personnel attached to the Northwestern Naval Command apprehended four suspects transporting 700kg of illegal turmeric on two dinghies, in the seas off the coast of Daluwa in Norochcholai, on Tuesday, the Navy stated in a press release.

Later that day, Naval personnel attached to the North-Central Naval Command also discovered two more sacks of illegal turmeric weighing 107kg that washed ashore on the coast of Vankalai, bringing the total mass of illegal turmeric seized that day to 807kg.

The suspects that were taken into custody have been identified as residents of Kalpitiya who are between the ages of 25 and 58.

They, along with the contraband and dinghies, have been handed over to the Sinnapadu and Jaffna Customs Offices for legal action. Investigations are continuing.

Meanwhile, Naval personnel in the country have seized a total of 8.36 metric tonnes of illegal turmeric that were either smuggled or were being smuggled to the island via boat.



The seized haul of turmeric.

World Vision Lanka to provide food to 273 malnourished Rideegama children

M.A.R. MANUKULASOORIYA

The World Vision Lanka organisation has taken steps to provide food to 273 malnourished children in the Rideegama Divisional Secretariat Division for three months.

In a recent survey conducted by the Office of the Rideegama Regional Director of Health Services, it was revealed that 273 children in Grama Niladhari Divisions of the Rideegama Divisional Secretariat Division were malnourished.

Rideegama Development Programme Manager Sumith Nonis said that World Vision Lanka has paid a lot of attention to these children. "We plan to provide them with the necessary facilities for home gardening, in order to uplift their living conditions," Nonis said.

Nallur Kovil Festival: Jaffna GA calls for reduction of devotee numbers

RASULA DILHARA GAMAGE, Northern Province Group Corr.

Jaffna Government Agent (GA) Kanapathipillai Maheshan has

informed the Nallur Kovil administration to take steps to reduce the number of devotees participating in the annual

Nallur Kovil Festival and comply with the guidelines issued by the health authorities to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Jaffna Government Agent said that health authorities have permitted to allow 300 devotees to participate

in the festival. He has informed the Kovil trustees that according to reports they have received, there were

around 3,000 devotees taking part in 'poojas' conducted at the Nallur Kovil during weekends. Maheshan added that

as the country is still facing the threat of a second wave of the Coronavirus, immediate measures should be

taken to reduce the number of devotees participating in religious observances at the kovil.



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A new beginning

Parliament will convene today for the first time after the General Election held on August 5 and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is expected to outline the vision and programmes of the Government for the next five years in his speech to the August Assembly.

It will hopefully be a continuation of the new political culture and dynamism witnessed in this country following his overwhelming victory at the Presidential Election in November last year. He was propelled to power as a result of the public endorsing wholeheartedly his Vistas for Prosperity and Splendour programme that promises a new Sri Lanka for all communities, though it was indeed the majority community that mostly contributed to his stunning victory. A similar pattern was seen on August 5.

Much of the credit for the emergence of this new political dynamism should go to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. The electorate has essentially given them a massive mandate to effect a change in the current Constitution, which has certain amendments and provisions that impede governance. However, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has appointed a strong Cabinet as well as a team of State Ministers and District Development Committee Chairpersons that can help him 100 percent in his mission even in the face of Constitutional and other obstacles.

Every Parliament needs a strong Opposition, but in this Parliament the Opposition has been reduced to around 60 members, with the Grand Old Party of Sri Lankan politics reduced to just one National List seat. Its place has been taken by the breakaway Samagi Jana Balawegaya. In fact, this is the first Parliament in post-independence history where the UNP-SLFP dynamic has completely changed, with the decimation of both these parties. This has led one SLPP stalwart to comment that the Government itself will have to criticize the Government due to the lack of a strong Opposition. Incidentally, the House will have two former executive Presidents – one is the current Prime Minister while the other is an ordinary MP, at least for the moment.

There are several priorities before the new Parliament. The passing of the 20th Amendment is the main priority, followed by the Vote on Account. One must remember that no new finances (except those from the Consolidated Fund) have been passed since the dissolution of the eighth Parliament. This is essential to fight the economic slump caused by the Coronavirus pandemic. The first step is vital to bolster the country's democratic framework, while the latter will send a clear signal on the new Government's plans for the economy.

The Parliament should also take a firm decision on telecasting its proceedings live. The voters have a right to know about what is going on in the hallowed Chamber and how their representatives are standing up for their needs and aspirations. This is also where the word 'discipline' comes in. With the whole country watching, the MPs will have to guard their tongues, lest they utter unparliamentary words and expletives as some MPs did frequently.

Telecasting the proceedings will give an opportunity for the MPs to express their ideas before the entire nation, a task in which several Members of the previous Parliament failed miserably. It is hard to believe, but many MPs have not spoken at all in Parliamentary debates. This time, political parties should encourage all their MPs to speak up. This Parliament has more than 60 new mainly young faces and shorn of previous political baggage, they should be able to contribute more positively to debates. Moreover, there are many professionals from all parties in the new Parliament whose knowledge and skills will be invaluable in the task of nation building.

The Parliament that we see on television is only half the story. The bulk of the work of the Legislature happens behind closed doors in the various Consultative Committees (these sittings are not usually open to the press). More Members must strive to join these Committees and make a positive contribution to the governance process.

We have seen that during certain debates on less interesting subjects, more than half the chairs in the Chamber are empty. In fact, officials are often compelled to ring the "No Quorum" bell as MPs desert the House in droves at certain times. Party leaders must impress upon their charges the importance of attending Parliamentary sessions regularly. This should apply especially to the young MPs who can learn a lot by participating actively in the debates and committees.

Old timers among us bemoan the fact that the "glory days" of Parliament are long gone, when brilliant orators mesmerized audiences with their intelligent and witty remarks. For the first time in many decades, we have a new Parliament and a new political equilibrium that can equal, if not surpass, those days of yore. The 225 Members should not squander this opportunity at all costs.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. - Warren Bennis



A Legal Perspective: Corporate Governance and Banking Sector

Part 3

Guest Column

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Monetary Law Act No.58 of 1949 (MLA)

In order to promote a safe and sound financial system MLA empowers the CBSL to undertake the regulation and supervision of banks. Sections 28 to 32 of the MLA have granted general powers to CBSL to establish the Department of Bank Supervision, undertake examination of banking institutions and to suspend or restrict businesses of banking institutions. In specifying the functions, the authority and powers of a separate department (Bank Supervision Department) the Exter Report states that "banking is an economic activity which affects the public welfare to an unusual degree; it touches in one way or another almost every phase of a country's economic life. Sound banking is essential to healthy and vigorous economic activities. Supervision of banks helps to protect the public against mis-management, bank failures and loss of confidence in the banking system".

Section 86 of the MLA enables the CBSL to grant extra ordinary loans or advances secured by any assets specified by the Monetary Board (MB) of the CBSL, to commercial banks in periods of emergency or of imminent financial panic, which directly threaten monetary and banking stability. This permits the CBSL to perform its function as the lender of last resort in financial crises. Section 98(1) of the MLA enables the CBSL to provide facilities of clearance of transactions among commercial banks operating in Sri Lanka. This provision in the MLA has been further strengthened by the Payments and Settlements Act in 2005.

Banking Act No.30 of 1988 (BA)

Banking Act (BA) as amended is an Act (i) to provide for the introduction and operation of a procedure for the licensing of persons carrying the business of accepting deposits and investing such money; (b) for the regulation and control of matters relating to such business; and (c) to provide for matters connected therewith. In terms of

section 2 and 76A of the Banking Act, a company can carry on business as a commercial bank or a specialized bank only under the authority of a license issued by the MB with the approval of Minister of Finance. Sections 2 to 5 of the BA sets out the licensing procedure, including the requirements to be complied with in submitting the application for a license and the criteria to be considered in accessing the suitability of the applicant. Section 19 and section 76G of the BA require licenced commercial banks and licensed specialized banks respectively to maintain as capital an amount not less than that specified by the MB with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance. Further banks are also required to maintain their capital adequacy ratio (CAR) above the minimum requirement stipulated by the MB. CAR is the ratio of a banks' capital to its risk weighted assets.

Banks are vulnerable to liquidity problems, both from institutions specific and systemic point of view. Therefore, the ability to provide liquidity to the customers is essential to maintain customer confidence. Most banking transactions or commitments have implications for banks liquidity. Thus banks are required to maintain part of their assets in the form of liquidity assets as specified by the MB (Sections 21 and 76J of the BA). Any commercial bank that fails to maintain its statutory liquid assets ratio above the minimum requirements will be subjected to a charge on the amount of the deficiency. Banks are required to prepare and furnish financial statements in respect of each financial year in accordance with the format specified by the MB within a specified period.

In terms of provisions of sections 42 to 44 and 76H of the BM, the directors and the senior management of licensed banks should be fit and proper persons and their appointments should be approved by the Director of Bank Supervision. The criteria for accessing the suitability is given in the Act, which also provides the procedure to be followed in granting such approval or rejecting an appointment including submitting written objections to the MB in case of rejection. It is requirement that a Director or an employee of one bank cannot be director of another bank, unless the other bank is a subsidiary or an associate of the first



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mentioned bank. (Section 42 (3)(a)). Except any foreign bank that does not have the word 'bank' 'banker and banking' in any language in its name, all licensed banks that carry on business in Sri Lanka should use the word bank or any of its derivatives, transliterations etc in their names (Section 16). No other company firm, individual or a group of individual can use the word bank in its name without the prior written approval of the MB. The restriction on the use of word bank is essential to prevent the general public from being misled by unauthorized deposit mobilizing institutions as such name gives the impression to the general public that they are being licensed and supervised by the CBSL.

In terms of section 76A of the BA the business of accepting deposits of money investing and lending such money should be carried on only by commercial banks and specialized banks licensed under the provisions of the BA; finance companies registered under the Finance Companies Act; co-operative societies registered under the Co-operative Societies Law No.5 of 1972; building societies incorporated under the National Housing Act and any organisation established primarily not for the purpose of making profit which accept deposits only from its members that has obtained the approval of the MB to accept such deposits, lend and invest monies so accepted. Although the CBSL is continuing its efforts to educate the general public on the dangers of depositing / investing money in unauthorized

institutions, gullible members of the public and those who are greedy for higher interest income, deposit with these institutions and are getting into difficulties. They seek redress from the Regulator or the Government only when they realize that their savings have disappeared.

The BA restricts the forms of the business that a licensed commercial bank and or licensed specialized bank could carry on to those specified in Schedule II (Section 3 (9)) and Schedule IV (section 76D (2)) of the BA respectively. Further section 17 places restrictions on the commercial banks' investment in any other company by way of subsidiary or otherwise. Section 46 (1) of the BA grants powers to the MB to issue directions to commercial banks regarding the manner in which any aspect of the business of such bank is to be conducted in order to ensure soundness of the banking system. Similar powers are given to the MB in respect of specialized banks in terms of section 76J (1) of the Act.

Despite efforts by the Central banks, financial crises have continued to return in different forms requiring ongoing vigilance by the regulator - CBSL. Moreover, the task of maintaining financial system facility has become more difficult over time because of the changing structure of the financial system in particular, the new and complex products which have been facilitated through technological innovations. The rising importance of market-based finance is leading to several significant changes in the banking industry in Sri Lanka and elsewhere. Banks are expanding their operations into other areas through subsidiary companies and related companies, which include trading, market making, insurance, investment banking, stock-broking and risk management products for themselves and others. Banks and financial institutions have now formed into larger conglomerates with unseen links with their subsidiaries and affiliates using complex products, which require effective conglomerate and consolidated supervision by the regulator - CBSL. While the banking industry is still the largest holder of credit market obligations in Sri Lanka, lending has spread into new areas like credit cards, real estate construction and securitization activities.

(To be continued)



ASHOK K. MEHTA

The stunning results of the Parliamentary elections in Sri Lanka on August 5 are likely to break the prophecy of President Junius Jayewardene – in whose term, his party United National Party's (UNP) victory of 5/6ths majority, resulted in the Constitution of 1978 – that no mortal will be able to dismantle it.

In the Proportional Representation system, a two-thirds majority is deemed unlikely if not impossible. The newly-minted Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), under two-time former President and three times former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, has achieved that feat by winning 18 of 22 districts with nearly three times more votes than its nearest rival Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB), a breakaway faction of the UNP.

That SLPP would win the election was never in doubt after it swept local elections in 2018 and the landslide election of President of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Mahinda's younger brother, in 2019. Another Rajapaksa brother, Basil, who strategised the election, had predicted 130 seats – but Mahinda was confident of cobbling the two-thirds number to install a strong government to replace the 'revolving door' system. Even the parliamentary success in 2010, after winning the war against the militant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in 2009, was not as astounding as the present achievement. The election was free and fair and with least violence under the COVID-19 cloud. India can draw some lessons from its conduct for its own elections later this year and next year.

President Gotabaya's track record

It is the margin of victory – 151 seats with allies and two thirds majority – that is surprising. This is the first time that two brothers are President and Prime minister after the Kaczynski twins in Poland scored that rarity in 2002. The SLPP slogan – a two thirds majority for a strong Government – was multiplied by UNP absenteeism and dismal performance of the UNP and SLPP Unity Government which saw rampant corruption, mis-governance and the Easter Sunday terror tragedy. The electorate was attracted to SLPP by the decisive image of two war-winning brothers whose manifesto was couched in Sinhala Buddhist ideology.

The record of President Gotabaya, through his military style of governance during six months of his term, although in a constitutional vacuum – no Parliament and Caretaker Government – was nothing short of stupendous, though as a former Army Colonel he was accused for militarising government institutions.

He established several task forces led by the military and concentrated all intelligence and operational powers under his charge. The President, it was alleged, was running the Government with two other Gajaba Regiment mates, the CDS and Army Commander, Lt Gen Shavendra Silva and Defence Secretary Maj Gen (ret'd) Kamal Gunaratne, whose division bumped off Prabhakaran near the Nandikadal lagoon on May 19, 2009. Gotabaya's trust in the army and the military's handling of COVID-19 pandemic was the illustration of his belief in military order, discipline and efficiency. This display of effective Governance has proved a balm following the Islamic terrorist attacks inspired by ISIS in 2019.

The two grand old parties, SLFP and UNP have been wiped out – SLFP winning just one seat and that too from the Tamil stronghold Jaffna and the UNP surviving in name by one seat secured on the National List. Another surprise was the change in voting pattern among minority Tamils and Muslims in the North and the East, many of whom voted not for the traditional TNA but other Tamil parties linked to the Government. The main Opposition will now be SJB led by Sajith Premadasa, son of former President Ranasinghe Premadasa.

The Cabinet has five Rajapaksas: Gota-

Why India must 'Win Back' Sri Lanka



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The Rajapaksas have described relations with India as between relatives, brothers and blood relations, while that with other countries are friends. After the election of President Gotabaya, Basil had said that Sri Lanka would look up to India for security, and China for economic development. That alignment has been repeated by the crafters of the new regime and confirmed last week by the new Foreign Secretary Admiral Jayanath Colombage – who asserted within 24 hours of his appointment – that Sri Lanka would follow an 'India First' strategic security policy, and would not allow use of its soil or territorial waters for activities inimical to India'.



baya, Mahinda, Chamal, the eldest brother; his and Mahinda's siblings Shasheendra and Namal, the last two as junior ministers. The Rajapaksas sought a two-thirds majority in order to repeal 19A – the 19th Amendment to the Constitution – which, according to the brothers, was meant to victimise their regime, prevent their re-election (a third term for Mahinda as President), and ensure a weak and unstable Government.

19A, which was passed in 2015 with just one dissenting vote – has sought to take

away some powers from the President and redistribute them to the Prime Minister and the Parliament. It is believed that totally repealing 19A will be difficult. The Rajapaksas are also considering a new Constitution which was half-heartedly attempted by the previous Government. The worry for India is the effort to erase 13A, a commitment that has appeared in most joint statements – though New Delhi is unlikely to press Colombo for its implementation.

The Rajapaksas have always favoured development to devolution.

The priority for the Government is to revive the economy which former Finance Minister Mangala Samaraweera has described as the "worst situation since independence". While Sri Lanka was growing for the last decade at around 5.7 percent of the GDP it has declined to negative – 3 percent recession. Remittances and tourism, the life blood of the economy, have plummeted due to COVID-19. Job-creation is another major task for the government. The country's total debt is US\$ 55 bn, which is 80 percent of GDP. Of this, the debt to China is around US\$ 5 bn plus other repayments to China Development Bank.

This year, Sri Lanka has to repay US\$ 2.9 bn. Colombo has requested New Delhi for two currency swaps and debt deferment. A US\$ 400 mn swap under the aegis of SAARC has been realised, and a US\$ 1.1 bn swap is being negotiated. India has provided a line of credit of US\$ 450 mn of which 50 mn is a grant for counter-terrorism.

Maintaining internal security and social cohesion will be a top concern for the Government. Sri Lanka has seen all shades of radicalisation: Sinhalese extremism through two JVP uprisings, Tamil revolt by LTTE, and Islamic fundamentalism during the Easter Sunday attacks. Protecting Muslim, Tamil and Christian minorities against Sinhalese majoritarianism will be paramount.

India has two strategic neighbours: Nepal in the north, and Sri Lanka in the south. Kathmandu seems to have slipped out of New Delhi's control for the time being with a Communist government enjoying overwhelming political mandate under Beijing's patronage. India is worried about losing Sri Lanka – which could return under China's spell – with the Rajapaksas back in power. Patching up with the Rajapaksas is thus vital for strategic security concerns after Mahinda accused India of 'involvement' in his 2015 electoral defeat. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi kept some eggs in Mahinda's basket and met him twice when he was out of power.

So when Gotabaya was elected President, India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar made an air-dash to Colombo to invite him to New Delhi. Now even before election results have been declared, Modi has gone ahead and congratulated Mahinda for successfully con-

ducting the elections, and his victory. Sri Lanka's veteran diplomat Austin Fernando observed: "Roles have been reversed. Previously, Sri Lanka's leaders used to flock to New Delhi to seek its blessings." Indian ambassador Gopal Baglay became the first foreign envoy to meet Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa before his swearing-in, and invited the Rajapaksas to be the first guests to fly to the new Kushinagar (final resting place of the Buddha) international airport once an air bubble is created.

India - Sri Lanka ties

The Rajapaksas have described relations with India as between relatives, brothers and blood relations, while that with other countries are friends. After the election of President Gotabaya, Basil had said that Sri Lanka would look up to India for security, and China for economic development.

That alignment has been repeated by the crafters of the new regime and confirmed last week by the new Foreign Secretary Admiral Jayanath Colombage – who asserted within 24 hours of his appointment – that Sri Lanka would follow an 'India First' strategic security policy, and would not allow use of its soil or territorial waters for activities inimical to India'. Although India was not a factor in the elections, it has been at the receiving end of Sinhala Buddhist nationalism. This is sometimes attributed to the Chola complex which has diminished after the comprehensive defeat of the LTTE and the reduced strategic relevance of India, but residual anti-India sentiments linger. India's inability to provide Sri Lanka with war-fighting stores due to the Tamil Nadu factor during the war, brought in both Pakistan and China who became willing suppliers.

Still, the brothers have acknowledged India's assistance (Gotabaya calls it 'managing India' and Mahinda recognises New Delhi's moral and material support) in winning the war. The revived Sinhala nationalism is manifest in the resistance to India's participation in operating Sri Lanka's national assets like Eastern Colombo Terminal in Colombo port, Mattala airport and Trincomalee oil tank farms, even as these are under G to G agreements with past governments. The ISLA embargoes use of Trincomalee harbour by a foreign power inimical to India.

The defence and security ties are comprehensive with a multi-layered tri-service interaction and strategic dialogue. Colombo is privileged to be allocated more than half of India's military training programme vacancies for foreign countries. Along with Maldives, the two countries share a trilateral maritime partnership. India's red lines cross the use of Trincomalee-Colombo-Hambantota ports as military facilities for its adversaries, given that Sri Lanka sits across vital sea lanes of communication accessing the Malacca Straits – known as China's 'dilemma'.

China pledged US\$ 500 mn loan for fighting COVID-19 and gifted a Type 053 frigate (a class of Chinese ships).

China's support is vital for Sri Lanka in the UNSC over human rights issues, especially when 10 human rights organisations recently targeted it for authoritarianism and militarising institutions. Pakistan is also a long-standing security partner, and Sri Lanka has always posted a military officer as its High Commissioner in Islamabad. Clearly, Sri Lanka's economic requirements will drive its foreign policy for the foreseeable future.

The assurances given to India over its security concerns are real, given New Delhi's record of interventions across the Palk Straits. Still, India needs to create more strategic space by enhancing outreach to the powerful Buddhist clergy and appointing BJP MP Subramaniam Swamy – who is especially close to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa – as a special envoy for Sri Lanka.

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Future of Education is here

YASMINE SHERIF

There are moments when the world has no choice but to come together. Those moments become historic turning points. This is one of them. We are now faced with the greatest education emergency of our time. Over one billion children are out of school. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented crisis of such magnitude and depth that the next generation might neither have the capacity and tools, nor the will, to rebuild – let alone build back better.

The world has not planned well for the future. At its worst, education has for too long been underprioritized, and at its best, has been viewed as just one among many competing priorities. Before COVID-19, the funding gap for education in low-income and middle-income countries – many already plagued with extreme poverty, weak infrastructure, armed conflicts, climate-induced disasters and forced displacement – amounted to \$148 billion. This funding gap is now estimated to increase by up to one-third.

COVID-19 has laid bare our collective failure to prioritize education. "The pandemic has exacerbated inequalities and magnified the global learning crisis. The future of an entire generation is at risk,"

warned United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres when launching his Policy Brief on Education earlier this month. "The COVID-19 pandemic has created the largest disruption of education systems in history."

Out-of-school children

The number of out-of-school children who may never set foot in a school again is now rapidly escalating. An estimated 30 million children and youth are of immediate concern, according to UNESCO's assessment. In a letter to the international community, UN Special Envoy for Global Education and Chair of the Education Cannot Wait's High Level Steering Group, Gordon Brown, together with 275 world leaders, politicians, academics and civil society, calls for urgent action to address the global education crisis triggered by COVID-19.

In support of the mission of Education Cannot Wait, they state: "We cannot stand by and allow these young people to be robbed of their education and a fair chance in life. Instead we should be redoubling our efforts to get all children into school – including the 260 million already out of school and the 75 million children affected by protracted conflicts and forced displacement, including 35 million children living as refugees or internally – with the

comprehensive help they need – and to make it possible for young people to start or resume their studies in school further and higher education."

Similarly, the *Geneva Global Hub for Education in Emergencies*, composed of UN agencies and non-governmental organisations, has issued an urgent call for firm political action to make financial investments in education for those left furthest behind in armed conflicts,

forced displacement and climate-induced disasters, calling on the international community to "act fast and keep recovery and preparedness in sight."

In the same spirit, the global education community has come together to *Save Our Future*, a coalition composed of the UN, the World Bank and civil society, raising the alarm of an entire generation at risk due to the rapidly escalating learning crisis, as a result of the massive

funding gap, "The Covid-19 pandemic brought about the biggest cataclysm to education any of us have seen!"

On the ground, joint programming supported by pooled funding keeps delivering results. Education Cannot Wait's 2019 Annual Results Report, *Stronger Together in Crisis*, launched on August 11, illustrates that it is possible to deliver quality education to those left furthest behind – provided we come together, politically, strategically, programmatically and financially.

Financial assistance

As the global fund for education in emergencies and protracted crises, ECW's joint investments are rolling out the New Way of Working and ensuring humanitarian-development coherence, bringing together all partners: host-governments, affected populations, UN agencies, civil society, private sector, the World Bank, the Global Partnership for Education, and the International Facility for Financing Education, among others. Stronger together, we share a sense of absolute urgency and uncompromising commitment to results, which is put into action thanks to sustained funding by our strategic donor partners.

As a result, Education Cannot Wait has already reached 3.5 million children and youth since its incep-

tion. Yet, the scale and the depth of the education emergency in crisis-affected countries needs to be matched by adequate and scaled up financial investments to end the learning crisis for those left furthest behind, and to swiftly shift the course towards the SDGs. With 20 times more funding, the estimated 75 million children and youth can be reached. Indeed, financing stands between what is possible and what is not for these vulnerable girls and boys.

This truly is the defining moment in our time. There can be no sustainable development goals without education. "Education is a fundamental human right, the bedrock of just, equal and inclusive societies and a main driver of sustainable development," the UN Secretary-General stated at the launch of his Policy Brief on Education, "As the world faces unsustainable levels of inequality, we need education – the great equalizer – more than ever. We must take bold steps now, to create inclusive, resilient, quality education systems fit for the future."

We now have a chance to learn from the past by acting in the present, and, as the Secretary-General concluded, recognize the fact that: "The future of education is here!"

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INDIA AND PAKISTAN: SEARCHING FOR HUMANITY IN SOUTH ASIA

WILLIAM SHRIVER

Relations between India and Pakistan have entered a period of darkness, as the Indian and Pakistani governments refuse to engage in any sort of dialogue. The South Asian giants continue to spar over a range of issues, including Kashmir and tense Hindu-Muslim relations. However, this period of silence stands in contrast with that of the South Asian scholarly and academic community, which has worked to bring Indians and Pakistanis together to build bridges.

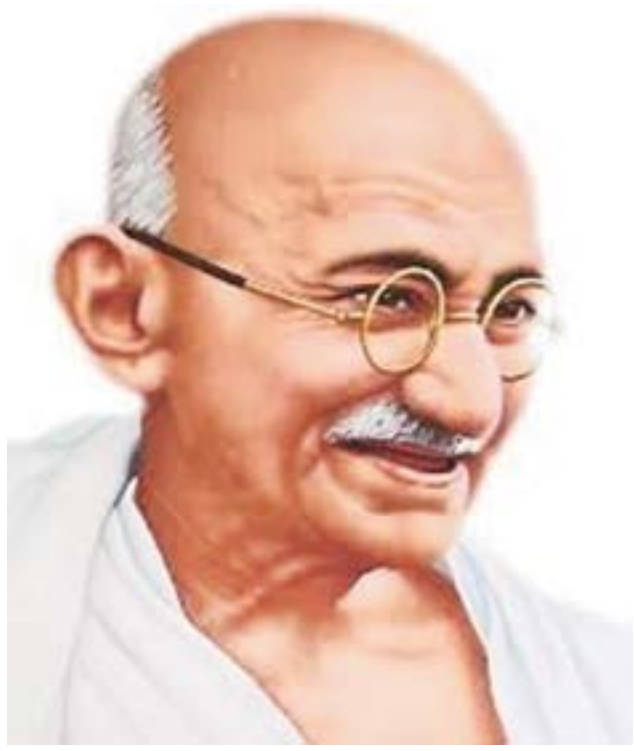
On August 6, I had the opportunity to attend an extraordinary closed-door event hosted by the Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad, featuring a special lecture by Ambassador Akbar Ahmed with Professor Rajmohan Gandhi as the discussant. The discussion was moderated by the former Foreign Secretary of Pakistan and former Pakistani Ambassador to the US, Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry. Ambassador Ahmed is best known as "the world's leading authority on contemporary Islam" as quoted by the BBC, and Prof. Gandhi is an internationally-known humanist, author and the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

The conversation was attended by numerous Pakistani and Indian scholars, academics, diplomats, and ambassadors. Even as distinguished Pakistani and Indian scholars, both speakers displayed great respect for one another. Prof. Gandhi noted "My good friend, Ambassador Akbar Ahmed Sahib...He is a scholar who seeks in word and deed to be a reconciler...I respect him for this" and Ambassador Ahmed stated that he is "honored to be conversing with Prof. Gandhi and building a bridge of dialogue with a great scholar." This conversation has come at a crucial time as India-Pakistan relations have nosedived and the countries seem to be reading different pages of different books.

In his lecture, Ambassador Ahmed dove into what he saw as the key issues facing India and Pakistan in this time of what he called, citing the French philosopher Bernard Henri Levy, the age of madness. Ambassador Ahmed split his talk into three portions: madness, hatred, and hope. He first argued that the age of coronavirus is revealing the divisions of South Asian society, as India and Pakistan exist in a bubble of hyper-madness.

This bubble of madness is manifested in the mood of extreme hate and nationalism in India today. As India and Pakistan huff and puff against one another, the possibility of nuclear engagement is very real. With the addition of the United States and China in South Asia, there are now four nuclear

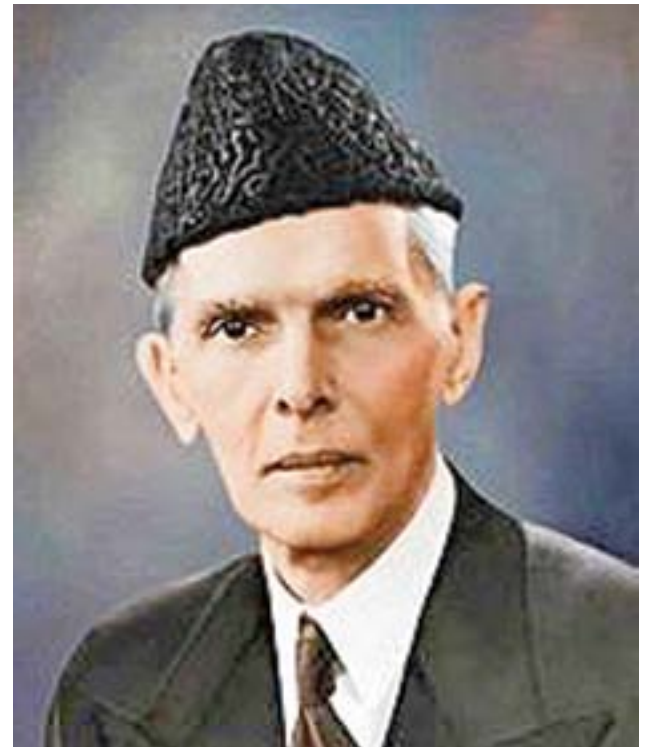
"Both Pakistan and India envisioned nations where the rights of all were protected, regardless of religion or class. Gandhi and Jinnah had a vision not seen in many other world leaders, and those of us in the West can greatly learn from their vision"



Mahatma Gandhi



Jawaharlal Nehru



Muhammad Ali Jinnah

"The India and Pakistan that we see today are not Gandhi's and Jinnah's visions. Both nations have evolved away from their founding vision into something much harsher and uglier"

armed nations rubbing up against each other in and around the Kashmir region.

Ambassador Ahmed continued his argument with the belief that this age of madness comes from a period of hatred in South Asia. The Hindu population sees historical humiliation of Muslim rule for centuries in the sub-continent, while the Muslim population sees the continued Hindu prejudice and violence against Muslims in India. This reality creates a paradigm of fear and deep division between South Asian Hindus and Muslims. Ahmed argues that the harsh lockdown in Kashmir, Hindutva lynching of Indian Muslims, and the Citizenship Amendment Act all make Muslims second-class citizens in their own land.

Even though the founders Gandhi and Nehru promoted religious coexistence, their vision of a pluralistic India is quickly fading. With today's news, it may seem that Hindus and Muslims are nothing but enemies, but Ahmed believes that this is an incorrect reading of history. Ahmed spoke of his time with

Hindu scholar Nirad C. Chaudhuri, ex-Supreme Court Judge V. R. Krishna Iyer and numerous other Hindus as his personal warm and welcoming experiences with Indian Hindus. While this idea of hope was based off of personal accounts, it demonstrates that Indian and Pakistanis, Hindus and Muslims, can foster genuine relationships. The headlines of India and Pakistan of today do not paint a complete picture of Hindu-Muslim relations, and this discussion between Prof. Gandhi and Ambassador Ahmed exemplifies exactly why.

Concluding his lecture, Ahmed ended on one note: the India and Pakistan that we see today are not Gandhi's and Jinnah's visions. Both nations have evolved away from their founding vision into something much harsher and uglier. Following the lecture, Prof. Gandhi opened by saying that Ahmed "has been franker about India's departure from Gandhi and Nehru, than about Pakistan's departure from Jinnah." He firmly agreed that both India and Pakistan have moved away from their founding vision. Prof. Gandhi said that he wants to praise the "silent servants" in both India and Pakistan who speak out and protect the marginalized minorities and the weak, as both governments have failed to do so.

Prof. Gandhi exclaimed that "the megaphone has been seized by merchants of hate" in both nations. However, similar to the sentiment from Ahmed, this seizure does not tell the whole story of Hindus and Muslims in

South Asia. Many Indians and Pakistanis wish to come together – as this event is an example of exactly that. Prof. Gandhi finished his talk with the discussion of Lord Ram, to which he claimed "Ram is a loved name for the unborn, undying, and all merciful all mighty, called by different names by anxious human beings all over the world."

The dialogue has already had a significant impact in South Asia. Leading Indian politician and intellectual Sudheendra Kulkarni has said that: "Reading your article on Naya-daurtv, based on your recent lecture in Islamabad, gave me great joy. It is full of wisdom, as all your writings are...These are depressing times for India-Pakistan and India-China relations. But we must persevere. The idea of Shanti and Salaam, which you have so persuasively explained in your article, is bound to win. We must continue our duty, firm in our conviction that God Almighty will someday show the right path to the peoples and rulers of countries in South Asia."

In this period of tense relations between the governments and the people of India and Pakistan, two South Asian scholars of opposite sides were able to come together for a civil discourse on not only India and Pakistan, but on the greater implications of Hindu-Muslim relations. Both Prof. Gandhi and Ambassador Ahmed urged more South Asians to reach across to the other side and learn more about each other in an effort of bridge building and dialogue.

This conversation between two esteemed scholars highlighted the many reasons why I chose to study South Asia. Firstly, more work has to be put in to avoid a nuclear war. Though not many Americans realize it, four nuclear powers are now one skirmish away from possibly firing a nuclear weapon. Sec-

only, at their very best, India and Pakistan showcase what is so important in a democracy and the lessons that we can learn from Gandhi and Jinnah. Both Pakistan and India envisioned nations where the rights of all were protected, regardless of religion or class. Gandhi and Jinnah had a vision not seen in many other world leaders, and those of us in the West can greatly learn from their vision. Lastly, I aspire to learn more about both India and Pakistan, as the United States is a firm ally of both nations. However, with the current environment of zero dialogue, the American bilateral relationships in South Asia are endangered. Ambassador Ahmed and Prof. Gandhi shed light and hope on all three of these issues, offering perspectives from both sides.

At the end of the day, this period of hostile silence between India and Pakistan is not sustainable. These honest conversations between Indian and Pakistani civil society leaders are an excellent place to begin in the resumption of dialogue. India and Pakistan should take this call for dialogue and humanity from Ambassador Ahmed and Prof. Gandhi very seriously, as they are setting an excellent example. Both speakers projected hope for the future of the region and faith in the humanity of its people. Without dialogue, an uglier more violent confrontation could easily become a reality in South Asia.

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TAKING WING WITH GOLDEN MEMORIES

DISHAN JOSEPH

While engaging in my morning walk at a playground, I came across a smart tall gentleman. His stature resonated a military background. Being curious, I popped the question "Are you retired from the Forces?" The old man smiled and said "Yes. I worked in the Royal Ceylon Air Force."

Two days later, I visited the residence of Ivor Malcolm Kwesius, one of the last-surviving burghers of "vintage Ceylon" who served in the Royal Ceylon Air Force (RCyAF). At 73 years, he has a good memory and said, "Son, I was born in March 1947. Ceylon was so different then. I completed my schooling at Arethusa College, Colombo-6. We lived in Dehiwela. I had applied to join the Navy and Army. One night, I heard an announcement in the Radio Ceylon asking for young men to enlist in the RCyAF. The year was 1971 and I was 24 years old. I did not tell my family about the interview and quietly took the bus to Slave Island. Already there was a line of about 500 men. I waited for three hours, and a corporal directed me to the interview desk. Squadron Leader Rex Fernando asked me some questions. I had played cricket, soccer and did athletics. My height gave me the edge and I was asked to come the next day. I remember 255 men were selected. On the second day, our certificates were checked and on the next day, we passed the medical examination."

We paused our conversation as tea was served by his wife. Ivor continued, "We went to Katunayake in six buses of recruits. We were taken to be "kitted" - getting into uniform. The man in charge was Flight Sergeant Bastians. We made new friends on the bus. We reached the large camp. Air Force food was excellent. They served beef steak and ice coffee for dinner. The rice and curries were



Ivor Malcolm Kwesius

also good. Our uniforms were slate grey in colour. Our pack held the mug, plate, groundsheet, and boot webbing. We were enlisted for ground operations. Three days later, we hit the road to Diyatalawa. We reached there by 1700 hours and it was cold. Our billets (large dormitory) had 30 beds. Each morning we got up at 4 am to shave and be ready for the inspection. Flight Lieutenant C.A. Direckze was a stern officer and always swooped in on us. By 6 am, we had the PT run. Breakfast was served at 7 am, bread and eggs with beef. Our classes took place from 8 am. The discipline was strict. We

engaged in weapons drill using the .303 rifle. We had to do a nine-kilometre march from Pattipola to Diyatalawa. After one month, we had a passing out parade. Wing Commander A.B. Soza was the chief guest. That night we had an awesome party. We got drinks with short eats given kindly by the Welfare Branch."

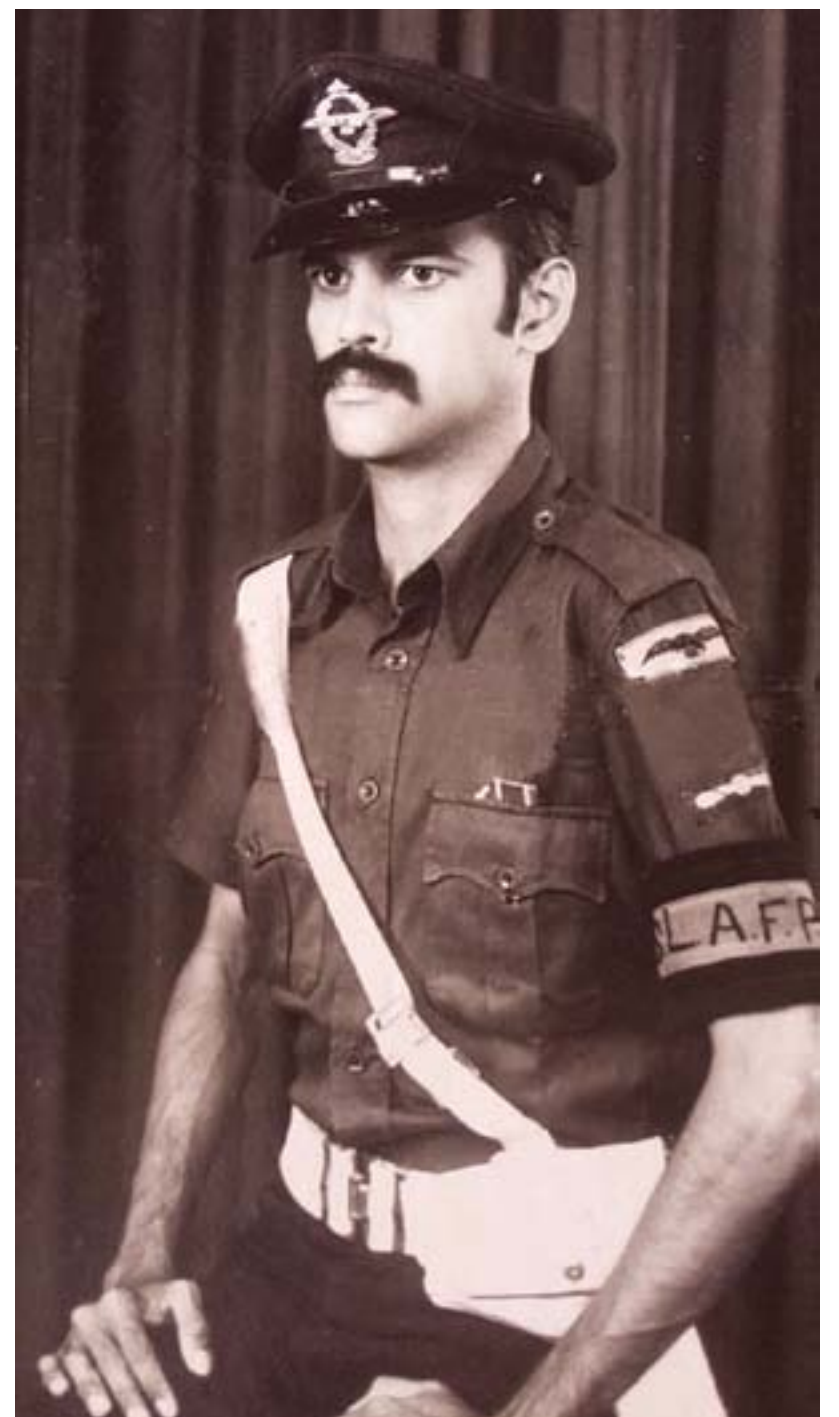
He explained, "Two days later, we headed to our jungle training in Hambantota. I enjoyed the sunshine in comparison to the salubrious hills of Diyatalawa. We were trained by the late U.L.A. Gunasekera and our Commanding Officer was Squadron Leader Mark

Seneviratne. We were trained daily. Our hands and legs were pricked by dry thorns. We crossed rivers. After one month, we had another demanding nine-kilometre endurance march. We were proud to wear the Eagle Rose badge. At the end, we had another stunning dinner party."

Ivor was then sent on active duty. He recalls, "The subversive insurgency had begun. I was posted to the Ridiyagama Camp (previously under the Army). We had lots of night duty. To relax, I did some fishing on the weekends. After six months here, I was trained in the armoury and posted to Katunayake. My girlfriend Rita was living in Trincomalee (Her father was in the Navy). So I got a kind transfer to China Bay, one of the best camps. Here due to my English, I was taken into the Air Force Police and I carried a .38 Smith & Wesson pistol. By now, we were SLAF. One night a wild elephant came into the camp. He was near our duty point. We froze and were silent; thank heavens the elephant walked away. I remember a smart young cadet called Roshan Gunathileke and I am very proud that he became the Air Force Commander years later."

The jolly burgher gent remembers guarding the RAF Avro flight which had flown the Queen to India. The aircraft was kept at Katunayake for few days. He said, "Our fleet was slowly growing. We had the Cessna, Sky Master, Heron, Riley and Jet Provost aircraft. Today I see many modern planes and helicopters."

Ivor Kwesius married Rita and had three daughters. Since leaving the SLAF, he served the British High Commission for many years. Still standing strong, he concluded "My training in the Air Force was the best foundation. I cherish those golden years. I wish the SLAF continued success."



Ivor Malcolm Kwesius during his time at the Royal Ceylon Air Force.

U.N. PAYS TRIBUTE TO AID WORKERS

SWITZERLAND: The United Nations paid tribute Wednesday to humanitarian workers now battling the COVID-19 pandemic after a year in which they found themselves under greater attack than ever before.

The UN marked its World Humanitarian Day by remembering the 125 aid workers who were killed in 2019, and the hundreds of others who were wounded or kidnapped.

"The UN condemns these attacks, and it calls for accountability for perpetrators and justice for survivors. Relief workers cannot be a target," said OCHA, the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

According to the Aid Worker Security Database compiled by the Humanitarian Outcomes research group, major attacks



A UNHCR staff member at the Jordan border hands out juice and biscuits to newly arrived Syrian refugees. Aid workers often work in dangerous areas to help the needy. - AFP

against humanitarians last year surpassed all previous years since records began in 1997.

In 277 separate incidents around the world, a total of 483 relief workers were attacked, of which

125 were killed, 234 wounded and 124 kidnapped. The figure represents an 18 percent

increase in the number of victims compared to 2018.

Most of the attacks occurred in Syria, followed by South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Afghanistan and the Central African Republic. "This year, humanitarian workers are stretched like never before," said UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

"They are responding to the global crisis of COVID-19, and with it the massive increase in humanitarian needs from the fallout of the pandemic.

"They are the unsung heroes of the pandemic response - and they all too often risk their own lives to save the lives of others."

World Humanitarian Day is held on the anniversary of the August 19, 2003 attack on the UN compound in Baghdad which killed 22 people. - AFP

Pakistan to conduct Chinese COVID-19 vaccine trials

PAKISTAN: Pakistan regulators have approved final-phase testing of a Chinese-made vaccine against the coronavirus, officials said Tuesday, in the country's first ever clinical trial of its kind.

According to Pakistan's National Institute of Health (NIH), regulators have approved the testing of a vaccine under development by CanSinoBio and the Beijing Institute of Biotechnology China.

The medication is already undergoing Phase 3 trials - or large-scale testing on humans - in China, Russia, Chile and Argentina. Saudi Arabia will also take part, NIH said.

"This will be the first ever Phase 3 clinical trial for any vaccine in Pakistan," the NIH said in a statement.

Pakistan's inclusion in the trials would help it secure "preferential vaccine supply and pricing", it added.

The trials will be conducted at several medical facilities across Pakistan, including the large Indus Hospital in Karachi.

"Hopefully we will come out with the vaccine within three to four months," Abdul Bari, who heads the Indus Hospital, told AFP.

The coronavirus has claimed more than 6,000 lives in Pakistan but cases have been dropping for several weeks. - AFP



People wait their turn to take a COVID-19 test at a testing point in Karachi. - AFP

Goa to crack down on revellers

INDIA: The Indian resort state of Goa is cracking down on revellers throwing illegal, drug-fuelled parties as coronavirus cases climb in the tourist hotspot, a government minister said Tuesday.

The coastal region has long been a magnet for backpackers and other travellers drawn to its scenic beaches and easygoing vibe, but the pandemic has meant that large get-togethers are now banned.

Lots of bars and restaurants are also unable to operate after many workers fled the state for their home villages when India imposed a strict lockdown in late March.

The partying has not stopped, however - including in private villas, stone quarries and at secret locations in the jungle involving thousands of dollars' worth of drugs, according to local media.

Goa's Tourism Minister Manohar Azgaonkar warned revellers on Tuesday that the good times are over.

"These parties are happening illegally... police are looking into it", he



Goa, famous for its beaches, attracts more than four million tourists annually.

told AFP. In a recent case, police busted an underground rave at a private villa on Saturday, seizing drugs worth 900,000 rupees (\$12,000) and arresting 23 people, including foreign nationals, according to a report in the Hindustan Times newspaper.

Foreign tourists cannot travel to India but Goa is home to a substan-

tial number of foreign residents including many Russians, Israelis and Britons.

Goa, home to around 1.8 million people, has registered nearly 12,000 coronavirus cases so far, with the vast majority of infections recorded over the past month.

- AFP

Lebanon reimposes lockdown

LEBANON: Lebanese authorities on Tuesday announced a new lockdown and an overnight curfew to rein in a spike in coronavirus infections.

The new measures will come into effect on Friday and last just over two weeks, the interior ministry said, adding that they would not affect the clean-up and aid effort following the devastating August 4 Beirut port blast.

A daily curfew will be imposed from 6:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Malls will be closed and restaurants restricted to delivery, with curtailed operating hours. Social gatherings will also be banned. The airport will operate normally and ministries will be staffed at half capacity.



A woman wearing a face mask pushes a wheelchair at a damaged hospital following the August 4 blast in Beirut Lebanon.

Areas damaged by the massive explosion that hit Beirut on August 4 will also be exempt from the restrictions, as clean-up efforts

continue across multiple neighbourhoods. Authorities reported another one-day record of 456 new infections on Monday, fol-

lowed by a further 421 on Tuesday that brought the total to 9,758 including 107 deaths since the start of the outbreak in February. - AFP

France makes masks compulsory at workplace

FRANCE: France will make face masks compulsory in the workplace from next month, the government said Tuesday as it moved to add open-plan offices to a growing list of places where people must cover up to halt the quickening spread of the coronavirus.

By the time people in France return to work after the August summer holidays, masks will be required gear in all shared, indoor work spaces, including meeting rooms, corridors, change rooms and open-plan offices, Labour Minister Elisabeth Borne told AFP.

Borne met labour and business representatives Tuesday to discuss the new measure, which she said was based on the advice of the government's public health council.

It took into account a growing scientific consensus that the coronavirus is transmitted not only in large drops projected when a person coughs or sneezes, but also in smaller ones that

can remain suspended in air breathed out by infected people, she said.

France has already made mask-wearing obligatory on public transport and in enclosed shared public spaces such as shops and government offices, but has left their use in offices to the discretion of employers until now.

Since a two-month lockdown ended in May, new infections have been increasing in recent weeks and the numbers of people admitted to hospital and to intensive care have been rising as well.

As fears mount of a second infection wave renewing strain on France's hospital system and economy, the government is reminding people to keep practicing social distancing.

French President Emmanuel Macron on Monday urged the nation to be vigilant "in the face of an accelerating" outbreak.

- AFP



People wearing face masks walk past the Louvre in Paris.

Biden formally nominated as Trump's Democratic challenger

US: US Democrats on Tuesday nominated Joe Biden as their 2020 Presidential candidate, formally designating the Washington veteran as the party's challenger to incumbent President Donald Trump in the November election.

In an unprecedented roll call vote that took place entirely online due to the coronavirus pandemic, all 50 states and seven territories announced their vote tallies that cemented Biden's role as the party flagbearer.

"Well thank you very, very much, from the bottom of my heart," a beaming Biden said in a live video link as he celebrated the nomination.

"It means the world to me and my family," he added, reminding viewers he will deliver a formal acceptance speech on Thursday at the conclusion of the four-day jamboree. The nomination was a formality as he had already won the majority of the more than 3,900 delegates back in June.

The roll call came on Day 2 of the mostly virtual Democratic National Convention aimed at celebrating the party's candidate and welcoming independents and frustrated Republicans into their political movement to oust Trump from the White House.

The proceedings included a series of presentations by party leaders past and future who unleashed their own arguments against the White House incumbent and urged voters to rally around Biden.

The lineup featured President Jimmy Carter, who served one term from 1977, and 1990s Commander-in-Chief Bill Clinton, who warned that the Trump White House is swirling with chaos instead of the competence neces-



This video grab made on August 18, 2020 from the online broadcast of the Democratic National Convention, being held virtually amid the novel coronavirus pandemic, shows US Democratic Presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden (L) reacting next to wife Jill Biden after being formally nominated as the Democratic Presidential candidate during the second day of the convention. - AFP

sary to address the nation's crises. "At a time like this, the Oval Office should be a command center. Instead, it's a storm center. There's only chaos," Clinton said.

"Just one thing never changes - his determination to deny responsibility and shift the blame," Clinton said. "The buck never stops there." The President faced a barrage of criticism on opening night too, most notably from former First Lady Michelle Obama who said Trump lacks the character and skills for the job. Later Tuesday on a visit to battleground state Arizona, Trump knocked Obama for delivering taped

remarks. "Thursday night I'm doing it live," Trump said, referring to his speech next week when he formally accepts his party's nomination at the Republican convention, which has also shifted online.

Trump said he has chosen the White House South Lawn as the location, after saying in recent weeks that he would pick between the Presidential mansion and the historic battlefield at Gettysburg.

Delivering such an obviously political speech from the White House will stir substantial controversy, as Presidents are required to separate their campaigning from

taxpayer-funded governing. In addition to Clinton and Carter, Tuesday's lineup featured Jill Biden, who has been married to the candidate since 1977. In their appeal to middle-of-the-road voters and frustrated Republicans the convention featured a video of the unlikely friendship between Biden and late Republican Senator John McCain, narrated by his widow Cindy McCain.

Republican former Secretary of State Colin Powell also delivered videotaped remarks in which he endorsed Biden and said he shared the Democrat's values.

- AFP

Malian President resigns after military mutiny

CHANNA PADMASHANTHA in Mali

The Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has announced early yesterday (Wednesday) that he is resigning from his post saying that he does not wish blood to be shed due to a military mutiny that plunged the country into a political crisis.

Yesterday, certain parts of the military have decided that intervention was necessary. So due to that fact, the people have started to hold mass protest. President Keita said in a brief statement that he does not wish blood to be shed and decided to resign. The statement was broadcast on national television. But so far it is unclear whether the Military is now officially in charge of the country.

On Tuesday afternoon, President Keita and Prime Minister Boubou Cisse were detained by soldiers in a dramatic escalation of a month's long crisis in the country. When the escalation developed, soldiers took up arms and carried out a mutiny at a key base in Kati, 15 kms away from the capital Bamako.

The Economic Community of west African States (ECOWAS) and countries in the West African region along with former colonial power France and the European Union, denounced the actions of the soldiers and warned against any unconstitutional change of power. Further, another announcement by the regional alliances of the West African states are closing its borders and will impose sanctions as the crisis continues. United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres Condemned the arrest of President Keita and members of the government. The UN Security Council



Mali's ousted President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

will hold an emergency meeting to discuss the current situation in Mali.

Mali's long conflict, in which ideologically motivated armed groups have stoked ethnic tensions while jockeying for power, has spilled into the neighbouring countries of Niger and Burkina Faso, destabilizing the wider Sahel region and creating a massive humanitarian crisis.

Earlier on Tuesday, Opposition protesters gathered at a square in the capital Bamako in a show of support for the soldiers, whilst foreign embassies advised their citizens to stay indoors. Meanwhile, Mali's coup leaders pledged new elections to resolve a spiralling political crisis in the fragile West African nation. The coup's leaders appeared on televi-

sion hours later to pledge a political transition and new elections within a "reasonable time". Malian Air Force Deputy Chief of Staff Ismael Wague said he and his fellow officers had "decided to take responsibility in front of the people and of history".

Mali's neighbours warned against any unconstitutional transfer of power as the coup unfolded on Tuesday.

The United States and France also released separate statements voicing deep concern about the turn of events and urged against regime change.

Mali is the linchpin of French-led efforts to roll back jihadists in the Sahel, and its neighbours are anxious to avoid the country sliding into chaos. Swathes of

its territory are already outside of the control of the government, which is struggling to contain an Islamist insurgency that first emerged in 2012 and has claimed thousands of lives. The failure to end that conflict fuelled frustrations with Keita's rule, analysts say.

Tensions flared in April when the government held a long-delayed parliamentary election, the results of which are still disputed. ECOWAS last month suggested the formation of a unity government while sticking by Keita, but the compromise was bluntly rejected by the opposition.

Mali has been in the grip of a deep political impasse since June, with President Keita facing increasingly strident demands for his resignation.

The opposition June 5 Movement, named for the date of its first protest, has been channelling deep anger over a dire economy, perceived government corruption and a brutal jihadist conflict.

The opposition alliance's anti-Keita campaign veered into crisis last month when at least 11 people were killed over three days of unrest that followed a protest. In an effort to avoid chaos in notoriously unstable Mali, ECOWAS then stepped in to mediate.

The bloc suggested the formation of a unity government and other measures late last month, but stuck by Keita.

But the June 5 Movement has repeatedly spurned compromise proposals, and has continued to demand Keita's departure. The political opposition declared a new phase of anti-government rallies on Monday.



A general view of a building owned by the Malian Minister of Justice Kassim Tapo, that has been burned and looted in Bamako, Mali after the coup. - AFP



People cheering Malian soldiers as they arrive at the Independence square in Bamako after they seized a key military garrison on Tuesday.



Damage caused to public property in the Malian capital Bamako after Tuesday's coup. - AFP

DRAW NUMBER 695
DATE 2020/08/18
OFFICIAL RESULTS NEEROGA LAGNA JAYA
Zodiac GEMINI
Winning numbers 17 28 47 62

	PRIZES STRUCTURE	PRIZE MONEY	NUMBER OF WINNERS
1st prize	If 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	0
2nd prize	If 3 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 10,000/-	05
3rd prize	If 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 2,000/-	72
4th prize	If 2 numbers and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 200/-	331
5th prize	If 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	3,692
6th prize	If 1 number and the zodiac are correct	Rs. 60/-	4,829
7th prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	52,955
8th prize	If only the zodiac is correct	Rs. 20/-	19,735

Total Prize Money won in this Draw Rs. 2,372,940.00
The Next Super Prize Rs. 16,879,846.50

PRIZES OF FIVE LAKHS OR OVER ARE LIABLE TO GOVT. TAXES. WINNERS MUST PRODUCE NATIONAL IDENTITY CARD TO RECEIVE PRIZES.
 Winning tickets are valid from the day of the draw for a period of 6 months only.

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18.08.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 759,294
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 139,314,325.68
RS. 107,570,585.68 SUPER PRIZE 01 Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 02 Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 25

Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS
DRAW NUMBER 2513 DRAW DATE 18.08.2020
ENGLISH LETTER X
WINNING NUMBERS 11 12 14 38

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1st Prize: LETTER & 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 187,378,585.00	01
2nd Prize: IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	0
3rd Prize: IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	04
4th Prize: IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	196
5th Prize: IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	440
6th Prize: IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10836
7th Prize: IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	7178
8th Prize: IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	181278
9th Prize: IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	32906

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 232,829
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 114,456,625.68
SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 60,000,000.00

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

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MAHAJANA SAMPATHA
DATE: 18-08-2020
WINNING LETTER N
WINNING NUMBERS 9 0 9 8 8 9

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Combination	Prize	Number of winners
1st Prize	9 0 9 8 8 9	Rs. 2,000,000/-	02
2nd Prize	0 9 8 8 9	Rs. 100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	9 8 8 9	Rs. 10,000/-	108
4th Prize	8 8 9	Rs. 1,000/-	1,077
5th Prize	8 9	Rs. 100/-	10,882
6th Prize	9	Rs. 20/-	107,679

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Combination	Prize	Number of winners
7th Prize	9 0 9 8 8	Rs. 10,000/-	09
8th Prize	9 0 9 8	Rs. 1,000/-	110
9th Prize	9 0 9	Rs. 100/-	1,093
10th Prize	9 0	Rs. 50/-	10,764
11th Prize	N	Rs. 20/-	43,096

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.12,208,200.00

Prizes of Rs. 100,000 or over are liable to Govt. taxes. Winners must produce the National ID card and claim prizes. Winning tickets are valid for a period of 6 months from the date of the draw.

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

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DHANA NIDHANAYA Official Results
Date - 2020/08/18
Draw Number - 304
English Letter N
Winning Number 27 58 61 80

Prize	Combination	Prize	No. of winners
1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000.00	03
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 3,000.00	62
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000.00	143
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100.00	3,973
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number is correct	Rs. 60.00	2,712
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20.00	65,861
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	12,299

Total prize money won in this draw Rs. 3,752,220.00
Number of Prize Winners in this draw. 85,054

Next Draw Super Prize 114,952,531.44

Prizes of Over Rs. 1 lakhs or more are subject to the government tax regulations
 Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes.
 Winning tickets are valid from the date for a period of 6 months only.

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Mega POWER Official Results
DRAW NUMBER : 585
OFFICIAL RESULTS
DATE 2020.08.18
English Letter F
Super Number 21
Winning Numbers 54 69 72 73

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money Rs.	No. of winners
1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	07
3rd Prize	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	163
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	329
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,787
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,723
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	143,706
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	28,252

BIGGEST PRIZE IN SRI LANKA
NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs.229,384,490.75

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs.10,488,125.60
NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs.23,909,948.40

Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs.6,524,340.00

Prizes of Over Rs. 1 lakhs or more are subject to the government tax regulations
 Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive prizes.
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Actor Ben Cross

Chariots of Fire actor Ben Cross dies

AUSTRIA: Actor Ben Cross, who was best known for playing athlete Harold Abrahams in the film Chariots of Fire, has died at the age of 72. His representatives said he had died "sudden-

ly" following a short illness. Cross, who died in Vienna, Austria, had two children, Lauren and Theo. He was born Harry Bernard Cross in London to a working-class Catholic family.

He acted in 1981's Chariots Of Fire, which went on to win four Oscars including best picture. Cross played Jewish runner Harold Abrahams in the film, which was based on the true story of two British men racing for Olympic gold

in 1924. He later appeared as Malagant in the 1995 film First Knight and Sarek in the 2009 Star Trek reboot. Cross also appeared as Rudolf Hess in the 2006 BBC production Nuremberg: Nazis on Trial. - *BBC*

Employment Opportunities



National Lotteries Board

Ministry of Finance, Economic and Policy Development

VACANCIES

National Lotteries Board invites Applications to fill the following Vacancies.

Deputy General Manager (Information Technology) HM 1- 1

Qualifications & Experience :

1. a. A Bachelor's Degree in (Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Science or Information Technology) field which is recognized by the UGC. WITH
 - b. A Postgraduate Master's Degree (with a research thesis) qualification from a UGC recognized program in the subject areas (Information Systems, Networking and Network Security, Web Based Technology, Database System, Mapping and Data Security) field and Associate Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institute, which is relevant to the subject area of the post. AND
 - c. Minimum of 10 years experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation / Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed Private Institution in the subject area (Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Science or Information Technology) relevant to the post.
 2. a. A Bachelor's Degree in (Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Science or Information Technology) field which is recognized by the UGC. WITH
 - b. Full Membership of a recognized professional Chartered Institution in a related field (Information Systems, Networking and Network Security, Web Based Technology, Database Systems, Mapping and Data Security) relevant to the post. AND
 - c. Minimum of 10 years experience at a "Managerial Level" in a Corporation / Statutory Board / Institution or a reputed Private Institution in the subject area (Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Information Science or Information Technology) relevant to the post.
- Age : Between 35 - 55 years.
 ■ Salary Scale : HM 1 - 1 Rs : 80,295 - 15 x 2,270 = 114,345

The selected candidates will be entitled to an attractive package of benefits in addition to salary, that includes,

- Vehicle + Fuel
- Monthly incentive
- Annual Bonus
- Medical Insurance
- Approved Other Allowances (as per circular provisions) etc.

Asst / General Manager (Legal & Board Secretary) MM 1- 1

Qualifications & Experience :

Attorney at Law, Notary Public and Commissioner for oaths with post qualifying professional experience of minimum 05 years handling commercial legal matters, litigation, notarial and company secretarial work in a legal or reputed institution. Bachelor's Degree in Law would be an added qualification obtained from a UGC accepted university.

- Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
 - Salary Scale : MM 1 - 1 Rs.53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 = 95,575
 - Selected Candidates will be entitled to an attractive package of benefits in addition to salary, that includes,
- Monthly incentive
 Annual Bonus
 Medical Insurance
 Approved Other Allowances (as per circular provisions) etc.

Asst / General Manager (Finance) MM 1- 1

Qualifications & Experience :

01. A Degree in the field of Accounting and Finance recognized by the University Grants Commission and at least 01 year post qualifying experience in accounting and finance in a Government Department/Corporation/Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.
02. Intermediate level qualification of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CASL) or Intermediate level qualification of Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) or Intermediate Level qualification of Association of Certified and Corporate Accountants (ACCA) or Higher National Diploma in Accountancy and at least 05 years post qualifying experience in accounting and finance in a Government Department / Corporation / Board or a reputed Mercantile Establishment.

- Age : Should be not less than 22 years and not more than 45 years.
 - Salary Scale : MM 1 - 1 Rs.53,175 - 10 x 1,375 - 15 x 1,910 = 95,575
 - Selected Candidates will be entitled to an attractive package of benefits in addition to salary, that includes,
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 Annual Bonus
 Medical Insurance
 Approved Other Allowances (as per circular provisions) etc.

- Sound Knowledge in English will be an additional qualification.
- All Applicants should be the citizens of Sri Lanka and shall possess a moral character.
- Bio-Data cum application, prepared by the applicants, which includes names, addresses and telephone numbers of two non-related referees and enclosing copies of all certificates should be sent under registered post to reach the **Chairman, National Lotteries Board, No. 32, Deshamanya N W J Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 01**, on or before the closing date for receipt of applications.
- The post applied for should be indicated in the top left hand corner of the envelope.
- Applicants in the government service should forward their applications through the respective Heads of Departments / Institutions.
- Closing Date for Application will be 02.09.2020
- Applications received after the closing date will not be considered.
- **The persons who already applied for the above posts in respect to the advertisements published on 30.01.2020 in "Daily News" do not want to apply again. Those applications are valid for the process of interview.**
- Any kinds of canvassing will be regarded as a disqualification
- Decision of the Selection of Board of Directors and Recruitment Panel is conclusive.

**The Chairman,
 National Lotteries Board,
 No. 32, Deshamanya N W J Mudalige Mawatha,
 Colombo 01.**

Indian classical maestro Pandit Jasraj dead

INDIA: Music lovers in India have paid glowing tributes to the classical maestro Pandit Jasraj, who has died at the age of 90.

The vocalist suffered cardiac arrest early Monday in New Jersey, bringing an end to a pioneering musical career spanning eight decades. Born into a family of musi-

cians in the northern Indian city of Hisar in 1930, Jasraj started performing on stage at the age of 11.

He won scores of awards for his contribution to music, including India's second-highest civilian honour.

Jasraj also performed in Bollywood movies and contributed vocals to the soundtrack of the

acclaimed 2012 Hollywood film "Life of Pi", but remained focused on stage performances.

His fans, Bollywood artists and India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted their condolences.

Bollywood music superstar Lata Mangeshkar said she was

"extremely saddened" by the news, according to PTI.

Grammy- and Academy Award-winning musician A.R. Rahman tweeted that Indian classical music had "lost one of its shining stars".

- *AFP*



This October 26, 2016 file photo shows classical vocalist Pandit Jasraj (R) speaking with playback singer Asha Bhosle at the 'Hridaynath Mangeshkar Awards' in Mumbai.



University of the Visual and Performing Arts

Vacancy

Post of Medical Officer

University of the Visual & Performing Arts will entertain applications from suitably qualified persons for the post of Medical Officer up to 10.09.2020

1. Medical Officer

Qualifications :
 Medical Degree (MBBS) of a recognized University with at least 3 years' experience as a Medical Practitioner.

Salary Scale :
 Rs.55,350 - 10x1,335; 1x1,630 - 70,330 p.m and all other benefits eligible to the post.

Prescribed application forms and other details regarding the above post could be obtained from the "Deputy Registrar / Academic Establishment Branch during office hours or could be downloaded from the university website www.vpa.ac.lk. Requests for application forms by post should be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope (Rs.15.00 valued) of 9"x4" in size before 04.09.2020.

Completed application forms should be forwarded under registered cover to reach the **Deputy Registrar / Establishment, University of the Visual and Performing Arts, 21, Albert Crescent, Colombo 07**" on or before **10.09.2020 at 4.00 p.m.** The post should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope. Applications which do not conform to these requirements, incomplete applications and applications received after the closing date will be rejected without intimation.

Applications from employees in the Public sector, Corporations and Statutory Boards should be channeled through their respective heads of departments.

**Registrar
 University of the Visual and Performing Arts
 17/08/2020**

Rocket attack on Afghan Presidential compound

AFGHANISTAN: Six members of Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's honour guard were wounded Tuesday when a rocket struck his palace compound, officials told AFP.

The rocket was one of a salvo launched into central Kabul just as officials were gathering in the capital to commemorate Afghanistan's 101st Independence Day.

Ghani had finished speaking outside the famous Arg Palace to mark the event when a rocket landed in the sprawling compound and wounded six members of his honour guard, two palace officials told AFP on condition of anonymity. The President had already wrapped up his ceremonial duties and was not affected.

The interior ministry did not immediately comment on the incident, but spokesman Tareq Arian earlier said 14 rockets were fired out of two vehicles in the capital, mostly hitting civilian homes.

"Unfortunately, 10 civilians including four children and one woman have been wounded," Arian said. Two suspects were arrested, he added.

The Arg Palace is located in a highly fortified area of the capital that also houses several embassies, and "incoming fire" alarms could be heard blaring from the US embassy. No group immediately claimed Tuesday's rocket attack, which came as the Afghan government and the Taliban are poised to begin peace talks.

Negotiations are set to start once Kabul completes the release of about 400 Taliban prisoners as approved last week by a traditional gathering of thousands of prominent Afghans.

Afghan authorities have so far released 80 Taliban prisoners, but insist that the remaining 320 will be freed after the militants release some Afghan soldiers held captive by them.

Afghanistan was never a part of Britain's empire but it became officially independent from British influence in August 1919.

- *AFP*



Ministry of Defence

Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka

Vacancies

Applications are called from qualified citizens of Sri Lanka for recruitment on temporary basis for the following posts of the Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka under the purview of the Ministry of Defence.

1. Post : Research Analyst (01 vacancy)

Monthly Allowance :
 Basic salary Rs. 46,406.00 + Cost of Living Rs. 7,800.00 = Rs. 54,206.00

Educational Qualifications :
 Should have obtained a Bachelor's Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations / Peace & Conflict Resolution Studies / Security Studies / Intelligence Services Studies / Terrorism / Social Science from a University or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Experience : 02 years' minimum experience acquired in a field related to research
Age : Should not be less than 21 years and more than 45 years.

Method of Recruitment :
 Recruitment will be on the results of an interview conducted to evaluate aptitude.

2. Post : Research Assistant (01 vacancy)

Monthly Allowance :
 Basic salary Rs. 22,240.00 + Cost of Living Rs. 7,800.00 = Rs. 30,040.00

Educational Qualifications :
 Should have obtained a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations / Peace & Conflict Resolution Studies / Security Studies / Intelligence Services Studies / Terrorism / Social Science from a University or an Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

Experience : Experience in the field related to the post will be considered a special qualification.
Age : Should not be less than 18 years and more than 45 years.

Method of Recruitment :
 Recruitment will be on the results of an interview conducted to evaluate aptitude.

- All applicants must sit for a written test of 30 minutes to test language ability on the day of the interview conducted to evaluate aptitude.
- Applicants who fulfill the qualifications for the above posts should forward their applications by Registered Post to **Secretary, Ministry of Defence, No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03** on or before **03.09.2020**.
- The post you are applying for should be clearly indicated on the left-hand top corner of the envelope and applications received after the specified date will be rejected.

For more information, enter www.defence.lk website.

**Secretary,
 Ministry of Defence,
 No. 15/5, Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03.**

Trump to pardon Susan B. Anthony

US: US President Donald Trump on Tuesday marked the 100th anniversary of US women getting the right to vote by announcing a pardon for Susan B. Anthony, who was arrested for voting in 1872.

At a White House event to celebrate the centenary of the 19th Amendment ending the exclusion of women from voting, Trump said he would sign a "full and complete pardon" for Anthony later in the day.

Anthony was arrested in Rochester, New York and later convicted. She refused to pay the fine, making her an icon of the women's suffrage movement.

"What took so long?" Trump said as he announced the pardon.

Trump, who faces a difficult reelection November 3 against Democrat Joe Biden, is working to build support among women, especially what he says are "suburban housewives" living in fear of seeing low-income housing built in their neighbourhoods. - *AFP*

Vantage FFSL President's Cup soccer Tough battles expected in quarters

ALTHAF NAWAZ
The final eight teams for the quarter finals stage were found, after the completion of the first round matches of the inaugural "Vantage FFSL President's Cup" soccer tournament, which will be played on 23 and 24 of this month at Sugathadasa Stadium. Java Lane Sports Club headed their group 'A' with seven points, after completing their group fixtures, which they won two and the other one match ending in a draw. They defeated Blue Star Sports Club and Moragasmulla Sports Club convincingly while holding the Up Country Lions Sports Club to a draw. They maintained a healthy eight goals difference in their group matches, which enabled them to lead the points table and move forward to the next round of the tournament. New Star Sports Club, entered into this tournament as the underdogs, remained the only team in group 'B' to win two games against the strong rivals,



The prestigious "Vantage FFSL President's Cup" which will be on offer for the winner

Renown Sports Club and Matara City Club while holding New Young Football Club, Wennapuwata to a draw. They too obtained seven points in their matches and have a four goals difference than others in their group, which assisted

them to head their group points table. It was rather interesting in the group 'C' where Defenders Football Club and Red Star Football Club secured their places in the quarter finals. After defeating Red Star FC by 2-1 on Tuesday, Defenders FC just managed to sneak into qualify. They remained undefeated with two wins against Red Star Football Club and Super Sun Sports Club while forcing a draw against Saunders Sports Club, which assured them the top spot in their group. Police Sports Club and Serendib Sports Club qualified from group 'D'. Police topped the group with six points after a close 2-1 win against Serendib SC on Tuesday. Serendib SC was fortunate enough to qualify for the quarters on a plus goals difference, after Sea Hawks Football Club who obtained the same number of four points, but had a minus goal difference,

which ousted them from the tournament. Colombo Football Club and Blue Eagle Sports Club marched forward comfortably to the quarters with six points each. Colombo FC on a higher goal difference headed the points table while Blue Eagles retained the second slot. Meanwhile, the quarter finals draw will be held today at the FFSL headquarters and all matches from here onwards will be played at Sugathadasa Stadium. **Teams qualified for quarters:**
GROUP A
1 Java Lane SC
GROUP B
1 New Star SC
GROUP C
1 Defenders FC
2 Red Star FC
GROUP D
1 SL Police SC
2 Serendib SC
GROUP E
1 Colombo FC
2 Blue Eagles SC

Saif Yusoof re-elected president at MFA

Saif Yusoof, Managing Director, Expolanka Freight Ltd., Classic Travels and ITX 360 was unanimously re-elected as the President of Mercantile Football Association (MFA) for the term of 2020/22 at the 97th Annual General Meeting held at the FFSL Auditorium recently. Saif Yusoof, an ardent football lover and a leading corporate professional is the Founder/Owner/President of the Colombo Football Club which was inaugurated in 2008. He was elected as the youngest President of the Mercantile Football Association in 2019 when the Association reached its centenary.

His dynamic professional corporate background in the mercantile sector has helped to give a new dimension to mercantile football with a touch of global standards. Mercantile Football Association was inaugurated in 1918 under the British. The MFA is presently has a membership of over 40 mercantile blue chip companies. At the moment several companies are in the waiting list to obtain membership. Annually, the Mercantile Football Association conducts four major tournaments such as, the League tournament and the Knockout tournament under five

divisions and further the Annual Seven a side and the Futsal five a side tournament. The Association is planning to conduct a Beach Soccer Tournament in the near future. **Office bearers:**
Patron
Anura de Silva - President, FFSL
Elected Committee Members for 2020/22
President
Saif Yusoof - Expolanka Group
Vice Presidents - Piyal Perera - EFL, V. Manuel - LSR Group, Dennis Paris - Galadari Hotel
General Secretary - George Weerakkody - Ceylincor Insurance

Assistant Secretary - Abdur Rahman - EFL
Treasurer - Suraj Hettiarachchi - Sampath Bank
Assistant Treasurer - Sineth Yasiru - Central Finance Co.
Council Members - S.S. Wikramaratne - Lake House, Sampath Fernando - Seylan Bank, R.S. Mawela - Sri Lankan Airlines, Ruwanjith Bandara - Commercial Bank, Nishath Nawaz - Amana Bank, Nixon Fernando - Akbar Brothers, Lahiru Senaviratne - HNB
Senior Advisor - Anton Atapattu
Advisor - Ranjith Mathew
Coordinator - K.A.G. Gunasekara



Newly elected office bearers of MFA

KDCA brings back cricket to the hills with one day tourney



HAFIZ MARIKAR

The Kandy District Cricket Association (KDCA) one day cricket tournament 2020 will commence from Friday. The host KDCA is taking a keen interest to make this tournament a memorable one. So Cricket will make a glorious comeback to Kandy at club level with this cricket championship. This one-day cricket championship will see thirty teams go head-to-head to establish themselves as the champions of the tournament. The winning team would also end up with a sizable prize money and trophy, same will be for the runner-up too. The special awards will be Best Batsman, Bowler, and Fielder and also the Best Team of the tournament and the Man of the Tournament will be honored. Cricket fans all around Kandy will be able to watch some of their city's stalwarts battling against each other. All clubs representatives, team captains, umpires were present at the briefing at KDCA office at Asgiriya last Monday. The team captains were updated on tournament rules by senior umpire Chinthaka Girihagama and Amarajeewa Dissanayake. They explained the health regulation imposed by the authorities with related to playing conditions. Janaka Pathirana welcomed all

participants for the work shop while Roland Perera President thanked all participants. Malcolm Perera the Vice president who is responsible for the cricket structure and conduct of the tournament explained the areas related to spirit of cricket and conduct of the game. In the early days one day cricket at club level was the most popular sport over here and it was played for trophy presented by George Hemachandra, and Kandy District cricket association officials made it well organized and players gained the much needed experience. So, once again it is going to be so, and some top cricketers will come out of this tournament. After more than five months without a cricket tournament playing because of COVID-19, the KDCA decided one day club cricket is the perfect format to bring cricket back. So, this is going to be the first cricket tournament under difficult conditions, **The official Cricket Fixtures finalized on Monday are as follows:-**
AUGUST - 21 Vesuvius SC vs Madawala United SC at Prisons grounds, 22nd Old Antonians SC vs Southernland SC at Katugastota, Old Trinitians SC vs Kothmale CC at Asgiriya, 24th Sylverstains CC vs Saracens CC at Prisons grounds, 25th Saracens CC vs Gampola CC Prisons grounds, 26th Kandy Bloomfield CC vs Old Zahirans

SC in Gampola, Kandy Rajans SC vs University C.C. at Campus grounds, 27th Vesuvius SC vs. Onslaught CC - Prisons grounds, Southerland SC vs Old Zahirans SC - Gampola, 28th Kandy Youth CC vs Prisons SC - Prisons gorunds, Old Antoans SC vs Galagedera CC - Lake View, 29th Old Antonians SC vs Kandy Bloomfield CC - Katugastota, Black Eagles SC vs University CC - Peradeniya, 30th Kandy Youth CC vs University Staff CA - Peradeniya, Old Trinitians SC vs Liverpool SC - Asgiriya, 31st, Old Rajans SC vs Black Eagles SC - Prisons grounds, Gampola CC vs Kandy Academy SC - Gampola. **SEPTEMBER** - 2nd Sylvestrians CC vs Blue Universal SC - Prisons grounds, 3rd Kandy CC vs Vesuvius SC - Prisons grounds, 4th Sylverstains SC vs Kandy Academy SC - Prisons grounds, 5th Madawala CC vs University Staff CA - Peradeniya, Old Antonians SC vs Old Zahirans SC - Katugastota, Liverpool SC vs Kothmale CC - Gampola, Old Trinitians SC vs Kandy Doctors SC - Asgiriya, 7th - Southerland SC vs Kandy Bloomfield CC - Prisons Grounds, 8th Saracens CC vs Blue Universal SC - Prisons grounds, 9th Liverpool SC vs Kandy Doctors SC - Prisons grounds, 10th Kandy Youth CC vs Madawala CC - Prisons grounds, 11th Kandy CC vs Onslaught CC - Prisons grounds, 12th Kandy Doctors SC vs Kothmale CC - Gampola,

13th University CC vs Ekamuthu SC - Peradeniya, 14th Vesuvius SC vs Kandy Zeylanikans CC - Prisons grounds, 15th Southerland SC vs Old Bahuwans SC - Gampola, Saracens CC vs Kandy Academy SC - Prisons grounds, 16th Gampola CC vs Blue Universal SC - Prisons grounds, 17th Kandy Zeylanikans CC vs Onslaught CC - Prisons grounds, 18th Galagedera CC vs Black Eagle SC - Prisons grounds, 19th Old Antonians SC vs old Bahuwans CC - Katugastota, Sylverstians CC vs Gampola CC - Gampola, 20th Old Rajans SC vs Ekamuthu SC - Lake View, 21st Black Egales SC vs Ekamuthu SC - Prisons grounds, 22nd Kandy Zeylanikans CC vs Madawala United SC - Prisons grounds, 23rd Prisons SC vs Falhina YSSC - Prisons grounds, 24th Madawala vs Prisons - Prisons grounds, 25th Kandy Bloomfield CC vs Old Bahuwans CC - Prisons grounds, 26th Galagedera CC vs Univesity CC - Peradeniya, 28th Onslaught CC vs Madawala United SC - Prisons grounds, 29th Kandy Youth CC vs Galhina YSSC - Prisons grounds, 30th Kandy CC vs Madawala United SC - Prisons grounds, Old Bahuwans CC vs Old Zahirans SC - Gampola. **OCTOBER** 1st Prisons SC vs University Staff CA - Prisons grounds, 2nd Blue Universal SC vs Kandy Academy SC, 4th Galagedera CC vs Ekamuthu SC - Prisons grounds.

Sri Lanka National Rapid & Blitz Chess C'ships from tomorrow

Sri Lanka National Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2020 conducted by Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) will be held on August 21 and 22 at the Satara Auditorium, Maharagama. This tournament is conducted with the medical guidelines given by the Ministry of Sports. According to the senior official of the CFSL events are open for all. If less than 200 players in an event, only 7 rounds will be played. Otherwise it will be nine rounds. There will be four events namely, Sri Lanka National Rapid Chess Championships 2020 in this tournament. The championship trophy will be awarded for all events while gold, silver and bronze medals and cash awards also will be awarded. The open women champion



will receive Rs. 20,000 at the Rapid tournament while Blitz open women champion will receive Rs. 15,000 cash awards. In addition certificates will be issued for the first 20 players. Last year Gayan Pieris won the National Rapid chess championship while Damith Karunaratne won the National Blitz Chess Championship. Tensrs de Silva and Sanidul Dahamdi won the women's National rapid championships and women's National Blitz championships respectively. (D.R)

Ranga steers Allianz Insurance

DILWIN MENDIS
Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

A hurricane chance-less 122 runs by Ranga Dias guided Allianz Insurance to defeat Standard Chartered Bank by a mammoth 184 runs in their Mercantile 'E' Division League Tournament cricket match worked off at Mercantile Grounds, Colombo. Ranga hit 11 sixes and five four and occupied the crease for 44 minutes and faced 37 balls and also he associated a record fourth wicket partnership of 152 runs with Samera Fernando who contributed 74 runs. Batting

first Allianz Insurance scored a massive 282 for 7 and in reply Standard Chartered were bawled out for 98 runs with Mayura Ranasinghe bagging 3 for 18 runs and Selwyn Jamion made the top score of 51 runs for the losers. **Chief scores**
Allianz Insurance - 282/7 in 24 overs - Ranga Dias 122, Sameera Fernando 74, Chaminda Fernando 22, S. Sampan 24, D. Drindhadesz 22 n/o
Standard Chartered - 98 in 20.1 overs - Selwyn Jamion 51, Sidath Mallawaarachchi, 2/13, Mayura Ranasinghe 3/18, Chasendra Fernando 2/14



Ranga Dias

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Vantage FFSL President's Cup Soccer

SLTB came from behind to beat Crystal Palace FC 3-2

Blue Eagles SC tops Group E, beating Colombo FC 2-0

ALTHAF NAWAZ
A productive second half rally by SLTB, SC enabled them to sign off with a winning note, after they edged out Crystal Palace Football Club, Gampola by 3 goals to 2 in their soccer encounter for the Vantage FFSL President's Cup at Race Course Grounds yesterday.

After trailing 0-2 by the end of first half, SLTB lads reorganized themselves and stormed into the game by putting up a gutsy performance to secure a suppressing win and end the group stage with a winning note.

Crystal Palace lads from Gampola dominated play from the start in all departments of the game. They had a firm control of the game and came close to scoring on several occasions, but due to lack of support in the forward line their efforts went in vain. Their overseas player E.I. Aba broke the shackles by scoring the first goal in the midway into the first half. He obliged a superb cross pass from the right extreme as he bisected the rival defense to score a well-executed goal to put them in lead 1-0.

Just a few minutes away from the breather Mehdi Azmil increased their lead further, with another goal, after receiving a quick pass to go solo, to net the second goal for them where the score read 2-0 at the short whistle.

After the turn around it was a tussle for supremacy. Both teams fought hard, once again Gampola lads took the upper hand in the game making some teasing moves. The pendulum swung the



T.F.Nizamdeen (No.4) of SLTB, Sports Club leaps on to air to head the ball is challenged by the Crystal Palace Football Club players. SLTB SC won the game 3-2.

other way in the last 15 minutes of the game as SLTB lads rejuvenated themselves and came into score three quick goals in quick succession. Due to mounting pressure Crystal Palace defense was in a total disarray.

Capitalizing on the situation Shanmugarajah Sanjeev of SLTB reduced their deficit scoring their first goal, after Pradeep Perera chipped in with a quick pass to score. Left extreme Nissanka Jayaweera's 15-meter vol-

ley equalized the score to 2 all which kept the match wide open. Just two minutes away from the full time, a Crystal Palace player made a valiant effort to clear the ball from their goal box area, later was

penalized for rough play. As a result, SLTB were offered a penalty kick which Nissanka Jayaweera made no mistake to score his second goal of the match, while sealing the game in their favor.

BERNARD PERERA
Blue Eagles SC (Sri Lanka Air Force) gained a comfortable two goals to nil victory over Colombo Football Club in the Vantage FFSL President's Cup match at the Sugathadasa stadium last evening. This victory also helped Blue Eagle SC to take the top spot in Group 'E' with nine points which is also the best by any team in the Championship.

The match got off to a flying start with both teams flying well with the hope of getting to an early lead by displaying attacking soccer for nearly 17 minutes which saw the deadlock broken by Blue Eagles Striker L.H. Kavindu Ishan netting in the first goal for his side. With Colombo FC down at this stage made good moves penetrated the defense line through good passes expecting to get the equalizer. But all their efforts failed, seven minutes later when Ishan struck the second for Blue Eagles to put his team on to a strong position.

Colombo FC played best soccer during this session but could not reduce the lead and the teams returned for lemons with Blue Eagles with the fine lead 2-0.

After the turn around Colombo FC changed their pattern of play to go for the big win that they were expecting and was seen going on the attack from the beginning of this session. This saw Colombo FC penetrating the defense line of their opponents on many occasions and had many shots at the goal minus accuracy. They almost failed to hit about ten shots. If few of them came right on target the result would have definitely made a match for themselves and could have moved to the top spot of the Group.

Referee had to send off Blue Eagles' player BMB Rathnayake after two warnings for rough play and also had to pull out yellow card warn to two more players of Blue Eagles MS Jain and ARA Shazny. Meanwhile two of Colombo FC Players P.A.E.R. Fernando and B.S.C. Fernando too were warned by the Referee.

The qualifiers for the Quarterfinals from the five groups are as follows:

- Group A** - Java Lane SC,
- Group B** - New Star SC,
- Group C** - Defenders SC, Red Star SC,
- Group D** - SL Police SC, Serendib SC,
- Group E** - Bu Eagles SC, Colombo FC

CCC look to bounce back in high profile game

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Defending champions CCC will look to bounce back when they take on NCC in a high profile Premier Tier 'A' Super Eight Inter-Club Cricket Tournament fixture at the P. Sara Oval in Colombo commencing today (20).

In fact, both CCC and NCC are in contention for the Super Eight title as they enter the last two weeks of competition as the top two teams in the points table.

However, CCC will have a slight edge over their near-

(Super Eight Points Table)					
TEAM	P	W	L	D	PTS
CCC	5	4	0	1	78.45
NCC	5	1	0	4	61.2
Chilaw Marians	5	2	1	2	56.64
Colts CC	5	1	2	2	51.2
Ragama CC	5	2	2	1	44.86
Saracens SC	5	1	2	2	40.26
Army SC	5	1	2	2	35.7
BRC	5	0	3	2	29.82

est rivals having built up a 17-point lead following last week's drama where they conceded first innings

points to lowly Saracens SC at the SSC Grounds. NCC too could not obtain the desired results from last

week's outing at Katunayake as they were beaten on the first innings by BRC who are currently placed at the bottom of the points table.

Therefore, NCC are more desperate than their opponents and need to pull off an outright victory if they are to stay alive in the tournament.

Meanwhile, former champions Chilaw Marians CC would look to maintain their impressive record when they confront Colts CC in another Super Eight Tournament encounter at the SSC Grounds in Maitland Place.

Chilaw Marians CC put up an outstanding all-round performance last week to beat Army SC outright by 45 runs at the P. Sara Oval that enabled them to move into the third place in the points table.

In addition, Ragama CC will start favourites when they take on Army SC at the CCC Grounds in Maitland Crescent while Saracens SC will clash against BRC at Katunayake.



NCC will face a tough challenge from CCC.



Construction work continues at the Ratnapura ground.

SLC to develop outstation cricket grounds

Sri Lanka Cricket is investing in the development of cricket in parts of the country less exposed to the game as they have decided to construct six new cricket stadiums in outstations. The project initiated by SLC president Shammi Silva is a major step forward in developing the game at

the grass-root level and has received the unanimous stamp of approval from the executive committee.

Accordingly, new facilities will be built in Ratnapura (Monarawila), Badulla (Municipal grounds), Jaffna (Mallakam ground) Polonnaruwa (National Stadium),

Ambalangoda (Municipal ground) and Hettipola as part of their strategy to improve the standard of cricket in rural Sri Lanka.

The grounds in Ambalangoda, Polonnaruwa and Hettipola will be completed within the next three months while SLC hopes to complete the other three

projects within the next three years.

Sri Lanka Cricket will add ten center wickets to each ground in Polonnaruwa, Ratnapura and Jaffna and also side wickets for training. The turf wickets will also be re-laid in keeping with the required standards.

Neymar and attacking stars align for PSG in pursuit of Champions League glory

LISBON, WEDNESDAY: An inspired Neymar helped Paris Saint-Germain reach the Champions League final on Tuesday, but the fact that the Brazilian was not their best player against RB Leipzig says everything about the frightening strength of Thomas Tuchel's team and shows why they can be confident of lifting the trophy for the first time.

Neymar has become a different player in his third year in the French capital. His first two seasons at PSG following his 222 million-euro (\$264m) transfer from Barcelona were blighted by injuries and constant speculation about a move back to the Camp Nou. When it became clear last summer

that a return to Catalonia would not happen, he knuckled down and decided finally to make a proper go of it in Paris. This is the end result.

After scoring in both legs against Borussia Dortmund in the last 16, just before the coronavirus brought football to a halt, he was outstanding in the 2-1 quarter-final win over Atalanta last week in Lisbon and even better in the 3-0 demolition of Leipzig.

Neymar hit the post twice in the first half, including from

an audacious free-kick wide out on the right as everyone waited for a cross.

The 28-year-old won the free-kick which led to Marquinhos's opener, and it was his flick which set up Angel Di Maria for the second goal, ensuring it was game over by half-time, before Juan Bernat sealed the win.

The only thing missing was a goal of his own. "What can I say to Neymar to help him score a goal when I scored maybe two in my career,"



Neymar

joked Tuchel. "He scores in training, but he is playing exceptionally well, he is so, so strong. He has a winning mentality, a hunger to win and to show he is capable of being the best player in the world.

"If he scores in the final then I'll be happy."

Neymar later posted a picture on Instagram of himself lying on the ground in agony, a reminder of his bad luck with injuries in his first two seasons after arriving in Paris for that world record fee in 2017, which has clearly made him even more determined to succeed now.

"Today I am in one piece, with no injuries, able to help my teammates in the best possible way," he wrote. **AFP**

England's Rashid still a Test chance says selector Smith

LONDON, TUESDAY: England believe Adil Rashid still has "aspirations" to be a Test-match bowler, national selector Ed Smith said Tuesday.

The 32-year-old leg-spinner last played the most recent of his 19 Tests in January of last year and he has not featured for Yorkshire in the first-class County Championship during the past two seasons.

Earlier this year he signed a white-ball only contract with Yorkshire and so is not featuring in the Bob Willis Trophy, the replacement competition for the Championship in a season disrupted by

COVID-19. Rashid, however, was a key member of England's World Cup-winning side last year and is their top-ranked Twenty20 bowler.

Although his 60 Test wickets have come at an expensive average of nearly 40 apiece, Smith would like to see him prove his fitness following a shoulder injury and make a challenge for a place in England's red-ball set-up, with none of his current spin rivals having nailed down a position in Joe Root's team.

"Adil's still coming back from a reasonably serious injury," Smith told reporters on Tuesday after

Rashid was included in England's Twenty20 squad for an upcoming three-match series against Pakistan at Old Trafford.

"He's still working on that physical side, but in the long term I think Adil still has aspirations to play for England in all forms."

Former England batsman Smith added: "His form is really good in white-ball cricket. We've all seen the skill and the mastery that he's displaying at the moment in that form and we'll work closely with Adil and with Yorkshire in the future to see if he's ready to play four-day and five-day cricket. "There is a jump



required. There's a difference between bowling 10 overs and bowling 100 overs or whatever a very heavy workload would be in a two or three-game spell in four-day cricket. "But the main thing with Adil is he's made really good strides and he's developed really well in recovery from that injury." **AFP**



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“Gender parity could boost global economy by \$ 28 tn”

DINESH PERERA

Sri Lankan women make half of what their male counterparts do in employment.

This is above regional peer Bangladesh wherein women make \$1.12 for every \$1 their male counterparts do but less than India where women make \$.64 for every \$1 their male counterparts make.

Women are also less likely to establish themselves as entrepreneurs and if they decide to join wage labour, they are underpaid. 1 in 25 female wage earners are employed within domestic work.

67.1 million people are involved in domestic work. 81.5 percent of domestic workers are female. 11.5 million domestic workers are international migrants. 74.3 percent of the international domestic workers are female.

Professor of Economics University of Peradeniya Dileni Gunawardana detailed these figures at a Centre for Banking Studies lecture held on 18 August.

Female labour is also likely to be time-poor. Time poverty is a measure of the amount of time one has outside their employment and female workers work on average more than their male counterparts.

Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen estimates that every year 4 million women are missing from the population. This phenomenon is caused by sex-selective abortions, female infanticide, and inadequate healthcare and nutrition for female children. It is argued that technologies that enable prenatal sex selection, which has been commercially available since the 1970s, are a large impetus for missing female children.

It is estimated that if the world moved to be in line with gender parity there would be an additional US\$ 28 trillion to the global economy.

If regional countries were just to match the best regional peer in terms of gender parity there would be an additional US\$ 12 trillion to the global economy.

Gunawardana called on stakeholders to realize the importance of unpaid work in the economy. Globally women are less likely to be property-owning than males. Women may also be limited from achieving their full economic potential by their husbands.

Gunawardana tracking male and female incomes found that women tend to have a pivotal shift downwards in their earning potential after the birth of a child.

This is not the case for their male counterparts.

Globally female labour force participation in the period from 1990 to 2013 has remained stagnant near 50 percent while in South Asia, it has declined from 35 percent to 30 percent.



Professor of Economics University of Peradeniya Dileni Gunawardana

Exchange rate, foreign reserves at comfortable position - First Capital

Sri Lanka's economy contracted by 1.6% in the 1Q2020, as against a 3.7% growth in 1Q2019, prompting flag off concern, as the negative growth was ahead of the COVID-19 impact.

“We expect that the impact of COVID-19 disruptions will be felt much more in the 2Q 2020, as it continued to spread throughout the country since mid March 2020.” First Capital Research in its ‘Pre-Policy Analysis’ for August 2020 said. Moreover, decline in global demand for the country's exports and delays in raw material procure-

ment, and no tourist arrivals due to travel restrictions further heightens the risk of lackluster GDP growth concerns for 2020E.

Despite continuous reduction in market interest rates (by 198bps from 9.38% on March 6 to 7.40% in August 7) credit extended to the private sector contracted significantly in May 2020 (Rs 70 bn) and Jun 2020 (Rs 54 bn) due to the impact of COVID-19 while YTD credit growth remains muted at 0.62%.

“However, we expect private credit to gradually pick up only towards 4Q2020 amidst the reluc-

tance to lend due to sluggish economic conditions. Nevertheless, a further rate cut is likely to induce a support for a quick recovery by accelerating credit which is believed to be the gov't's current need of the hour.

SL's exchange rate and foreign reserves remained at a much more comfortable position by July 2020 in the midst of USD 400 mn currency swap and with the exchange controls including import restrictions. We believe a comfortable external front reduces the detriment in providing further easing in policy rates.

Despite the improved liquidity position, yields in the secondary market witnessed a slight increase with moderated activities as market participants followed a wait and see approach amidst the upcoming policy review. “We believe a further policy cut would be required to sustain the yields at current levels in line with the low interest rate environment.”

With the reduction of SRR by 300bps and further money printing by CBSL, liquidity position reached Rs 182 billion nearly one and half months high. However, despite the

significant SRR cuts since the onset of COVID-19, credit growth has been deteriorating thus inquiring the ability of further easing policy rates to stimulate the demand.

With the expected recovery in economic activities we believe that monetary policy easing can manifest in demand pull inflation.

“However, if private credit picks up at an accelerated level and if import restrictions are relaxed towards the later part of the year, that can create a situation of an overheated economy thus creating inflationary pressures.”

Dockyard to build eco-friendly bulk carriers



Colombo Dockyard PLC (CDPLC) is moving towards to execute an already signed contract with Misje Eco Bulk AS (Misje) Norwegian company, to build six (6) firm plus four (4) optional Eco Bulk Carriers.

The contracts were signed in March 2020, but are scheduled to come in to effect only in the month of September 2020 with Owners final board approval.

Misje Eco Bulk AS is a fully owned subsidiary of KåreMisje & Co., a family owned Norwegian company which holds a group of companies which provides a complete package of services from chartering and operation to technical and financial management.

These 89.95m long vessels are designed to hold a cargo capacity of 5000 DWT. The type of cargo they could carry includes bulk cargo, grain, timber, unit

loads and containers. Each vessel is powered by 4 stroke diesel engine with an Electric Hybrid system supplying additional power through a Battery system.

These vessels are developed as eco-friendly vessels, as they have lower emissions compared to a conventional Bulk Carriers of the same size. The concept and the basic design of the innovative Bulk Carriers are developed by Wartsila Ship Design Norway AS and the detailed designing will be carried out by CDPLC.

The first vessel of the series is scheduled to be delivered in 18 months and the subsequent vessels will be delivered in 4 months intervals.

Amidst the negative impacts from last year's Easter Sunday incident and currently facing COVID-19 pandemic, it showcases the successful marketing

efforts carried out by CDPLC in a challenging environment. CDPLC has been targeting the European market extensively, especially for the construction of Eco friendly Bulklers, Cable Laying and Repairing Vessels, Service Operation Vessels, which are in demand and CDPLC is extremely confident of serving these emerging requirements in Europe with the capacity and experience CDPLC has gathered over the past four and half decades of shipbuilding expertise.

In addition this illustrates the CDPLC's reputation internationally, of being one of the most competitive and dynamic shipbuilding and ship repairing facility in the South Asia region.

CDPLC has a 35% shareholding by the Sri Lankan Government institutions and as the leader of Shipbuilding Industry in Sri Lanka.

PMI expands in July

Reflecting that manufacturing activities are gradually approaching the pre-COVID levels with the normalization of business activities, the Manufacturing PMI continued to expand in July 2020 recording 64.6 mainly due to the expansion in new orders and production sub-indices.

The new orders and production sub-indices expanded, yet at a slower rate, benefitting from new orders received in July 2020. Meanwhile, employment remained expanded in line with these developments. The Stock of purchases expanded at a higher rate due to intended accumulation of stocks for future productions, anticipating higher demand with the normalization of economic activities.

The suppliers' delivery time continued to lengthen, at a slower pace, during the period. Respondents highlighted that the restrictions imposed on importation of certain categories of goods adversely affected some manufacturing activities.

Services sector continued to expand for the second consecutive month with PMI reaching 51.4 in July 2020. This was underpinned by the expansions observed in new businesses, business activities and expectations for activity compared

to June 2020 indicating a further recovery in the services sector, which was affected by COVID-19 pandemic.

New businesses, particularly in the areas of financial services and insurance sub-sectors improved in July 2020, with the gradual recovery in economic activities.

Business Activities in most of the sub sectors expanded during the month indicating abroad-based recovery in service activities. With the rise in financial facilities granted, business activities in the financial services sub-sector improved in July 2020 compared to the previous month.

Employment continued to decline in July 2020 for the sixth consecutive month owing to halt in new recruitments. Further, backlogs of work declined in July 2020 since most of the firms are operating under a usual working environment.

Meanwhile, the global manufacturing PMI recorded a value of 50.3 in July 2020 with an increase of 2.4 index points from June 2020. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone, UK, China and USA expanded at a higher rate while Russia and India remained contracted in July 2020 with the adverse impact of COVID-19.

“Govt given specific mandate to change Constitution”

DINESH PERERA

The Professionals' National Front (PNF) has taken it upon itself to organize a public commission to help the government deliver on the people's views to the new constitution. The PNF notes that 'until now, only a few legal experts and NGOs serving foreign interests have participated in legislation. Therefore, the opportunity has arisen to obtain a new pro-people constitution for the country.'

Secretary PNF Engineer Kapila Renuka Perera said that as with ETCA and MCC, the broader organi-

zations to which he is associated have always looked to improve transparency in the legislative process.

The Professionals National Front expressed these views on August 19 at the Organisation of Professional Associations to which it is affiliated.

Dr. Sarada Kannangara said that the 1978 constitution was drafted by foreigners and in the interest of concentrating power with certain individuals. Dr. Kannangara noted that the PNF will continue to act as a pressure group in the interests of the broader population.

The PNF has not yet studied the Port City Agreement. Dr. Kannangara said that their organization is not opposed to foreign workers even in the healthcare sector so long as they do not harm professionals currently working in the country.

President's Counsel Maura Gunawansa said that in the previous government a small group of people could enter the country to the MCC agreement. Gunawansa was also concerned by the establishment of certain legal frame-



(L to R) Dr. Sarada Kannangara, Maura Gunawansa, and Kapila Renuka Perera pics by Dinesh Perera

works regarding human rights that were harmful to the nation.

Gunawansa said that Lal Wijenaike was welcome to submit his opinions to the commission being set up, but that Sri Lanka did not need

Oxford-educated people with a foreign world view telling it what to do. Gunawansa noted that the current government was given a specific mandate to change the constitution and that this could not be refuted.

Piramal Glass Ceylon posts Rs 1.33 Bn in Q1- F21

Piramal Glass Ceylon PLC released its results for the first Quarter of FY 2020-21 with Rs. 1,330 million of revenue and a loss of Rs. 44 million, as against the revenue of Rs 1585 million and profit of Rs.21 million during the similar period of the previous year.

“We are facing the most unprecedented times in the history of mankind and perhaps definitely in our life times with the onset of the worst global pandemic - Coronavirus disease (Covid-19). It has affected all countries and communities in the world with no concrete solution in sight as either a vaccine or medication”, said CEO Piramal Glass, Sanjay Jain.

The Company commenced operations in a phased out manner and was back to 100% operations by the third week of May 2020, resulting in a loss of sales revenue of Rs 700 million.

During the months of April and May 2020, sales were subdued in the domestic market as customers who were manufacturing only essential products were functioning and that too at just 50% capacity.

From June 2020, the domestic market demand stabilized and international markets opened up for business. The Domestic sale stood at LKR 938 Million as against LKR 1,162 million of the similar quarter of



the previous year, reflecting a de-growth of 19%.

Non-availability of vessels for India, USA and East Africa impacted export performance, but at the same time a spurt in demand for food jars from Australia and New Zealand helped to compensate. The Export sales for the quarter were almost at par at LKR. 393 million as against LKR 396 million during the corresponding quarter of last year.

The Management firmly believes that with the New Product Development and inroads into new markets such as Mexico, Angola and Indonesia as well as the increased demand from Australia, PGC will be able to sustain the ongoing operations profitably. “We are witnessing a global surge in demand for glass containers in the Food & Pharmaceutical category; due to which PGC is poised to retain the volumes in domestic and international markets and continue the growth trajectory”.

“SL Marine industry can be developed on par with global players”

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Sri Lankan Marine and Offshore Engineering industry can be developed on par with global players in shipbuilding, Marine engineering and offshore construction.

This would require collective action and support from the industry stakeholders and the Sri Lankan government and Sri Lankan missions abroad, Dr. Sarath Obeysekera, Chairman of Sri Lanka Export Development Board's (EDB) Advisory Forum on Marine and Offshore Engineering and CEO of Walkers Colombo Shipyard owned by MTD Walkers said.

Addressing a webinar organised by the EDB under the theme 'Marine and Offshore Engineering Sector', Obeysekera pointed out the strategic location of Sri Lanka and the absence of a marine hub between Dubai and Singapore as a decisive and enticing factor. He also urged that Sri Lanka needs to utilise its unique posi-

tion to take this emerging, timely business to showcase Sri Lanka as one of the best and reliable Marine and Offshore Engineering Services in the world. He said further that Sri Lanka possesses some key criteria to win the lay-up business opportunities from international vessel owners for short, mid and long-term lay-ups as well. He said Sri Lankan service providers are equipped with all critical engineering, vessel husbandry, crew management, bunkering, repairs, servicing, inspection and certification, etc to cater all kinds of lay-ups.

Sri Lanka already has 100% Sri Lankan own companies able to provide all the lay-up services to international marine assets with experience and good track record, he noted.

“Sri Lanka is sheltered from open seas such as Trincomalee Port and Inner Anchorage and Hambantota. Moreover, other key criteria to win the lay up businesses are minimal tidal

currents, good holding grounds for anchors, Easy access to airports for crew change and 5 and 4 star hotel facilities. Sri Lankan lay-up locations such as Trincomalee, Hambantota, etc are located closer to major shipping routes enabling quick reactivation when business commences.” Obeysekera said.

The Marine and Offshore Engineering Industry focuses on catering to the demand for oil rig repair, modifications, maintenance, conversion of tankers and ships to FPSO (Floating Production Storage and Offloading), oil field equipment supply, manufacturing and servicing.

It also comprises building of offshore support vessels or chartering offshore supply vessels, providing cold and hot oil rig lay ups during this post Covid-lean period in oil exploration, establishment of Engineering and Consultancy companies with local and foreign participation.

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SL Tourism holds webinar for Pakistani Tour Operators

Sri Lanka Tourism Promotions Bureau (SLTPB) participated in a webinar organized by the Sri Lankan High Commission in Pakistan to brief the Pakistani top tour operators on the COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka, and to explore ideas to promote Sri Lanka to high-end travellers of Pakistan.

Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson, Kimarli Fernando attended the discussion along with other distinguished guests including the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to Pakistan, Vice Admiral Mohan Wijewickrama, (RSP, VSV, NDC), Dushan Wickramasuriya - Director Marketing (SLTPB) and top Pakistani Tour Operators.

Vice Admiral Mohan Wijewickrama made the opening remarks, while Chairperson, Sri Lanka Tourism gave a current update on the COVID-19 situation in Sri Lanka including the steps taken to implement COVID-19 protocols in the country, especially in the hospitality sector.

The key points which were discussed included welcoming tourists to Sri Lanka in a COVID-19 environment, creating greater awareness on Sri Lanka in Pakistan as most of the Pakistan travellers visit competing destinations, namely Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Turkey and Nepal,



High Commissioner Vice Admiral Mohan Wijewickrama and Sri Lanka Tourism Chairperson, Kimarli Fernando

and that Sri Lanka should focus on luxury and honeymoon travellers.

Further, it was also discussed to utilize social media effectively when conducting campaigns focusing on group travellers in areas such as pharmaceutical, telecom, insurance, banking, NGOs, MICE, etc and consider the ease of travel with good connectivity, specially requesting to increase the flights between the two countries.

Director Marketing - SLTPB Wickramasuriya, gave an update on travel patterns of Pakistani travellers to Sri

Lanka and key products to be promoted in Pakistan.

Most Pakistani tour operators highlighted the importance of direct connectivity to Islamabad (Capital of Pakistan). It was also mentioned that Srilankan Airlines will re-commence their direct flights to Karachi once the airport is open and this will be extended to the City of Lahore and Islamabad.

The next set of webinars will be with tour operators from Russia, Germany, UK, China, Japan, the Middle East and Scandinavian Countries.

DFCC Myspace Self Banking Unit opens at Lanka IOC, Colombo



MySpace Self Banking Unit was opened by Lakshman Silva, Chief Executive Officer, DFCC Bank PLC and Manoj Gupta, Managing Director, Lanka IOC PLC. Lakshman Silva, Chief Executive Officer, DFCC Bank PLC performs the first transaction.

BANK OF CEYLON

Primary Dealer Appointed By the Central Bank of Sri Lanka Unaudited Financial Statements for the six months ended 30th June 2020

Statement of Profit or Loss		Rs '000	
For the six months ended 30 th June	2020	2019	
Income	2,227,223	2,542,821	
Interest Income	2,022,223	2,338,102	
Interest Expenses	(1,382,860)	(1,948,530)	
Net Interest Income	639,363	389,572	
Net gains/ (losses) from derecognition of financial investments	183,351	191,946	
Net fair value gains/ (losses) from financial investments at fair value through profit or loss	21,643	12,768	
Other Income	6	5	
Net Operating Income	844,363	594,291	
Operating Expenses			
Personnel Expenses	(11,697)	(11,321)	
Other Overhead Expenses	(7,124)	(4,434)	
Total Operating Expenses	(18,821)	(15,755)	
Operating Profit before Taxes on Financial Services	825,542	578,536	
Taxes on Financial Services	(125,586)	(141,566)	
Profit Before Income Tax	699,956	436,970	
Income Tax Expense	(199,159)	(161,990)	
Profit for the Period	500,797	274,980	

Statement of Financial Position		Rs '000	
	As at 30.06.2020	As at 31.12.2019	
Assets			
Financial Investments - Fair Value through Profit or Loss	2,840,681	4,639,270	
Financial Investments - Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	6,541,721	8,041,738	
Financial Investments - Amortised Cost	38,120,128	33,908,588	
Other Assets	21	21	
Total Assets	47,502,551	46,589,617	
Liabilities			
Amount Payable to Head Office	45,793,480	45,369,873	
Deferred Tax Liability	71,044	3,452	
Retirement Benefits Obligations	1,112	716	
Other Liabilities	398,950	652,216	
Total Liabilities	46,264,586	46,026,257	
Equity			
Assigned Stated Capital	250,000	250,000	
Revenue Reserve	805,281	304,484	
FVOCI Reserve	182,684	8,876	
Total Equity	1,237,965	563,360	
Total Liabilities and Equity	47,502,551	46,589,617	

Statement of Other Comprehensive Income		Rs '000	
For the six months ended 30 th June	2020	2019	
Profit for the Period	500,797	274,980	
Other Comprehensive Income	173,808	193,269	
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	674,605	468,249	

Statement of Changes in Equity				Rs '000	
	Assigned Stated Capital	FVOCI Reserve	Revenue Reserve	Total Equity	
Balance as at 01 st January 2020	250,000	8,876	304,484	563,360	
Profit for the Period	-	-	500,797	500,797	
Other Comprehensive Income for the Period	-	173,808	-	173,808	
Balance as at 30th June 2020	250,000	182,684	805,281	1,237,965	

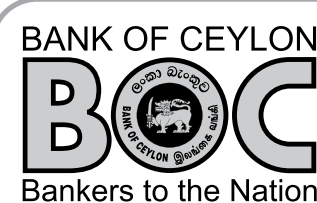
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RDB launches 'Punarjeevana Loan Scheme' to provide relief during Covid-19

Regional Development Bank (RDB Bank) which has a history of 35 years is known to be a bank that has shared the difficulties of its customers. RDB Bank that has maintained close relations with its customers is a bank that has provided assistance to its customers many a times in its bank history.

While implementing the relief support programmes introduced by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to provide relief to the bank customers under the present socio economic situation, RDB Bank has launched the "RDB Punarjeevana" a loan scheme to provide financial facilities to its customers at this time of need to strengthen them.

Under this loan programme, steps have been taken to provide relief to its customers as a remedy for the problems such as collapse of their businesses, working capital deficiencies, problems faced in the payment of salaries to employees, non availability of funds or financial facilities to shift to any other business.

This loan programme will also provide various reliefs as a remedy to the pressure on interest cost faced by the customers under an economy with low interest rate against the financial facilities they obtained at higher rates of interest and the inconveniences in loan servicing.

Customers who faced problems will be able to enjoy various benefits such as provision of a low interest rate, providing a concession period to repay the loan until income generation of the project becomes satisfactory, extension of the loan repayment period, provision of additional financial required for the stabilization of the project.

As the banks have the responsibility to activate the present economy of the country with new energy RDB Bank has taken steps to implement many relief loan programmes to new customers as well, simultaneously. Accordingly, while applying remedies for the problems of the present customers, new customers will be able to obtain financial facilities and various benefits for them and for their businesses at low interest rate.

Therefore, the RDB Bank invites, not only the customers of the RDB Bank who are facing various difficulties but also other people with various financial requirements to join hands with RDB Bank to provide your contribution to build a prosperous country.

This effort of the RDB Bank will assist the rejuvenation of the economy becoming a strength to the efforts taken by the government and the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to generate the economy with new energy applying remedies for the halts to the economy owing to the fall of the economy during the last few years and the outbreak of Covid 19 pandemic and as fulfillment of the social responsibility entrusted to the bank during the difficult times and the bank expects that there will rejuvenation in the lives of people by minimizing the economic pressure on them.

Keells first Supermarket chain and retailer

Awarded SLS Covid-19 Safety Management Certification

As the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the way of life for all Sri Lankans, safety and hygiene has been at the forefront for all during these challenging times.

Keells as retailer, has led the way with many measures to ensure the safety of customers, team members to the extent of even having guidelines for safe home deliveries from March 2020 onwards.

The SLSI Certification for COVID-19 Safety Management Systems is a recognition culminating in the stringent health and safety practices implemented for the safety and wellbeing of customers, for the team at stores and supply chain.

It also includes an emergency action plan, to be carried out in case if more challenges need to be faced in the future.

Currently, 10 stores have received certification and more stores in the pipeline to obtain the certificate with all store complying to the SLS safety protocols.

Charitha Subasinghe President Retail John Keells Group, said that we understand that as a responsible retailer during these challenging times safety is of utmost importance to our customers as well as our team members. We wish to reassure our customers that we have taken every measure possible to ensure a safe shopping experience and to our team members that we are safe place to work at.

This SLS certification is a further reassurance in our journey to establish such safety measures and build confidence for customers to shop at Keells.

Dr. Siddhika G. Senaratne Director General Sri Lanka Standard Institution, Lasitha Fernando, Thushara Silva, Charitha Subasinghe from Keells and Dr. Siddhika G. Senaratne, and Samantha Narangoda Director System Certification from SLSI and Buddi Darmasena from Keells are in the picture.



Charitha Subasinghe President Retail John Keells Group receives the Certification from Dr. Siddhika G. Senaratne Director General Sri Lanka Standard Institution, Lasitha Fernando, Thushara Silva, Charitha Subasinghe from Keells and Dr. Siddhika G. Senaratne, and Samantha Narangoda Director System Certification from SLSI and Buddi Darmasena from Keells are in the picture.

EU – Sri Lanka Trade-related assistance

New Cinnamon processing centre at Training Academy

The Cinnamon Training Academy (CTA) has commenced construction of a cinnamon processing centre or so-called "Bought Tree Factory" (BTF) at Kosgoda, recently.

The laying of the foundation stone took place at the CTA with the participation of Frank Hess, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, Dr. Jairo Andres Villamil-Diaz of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), Saman De Silva, Chairman of the Balapitiya Pradesseeya Sabha, the Southern Provincial Council in the Galle district, Ms. B. P. S. Anuradhi, Divisional Secretary Balapitiya, Ministry of Home Affairs, Dr. G Jayasinghe, Director, Department of Export Agriculture, and the Board of Directors of the CTA, including Sarada De Silva, Chairman.

The CTA is expanding its existing training premises by adding a cinnamon processing centre with the objective of optimizing their performance and financial sustainability.

The new addition will generate year-round income, particularly during the harvest season when the demand for training is lower and the demand for processing is higher. The processing centre would



purchase cinnamon trees at farm gate, removing the need for a middleman, enabling upstream value chain actors, particularly smallholders in Balapitiya, Karadeniya and Ambalangoda to achieve a higher margin on their products.

Foreseen to be fully operational by the year's end, the cinnamon processing centre will generate 20 new jobs and more than 100 indirect job opportunities. The cinnamon processing centre will have a processing capacity of 24,000 cinnamon trees with an output of 1,350 kilos of processed cinnamon per month in two harvesting seasons.



Sarada De Silva, Chairman CTA, Frank Hess, Head of Cooperation, EU Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives and Dr. Jairo Andres Villamil-Diaz of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) laying the foundation stone

At its full capacity, the cinnamon processing centre could generate an additional sales revenue of Rs. 2.7 mn per month for the CTA.

In his welcome speech, Saradade Silva congratulated the chief guest, Dr. Ramesh Pathirana, the former

Minister of Plantation Industries and Export Agriculture, for his recent reappointment to Parliament and honoured him for his service and contribution to strengthening Sri Lanka's agricultural exports, particularly for the cinnamon industry.

De Silva also recognized the financial support of the EU and the technical support of UNIDO towards the construction of the cinnamon processing centre, which takes place within the framework of the EU-Sri Lanka Trade-Related Assistance project co-implemented by UNIDO and the International Trade Centre.

As the Guest of Honor, Frank Hess underscored other milestones for the CTA supported by the project, such as the achievement of the accreditation of National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) for offering NVQ Level 3 and Level 4 trainings serving the cinnamon industry as well as the approval by TVEC on national competency standards (NCS) and NCS-based curricula on cinnamon field and factory operations.

NVQ-certified trainees typically see a 20 to 30 percent increase in productivity, which ultimately lowers production costs, and, as a

nationally recognized system for granting of tertiary education, facilitates achievement of higher education. Beyond the CTA, the project also supported value chain development for the spice sector, writ large, including on pursuing Sri Lanka's anticipated first-ever geographical indication (GI) product, Ceylon Cinnamon. Under the technical guidance of UNIDO and partnership of the Sri Lanka Export Development Board, a GI application has been lodged with the EU.

Based in Kosgoda, the CTA was established in 2013 to meet the cinnamon industry's need for technically competent cinnamon processors. The CTA was a result of a public-private partnership between UNIDO, the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF), and the Spice Council (TSC) of Sri Lanka and was also supported by the Government of Sri Lanka through the EDB. The CTA develops vocational skills and competencies for the cinnamon production and manufacturing industry. It trains actors along the cinnamon value chain to increase production capacity, to facilitate compliance with international food safety standards, and to stimulate employment in the cinnamon industry.

Dinal Peiris, Chairman Lanka Aluminium Industries

Dinal Peiris was appointed as the Chairman of Lanka Aluminium Industries PLC, Sri Lanka's premier manufacturer of high quality aluminium extrusions for high-rise buildings and other applications where he held the position of Managing Director since 1999.

Under his direction, Lanka Aluminium has grown and diversified into many related businesses and is undoubtedly the most innovative, technically competent company with in-house ability for high tech applications.

Dinal joined the Sri Lankan operations/investments of Geneva based management and investment company - Comcraft Group in 1989 which is the major shareholder of Lanka Aluminium Industries PLC. He plays a lead role in the diversification of the Comcraft Group businesses in the country. Whilst working with Comcraft, Dinal has acquired a wide range of knowledge in aluminium, steel, textiles, plastics and wood products industries including setting up business ventures in Sri Lanka, India, Vietnam and Kenya.



Dinal Peiris

In addition to his role at Lanka Aluminium Industries PLC, Dinal is the Chairman of Merbok MDF Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Comark Engineers (Pvt) Ltd., Marshall Investments (Pvt) Ltd., Almecco (Pvt) Ltd., and Managing Director of Texpro Industries Ltd. Dinal is a Non-Executive Director of several companies including Omega Line Group, CIC Agri Businesses (Pvt) Ltd., where he represents the interests of the Comcraft Group, Metecno Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., and Equity Investments (Pvt) Ltd. Dinal is also a Director of the Employees Trust Fund Board (ETFEB) and a Council Member of the Employer's Federation of Ceylon (EFC).

Mayura Rupatunge to Central Industries Board



Central Industries PLC, the reputed manufacturer and distributor of 'National PVC' pipes and fittings, and 'Krypton' electrical switches and sockets has appointed Mr. Mayura Rupatunge to the Board as Director and CEO with effect from August 11.

Rupatunge has been associated with the Company since September 2016 when he was appointed as General Manager and thereafter as Chief Executive Officer from October 2017.

He counts over 20 years experience in the manufacturing industry having previously served in several other prestigious organizations in senior management positions.

He graduated from the University of Peradeniya with a BSc. (Eng) Degree from the Faculty of Engineering. He also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Manufacturing Management from the Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Colombo.

Condominium industry faces threat

Attorney-at-Law and Condominium Consultant Kapila Gamage, calls attention to an adverse force that is currently affecting the condominium industry, the submission of caveat notices for ongoing projects. Below are his thoughts on how it has impacted the property developers as well as buyers.

The condominium developers of Sri Lanka are being terrorized by a new kind of threat that is smothering the continuation of the industry in addition to other limitations that developers currently face.

A group who has made it a practice to blackmail condominium developers with the threat of submitting caveat notices for planned projects has been breeding in the recent past. As a result, many condominium projects have experienced prolonged legal processes, immensely endangering the progress. The submission of a single caveat can bring 10 to 15, or in certain instances, 100 to 200 transfers of properties to a standstill.

A property developer has to undergo a rigorous approval process from a series of regulatory bodies, including the Urban Development Authority, Local Government Authorities, Condominium

Management Authority and several others before registering the Condominium property in the relevant Land Registry. Once the approvals and clearances from all these institutes are obtained, and the Condominium Deed of Declaration is submitted to the Land Registry, the so-called Caveat notice becomes a major barrier to the developer, and is fast becoming a regular occurrence.

Since all registered Sales and Purchase Agreements become unenforceable, due to registered Caveat Notices, all transfers of apartments to the purchasers who had paid in full, come to a halt. The rest of the buyers who are prepared to pay the balance through Bank loans also become helpless as the banks deny issuing loans.

Property developers are also unable to continue loan repayments and face unwarranted interest rates as a result while having no fault from their end. As the prices of the projects are already agreed and finalized with the buyers, the developers cannot increase the unit prices in order to cover this additional cost.

The ease in which a caveat can be registered has made this situation lucrative for a group who have

transformed it into a means of business through pure extortion. According to the Section No. 26 of Registration of Document Ordinance, a caveat has to undergo proper inspection prior to registration.

However, in a letter sent to the Attorney General by the Registrar General, dated February 19 2020, practical limitations have been cited as the cause of not being able to conduct substantial investigations. Even though the letter states that the Registrars of Lands have been notified regarding the same, there does not seem to be any inspection in reality.

Condominium developers are facing a loss of millions of rupees as a result of a Caveat Notice that can be registered for a mere Rs. 2,500. The simple solution given to the affected is to file a case in the District Court, which is a time consuming and drawn-out process.

Property developers are drowned in debt as interests continue to add to their borrowings. Also the Condominium property developers have to continue to pay unwarranted interests and potential buyers face longer waiting periods to claim ownership unless this matter is sorted out.

ICC, IOM launch Covid19 guidance for migrant workers

The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – the institutional representative of more than 45 million companies in over 130 countries. And the International Organization for Migration (IOM) a related UN Organisation released last week employer guidance for measures to protect migrants during COVID-19.

Migrant workers are a crucial part of the global work force, accounting for 3.5% of the world's population, according to IOM. Worldwide, micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs), rely upon migrant workers, including sectors providing essential commodities and services, as well as industries hard-hit by COVID-19.

As the economic and human consequences of COVID-19 continue to shape local communities, businesses can play a decisive role in addressing the unique challenges faced by migrant workers.

Migrant workers are susceptible to jobless, salary cuts and various health and safety concerns. Unlike local populations, migrant workers often are far from family support networks. They face language and/or cultural barriers and often lack social protections. Many suffer from discrimination. Meanwhile, overseas economies that rely on financial contributions from migrant workers—especially low and middle income countries face a steep decline in cross border remittances. In response, ICC and IOM have published a set of guidelines for employers highlighting the private sector's role in addressing the specific challenges of migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The guidance includes a set of general principles for employers such as treating all workers with 'equality, dignity and respect' not withstanding their gender or migratory status. This guidance is presented in five categories: physical and mental health, living and working conditions,



John W.H. Denton

economic support, ethical recruitment and supply chain transparency commitments.

ICC Secretary General John W.H. Denton said "COVID-19 has exposed and heightened existing inequalities within our global economic system, including the daily challenges faced by migrant workers around the world," further he noted that "By establishing inclusive policy responses, businesses can assure the health, well-being and safety of all employees, while at the same time, lay the foundations for a more resilient economic recovery." The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is represented in Sri Lanka by ICCSL. Dinesh Weerakkody Chairman ICCSL noted that the guidelines will be shared with the ICC member network in Sri Lanka.

ADB to hold second stage of 2020 annual meeting as virtual event

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will hold the second stage of its 53rd Annual Meeting as a virtual event on 17-18 September. The event will include a formal business session and selected knowledge events.

"As the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic continues to evolve, with travel restrictions impacting many ADB members and continued health risks, ADB and the Government of the Republic of Korea have agreed not to proceed with a physical meeting in

Incheon," said ADB Secretary Eugene Zhukov.

The Republic of Korea has offered to host ADB's 56th Annual Meeting in Incheon in May 2023. ADB's Board of Governors will consider this proposal when it convenes virtually on 18 September.

The first stage of the 53rd Annual Meeting comprised a reduced-scale meeting of the Board of Governors on 22 May at which Governors approved ADB's financial statements and net income allocation in line with ADB institutional require-

ments. ADB is actively supporting its members as they address the effects of COVID-19 through its \$20 billion comprehensive response package announced on 13 April. Visit ADB's website to learn more about our ongoing response.

ADB is committed to achieving a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty.

Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region.

Softlogic Finance strengthens senior leadership team

Softlogic Finance PLC is pleased to announce the appointment of key members to its Senior Leadership Team. Roger Rozairo joins as its new Chief Operating Officer; Ivon Brohier, as its new Chief Financial Officer and Dayan Ranasinghe, as its new Head of Delivery Channels.

Priyantha Wijsekera, Chief Executive Officer, Softlogic Finance PLC commented on the new appointments. "We are excited to welcome Roger, Ivon and Dayan to our Senior Leadership Team as they bring experience in key areas that are vital to our future operations and strategy. Softlogic Finance is progressing towards a digital ecosystem by redefining its business processes and venturing beyond traditional industry boundaries, to stay ahead of the competition and weather the storms that are prevalent in this industry. The company is focusing on making strategic moves to strengthen our offerings to our youth as they truly hold the future of our country. We are confident that the new leadership team will add significant value and guide the compa-



Dayan Ranasinghe, Head of Delivery Channels, Ivon Brohier, Chief Financial Officer, Priyantha Wijsekera, Chief Executive Officer and Roger Rozairo, Chief Operating Officer

ny through this transformational journey." He stated. With extensive exposure to consumer credit, risk score cards, collections and portfolio management, Rozairo will play a key role in helping the company execute its growth strategies effectively and efficiently. With a career spanning over 16 years, Rozairo's exposure to the implementation of digital platforms in financial services and data analytics will be an immense value addition to the company. Having kicked off his career at Standard Chartered Bank,

Rozairo moved on to Nations Trust Bank PLC in 2004, where he held the position of Vice President - Collections Strategy, Analytics and Compliance before his arrival at Softlogic Finance PLC. Rozairo is a member of the Association of Business Executives (ABE) UK and holds a MBA from the Postgraduate Institute of Management.

Joining the team as the new Chief Financial Officer, Brohier brings with her over 14 years of experience to Softlogic Finance PLC. Her demonstrated knowledge in

financial reporting, strategic financial management, process improvements, information systems and the handling of statutory audits will be critical as Softlogic Finance PLC embarks on this journey of transformation. Having held key positions in several financial organisations, Brohier joined Abans Finance PLC in the capacity of its Chief Financial Officer and served as its Acting Chief Executive Officer, prior to her move to Softlogic Finance PLC. An alumna of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Brohi-

er is a Fellow member of the ICASL and earned her MBA from the University of Colombo.

Dayan Ranasinghe joins Softlogic Finance as the Head of Delivery Channels with an 8 year career in the Softlogic Group covering corporate finance, treasury and asset management services. Ranasinghe will oversee all distribution channels in addition to the treasury and fund mobilization vertical. Ranasinghe served as the Head of Treasury of Softlogic Life Insurance PLC and the Sector Head of Treasury of the Financial Services arm of the Softlogic Group prior to his new appointment. Ranasinghe is an alumnus of the University of Colombo, and is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK).

Softlogic Finance PLC is a registered finance company with the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Finance Business Act No. 42 of 2011, as well as a Specialized Leasing Company licensed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka under the Finance Leasing Act No. 56 of 2000.

Samsung Note20, Note20 Ultra available for pre-order at Dialog Axiata

Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider and the first and only network to offer Voice over Wi-Fi (VoWiFi or WiFi Calling), VoLTE (Voice over LTE) and eSIM service in Sri Lanka for the latest flagship device range, Galaxy Note20 and Note20 Ultra, announced pre-order capabilities for the all new range of Samsung Galaxy Note smartphones.

Dialog's offering of both 4G VoLTE and VoWiFi capabilities are the ultimate accompaniment to the latest Samsung Galaxy Note range to deliver superior call and video-call quality.

Additionally, once the Dialog 5G network is commercially rolled out, users will get the opportunity to experience the power of 5G

through this 5G enabled device range, designed to be a computer suite in the form of a mobile device, with next-level gaming, pro-grade 8K camera and editing suite.

Customers can now pre-order the impressive Galaxy Note range from Sri Lanka's number one network via www.social.dialog.lk/note20 till the 27th August, and receive free Galaxy Buds Live for Samsung Galaxy Note20 Ultra and a Samsung Galaxy Buds+ for the Samsung Galaxy Note20 and easy payment plans with leading credit cards - up to 24 months installments with 0% interest, along with the added benefit for Dialog Club Vision members to redeem standard loyalty discounts on device purchases.



BiOWiSH septic maintenance products from WILLPOWER

WILLPOWER Group Pvt. Ltd., one of Sri Lanka's leading and reliable supplier of sophisticated and high-quality industrial water treatment chemicals, preventive maintenance chemicals, food grade chemicals, inspection (NDT) chemicals, greases and lubricants and fast-moving consumer goods, recently launched BiOWiSH septic products to the Sri Lankan market.

One of the most significant ways in which we can do our part in protecting mother nature is by preserving its water resources. BiOWiSH products will play a major role in making our contribution to protecting our planet simple and efficient.

A failure in the septic system will prompt untreated sewage to be discharged and transported to where it should not be. This may cause the sewage to rise above the ground surface around the tank or the drain field or to the backup in pipes in the building.

The sewage could likewise find its way into groundwater, surface water, or marine water if it is not kept under consistent observation. The sewage conveys pathogens and other dangerous contaminants. They are most likely to taint the water sources and making the water then hazardous for consumption in daily lives, such as drinking, preparation of meals, swimming, agricultural uses and also the consumption of aquatic organisms such as fish and shellfish. Exposures to such risky pathogens and contaminants, through water or food intake, have the potential to affect humans and other living organisms and induce negative outcomes within the bodies leading to physical ailments and poor health.

The most well-known reasons a septic framework does not work appropriately are septic tank get full, pipe from the facility to the tank is clogged, inlet baffle to the tank is blocked and the drain field has failed.

BiOWiSH products make it simple and smooth to maintain the septic tank. All you have to do is simply open the pack, empty it into the latrine, and flush BiOWiSH micro organisms do the rest.



BiOWiSH septic products deliver a powerful combination of micro organisms that naturally break down into nutrients that would otherwise contaminate the earth. In fact, BiOWiSH septic products are extraordinary due to the manner in which they handle nitrogen, a gigantic supporter of nutrient contamination.

While some products rely on microbes that work solitary in extremely limited conditions, BiOWiSH microorganisms break down nitrogen in an expansive scope of genuine, real life conditions. That implies a fully functional septic system that permits nutrients to break down in the tank.

Apart from Septic Maintenance, Biowish includes biological solutions for lakes, ponds, aquariums, commercial kitchens drains and almost all your waste management problems.

"Our products are 100% non-toxic and safe because they are inspired by nature. Without the use of harsh synthetic chemicals, Septic Tank Maintenance and Septic Rescue accelerate the natural biological processes that break down nutrients. Because they rapidly digest organic matter, our septic products appropriately reduce solids and sludge buildup in systems", said Gamin Rathnayake Chairman of Willpower Group (Pvt) Ltd.

NDB conducts Investor Earnings Call on financial results for H1 2020

National Development Bank PLC hosted the Bank's quarterly on-line Investor Earnings Call on August 4, discuss the Bank's financial results from the Bank's Head Office premises in Colombo, subsequent to the release of its financial results for H1 2020 ended June 30, to the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

The Investor Earnings Call was hosted by Director and Group Chief Executive Officer of NDB Bank, Dimantha Seneviratne, with the presence of the senior management of the Bank. The Call conducted via the MS Team platform comprised a presentation by the GCEO on the performance, as well as an interactive Questions and Answers session for the benefit of the participants.

The Bank's Investor Relations Team facilitates this event and it is looked forward to by local and overseas investors, research analysts, stock brokers, fund managers. Hosting this event post the release of financial results to the CSE for the benefit of the interested stakeholders is a long standing practice of the Bank, and the Bank has continued same undisturbed, despite effects of the pandemic.



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Sri Lanka's Best Domestic Bank for two consecutive years as adjudged by AsiaMoney, NDB, recorded sound results for H1 2020 demonstrating its stability and resilience in the face of the economic and business disruptions resulted from the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bank also actively strategized and

extended much needed support to the customers affected by the pandemic and initiated many plans, which would ensure wider benefits to the economy at large in its role as a responsible financier in the country.

The Director and Group Chief Executive Officer Dimantha Seneviratne, commenting on the Bank's

performance for the period under review stated that NDB's strategic focus, experience and competence in weathering economic cycles, its talented pool of human capital with a customer-centric approach and efficient processes have enabled the Bank to perform well amidst challenging conditions.

SLIC, Ministry of Education launches Covid 19 video guide for schools



Secretary of the Ministry of Education, N.H.M. Chithrananda and SLIC Chairman Jagath Wellawatta launches the 'Good Practice For a Healthy Future' official video guide

Sri Lanka Insurance (SALIC), together with Ministry of Education launched the Official Video Guide for Schools and Educational Institutes to help raise awareness on controlling and prevention of COVID-19.

The 'Good Practice For a Healthy Future' official video guideline was developed in line with the circular and the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Education according to the instructions and directions of the health authorities to ensure that all students, teachers and staff members contribute towards maintaining a safe school environment.

The official handing over of the video guide took place on August 4, at the Ministry of Education with the

presence of Secretary of the Ministry of Education N.H.M. Chithrananda, State Secretary Ranjith Chandrasekera, the Directress of Health and Nutrition Renuka Peiris and SLIC Chairman Jagath Wellawatta.

The CDs containing the video guide has been distributed among the schools island wide and the trilingual videos are available to watch on Sri Lanka Insurance official Youtube channel and Facebook page.

SLIC as the national insurer has been in the forefront to assist the national program in prevention of spreading Covid 19 and the contribution towards the development of the video guide is another initiative to safeguard the school community of Sri Lanka.

People's Bank Rajagiriya Service Centre moves to new premises

People's Bank Rajagiriya Service Center moved to a new location recently. A ceremony to mark the occasion was attended by People's Bank Chairman Sujewa Rajapakse and Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku.

The New Service Center is located at Old Kotte Road, Rajagiriya, with ample space and is completed with latest technology and modern conveniences. Sri Jayawardanepura Kotte



Municipal Council Deputy Mayor Premamal Athukorala, Sri Jayawardanepura Kotte

Divisional Secretary Shiromi Jeevamala, People's Bank's Senior Deputy General Man-

ager Retail Banking, K.B. Rajapakse, Deputy General Manager Channel Manage-

ment, Lionel Galagedara, Deputy General Manager Enterprise Banking, Krishani Narangoda, Assistant General Manager Marketing, A.U.A. Anzar, Regional Manager Colombo Outer, Thushari Hewawasam, Assistant Regional Managers, Nugegoda Branch Manager D.L. Jayawardena and Rajagiriya Service Centre Manager Ruwan Illipeeruma, along with a large number of customers were present at the event.

Cambridge International releases results for June 2020 series

Cambridge International released the results of its June 2020 series on time, to thousands of schools around the world. More than 950,000 grades were issued, to over 4,000 schools in 139 countries.

In Sri Lanka, this year the most popular Cambridge O Level subjects are English Language, Mathematics Syllabus D and Computer Science and the most popular Cambridge International AS & A Level subjects are Physics, Mathematics and Chemistry. Globally, the most popular Cambridge International AS & A Levels this year are English (General Paper), maths and physics.

This year Cambridge International has taken the decision not to hold exams for its global June 2020 series.

Instead, we engaged with education authorities, governments and schools around the world to develop a robust process for awarding students with assessed grades.

Our awarding process combined teacher insights with a rigorous standardisation process. This ensured grades issued for June 2020 would be fair and reliable and accepted by universities and employers globally, in the same way as any other year. Our awarding method is robust, clear and available on our website.

Mahesh Srivastava, Regional Director, South Asia at Cambridge Assessment International Education, said, "2020 has been a transformational year and has had a huge impact on teaching across the world. With school closures

Cambridge Learners were not able to take their June exams and therefore we developed a statistical standardisation process with the schools to award final grades. Through the process we aimed to create a level playing field and ensure that our grades are fair."

Christine Özden, Chief Executive, Cambridge International, said, "In a unique situation Cambridge International had to respond quickly so that our global community of Cambridge students stayed safe, but could progress with their education. A key priority was to ensure Cambridge students received grades that are trusted by employers and universities around the world."

"Our process for awarding assessed grades is built on best practice from the UK and adapted to ensure it works

across the many different countries we work in. "I would like to thank our schools and teachers for the huge amount of effort they put into supporting our awarding process for the June 2020 series, which has enabled us to provide students with reliable and trusted grades this year."

"I hope our students around the world, can now move forward with their lives, and have come through this experience stronger and more resilient, after what has been a very challenging time for everyone."

Universities have confirmed they are happy with the method used to determine assessed grades this year and have said they will be flexible, to help as many students as possible to progress with their educational journeys.

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FROM 'ME' TO 'WE'

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Talal Rafi

RUWINI JAYWARDANA

For many it's a passion that evolves into an ultimate dream, but for Talal Rafi it was a calling. An entrepreneur by profession, Talal was recently nominated by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader 2021 for his work on inspiring, connecting and transforming society for the better. Covering a vast array of sectors including marketing, consultancy, corporate, academic and development, Talal says that a self driven approach and an attitude, where you can solve any problem, are the pillars which helps him multitask in many diverse fields.

"It allows me to see a broader picture of everything rather than through the lens of a particular sector. This has greatly helped me in my career as it opens up opportunities in new areas. I feel privileged to be nominated to a global platform with influential personalities who champion positive social change. I believe my attitude to volunteer in many fields to help society contributed to the nomination," he explained.

Around three months back Talal was appointed as member of the Forbes Business Council by Forbes Magazine. He was selected to the group which comprises only successful business leaders and personalities from around the world for his expertise, contribution and leadership in the field of entrepreneurship.

Speaking about some of the events which took him onto a global platform Talal notes that being invited to Session Chair for the International Academic Conference hosted by the Manipal University Dubai was one of the most significant moments in his life.

"This was a great opportunity as I helped evaluate academic papers submitted by students and spoke about my experience in the field of entrepreneurship with academics to incorporate entrepreneurship into their curricula," he said.

Talal has many credentials to his name. He is the co-founder of the co-working spaces turned business advisory company Hubpoint. He has also co-founded other ventures such as Venture Green and T3Follow. He is the Founder and CEO of Sesame Associates (management consulting firm). He is working as an Industry Expert for the World Bank's AHEAD Project with the Entrepreneurship Center at Moratuwa University. Talal headed Entrepreneurship development at the USAID project YouLead as Entrepreneurship Specialist which works on empowering youth and women in entrepreneurship. He is on the Board of Directors for the Kauffman Foundation's Global Entrepreneurship Network Sri Lanka. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Colombo Stock Exchange SME Board and a member of the Forbes Business Council.

Queried on what excites him about his work, Talal says that he firmly believes that the only way for the economy to develop is through entrepreneurship development.

"The more entrepreneurs we have, the more jobs they will create which leads to the growth of wealth. Being involved in entrepreneurship development makes my work exciting as I believe it will change the lives of many for the better," he quipped.

Talal notes that the most memorable moment in his career was when he was among the roundtable discussion at Chatham House London.

"I was actively taking part to formulate policy recommendations to the G7/G20 working alongside esteemed global figures such as Dorothy Tembo (Executive Director - International Trade Center) and other global industry leaders from the World Bank, Goldman Sachs and Ernst & Young. It felt good to know that my ideas were taken onto the world stage to the leaders of the most powerful countries in the world. Another significant moment in my career was when the University of Oxford got in touch with me and was considering having



Being appointed as Industry Expert by Moratuwa University Vice Chancellor Prof Kapila Perera (World Bank AHEAD Project)

me as a guest speaker on entrepreneurship. Unfortunately, it was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic but if and when that happens, I would consider that a great milestone to speak at the University of Oxford," he said.

Talal is currently working with Chatham House London on "Leveling the playing field for women entrepreneurs". He says they are formulating policy recommendations to the G7/G20 and the private sector to empower women entrepreneurs.

"One of the recommendations I suggested specifically was to have business accelerators for women owned businesses as women entrepreneurs face many challenges when it comes to scaling the business. We find that most women entrepreneurs are at the micro level and when it comes to ownership of the largest companies, the percentage of women owners are much fewer. I am also a writer for Forbes where I write on entrepreneurship focusing on gender equality," he added.

Speaking about the concept of remote working which he advocates Talal notes that the concept of the modern physical office space came about because of the industrial revolution where there was a need for people to be in the same place for two reasons: documentation and communication. With today's technology, documents can be shared online and communication can be done from far away.

"The question is why are we still having office spaces? Why do people have to spend hours in traffic going to and from the office when this time can be spent with their families? As I am working on the issue of gender equality in the workplace, I believe that remote working will be beneficial to women. One of the main reasons women do not have a level playing field in the workplace is because of family commitments. Most women choose to take time off their careers when they cannot keep up with 9 to 5 being in a physical office. Some even choose different careers when they leave

universities because of this. Remote working will help women in the workplace. I think it is high time, companies allow their employees to work from home whenever it is possible and evaluate employees based on their performance rather than on the amount of time they spend in an office," he expressed.

An Old Boy of Colombo International School, Talal later flew to UK for higher studies. He worked in London for a short stint before returning to his motherland and co-founding a few startups as an entrepreneur before getting involved in the development sector in entrepreneurship development. His father, Rafi Rasid, was the greatest inspiration in his life. He was a businessman who had an attitude of taking on any challenge.

Talal strives to develop entrepreneurship on a national level to help drive social change for the betterment of Sri Lanka. His goal is to promote entrepreneurship with a focus on innovation as Sri Lanka has a very talented workforce.

"We need to brand ourselves better. We were number one on Lonely Planet but we do not get the highest number of tourists. We have amazing talent in this country and we need to build a national brand. People buy German products because of the powerful brand of German manufacturing which gives an advantage to any German entrepreneur over others when it comes to exporting. We need to build a national brand for Sri Lanka so whatever field you work in, try to be the best," he stressed.

"Today is bad, tomorrow is worse but the day after tomorrow is beautiful. Entrepreneurship is a rough journey but the destination is worth the obstacles you face along the way. However, if you are very passionate and love the business you are doing, then the journey too can be enjoyable. Never give up and always keep going. Perseverance is most important for an entrepreneur," are his words of wisdom for upcoming entrepreneurs.



Sharing his views at a Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute event



Speaking at the International Academic Conference in Dubai, UAE by the Manipal University, Dubai

OILY SKIN gets thirsty too!

“It’s monsoon season, plus I have oily skin. Two reasons why I don’t need to moisturize.”

It’s a common misconception that oily skin equates to sufficiently moisturized skin; that hydration is excessive -even counterproductive-, and can be dropped from the daily skincare routine. “Why add even more shine to my already glossy face?”

Oily skin is a result of the sebaceous glands in the skin producing too much sebum; a waxy, oily substance that protects the skin. While sebum is important for overall skin health, too much sebum leads to oily skin, clogged pores, and even acne.

The distinction needs to be made however, that oil and water are two different things, and that our skin needs both to be healthy. The key to being comfortable with moisturizing

oily skin is to internalize the skincare mantra: Hydrated skin equals healthy skin. Many people confuse oil with hydration, but the role of moisturizers is to improve skin’s hydration by adding water to it. When skin becomes dry -as a result of lack of water-, your body responds by making more oil, and this extra oil can clog pores, leading to even more blemishes than oily skin is already prone to.

Unfortunately, the hyperactive sebaceous glands that cause oily and shiny skin are most often the result of genetics and hormonal changes, meaning that the only real way to deal with this is to incorporate a consistent skincare routine that best keeps blemishes under control.

The Body Shop as always helps to keep things in perfect balance, working with all skin types to achieve skin that looks as healthy as it feels. The beauty brand’s Tea Tree skincare

range in particular harnesses the healing and hydrating qualities of one of the most effective natural ingredients, derived from the distillation of the leaves of the tea tree. Known for its anti-fungal and anti-viral properties, and also for its capacity to absorb excess oil, tea tree oil

is a great remedy for blemishes and dark spots.

The Body Shop’s highly-effective Tea Tree Oil comes in a 0.67 fl oz bottle packed with the oil of 15,000 tea tree leaves.

Packing a punch with its powerful, purifying properties, the formula is great for quick application to help reduce blemishes. It achieves this by internally healing the skin, maintaining overall skin health, and leaving behind a rosy glow.

The Body Shop’s Tea Tree Mattifying Lotion is the perfect add-on to your daytime skincare routine. Enriched with Community Trade tea tree oil, this absorbent and lightweight lotion provides hydration without clogging the pores or leaving skin feeling greasy.

Another wonder product for targeting those unsightly blemishes is The Body Shop’s Tea Tree Skin Clearing Mattifying Toner; one that helps skin look visibly clearer and toned in just one step. Again, enriched with Community Trade tea tree oil, with shake-to-activate mattifying powders, this toner leaves skin feeling clean, refreshed and visibly clearer.

You can also tend to your oily skin while you sleep, with the Tea Tree Anti-Imperfection Night Mask. Infused with salicylic acid and Community Trade tea tree oil, this alcohol-free leave-on mask helps reduce the size and number of blem-



ing skin that feels ultra-fresh, purified and soothed. For optimum results, prep your skin first with the Tea Tree Skin Clearing Face Wash, Tea Tree Skin Clearing Mattifying Toner, and Tea Tree Oil to target blemishes.

All The Body Shop products

to ward off pests. Furthermore, The Body Shop’s Community Trade practices provide a fair price and stable income to hundreds of farmers belonging to Kutoka Ardhini (‘from the ground’ in Swahili) in rural Kenya, where employment opportunities are low.

‘SNACKS WITH NUTRITIONAL VALUE’ cookery demo

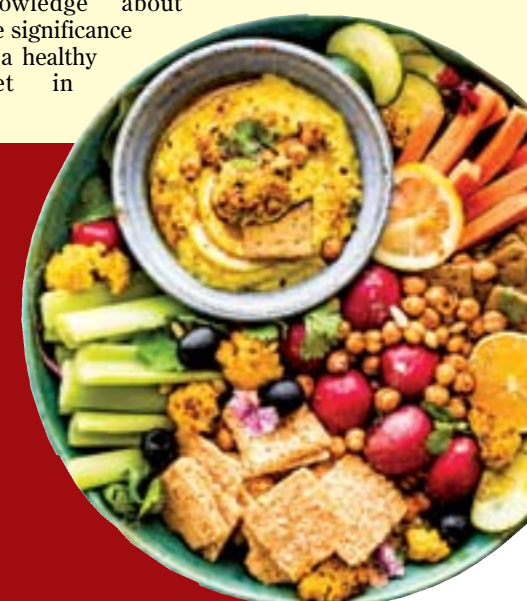
The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, will be holding an Online Cookery Demo on “Snacks with Nutritional Value” by Amita Sinha, Holistic Diet Counsellor on August 21 at 6 pm live on the Facebook page of SVCC: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCRSriLanka>.

Amita Sinha has 20 years of experience in this domain and is currently working on as consultant for various public and private organizations in India. She holds a Certification from Kingdom College of Natural Health, Bachelor of Science, U.S.A. She is on a self-driven mission to disseminate knowledge about the significance of a healthy diet in



preventing disorders related to poor diet, and offers customized diet plans to a whole range of public and private institutions and individuals.

All are invited to attend the online program. For further details contact the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre on telephone no: 2684698 and Email: icccolombo2@gmail.com.



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“You, look but don’t touch. And you, sniff but don’t lick.”

MUTT AND JEFF



ARCHIE



FISH TALES

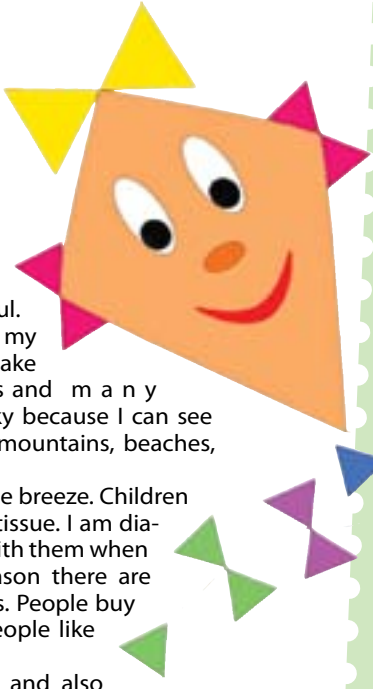


UP & RUNNING





I am a kite



I am very beautiful and colourful. The wind helps me to move my body. On sunny days people take me to the beach, paddyfields and many other places. I like to fly in the sky because I can see many lands, waterfalls, beautiful mountains, beaches, houses and many other things.

I don't like the storm but I like the breeze. Children like me very much. I am made of tissue. I am diamond shaped. Children take me with them when they go on trips. In the kite season there are many friends of mine in the shops. People buy us and fly us in the sky. Some people like me but some people do not.

When they burn me I am sad and also angry. Children put me in to the dark rooms and they go away but only if it is night. I enjoy the sky very much. Who am I?
I am a beautiful kite!

Rusiru Dias,
Grade 8,
Thurstan College,
Colombo

My best friend

My best friend's name is Sarah. She is 11 years old. She studies at Kingston College International. Her favourite food is string hoppers. Her favourite drink is mango nectar. Her favourite colour is purple. She is very kind, caring and loving. She has one younger sister. Her name is Jessie. Sarah's favourite subject is English. She is very careful about everything. She loves to play and study. She is fair. She is fun to be with. I love my best friend.

T Reshmeega,
Kingston College
International,
Wellattatte



I love cooking!

I love cooking. Cooking is important because it teaches you to follow directions and it also teaches you not to do something you are not supposed to do. I also love cooking because it is fun to do and when you finish cooking, the food comes out delicious.

You can spend time with your family when you are cooking. I am glad I know how to cook.

You also make

memories when you cook. In India, my whole family made homemade dosai and hot delicious green chili. My auntie peeled the chili, my other auntie kneaded the dough and my other auntie cooked it. For the holidays my whole family usually make halwa. At my grandma's house she makes the best vada.

We are taught how to cook at school. We made lentils curry, we made sandwiches, we even made rainbow rice and while doing it we had a lot of fun to make. We also made patties. That was my favorite thing we've cooked so far.

When I get older I know I am going to cook a lot. I am going to pass my recipes on to my nieces, nephews or maybe even my own kids someday. I also know I am going to cook with my family. Cooking is a great experience and a lot of fun!

Savithri Ananda,
Grade 8,
Jaffna central College,
Jaffna

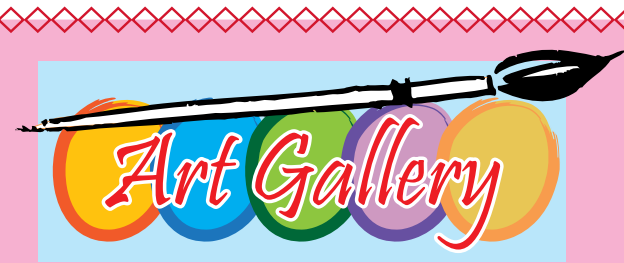


If I could be a fruit

I'm a fruit. My name is Strawberry. I'm red in colour. I have a nice green bushy tail on the top of my head. Children like to eat me. Some sellers pluck me and take me to the market.

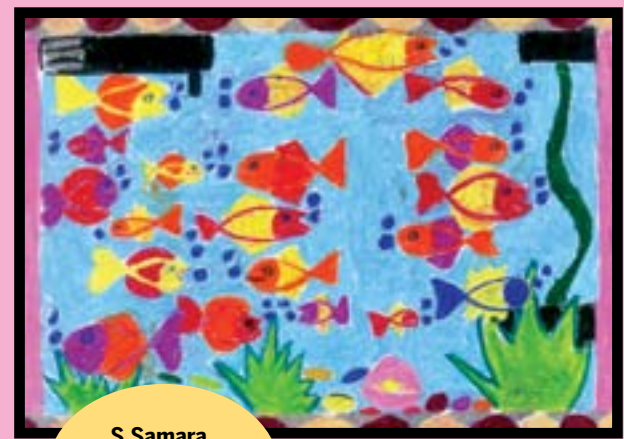
Children and parents buy me to make juice and fruit salad. Inside my body I have black coloured seeds. Children like me very much.

Shashini Madubashini Gamlath,
Grade 2,
Leeds International School,
Piliyandala



A butterfly

Mithil
Fernandez,
Grade 1,
St. Peter's College,
Colombo 4



Fish tank

S Samara,
Kingston College
International,
Wellawatte



The sea

Tashin
Rashmitha,
Grade 3,
Kingston College
International,
Mount Lavinia



Birds

Birds are beautiful,
They have feathers,
They live in nests,
They say chip, chip, chip,
I saw different coloured birds.

Samidhi Ratnayake,
Grade 6,
St. Paul's Girls' School,
Mlalgiriya



Short story

Fools

It was a cold and silent night. The weather was freezing cold. A group of monkeys were on a tree. They were clinging to its branches. One of the monkeys said, "I wish we could find some fire. It will help us to keep warm."

Suddenly they noticed a flock of fireflies. One of the young monkeys thought it was fire. He caught a firefly. He put it under a dry leaf and started blowing at it. Some other monkeys also joined in his efforts.

In the meanwhile, a sparrow came flying to its nest which was on the same tree the monkeys were sitting on. She noticed what they were doing. The sparrow laughed. She said, "Hey silly monkeys, that is a firefly, not real fire. I think all of you should take shelter in a cave."

The monkeys did not listen to the



sparrow. They continued to blow at the poor firefly.

After some time, the monkeys became very tired. Now they realized that what the sparrow had said was correct. They set free the firefly and moved to a nearby cave.

Kaumadi Mudalige,
Grade 8,
Maliyadeva Girls' School,
Kurunegala

HEART FOR ART



Text and pictures by
M U M SANOON,
Puttalam TKN Corr

An event to select the drawings for an art competition held for the students who stayed at home during the COVID - 19 pandemic curfew was held at the auditorium of Puttalam District secretariat. This art competition has been conducted collaboratively by Puttalam District Secretariat and by 'FRIENDS' - a non governmental organization in Puttalam.

Children from 10 Grama Sevaka divisions of Vanathavillu DS division and 10 Grama Sevaka divisions of Puttalam DS division participated. Children from 25 villages participated.

The art competition was held under the theme 'To Save the Children and Development'. 'A Family Free from Substances' and 'Save the Environment' were the topics given for the event.

Around 370 drawings were received by the organizing committee and the best drawings were selected among them. Teacher Instructor of Puttalam Zonal Education office for Art subject M.M.Muhammedh chaired the selection committee. The Child Rights Officer of Puttalam District H M P Shriyani, the teacher Instructor A N M M Inzaf, Puttalam District Development Officer A R Raisha and the project officer of FRIENDS organization M F Sufiyani participated and selected the drawings.



Play time!

Text and pictures by
I L M RIZAN,
Addalaichenai Central Corr

The Annual Inter Hose Sports Meet 2020 of Akber Vidyalaya, Periya Neelavani which falls under the Kalmunai Educational Zone was held a few months ago under the leadership of its principal A M Jiffry at the Mashoor Moulana Sports Stadium, Maruthamunai. The event was held for the first time.

Mauwa House (Red) collected 152 points and emerged champions at the sports meet. Muqaama House (Blue)

and Hulooth House (Green) won the runners up and the third place with 134 points and 114 points.

The Chief Guest was Kalmunai Zonal Education Director M S Abdul Jaleel. Batticaloa Central Zonal Education Director Dr. S M M S Umar Moulana and Sammanthurai Zonal Education Director M S S Najeem were the Special Guests.

The event was organized by the school principal A M Jiffry with the assistance of Deputy Principal M C M Mafas, teachers, SDC officials, parents and well-wishers under the instructions of the Kalmunai Zonal Education Office Sports Unit.





The anti-aging

skin trend



GLAMOUR-WISE
WITH RAMANI FERNANDO

‘Aging gracefully’ is a frightening figure of speech in our world filled with anti-wrinkle crèmes and serums loaded with toxins and chemicals. But what if there was an easier, more natural way of boosting youthful beauty without harmful ingredients? Enter face yoga! This trending facial exercise form claims to maintain your beauty, naturally!

As we mature, our skin starts to sag. Facial exercises could result in firmer, more youthful looking skin. Whether you're on the go or relaxing at home, you can do these facial exercises anywhere!

SIMPLE FACE YOGA EXERCISES

- **Cheek Lifter**
This exercise is designed to strengthen the cheeks and define the upper lip.
 - Open your mouth and form a long “O.” Fold your upper lip over your front teeth.
 - Smile to lift the cheek muscles up.
 - Lay your index fingers lightly on the top parts of your cheeks, right on top of the muscles and directly under your eyes. Relax the cheek muscles, allowing them to return to their original, relaxed position.
 - Smile again with the corners of your mouth to lift the cheek muscles back up. Visualize pushing the muscles up toward your eyes as you smile. This is one cheek lifter “push-up.” Do 10.
 - On the last rep, hold your cheek muscles up as high as you can. Imagine your cheeks are moving up from your face toward the ceiling.

Hold this position for 20 seconds. Release and relax.

- Repeat this sequence three times.
- **Forehead Smoother**
This exercise trains the muscle that extends from the eyebrows to the upper forehead, which can smooth the lines on the forehead and lift the eyebrows.
 - Place your index and middle fingers across your forehead at the hairline. Press the entire length of those fingers down firmly onto your scalp, then slowly slide your fingers down your forehead toward your eyebrows, flexing your eyebrows tightly upward.
 - Lift your eyebrows up against the pressure of your fingers. You should feel a tight band of pressure across your brows.
 - Hold tight for 10 seconds and then release. Repeat three times, but on the third time, hold for 20 seconds.
 - Repeat the entire sequence one more time.
 - **Jaw and Neck Firmer**
This exercise can help tone the cheeks, strengthen the jaw, and diminish wrinkles on the sides of the chin.
 - Open your mouth and make an “ahh” sound. Fold your lower lip and the corners of your lips into your mouth and hold them tightly.
 - Extend your lower jaw forward.
 - Using your lower jaw only, scoop up very slowly as you close your mouth. Visualize you are using your jaw to scoop up something very heavy. Pull your chin up about an inch each time you scoop, tilting your head backward.
 - Open and close your lower jaw for 10 repetitions. On the final repetition, your chin

should be pointed toward the ceiling. Keep the chin extended and hold this position tightly for 20 seconds, while visualizing the sides of your face lifting.

- Repeat the sequence three times.
- **Lower Eyelid Firmer**
This exercise helps strengthen the upper and lower eyelids, increasing blood circulation to the eye area and decreasing bags under the eyes.
 - Place your middle fingers near the inner sides of your eyes, resting just along the sides of the very upper part of your nose. Place your index fingers at the outside of the eyes near the temples.
 - Squint your lower eyelids. (Imagine you are looking up toward the sun on a hot day.) You should feel the eye muscles under your fingers pulse or tighten. Squint and release ten times, keeping your upper eyelids as wide open as possible.
 - Hold the final squint for 20 seconds.
 - Repeat the sequence one more time.

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FACE YOGA TIPS

- Your face contains over 50 different muscles and unlike most of the rest of the body, a lot of these facial muscles are rarely used. By carrying out regular facial exercises, you promote the circulation of blood to the different areas of the face, thus replenishing the oxygen supply in the muscles and the skin. This will result in a bright complexion and beautiful healthy glow.
- Performing face thinning and toning exercises frequently will keep your face looking fit in the long term. Furthermore, regular facial muscles exercises improve the blood flow and, thus, supply your skin cells with nutrients leading to a stimulation of skin cell regeneration and prevention of wrinkles.
- Lack of any kind of facial exercise and accumulation of stress can cause a build-up of tension in your facial muscles. A yoga technique called Sukshma Yoga can help release this tension. This technique consists of short, simple and subtle yoga exercises that can work wonders for your face.
- Facial yoga can rejuvenate your face within minutes and brighten it up. Your facial muscles and nerve connections will relax, thereby delaying the onset of wrinkles

CLOTHES THAT MAKE YOU LOOK SLIMMER

The way you dress can have a huge impact on how slim or how fat you are perceived to be by others, so if you want to look slimmer there are definitely some clothing tactics you can adopt to help your cause. In this article we'll discuss some of the most effective ways of making yourself look slimmer, and even though you may not like all of these methods, there are bound to be one or two which are compatible with your own tastes and preferences.

There are also some fashion gaffes that you should avoid, such as improper accessorizing. When you're a larger woman and you're carrying a tiny purse or you have a very slim belt, that just calls attention to your size, and works against you. By avoiding mistakes like this and dressing to look thinner, you'll be able to look 10 pounds thinner, and feel much more confident about yourself in public.

Dress to look slimmer

When dressing casually, it's a good idea to wear V-neck shirts, because they produce the illusion of greater height, and they have the effect of slimming down a larger frame while also giving you a trimmer neckline. When you're wearing V-neck shirts, it causes attention to be directed to your chest rather than to your neck. When you're dressing more formally, you should choose dress shirts which have pointed collars,

because these will direct attention toward your face, rather than toward your frame. Turtlenecks on the other hand should be avoided altogether, because they give the appearance of a short height, and cause the neck to be completely obscured.

Both men and women can benefit from wearing suits which are custom-tailored to look flattering on you, by giving you a well-defined shape, rather than a formless, bulky appearance. If you're a person who wears suits and blazers to work every day, you have a great opportunity to present yourself in the best possible light by having well-tailored apparel which fits you to a T. This gives you the best chance of having all your best features accentuated, while also minimizing those which are not so advantageous.

Anyone who has a somewhat larger build should incorporate vertical lines both for shirts and pants to the greatest extent possible. Vertical lines help to create the illusion where your body frame is elongated and made to look slimmer. One thing to avoid when incorporating vertical lines and stripes in your wardrobe is not to make them too splashy or bold. This will only draw unwanted attention to any of

the larger areas around your frame, and will counteract what you're trying to achieve.

The secret to concealing a larger belly is to wear low-rise pants and slacks which rest comfortably on your hips, rather than on your waist. Unlike regular trousers, low-rise pants feature a shorter distance between the waistband top and your crotch. They will also manage your midsection so that you don't have your stomach projecting out past your pants, although it will be necessary to ensure that your waistband is big enough to make this effective.

One of the best tips for looking slim-

mer is having a good tan, because that will hide skin flaws and it will cover-up cellulite and spider veins. Your skin can be one of the most important accessories, and that means you need to keep it looking healthy, so that your overall appearance is enhanced. When you have a really nice tan, you'll feel much better about wearing shorter skirts and sleeveless tops. A tan is also much more appealing than having a pasty, white look which makes you look somewhat unhealthy.

Shapewear can conceal any large features you may have such as in the areas of the thighs, butt, or stomach, and can significantly improve your appearance by slightly compressing these areas. Don't go overboard with this however, because you don't want to compress any major organs in your body, and cause a health issue.

Colours or patterns that are more slimming

Black never fails to give you a slimmer appearance while also imparting the look of elegance. In fact, a

monochrome black look is probably the most flattering colour scheme you could possibly choose, in terms of making you look slimmer and hiding the fact that you have a larger frame.

This has always been true, and there is no doubt that it will always remain a key fact of dressing choices. There is no quicker way to give the appearance of looking slimmer than to adopt an all-black wardrobe for any event you happen to be attending.

Almost as effective as black are deep shades of purple, blue, and brown, since these also enhance the illusion of slimmer.

Lighter colours such as white and khaki work just the opposite, and will generally cause you to look larger. If you're trying to conceal wide hips, you should definitely not wear khakis, and if you're trying to de-emphasize your chest, you should not wear any kind of a white blouse. When you're choosing your colour scheme for any particular event, just keep in mind the

simple adage: black colour slim, light colours heavy.

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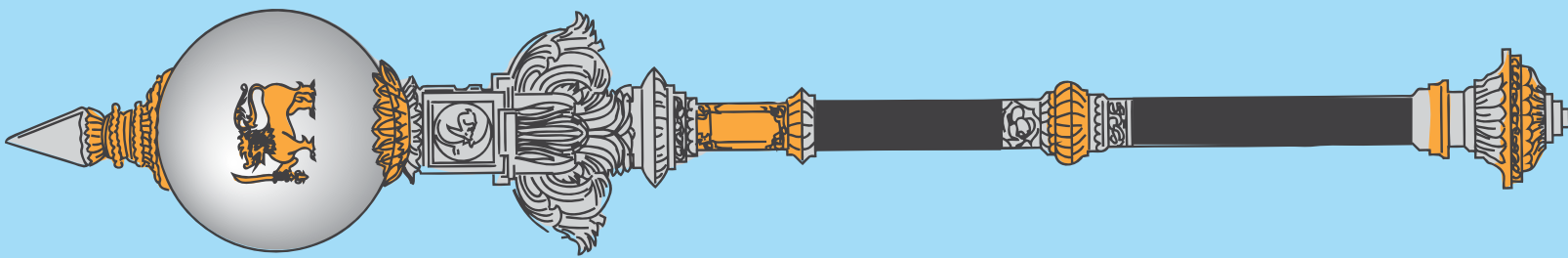
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Dawn of 

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE



SACHITRA MAHENDRA

Every election ends with a unique feature or two. The 2020 General Election is perhaps the most notable one as it was held amid COVID-19 crisis. The globe is still fighting with the pandemic. An economic lockdown has become the talk of the town. Deterioration of health is becoming a global phenomenon. Sri Lanka, however, exercised the supreme authority of sovereignty five years right after they exercised the last.

The 2020 General Election elected a host of new faces. The chosen team also includes National List MPs to represent sovereignty. The National List exists primarily to introduce professionals from varied fields resembling the 'House of Lords' tradition.

Professor Charitha Herath, a National List MP nominated by the Sri Lanka Podujana Party (SLPP), fits the bill. He has been a long-standing figure instrumental in formulating the policy framework of the SLPP, the ruling party of Parliament. Professor of Philosophy at the University of Peradeniya, Herath has held several administrative positions including Secretary to the Ministry of Mass Media and Information and Chairman of Central Environmental Authority.

In an interview with the Daily News, the parliamentarian maintains that the mandate given by the public in faith of the executive must be respected and revered by the legislature.

"The incumbent Executive President was elected to office just a few months ago. However, he required a strong legislature to implement the pledges he made in his election manifesto. That requirement had been brewing for months. Although President Gotabaya Rajapaksa led administration in his own inimitable manner, quite competently, he had to face many a crisis owing to the lack of a strong legislature. The voter turnout indicates that the people have been eager for this election," Professor Herath notes.

MOST OVERWHELMING OCCASION

COVID-19 was an unavoidable phenomenon. The public nevertheless wanted to exercise their sovereignty to strengthen the executive president they elected to office a few months ago. The SLPP reached for the masses with two approaches: reforms in governance and development drive.

Under the 1978 Constitution, the public has exercised sovereignty with much keenness on three occasions. The United National Party received 125 seats leaving the SLFP to 67 seats in 1989. In 2010, it was the then President Mahinda Rajapaksa's prospect to win 144 seats for his United People's Freedom Alliance government leaving 60 seats for the United National Front. In the third, the most over-

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- Professor Charitha Herath MP



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whelming occasion, nation has handpicked 145 seats for the SLPP leaving the main rival to mere 54 seats.

"On both previous occasions, 1989 and 2010, the requirement for a new constitution did not emerge. The Rajapaksa government gave prominence to the development drive while introducing certain amendments to the Constitution."

The SLPP's pledge for 2020, however, sought ground for a new constitution. The mandate given, therefore, also speaks for the requirement of a new constitution.

Professor Charitha Herath compares the current situation to the 1970 Ceylonese Parliamentary Election when Sirimavo Bandaranaike pledged that a new constitution will be introduced making Sri Lanka a republic. Until the Bandaranaike government introduced the 1972 Constitution, Sri Lanka was ceremonially a colony headed by a Governor-General who represented Queen. Sirimavo Bandaranaike's Sri Lanka Freedom Party alone secured 91 parties and could well form a government with the allied parties. The main rival, United National Party, headed by Dudley Sirisena shrank down to 17 seats.

the appointment of independent posts like commissioners of election, human rights, and Supreme Court judges. Then the Sirisena-Wickremesinghe government introduced an antithesis by way of the nineteenth amendment to replace the defunct seventeenth amendment establishing the Independent Commissions. It also removed the Executive Presidential powers and limited the term of office of the President to five years.

In Professor Charitha Herath's reading, the 2020 mandate has two parameters. The public seeks a developmental change, for one. On the other hand, governmental reform is the need of the hour.

"Now why do the people want a developmental change? It is not really because of COVID-19. Various globalised situations had an impact on the local development drive. But we need to take development to another level. This does not mean that market capitalism should be wiped out. But we need to reach a level where the state and market collaborate. It is beyond the public-private partnership. The government, state and the private sector have the path ahead to move forward. So we need a fresh approach to development."

The SLPP went to the masses with developmental and reformist approaches. The nation has accepted it. The major challenge before the elected is how they could deliver the developmental approach. That involves the govern-

ing system. That is where the reforms in governance are necessary.

"But we need to keep in mind that the people do not want both changes simultaneously. It is important. Most governments fell in trouble in terms of development because of the present governing system. Most statutes, acts and regulations are ancient and expired. That's why we cannot move forward. The previous government had no members who could think anew. They thought the foreign countries will come for salvage. But it did not happen. And they did not want to do anything either."

A new constitution is a necessity. But it is a feat that cannot be achieved overnight. It needs time and space. Slow and steady, as they say, will certainly set things right.

BROAD DISCOURSE

A fresh twentieth amendment (not the proposed bill to hold all provincial council election on the same day) is within reach according to Justice Ministry. It will be followed by a broad discourse on the new constitution. Most warped issues owing to the nineteenth amendment will be sorted out.

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the public has faith. At the same time, we treat this power as a huge responsibility. That was not given to us on a silver platter. We earned it the hard way. If the same constitution prevails, no one will likely secure such power once again. This is a critical period. We accept the requirement for an amendment. The amendment will be known in the future. Using this power, we will implement our social contract with the people through Saubagye Dekma manifesto. We are going to bring that forward."

Professor Charitha Herath views three major duties of a Parliamentarian representing the ruling party. First, they should actively engage in the process of policy-making and lawmaking. Second, they should be aware of the Parliamentary responsibilities such as public finance. Third, they should assist in the executive governance of Prime Minister and President.

"As an active policymaker and a lawmaker, a legislator should be well-read. We are 225 representatives who cannot just idle around. We need to examine statutes made on behalf of the country. That's our first effort to be a good legislator. Public finance is a core responsibility of Parliament. Parliamentarians must oversee the matters of public finance such as monetary deficiencies. Auditor General works with Parliament directly, not only with the government. Parliamentarians of both government and Opposition sit at committees such as COPE."

Professor Herath also notes that he looks forward to supporting the President and Prime Minister with their executive rule and ministerial administration. His administrative, as well as academic experience, will come in resourceful.

"As a fresh Parliamentarian, I would dedicate my time to the major three factors I have mentioned."

The public has delivered their part. They have chosen a team. Professor Charitha Herath MP, on the other hand, is quite hopeful that the chosen team can deliver too.

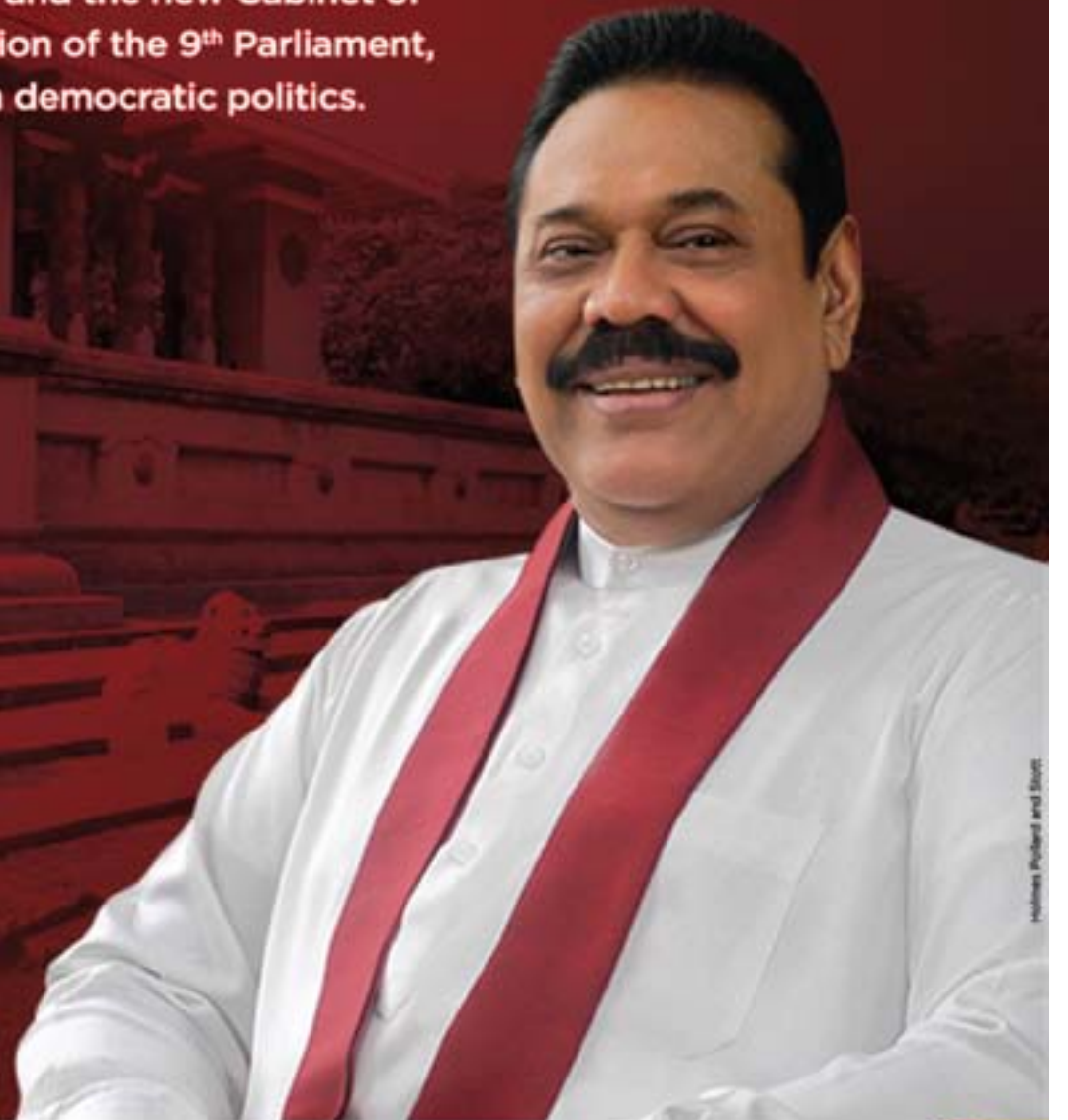
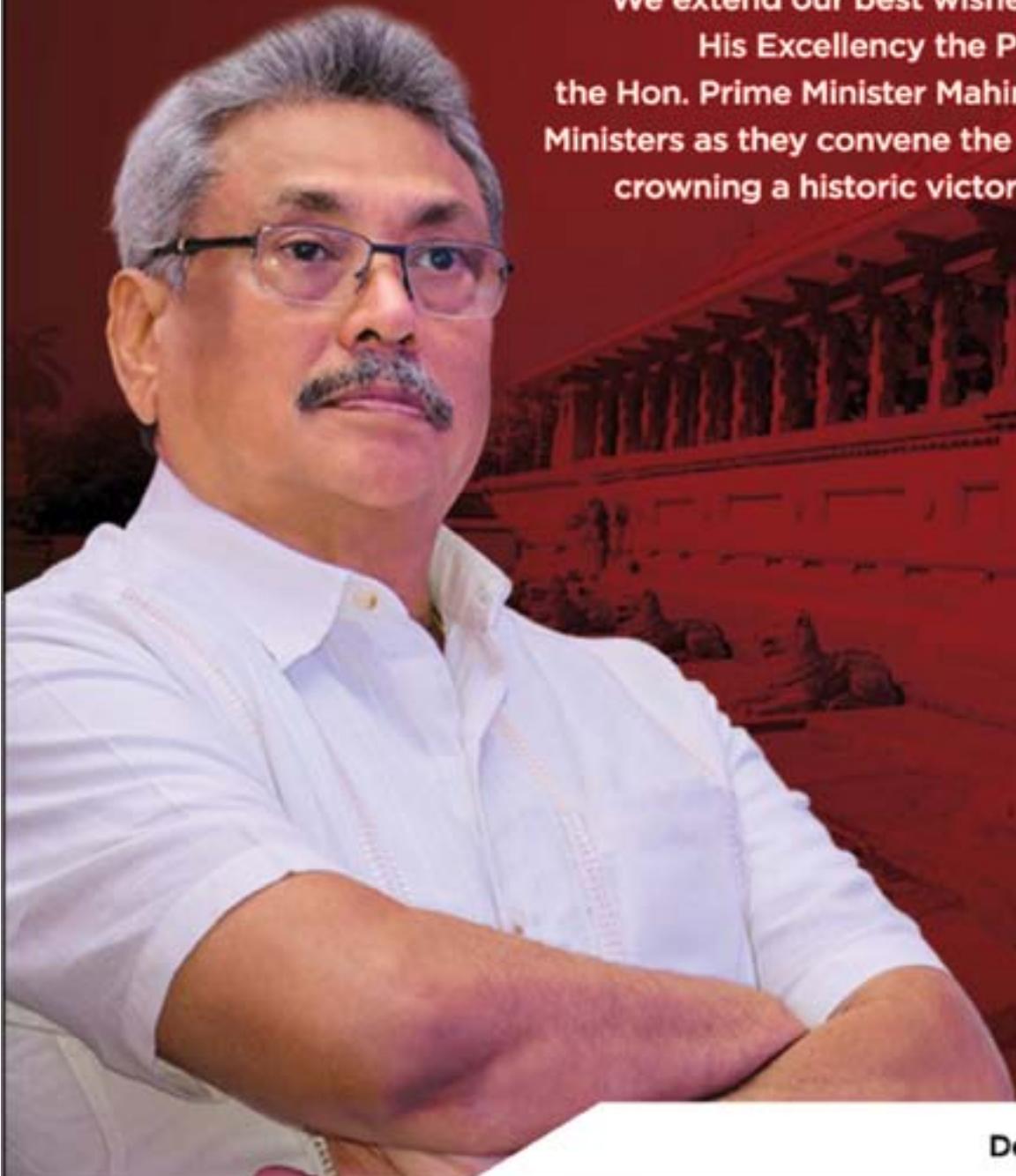
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Wishes for a Prosperous New Beginning!

We extend our best wishes to the new government including His Excellency the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the Hon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and the new Cabinet of Ministers as they convene the inaugural session of the 9th Parliament, crowning a historic victory in Sri Lankan democratic politics.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAMOD DE SILVA

Democracy and Parliament. Two words that define the way we govern and the way we are governed. Democracy means "Government by the people; a form of Government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected agents under a free electoral system". The word comes from Middle French *démocratie*-Late Latin *dēmocratia*-Greek *dēmokratía* or popular government. The Greeks were the first to practice direct democracy, where everyone in a village or town had a say in the affairs of the governing council. However, as cities became larger and populations expanded, this model could no longer work.

Hence the establishment of Parliaments. The use of this term was first recorded in 1250-1300; Middle English: "discourse, consultation, Parliament," from Anglo-Latin *Parliamentum*. Thus both these words and concepts have a fairly long history around the world.

IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY

Sri Lanka had a monarchy for centuries, though there is ample evidence that the kings listened to the voice of the people. Some kings went incognito to villages to inquire into the well-being of the villagers. This was a rudimentary form of democracy. But as the ideals of democracy swept the world, Sri Lanka too received such institutions along with Universal Franchise. In fact, Sri Lanka was one of the first countries in Asia to grant women the right to vote, whereas even some Western democracies granted this right several decades later.

Parliament has become the forum for the public to raise their voice through the representatives they elect. It is where the Members of Parliament gather to make and pass laws and finances - hence the term lawmaker for MP. The governing party initiates this process with inputs and criticism from the Opposition benches. This is how democracy works - by consensus and also constructive criticism.

Sri Lanka, along with India, holds another distinction. Sri Lanka has

maintained democratic and civilian Governments throughout, while the other South Asian countries with the exception of India and Bhutan have seen military takeovers. There was an attempted coup in Sri Lanka in the 1960s, which was nipped in the bud, thus saving democracy and the people's franchise. There is no doubt that Sri Lanka will maintain this tradition of Parliamentary democracy for centuries hence.

The concept of democracy is so ingrained in our psyche, to the point we almost take it for granted. But it has been challenged before - the Southern insurgencies of 1971 and 1988-89 as well as the war in the North and the East. There was, in fact, one attack on Parliament itself - by a Leftist insurgent in 1987, in which a minister was seriously injured. Democracy in Sri Lanka has survived and thrived in spite of such challenges and obstacles. It is the duty of the people as well as the newly elected Parliamentarians to protect it at all costs.

A word about the Parliamentary edifice itself. When the Government of the day realized that the then Parliament at Galle Face was not adequate to conduct the affairs of the State, a unanimous decision was reached to construct a new building at the newly declared capital of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte. Given that it essentially had to reflect nuances of local culture and ethos, there was only one architect on everyone's mind - the incomparable Geoffrey Bawa. He rose to the occasion and designed a building that possibly no other Parliament in the world has. Built on an island in the middle of the waters of the Diyawanna Lake, the Parliamentary complex incorporates local design and cultural elements throughout. The Chamber itself is an unrivalled assembly hall that truly deserves the moniker August Assembly.

But not even the world's most iconic or most beautiful building can become significant if it does not serve a purpose. Parliament is a sprawling complex with a substantial staff and other resources that costs millions of rupees a day to maintain. A single sitting is estimated to cost Rs.4 million. Therefore it is up to the people to send representatives who can truly make it a special forum and

who can actually make a contribution to uplifting the nation.

This is why it is imperative that Members should make an effort to be present in Parliament on all sitting days. In the eighth Parliament, only three Members had attended more than 400 sittings out of the total of 414 sittings held over a five-year period. Most of the others had played truant on sitting days. We as a nation cannot afford this kind of neglect anymore, for those who evade the sittings or do not speak in any of the debates are doing a huge disservice to the very masses who sent them in.

BIGGEST CHALLENGE

The Government should continue the live telecast of Parliamentary proceedings, so that the voters will know how their MPs behave in the House and whether they actually raise their voice on behalf of the voters. They can then reject the MPs who do not make a good impression. (The voters have done exactly that to many former MPs of the eighth Parliament). And the Parliamentary authorities must also publicize the work of the Parliamentary Select Committees, which is where the bulk of the work of a Parliament happens, away from the glare of television cameras and lights in the main Chamber.

As a new chapter begins today in local Parliamentary history with the ceremonial opening of sessions by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, we hope the experienced as well as novice MPs will rise to the occasion regardless of party and other divisions to save this country from the socioeconomic crisis precipitated by the Coronavirus. This is the biggest challenge facing the country at the moment and there should be a bipartisan agreement on any revival measures that will be presented before the House. It is only through such collective action that we can expect to extricate ourselves from this unprecedented predicament. Sri Lankans are hopeful that the new Parliament will rise to this great challenge and take Sri Lanka to the front ranks of the Asian community of Nations.



RODNEY MARTINEZ

The Ninth Parliament that will meet today will be the first Assembly since 1977 to be elected with two-thirds majority, outright, which is a unique feature indeed. The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) obtained 151 seats in the 225 Member Parliament while the Samagi Jana Balavegaya ended up with a distant 54.

The UNP was decimated, being unable to get a single Member elected but for a face-saving single National List member coming behind even the JVP which obtained three seats. When JR Jayewardene drafted the new Constitution and declared that no party would be able to change the same under the Proportional Representation system it looked as if the prediction of the Old Fox would stand the test of time.

He had reasons for doing so. When the UNP suffered a humiliating defeat and reduced to only 18 seats in Parliament in 1970, it yet secured the largest proportion of votes nationally but it had to stay in the Opposition due to the then First Past the Post system. However, the SLPP managed to do what most believed was impossible securing a two-thirds majority on its own steam, without having to rely on minority parties in this exercise, as in the past.

The Government under Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa will now have the wherewithal to enact a new Constitution and/or Constitutional amendments to introduce progressive changes to the country's supreme law for the good of the nation.

We call this the Ninth Parliament counting from the number of Parliaments that met since the enactment of the Republican Constitution in 1972 which freed the country from last vestiges of domination by the British.

True, the 1956 revolution that ushered in the era of the common man saw ordinary folk enter the hallowed precincts of the Parliament Chambers that until then was thought to be the preserve of the elite. Yet the fetters that bound us to the Whites still remained and these were done away with by the Republican Constitution enacted on May 22, 1972.

Since then the national Parliament had continued to function without let or hindrance bringing in groundbreaking legislation and progressive reforms for the

SUPREME DEMOCRACY

benefit of the people. The traditions and norms of the Westminster system, though, are still retained as are the customs and code of ethics of the British House of Commons and the adherence to the manual of Erskine May.

During the period since the enactment of the 1972 Constitution, the National Parliament has striven to take on an indigenous outlook with a one-time Speaker even deciding to do away with the traditional Speaker's wig and cloak though his successors stuck to the tradition. Our Parliament in the past was also graced by many distinguished foreign leaders who addressed the legislature from the Speaker's throne, among them Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and more recently the Thai Prime Minister.

The 1978 Constitution which introduced the Presidential form of Government rendered Parliament somewhat irrelevant and reduced it to the status of a rubber stamp of the Executive so much so the Prime Minister who held sway prior to that was sarcastically referred to as a peon. Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa himself said so. The Nineteenth Amendment redressed the balance once again giving the Premier pre-eminent status and Parliament some of its former powers though it is left to be seen if 19A would be amended and some of its features deemed as obstacles to governance removed.

GENUINE INTENTION

Our Parliament over the years has seen many eloquent discourses and contributions from scholarly personalities who had taken to politics with the genuine intention to serve the country and its people. Old-timers still yearn for the calibre of men such as Dudley Senanayake, SWRD Bandaranaike, Dr NM Perera., Dr Colvin R de Silva, Pieter Keuneman et al who left their mark on the country's Legislature with their brilliance. There was also the downside where Parliament descended to lowest nadir by the antics of some of its representatives which cast a slur on the August Assembly.

It has also been the scene of high drama, excitement and theatre. Who can forget the rumpus created by Dr W Dahanayake when he tried to enter the House clad only in a loincloth (amudey) to protest the rationing of cloth by the Government of the day.

This writer had a ringside view of

some of the memorable happenings inside the well of Parliament as a Parliament reporter and lobby correspondent for nearly 15 years.

Perhaps, the Premadasa era provided some of the most exciting moments and heat and thunder particularly during the period of the impeachment drama which kept all on their toes. This phase also witnessed some of the most violent scenes inside the House with legislators trading blows and generally free for all though it is moot though if these were anywhere close to the happenings witnessed in the House a few years ago.

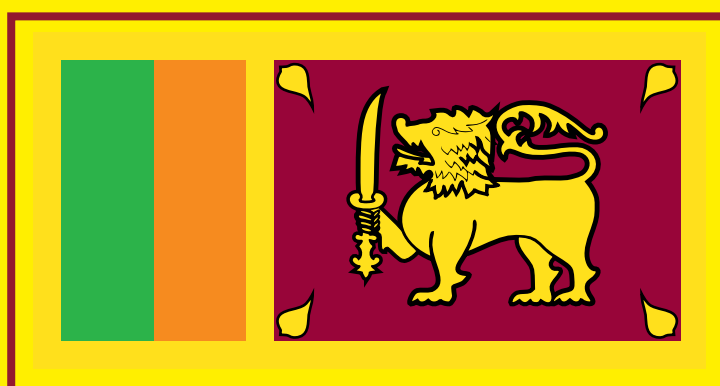
That era also saw strange and bizarre happenings inside the August Assembly, the standout being the alleged charmed oil applied to the members' seats in Parliament, under cover of darkness, so it was said, to ward off the malefic effects on the President who was being subjected to impeachment.

President Premadasa was also the subject of raucous heckling by the Opposition when he arrived to ceremonial declare open Parliament afresh after proroguing it with the intention of evading the impeachment. The Opposition went berserk tearing off the desk mikes and shouting themselves hoarse while an unruffled Premadasa went about the business of addressing Parliament. Some of the actors in that drama are still present in the present Parliament but appear to have mellowed and quietened, perhaps with age.

Parliament was also the scene of theatrics, the banal and the ridiculous like when UNP MP Buddhika Kurukularatne came running with a catapult into the House to proffer it to Ranjan Wijeratne, during the Emergency debate, as a means of demonstrating to the Opposition, which was protesting the passing of funds to purchase weapons to fight the LTTE, if the Opposition desired to fight the enemy with a catapult. And Minister Lalith Athulathmudali was seriously injured in a bomb attack on Parliament in 1987.

Over the years, Parliament was also given much colour by the presence of film stars and persons with a popular following such as cricketers and other sportsmen. Though the popular cry is for educated and scholarly individuals be brought to Parliament not many would begrudge a touch of glamour to liven up the sometimes dull and technical proceedings in our August Assembly. Now with live television coverage, everyone can virtually enter the Public Gallery to see how their MPs perform, which is a good thing indeed.

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**His Excellency President Gotabaya Rajapaksa,
Honorable Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa
and the members of the newly elected, 9th Parliament of Sri Lanka!**

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PARLIAMENTARY SESSIONS IN RETROSPECT

Long before it became a democratic socialist republic, Sri Lanka had been a monarchy. Enter the Portuguese in 1505, and the country underwent government and administrative reforms. The reforms continued throughout the rule of Dutch and British. Towards the later stages of the British administration, the recommendations of the Colebrook-Cameron commission were introduced. The Executive Council and the Legislative Council - the first legislative bodies of colonial Ceylon - set up by the Governor, Sir Robert Horton, in 1833, were the result.

The venue for the Executive Council and the Legislative Council was a mansion-like building opposite the scenic Gorden Gardens, which now accommodates the Foreign Affairs Ministry. The meeting point was later shifted to a building facing the Galle Face Green, now known as the old Parliamentary Building cum Presidential Secretariat. The venue was changed for the third time - and up to date - to what is now known as Parliamentary Complex at Sri Jayawardanapura, Kotte during the JR Jayewardene presidency.

The Parliamentary Complex which now sits at Sri Jayawardanapura Kotte was previously the palace of King Vikramabahu III's Prime Minister Nissaka Alakesvara. The country's supreme administrative body underwent several changes across the following timeline: 1833 - 1931: The Legislative Council comprising 49 Members. 1931 - 1947: The State Council comprising 61 Members. 1947 - 1972: The House of Representatives comprising 101 Members (157 Members after 1960). 1972 - 1978: The National State Assembly comprising 168 Members. 1978 - to-date: Parliament comprising 225 Members.



President William Gopallawa with Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike

First Meeting: August 5, 1960
Summoned: August 12, 1960
Prorogued: July 4, 1961
Second Session
Summoned: July 13, 1961
Prorogued: June 20, 1962
Third Session
Summoned: July 11, 1962
Prorogued: May 6, 1963
Fourth Session
Summoned: July 17, 1963
Prorogued: March 12, 1964
Ceylon's first and only non-executive President William Gopallawa delivered the Throne Speech upon being appointed Governor General.
Fifth Session
Summoned: July 2, 1964
Prorogued: November 12, 1964
Sixth Session
Summoned: November 20, 1964
Dissolved: December 17, 1964



President R Premadasa addressing the Parliament in 1993



President Chandrika Kumaratunga takes her place in Parliament on November 9, 2000, before declaring open the new legislature elected.

Prorogued: June 25, 1969
Seventh Session
Summoned: July 10, 1969
Dissolved: March 25, 1970

Sixth Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
First Meeting: April 5, 1965
Summoned: April 9, 1965
Prorogued: June 22, 1966
Second Session
Summoned: July 8, 1966
Prorogued: June 20, 1967
Third Session
Summoned: July 8, 1967
Prorogued: June 22, 1968
Fourth Session
Summoned: July 7, 1968



President JR Jayewardene addresses Parliament when it met for the first time in its current location, Diyawanna complex.

Seventh Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
First Meeting: June 7, 1970
Summoned: June 14, 1970
Prorogued: March 23, 1971
Second Session
Summoned: March 28, 1971
May 22, 1972, is a milestone in Sri Lankan politics. The 1972 Constitution (later to be replaced by the 1978 Constitution) transforms Ceylon into Sri Lanka and makes the country a republic. Thus, the country was promoted to the status of the Republic of Sri Lanka deviating from the hitherto hold of British monarchic representation through Governor General. With these modifications, the National State Assembly came into force in Parliament.
First National State Assembly
First Meeting: May 22, 1972
Prorogued: February 10, 1977
Dissolved: May 18, 1977
Second National State Assembly
First Meeting: August 4, 1977
Although this meeting was fixed for August 26, the then newly elected Prime Minister JR Jayewardene advised the President to summon the assembly earlier on August 4.

Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
First Parliament
First Session
First Meeting: September 7, 1978
First Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka came into being as the National State Assembly was superseded by Parliament. It was prorogued on March 26, 1982.
Second Session
Summoned: April 29, 1982
By the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution which was approved by the People at a Referendum on December 22, 1982, the duration of the First Parliament was extended until August 4, 1989. It was, however, dissolved on December 20, 1988, the day following the Second Presidential Election.
Third Session
Summoned: February 9, 1983
Prorogued: January 19, 1984
Fourth Session
Summoned: February 23, 1984
Prorogued: January 25, 1985
Fifth Session
Summoned: February 20, 1985
Prorogued: January 31, 1986
Sixth Session
Summoned: February 20, 1986
Prorogued: January 27, 1987
Seventh Session
Summoned: February 19, 1987
Prorogued: January 22, 1988
Eighth Session
Summoned: February 25, 1988



President Mahinda Rajapaksa arrives at Parliament to present Budget in 2014 in his capacity as Finance Minister.

Dissolved: December 20, 1988
Second Parliament
First Session
Summoned: March 9, 1989
Prorogued: March 23, 1990
Second Session
Summoned: April 4, 1990
Prorogued: March 21, 1991
Third Session
Summoned: April 19, 1991
Prorogued: August 30, 1991
Fourth Session
Summoned: September 24, 1991
Prorogued: March 23, 1993
Fifth Session
Summoned: April 22, 1993
Dissolved: June 24, 1994
Third Parliament
First Session
Summoned: August 25, 1994
Prorogued: December 15, 1994
Second Session
Summoned: January 6, 1995
Prorogued: January 12, 1996
Third Session
Summoned: February 9, 1996
Dissolved: August 18, 2000
Fourth Parliament
First Session
Summoned: October 18, 2000
Prorogued: October 27, 2000
Second Session
Summoned: November 9, 2000
Prorogued: July 10, 2001
Third Session
Summoned: September 6, 2001
This session was summoned one day ahead of the fixed schedule at the request of the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna to form a probationary government. The probationary government was a coalition between the People's Alliance government (headed by President Chandrika Kumaratunga) and the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna.
Dissolved: October 10, 2001
Fifth Parliament
First Session
Summoned: December 19, 2001
Prorogued: November 3, 2003
Second Session
Summoned: November 19, 2003
Dissolved: February 7, 2004
Sixth Parliament
First Session
Summoned: April 22, 2004
Prorogued: November 21, 2005
Second Session
Summoned: November 25, 2005
Prorogued: May 6, 2008
Third Session
Summoned: June 5, 2008



President Maithripala Sirisena addresses Parliament



The Fourth Session of the Eighth Parliament convened under the auspices of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa who presented the Policy Statement on January 3, 2020. President Rajapaksa instructed Parliament authorities not to hold the guard of honour at the ceremonial opening. The President was welcomed in a simple setting.

Prorogued: May 17, 2009
Fourth Session
Summoned: May 19, 2009
Dissolved: February 9, 2010
Parliament was reconvened on March 9, 2010, under extraordinary circumstances to communicate the emergency proclamation.
Seventh Parliament
First Session
Summoned: April 22, 2010
Dissolved: June 26, 2015
Eighth Parliament
First Session
Summoned: September 1, 2015
Prorogued: April 12, 2018
Second Session
Summoned: May 8, 2018
Prorogued: October 17, 2018
Third Session
Summoned: November 14, 2018
Prorogued: December 2, 2019
Fourth Session
Summoned: January 3, 2020
Dissolved: March 2, 2020

Compiled by Sachitra Mahendra

First Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
1947
October 14:
First Parliament - House of Representatives
The first Parliament of Ceylon was summoned subsequent to the 1947 parliamentary election. The assembly consisted of JR Jayewardene as Finance Minister, SWRD Bandaranaike as Health Minister and TB Jayah, Governor was Sir Henry Monck-Mason Moore. This Parliament was dissolved on April 8, 1952.
Second Session
Summoned: February 10, 1948
Prorogued: June 17, 1949
The Second Session took place following Independence. It was declared opened by the Duke of Gloucester.
Sm-012: An illustration of the Duke of Gloucester presiding over the first self-rule sitting of Sri Lanka in 1948
Third Session
Summoned: July 12, 1949
Prorogued: April 6, 1950
Lord Soulbury delivered the Throne Speech after he was appointed Governor-General.

Fourth Session
Summoned: June 20, 1950
Prorogued: April 24, 1951
Fifth Session
Summoned: June 20, 1951
Dissolved: April 8, 1952
Second Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
First Meeting: June 9, 1952
Summoned: June 10, 1952
Prorogued: April 29, 1953
Second Session
Summoned: July 7, 1953
Prorogued: March 31, 1954
Third Session
Summoned: April 12, 1954
Prorogued: April 27, 1955
Queen Elizabeth II declared open the Third Session.
Fourth Session
Summoned: June 7, 1955
Dissolved: February 18, 1956
Sir Oliver Goonetilleke delivers the Throne Speech upon appointed as Governor-General.

Third Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
First Meeting: April 19, 1956
Summoned: April 20, 1956
Prorogued: May 3, 1957
Second Session
Summoned: June 13, 1957
Prorogued: May 15, 1958
Third Session
Summoned: June 4, 1958
Prorogued: May 23, 1959
Although the third session was fixed for June 12, Parliament was compelled to meet earlier owing to the declaration of a State of Emergency.
Fourth Session
Summoned: June 30, 1959
Dissolved: December 5, 1959
Fourth Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session
First Meeting: March 30, 1960
Summoned: April 6, 1960
Dissolved: April 23, 1960
Fifth Parliament - House of Representatives
First Session

We wish his Excellency President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Honorable Mahinda Rajapaksa our Prime Minister who assumed duties and the Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers, Members of Parliament and the Secretaries, all the very best for a successful tenure to make our country prosperous, peaceful and self-sufficient. From Macksons we extend our support to fast track our economic growth by contributing in all spheres of industry, commerce and Social responsibilities.



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We wish the President, Premier and the Government greater success in their endeavours in building a strong nation.

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INSIGHTS INTO THE OPENING DAY OF PARLIAMENT

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

The Ninth Parliament which will convene today has one of the strongest governments in Sri Lankan history with the SLPP holding two-thirds majority. The convening of the Ninth Parliament involves intricate arrangements. The *Daily News* speaks to Secretary-General of Parliament, Dhammika Dasanayake, about the Opening Day of Parliament.

After a general election, certain formalities need to be performed before the new Parliament begins its sittings. First of all, the Election Commission must ascertain the members elected to the Parliament.

"Having ascertained the names of the members, we have to get in touch with the members, and then get their personal details, that we require for communication and other purposes. Once we get these details, we will write to them and get the particulars, and thereafter we will make preparations for the Opening of Parliament. Usually, the opening of Parliament is decided by the proclamation of the President. He will decide the time and day when Parliament will begin its new sessions," said Dasanayake.

Once all this happens, the members will be informed of the days of attendance. On the appointed day, the members will arrive at Parliament. After the bells are rung for five minutes, they will gather in the Chamber. On the very first day, the seats will not be assigned and it will be free seating. After they are seated, the Secretary-General will read the proclamation summoning of Parliament by President. Then the process of electing the Speaker for the new Parliament will begin.

"This is an occasion where a secret ballot is taken to elect the Speaker. However, this takes place only in an instance where there is more than one member of Parliament nominated by the members for this position. One member will have to propose the name of the member who he wants as the speaker, and another will have to second it. However, there is a requirement in the standing order that before some member's name is nominated, that person should agree to be the speaker beforehand and he has to be in the chamber at the relevant time. Secret ballot means each member will be given a ballot paper and the member will have to write the name of the candidate according to his preference. Once he writes the name he will fold the ballot paper so that nobody sees it and will put it in the box placed in the



Dhammika Dasanayake

middle of the chamber. When all the members have followed this procedure, the Secretary-General will count the ballot papers and will announce the results. The person who gets the majority of the votes will be elected the Speaker. Then the Speaker will take oaths before the Secretary-General and the House. Thereafter, the Speaker will administer the oath in respect of all the other members of Parliament. He will conduct the election for the deputy speaker and deputy chairman of committees in the same way. Having finished that particular task, parliament will either be adjourned or suspended," explained Dasanayake.

SEATING ARRANGEMENT

The office bearers are entitled to sit in certain seats. The Prime Minister has his seat and then there is another for President. The Leader of the House will sit next to the Prime Minister. The Cabinet Ministers are seated in the front row of the government's side. This is on the right side. The Cabinet Ministers are followed by state ministers. The Members of Parliament sit according to their seniority. If two members are of the same seniority, it will be according to the Sinhala alphabetical order. As for Opposition, there is a particular seat reserved for Leader of the Opposition. The party leaders are also accommodated in the front seats in the opposition side. The rest of the members will take their seats depending on their seniority.

Sergeant-at-Arms, of course, is in charge of seating, security, ceremonial aspects of parliament and making

arrangements for the first day. This official has a busy schedule on the opening day of Parliament. He makes sure the parliamentary proceedings are carried out smoothly.

The swearing of MPs will be done by the Speaker. The members, depending on their religious requirements, will either take an oath or an affirmation.

When the President is ushered in on the first day of Parliament at the entrance there will be a cultural troupe playing music. He will come in a procession to the chamber being led by the Sergeant-at-Arms. This procession includes the Speaker and Secretary-General. Thereafter, the President will deliver the Government's Policy Statement. Then the House will be adjourned for the next sitting day.

Following the first day, they will all meet the next day. The normal proceedings of Parliament will take place.

COVID 19 PANDEMIC

Due to Covid19 pandemic, certain safeguards will be taken. Dasanayake noted that they discussed with health authorities, particularly Director-General of Health Anil Jasinghe and several other consultants from the community medicine division. They have introduced guidelines for Parliament to follow.

"We have taken the necessary steps for some time now. Where the staff is concerned, we have been adhering to these rules for a long time now with the members coming in. We have to stick to the guidelines that have been set forth by the health authorities."

Dasanayake also pointed out that this time there is an additional problem. They cannot accommodate the full number in the galleries because of the health regulations. People can only be seated in alternative seats since all seats cannot be occupied. Since there is a necessity of leaving a seat in between, the number of invitees/guests has to be reduced in number. There will be 600 seats but only 300 can be occupied. The guests will include the diplomats, chief ministers, governors, secretaries and relatives of the members.

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Daily News Cover page on September 7, 1978.

FORTY TWO YEARS AGO...

First Parliament under new Constitution today

New chapter in Sri Lanka's political history

"A new chapter in the political history of Sri Lanka opened at midnight yesterday when the new Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka became legally effective. The new Constitution was gazetted last Friday.

Throughout the island today there will be mass religious observances, cultural displays and sramadana campaigns to mark the historic occasion in keeping with a state call to make "dedication to work" the theme of today's celebrations.

Colombo will be the Centre of all national events when the first Parliament under the new Constitution will be ceremonially opened by President J.R. Jayawardene this morning. - Extracted from Ceylon Daily News Page 1, September 7, 1978

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LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

Sri Lanka's sixteenth legislature since Independence will convene for the first time today, marking yet another era in the country's rich democratic history that dates back to 1931 when, as a British colony, it granted the universal franchise to all its citizens, becoming the oldest democracy in Asia to do so.

Universal franchise- the right to vote without discrimination regarding race, ethnicity or gender- was a rarity at that time. Few countries enjoyed that privilege. Following the granting of universal franchise, the country's first elections to choose representatives for its State Council were held in 1931.

Elections to the State Council were not based on a party system. The State Council consisted of fifty members. They met at the old Parliament building at Galle Face which now houses the Presidential Secretariat. The Second State Council, elected in 1936, was in office from 1936 until 1947.

The country's first Parliament was elected in 1947, prior to the granting of independence from Britain. The oldest political party, the Lanka Sama Samaja Party (LSSP), formed in 1935 and the United National Party (UNP), founded in 1946, were in contention. The UNP won the 1947 general election.

The first parliament consisted of 95 seats. The UNP won 42 seats and fell short of an absolute majority. However, it formed a government in alliance with the All Ceylon Tamil Congress led by G.G. Ponnambalam, which won seven seats in the North of the country. The LSSP won ten seats.

It was to this government that the British handed over power after granting independence to Sri Lanka, then known as Ceylon. The leader of the UNP, D.S. Senanayake, was the country's first elected Prime Minister, even prior to the granting of independence.

S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, who realised that his political ambitions were unlikely to materialise in the UNP which also had D.S. Senanayake's son Dudley in its ranks broke away from the UNP and formed the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (UNP) in 1951. The SLFP had more nationalist policies.

D.S. Senanayake passed away suddenly on March 22, 1952. The mantle of the premiership, for which John Kotelawala made a bid, however, passed on to Dudley Senanayake who led the UNP to the General Election in May that year. The UNP won 54 seats. The SLFP and the LSSP won 9 seats each.

This election was arguably the first which marked the beginning of a two-

EXPLORING NEW PATHWAYS TO GOVERNANCE

EVOLUTION OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY IN SRI LANKA



party system of politics in the country. From then onwards right until the general elections held in 2015, the UNP and the SLFP- or coalitions led by them- vied for power and ruled the country alternatively.

In 1953, a civil disobedience campaign styled the 'hartal' was staged to protest against a series of economic measures introduced by the government. This led to Dudley Senanayake's resignation as Prime Minister. The UNP remained in power. John Kotelawala assumed duties as the new Premier.

VICTORY

The 1956 elections are considered a watershed in Sri Lankan politics. The SLFP led coalition, the Mahajana Eksath Peramuna (MEP) led by S.W.R. D. Bandaranaike offered to declare Sinhala as the official language. The MEP swept the poll, winning 51 seats, to the LSSP's 14 and the UNP's eight.

Bandaranaike introduced radical language and economic reforms upon being elected to power but his political journey was cut short when he was assassinated on September 26, 1959. Wijayananda Dahanayake, Minister of Education in Bandaranaike's Cabinet took over as Prime Minister.

Dahanayake was unsuccessful in holding the MEP-led coalition together. When elections were called, the SLFP contested separately. The UNP, which was again led by Dudley Senanayake who had returned to politics, won the March 1960 general election, with 50 seats, to the SLFP's 46 seats.

However, Senanayake's government was short-lived. Lacking an absolute majority in Parliament with only 50 seats in the legislature which now had 151 seats, Senanayake was unable to form a stable government and was forced to call for fresh elections which were held in July 1960.

By this time, the SLFP has regrouped and put forward Sirimavo Bandaranaike as its leader and Prime Ministerial candidate. The sight of the weeping Ms Bandaranaike on political platforms struck a powerful chord with voters. The SLFP won the election with 75 seats to the UNP's 30 seats.

When President Gotabaya Rajapaksa opens the new session of Parliament today, it will mark a new chapter in the two-party democratic framework of Sri Lanka. The two-thirds working majority the ruling party enjoys also suggests that this Parliament will be exploring new pathways to governance.

Sirimavo Bandaranaike also made history as the world's first female Prime Minister. However, she was unable to last her full term as Prime Minister. In December 1964, the government lost its majority in trying to enact legislation to nationalise Lake House, forcing an early election in 1965.

The 1965 elections saw a reversal of political fortunes for the two major parties. Again led by Dudley Senanayake and Sirima Bandaranaike, the UNP

emerged victorious with 66 seats to the SLFP's 41 seats. The UNP formed a government in coalition with the Illankai Tamil Arasu Katchchi (ITAK).

Dudley Senanayake and Sirima Bandaranaike were rivals for a third general election in 1970. The SLFP, now partnering with the LSSP and the Communist Party (CP) and forming the United Front (UF) won a two-thirds majority, winning 110 of the 151 seats. The UNP was reduced to 17 seats.

REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION

The Sirimavo Bandaranaike government of 1970 used this victory to replace the Soulbury Constitution. The 1970 election was the last held under the Soulbury constitution. The United Front government established the Republic of Sri Lanka on May 22, 1972, enacting a republican constitution.

The Bandaranaike government declared that its term of office was five years from the day the new Constitution was enacted, leading to mass-scale protests from the opposition which was

to enact a new Constitution with radical changes to the parliamentary system. A presidential system of government with an elected President wielding executive powers was introduced in the 1978 Constitution. Parliament retained legislative authority.

The next General Elections were due in 1983 but, after winning the country's first presidential election in October 1982, Jayewardene opted to extend the life of Parliament by conducting a Referendum in December 1982. The results of the controversial referendum allowed him to do so.

The next Parliamentary Election was held in 1989 and was the first Parliamentary Election held under the proportional representation (PR) system. With Ranasinghe Premadasa replacing Jayewardene as leader of the UNP and President, the UNP won with 125 seats; the SLFP won 67 seats.

By 1994, with the UNP's popularity was waning and D.B. Wijetunge had replaced Premadasa who was assassinated. The SLFP-led coalition, the Peoples' Alliance (PA) swept into power ending 17 years of UNP rule, winning 105 seats, to the UNP's 94. It governed with the support of other parties.

Chandrika Kumaratunga, who led the PA to victory was initially sworn in as Prime Minister but went on to be elected President, paving the way for Sirimavo Bandaranaike to become the only elected and appointed Premier the country ever had. The UNP leadership passed on to Ranil Wickremesinghe.

The December 1999 Presidential Elections saw Kumaratunga being re-elected. She called for elections in October 2000. The PA emerged the single largest party with 107 seats and the UNP won 89 seats. However, the PA lost the support of its allied parties and elections were called in December 2001.

The 2001 election returned the UNP to power with Wickremesinghe as Prime Minister. Now it was the turn of the UNP to form a coalition in the form of the United National Front (UNF) which won 109 seats to the PA's 77.

Again, the UNF had to govern with the support of other parties.

Tensions between the two major parties, the UNP and the SLFP, and its leaders Kumaratunga and Wickremesinghe escalated in 2004, with Kumaratunga dissolving Parliament prematurely. The SLFP-led United Peoples' Freedom Alliance (UPFA) won the 2004 election with 105 seats to the UNP's 82.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

The life of Parliament now being six years, this Parliament lasted its full tenure until 2010. By that time significant changes had occurred in the political landscape. Kumaratunga had retired after two terms as President and was succeeded by Mahinda Rajapaksa both as President and UPFA leader.

President Rajapaksa gave leadership to the Eelam war effort to defeat the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009. Riding on this wave of popularity, he led the UPFA to victory at the 2010 poll, winning 144 seats. The UNP won only 67 seats. The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) won 14 seats.

The next General Elections were held in August 2015. This was against a backdrop of Maithripala Sirisena being elected President in January that year. The UNP led coalition, the United National Front for Good Governance (UNFGG) won 106 seats to the UPFA's 95. The TNA won 16 seats.

Due to the fact that President Sirisena was in office, a group of MPs elected from the UPFA supported the UNFGG-led government and joined the Cabinet. This enabled the government to enact the 19th Amendment which, among other changes, reduced the term of office of Parliament to five years.

The recently concluded general election and the resultant 16th Parliament mark a significant departure from Parliaments in the past. That is because the two major parties are the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) and the Samagi Jana Balavagaya (SJB) winning 145 and 54 seats respectively.

They are offshoots of the SLFP and the UNP respectively. Some SLFPers have been returned while contesting on the SLPP ticket while the UNP has been reduced to the ignominy of one National List seat. It remains to be seen whether this Parliament will see the demise of these two major parties.

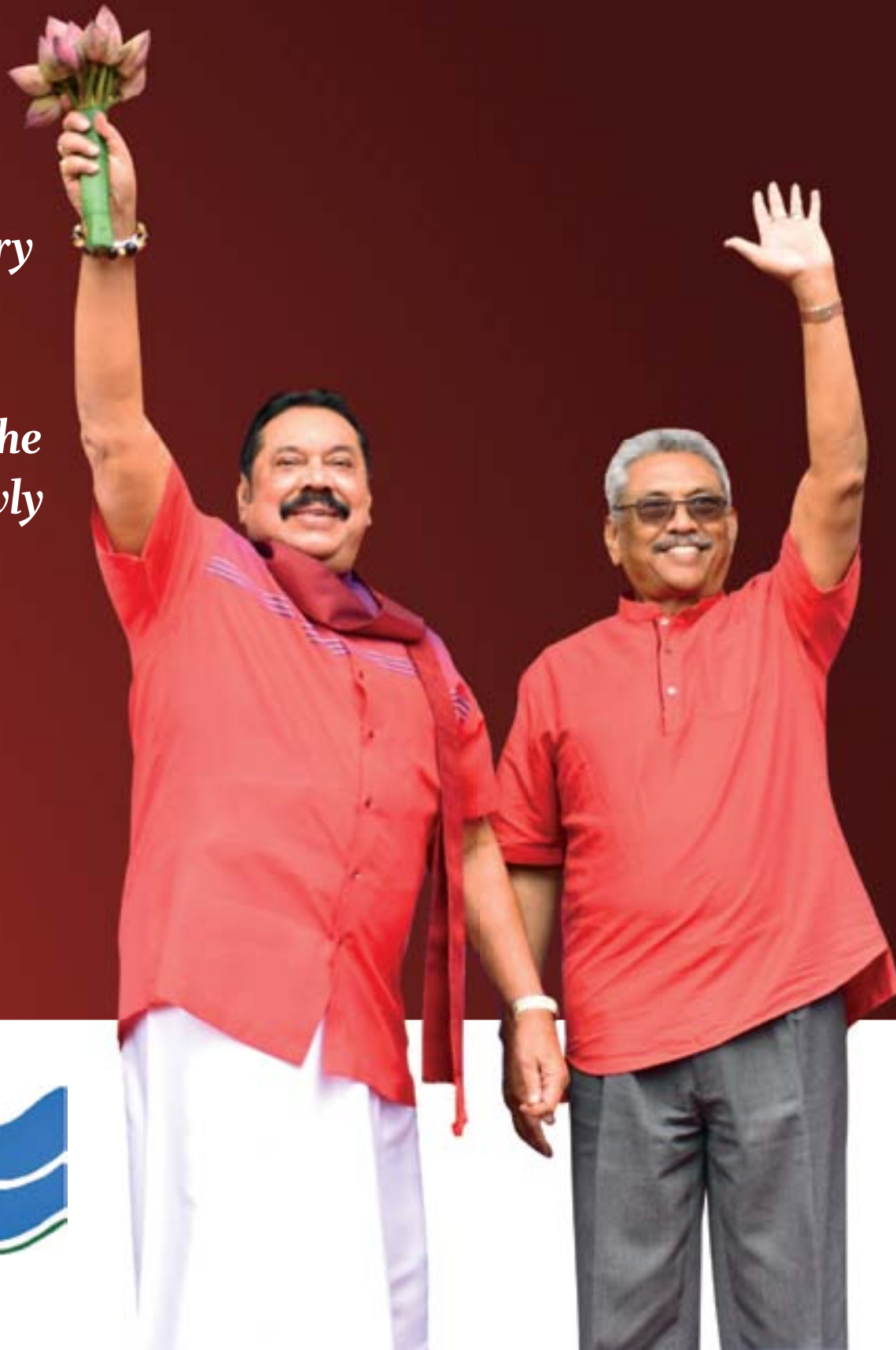
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We bestow our warmest good wishes on His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** leading endeavours to develop the country through "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour," Hon. Prime Minister **Mahinda Rajapaksa** who was elected Premier of the country for the fourth time, and the Government including newly sworn-in Ministers.



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PATH TO PRUDENT GOVERNANCE

The Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) has secured a two thirds 'super' majority in Parliament at the General Elections held on August 5, 2020. The Cabinet of Ministers and State Ministers of the new Government led by the SLPP were sworn in before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the Audience Hall of the Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic on August 12.

"In order to deliver on our future development promises, we will ensure that the new Cabinet of ministers will be appointed through a proper assessment of their skills and competencies. The Parliamentarians who possess subject matter expertise and experience will be identified for appointment as Cabinet ministers to drive the vision of the Government. Additionally, all cabinet ministers will be made accountable to the people of our country."

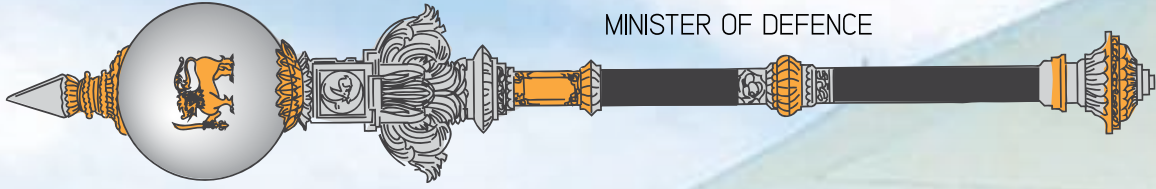
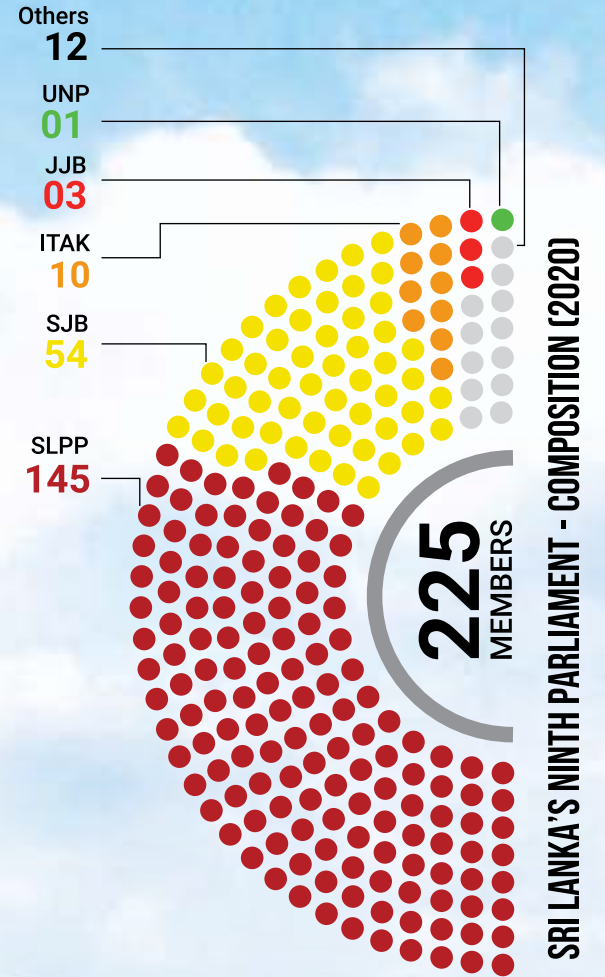
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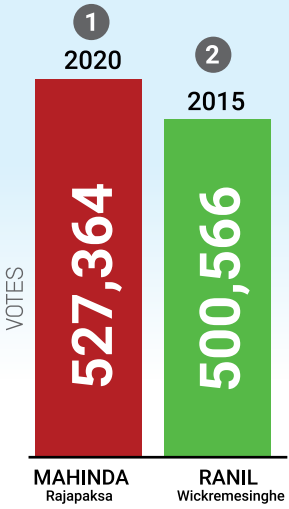


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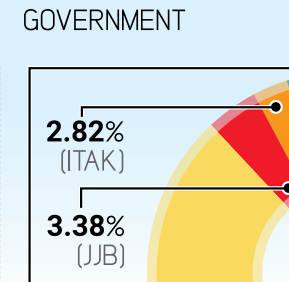
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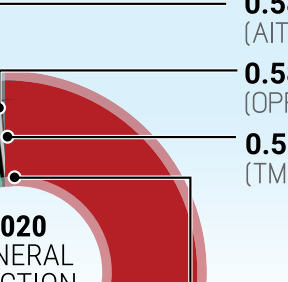
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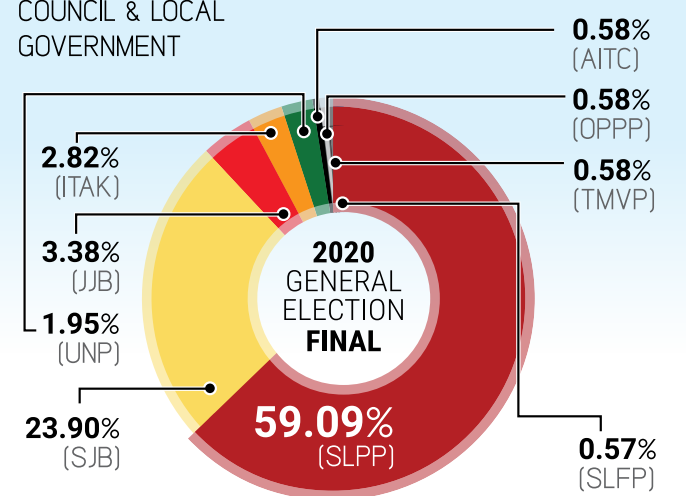
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Development of Common Infrastructure Facilities of Settlements and Canals in Mahaweli Zones

23 Members of Parliament have been appointed as District Coordinating Committee Chairmen



SRI LANKA SAVINGS BANK LIMITED

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	As at 30/06/2020	As at 31/12/2019
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	31,906	18,802
Balances with central bank	-	-
Placements with banks	4,724,314	5,395,758
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Financial assets at amortised cost		
- Loans and Advances	2,081,385	2,221,691
- Debt and Other Instruments	647,481	265,894
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	121,829	136,065
Investment in subsidiaries	-	-
Investment in associates and joint ventures	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	286,680	287,955
Right of use assets	10,172	14,365
Investment properties	333,315	333,315
Goodwill and intangible assets	359	549
Deferred tax assets	-	-
Other assets	518,213	42,605
Total assets	8,755,655	8,716,999
Liabilities		
Due to banks	-	72
Derivative financial instruments	-	-
Financial liabilities recognized through profit or loss		
- measured at fair value	-	-
- designated at fair value	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
- Due to depositors	1,104,409	1,076,178
- Due to other borrowers	549,128	552,132
Lease Liability	10,784	14,116
Debt securities issued	263,986	263,986
Retirement benefit obligations	26,936	25,032
Current tax liabilities	334,311	404,436
Deferred tax liabilities	764	764
Other provisions	-	-
Other liabilities	1,449,941	1,449,508
Due to subsidiaries	-	-
Total liabilities	3,740,259	3,786,223
Equity		
Stated capital/Assigned capital	3,805,290	3,805,290
Statutory reserve fund	244,940	239,997
OCI reserve	24,148	38,385
Retained earnings	2,639,186	2,545,273
Other reserves	(1,698,169)	(1,698,169)
Total shareholders' equity	5,015,396	4,930,776
Non-controlling interests	-	-
Total Equity	5,015,396	4,930,776
Total equity and liabilities	8,755,655	8,716,999
Contingent liabilities and commitments	22,240	20,840
Memorandum Information		
Number of Employees	102	102
Number of Branches	4	4

INCOME STATEMENT		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	From 01/01/2020 To 30/06/2020	From 01/01/2019 To 30/06/2019
Interest income	380,051	518,955
Interest expenses	(41,522)	(47,176)
Net interest income	338,529	471,779
Fee and commission income	815	693
Fee and commission expenses	(29)	(117)
Net fee and commission income	786	576
Net gain/(Loss) from trading	-	-
Net gain/(loss) from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Net Other operating income	5,607	3,042
Total operating income	344,922	475,397
Impairment Charges	(47,722)	(39,797)
Net operating income	297,200	435,601
Personnel Expenses	(91,931)	(84,118)
Depreciation and amortisation	(5,726)	(5,922)
Other Expenses	(28,749)	(40,158)
Operating profit/(loss) before VAT, NBT & DRL on financial services	170,793	305,403
Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial Services	(30,947)	(50,228)
Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial Services	-	(6,865)
Debt Repayment Levy (DRL) on financial Services	-	(27,562)
Operating profit/(loss) after VAT, NBT & DRL on financial services	139,847	220,749
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Profit/(loss) before tax	139,847	220,749
Income Tax expenses	(40,990)	(77,811)
Profit/(loss) for the period	98,856	142,938
Profit attributable to:		
Shareholders	98,856	142,938
Earnings per share on profit		
Basic earnings per ordinary share	12	17

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
In Rupees Thousands	From 01/01/2020 To 30/06/2020	From 01/01/2019 To 30/06/2019
	Profit/(loss) for the period	98,856
Items that will be reclassified to income statement		
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on cash flow hedges	-	-
Net gains/(losses) on investment in debt instruments measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to income statement	-	-
Items that will not be reclassified to income statement		
Change in fair value on investments in equity instruments designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(14,236)	(29,628)
Change in fair value attributable to change in the Bank's own credit risk on financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Actuarial Gain/(loss) on defined benefit plan	-	-
Re - measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	-	-
Changes in revaluation surplus	-	-
Share of profits of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to income statement	-	-
Other comprehensive income (OCI) for the period, net of taxes	(14,236)	(29,628)
Total comprehensive income for the period	84,620	113,310

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, being the Chairperson, Acting General Manager and Manager -Finance & Planning of Sri Lanka Savings Bank jointly certify that;

(a) The above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

(b) The information contained in these statements have been extracted from unaudited financial statements of the Bank unless indicated as audited.

Keasila Jayawardena
(sgd.) Chairperson
18.08.2020

H.M.G.P.J. Herath
(sgd.) Acting General Manager
18.08.2020

H.K. Eranjith Padmakumara
(sgd.) Manager - Finance & Planning
18.08.2020

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY									
In Rupees Thousands	Stated Capital/Assigned Capital		Reserves				Total	Non-Controlling interest	Total Equity
	Ordinary Shares	Assigned Capital	Statutory Reserve Fund	OCI Reserve	Re-valuation Reserve	Retained Earnings			
Balance as at 01/01/2020	820,447	2,984,844	239,997	38,385	468,021	2,545,273	(2,166,190)	4,930,776	4,930,776
Total Comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	98,856	-	98,856	98,856
Profit/(loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	98,856	-	98,856	98,856
Other comprehensive income (net of tax)	-	-	-	(14,236)	-	-	-	(14,236)	(14,236)
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	(14,236)	-	98,856	-	84,620	84,620
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity									
Share issue/increase of assigned capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share options exercised	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bonus issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rights issue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to reserves during the period	-	-	4,943	-	-	(4,943)	-	-	-
Dividends to equity holders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Profit transfers to head office	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gain/(loss) on revaluation of Property, Plant and Equipment (if cost method is adopted)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total transactions with equity holders	-	-	4,943	-	-	(4,943)	-	-	-
Balance as at 30/06/2020	820,447	2,984,844	244,940	24,148	468,021	2,639,186	(2,166,190)	5,015,396	5,015,396

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BY MEASUREMENT BASIS				
a. Bank - 30/06/2020				
In Rupees Thousands	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	31,906	-	-	31,906
Balances with central bank	-	-	-	-
Placements with banks	4,724,314	-	-	4,724,314
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances	2,081,385	-	-	2,081,385
Debt Instruments	647,481	-	-	647,481
Equity Instruments	-	-	121,829	121,829
Total financial assets	7,485,085	-	121,829	7,606,914
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost				
- Due to depositors	1,104,409	-	-	1,104,409
- Due to other borrowers	549,128	-	-	549,128
Debt securities issued	263,986	-	-	263,986
Total financial liabilities	1,917,523	-	-	1,917,523
b. Bank - 31/12/2019				
In Rupees Thousands	AC	FVPL	FVOCI	Total
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	18,802	-	-	18,802
Balances with central bank	-	-	-	-
Placements with banks	5,395,758	-	-	5,395,758
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Loans and advances	2,221,691	-	-	2,221,691
Debt Instruments	265,894	-	-	265,894
Equity Instruments	-	-	136,065	136,065
Total financial assets	7,902,144	-	136,065	8,038,210
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	72	-	-	72
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Other financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Financial liabilities at amortised cost				
- Due to depositors	1,076,178	-	-	1,076,178
- Due to other borrowers	552,132	-	-	552,132
Debt securities issued	263,986	-	-	263,986
Total financial liabilities	1,892,368	-	-	1,892,368

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	30/06/2020	30/06/2019
Cash flows from operating activities		
Profit before tax	139,847	220,749
Adjustment for:		
Non-cash items included in profits before tax	54,228	45,718
Change in operating assets	(93,167)	(395,835)
Change in operating liabilities	23,453	(33,481)
Net gains from investing activities	-	-
Share of profits in associates and joint ventures	-	-
Dividend income from subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Interest expense on subordinated debt	-	-
Prior year adjustment	-	220,312
Contribution paid to defined benefit plans	-	-
Tax paid	(111,115)	(18,255)
Net cash generated from operating activities	13,245	39,207
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(69)	(388)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	-	-
Purchase of Financial investments	-	-
Proceeds from the sale of maturity of financial investments	-	-
Net purchase of intangible assets	-	-
Net cash flow from acquisition of investment in subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Net cash flow from disposal of subsidiaries	-	-
Proceeds from disposal of associates and joint ventures	-	-
Dividend received from investment in subsidiaries and associates	-	-
Purchase of Investment Properties	-	-
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	(69)	(388)
Cash flows from finance activities		
Net proceeds from the issue of ordinary share capital	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of other equity instruments	-	-
Net proceeds from the issue of subordinated debt	-	-
Repayment of subordinated debt	-	-
Interest paid on subordinated debt	-	-
Dividend paid to non-controlling interest	-	-
Dividend paid to shareholders of the parent company	-	-
Dividend paid to holders of other equity instruments	-	-
Others	-	-
Net Cash (used in)/from financing activities	-	-
Net increase/(decrease) in cash & cash equivalents	13,176	38,819
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	18,730	31,235
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	31,906	70,054

ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS		
In Rupee Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period
	As at 30/06/2020	As at 31/12/2019
By Product		
Demand deposits	-	-
Savings deposits	300,179	285,946
Fixed deposits	509,107	497,002
Pramuka Savings & Development Bank's Loans (PSDB) deposits	295,123	293,230
Total	1,104,409	1,076,178

ANALYSIS OF LOANS & ADVANCES, COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES AND IMPAIRMENT			
In Rupees Thousands	Current Period	Previous Period	As at 31/12/2019
Productwise Gross loans and advances			
By product - Domestic Currency			
Overdrafts	-	-	-
Term loans	1,891,210	2,061,917	2,061,917
Lease rental receivable	544,876	472,747	472,747
Pawning	43,206	37,832	37,832
Pramuka Savings & Development Bank's Loans (PSDB)	1,013,075	1,013,437	1,013,437
Housing loans	49,490	49,593	49,593
Staff loans	124,358	123,419	123,419
Total	3,666,214	3,758,946	3,758,946
Stage wise impairment on loans & advances			
Less: Accumulated impairment under stage 1	(103,531)	(105,815)	(105,815)
Accumulated impairment under stage 2	(17,722)	(43,030)	(43,030)
Accumulated impairment under stage 3	(1,463,576)	(1,388,409)	(1,388,409)
Net value of loans & advances	2,081,385	2,221,691	2,221,691
Movements of impairment during the period			
Under Stage 1			
Opening balance	105,815	193,238	193,238
Charge/(write back) to income statement	(2,284)	(87,423)	(87,423)
Closing balance	103,531	105,815	105,815
Under Stage 2			
Opening balance	43,030	38,672	38,672
Charge/(write back) to income statement	(25,309)	4,359	4,359
Closing balance	17,722	43,030	43,030
Under Stage 3			
Opening balance	1,388,409	1,317,187	1,317,187
Charge/(

Ministry of Trade
SRI LANKA STANDARDS INSTITUTION
INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Chairperson, Department Procurement Committee (Minor Contracts) of Sri Lanka Standards Institution (SLSI) will receive sealed bids from prospective bidders for the purchase of items described below until 1400 h on 2020-09-11.

Bidders are invited to send the duly completed bidding documents by registered post to the following address or deposit them in the Tender Box placed in the Administration Division of SLSI.

A complete set of bidding documents could be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Director (Administration) on payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 3 000.00 + VAT (cash only) from 2020-08-21 to 2020-09-10 between 0900 h to 1500 h during the normal working days.

- Bidding documents in English language can be inspected during normal office hours at the Administration Division of SLSI, free of charge.
- Bids received after the prescribed time & date will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of bids on the same day.
- The bidder or his authorized representative can be participated at the opening of bids.

Ref. No.	Equipment	Bid Security
SLSI/AD/PRO/NCB/2020-1	Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and to provide Training of Automatic Washing Machine (Type A) and Tumble Dryer (Type A1)	LKR 50 000.00

Chairperson
Department Procurement Committee (Minor Contracts)
Sri Lanka Standards Institution
No. 17, Victoria Place
Elvitigala Mawatha
Colombo - 08.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
URBAN COUNCIL - TRINCOMALEE

Title of Contract : Re-Construction of three storied multipurpose building at Periyakadai, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee - 2020

Bid Number : TUC/WD/Cou.fund/Peri-Kade/2020/07

- The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Chairman, Urban Council, Trincomalee invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for **Re-Construction of three storied multipurpose building at Periyakadai, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee** as described below in the table.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB). Since the Total Cost Estimate of this Procurement is below Rs. 50 Mn. Regional preference and CIDA Grade preference shall apply as stipulated in Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016 (ii) dated 08.05.2019.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure, single stage single envelope system.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have the required valid CIDA Registration as mentioned below in the table.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award are indicated in Section 4 of the Bidding Document.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from **Secretary, Urban Council, Trincomalee, Telephone No. 026-2222274, Fax No : 026-2220552, e-mail : uctrinco@gmail.com** and inspect the bidding documents free of charge, prior to collection at above office during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased in duplicate by interested Bidders on submission of a written application at Office of **Chairman, Urban Council, Trincomalee from 20.08.2020 until 09.09.2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon submission of receipts for the proof of payment for non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00, made at the Office of the Chairman, Urban Council, Trincomalee.
- Bids accompanied by a Bid Security for the amount mentioned below shall be delivered in duplicate to reach the **Chairman, Urban Council, Trincomalee on or before 10.00 a.m. on 10.09.2020**. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders / Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 31.08.2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Urban Council Dockyard Road, Trincomalee.

Name of Work	Required CIDA Grade & Specialty	Construction Cost (Mn) Excluding VAT (Rs.)	Contract Period	Bid Validity Period	Bid Security Required	
					Amount (Rs.)	Validity (From the date of opening)
Re-Construction of three storied multipurpose building at Periyakadai, Dockyard Road, Trincomalee.	C04 & C05	27.042 Mn.	09 (Nine) Months	91 Days	271,000.00	119 Days 06.01.2021

N. Rajanayagam,
Chairman,
Urban Council,
Trincomalee.
19.08.2020

AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED GOLD ARTICLES

Gold Articles pawned up to 30.09.2018 at Rural Bank Branches of the Biyagama Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Limited, Pawning Agents of Sri Lanka Cooperative Rural Banks Federation Limited, namely, Kadawatha, Makola, Mawaramandiya, Malwana, Delgoda, Pattiwila, Biyagama, Galpoththa, Meegahawatta, Heiyanthuduwa, Bollegala, Pahala Biyanwila, Gonawala and Power House and not redeemed up to 11.09.2020, will be sold by Public Auction at 10.00 a.m. on 12, 13.09.2020 at the Head Office premises of the Biyagama Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Limited, Mawaramandiya.

General Manager
Biyagama Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Limited,
Samupakara Mandiraya,
Mawaramandiya, Siyambalape.
Tel. Nos. 0112977199 / 0112977071

Faculty of Science
University of Jaffna
NOTICE
Enrolment and Orientation Programmes
for the newly admitted students 2018/2019

The Enrolment and Orientation Programmes for the newly admitted first-year students to the Faculty of Science, University of Jaffna for the academic year 2018/2019 will be held on Monday 24.08.2020, 8.00 am to 5.00 pm at the Kailasapathy Auditorium and the Faculty premises. The new students are requested to participate in these Programmes.

Registrar

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LOLC FINANCE PLC
Gigantic Motor Vehicle Auction Sale
On Sunday 23rd August 2020
TO BE HELD AT
HOTEL GOLDEN RAY, GALWETIYA ROAD, SAMPATH WATHTHA, DAMBULLA
Commencing 10.00 a.m Onwards

BUS				MOTOR BIKE			
LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	2000	63 XXXX	MAHINDRA GUSTO	110CC	2017	BHB XXXX
LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	2011	NE XXXX	MAHINDRA ROKSTAR	110CC	2017	BFJ XXXX
TOYOTA COASTER	4104CC	2009	ND XXXX	SUZUKI GIXXER	150CC	2017	BGI XXXX
CREW CAB				TVS APACHE			
TOYOTA DYNA	4160CC	1999	JM XXXX	TVS JUPITER	110CC	2018	BHC XXXX
MITSUBISHI CANTER	2830CC	2000	HR XXXX	TVS METRO PLUS	110CC	2016	BEN XXXX
FOUR WHEEL TRACTOR				TVS METRO			
FARMTRAC FT6050	3147CC	2015	RE XXXX	TVS PHOENIX 125	125CC	2013	BBA XXXX
HOLLAND 4710	2700CC	2015	RE XXXX	TVS SCOOTY ZEST	110CC	2015	BCC XXXX
HOLLAND 4710	2700CC	2016	RE XXXX	TVS WEGO	110CC	2017	BFU XXXX
JOHN DEERE 5047D	2500CC	2012	RD XXXX	CAR			
MAHENDRA 575DI	2523CC	2011	RC XXXX	HYUNDAI SONATA	1997CC	2001	JD XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2014	RD XXXX	MARUTI SWIFT	1298CC	2006	KF XXXX
HOLLAND 4710	2700CC	2016	RF XXXX	MAZDA	1500CC	1986	16 XXXX
HOLLAND 4710	2700CC	2016	RE XXXX	MITSUBISHI LANCER	1998CC	1994	64 XXXX
JOHN DEERE 5047D	2900CC	2017	RF XXXX	NISSAN SUNNY (E-FB14)	1490CC	1994	GZ XXXX
KUBOTA L 4508	2197CC	2017	RF XXXX	NISSAN SUNNY SUPER SALDON	1295CC	2005	JR XXXX
MAHINDRA 575DI	2523CC	2011	RC XXXX	PEUGEOT 306	1905CC	1992	GG XXXX
MAHINDRA 575DI	2523CC	2009	RB XXXX	PEUGEOT 405	1905CC	1995	64 XXXX
MAHINDRA 575DI	2730CC	2019	RG XXXX	SUZUKI SWIFT	1000CC	1997	300 XXXX
MAHINDRA YUVO 575DI	2979CC	2017	RF XXXX	TATA INDIGO MARINA	1405CC	2005	KA XXXX
MASSEY FERGUSON	1498CC	2017	RF XXXX	TOYOTA DAA-ZVW3D PRIUS	1790CC	2012	CAH XXXX
MASSEY FERGUSON	2500CC	1999	270 XXXX	TOYOTA TA-GX110	1980CC	2002	KA XXXX
POWERTRAC PTEUROSO	2761CC	2018	RF XXXX	LORRY			
POWERTRAC	2140CC	2017	RF XXXX	FOTON BJ1049V8J/D6-R	3298CC	2007	LF XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2010	RB XXXX	ISUZU KK-NHR59E	3050CC	2000	LB XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2012	RC XXXX	ISUZU NKR58L-ELF	2770CC	1988	43 XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2015	RE XXXX	ISUZU	3630CC	1989	43 XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2015	RE XXXX	LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	1999	227 XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2015	RE XXXX	MITSUBISHI	3560CC	1990	47 XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2016	RE XXXX	NISSAN	4210CC	1994	227 XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2016	RE XXXX	WARAJ MAZDA	3455CC	2006	LC XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2017	RF XXXX	TATA LPT 713	5675CC	2012	LK XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2017	RF XXXX	TATA LPT1613	5883CC	2007	LE XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2017	RF XXXX	TOYOTA TOYOCAR	4100CC	1997	GM XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2018	RF XXXX	CHANGAN SC1031D	2672CC	2007	LF XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2018	RF XXXX	FAW CA1020K4Y	2770CC	2007	LE XXXX
TAFE 45DI	2500CC	2018	RF XXXX	ISUZU TLDS4	2770CC	1982	41 XXXX
HARVESTER				NISSAN U-MK2108ND			
DN-XIA GRAND V COMBINE HARVESTER				2770CC			
CROP MASTER 4LZ-40Z SUMO				6920CC			
MUBOTA COMBINE HARVESTER AC705							
ICB				TIPPER			
J C B 3CX BACKHOE WHEEL LOADER				ZA XXXX			
MOTOR BIKE				ISUZU DUMP			
BAJAJ CT100	100CC	2014	BAY XXXX	LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	16680CC	2000	LB XXXX
BAJAJ DISCOVER	95CC	2010	VR XXXX	LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	2007	LD XXXX
DEMAK DZM 200	200CC	2016	BGE XXXX	LANKA ASHOK LEYLAND	6540CC	2011	LI XXXX
DEMAK DZM	200CC	2017	BFW XXXX	TATA LIGHT	5883CC	2011	LI XXXX
DEMAK DZR 120	120CC	2017	BFL XXXX	TATA LPK 1615	5883CC	2010	LH XXXX
DEMAK DZR 120	120CC	2017	BGX XXXX	TRUCK			
DEMAK EX 90	90CC	2017	BHH XXXX	DAIHATSU V-S110P	650CC	1998	HS XXXX
DEMAK EX 90	90CC	2017	BFW XXXX	DFSK (UNIMO LOKKA)	1357CC	2012	PU9 XXXX
DEMAK EXPLORER	125CC	2017	BGX XXXX	DFSK (UNIMO LOKKA)	3157CC	2013	PW XXXX
DEMAK SAVAGE SUPRA	120CC	2017	BGT XXXX	DFSK (UNIMO LOKKA)	3157CC	2013	PX XXXX
DEMAK SKYBORN	150CC	2017	BGG XXXX	FOTON	1809CC	2015	DAE XXXX
DEMAK WARRIOR	150CC	2017	BGY XXXX	MAHINDRA BMT PLUS VX	2523CC	2013	PK XXXX
DEMAK WARRIOR	150CC	2017	BGT XXXX	MAHINDRA MAXIM	909CC	2011	PR XXXX
DEMAK WARRIOR	150CC	2017	BHM XXXX	MAHINDRA MAXIMO PLUS	909CC	2013	PW XXXX
HONDA NAVI	110CC	2017	BEU XXXX	MAHINDRA MAXIMO	909CC	2012	PT XXXX
MAHINDRA GUSTO	110CC	2017	BGD XXXX	MAHINDRA MAXIMO	909CC	2012	PT XXXX
MAHINDRA GUSTO	110CC	2017	BGB XXXX	TATA 207DI	2956CC	2005	JU XXXX
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Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka



Notice to Dealers of Telecommunication Equipment (apparatus)

- As per Section 21 of the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No.25 of 1991 amended by Act No. 27 of 1996 (Act), no person shall manufacture, import, sell, offer for sale, deal in, transfer, hire, lease, demonstrate, maintain or repair of any telecommunication apparatus by way of trade without a valid license issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL).
- Violation of the above Section 21 of the Act is an offence under Section 21(5) of the Act.
- As per Section 43(1) and (2) of the Act, every person who contravenes or fails to comply with provision of the Act or any regulation or rule made thereunder or with any requirement imposed thereunder or with any order, award or direction given thereunder shall be guilty of an offence.
- All offences under Item 3 above shall be triable summarily by the Magistrate's Court.
- Dealers should obtain a Business Registration Certificate before applying for a Vendor Licence from TRCSL.
- How to obtain a vendor license;
www.trc.gov.lk → Industry → Licensing → Vendor License → Vendor License Procedure

How to download the application from

www.trc.gov.lk → Public → Downloads → Applications → Vendor License Application Form

- A completed application form and other relevant documents could be sent via vl@trc.gov.lk
Originals may be sent by post to the address given below.
- For further clarifications please contact the following:

Director/ Networks	Assistant Director/ Vendor License and Model Approvals	Operator assistance
Tel. No : 0112689343 Fax No: 0112672195	0112683861	1900

In the future, all telecommunication equipment operated with a SIM card that has not been registered with TRCSL will be deactivated in the Cellular Mobile Telephone Operator's Network.

Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

No.276, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08

website : www.trc.gov.lk

Telephone No : 011 2689345



Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka



Notice to the general public to purchase only telecommunication equipment registered with the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL)

- General public is hereby notified to purchase the telecommunication equipment operated with a SIM card and services only from dealers possessing a vendor license issued by the TRCSL.
- Please check whether the Serial No. (TRC20/---/---) issued by TRCSL is available before purchasing the above-mentioned equipment.
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- Follow the instructions of the SMS received as a reply from TRCSL.
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- This will not be applicable to the telecommunication equipment operated with a sim card currently connected in the Cellular Mobile Operator's Network. TRCSL will be taking action to register such equipment in the future.

For further clarifications please contact:

Director/Spectrum Management	Operator Assistance
Tel. No: 011 2675779 Fax No. 011 2689675	1900

**This is an action taken by the Telecommunications Regulatory
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to prevent the purchase of unregistered telecommunication
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Notice

Call Bids for obtaining a Building on Rent/Lease basis for a period of two years

Ceylon Electricity Board

Deputy General Manager (Commercial & Corporate) DD2

Rent/Lease a Suitable Building for Additional General Manager (Distribution Division 02) Office Complex

Bid No: DD2/DGM(C&C)/Office Rent/AGM (DD2)/T100

Expected Building should be situated in Kiribathgoda or Kadawatha town area and close to main roads. The floor area of the building should be at least 25,000 Sq.Ft. Parking facility should be provided for at least 30 vehicles.

Applications can be collected from the address of Deputy General Manager (Commercial & Corporate) DD2 Office, 02nd Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No: 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha until 09.09.2020. Cost of the application is **Rs.1,000.00**.

Sealed envelope containing bids should be marked at the left-hand corner as "**Rent/Lease a building for Additional General Manager (DD2) Office Complex**" and the bid number also to be included.

All bids should be forwarded to the address given in the application or deposited in the bid box at the Additional General Manager (DD2) office at the 01st Floor of No: 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha of CEB on or before 10.00 hrs on 09.09.2020.

**Additional General Manager - Distribution Division 02
Ceylon Electricity Board,
02nd Floor,
No. 205/3, Kandy Road,
Pahala Biyanwila,
Kadawatha.**

Inquiries :

Telephone - 011 2 329 934 / 011 2 399 679

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

- The Chairman of the Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Kegalle on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the projects described below.

S. No.	Contract No.	Contract Name	Engineer's Estimate (Exclude Contingencies)	ICTAD Grade	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Weeks)
01	RDA/SAB/KG/CON/2020/01	Improvements to Kegalle - Siyambalapitiya - Dewalegama Road (0+000 - 0+167km)	4,819,411.22	C7, C6	115,000.00	12
02	RDA/SAB/KG/CON/2020/02	Construction of Retaining wall between (balance part of washed off section) Culvert No. 2/7 - 2/8 (LHS) on Kegalle - Bulathkohopitiya - Karawannella Road	1,414,514.10	C8, C9	33,500.00	12
03	RDA/SAB/KG/CON/2020/03	Widening of Culvert No. 10/1, 10/2, 10/3 & 10/7 on Magamma - Kurupaththa - Daigala Road	5,514,032.11	C7, C6	135,000.00	12
04	RDA/SAB/KG/CON/2020/04	Widening of Culvert No. 21/1 on Kegalle - Bulathkohopitiya - Karawannella Road	2,487,777.32	C7, C8	60,000.00	12

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure, 5% preference will be given for Contractors registered within the Province above CIDA Grades preference shall apply as per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016(i)
- 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 in highway specialty.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the following offices and inspect the bidding documents free of charge during office hours.

Chief Engineer Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Galigama Town Tel/Fax: 035-2229554	Executive Engineer, Executive Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Galigama Town Tel/Fax: 035-2229554	Executive Engineer Executive Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Maththamagoda, Kotiyakumbura. Tel/Fax: 035-2289945
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- A complete set of bidding documents in English language shall be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Chief Engineer's Office, RDA, Galigamuwa Town from **20.08.2020 until 03.09.2020** during 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,700.00 (Including of VAT)**.
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid-Security for an amount given in the above table. **Bid-Security shall be valid from 04.09.2020 to 01.01.2021.**
- Bids should be delivered by hand or Registered Post in duplicate with the copy of registration from Registrar of Public Contract, to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, RDA, Galigamuwa Town, on or before **14.00 hrs on 04.09.2020**. The Contract Name and Number shall be marked on top left-hand corner of the envelope. Late bids will be rejected unopened. Bids will be opened at **14.30 hrs** on same day in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

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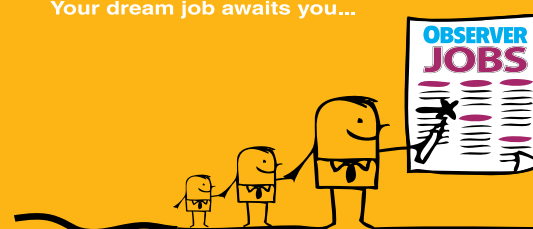
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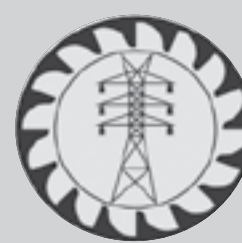
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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
MATERIALS										
DD 01 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/ PPC/2020/100 Supply & Delivery of Indoor Switchgear High Tension Tester (11kV) – 04 Nos.	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	12,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)/EE(MM)/ PPC/2020/104 Supply & Delivery of i) Cable Cu. PVC Insulated PVC Sheathed – Single (19/1.53) 35Sqmm - 1,000 Mtrs. ii) Cable Cu.PVC Insulated PVC Sheathed – Single (7/1.70)16Sqmm- 5,000 Mtrs.	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	20,350.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)CE(C&S)/ PPC/2020/102 Disposal of Unserviceable items which removed from Vehicles in CE (P&D) Unit of Colombo City	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	Lot 01 - 1,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD 01 (Colombo City)	DGM(CC)CE(C&S)/ PPC/2020/103 Disposal of Unserviceable 33 Nos. of Transformer Oil Barrels in the Maintenance Unit of Colombo City	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	Lot 01 – 10,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD1 (P&D)	DD1/P&D/NCB/2020/003/D Supply & Delivery of Stay Assembly Complete LT Un-Galvanised 1.8m x 16 mm	2020-09-09 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Headquarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473	12,500.00	510,000.00	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02.	Conference Room, Planning & Development Branch –(DD1) , Fourth Floor, , CEB Head Quarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02.	1,000.00	NCB
DD1 (P&D)	DD1/P&D/ICB/2020/006/D Supply & Delivery of 33kV outdoor type Combined Metering Transformers	2020-09-30 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Headquarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02. T.P No. 011-2430473	3,500.00	360,000.00	Planning & Development Branch (DD1), Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02.	Conference Room, Planning & Development Branch – (DD1) , Fourth Floor, CEB Head Quarters, No. 50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw, Colombo 02.	1,000.00	ICB
DD 2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/ DGM/CE(SC&M)/ DPC/2020/22 Supply and Delivery of 02 Nos. of 110 V DC 20A Battery Charger Units	1400 hrs on 30/09/2020	DPC-DD2	Office of the DGM (Project and Heavy Maintenance) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax +94- 81- 2222286 +94- 81- 2204298	1000.00	50,000.00	Office of the DGM (Project and Heavy Maintenance) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy Tel/Fax 081-2222286 081-2204298	Office of the DGM (Project and Heavy Maintenance) DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy. Tel/Fax 081-2222286 081-2204298	Free from the Internet (www.ceb.lk) or Hard copy will cost Rs.500.00	ICB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/231 Supply & Delivery of Ground Connectors for substation Earthing in Central Province – 1000 Nos.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	28,100/-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/271 Supply & Delivery of Cable Tiles HT 4000Nos.for CP	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	18,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/272 Supply & Delivery of Cable Tiles LT 3000Nos.for CP	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	13,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 3 (Uva)	DGM(Uva)/CE(Com)/ C1/2K20/065 Supply and Delivery of 36500m of 2.5 mm ² 10 Core Cu/PVC/PVC LT Cable	09th September 2020 15.00 hrs	PPC (Uva)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla. Tel : 0552222474	500.00	547,500.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Uva), Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 04, Spring Valley Road, Hindagoda, Badulla.	-	NCB

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DD4 (PHM)	DD4/PHM/NCB/2020/005/D Supply and Delivery of Digital Ground Resistance & Resistivity Testers with accessories – 4 Nos.	2020-09-09 10.00hrs	Divisional Procurement Committee	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Projects & Heavy Maintenance -DD4), Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Devananda Mawatha, Piliyandala, Sri Lanka. Tel: 011- 2608024/25 Fax: 011- 2614472	2500.00	20,000.00	Office of the Deputy General Manager (P&D-DD4) Ceylon Electricity Board 4th floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala, Sri Lanka. Tel: 011-4204017 Fax: 011-4204013	Office of the Deputy General Manager (P&D-DD4) Ceylon Electricity Board 4th floor, No. 25, Council Lane, Dehiwala, Sri Lanka. Tel: 011-4204017 Fax: 011-4204013	1000.00	NCB
CONSTRUCTION										
Projects (Transmission Projects Branch)	PM/CENEIP-P3/T/2019/02 Construction of Safety Fence at New Polpitiya Grid Substation	10/09/2020 At 10 .00 Hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee (Transmission Projects)	Office of the Project Manager (CE&NEIP-P3), No. 411/10B, Artigala Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya. TP: 011 -2877080 Fax: 011-2877080	2,500.00	75,000.00	Office of the Project Manager (CE&NEIP-P3), No. 411/10B, Artigala Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya. TP: 011 -2877080 Fax: 011-2877080	Office of the Project Manager (CE&NEIP-P3), No. 411/10B, Artigala Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya. TP: 011 -2877080 Fax: 011-2877080	Available in CEB web site	NCB
SERVICES										
Generation (Protection)	PG/06/10/03/2020/01 Provision of Security Service for the Asset Management Hydro & Protection Generation Office Premises	10-09-2020 at 14:00 hrs	Mahaweli Complex Procurement Committee (MCPC)	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Protection Generation) Ceylon Electricity Board, 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy, Sri Lanka. Tel: 081-2234476 Fax: 081-2234492	LKR 1000.00 (All Payments Should be deposited to CEB Generation Collection Account , People's Bank, Dematagoda Branch, A/C No. 071-1-001-2-3320-705)	20,000.00	10.09.2020 at 14:00 hrs Office of the Deputy General Manager (Protection Generation) Ceylon Electricity Board, 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy.	Office of the Deputy General Manager (Protection Generation) Ceylon Electricity Board, 40/20A, Ampitiya Road, Kandy.	Can read free of charge at the office of DGM (Protection Generation) CEB	NCB
DD1 (C&C)	DD1/C&C/ML/NCB/2020/01 Security Service for the Meter Laboratory at Kurunegala - DD1	09/09/2020 10.00hrs	DGM(C&C)	Office of the EE (Meter Lab) - DD1, Ceylon Electricity Board. Dambokka, Boyagane, Kurunegala 0372237927	500.00	15,000.00	Office of the EE (Meter Lab) - DD1, Ceylon Electricity Board. Dambokka, Boyagane, Kurunegala	Office of the EE (Meter Lab) - DD1, Ceylon Electricity Board. Dambokka, Boyagane, Kurunegala	-	NCB
DD1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/059 Provision of Private Security Services to Maligawaththa Office Complex for two year period	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	40,000.00 (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD1 Colombo City	DGM(CC)/CE(C&CS)/PPC/2020/101 Hiring of a Van for Chief Engineer (P&D) unit of Colombo City (Vehicle ii/iv) (For 02 years)	09th September 2020 10.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03 until 08.09.2020 011-2575923, 011-2575930	1,000.00 (By Cash)	15,000.00 per hiring van (By Cash/ Bank draft / Bank guarantee)	Tender Box at the Office of Deputy General Manager (Colombo City), 4th Floor, Lakshmans Building, 340, R.A. De Mel Mw, Colombo 03	Conference Room, Deputy General Manager (Colombo City)'s Office	-	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/113 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electrical Engineer (Distribution Control Centre)'s Office and Call Center Chunnakam	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/114 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electricity Consumer Service Centre, CEB, Kilinochchi.	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/115 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electricity Consumer Service Centre, CEB, Mankulam	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/116 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electricity Consumer Service Centre, CEB, Mannar.	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/117 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electricity Consumer Service Centre, CEB, Mullaitivu	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/118 Tender for Obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electricity Consumer Service Centre, CEB, Vavuniya.	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD1 (NP)	DGM/NP/CE(Com)/MP/T/2020/119 Tender for obtaining Janitorial & Cleaning Services to the Electrical Engineer (Distribution Maintenance)'s Office, Vavuniya	10th of September 2020 at 14.00hrs	PPC (North)	Deputy General Manager (NP) office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Old Park Road, Jaffna. T.P No: 021 222 2496	1,000.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Office of the DGM (NP) CEB, Old Park Road, Jaffna	Nil	NCB
DD2 (PHM)	PHM DD2/DGM/CE(LC&M)/QD/2020/13 Leasing a House around Naiwala, Minuwangoda or Udugampola area adjacent to the Main Road or any suitable place for Cold Line Maintenance Gang of CE(LC&M) PHM - DD2	2020/09/09 2.00 pm	Deputy General Manager (Pr & HM) DD2	Deputy General Manager (PHM) – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy Tel/Fax: 081 2222286	250/-	5,000/-	Deputy General Manager (PHM) – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy Tel/Fax: 081 2222286	Deputy General Manager (PHM) – DD2, Ceylon Electricity Board, P.O. Box 18, Lamagaraya Road, Kandy Tel/Fax: 081 2222286	N/A	NCB

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Region / Division / Province	Bid No. / Item Description & Quantity	Bid closing date & Time	Procurement Committee	Place of Purchase of Bidding Documents TP. Nos.	Price of the Bid Document (Rs)	Value of Bid Bond (Rs)	Bids should be deposited at	Bids will be opened at	Price of the information copy (Rs)	Type of Bid ICB/ NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/299 Provision of Security Services for Site Offices at Kegalle, Nuwaraeliya, Dambulla, Ginigathhena & Ududumbara belonging to CE(Distribution Maintenance) Unit - CP for a period of 01 Year	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	37,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/301 Hiring of a Van for 3 Phase Service Connection Refurbishment Programme at Chief Engineer (Energy Management) Unit CP for a period of 02 years.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/302 Hiring of a Van for Billing Center in CE (commercial) Unit-CP for a period of 02 Years.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/303 Hiring of a Three Wheeler for GPS Programme in Nawalapitiya Area for a period of 01 year.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	500/=	5000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/306 Hiring of a Van for Deputy General Manager's Office (Central Province) for a period of 02 years	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	16,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/307 Rent /Lease Building for use as Official Quarters of Electrical Superintendent (Nortonbridge) in Ginigathhena Area for a period of 02 years. <u>Requirements</u> i). Building should be Approx.1500 sqft. ii). Building should be located in and around Nortonbridge Town Area. iii). Need Water, Electricity and Telephone (Land line) Facilities. iv). Need security Fence or wall around the Building. v). Need Garage for vehicle Parking.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 051-2242408	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/308 Rent /Lease Building for use as Official Quarters of Electrical Superintendent (Thawalantenna) in Nuwara-Eliya Area for a period of 02 years. <u>Requirements</u> i). Building should be Approx.1200 sqft. ii). Building should be located in and around Thawalantenna Town Area within 02Km. iii). Need Water, Electricity and Telephone (Land line) Facilities. iv). Need security Fence or wall around the Building. v). Need Garage for vehicle Parking.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self-prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P. 052-2222918	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/309 Rent / Lease Building for Use as Site Office Ududumbara belonging to Chief Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) Unit - CP for a period of 02 years. <u>Requirements</u> 1). Building should be located in and around Ududumbara Area. 2). Building should be Approx.1500 sqft. 3). Need Parking area for 02 nos. Lorries. 4). Need Water, Electricity & Sanitary Facilities.	2020-09-09 at 14.00hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Self prepared detailed application to be forwarded with expected monthly rental. T.P.081-4953235 081-4953237	-	-	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 2 Central	CP/CE(COM)/PPC/2020/310 Hiring of a 4WD Double Cab for CE (Distribution Maintenance) Unit-CP for a period of 02 years.	2020-09-09 at 14.00 hrs	Provincial Procurement Committee	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy. T.P 081-2234324 081-4472724	1000/=	20,000/=	Chief Engineer (Commercial) , CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	Chief Engineer (Commercial), CEB, No. 04, Asgiriya Road, Kandy.	N/A	NCB
DD 02 (AFM)	DD2/AFM/NCB/2020/002/D-R Hiring of a car on wet lease basis for Additional Finance Manager – DD 02, Kadawatha	2020/09/02 at 10.00 a.m.	Distribution Division 02	Additional Finance Manager DD 2 3rd Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha. 011-2392345	500.00	17,000.00	Tender Box provided at AGM (DD - 2 Office), 1st Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha	AGM (DD-2) Office, 1st Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	-	NCB
DD 02 (Com. & Corp.)	DD2/DGM (C&C)/ ML/ Security/2020/T105 Provision of Security Service to Meter Testing Laboratory DD-2, Kiribathgoda of CEB	2020/09/02 at 10.00 a.m.	Distribution Division 02	DGM (Com. & Corp.)DD 2 2nd Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha . 011-2399679	500.00	18,000.00	Bid Box provided at AGM (DD - 2 Office), 1st Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha	AGM (DD-2) Office, 1st Floor, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 205/3, Kandy Road, Pahala Biyanwila, Kadawatha.	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/161 Hiring a motor car for the use of Chief Electrical Engineer (Energy Management)-East for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli , Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB

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DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/162 Hiring a van for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Distribution Construction) -Trincomalee for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/163 Rent out building use as sub Electrical Consumer Service Centre at Pulmoddai -Trincomalee for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Trincomalee) 026-2222301 026-2220060 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	-	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/164 Hiring a motor car for the use of Chief Electrical Engineer at Batticaloa Area for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Batticaloa) 065-2222639 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/165 Hiring a Van for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Kattankudy ECSC) - Batticaloa for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Batticaloa) 065-2222639 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/166 Rent out building use as Electrical Consumer Service Centre at Eravur/ Chenkalady -Batticaloa for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Batticaloa) 065-2222639 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	-	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/167 Hiring a motor car for the use of Chief Electrical Engineer - Kalmunai Area for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE (Kalmunai) 067-2229276 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/168 Hiring a motor car for the use of Area Chief Electrical Engineer at Ampara for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE (Ampara) 063222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/169 Rent out a building use as Electricity Consumer Service Centre at Akkaraipattu in Ampara for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE (Ampara) 063222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	-	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/170 Rent out a house for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Mahaoya ECSC) - Ampara for a period of one year.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE (Ampara) 063222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	-	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/171 Hiring a double cab for the use of Electrical Superintendent (Inginiyagala ECSC) at Ampara for a period of 02 years.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the ACEE(Ampara) 063222387 063-2222078 Or Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	1000.00	20,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB
DD2 (EP)	DGM [E]/QPPC/20/172 Providing of Cleaning, Maintenance and Janitorial Services at the DGM (East) Office Complex, Trincomalee for a period of one year.	09-09-2020 at 2.00 p.m.	Provincial Procurement Committee (East)	Office of the DGM [East], Trincomalee 026-2222666 026-2221030	500.00	10,000.00	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	Office of the DGM [East], Uppuveli, Trincomalee	-	NCB

Chairman of the above Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Ceylon Electricity Board, now invites sealed Bids from potential Suppliers for the above mentioned items on the basis of International /National competitive bidding. Bids should be submitted only on the bid documents purchased from the CEB.

Bidding Documents will be issued only to the prospective Bidders or their accredited Agents. Wherever necessary they should get registered in terms of the Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987.

Bidding Documents could be purchased by any prospective bidder or their accredited Agent on submission of written request to the respective Deputy General Manager/Chief Engineer of the CEB upon payment of the amount indicated in Column 6 of the above table for each set of Bid Documents, between 0900 hrs. and 1500 hrs. on any working day till the day prior to the bid closing date. Payment shall be made in cash or bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, CEB.

Foreign Diplomatic Missions/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of the Bidding Documents, free of charge on submission of a written request. The Bidding Documents may be inspected by the prospective bidders or their Agents at the office of the respective DGM/CE free of charge.

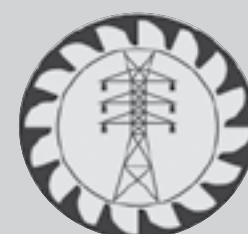
Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time of the bidding, in the presence of Bidders and their authorized representatives at the locations indicated in column 9. Late Bids shall be rejected.

All clarifications shall be sought two weeks before the Bid closing date, from the respective DGM/CE of the CEB who issued the bidding Documents.

* ICB – International Competitive Bidding, NCB – National Competitive Bidding.
General Manager



The Information copy of the Bid documents may be downloaded from the CEB Corporate website www.ceb.lk



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, the following company has been incorporated.
Name of the Company: Stunning Academy Lanka (Pvt) Ltd.,
Number of Company: PV00211290
Date of Incorporation: 26.04.2019
Address: LC 36, Airport Road, Anuradhapura.
Company Secretary

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.
Name of the Company: EARDLY GROUP OF COMPANIES (PVT) LTD.,
Registration No. 00225217
Registered Address: No. 43, Deshabandu Sarath Sumanasekera Mawatha, Pelawatta, Battaramulla, Postcode: 10120.
Date of Incorporation: 13th July 2020
By order of the Board of Directors

NOTICE
The following company was incorporated under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Company Name : ISHA FARM (PVT) LTD.
No. of Registration : PV00224760
Registered Address : 212, Kanakkanpanai, Sundarapuram, Vasavilan East.
Incorporated Date : 23rd July 2020
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BKK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD. Company Secretaries

NOTICE
The following company was incorporated under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Company Name : M S R I T LANKA (PVT) LTD.
No. of Registration : PV00225524
Registered Address : Level 28, West Tower, World Trade Center, Echelon Square, Colombo 01.
Incorporated Date : 05th August 2020
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BKK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD. Company Secretaries

NOTICE
The following company was incorporated under Section 9 (1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.
Company Name: S.T.R. COIR (PVT) LTD
No. of Registration: PV 00225655
Registered Office: 192, Union Kulam, Konavil, Kilinochchi.
Incorporated Date: 09th August 2020
Maheswaran Branavan BKK Partnership (Pvt) Ltd Company Secretaries

NOTICE
Notice of incorporation of a limited liability company into a limited company.
(Change status of the company according to Section 11(5) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007).
Company Name: Lakmee Exports Lanka Company (Private) Limited.,
Company No. PV 85771
Registered office: Kekirawa Road, Thalawa.
Date of Incorporation: 03.05.2012
It is hereby informed that Lakmee Exports Lanka (Private) Ltd will be incorporated as a limited company as per the resolution passed by the Board of Directors / Shareholders of Lakmee Exports Lanka (Pvt) Ltd on 20.02.2020.
Company Secretary

TODDY TAVERN RENT SALE 2021
Divulapitiya Divisional Secretary's Division Dagonna (27)
Tenders will be received by the Divisional Secretary, Divulapitiya upto 10.30 a.m. on 28.09.2020.
For further particulars refer the Gazette Notification of 28.08.2020.
U.W.T.U. Rajakaruna, Divisional Secretary, Divulapitiya.
Date: 12.08.2020

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7
My Reference No : AMB KO 3/5/A/146
Ministry of Lands & Parliamentary Reforms
Reference No : 4/3/2/2011/FR/82
The Government intends to acquire the land which is described in the following schedule. Please see the Part III of the Extraordinary Gazette No. 2184/6 dated 13.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

Schedule

- i. District : Nuwara Eliya
- ii. Divisional Secretary's Division : Ambagamuwa Koralya
- iii. Village : Hatton Poolbank Estate
- iv. Grama Niladhari Division : 319 B-Hatton North
- v. Name of Land : Hatton Watta
- vi. Plan & Lot Nos. : Lot Nos. 01, 03 in the P.P. Nu 3351
- vii. Extent : 0.0626 Hectare

Sithara Ruwini Gamage, Divisional Secretary, Ambagamuwa Koralya.
Divisional Secretariat, Ambagamuwa Koralya
11.08.2020

Invitation for Bids (IFB)
INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NETWORK LTD.
Procurement of 3G/HD/SD-SDI Router - 02 Nos. with Clean / Quiet Switching

Bid No. ITN/Q/27/2020

1. The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Independent Television Network Ltd. invites sealed Bids from Manufacturers or their accredited Agents or Authorized Distributors for the Procurement of 3G/HD/SD-SDI Router - 02 Nos. with Clean / Quiet Switching.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
3. Bidders shall comply with following eligibility criteria to qualify for awarding.
 - i. Having valid Business Registration
 - ii. Having at least 3 years experience in Supplying & Commissioning Television Broadcast Equipment in Sri Lanka
 - iii. Having suitable arrangement for after sales services locally or internationally
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be inspected and purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the Manager (Supplies), Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 5,000.00 + 8% VAT in cash during normal working days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. till **08th September 2020.**
5. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from the Deputy General Manager (Engineering) of Independent Television Network Ltd. Tel. 0112774592 / Fax No. 0112774591 / E-mail : engineering@itn.lk and Manager (Supplies) Tel. No. 0112775493 / E-Mail : supplies@itn.lk Website : www.itn.lk
6. Sealed Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address below either by Registered Post or deposited in the 'Bid Box' kept at the Front Security Office of ITN, Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla before the closing time of **2.00 p.m. on 09th September, 2020.**
7. Bids will be opened at **2.30 p.m. on 09th September 2020** at the Office of the Engineering Division in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend. Late Bids will be rejected.
8. The caption "**Procurement of 3G/HD/SD-SDI Router - 02 Nos. with Clean / Quiet Switching - Ref. No : ITN/Q/27/2020**" should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing the bid.
9. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of Rs. 50,000.00.

Chairman Procurement Committee, Independent Television Network Ltd., Wickremasinghepura, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964
It is intended to acquire the Land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see Part III of the Government Gazette No. 2151/29 of 27th November 2019 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province - Southern
District - Hambanthota
Divisional Secretary's Division - Sooriyawewa
Grama Niladhari - No. 110, Division - Namadagaswewa
Village - Namadagaswewa
Preliminary Plan No. - FVP 4 Sup. No. 324 Sheet No. 719
Lot Nos. - Lot E 4558-E4596 (Lots 23)
Extent - Hec. 0.4572

Dilum Dayarathna Divisional Secretary Sooriyawewa

Divisional Secretary's Office, Sooriyawewa
21.11.2019

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460)
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7
My Reference No : 3/2/3/10/2018
Land Min. Ref. No : 4-3/8/2018/PC/233
The Government intends to acquire the Land described in the Schedule below, for further particulars please see Part III of the Extraordinary Government Gazette No. 2180/23 dated 17.06.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province : Western Province
District : Gampaha
Divisional Secretary's Division : Attanagalla
Grama Niladhari : 324/A, Division - Mudagamuwa
Name of Village : Mudagamuwa
Name of the Land : Abagahalanda
Preliminary Plan No. : GAM 4194
Lot No. : 01
Extent : 0.2942 Hectare

S.P. Gunawardana, Divisional Secretary, Attanagalla.

Address : Divisional Secretariat Attanagalla Nittambuwa
Date : 12.08.2020

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Invitation for Bids
STATE PRINTING CORPORATION

Chairman, Procurement Committee, State Printing Corporation invites sealed bids from the reputed and qualified service providers (Customs House Agent) for the following service.

Tender Ref. No.	Service	Bid Bond
SPC/SU/2020/L/30	Wharf Clearance and delivery of the import Cargo	Rs.100,000/=

- 1.1 This is annual service contract and contract will be covered within 12 months from the date of awarding
2. Bidders should comply with the following eligibility criteria to qualify for award.
 - a. Bidder having minimum 05 years experience in handling Wharf Clearance
 - b. Valid Business Registration
 - c. EDI online systems with Customs
3. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to Supplies Manager, State Printing Corporation, Panaluwa, Padukka on any working day from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 20.08.2020 until 09.09.2020 on Payment of a non refundable fee of Rs 3000/-. The method of payment will be cash.
4. Sealed bids shall be deposited in the Tender Box available at the office of the Supplies Manager, State Printing Corporation, Panaluwa, Padukka or sent by registered post to Chairman, State Printing Corporation, Panaluwa Padukka at the above address to reach him on or before 11.00 hrs. on **10.09.2020**. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing. Bidders or their representatives may attend the bid opening.
5. Bids shall be valid up to 61 calendar days from the date closing of the bids.
6. Bids shall be accompanied by the Bid Security obtained from a commercial bank using the form for Bid Security (unconditional guarantee) or bank draft or an official cheque issued by a commercial bank acceptable to the purchaser or cash.
7. Further details could be obtained from the Supplies Manager on Telephone/ Fax. 2757500.

Chairman, Procurement Committee STATE PRINTING CORPORATION Panaluwa - Padukka.
20.08.2020

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 07 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No. 28 OF 1964
It is intended to acquire the Land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see Part III of the Government Gazette No. 2151/29 of 27th November 2019 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province - Southern
District - Hambanthota
Divisional Secretary's Division - Sooriyawewa
Grama Niladhari - No. 110, Division - Namadagaswewa
Village - Namadagaswewa
Preliminary Plan No. - FVP 4 Sup. No. 323 Sheet No. 718
Lot Nos. - Lot E 4553-E4556 (Lot 03)
Extent - Hec. 0.0375

Dilum Dayarathna Divisional Secretary Sooriyawewa

Divisional Secretary's Office, Sooriyawewa
21.11.2019

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS
INVITATION FOR BIDS
Construction of Ward Complex, District Base Hospital, Nawarapitiya (Stage I, Phase II)

1. **The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee**, on behalf of the **Department of Buildings** now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for "Construction of Ward Complex, District Base Hospital, Nawarapitiya (Stage I, Phase II)" as described below and estimated to cost **Rs. 63.7 million**.
The construction period is **273 Days**.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered in the field of building construction for Grade **C4 or above** with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), valid until the date of closing of the bids. Further, the registration should be valid at the date of award.
"The bidders shall also register themselves with the Registrar of Public Contracts, Sri Lanka in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987. The original certificate of registration (PCA 03) shall be submitted with the bid. The procurement shall not be awarded to any bidder unless such bidder has submitted the PCA 03 certificate"
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the **Chief Engineer (Zone 05), Department of Buildings, Kandy** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the same address on any working day from 09.00 hrs to 16.00 hrs.
Contact Numbers are: Phone: 081-2236653, Facsimile: 081 2234255.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the **Chief Engineer, (Zone 05), Department of Buildings, Kandy** from **19.08.2020** until **09.09.2020** from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Fifteen Thousand (Rs. 15,000/-).
6. Bids shall be delivered or sent by registered post to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Department of Buildings, 2nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla** to reach at or before **10.00 hrs on 10.09.2020**. Bids will be opened soon after closing at the Contract Branch, Department of Buildings, 2nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
7. Bids shall be valid for a period of 91 Days from the last date fixed for receiving of Bids or any extended period.
8. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be:
 - in the form included in Section 09 of the bidding document
 - in favour of Director General of Buildings
 - for an amount of Rs. 700,000.00
 - Valid up to 06th January 2021
 - issued by one of the agencies indicated in Clause 16.2 of the Bidding Data.
9. Bidders are advised to enter "Sethsiripaya" Premises at least 1 hour before the scheduled time for bid closing due to security checking.

Eng. M.H.M. Ismail
Director General of Buildings
Department of Buildings,
2nd Floor, "Sethsiripaya", Battaramulla.
www.buildings.gov.lk

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UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

WALK-IN INTERVIEW

Post of Temporary Assistant Lecturers / Demonstrators / Research Assistant (On Contract)

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

The above walk-in interview will be held on 24.08.2020 at 2.00 pm at the Board Room, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, Adiyapatham Road, Kokuvil.

Those who have passed the Final Examination for the following discipline from the state Universities or UGC recognized Foreign Universities.

- ◆ Clinical / Para Clinical Departments - Medical Degrees
- ◆ Pre-Clinical Departments - Medical Degrees/ Dental Degrees /Veterinary Sciences Degrees

In addition to the above degrees Human Biology/Medical Laboratory Sciences will be considered for the Department of Biochemistry.

You are kindly requested to bring your original Educational and other relevant certificates along with the certified copies.

Registrar
University of Jaffna

NOTICE

The following company was incorporated under Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

Company Name : CEREXIO (PVT) LTD.
No. of Registration : PV00225352
Registered Address : No. 68, 6/2, Hampden Lane, Colombo 06.
Incorporated Date : 02nd August 2020
MAHESWARAN BRANAVAN BBK PARTNERSHIP (PVT) LTD.
Company Secretaries

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT No: 28 OF 1964

Notice is hereby given, under Section 33 of the Land Acquisition Act that the statutory Compensation for the Land acquired for Southern Expressway Extension Project to the state for death of claimants, as described in the following Schedule is deposited in the below mentioned case Nos. of District Court, Walasmulla.

Those who claim compensation for the following allotments of lands are asked to prove their ownership before the District Court Walasmulla, under the referred case numbers.

For further particulars, please see Part III of Government Gazette No. 2148/38 dated 08th November 2019 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

	Plan No.	Lot No.	Compensation (Rs.)	Case No.	District Court
01	261/58/58	923	373,800.00	MLA - 01	Walasmulla
02	261/58/58	924	480,640.00	MLA - 02	Walasmulla
03	261/58/58	953	10,000.00	MLA - 02	Walasmulla

Kumudu C. Lokuhewagama
Divisional Secretary
Weeraketiya.

Divisional Secretariat
Weeraketiya
13.02.2020

DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL - POLONNARUWA

Amending the Invitation for Bids (National Competitive Bidding)

Procurement notice relevant to the Selection of respective suppliers / contractors for the purchase of furniture required for the Nurses Hostel, building constructions and renovations, purchase of equipment required for the Prosthetist & Orthotist Unit, supply of garbage disposal bags and running of canteen 2020 - 2021 of District General Hospital Moneragala.

- i. With reference to the above advertisement appeared in 'Dinamina', 'Daily News' and 'Thinakaran' newspapers of 07.08.2020.
- ii. Said procurement notice is amended as follows.

01. Purchase of furniture required for the female nurses hostel

No.	Procurement Name	Quantity	Lot No.	File No.	Bid Security Amount
i.	Wooden Almirahs	40	01	DGHP/ACC/F8/08 - 01/2020	65,000.00
ii.	Dressing tables	20			
ii	Wooden Dining Tables	06	02	DGHP/ACC/F8/08 - 02/2020	12,000.00
iii.	Dining Table Chairs	80			

02. Building constructions and renovations

No.	Name of Contract/Work	File No.	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	ICTAD Grade
i.	Preparation of corridor from new medical ward complex (B) to main drugs stores	DGHP/ACC/F8/20-05/2020	190,600.00	C7 & C6 only
ii	Widening of the vehicle park between outdoor patients dental clinic and the Mortuary	DGHP/ACC/F8/20-06/2020	110,550.00	C7 and C6 only

03. Purchase of equipment required for Prosthetist & Orthotist unit

Srl. No.	Item	Quantity	Lot No.	File No.	Bid Security Value (Rupees)
01	Vacuum Pump & Suction Unit	01	01	DGHP/ACC/F8/43 - 01 /2020	125,000.00
02	Tube Enveloping Suction	01			
03	Oven (Inside 100x110x40 cm)CRE	01			
04	Router Orbital Sander 2 Speed	01			
05	Welding Mirror	01	02	DGHP/ACC/F8/43 - 02 /2020	70,000.00
06	Oscillating Electrical Saw	01			
07	Dust Collector Unit	01			
08	Vacuum Cleaner	01	03	DGHP/ACC/F8/43 - 03 /2020	2,500.00
09	High Speed Sewing Machine	01			
10	Bench Grinder	01			

04. Supply of Garbage Disposal Bags

Description	Quantity Required per Annum	File No.	Bid Security Value (Rupees)
1. Supply of Garbage Disposal Bags for the year 2020/2021			
• Yellow colour bags	75,000	DGHP/ACC/F8/03-GB/2020	50,000.00
• Black colour bags	75,000		
• Orange colour bags	50,000		
• Green colour bags	50,000		

05. Running of Canteen 2020-2021

Serial No.	Description	File No.	Bid Security Fee (Rs)
01	Running of canteen - 2020-2021	DGHP/ACC/F8/42/2020	24,000.00

01. The bid document fee per each item is Rs. 3,500.00.
02. A pre-bid meeting only in respect of the running of the canteen will be held at 2.00 p.m. on 27.08.2020 at the Maithripala Sirisena Auditorium of the District General Hospital, Polonnaruwa.
03. In obtaining bid documents a request letter on the letterhead of the relevant institute and the receipt obtained from the Accountant of this hospital for the payment of the bidding document fees should be submitted.
04. In inviting bids under national competitive bidding procedure for building construction and renovations below Rs. 50 Million Regional Preference of 5% and CIDA preference will be provided as per Public Finance Circular No. 4/2016.
05. Bids have been forwarded as segments and bids should be submitted for all items in the group and items will be evaluated groupwise also when submitting bids for a group, bids should not be submitted for substitutes.
06. Further details are given in the bidding documents.
07. Sealed bids should be submitted only on a complete set of bidding documents purchased by interested and qualified bidder / an agent or a nominated person by producing the following documents:
 - i. A written request submitted on a letterhead of the relevant institute to the Director of District General Hospital, Polonnaruwa.
 - ii. The receipt obtained from the Accountant of Polonnaruwa District General Hospital for the payment made for the non-refundable fees as mentioned above in cash.
08. Bidders could obtain further information from the Accountant of District General Hospital, Polonnaruwa on Telephone Nos. 027-2225780 or 027-2222261 (Extension - 362) and procurement documents could be obtained from the "Cost Management and Procurement Unit" of the District General Hospital, Polonnaruwa only on office days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. up to 02.09.2020 and bid documents could be inspected during the said time period free of charge.
09. The name of the item should be clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing procurement bids and duly perfected sealed bids in duplicate should either be sent by Registered Post to reach the "Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, District General Hospital, Polonnaruwa" or deposited in the Procurement Box carrying the name of the above item before 2.00 p.m. on 03.09.2020. Bids received late will be rejected and bids will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving bids (at 2.00 p.m. the same day) in the presence of the tenderers or their authorized representatives.
10. In case a representative of the tenderer is expected to be present on the occasion of the opening of bids a document in proof should be submitted on a letterhead of the institute.
11. The decision of the Hospital Procurement Committee with regard to this procurement will be final.

Chairman
Regional Procurement Committee,
District General Hospital,
Polonnaruwa.

17.08.2020



Ministry of Defence
Sri Lanka Navy



NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING OF BIDS

Procurement relevant to the supply of Fresh/ Dry food items for Ships/ Establishments of Sri Lanka Navy - Year 2021

Contract Identification No SLN/VICT/01/2021

01. The Chairmen, Standard Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee for the purchase of Fresh / Dry food items for the Sri Lanka Navy, had invited Bids through advertisement published in the Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily News on 15th July 2020 and Silumina, Varamanjari and Sunday Observer of 19th July 2020, it is informed that the closing date and the time stipulated in the IFB para No 06 with relevant to the ration tender hereby amended as follows:

Last date and time of issuing of bid documents : up to 4.00 p.m. on 27.08.2020
Last Date and time of receiving of bid documents : up to 9.00 a.m. on 28.08.2020
Date and time of opening of bids : 9.00 a.m. on 28.08.2020

02. All other conditions will remain unchanged as per the advertisements published in newspapers mentioned in paragraph 1 above.

03. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the following address and telephone numbers

Address : The Director Naval (Victualling and Clothing)
Naval Headquarters
Po box. 593,
Colombo 01.
Telephone Numbers : 011-7190000, Ext - 12351, 12353, 12354
011-7192351
Fax : 011-2424577
Email : nhqdnvc@navy.lk

Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,
(Procurement of Food Items (Raw & Dry Ration) required for the
Armed Forces)
Ministry of Defence
15/5, Baladadksha Mawatha
Colombo - 03

INVITATION FOR BIDS CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF A LIFT

BID No. : CEB/657.00/B/2020/01

The Chairman, Provincial Procurement Committee (Workshops & Ancillary Services) will receive sealed Bids on behalf of Ceylon Electricity Board, No.50, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 2, up to 10.00 hours on 10/09/2020 for the Supply, Delivery, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Maintenance of

One Number 800 kg, 12 passengers, three stops, 1.0 m/s speed Electric Traction Passenger Lift at Area Office, CEB, Puttalam

Bidders or their Accredited Agent could purchase Bidding Documents on application made on their official letterhead and on payment of a non refundable tender fee of Rs. 5,000/- by Bank Drafts or cheques drawn in favor of General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board from the office of Deputy General Manager (Workshops & Ancillary Services), Ceylon Electricity Board, Meethotamulla Road, Kolonnawa (Tel. 0094-11-2421050) between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours on any working day till 09/09/2020. Bids should be submitted only on documents purchased from the CEB.

Information Copy of the Bidding Documents could be purchased on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.1,000/- by Bank Draft/Cheque/Cash. Foreign Embassies/ Trade Commissions may obtain information copies of Bidding Documents free of charge on request. Bidding Documents may be inspected at the office of D.G.M. (W & A.S) situated at the above address free of charge.

Chairman
Provincial Procurement Committee
Workshops & Ancillary Services



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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

MINISTRY OF SPORTS, YOUTH AFFAIRS & RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

- Sealed Bids will be entertained by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Southern Provincial Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Rural Development, 3rd Floor, "Dakshinapaya", "Labuduwa", Galle on eligible and qualified Bidders for the Project of Construction of the Roof of the Multi-Purpose / Duty Services Centre, Naarigama, Hikkaduwa.
 - Cost Estimate - Rs. 8.6 Million
 - Location / Place - Naarigama, Hikkaduwa
 - Period of Contract - 90 days.
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- To be eligible for the award of the contract, the successful Bidder should not have been blacklisted and should have been registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA)/formerly Institute for Construction Training and Development (ICTAD) in the Grade C7 or above.
- Details and information relevant to Technologies and Financial qualifications / eligibility criteria are given along with the Bidding Data, in the Bidding Documents and for the award of the contract, the aforesaid required qualification should have been fulfilled by the Bidders.
- Further details and information in this regard could be had over Telephone Nos. 0914-936740 or 0914-936710 of the Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Rural Development, 3rd Floor, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle and be inspected during office hours at the same address.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language could be obtained by interested Bidders on submission of a written request to the Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Rural Development, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,500.00 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 20th August 2020 to 10th September 2020.
- Duly perfected sealed Bids in duplicate marked as original and duplicate enclosed in two separate covers, sealed and indicated the caption to the effect "**Construction of the Roof of the Naarigama Multi Task Services Centre**" on the top left-hand corner of the said envelope and both covers again enclosed in a single cover and marked the name of the work as mentioned above on the top left-hand corner of the final envelope sealed should either be sent by registered post to the following address or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Division of this Ministry to be received at or before 2.30 p.m. on 11th September 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of Bids in the presence of the Bidders or their accredited Agents who choose to attend.

Address :

**Secretary,
Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Rural Development,
3rd Floor, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle.
Telephone : 091-4936710 / 091-4936740
Fax : 091-2226428**
- All the Bids should be accompanied by a refundable Bid Security of Rs. 86,000.00 valid up to 21.01.2021, issued by a licensed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka as an unconditional Bank Guarantee according to the instructions given in the Bidding Data in the Bidding Documents.
- Bids shall be valid up to 21.12.2020.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 02.09.2020 at the Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Rural Development, 3rd Floor, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle.
- The decision of Procurement Committee of this Ministry in this regard will be the final.

**Ranjith Yapa
Secretary,
Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs and Rural Development
3rd Floor, "Dakshinapaya", Labuduwa, Galle.**



RUHUNA UNIVERSITY

Provision of vehicles on rent basis for special transport requirements at the Wellamadama premises of the University of Ruhuna - 2020/2021

Sealed bids will be received from 19.08.2020 up to 2.00 p.m. on 09.09.2020 by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the University of Ruhuna for the registration of suitable suppliers to provide vehicles, on rent basis, for special transport requirements at the Wellamadama Main Complex of the University of Ruhuna.

- Cars and Vans
Applications will be received from vehicle owners who are capable of providing air-conditioned cars and dual A/C vans on rent basis, suitable to be used on duty work of the university staff members.
 - Buses
Applications will be received from owners of buses with and without air-conditioning in very good running condition to be selected and registered to provide transport facilities for academic/field tours, sports activities and other educational requirements of the students.
- General Conditions relevant to Section 1 and 2 above**
- Cars to be provided should have been manufactured on or after 01st of January, 2015 and the vans on or after 01st of January 2010.
 - Buses to be provided should have been manufactured on or after 01st of January, 2015.
 - Vehicles to be provided should be registered in the bidder's name and should possess valid revenue licence.
 - Vehicles to be provided should be fully insured by reputed Insurance company in accordance with the number of passengers who are legally entitled to travel in them.
 - After the opening of bids, the relevant vehicles should be brought into the university ground on a date and time to be intimated.
 - The quotations submitted should be valid for a period of one year from the date of approval of the Department Procurement Committee.
- Relevant bid documents can be obtained up to **12.00 noon** on **09.09.2020** from the Senior Assistant Registrar of the General Administration Section on submission of the receipt received from the Shroff's Section of the Ruhuna University, on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500/-.
 - Duly completed sealed bids, with a copy along with either the receipt received for a payment of Rs. 5,000/- as refundable deposit or a Bank Security valued at Rs. 5,000/- drawn in favour of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ruhuna valid up to **09.03.2021** placed in separate covers and the two covers should be placed in a single sealed cover and should either be sent by registered post addressed to Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, University of Ruhuna, Wellamadama, Matara or placed in the Tender Box No. 01 kept at the Office of the Registrar of the Ruhuna University, to be received at or before **2.00 p.m.** on **09.09.2020**. Bids received late will be rejected.
 - The cover containing the bid should be marked "Provision of Vehicles on rent basis" at the left side top corner.
 - Bids received will be opened at **2.00 p.m.** on **09.09.2020** at the above address. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening.
 - Bids should be accompanied with certified clear photocopies of the vehicles Registration Certificate, Revenue Licence of the relevant year, fully covered (as per the number of passengers) Insurance certificate, relevant driver's, driving licence and the vehicle assistant's permit. In addition, the buses should have fitness certificates obtained.

**Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Ruhuna University,
Matara.
19.08.2020**

CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD (Sabaragamuwa Province)

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS & CONTRACTORS FOR THE SABARAGAMUWA PROVINCE DISTRIBUTION DIVISION - 03 FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are invited from Manufacturers, Distributors, Agents, Suppliers and Contractors for supplying and providing services to Sabaragamuwa Province of Ceylon Electricity Board, during the year 2021.

Following Area Electrical Engineer Units and Chief Engineer Construction Unit, Chief Engineer Distribution & Maintenance Unit, Chief Engineer Energy Management Unit are included in Sabaragamuwa Province

- > Embilipitiya Area Office
- > Eheliyagoda Area Office
- > Kahawatta Area Office
- > Rathnapura Area Office
- > Ruwanwella Area Office

Note : Suppliers/Contractors who are already registered for undermentioned items for year 2020 and wish to get registered in year 2021 also shall submit relevant supplier registration documents for the same items.

ITEM CATEGORIES

(A) Materials & Services

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/01

Registration of Suppliers for Supply of Materials and Services

Material Code	Material Category
M-01	MCCB, MCB, ELCB, RCCB, Cutouts, Fuse Links, HRC fuse, Fuse Carriers, Neutral links, Cu Bus bars, Cu Sockets, Bi-Metallic sockets, Exothermic welding mould & metal, etc
M-02	Line hardware Items
M-03	Electrical Fittings, Halogen Fittings, Flood Light Fittings, Street Lamps, Main Switches, Electrical Appliances, etc.
M-04	Electrical Safety equipment including Safety Uniforms, Tools, Measuring Instruments, Ladders, etc
M-05	Insulated Copper and Al. Cables of all sorts, Bare Al & Cu Conductors and Binding wires
M-06	Meter Boxes (Wooden & PVC), Metal enclosures, etc.
M-07	Stationery
M-08	Tyres & Tubes for Motor vehicles
M-09	Computers, Computer & Network accessories, Printers, Printer accessories, UPS & Photocopy machine, Finger Print machine etc
Service Code	Service Category
S-01	Provision of Security Service
S-02	Provision of Janitorial Service
S-03	Execution of Disconnection and Reconnection orders
S-04	Repairing and Servicing of Motor Vehicles
S-05	Printing
S-06	Transport of RC, Wooden and Pre-stressed Poles, Transformers and other materials
S-07	Contractors for Civil Works
S-08	Sewing & Supply of uniforms

(B) Concrete Poles

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/02

Registration of Poles Suppliers

- Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Reinforced Concrete poles
- Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of Pre-stressed Concrete poles
- Manufacture, Supply & Delivery of PS Spun Concrete poles

(C) Contractors

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/03

Registration of Contractors for the Construction of Medium Voltage, Low Voltage Distribution Lines & Substations in Sabaragamuwa Province for the Year 2021

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/04

Registration of Contractors for the Maintenance of Medium Voltage, Low Voltage Distribution Lines & Substations in Sabaragamuwa Province for the Year 2021

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/05

Registration of Contractors for the Construction of New Service Connections, LT new Construction & Associated works and LT Maintenance & MV/LV breakdown restoration works in Sabaragamuwa Province for the Year 2021

REFERENCE NO: SAB/PPC/SupReg/2021/06

Registration of Contractors for Way Leaves Clearing around MV/LV Electricity Distribution Line in Sabaragamuwa Province for the Year 2021

Conditions:

A complete set of documents for Registration of Suppliers & Services (Applications) could be obtained from the Office of the Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa), Chief Engineer Commercial Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 09, New Town, Rathnapura on any working day from 21st August 2020 to 16th September 2020 between 10.00h and 15.00h on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.500.00 per item in cash or Bank Draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board for each item category as mentioned above.

The document shall be duly completed and returned by registered post or deposited in the tender box in the office of the Chief Engineer Commercial Unit, Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 09, New Town, Rathnapura on or before 17th September 2020 at 10.00h. The top left hand side of the envelope containing application shall be marked the **Reference No. & "Application for Registration of Suppliers & Services - For year 2021"**.

Applicants are required to submit the documents separately for each reference number.

Applications received after the scheduled time : 17th September 2020 at 10.00h will not be entertained and will be returned unopened.

Refundable deposit, terms and conditions for registration of suppliers will be provided along with the applications.

**Deputy General Manager (Sabaragamuwa)
Chief Engineer Commercial Unit
Ceylon Electricity Board
No.09, New Town
Ratnapura**

Telephone: 045 - 222 5891 - 5 Fax: 045 - 222 6084



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha

Invitation for Quotations to purchase a Backhoe Loader

Quotations will be invited up to 10.09.2020 to purchase a Backhoe Loader for the Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha. For further details, please call 045-2255275, 071-4588584, 070-5102107.

**K.V.S. Chaminda Indrapriya,
Chairman,
Kalawana Pradeshiya Sabha,
Kalawana.**

REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

NOTICE is hereby given to the government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and to the General Public that, I, KURUGAMAGE MIRNA SUDARSHANI PERERA (Holder of Passport bearing No. N 8382179) of No. 33, St. Anthony's Road, Eththukala, Negombo have revoked the Power of Attorney bearing No. 13740 dated 21.07.2018 attested by A.A.Basheer Ahamed, Notary Public, which was granted in favour of WARNAKULASURIYA SUMAL INDIKA FERNANDO of No. 33, St. Anthony's Road, Eththukala, Negombo with effect from 22nd July 2020 and I shall not be responsible for any act done by him as from 22.07.2020.

KURUGAMAGE MIRNA SUDARSHANI PERERA

REVOCATION OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Kanapathipillai Thayarani** of Div. No. 2, Thambiluvil, Ampara District (National Identity Card No. 688422302V) do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public, that I have revoked, annulled and cancelled the General Power of Attorney granted by me to Kanapathipillai Gnanalingam of Main Street, Thambiluvil - 01 (National Identity Card No. 571501406V) by General Power of Attorney No. 4280 dated 08th August 2012 attested by Notary of Public, Attorney at Law A.H. Sameem with effect from today and that I shall not be held myself responsible for any transaction entered into by the said Kanapathipillai Gnanalingam on my behalf thereafter.

NOTICE SALE OF TODDY TAVERN RENT 2021

KATANA DIVISIONAL SECRETARY'S DIVISION

Tenders will be received by the Divisional Secretary of Katana till 10.30 a.m. on 25th September 2020. For further particulars, refer the Gazette Notification dated 07th of August 2020.

**K.G.H.H.R. Kiriella,
Divisional Secretary.**

**Divisional Secretariat,
Katana - Demanhandiya.**

13.08.2020

THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT NO. 28 OF 1964 (CHAPTER 460) NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7

My Ref : DER/LAN/LAQUI/A1/9/8

Lands and Land Development Ministry's Ref. No : 4-3/15/2016/VE/294

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the schedule below, in respect of the above acquisition a notification under Section 7 about the inquiry under Section 9 published in the Gazette No. **2183/14** dated **06.07.2020** of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

Province	: Sabaragamuwa
District	: Kegalle
Divisional Secretary's	
Division	: Deraniyagala
Grama Niladhari	: 114 A Anhettagama
Division	
Name of Village	: Lassegama
Name of Land	: Lassehena
Plan No.	: F.V.P. 622 Supplement 3 Sheet 3
Lots Nos.	: 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90

For more details refer to the above Gazette Notification.

**I.K.R.S. Bandara Menike
Divisional Secretary,
Deraniyagala.**

**At Divisional Secretariat,
Deraniyagala.**

07.08.2020

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SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/04/PT/6081 (EL)	09 Nos. Indoor Type 12KV/630A Rated Switchgear Panels and Accessories for Port of Galle	250,000.00	3,500.00	17.09.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/LP/20/PT/08/007	01 No. 30T Hydraulic Puller with all Accessories & Carriage	20,000.00	1,000.00	10.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/053	750 Metres 120SQMM 4 Core 600/1000V/CU/XLPE/SWA/PVC Cable	57,100.00	1,000.00	11.09.2020 13.30 hrs

2. Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for Tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tenders are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
3. The Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
4. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee, indicated in Column 4 from 21st August, 2020 during 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),
Supplies Division,
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.**

**Telephone Nos : 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638
Fax Nos : 2381652, 2470443**



Vavuniya Campus of the University of Jaffna

NOTICE

Commencement of the Academic Activities

01. Commencement of the academic activities for the academic year 2018/2019 for the students selected from G.C.E. A/L in 2018.

Ser. No	Courses	Faculties	Date of Reporting to the Hostel	Date of Commencement of Academic Programme
01.	Information and Communication Technology	Faculty of Applied Science	24.08.2020 (from 9.00am to 4.00pm)	25.08.2020
02.	Applied Sciences (Biological Science)			
03.	Applied Sciences (Physical Science)			
04.	Information Communication Technology (Technology Stream)	Faculty of Technological Studies	08.09.2020 (from 10.00am to 4.00pm)	09.09.2020
05.	Management Studies (TV)	Faculty of Business Studies	08.09.2020 (from 10.00am to 4.00pm)	09.09.2020
06.	Project Management			

02. The present students are kindly requested to refer the Faculty Web-Sites for the date of commencement of the academic activities. The Examinations will be in progress as it has been already scheduled. Only the first year students, third year general students and fourth year students shall be provided hostel accommodations. As such, the second year and the third year students are requested to find their own accommodations well in advance to the commencement of the academic programme.

**Rector
Vavuniya Campus
18.08.2020**

CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

DISTRIBUTION DIVISION - 01 - NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR - 2021

Applications will be received from suppliers of goods and services, and contractors who wish to register themselves, for the supply of undermentioned items to the North Western Province of Ceylon Electricity Board for the year 2021.

ITEM CATEGORIES

01. Supply of Materials
- | Code | Materials Category |
|------|--|
| M-1 | MCCB, MCB, ELCB, RCCB, Cut outs, Fuse Links, HRC Fuse, Fuse Carriers, Neutral Links, Cu Bus Bars, Cu Sockets, Bi-metallic Sockets, Exothermic welding moulds & weld material, etc. |
| M-2 | Line hardware items |
| M-3 | Electrical fittings, Halogen fittings, Flood Light fittings, Street lamps, Main Switches, Electrical Appliances, etc. |
| M-4 | Electrical Safety equipment including safety uniforms, tools, measuring instruments, ladders, etc. |
| M-5 | Insulated copper and AL Cables of all sorts, Bare Al & Cu Conductors and Binding wires |
| M-6 | Jointing Kits (Compound Type, Shrinkable and Resin Type), Right Angle Boots, Straight Boots, Tubing, Black Cotton Tape, Oil Resisting Tape, Bitumen Compound, Plumbing Metal, Tin Solder |
| M-7 | Meter Boxes (PVC), Meter Boards, Metal enclosures, etc. |
| M-8 | Stationeries |
| M-9 | Tyres & Tubes for Motor Vehicles |
| M-10 | Computer, Printers, Computer & Network accessories, etc & Air Conditioners |
| M-11 | Loose Tools & Construction Equipment |
02. Supply of Services
- | Code | Service Category |
|------|--|
| S-1 | Repairing and servicing of motor vehicles |
| S-2 | Printing |
| S-3 | Transport of RC, wooden and Pre-stressed poles, transformers and other materials |
| S-4 | Contractors for civil works |
03. Supply and Delivery of reinforced concrete poles and pre-stressed concrete poles
04. Construction of Service Connections
05. Construction of MV/LV Distribution Lines and Substations
06. Maintenance of MV/LV Distribution Lines and Substations
07. Fixing of Service Meters and Meter Boxes, MCCBS and removal of all items related to Service Connections
08. Vegetation Clearance around MV/LV Electricity Distribution Lines and Substations
09. Disconnection/Reconnection of defaulted consumers' electricity

Instructions to Applicants :

01. Separate applications shall be submitted for each category.
02. A complete set of registration documents containing applications for registration of suppliers and contractors shall be obtained on non-refundable payment of Rs. 1,000.00 to DGM (NWP) Office on any working day on or before 08.09.2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. The payment shall be made by a CEB pay in Voucher (PIV) or by bank draft written in favour of "General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board" issued by any commercially operated bank in Sri Lanka.
03. However, if any supplier/contractor already registered for some items for year 2020, to register for year 2021, they shall purchase the supplier registration document and submit the relevant applications for the new items/services categories.
04. Completed applications shall be sent by post under registered cover to reach the DGM (NWP) Office or shall be hand delivered and deposited in the tender box kept in DGM (NWP) Office, Ceylon Electricity Board, Assedduma, Kuliypitiya on or before 2.00 p.m. on 09.09.2020 (Wednesday). Please write "Registration of Suppliers & Contractors - 2021" on the top left-hand corner of the cover/envelope.
05. The applications received later than 2.00 p.m. on 09.09.2020 will not be entertained and will be rejected.
06. Registration documents and any further clarifications could be obtained from the following office.

**Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit,
DGM (NWP) Office,
Ceylon Electricity Board,
Narammala Road,
Assedduma, Kuliypitiya, Sri Lanka.**

**Tel : 037-2281311, 2281892,
Fax : 037-2281224, 2283862**

**Deputy General Manager (North Western Province)
Ceylon Electricity Board**



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LANKA ELECTRICITY COMPANY (PVT) LIMITED

No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Demolition of Existing Old Customer Service Centre Building at 442, Galle Road, Payagala

Contract No. ERD/SDD/PROC/2020/115/C012

1. The General Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo-3, invites sealed bids from bidders for **Demolition of Existing Old Customer Service Centre Building** at 442, Galle Road, Payagala as described below.
- The works consist of demolition of existing old Customer Service Centre Building (Single storied) having antique value and total gross floor area of 3596 sq.ft. (approx.), which comprise plastered & painted laterite masonry walls, Calicut tiles and Asbestos roof covering on timber frame work, cement rendered floor, Timber upstairs on timber frame work including timber staircase, Timber doors & windows with carvings, wall & floor tiling in toilets and bath room including internal cold water supply and bathroom fittings, drainage and electrical services including fittings. Bidder must demolish the building up to the existing ground level which includes demolition of foundation wall which is above the ground level and carry away all the usable and unusable debris from the site & cleaning up site on completion.
- Location of Project: 442, Galle Road, Payagala
Work to be completed within 28 days.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
3. All the removed items (usable and unusable) shall be property of bidder after the work is executed.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Kalutara Branch Manager, Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited, 14/1, Gnanodaya Mawatha, Kalutara South, (Tel: 0342221873, Fax: 0342223254)
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders from the Supplies Department, Lanka Electricity Company (Pvt) Limited, 4th Floor, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo-3 **from 20th of August 2020 until 02nd of September 2020 from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.500.00. The method of payment will be in cash.
6. Sealed Bids in duplicate shall be sent by registered post addressed to the General Manager, No. 411, E.H. Cooray Building, Galle Road, Colombo-3 or deposited in the tender box at 3rd Floor in the above address on or before **1400 hrs on 03rd of September 2020.**



**General Manager
Lanka Electricity Company (Private) Limited
411, Galle Road,
Colombo 03.**

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UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

For the establishment of modern agribusiness venture at the Gamudawa site of the University of Ruhuna

The above "Expressions of Interest" was published in Dinamina, Daily News and Thinakaran on 09th July 2020 and the same was published in Sunday Observer and Sunday Lankadeepa on 12th July 2020. The closing date of that Advertisement was mentioned as 11th August 2020 and it is hereby notified that the same is extended for another one (01) month up to 11th September 2020.

**Registrar
University of Ruhuna**

PROCUREMENT NOTICE


KURUNEGALA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Quotations are invited from recognized institutions of Sri Lanka for the following task of Kurunegala Municipal Council

S/No.	Work/Task
1.	Installation of Solar Power System on the roof of new market complex

Bidding documents for the above mentioned bid can be obtained from the Municipal Accounts Department upon submission of a request on a letterhead of the relevant company, during office hours and upon payment of a non-refundable tender form fee of Rs. 1,000/- + 8% VAT until 2.00 p.m. on 07.09.2020. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 08.09.2020, and the bidder or on his representatives can be present at the occasion. A bid security of 1% of bidding amount should be deposited when submitting bids for the above mentioned work, and other details can be obtained with the tender documents.

- Further details regarding tender documents can be obtained from the Municipal Accounts Department Tel. No. 037-4941869.
- Details related to Solar Power Project can be obtained from the Chief Municipal Engineer Tel. No. 037-4941638.

**Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Council,
Kurunegala.**
Date: 19.08.2020

CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD
DISTRIBUTION DIVISION - 01
NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

Selling of Unserviceable Concrete Poles and Wooden Poles

Unserviceable Concrete Poles and Wooden poles which were removed from Medium voltage and Low voltage lines in North Western Province are available for sale as lots of different quantities. These poles are stored at pole yards of following consumer service centers.


Area Electrical Engineer's Office	Consumer Service Center/ Maintenance Gang	Number of Poles Available
Chief Engineer (Distribution Maintenance) Unit.	Wariyapola Sub Unit	31
	Millawa Sub Unit	54
Kurunegala	Mallawapitiya	16
	Gokarella	71
	Ridigama	117
Chilaw	Bingiriya Pole Yard	418
Wariyapola	Wariyapola	489
	Hiripitiya	55
	Galgamuwa	345
Kuliyapitiya	Panduwasnuwara	138
Provincial Stores(NWP)	Thabbomulla	730

Instructions for buyers:

- Unserviceable poles consist of various types of Pre-stressed Concrete Poles, Reinforced Concrete poles and Wooden Poles and different types of poles should be purchased in lots of different sizes.
- Relevant stock of Unserviceable poles should be sold as soon as possible. Lots should be inspected between 8.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m. and the relevant payments should be made and all the unserviceable poles related to the lots should be removed and the loading and transporting of the Unserviceable poles should be done by the buyer.
- Applications related to the purchase of Unserviceable poles and further details can be obtained from the following office or the relevant Area Electrical Engineer's offices on working days of the week between 8.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.
- The value for the lot of poles you have requested can be obtained from the Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit at the office of the Deputy General Manager (North Western Province) at Kuliyapitiya from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Payments can be made to the cash counter at the office of the Deputy General Manager (North Western Province), Kuliyapitiya by obtaining a payment voucher issued by the CEB or by a bank draft drawn in favour of the General Manager, Ceylon Electricity Board. Relevant payments can also be made in the above mentioned Area Electrical Engineer's offices during the above period

**Chief Engineer (Commercial) Unit,
DGM (NWP) Office,
Ceylon Electricity Board,
Narammala Road,
Assedduma, Kuliyapitiya,
Sri Lanka.**

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Deputy General Manager
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**Public Utilities
Commission of Sri Lanka**

Request for Expressions of Interest

Consultancy Services for Updating the Supply Services Codes and Statement of Rights & Obligations of Electricity Consumers

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) hereby invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified parties to assist the PUCSL to update the Supply Services Codes and the Statement of Rights & Obligations of Electricity Consumers.

Guidelines on the submission of EOI can be found on the PUCSL website(www.pucsl.gov.lk).

EOI must be submitted by 4.00 pm on 08th September 2020.
The envelope containing the EOI shall bear the title of the Procurement.

**Chairman
Department Consultants Procurement Committee
Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka
No.28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03.**

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**MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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AMENDMENT FOR THE INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Procurement for Supply and delivery of Fresh / Dry provisions for Sri Lanka Air Force to the SLAF Establishments - Year 2021
Contract Identification No SLAF/RA/TB/2021

- This is with reference to the Procurement Notice published in Daily News, Dinamina, Thinakaran paper on 15.07.2020 and Sunday Observer, Silumina and Varamanjaree paper on 19.07.2020, it is informed that the closing date and the time stipulated in the IFB para No. 06 with relevant to the ration tender herby amended as follows;
 - Last date of issuing of bids will be at 1400 hrs on 27 August 2020**
 - New closing time will be at 0900 hrs on 28 August 2020**
at Sri Lanka Air Force Station-Colombo
 - Bid opening time will be at 1200 hrs on 28 August 2020**
at Sri Lanka Air Force Trade Training School-Ekala
- All other conditions which have been published in the notice will remain unchanged.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel. 011-2325468 or 011-2441044 Extension 23550 Fax: 011- 2441553).

Address : Chief Procurement Officer
Sri Lanka Air Force
No.140
Sir Chittampalam A Gardiner Mawatha
Colombo 02

**Chairman,
Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee,
(Procurement of Food Items (Raw & Dry Ration) required for the
Armed Forces)
Ministry of Defence
15/5, Baladadksha Mawatha
Colombo - 03**


**Ministry of Defence
Sri Lanka Army**

NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF OPENING OF BIDS

**Procurement for Supply & delivery
Fresh / Dry Provisions for Sri Lanka Army - Year 2021**
Contract Identification No : S&T/3/DRY RATION/FRESH RATION/2021 (17)

- The Chairmen, Standard Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee for the Supply & delivery Fresh / Dry Provisions for Sri Lanka Army, had invited bids through advertisement published in the Dinamina, Thinakaran and Daily News on 15th July 2020 and Silumina, Varamanjari and Sunday Observer on 19th July 2020, it is informed that the closing date and the time stipulated in the IFB para No 06 with relevant to the ration tender herby amended as follows;
 - Last date and time of issuing of bid documents : up to 4.00 p.m. on 27.08.2020**
 - Last Date and time of receiving of bid documents : up to 9.00 a.m. on 28.08.2020**
 - Date and time of opening of bids : 10.00 a.m. on 28.08.2020**
- All other conditions which have been published in the notice will remain unchanged.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from the following address and telephone numbers.
 - Address : Directorate of Supply and Transport
Army Headquarters
Sri Jayawardhanapura,
Colombo
 - Telephone Numbers : 011-2302569, 011-2302568
 - Fax : 011-2302569
 - Colonel (S & T) : 076 - 6907201
 - SO I (S) : 076 - 5303689

**Chairman,
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 MATARA No.29, Upper Floor, Main Bus Stand 041 223 5412	 NUGEGODA 4 th Floor Sarsil Complex, High Level Road 011 282 8114	 KATARAGAMA Opposite Kataragama Bus Stand, Pinnawala Mawatha 047 223 5291	

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