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## PRESIDENT TELLS INAUGURAL SESSION OF NINTH PARLIAMENT

# PRIORITY FOR NEW CONSTITUTION

**19TH AMENDMENT WILL BE REPEALED**    **ONE COUNTRY, ONE LAW CONCEPT**    **ELECTORAL SYSTEM WILL UNDERGO CHANGES**    **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR FRAUD AND CORRUPTION**

SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Removing the 19th Amendment and evolving a new Constitution will be the first priority of the Government as it embarks on the next five years of governance, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa declared yesterday.

Delivering the Government's Policy Statement at the Inaugural Session of the Ninth Parliament, President Rajapaksa said the people had given the Government a resounding mandate for making Constitutional changes that will aid the country's forward march.

"The basis of the success of a democratic state is its Constitu-

tion. Our Constitution, which has been amended 19 times, from its inception in 1978, has many ambiguities and uncertainties, presently resulting in confusion. As the people have given us the mandate we wanted for a Constitutional amendment, our first task will be to remove the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

After that, all of us will get together to formulate a new Constitution suitable for the country. In this, the priority will be given to the concept of one country, one law for all the people," the President said.

He also added that while introducing a new Constitution, it is

also required to make changes to the existing electoral system. "An unstable Parliament that cannot take firm decisions and succumbs to extremist influences very often is not suitable for a country.

While introducing a new Constitution, it is essential to make changes to the current electoral system. While retaining the salutary aspects of the proportional representation system, these changes will be made to ensure stability of the Parliament and people's direct representation."

The government had also made a promise to the people to eradicate waste and corruption. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

## Mahinda Yapa elected Speaker

RANJITH SIYAMBALAPITIYA DEPUTY SPEAKER  
ANGAJAN RAMANATHAN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES



SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

The first sitting of the Ninth Parliament of Sri Lanka commenced at 9.30 am yesterday in accordance with Standing Order No.1 of Parliament adhering to recommended health guidelines.

Matara district SLPP MP Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena was elected Speaker with the concurrence of all Members of Parliament yesterday.

Abeywardena's name was proposed by Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and seconded by SJB MP Ranjith Madduma Bandara. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Uphold great principles of democracy - Opposition Leader

SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa on behalf of the Samagi Janabalawegaya, congratulated Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on his unanimous election as the Speaker of the House yesterday. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Ensure dignity for all - TMTK leader

Thamizh Makal Thesiya Kootanii (TMTK), leader and former Northern Province Chief Minister, C.V.Wigneswaran urged the government to learn from past mistakes and ensure all communities could live freely in equality and dignity. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



## Vote-on-Account debate on August 27,28

Party leaders who met yesterday decided to allocate two days to debate on the Vote-on-Account which the government is scheduled to present in Parliament today (21) and the expenses the government made to control COVID-19.

The Party Leaders met in the Parliamentary complex yesterday (20) with Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena presiding.

The party leaders decided to hold the debate on August 27 and 28. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Confident Speaker will not compromise position - JVP leader



JVP Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake congratulating the newly appointed Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena in Parliament yesterday, acknowledged his vast experience in Parliament and said Abeywardena is the best candidate for the post of Speaker. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and First Lady Ayoma Rajapaksa arriving in Parliament to inaugurate the Ninth Parliament yesterday. He was welcomed by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and Parliament Secretary General Dhammika Dassanayake. **Pictures by Sagara Lakmal de Mel**



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressing the inaugural session in Parliament yesterday.

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### CB reduces credit card interest rate by 10% per annum

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka has brought down interest rates for credit cards to 18% from 28% per annum to provide more financial concessions to the public. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Gmail disrupted worldwide

Millions of users in India, parts of the U.S., Australia, Japan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and many other countries were unable to access Google Mail and other services for several hours yesterday.

Some users have reported that they are unable to log-in into their Gmail accounts, while others are **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Bribery Commission files indictments against Rajitha Senaratne

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Bribery Commission yesterday filed indictments in the Colombo High Court against former Minister Rajitha Senaratne and two others for allegedly causing a loss to the government. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Pro-LTTE UK British Tamil Forum ordered to wind up

The Manchester High Court has ordered the Tamils Forum UK Limited alias the British Tamil Forum (BTF) UK, a pro-LTTE fund-raising diaspora be wound up under the Insolvency Act 1986. **▶ TO PAGE 02**

### Negombo Prison SP Sampayo's arrest was staged - AG

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera said the arrest of interdicted Negombo Prison Superintendent Anuruddha Sampayo who was evading arrest for 11 days was staged as a special intelligence operation by Sampayo and the Negombo HQI. **▶ TO PAGE 02**



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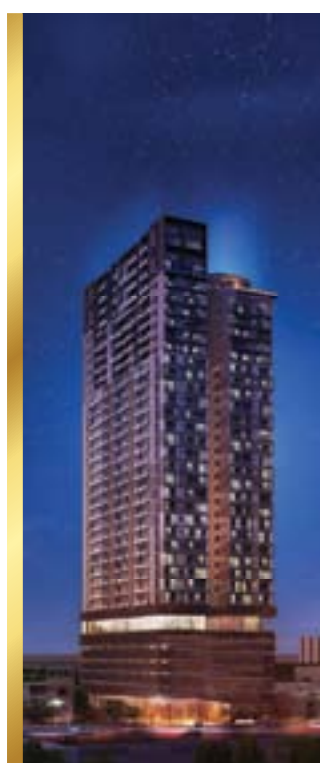
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# Education sector reforms to suit present times - Minister Peiris

Education Minister Prof. G. L. Peiris yesterday said a Cabinet paper will be submitted to update and develop the school curriculum. Speaking at a meeting with principals of leading schools at the Education Ministry, Prof. Peiris said the school curriculum needs to be developed and modernised to suit the present times in the country and the world.

"We should focus on the development of analytical skills and constructive thinking of children. The present education system does not provide ample space for children to develop these areas," he said.

The Minister stressed the importance of effecting structural reforms in the education sector to promote eagerness of children. "We will have a dialogue with all stakeholders in the education sector including teachers, parents, schoolchildren and civil society representatives before a final decision is taken at Ministerial level."

The Minister added that the decision with regard to development and updating the school curriculum will be taken after a thorough study. The Principals who

were present at the meeting apprised the Education Minister about the reforms that need to be done in the education sector too.

The Minister also invited the principals to share proposals that would help make the school education system more job oriented.



## Vote-on-Account debate ...

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The debate was requested by the SJB and the JVP-led JJB and the government members had agreed, according to Parliament sources.

The Opposition had asked for more time in the debate but the government had not consented on the grounds that as they have 151 members to speak, they needed to be allocated time.

## CB reduces credit card interest rate by 10% per annum...

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Central Bank Governor Prof. W.D. Lakshman said yesterday that this will ease financial pressure for those using credit cards. He said that during the lockdown they had also observed an increase in the use of credit cards.

The Monetary Board has also

decided to reduce interest rates on pawning facilities to 10% per annum. "The Board was of the view that penal interest rates need to be capped at 2% points over the regular interest rates charged on the relevant credit facility."

The Central Bank will contin-

ue to monitor domestic and global macroeconomic and financial market developments and take further measures to support the economy to return to a higher growth path without delay, given subdued levels of inflation.

He also disclosed that a low

interest housing loan too will be introduced to provide more flexible rates for the housing sector for low and middle income sector families.

He said that the bank will soon bring new laws to track down on illegal activities in the Microfinance sector. (SS)

## Ensure dignity for all - TMTK leader...

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Extending his good wishes on the appointment of the Speaker yesterday, he also called for the recognition of the intrinsic rights of the people of the North and East and their right to self-determination. "We have a very powerful government now and a similar government was constituted under the late J.R. Jayawardene in 1977. It was during that regime that we had the 1983 program. Certainly, this government too could follow the path of the elephant at that time and end up as today, to a single member in the future. But, I am sure they would not. They would prefer to learn from the mistakes of the past and usher in a period of peace and prosperity where all communities would feel equal to each other and walk with dignity and pride as children of mother Lanka. That freedom and equality could dawn only if it shed the faults of the past and recognise the intrinsic rights of the people living in the North and East who are entitled to the right of self-determination as per Article 1 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in addition to their hereditary and traditional rights to be recognised as a nation," Wigneswaran said.

## Negombo Prison SP Sampayo's arrest was staged - AG...

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Attorney General's Coordinating Officer Nishara Jayaratne said the Attorney General made this statement after observing CCTV footage of the surrounding areas near the scene of Sampayo's 'purported' arrest.

The Negombo Police HQI said that Sampayo was arrested following intelligence information and the Police Media Spokesperson also made a statement to the media that the arrest was made based on intelligence information. However, CCTV footage and the other investigations revealed that the arrest was not conducted based

on such intelligence information and those scenes show that Sampayo was welcomed by the Negombo HQL, Jayaratne said.

Accordingly, the Attorney General directed the acting Inspector General Police (IGP) to conduct investigations over the statement by Police Media Spokesperson SSP Jaliya Senaratne and the conduct of Negombo HQI on the execution of the warrant against Anurudda Sampayo.

On July 22, The Negombo Magistrate issued an arrest warrant on interdicted Negom-

bo Prison Superintendent Anuruddha Sampayo and three other officials of the Negombo prison over an incident where a cell equipped with luxury items were discovered inside the Negombo prison.

The arrest warrants were obtained by the Criminal Investigations Department, on the directions of the Attorney General.

Accordingly, arrest warrants had been issued on interdicted Superintendent of Negombo Prison Anuruddha Sampayo, Chief Jailors Upali Sarath Bandara, Nishantha Senarathne

and Jailor Prasad Kalinga Kaluaggala.

On August 2, Interdicted Superintendent of Negombo Prison Anuruddha Sampayo was arrested from the Kurunegala area by the Negombo Police.

On July 25, Negombo Prison Jailor Kalinga Kaluaggala was surrendered to the CID and Chief Jailors Upali Sarath Bandara and Nishantha Senarathne were surrendered to the Negombo Magistrate's Court on July 29. They all are in remand custody after producing them before the Negombo Magistrate's Court.

## Priority for new Constitution...

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"I will not hesitate to enforce the law against those who are involved in fraud and corrupt actions, irrespective of the status of any such perpetrators," the President asserted.

"I will review the progress of the achievement of the goals of the Government that are implemented through Ministries and the public sector. If I find any Ministry failing to achieve its set targets, I will not hesitate to effect necessary changes to implement policies of the Government," the President warned.

He said that he had observed that some institutional procedures of those institutions do not add any value to the government or to the public but only

waste the time of the public. "You should identify new methods to provide efficient, speedy and convenient service to the public instead of continuing with prevailing traditional methods. You need to re-engineer the processes for greater productivity and customer satisfaction. We should find new technological solutions in this regard."

The President said that he loves his country and proud of his country. "I have a vision for my country. Our ardent desire is to build a prosperous nation with a productive citizen, contented family and a righteous society. What we have done so far as well as the plans we pro-

pose to implement in future will be aimed to achieve this objective," he added.

He noted that the government has commenced a programme to provide employment for 100,000 persons representing the most underprivileged families in the country. "Simultaneously, we have set plans in motion to provide job opportunities to 60,000 graduates and train them to render their services efficiently. When offering government job opportunities, we will accord priority to poorest of the households. Further, we will have to ensure equal distribution of job opportunities for every province.

Every appointee to the gov-

ernment should contribute productively to the country," adding that no unnecessary and arbitrary enrollment will be allowed to any ministry or institution.

President Rajapaksa also noted that his Government's basic aims are to strengthen the local economy and to increase export income.

Currently, he said that the income from tea, coconut and rubber industries is not at a satisfactory level, adding that operations will be launched to develop tea plantations and at the same time, the government will assist the small and medium scale tea estate owners as well. (Also see page 8)

### Second Year Remembrance



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## Uphold great principles of democracy - Opposition Leader...

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"Having done your educational activities at Thelijawela Central, Rahula College and the University of Colombo, you have contributed tremendously to the political activities of our country and your political contribution is well recognised. Throughout your political career you have acted with dignity, integrity and honour and we salute you. You have been a true patriot, you are not a pseudo nationalist, and neither are you a modern day racist. So, we on this side of the political isle are extremely honoured to have

you as our Speaker," noted Premadasa.

Drawing parallel to a quote from British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli who said, "I have climbed to the top of the greasy pole", when he became the Prime Minister, Premadasa said Speaker Abeywardena had reached the climax of his political career by his appointment as the Speaker.

"Democratically elected parliament is the epitome of a functioning democracy. It is incumbent upon all of us to protect and promote a vibrant and

sound democracy. As the custodian of this august assembly, you are ethically and morally obliged to uphold the great principles of democracy and the legitimacy of this institution. It is incumbent upon you to be inequitable, impartial, unbiased and non-prejudicial. We fervently believe that you will be meticulous, methodical and proficient in conducting yourself. Just and fair, this is indispensable for a flourishing democracy. It is incumbent upon you to nourish and nurture these main ingredients of democracy. This institu-

tion represents the will of the people, the voice of the voiceless and you as the guardian angel of Parliament, we believe that you will ensure that the people's sovereignty will be protected and enhanced," he added.

Premadasa concluded by urging the newly elected Speaker to abide by the great principles proclaimed by the former President of the United States Abraham Lincoln, to act with malice towards none, with charity towards all and firmness in the right.

## Mahinda Yapa elected Speaker...

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Kegalle District MP Ranjith Siyambalapatiya was appointed Deputy Speaker of the ninth Parliament while Jaffna district MP Angajan Ramanathan was appointed Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Parliament General Secretary Dhammika Dassanayake read out the statement by the President on the summoning of Parliament which was followed by the electing of the Speaker. Thereafter, the elected MPs took their oaths.

The Speaker, Deputy Speaker and the Deputy Chairman of Committees were then appointed.

Parliament was then adjourned until 3.00 pm to commence the ceremonial sittings under the patronage of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa congratulated Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena on behalf of the President and his government.

The Prime Minister welcoming the new Speaker said he was a product of the Matara Thelijawela Central College and Matara Rahula Vidyalaya and graduated from the Colombo University. Abeywardena was elected to Parliament on May 18, 1983 having contested the Hakmana seat and yesterday, became the third citizen of this country.

"It is with humble pride that I

congratulate you as the Speaker hailing from the South. Honourable Speaker, as an experienced senior politician you are well versed with the Parliamentary traditions as well as the functioning of the Provincial Councils as you also served in many roles including as a Chief Minister. You have also served as a Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Agriculture Minister, Cultural Minister and Health and Nutrition and Industries and have a wealth of knowledge and experience in the state administration sphere. You have also served as a Cabinet Minister over a considerable time period," Prime Minister Rajapaksa said.

Therefore, the Prime Minister wished the new Speaker the courage and strength to act independently and unbiased in his new role being a politician with such vast experience.

A brief bio of Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. Born on October 10, 1945 in Makandura, Matara, Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena is a senior politician with more than 30 years of experience. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena received his primary education from Thelijawela Central College and Rahula College, Matara. He then obtained his first degree from

the University of Colombo. He has also received specialized training in Management from the Institute of Management, Chandigarh in India.

He won the Hakmana by-election in 1983 and entered Parliament for the first time representing the United National Party. He has been a Member of Parliament for 23 years. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, who contested from the Sri Lanka Podu Jana Peramuna for the Matara District in the 2020 General Election, entered Parliament with 80,895 preferential votes.

He was the Chairman of the Southern Provincial Council during 1993/94 period and also served as the Chief Minister of the same Provincial Council from 1994 to 2001. He has also held a number of Ministries such as Health, Cultural Affairs and National Heritage, Irrigation and Rural Development, Industry and Commerce, Parliamentary Affairs and Agriculture.

He was also a member of the COPE Committee in 1987. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena has also attended the Asian Parliament for Peace in Beijing, China in 2002, attended the 50th C.P.A Conference in Dhaka, Bangladesh and the 2005 International Parliamentary Conference in Fiji.

## Confident Speaker will...

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"The responsibility vested on you goes beyond responsibility. The people have handed over to you the constitutional part of their franchise. I like to remind you that many Speakers before you had to take a first and sometimes difficult course of action to deal with the authoritarian executives or politicians who abuse their positions and privileges. Hence, I believe that you too would at all times protect the integrity of your position and never bow down or give in to any form of pressure, intimidation or force at any cost and would uphold the integrity and dignity of your position and honour the trust and responsibility entrusted upon you by the people," Dissanayake said.

He noted that when looking back at Abeywardena's political past it is evident that in times he has forsaken power and positions and stood strong in his beliefs and for what is right.

"Therefore, we are confident that you will not compromise your position at any cost under any sort of pressure and would uphold the authority and dignity of your position as you have done throughout your political career," he said.

## Bribery Commission files indictments...

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The loss had occurred when leasing out the Modara Fisheries harbour to a private company while he was Fisheries Minister in 2014.

Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Director General filed indictments against former Minister Rajitha Senarathne, Ceylon Fisheries Harbour Corporation (CFHC) former Chairman Upali Liyanage and CFHC former Managing Director Neil Ravindra Munasinghe under section 70 of the Bribery Act on five charges.

The Bribery Commission alleged that the former Minister had unlawfully taken a decision to lease out the Modara Fisheries harbour to Sea Gulf UK Private Ltd at a lower price between August 1, 2014 and November 1, 2014, while he was serving as the Fisheries Minister.

The Bribery Commission alleged that by knowing this transaction would cause unlawful loss to the government, the former Minister had motivated the members of the CFHC director board to lease out the fisheries harbor to Sea Gulf UK Private Ltd.

The indictments had been filed under five counts under section 70 of the Bribery Act and section 113 and 102 of the Penal Code. The prosecution had named 17 individuals as witnesses. The Bribery Commission further listed 55 documents as production items in the case.

## Pro-LTTE UK British Tamil Forum ordered ...

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Through a judgement delivered on July 20, 2020 the BTF was ordered to pay compensation to one Roshini Sivagurunathan, the petitioning creditor, together with legal costs out of the assets of the Tamils Forum UK Limited.

Accordingly, the BTF, which has used the UK based All Party Parliamentary Group for Tamils (APPGT) as its mouthpiece while being excessively committed to the propagation of pro-LTTE ideology and fund-raising through its so called 'Secretarial' assistance to the APPGT has now been thrown out by the High Court Judgement.

Earlier in December 2019, the Court ordered the Tamils Forum UK Limited to pay damages to Roshini Sivagurunathan after hearing the petition, filed by her. The paragraph 237 of the judgment stated that there is 'manipulation of minutes', 'distorted recording', 'deliberate omissions' and 'unscrupulous conduct' by the BTF in relation to the Roshini Sivagurunathan vs BTF case. The judge also found the BTF to have been involved in direct discrimination, victimization and denial of natural justice against the petitioner and costs and damages in addition to the liability for the already bankrupt BTF which has been ordered to pay £ 70,000.

Contraventionally, the BTF using the official address of the Tamil Community Association Limited registered under the Industrial Providence Society Act has been enjoying the charitable status and the Tamil Community Association Limited, contrary to its 'regulated and non-political organization status, has facilitated the bankrupt BTF to stage pro-LTTE political meeting in the premises.

Reports also claimed that the BTF has throughout prevented all other moderate Tamil organizations having any influence on the APPGT since the founding of the APPGT under the chairmanship of MP Keith Vass MP, the BTF never wanted to incorporate wider Tamil views on the exact ground realities in Sri Lanka.

The BTF, an involvement of the former LTTE front, British Tamil Association (BTA) and its representation of LTTE flag carrying members in the streets, allowed the BTF to extend its will aggressively without allowing others to have any interactive engagement with the APPGT.

## Gmail disrupted...

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saying new emails are not showing up in the app and they are unable to add attachments. Some Google Drive users were unable to upload new files to the cloud.

Third-party web monitoring firm DownDetector has corroborated the reports that began pouring in at around 04:40 GMT. Google has acknowledged the existence of this outage to G Suite users, saying it is investigating the issue.

More than two billion users rely on G Suite, Google said in March this year.

In an update Google said, "Our team is continuing to investigate this issue. We will provide an update with more information about this problem. Thank you for your patience. Gmail sending issues, Meet recording issues, creating files issues in Drive, CSV user upload issues in Admin Console, Posting message issues in Google Chat."

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Remains lie at the Jayaratne Restpect Funeral Home at Baudhaloka Mawatha, Borella and cortege leaves the parlor for cremation at General Cemetery, Borella on Friday 21st August at 4.00 pm.

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The President with Sri Lanka Muslim Congress Leader Rauff Hakeem.



The President with Ministers Dullas Alahapperuma, Wimal Weerawansa and Parliamentarian Tiran Alles.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with the students of Devi Balika Vidyalaya who recited Jayamangala Gatha at the inauguration of the ninth Parliamentary session yesterday.



TNA leader R Sampanthan at the tea party hosted to the parliamentarians yesterday. Pictures courtesy: Presidential Media Division

## Tipper truck knocks down police officer

Yet another police officer succumbed to critical injuries yesterday while receiving treatment after being knocked down by a tipper truck at the Kongala checkpoint on Matara-Hakmana road on July 13.

The deceased was a 47-year-old sergeant attached to Hakmana Police. He was a resident of Watukolakanda, Kirinda. He was under medical care at the Matara District General Hospital from the date of the accident.

Previously, a Police Constable (36) attached to the Hakmana Police died from an incident. He was a resident of Walasmulla.

Hakmana police arrested the tipper truck driver for running over three police officers purposely who were on duty at a roadblock by the tipper truck in July. He is a resident of Lunama, Ambalanthota.

The police had found the tipper abandoned at a compound of a house in Kattakaduwa, Hungama.

Police said the charges against the suspect include homicide, attempting to homicide, injuring the officers on duty, reckless driving and driving on the wrong side of the road.

Police Media Spokesman SSP Jaliya Senaratne said two police officers attached to the Kirinda Police Station had stopped the tipper on suspicion. However, the driver of the tipper had not stopped the vehicle and had sped off. The police officers had then notified the police checkpoint in Kongama and they had stopped the tipper.

The police officers subsequently issued the driver a spot fine permit as a temporary licence and warned him against reckless driving and failing to stop.

The tripper truck driver had then proceeded towards Hakmana. He had then turned the vehicle and come towards Matara later and deliberately run over the police officers at the checkpoint.

# 'Abolish 13th, 19th amendments soon'

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,  
Galle Central Special Corr.

The top priority of the Government would be to introduce a new Constitution and to abolish the 13th amendment to the Constitution, Pediatrician and Dean of Ruhunu Medical Faculty Professor Wasantha Dewasiri said.

He was addressing a discussion on contemporary political situation of the country and need for a new Constitution. The event was organised by Galle Vidvath Ekmuthuwa, a collective of professionals and academics of Galle. Prof Dewasiri is also the convener of the organisation.

The country needs a stable government. The Constitution has been reformed for 19 times. The 13th and 19th amendments which are very destructive to the nation should be abolished without delay. Although it was very difficult to get a 2/3 majority in Parliament under the voting system. The people has given a clear mandate to the Government for a constitutional change at the previous parliamentary election. No community will be let down under a Sinhala-Buddhist system of rule, the Professor said.

"The 13th amendment was introduced and implemented at a time when there was a civil war in the country. However, we could defeat the separatist terrorism. Nevertheless, we did not consider to repeal the 13th amendment, which is highly destructive to the progress of the country. Now the time has come to complete the national task which we failed to accomplish decades before," he said.

He said that the administrative powers of the country should be devolved. "The people should be introduced with a system which allows them to solve their economic, social and administrative issues at village level. For that purpose there is no need of the system of Provincial Councils. So the Provincial Council election should not be held spending colossal amounts of money, he continued," he said.

"We initiated this organisation 10 years before under the guidelines of President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa's "Viyath Maga" organisation. Today we have been able to achieve our objectives. At present, the once fragile national security has been aptly defended as we



The meeting in progress.

expected," Secretary of Galle Vidvath Ekmuthuwa and Chairman of State Plantations Corporation Attorney-at-Law Shririmal Wijesekera said.

"Gotabaya Rajapaksa assured a fully national Constitution which the people of the country overwhelmingly endorsed. The aims and objectives anticipated by establishing Provincial Councils have not been achieved. It is only a "white elephant". The political power should not be devolved into provinces. Political power should be delegated to smaller units. We have to reconsider whether we should continue with the Provin-

cial Councils with a massive expenditure," he said.

"Even the people of North and East did not demand the holding of Provincial Council election which had been delayed more than two years. So the country needs a smart Constitution with a simple voting system," Wijesekera said.

Senior lawyers Premarathana Thirangama and Jayantha Gunaratna spoke. Former Provincial Manager of HDFC Bank N.C.Ranjith, former Bank Union member Chandrasiri Randheera and Portfolio Manager of Soft Logic Life Thusitha Wijethilake were present.

## Over 700 stranded in foreign countries return

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Another group of expatriates stranded in Qatar, Kuwait, Chennai and Dubai was brought to the island yesterday morning, National Operation Centre for Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreak (NOCPCO) sources said.

Twenty individuals from Qatar, 160 from Kuwait and 290 from Chennai, 260 from Dubai are among those expatriates and all of them will be sent to quarantine centres managed by tri forc-

es. Four individuals who underwent quarantine at Kalpitiya and Waskaduwa returned to their homes yesterday.

According to the NOCPCO sources, 31,134 persons have been released from these quarantine centres so far, while 5,944 are still under quarantine at 44 quarantine centres.

NOCPCO sources further confirmed that Sri Lanka has carried out 195,025 PCR tests so far.

## Suspect arrested with firearms, ammunition

A suspect was arrested in Walawwatta, Mirigama along with firearms and ammunition on last Wednesday on a tip off, the Police Media Division said.

He was to be produced before the Attanagalla Magistrate's Court yesterday.

A foreign-manufactured revolver, a

locally-manufactured revolver, a 12 bore gun, 68 various ammunition, two vehicle number plates, a pair of handcuffs, and clothes and uniforms of Army, Police and Civil Security officials had been seized from the 45-year-old suspect, police said.

Police are conducting investigations.

## MP Madura Vithanage promotes boat service

SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Newly elected MP Madhura Vithanage arrived for the inaugural Parliamentary session yesterday (20) on boat.

Vithanage said that it was a practical mode of transport as Parliament lies in the middle of a lake.

He said that he had come to Parlia-

ment on a boat to avoid traffic congestions. Vithanage explained that the President had initiated the boat service to reduce traffic congestion. He lamented that the public have still not adopted this mode of transport as anticipated. He said that he planned to promote the boat service to reach Parliament in the future as it is a convenient mode of transport to get to Parliament.

## Premalal Jayasekera absent in Parliament

Rathnapura District MP Premalal Jayasekera was absent in Parliament yesterday as the Prison Department did not bring him to Parliament.

However, Narendra Fernando, the Sergeant at Arms, has informed the Prison Head that Parliament will be meeting tomorrow, 27 and 28 and MP Premalal Jayasekera should be brought to Parliament as informed earlier.

## Thousand more national schools will be set up - Education State Minister

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

Education State Minister Wijitha Berugoda said 1,000 new National Schools will be opened countrywide while streamlining the available National Schools.

He was addressing a media briefing at his ministry yesterday.

A new education systems will also be set up, he added. "A huge development in the education sector is achieved by implementing new education systems to streamline education sector of the country," he said.

State Minister Berugoda said that the issues of the education system are identified. After identifying them, step by step solutions will be provided, he said.

"Committees will be set up to look into these issues and resolve them," he added.

Under the first phase of the National Schools Development Programme, 1,000 National Schools will be set up countrywide. For the first time in the education history, three national schools will be set up in the Monaragala District. They will be set up in Madulla, Siyambalanduwa and Sewabagala.

The country has 273 national schools, but this number is not enough to manage the demand. A huge competition for entering students to national schools is evident now as a result.

"With new national schools, the competition can be mitigated," he added.

## Sri Lanka, very good friend of Nepal - Nepal PM

Nepal-Sri Lanka bilateral relations goes back many centuries, and it is a "very good friend of Nepal", Prime Minister of Nepal K.P. Sharma Oli said.

The Prime Minister made these comments when Sri Lankan Ambassador to Nepal Himalay Arunatilaka called on him on August 18 in Kathmandu.

Prime Minister Oli recalled his telephone conversation with newly elected Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa soon after his electoral victory which he described as unique, and having multifaceted significance.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of small countries like Nepal and Sri Lanka working together in multilateral fora. He also recalled with appreciation the assistance provided by Sri Lanka to reconstruct two temples in Kathmandu Valley that were damaged in the 2015 earthquake, and informed about the work being carried out in and around Lumbini, including the upgrading of the Bhairawa Airport that serves Lumbini, into an international one. He expressed confi-



Prime Minister of Nepal K.P. Sharma Oli in discussion with Sri Lankan Ambassador to Nepal Himalay Arunatilaka.

dence that the bilateral relations between Sri Lanka and Nepal can achieve new heights for the benefit of the two peoples.

Ambassador Arunatilaka noted that the historical relations between Sri Lanka and Nepal were founded on strong cultural and Buddhist links which were flourishing even before diplomatic relations were formalised. Lumbini is a strong and binding factor between the two countries and their peoples.

The Ambassador underlined the importance of working towards strengthening economic cooperation to take the bilateral relationship to the next level. In that context the

Ambassador said that expanding trade, investment and technical cooperation was important. Education, tourism, hydropower and the services sector were discussed as areas with potential for further development. It was also noted that direct air connectivity between the two capitals would go a long way in expanding trade and tourism between Sri Lanka and Nepal. Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs Rajan Battarai, Joint Secretary for South Asia in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Yagya Bahadur Hamal and First Secretary of the Sri Lanka Embassy Dinesha Samrasinghe were present.

## Minister instructs to blacklist errant BIA contractors

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga yesterday instructed officials at the Katunayake Bandaranaika International Airport (BIA) to blacklist the construction companies that do not complete the proposed BIA expansion projects on time.

The Minister also instructed the officials not to give these companies an additional time to complete the projects.

The Minister attended a progress review meeting of the BIA expansion projects at the Tourism Ministry yesterday.

The Government expects to complete

the construction of a second runway and new multi level terminal building at BIA which is one of the largest construction projects being carried out now. The project includes the overlay of the taxiway and the expansion of the apron.

Immediate expansion and modernization of the BIA is a key priority, he said. BIA designed capacity is six million passengers but it is handling nearly 10 million per annum. Of the traffic handled, over 20 per cent comprises tourists. That is why the expansion project was initiated and there is a dire need to complete the projects immediately," he added.

## PUCSL inspects Kerawalapitiya Grid Substation, Norochcholai Coal Power Plant today

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) will inspect the Kerawalapitiya Grid Substation and the Norochcholai Coal Power Plant today as part of its investigation related to recent island-wide power interruption.

An power outage occurred on Monday

and lasted for over six hours. The CEB initially said a technical fault in a high voltage network to which all power stations are connected on the national grid caused the power outage.

This type of island wide power outage had last occurred in 2016.





President Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrives in Parliament to deliver the Government's policy statement. Pictures by Dushmantha Mayadunne, Sulochana Gamage and Gayan Pushpika



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena



The Maha Sangha



Ministers Chamal Rajapaksa, Nimal Siripala De Silva, G.L. Peiris, Udaya Gammanpila, Rohitha Abeygunawardena and S.M. Chandrasena, Deputy Speaker Ranjith Siyambalapatiya and former President Maithripala Sirisena



State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekara greets Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, as Leader of the House, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena and Minister Johnston Fernando look on.



Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara



JVP Leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake

# NINTH PARLIAMENT OPENS



Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena greets Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa



Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and SJB MP Lakshman Kiriella

**P**resident Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday inaugurated the sitting of the Ninth Parliament. The opening ceremony was conducted in a simple manner without any pomp or pageantry. Upon his arrival, the President was received by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and Secretary General Dhammika Dissanayake amidst chanting of Jaya Mangala Gatha by the students of Devi Balika Vidyalaya. The President's arrival at the Parliament premises took place in a simple manner on his instructions. Hence there were no gun salutes or vehicle parades. A group of Kandyan dancers and drummers greeted the President. The President was accompanied to the House of Parliament by the Serjeant-at-Arms Naren Fernando, Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms Kushan Jayaratne, Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms Achintha Cooray followed by the Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and the Secretary General of Parliament. The President delivered the Government's Policy Statement as provided by Article 33(2) of the Constitution. It lasted for 40 minutes.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena at the traditional tea party.



TNA Leader R. Sampanthan



TMVK Leader C.V. Wigneswaran



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa with TNA MP M.A. Sumanthiran.



Minister Douglas Devananda



Minister Mahinda Amaraweera and State Minister Duminda Dissanayake



Attorney General Dappula De Livera



Ministers Dullas Alahapperuma and Wimal Weerawansa speak to the media.



A section of the diplomatic corps.



Ministers Ali Sabry, PC, and Namal Rajapaksa



Former Speaker W.J.M. Lokubandara with Geethanjana Gunawardena



Service Chiefs and Acting IGP



# House extends full support to new Speaker

## Yapa would discharge duties in acceptable manner - Sampanthan

The Tamil National Alliance (TNA) would extend its fullest corporation to the newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena in discharging his duties in the Chair, TNA leader and Trincomalee Parliamentarian R. Sampanthan, yesterday (20) said.

He made this observation extending his congratulations to the election of Mahinda



Yapa Abeywardena as the Speaker of the House of Parliament.

R. Sampanthan said that with the long experience of Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena in the House, he did not have any doubt that Abeywardena would discharge his duties efficiently and effectively in an acceptable manner by all the members of Parliament.

## Suitable person appointed - Douglas Devananda

A suitable person has been appointed to the Chair to protect the dignity and decorum of the House of Parliament, Eelam People's Democratic Party (EPDP) leader and Jaffna MP Douglas Devananda said.

He made this observation in Parliament yesterday extending his



congratulations to the newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. He said that the country has come to a judicial point in many ways. He said that he wished the Speaker would be able to protect the dignity and decorum of the members of the august assembly.

## Yapa may have courage to formulate strong Constitution - Gammanpila

Newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena may have courage to provide the leadership to formulate a constitution that would fulfill aspirations of the people of the country leaving aside the one that is criticised by its own founders, Pivithuru Hela Urumaya leader and Colombo District MP Udaya Prabath Gammanpila yesterday said.

He made this observation extending his congratulations to the newly elected Speaker. He said that this is the Parlia-



ment in which the Government secured the two thirds majority which is also the highest one party could obtain under the proportionate representation so far. He added Abeywardena is elected to steer such a Parliament, and he would be able to do so as his respect and honor that he had earned as a politician unrivalled.

He wished he be able to retain the same respect and honour throughout the ninth Parliament.

## Speaker - experienced politician - Mano Ganeshan

Democratic People's Front Leader Mano Ganeshan said that their party expect that newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena would be able discharge his duties in a manner accepted by all.

He made this observation in Parliament extending his con-



gratulations to the newly elected Speaker. He added that the Speaker has long experience in politics and known for his education.

He added that he expected the Speaker would be able discharge effectively and efficiently.

## Speaker will transform House into Constitutional Council - Athaulla

The Speaker has to transform the House to a Constitutional Council and formulate the Constitution soon, National Congress leader and Ampara District MP A. L. M. Athaulla said in Parliament yesterday.

The time is ripe to formulate a new Constitution for the country, he said while extending his congratulations to the newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

He said that it was a matter to be



pleased that Abeywardena has been elected the Speaker in a House that UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe is not in.

He said that a strong Parliament has been elected by the people to formulate a new constitution for the people to live peacefully and harmoniously. He added that as the leaders of the Government eradicated the terrorism in the country early, they would be able to eradicate the racism and bring about peace.

## All sides, Members will be treated equally - Bathiudeen

"We expect that the newly elected leader would treat members of all parties and the Government side and the Opposition alike," All Ceylon Makkal Congress leader and MP Rishad Bathiudeen in Parliament yesterday said.

He made this observation in Parliament extending his congratulations to the newly elected Speaker Mahinda



Yapa Abeywardena. He added that he learnt that the Government is getting ready to formulate a new constitution. He added that it was natural to amend the constitution from time to time when a new government was established. "However, the new one should be acceptable by all people of all communities, he said.

## Speaker will get people's trust in Parliament - Weerasinghe

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena has the responsibility to build the confidence of the people on Parliament which was earlier eroded by Speakers who attempted to protect their parties, Communist Party Matara District Parliamentarian Weerasumana Weerasinghe said in Parliament yesterday.

He made this observation extending his



congratulations to the newly elected Speaker.

He said that Abeywardena had rendered a great service to the Southern Province, and it was historic to be elected to the Chair at a judicial juncture of the country's future. He added that Abeywardena had been a faithful friend and teacher of politics to the budding politicians in the South.

## Former Government imprisoned me - Chandrakanthan

The former government imprisoned me on baseless grounds, Tamil Makkal Viduthala Pulikal leader and Batticaloa District Parliamentarian Sivanesthurei Chandrakanthan said in Parliament yesterday.

He was extending his congratulations to the newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. He added that the former gov-



ernment imprisoned him for five years. He added that he needed to serve his people in his area. He added that he had to take permission from the High Court to attend Parliament on day to day basis when sittings are held. He requested the Speaker to make arrangements for him to attend the sittings of Parliament without facing inconvenience.

# First session of Ninth Parliament inaugurated

The ceremonial sittings of the first session of the Ninth Parliament declared open in a very simple manner at 3 pm yesterday presided by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

The Government's Policy Statement was presented by the President at 3 pm.

The invited dignitaries arrived around 2.15 pm and the elected Parliamentarians first arrived at the premises.

Newly elected Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena then arrived at the premises. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa arrived around 2.30 pm and

thereafter President Gotabaya Rajapaksa arrived.

The President's arrival to the Parliament premises took place in a very simple and charming manner on the instructions of the President. There were no gun salutes or vehicle parades. A group of Kandyan dancers and drum players performed greeting the President.

The new Speaker of Parliament and the Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayake received the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the main steps of the Parliament Building. The President was accompanied to the House of Parliament

by the Serjeant-at-Arms Naren Fernando Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms Kushan Jayaratne, Assistant Serjeant-at-Arms Achintha Cooray followed by the Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena and the Secretary General of Parliament.

The students of the Devi Bala Vidyalaya, Colombo recited Jayamangala Gatha at the main entrance of the Parliament Building in welcoming the President.

Thereafter, the President, who proceeded to the Robin room, remained for several minutes there and was accompanied to the House of Parliament. The President delivered the Govern-

ment's Policy Statement as provided by Article 33(2) of the Constitution which lasted for 40 minutes.

The members of the Government and the Opposition sides were heard thumping at their desks from time to time, while the President was delivering the policy statement.

Then Leader of the House and Minister Dinesh Gunawardena moved the sittings adjourned until 9.30 am today (21). The House adjourned until 9.30 am today.

Thereafter all participated in the Tea Party.

## Speaker will set up virtuous political culture - Maithripala

Former President Maithripala Sirisena extending his congratulations to the newly appointed Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena in Parliament yesterday (20) said that the leadership of the Speaker is vital for the future of the esteemed Parliament.



Sirisena pointed out that Parliament is an institution of great learning for new MPs far beyond a university. He added that the leadership of the Speaker in establishing a virtuous political culture to ensure that Parliamentary activities are conducted with vigour maintaining high standards.

## Speaker - Custodian of Parliamentary rights - Hakeem

Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) leader Rauff Hakeem said many of his predecessors had brought honour to the esteemed office of the Speaker.

He was extending warm congratulations on the appointment of Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena to the position of Speaker in Parliament yesterday.

"You are the custodian of the rights of Parliament and the Members of the house. We have in the past attempted to introduce many reforms within the House in a way in which this House conducts its affairs and also to maintain the dignity and decorum of the affairs of this Assembly. In doing so, certain far reaching reforms have been introduced with the concurrence of both sides of the House, very particularly in the



SANDASEN MARASINGHE and CAMELIA NATHANIEL

conduct of affairs As the House being the primary watchdog over public finance," he said.

He expressed hope that these progressive measures under the esteemed leadership of the Speaker will be maintained, adding that it is a privilege to have such an experienced politician such as Abeywardena to have been appointed as the

Speaker. "We also note that you, by virtue of your office will also be chairing the Constitutional Council which is entrusted with important functions such as the appointment of high officials who are mandated by the Constitution.

While conducting the affairs of the Constitutional Council as the Chairman, you as the Speaker of this House, I am sure will be an honour to your office," he said.

## Deputy Speaker Ranjith Siyambalapitiya

Ranjith Siyambalapitiya completed his primary education at Vandala Junior School and entered Royal College, Colombo as the second highest scorer in the country at the Grade V Scholarship Exam. At the 2004 election Ranjith Siyambalapitiya received 80,236 preferential votes and represented Parliament. In 2005, he was appointed as the Deputy Minister of Finance and Senior Minister under President Mahinda Rajapaksa. In 2007, he also served as the Minister of Finance and Revenue.

During the 2010 Parliamentary Elections, He was elected to Parliament from the Kegalle District, acquiring the highest number of preferential votes of 146,623 in the history of elections.

He later became the Deputy Minister of Economic Development and the Cabinet Minister of Telecommunication and Information Technology. After the 2015 election, he served as Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, State Ministry of Environment and Cabinet Minister of Power and Renewable Energy.

He was subsequently elected as the State Minister of Education after the victory of Gotabhaya Rajapaksa. He holds a PhD in Public Administration from the International University of Costa Rica.



## Deputy Chairman of Committees Angajan Ramanathan

Angajan Ramanathan contested for the Northern Provincial Council in 2013 and was elected to the Provincial Council with 10,034 votes.

At the 2015 General Election, he was nominated as a Member of Parliament for the National List on behalf of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party. In 2015, he was appointed as the Co-Chairman of the Kilinochchi District Development Committee, Jaffna.

In 2018, he became the Deputy Minister of

Agriculture. He was also appointed Deputy Leader of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party in 2018. In the 2020 general election, he received the highest number of votes (36,365) in the Jaffna District and was elected to Parliament.



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## AUGUST 21- INTERNATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND TRIBUTE TO THE VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

# WORLD MUST RESOLVE TO END TERROR



**NADIRA GUNATILLEKE**

**T**he victims of terrorism are all over the world. But unfortunately and surprisingly there is no one to stand by their rights. There is a lot of talk about terrorism, war crimes, separate states and so on, but not about the victims of terrorism. Here in Sri Lanka, it was the same during the past five years and before 2005. The previous regime started to talk about the victims of so-called war crimes instead of talking about the real victims. It was very concerned about missing persons, but not about missing heroic soldiers of our armed forces. But Mother Nature always stands by the real victims of all types of terrorism. She makes sure that justice is done for them. She changes relevant things at relevant times to do the justice to those who deserve it.

The LTTE, once described by the FBI as the most ruthless terror group in the world, especially targeted innocent civilians for its brutal attacks. It hacked to death a large number of civilians belonging to all ethnicities and religions who lived in the North and the East. Those villages were called 'border villages'. The people living in those villages left their homes at night and spent the night in thick jungles and treetops to protect their lives from the LTTE. But some such as the elderly, the sick, the disabled, infants and pregnant women could not do it. The LTTE cadres came at night with sharp weapons and guns and hacked them to death.

Bhikkus who lived in those border villages did not leave their temples because of the innocent people. They stayed back and faced the brutality of the LTTE while protecting people belonging to all ethnicities and



priceless historical archeological sites which provided concrete proof of real Sri Lankan history. The LTTE tried its best to fabricate a new Sri Lankan history to help their claim for the lands, but the ancient historical archeological sites stood as evidence for the true Sri Lankan history.

A large number of people who lived in the southern parts of the country lost their lives due to suicide bomb attacks and claymore mines. They lost their lives while traveling to offices, schools or while returning home

after work. Some became victims while working in their offices. The best example is the Central Bank bomb blast in 1996. Some victims have already died without being able to live as permanently disabled persons. Some had committed suicide without being able to face life. Parents did not travel together before May 18, 2009, because they wanted to save the life of at least one of them in order to look after the children.

What if you cannot hear anything and cannot see anything hereafter? They heard and saw the world for the last time 15 or 20 years ago and not thereafter. If you become blind or deaf by birth, Nature makes all your other senses very strong, but if you lost what you received by birth, the situation is not that easy. What if someone else needs to help you to use the toilet and take your meals? We feel certain things only when they hit us hard and not when we see it hitting others hard. This is the bitter truth in life. The victims of terrorism experience this bitter truth for the rest of their lives.

The brutal terrorism of the LTTE came to an end on May 18 in 2009 by the efforts of the heroic Armed Forces of Mother Lanka after sacrificing over 26,000 precious young lives. Hundreds of war heroes became permanently disabled. From that day onwards all Sinhalese, Muslims and Tamils enjoy freedom to move anywhere they want at any time of the day and do whatever they want. From that day, they sleep in their homes comfortably and with the assurance of getting up the next morning alive. The people living in the North and the East do not need to pay ransom to anyone from that historic day. The children in the North can play and study without the fear of being abducted to be trained as child soldiers. Sri Lanka is among the handful of countries that has ended terrorism, though global terrorism can hit any country, as Sri Lankans experienced last year.

According to the United Nations (UN), while more countries are affected by terrorism today, the number of victims has largely been concentrated in a small number of member states.

Victims of terrorism continue to struggle to have their voices heard, have their needs supported and their rights upheld. Victims often feel forgotten and neglected once the immediate aftermath of a terrorist attack fades, which can have profound consequences for them. Few member states have the resources or the capacity to fulfill the medium and long-term needs required for victims to fully recover, rehabilitate and integrate back into society. Victims can only recover and cope with their trauma through long-term multi-dimensional support, including physical, psychological, social and financial, in order to heal and live with dignity.

The UN says the primary responsibility to support victims of terrorism and uphold their rights rests with member states. The United Nations has an important role in supporting member states to implement Pillar I and IV of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy through standing in solidarity and providing support to victims, capacity building assistance, establishing networks of, and offering support to, civil society organizations, particularly victims of terrorism associations, and encouraging member states to promote, protect and respect the rights of victims. The United Nations has been working to provide resources, mobilize the international community and better address the needs of victims of terrorism.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 72/165 (2017), established August 21 as the International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism to honour and support the victims and survivors of terrorism and to promote and protect the full enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Resolution 72/165 builds on existing efforts by the General Assembly, the Commission of Human Rights and the Human Rights Council to promote and protect the rights of victims of terrorism.

By proclaiming an International Day dedicated to victims, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the promotion and the protection of human rights and the rule of law at the national and international levels are essential for preventing and combating terrorism.

The Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, adopted unanimously in its resolution 60/288, on September 8, 2006, notes that the dehumanization of victims counts among the conditions conducive to the spread of terrorism, and the most effective way to counter-terrorism is through measures that respect human dignity and uphold the rule of law.

The last three outcome resolutions of the

Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy review (A/RES/66/282, A/RES/68/276 and A/RES/72/284) have all emphasized the important role of victims in countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism as well as recognizing and upholding their human rights.

The sixth review resolution (A/RES/72/284), particularly notes that building resilience of victims and their families, through the provision of proper support and assistance immediately after an attack and in the longer-term is a major step forward in recognizing that victims who are resilient are less vulnerable to the impacts of terrorism and are able to cope, heal and recover more rapidly after an attack.

The draft resolution on the Enhancement of International Cooperation to Assist Victims of Terrorism (A/73/L.88) specifically recognizes the resilience of victims as important for the social cohesion of society and as vital partners to prevent violent extremism conducive to terrorism. (Source: The UN)

## UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' message



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres

"Today, we remember and honour all victims of terrorism. We stand by those who grieve and those who continue to endure the physical and psychological wounds of terrorist atrocities.

The impact of terrorism on victims can last a lifetime and reverberate across generations. Traumatic memories cannot be erased, but we can help victims and survivors by seeking truth, justice and reparation, amplifying their voices and upholding their human rights.

This third International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism takes place while the world is in turmoil. The COVID-19 crisis has changed the way we live and interact with each other.

Vital services for victims, such as criminal justice processes and psychosocial support, have been interrupted, delayed or ended while governments focus attention and resources on fighting the pandemic.

Many memorials and commemorations have been cancelled or moved online, hampering the ability of victims to find solace and comfort together. And, due to current restrictions, the first-ever United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism has been postponed until next year.

Remembering the victims of terrorism and doing more to support them is essential to help them rebuild their lives and heal. This includes our efforts to work with parliamentarians and governments to draft and adopt legislation and national strategies to help victims.

We must continue to support victims' associations in their invaluable work. We must ensure that those who have suffered are always heard and never forgotten. The United Nations stands in solidarity with all victims of terrorism – today and every day."



Victims of terrorism continue to struggle to have their voices heard, have their needs supported and their rights upheld.

The children in the North can play and study without the fear of being abducted to be trained as child soldiers.

## Easter attack victims: State to bear expenses

Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi has decided that the state will bear all financial expenses for 39 victims of the Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks. The victims who need life-long medical treatment will be given the required medical treatment free for the rest of their lives.

Minister Wanniarachchi has taken this decision fol-

lowing a request made by Colombo Archbishop Cardinal Malcolm Ranjith. A total of 139 out of over 500 injured are still receiving medical treatment and 39 of them need long-term special medical treatment. Some of them need lifelong medical treatment.

The required funds will be provided from the Health Development Fund. The special medical treatment will

be provided to the 39 patients through the Sri Jayewardene General Hospital.

All 39 victims of the Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks including infants, children, the elderly, and the youth will be given all required medical treatment including surgery at the Sri Jayewardene General Hospital.



# Issues overlooked by previous regime will be resolved soon - State Minister Chamal

Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management State Minister Chamal Rajapaksa said that measures will be taken to prevent land grabbing and other issues that were overlooked at the district and divisional secretariat levels a few years back.



He said that the Ministry had been entrusted with a vast responsibility by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to look into those issues to serve people.

After assuming duties at a ceremony held at the Ministry in Nara-henpita, on August 17, he said the

time had come to move out from the comfort zones to commence working from the ground.

"Instead of sitting in comfortable air-conditioned office rooms, we need to move out to serve people at grassroots level," he said adding that he expects the fullest support from all stakeholders of the State Ministry.

Minister Rajapaksa urged the State officials to work honestly to serve the people and requested them to work collectively to implement programmes of all institutions that come under the Ministry's purview to achieve the targets under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's vision.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa appointed Parliamentarian Chamal Rajapaksa as the State Minister during the swearing-in ceremony held at the Temple of Tooth in Kandy on Aug 12.

Religious dignitaries, Army Commander and the Acting Chief of Defence Staff Lt. Gen. Shavendra Silva, Acting Inspector General of Police C. D. Wickramaratne, State Ministry's Additional Secretaries and Heads of the Institutions and Departments, Divisional Secretaries and Police officers were present.

# Five more COVID 19 patients discharged

The Epidemiology Unit situation report on COVID-19 said that five more persons infected with the virus made full recovery yesterday. The total number of recoveries stood at 2,765, and 126 COVID-19 patients are still undergoing treatment at selected hospitals. The total

number of COVID-19 cases stood at 2,902 yesterday.

One patient at the Infectious Disease Hospital, two at the Welikanda Base Hospital, one at the Minuwangoda Base Hospital, and one at the Iranawila Hospitals were discharged yesterday.

# Nandikadal lagoon rehabilitation final phase next week

The final phase of the Nandikadal lagoon rehabilitation will be commenced next week, Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda said.

Fisheries Department, Fisheries Harbour Corporation, National Aquatic Resources Research and Development Agency, Fisheries Harbour Corporation,

Wildlife Department and the fishing community will carry out the task.

The lagoon was affected by the 30-year long civil war and lack of restoration, and natural disasters such as the tsunami and the accumulation of debris and mud over the years.

# Seminar for enhancing Arts graduates' employability



LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The main objective of the workshop was to revise the curricula of the Faculty based on the stakeholders' ideas for enhancing the requirements of industries for the next decade by paying special attention to Sri Lankan context.

The industry experts representing various fields had been invited

for reviewing the curricular for the first time to uplift the BA degree programme.

Senior Economist Dr. Anura Ekanayake participated as the guest speaker of the event.

Welcome speech was delivered by Chairman of Curriculum Revision Committee Dr. A. Aruna Shantha. The Dean of Faculty of

Social Sciences and Languages Dr. W.M. Ariyaratne spoke. Sabaragamuwa University former Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Dr. Ravi Dissanayake, Dr. Mahesh Hapugoda, Dr. W.M.J. Welgama, Dr. Hiniduma Sunil Senevi, Senior Lecturers Shanthy Hemalatha and H. Ranjith were present.

# Ranil should be nominated National List UNP MP - SJB MP

S.M.WIJAYARATNE, Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Kurunegala District Samgi Jana Balawegayaya (SJB) Parliamentarian J.C. Alawathuvala said that former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe is the most deserving person to be nominated

by the United National Party (UNP) from its National List to Parliament.

Alawathuvala said that Ranil Wickremesinghe is a mature politician and he deserves the National List MP post to represent the UNP at the ninth Parliament.

# 'Lankans stranded in other countries will be repatriated soon'

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

A high number of Sri Lankans stranded in various parts of the world because of the COVID 19 pandemic will be repatriated in the next few days.

"Even though those stranded in the Middle East will be repatriated within the next 10 days, flights will be sent to the African continent, the

United Kingdom, Maldives, Israel, Hong Kong and other parts of the world to bring in more stranded Lankans," Foreign Relations Ministry Secretary Admiral (Rtd.) Jayanath Colabage yesterday said.

"Lankans stranded in other countries will be repatriated in high numbers in the coming days, not only from the Middle East but from other countries as well," he said.

Yesterday morning, about 700 Sri Lankans from India, Dubai, Kuwait and Doha returned.

Another group of stranded Lankans arrived yesterday from Abu Dhabi.

The passengers and crew landed at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), later were subjected to PCR tests and transferred to tri-force operated quarantine centres.

# Former CID Director Shani, SI Rohana further remanded

The Gampaha Magistrate's Court yesterday ordered former Criminal Investigation Department (CID) Director Shani Abeysekera and Sub-Inspector

(SI) Rohana Mendis of the Embilipitiya Police Station to be further remanded till September 3.

The suspects were arrested and

remanded for their alleged involvement in fabricating evidence of a weapons case. The order was given when they were produced before Court yesterday.

# Prisoner commits suicide

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

A detainee of the Ward A of the Bossa Prison has committed suicide, Rathgama police said.

He has committed suicide yesterday morning. The 52-year-old, the prisoner had been prosecuted for a drug

offence and remanded by Panadura Magistrate's Court. Later, he had been sent to quarantine at the Bossa Prison on August 3.

The body was sent to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital for the post mortem to be held yesterday evening.

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

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Fifty eight Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna's (SLPP) ex-provincial council members contested in this (2020) General Election and of them, 28 have secured victory and elected to the next Parliament, the President of Provincial Council Members Association of the SLPP and Chairman of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council Kanchana Jayaratne said.

According to him, one of those 28 has been elected to the Parliament through the National List. The unique feature is that in addition to the ex-MPs in Badulla, Puttalam and Polonnaruwa, all the remaining newly elected



MPs in those three districts are former SLPP Provincial Councillors. Among the newly elected MPs are former Chief Ministers, Provincial Ministers and Provincial Councillors. These public representatives have rendered a great service and made sacrifices

to create the SLPP and steer the party towards victory path and finally achieve this great victory.

Their experience and maturity in politics have made a great contribution to achieve this victory. The new Government and the party now expect from these newly elected MPs to make their contribution to implement the policy statement of the President

Gotabaya Rajapaksa and thereby strive the country for an unprecedented development. Therefore, I use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Presidential Task Force on Eco-

nomie Revival and Poverty Alleviation Chairman and founder of SLPP Basil Rajapaksa, for giving opportunity for the former provincial councillors to contest in the General Election and enable them to achieve this great victory, he said.

A ceremony to welcome and felicitate all the SLPP's ex-Provincial Council members who have now been elected to Parliament will be held at the Grand Monarch hotel at 6.30 pm on Aug. 21, under the patronage of Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival and Poverty Alleviation Chairman and founder of SLPP Basil Rajapaksa, he added.

# Robber arrested

PRIYADARSHANI KAHAWALA, Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

Kirulapone Police arrested a suspect for robbing houses recently.

The suspect, a 23-year-old man, is heavily addicted to drugs, police said.

He had broken into a house on Purwarama Mawatha in Kirulapone and had stolen a stock of old brass items worth Rs. 30,000 and had spent the money on buying drugs, investigations revealed.

The suspect had also robbed a house in Kirulapone entering it through a window in the bathroom, defecated there and left through the front door.

The CCTV set up at the house showed the suspect robbing the house. Kirulapone OIC Chandana Kaluarachchi and Crime Branch OIC Pradeep Ediriweera and Sub Inspector Chamikara Jayaweera lead the investigation.

# Passengers from Kataragama to Colombo seek more buses

M.NELSON PIYARATNE, Kataragama Group Corr.

Residents of Kataragama said that there are no adequate normal buses from Kataragama to Colombo.

They said that they have to travel by semi-luxury private buses where the only luxury is a piece of dirty rag over the shutters, paying Rs.594 from Kataragama to Colombo. Only Kataragama SLTB operates normal buses. Those buses charge only Rs.396. Ratmalana, Negombo, Udahamulla, Moratuwa and Horana depots operate buses to and from Kataragama and Colombo, but the fleet of SLTB buses are not enough to operate a normal fare bus service.

Many residents whose children

dren travel to Colombo for schools and those who seek treatment from Colombo hospitals have to go to Colombo and they cannot afford the semi-luxury bus fares. Therefore, the residents urge the authorities to take steps to operate more normal buses between Kataragama and Colombo.

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# Nearly every Sri Lankan elder living with families

ANANDA KANNANGARA

HelpAge Youth Education Programme Director G.C. Mendis said that 99 per cent elders in their country living within their family circle and not at Elders' Homes.

He said children should always be with their parents and grandparents since they like to lead their twilight days with their loved ones.

He made these remarks during a seminar, conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) at the D.S. Senanaya

ka College auditorium under the theme 'Caring for elders and create an environment for them to live with dignity'. About 600 students attended. D.S. Senanayaka College, Deputy Principal Indika Liyanage valued the elderly care considering invaluable service they rendered towards society and made a fervent request from entire student population not to isolate elderly person including their own parents and grandparents.

# Youth arrested for Facebook party, drugs

INGIRIYA SPECIAL CORR.

Dambulla police arrested a youth for organising a Facebook party and distributing drugs and cannabis for the participants last Sunday night (16).

The suspect is a 24 year old resident of Kekirawa. He had been conducting Facebook parties for a long time and had distributed illegal drugs. The suspect had been producing cannabis at his house and had conducted parties, police said. Police had seized 10, 000 mg of cannabis from the suspect's house.

Dambulla police acting on a tip off had reached the place where the party was conducted but at the time the party was temporarily halted.

Date: 19-08-2020

Draw Number: 359 | Colour: Blue

**Super Jackpot**

**Rs. 10,344,976/-**

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English Letter	Winning Numbers	Fate Number	Total Value of Prizes
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Date: 19.08.2020

Draw No.: 1015

Colour: PINK

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**Next Super Jackpot**

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Date: 19-08-2020

Draw Number: 2896 | Colour: Green

**Super Jackpot**

**Rs. 2,386,106/-**

Winning Numbers	Leo	Total Value of Prizes
13 19 29 40	Leo	Rs. 9,781,620/-

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## A welcome change

That the Yahapalanaya showpiece 19th Amendment to the Constitution was on its way out under the new Government was inevitable given the ambiguities and uncertainties it was replete with that made Governance next to impossible and reduced to a farce as the country was to experience during the four and a half year Yahapalanaya rule.

The Cabinet nod was received at the new Government's maiden Cabinet meeting to repeal the 19th Amendment and replace it with a new 20th Amendment according Cabinet Spokesman, Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella. Encouragingly though, 19A will not be abolished in toto, with the Government deciding to retain some of its positive features such as the Right to Information (RTI), which will be incorporated in the 20th Amendment.

New Justice Minister President's Counsel Ali Sabry will now be entrusted with the task of drafting the 20th Amendment, which, according to Minister Udaya Gammanpila will be subjected to a close study by a committee of eminent persons prior to its finalization.

It was evident from the very outset that 19A was a hastily put together piece of legislation aimed only at keeping the Rajapakas out of power. The two term limit for a President, the dual citizenship bar, the age barrier for eligibility, were all done with this goal in mind.

That is not all. 19A also completely emasculated the powers of the President who is directly elected by the people and tied his hands even in the case of vital appointments. That the country's police service is still headed by an Acting IGP with the President unable to make the substantive appointment to fill the vacancy is a clear instance where the President's powers have been emasculated under 19A.

Besides, the so called Independent Commissions that came into being under 19A functioned as a law unto themselves bypassing the President in making appointments. The 19A which did away with the President's powers to dissolve Parliament after one year, placed the Legislature in a position to run rings round the Executive – a clear recipe for instability and chaos as we witnessed in 2018. This way Parliament could hold a new President to ransom negating the mandate received by him or her. Suitable changes therefore are needed that will give the President the option to dissolve Parliament in case of a hostile House after a suitable time frame.

Of course, with the President and Parliament in this instance being from the same party such an eventuality is out of the question. But it would do no harm for the necessary provisions to be made beforehand in case of a future situation.

This is not to suggest that the baby be thrown with the bathwater and Ministers Rambukwella and Gammanpila promised as much speaking in favour of retaining some positive features of 19A. In this respect the segments ensuring the independence of the judiciary ought to be left untouched. An independent judiciary is one of the pillars of democratic Governance and public trust in the judiciary should be upheld at all times to ensure justice to all irrespective of their status or position in life. The Government's decision to continue with the RTI is also an indication that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has nothing to hide and is committed to democratic Governance. The Government should also think of introducing other progressive legislation, now that it has a two thirds majority in Parliament to take the country forward. There is much that needs to be done to develop our education system to meet with modern demands. Many Government politicians, during the Election campaign asked the voters for a two thirds majority to ensure smooth Governance, a streamlined administration and to usher in revolutionary changes to develop the country. Voters have responded to their call. Now it is their turn to deliver.

## An encouraging pledge

The pledge made by new Minister of Education Prof. G.L. Peiris to completely eliminate ragging in the universities would be most welcomed not only by parents preparing to send their children for higher education but also by all right thinking people of this country.

Addressing university officials Prof Peiris stressed the importance of zero tolerance of ragging. Many parents dread sending their children to universities due to the horror stories coming out of the campuses. Professor Peiris, perhaps, more than any other would, no doubt, have a clear insight as to the goings-on within the portals of our local universities, being no stranger to university life himself.

Raggers should be punished severely and university authorities should give more powers to the marshals to catch the culprits. Hopefully this time around, with a strong President at the helm, and an individual familiar with the university system as Education Minister we will see an end to this sadistic pastime by mentally disturbed student segments who have turned our universities into torture chambers.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The Constitution is the safeguard of liberties. - Abraham Lincoln



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressing the inaugural session of Parliament yesterday. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne.

“I love my country. I am proud of my country. I have a vision for my country”

# President outlines plans to achieve his vision for the Nation

SUGESWARA SENADHIRA

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday stressed his Government's expectation to create a prosperous nation. Only the present generation can realize this hope on behalf of future generations, he said.

Delivering the policy statement of his Government at the inaugural session of the 9th Parliament yesterday, he said, “We have arrived at an important landmark in history. The people have given the current government a massive mandate. We have been given the responsibility to take the country towards prosperity while safeguarding the people and protecting the sovereignty of the country without succumbing to any force. The present generation must fulfill that responsibility for the sake of the future generations”.

He called upon all Sri Lankans to join these efforts to fulfill this responsibility that history has bestowed upon us. “This is the Motherland of all of us. Hence, the time has come for all of us to join hands for the sake of the country irrespective of race, religion or party differences. I extend my hand of friendship to everybody to join me to build a prosperous nation as promised to our people.”

“I love my country. I am proud of my country. I have a vision for my country. Our ardent desire is to build a prosperous nation with a productive citizen, content family and a righteous society. What we have done so far as well as the plans we propose to implement in future will be aimed at achieving this objective,” he said.

Establishing firmly that the prime policy of our Government is national security, we have restructured the security apparatus and intelligence services, eliminating the fears of the people thereby restoring the security of the country, he recalled. “We have re-created an environment where any citizen can live freely without any fear for the safety of themselves and their families. As I have pledged, the launch of the methodical mechanism to protect the people against social evils such as the activities of the underworld and the drug menace that have been a hindrance to the day-to-day lives of the people has also increased the confidence of the public.”

Accordingly, a virtuous and a law-abiding society is emerging as we promised, he pointed out.

President Rajapaksa outlined the policies of the government briefly stressing the plans for every important sector including economy, agriculture, industries, education, technology, health and tourism.

The President, emphasizing the importance of education, said that the government expenditure on education for all the students to pursue their future endeavours and to develop their skills is an investment for the future. In achieving our future objectives, special attention needs to be paid to technical education. “We will pay special attention in education reforms in respect of Grade 6 to Grade 13. We will increase the capacity of Universities enabling all students who pass the Advanced Level Examination to pursue university education. Further, we will take measures to improve the Open University network and Distance Learning methods.

The curriculum will be revised to ensure that these degree subjects would directly contribute to the growth of the economy”.

The top priority of the government is to enhance growth of agriculture sector. A large percentage of citizens of this country, earn their livelihood through self-employment. During the last two months the President visited many areas in the country and listened to the grievances of the people. The request made by the farmers was for adequate water and fertilizer during cultivation seasons. “We should address these issues. Therefore we will implement broad strategies to rehabilitate the tanks and to develop the irrigation system across the country,” the President stressed.

Another major social issue faced by the youth is unemployment. Both short term and long-term solutions have been explored to address this issue. The President referred to the programme to provide employment for 100,000 persons who belong to the most underprivileged families in the country. Simultaneously, another programme put in motion to provide job opportunities to 60,000 graduates and arrange training for them to make their services efficient.

When offering job opportunities we will prioritize the households with the lowest per capita income. In this process, we will ensure equal distribution of job opportunities for all the areas, he said. “Every appointee to government jobs should contribute an efficient service to the country. Therefore, no ministry or department is allowed to arbitrarily enroll individuals to their staff.”

Another issue highlighted by the people was that they did not possess proper deeds for their lands. “We will provide them legitimate deeds through a swift process. I assure you that without a proper alternative we will not evict people from their ancestral homes or farmlands.”

The intrusion of elephants in to villages has become a major issue. A group of experts have already been appointed to come up with a feasible resolution for this issue. The President pointed out that a separate state ministry solely responsible for this issue was established as the Government is well aware that this issue needs a long-term solution.

A substantial number of people across the country suffer from shortage of drinking water. We will take necessary steps to address these humane issues, the President said and added that as a national policy, steps would be taken to provide drinking water to every part of the country.

Parents request schools with adequate facilities for their children to educate in. The insufficiencies of national schools were evident in every area. Most schools do not have adequate facilities. The shortage of teachers, lab access, libraries and sports was frequently mentioned. Although we request students to follow science and technical subjects in order to successfully contribute to the economy, their schools do not even have basic facilities to teach those streams.

The ministries which had been assigned with new duties will prioritize addressing these issues.

Another important issue was that the inadequacy of facilities in the

health sector. Both resources and facilities in rural hospitals are in an unsatisfactory state. There is a considerable shortage of doctors, nurses and other staff members in these hospitals. Patients in some areas have to travel long distances for treatments. “We will eliminate these unfortunate discrepancies when we ensure free healthcare facilities for everyone,” the President said and added that both Ayurvedic and indigenous medicinal systems will be preserved and promoted.

“Instead of spending large amounts of foreign exchange to import medicine, we have already commenced operations to manufacture medicines locally. We will also eradicate corruption which occurs in the importation of medicine. This is why we formed a separate state ministry to manufacture, supply and regulate medicine,” he said.

President Rajapaksa explained the reasons for newly-structured State Ministries. He requested all the Ministers and State Ministers to create job opportunities in their respective areas with the assistance of the private sector. Both main ministries and state ministries are expected to work in cooperation with the respective private companies in the industry to generate job opportunities. In addition, we will take necessary steps to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship in each industry as well. Our duty and responsibility is not to distribute job opportunities but to generate them, he said.

“In order to overcome both local and global challenges and revive the economy, we will have to adopt new ways of thinking. Out of the box thinking is required in order to meet the economic challenges. This time, the ministries have been formed with this thought in mind”.

The need of a people-centric economy to ensure real economic revival has been identified. When forming ministries, special attention was given in assigning subjects and tasks in order to cover fields such as agriculture, plantations, fisheries, ancestral industries and promotion of self-employment opportunities which are of utmost importance to the people in the country. Our basic aims are to strengthen the local economy and increase export income. Currently the income from tea, coconut and rubber industries is not at a satisfactory level.

“We will develop tea plantations and at the same time, the Government will aid the small and medium scale tea estate owners as well.

Due to the shutting down of tea factories, they have encountered a number of difficulties. We will resume their operations and eliminate existing irregularities simultaneously encouraging the export of high-quality tea,” the President said and emphasized, “We will reclaim the global title we held for Ceylon Tea.”

The government will encourage planting of new coconut saplings. In order to enact a reasonable price for rubber, local rubber industrialists will be encouraged to utilize local rubber. Plantation of palm oil trees will be stopped completely. “We promote the production of export crops such as pepper and cinnamon. We will provide opportunities to generate substantial foreign exchange by providing a stable price to the farmers through value

addition to agricultural products and exporting them.”

President Rajapaksa said that in delegating responsibilities to ministries, special attention was paid to the development of urban and rural infrastructure facilities and to find solutions to the housing problem faced by the people. “We have identified several sectors that can directly contribute to the development of the country and accordingly to appoint State Ministers responsible for these areas and to assign them the relevant subjects and activities.”

As human resource development has been identified as a priority, the subject of education was brought under one Ministry and four State Ministers were appointed in charge of different responsibilities. Separate State Ministries for Pre-School, Education Reforms, Skills Development as well as Dhamma School and Bhikku Education have been set up because of their importance.

“We also initiated measures to build a production economy,” the President said. “Paddy farmers were given a higher guaranteed price for their products. We took steps to protect local farmers by halting importation of exportable produce for re-export as well as banning importation of crops that could have been grown locally. Farmers were provided with required fertilizer free of charge. People were encouraged to re-cultivate abandoned lands throughout the country. Through all these, we provided a new lease of life to the agricultural sector in this country.”

After having elected, the government has provided tax concessions targeting local entrepreneurs. Interest rates were brought down to encourage businesses. Highly competitive imports were restricted in order to protect local entrepreneurs and industrialists.

The basis of the success of a democratic state is its constitution. Our Constitution, which has been amended 19 times, from its inception in 1978, has many ambiguities and uncertainties, presently resulting in confusion, the President pointed out. “As the people have given us the mandate we wanted for a constitutional amendment, our first task will be to remove the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. After that, all of us will get together to formulate a new Constitution suitable for the country. In this, the priority will be given to the concept of one country, one law for all the people.”

An unstable Parliament that cannot take firm decisions and succumbs to extremist influences very often is not suitable for a country. While introducing a new Constitution, it is essential to make changes to the current electoral system, he said and assured that while retaining the salutary aspects of the Proportional Representation system, these changes will be made to ensure stability of Parliament and people's direct representation.

Referring to the unprecedented mandate given by the people, President Rajapaksa said, “It is clear that people enthusiastically supported us in this election due to the trust we have built in them in this manner.”

“We will continue to serve the people in a manner that affirms this trust,” he promised the people.



LAKDEV LIYANAGAMA

**T**he newly elected government has begun its task of charting the course of the nation, with the appointment of Cabinet ministers and State ministers and Parliament being convened for the first time by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday in a simple but stately ceremony.

The appointment of the cabinet was awaited with great interest, given the pledges made by President Rajapaksa during his election campaign to create a new political culture. The ministerial appointments that have been announced consisted of 26 Cabinet ministers and 39 State ministers.

Following the appointment of Cabinet ministers and State ministers, other appointments have also been finalised. Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena is the new Speaker while Ranjith Siyambalapatiya will be his deputy. Jaffna District MP Angajan Ramanathan will be the Deputy Chairman of Committees.

Also being announced was the appointment of Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella as the new Cabinet spokesman. Pivithuru Hela Urumaya leader and Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila and Plantations Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana will also function as Co-Cabinet spokesmen.

The reduction in the number of ministers to 26 has been commended, even by the President's critics. The previous Government had ministers numbering up to 40 when Parliamentarians from both the United National Party (UNP) and the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) were sworn in as ministers.

It must be noted that the Government, though it won a sweeping majority at the August 5 election, returned 145 seats—five short of the 150 required for a two-thirds majority in its own right. However, there are five or more MPs from smaller parties which support the Government to make up 150 seats.

There had been speculation that the Government would offer some portfolios to these parties to ensure an iron-clad two-thirds majority. It could have used the Constitutional provision that allows for a 'National Government' by entering into a 'coalition' with even one of these parties, to do so.

That would have allowed the Government to increase the number of ministers significantly, thereby accommodating all parties and factions within the ruling the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP), the SLFP and other smaller political parties that support it. President Rajapaksa has not done that.

Even for a Government that is formed by a single party, the Constitution allows for up to 30 ministers. However, the President has resisted that temptation and appointed only 26 ministers, sending a clear message that, given the majority he enjoys, appeasing political concerns was not among his priorities.

However, there appears to be some underlying political considerations in the allocation of ministries and ministers. What is apparent is that those who have stood by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa when he was defeated at the 2015 presidential election have been rewarded for their loyalty.

Thus, those who aligned themselves with him, formed the core of the Joint Opposition (JO) and helped in mobilising support for the formation of the SLPP have been given pride of place. Others who allied themselves with former President Sirisena and joined his government have been relegated.

As a party, the SLPP has received the lion's share of portfolios, with 19 of the 26 ministers being from that party. The SLFP received only two portfolios which went to party senior Nimal Siripala de Silva and former United Peoples' Freedom Alliance (UPFA) General Secretary Mahinda Amaraweera.

Five leaders of parties allied with the SLPP received Cabinet portfolios. They are Dinesh Gunewardena, Wimal Weerawansa, Vasudeva Nanayakkara, Douglas Devananda and Udaya Gammanpila. There was no portfolio for Lanka Samasamaja Party (LSSP) leader Tissa Vitarana.

Former President Maithripala Sirisena was the most conspicuous absentee in the Cabinet. There was speculation that he would be given the Mahaweli Ministry or another high-profile portfolio. Sirisena, who was pre-

# ENORMOUS CHALLENGES BEFORE NEW CABINET



Namal Rajapaksa



Ali Sabry, PC



Prof. G.L. Peiris

sent at the swearing-in ceremony for the ministers in Kandy, did not receive a ministry.

This was followed by speculation that the former President would be considered for the position of Speaker. However, that position went to Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. As it stands, Sirisena will be a backbencher in the Government—unless another high-profile position is being considered for him.

Several senior SLFPers who held important portfolios in the previous Government headed by then President Sirisena have been sidelined. These stalwarts include S.B. Dissanayake, Susil Premajayantha, John Seneviratne, Anura Priyadarshana Yapa and Mahinda Samarasinghe. Among the key portfolios, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa retains the Finance Ministry. Similarly, Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunewardena and Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi have retained their ministries. SLPP Chairman G.L. Peiris has been appointed as Minister of Education.

The most notable new entrant to the Cabinet is Ali Sabry, PC, who was sworn in as Minister of Justice. Minister Sabry had a high profile during last year's Presidential Election campaign and had been President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's legal counsel in many court cases, in the lead up to the campaign.

In that period, in the immediate aftermath of the 2019 April Easter day terrorist attacks by Muslim extremists, Sabry had been a strong voice in calling on the rest of the Muslim community to eschew terrorism and join in a process of national reconciliation involving all communities.

The Easter attacks have been a subject of much scrutiny. Former President Sirisena ordered an inquiry which was followed by an inquiry conducted by a Parliamentary Select Committee. Now, another Presidential Commission of Inquiry is conducting its own investigations into the incidents.

Against such a backdrop where prosecution of the

terrorists involved is the most likely outcome, appointing a Muslim minister of Justice has been considered controversial by some but President Rajapaksa has indicated that he retains faith in his former legal counsel to do an impartial job.

Minister Sabry who entered Parliament through the National List is also the only professional to be inducted directly in to the Government, evoking memories of how G.L. Peiris and Lakshman Kadirgamar were included in the Cabinet by former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga in 1994.

Peiris was an architect of the truce with the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). Kadirgamar played a stellar role as Foreign Minister and was instrumental in having the LTTE banned overseas. Arguably, President Rajapaksa expects a similar noteworthy contribution from his Minister of Justice.

Other relative newcomers to the Cabinet are Prasanna Ranatunga and Ramesh Pathirana. Both are heirs to family political ties, being sons of former ministers Reggie Ranatunga and Richard Pathirana respectively. However, both were ministers in the Cabinet appointed prior to dissolving Parliament.

Included in the Cabinet for the first time is a third generation Rajapaksa, Namal Rajapaksa. He was appointed as the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs. Thus, Namal Rajapaksa and Ramesh Pathirana become the only MPs among their contemporaries to be elevated to Cabinet rank.

It was reported that former Minister of Justice Wijeyadasa Rajapakse was offered a state minister's position but that he declined the offer. As a result, the reputed lawyer who has switched political allegiances between the SLFP, the UNP and the SLPP lost out on being appointed to any office.

Interestingly, two General Secretaries of the SLFP, Dayasiri Jayasekara and Duminda Dissanayake have been offered state ministerial portfolios for Batik, Handloom Fabrics and Local Apparel Products and Solar, Wind, Grid Power Generation Projects Development respectively.

Three other professionals were rewarded for their contributions in other fields. They are Former Central Bank Governor Ajith Nivard Cabraal, Sarath Weerasekara and Nalaka Godahewa. Godahewa and Weerasekara topped the preference votes in the Gampaha and Colombo districts respectively.

The titles of some state ministers have come in for criticism and led to amusing posts on social media. This is because they are extremely descriptive in nature. For instance, Prasanna Ranaweera has been appointed as State Minister of Cane, Brass, Clay, Furniture and Rural Industry Promotion.

In an apparent response to this criticism President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has said that the creation of these 'unorthodox' state ministries was to pave the way for a people-centric national economy so that they would be its stakeholders. Hence the descriptive nature of the titles of state ministries, he said.

President Rajapaksa made this observation at the first in a series of meetings to review the portfolios and responsibilities of state ministries. The first to be assessed was that of the State Ministry of Batik, Handloom Fabrics and Local Apparel Products where Dayasiri Jayasekara is the State Minister.

There has also been criticism of the appointment of some ministers and state ministers because of their controversial histories, some of them being charged with various offences in the past and others identified with unruly behaviour in Parliament. With the former however, none had been convicted.

Former President Kumaratunga has vented her frustration at the SLFP being sidelined in the appointment of the new Cabinet, being reduced to two Cabinet portfolios. However, it is clear that that loyalty to the SLPP cause has been a key criterion in the allocation of Cabinet responsibilities.

The new Government was voted in with an unprecedented majority. Voters would therefore have high expectations that they would deliver on their promises, especially in these trying times.

The new Cabinet and President Rajapaksa have significant challenges and onerous tasks lying ahead of them.

## The poetry of fallen petals and leaves

**In Passing...**  
by Malinda Seneviratne

**J**aathi. Jaraa. Marana. Birth. Decay. Death. Common to all things, biotic and otherwise. And so we have two questions. What was it before it was born? What does it become after death?

When it comes to a creature, the answer is, 'no one knows,' and even those who claim to know cannot offer proof to support the relevant claim. It doesn't necessarily mean that there was no 'before' and that an 'after' is not possible. We just don't know, that's all.

We can imagine. We can speculate. That's about it. But then again, there are moments we are made to wonder about things and processes, being and becoming, and the transformation that marks every single thing, tangible and otherwise.

Viyalee aeda vaeteemen pasuvaya aeviddina patanganne thurupath parava aeda vaetunahama diyamatha haema nelummal peththakma oruvak It is only after they wither and fall that leaves of trees begin to walk -

and once they wilt and fall upon the water

a canoe is every petal of every lotus  
Ruwan Bandujeewa is blessed with a special set of eyes. Walking leaves and petals that move upon

water like vessels — these he notes and spreads the word of these movements that the world is loath to acknowledge or worse, does not have the eyes to see.

Transformation is, in a sense, movement. Temperatures, winds and other elemental things conspire to transform, to move. Gaze, in movement ironically, captures 'stills' and in that fraction of a moment, movement becomes invisible. Unable to notice change, it is easy and natural to assume that most things are immobile.

Leaves fall and then we call them 'fallen leaves,' no longer are they considered to be alive. Things that are dead do not receive attention, they don't demand to be reflected upon — we are not really good with dealing with death and the dead. So we revert to that which we believe is alive. The leaves on the trees. Petals that are still part of flowers.

I knew a man with a grand name which, to me as a child, sounded even funny: Edward Franklin Augustus Herat. He was the third in a family of six. Unlike his siblings, he didn't do well in life, or rather

whatever he did wasn't accepted as enough to be referred to in 'doing-well' terms. He didn't do well in school and in his early youth didn't have a job. Without qualifications and skills, and of a temperament that made it hard for his close relatives to support him indefinitely, he spent many years working on a lathe machine for a paltry salary. This too because the owner of the company felt sorry for him.

He liked to place bets. Small bets on horses. He drank when he had money or friends felt and could afford to be generous. And after he 'retired' he lived alternately with one of his four sisters and in homes for the elderly.

He could become unreasonable and even violent when drunk and it was these quarrels that made it impossible for anyone in his family to keep him for more than a few

months at a time. So he moved. Like a leaf that had fallen too early by accident and was still green enough not to be thought dead.

He may have been in and out of love but I don't know with whom or when, but at the age of 70, he 'ran away' (as they said) with the 75 year old woman who was managing the home for the elderly he was at that time residing in. She was a petal, I'm sure. She was a canoe. Somehow in this canoe there was room and caring enough for a leaf.

And so they glided upon the waters of their choice. Of course they eventually hit a shore called 'Aghast Relatives.' Petal floated away and the leaf continued to walk.

And one inauspicious day it walked into the path of an oncoming train at an unprotected railway crossing.

Where he walks now, I do not know. I do not know if he walks or flies, in fact. I do not know if he stands still. He had fallen. That didn't stop him from walking. All over the lives he encountered and inside the hearts, veins and minds he decided were safe enough to wander about in. Mine, certainly. I was immensely enriched by this uncle of mine, whose body I had to identify and arrange to be cremated and whose ashes I scattered into passing waters more than eight years ago. Perhaps they gathered somehow into a single leaf, met a singularly beautiful petal and scrambled aboard.

Happy journeys, Loku Maama.

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Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa at an election meeting.

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

**T**he Ninth Parliament that convened yesterday (20) is a unique Parliament for a number of reasons. No one ever thought that any one party would be able to secure a two-thirds' majority at the just concluded General Election 2020 and form a single-party government.

However, the Sri Lanka Podu Jana Peramuna (SLPP) under the leadership of Mahinda Rajapaksa created political history by securing a landslide victory, winning 145 seats, and, together with their allied parties, managing to obtain 151 seats.

In an exclusive interview with the *Daily News*, Constitutional Law expert, President's Counsel Dr. Jayatissa de Costa expressed his views with regard to the country's Constitution, its proposed changes and the legal provisions for amending or opting for a new Constitution altogether.

Following are excerpts of the interview:

### Q. What are the unique factors that you see in the Ninth Parliament?

**A.** This is a unique Parliament in the sense that in the democratic world, this is, I think, the first occasion where a landslide victory took place in a country where the Proportional Representation system (PR) exists.

In the PR system, it is almost impossible for any party to get a two-thirds' majority. But under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the SLPP, under the party leadership of Mahinda Rajapaksa, was able to achieve what was deemed impossible. They obtained nearly two-thirds of the votes, which is 145 seats, and about five to six seats from alliance members, such as Pillayan, EPDP and Athaulah and with these allied parties' seats the government will get around 151 seats which is more than two-thirds.

This is due to a number of factors, the first being President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's victory a few months ago and the other factor which is the manner in which the Government tackled the COVID-19 pandemic in the country and brought it under control.

Even though political opponents tried to criticize the government about the statistics on the recoveries, it is a fact that Sri Lanka has only recorded 11 deaths due to the Coronavirus in comparison to the thousands of deaths reported in other countries. That is a feat that could only be achieved by a developed country where the health system is advanced and modern.

But with limited resources, under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, and the able assistance of the Health services and the Armed Forces, the

government was able to fully bring the situation under control.

These two are the major factors that contributed to the SLPP's resounding victory, but the overall factor is that the country has accepted President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's manifesto.

Another striking factor in this election is that the UNP, which is one of the oldest political parties and until this recent election, considered the single biggest party, was reduced to a very pathetic performance. This is also the first occasion where not a single member from the UNP was present in a new Parliament.

### Q. There are varying views expressed with regard to the President holding a ministerial portfolio. In your view, can the President hold a Cabinet portfolio?

**A.** The President, according to Article 42(3) of the Constitution, is the leader presiding over the Cabinet. In the same Article, it states that he is a member of the Cabinet. If you are a member of a body and you are the head of that body, why can't you function as a member of that body?

According to the other school of thought on Article 43(2), it says the subjects are assigned to ministries and ministers will have to be chosen from among the Parliament members. On the one hand, after the 19th Amendment, Article 43(2) says that he or she has to be a Member of Parliament, but at the same time, Article 42(3) says the person who is presiding over the Cabinet is the President and he is a member of the Cabinet also. So, this would become academic if they amend the 19th Amendment in such a fashion that they can get over this ambiguity. However, one can argue that being the one that presides over the Cabinet and being a member of that Cabinet, the President can hold a ministerial portfolio.

This is not the first instance in the Constitution after the 19th Amendment where there are ambiguities. For instance, with regard to the dissolution of Parliament (which the Supreme Court has now resolved), where it states that only after four-and-a-half years can the President dissolve Parliament, but after the 19th Amendment, in another section it also says that with the additional powers given to the President, the power to dissolve is also given to the President. There were many arguments that were raised, but the Supreme Court decided and that is now history.

This situation with regard to the President's power to hold certain ministerial portfolios however, is also a result of careless drafting and conflicting meanings due to the flaws in the 19th Amendment. However, one of the main promises made by the government is to do away with the

# A UNIQUE PARLIAMENT DESTINED TO MAKE HISTORY



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa on the campaign trail.



Constitutional law expert, President's Counsel Dr. Jayatissa de Costa

19th Amendment. Hence, it is a matter of time and we will have to wait and see when the Government will take steps to remove these conflicting areas or whether they would promulgate a new Constitution altogether, which they could do as they have a two-thirds' majority.

### Q. In your view, do you think it is advisable to amend the 19th Amendment or opt for a fresh Constitution?

**A.** Well, that is a good question because this Constitution was formulated to perpetuate J.R. Jayewardene's personal rule on the one hand, and on the other hand,

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perpetuate the regime of ruling party at that time, the UNP. That is why without a mandate they introduced the Proportional Representation (PR) system in this country. Of course, Jayewardene got a mandate to introduce the Executive Presidency and he did pass an Amendment to the then republican Constitution and later, the 1978 Constitution came into being. But he never obtained a mandate from the voters for it and it was not included in the UNP manifesto for the 1977 General Election that once they win they would introduce the PR system.

Apart from that, they had stated that the electoral system we are accustomed to would be carried forward. The 1977 UNP manifesto makes it very clear that the First-Past-the-Post system (in Sinhala, '*apata huru purudu mathiwarana kramaya*') will exist. But they did just the oppo-

### Q. In Sri Lanka, making amendments to the Constitution is a major issue and many call for a fresh Constitution, whereas in neighbouring India, over 100 amendments have been made to their Constitution. So what is the issue for Sri Lanka to introduce amendments without opting for a fresh Constitution?

**A.** A mere amendment to the Constitution won't affect the basic structure of the Constitution. To meet with various situations you need to introduce amendments to the basic law of the land which is the Constitution. As you pointed out, in India, for the last 75 years or so they have amended their Constitution more than 100 times. But the basic features of the Constitution remain the same.

A case in point was the case of *Kesavananda Bharati vs State of Kerala* which had been heard for 68 days with the argu-

ments commencing on October 31, 1972, and ending on March 23, 1973. The hard work and scholarship that had gone into the preparation of this case was breathtaking. Literally hundreds of cases had been cited and the then Attorney-General had made a comparative chart analysing the provisions of the Constitutions of 71 different countries.

All this effort was to answer just one main question: Was the power of Parliament to amend the Constitution unlimited? The judgement held that Parliament could amend any part of the Constitution so long as it did not alter or amend "the basic structure or essential features of the Indian Constitution" even with a 100 percent majority.

Likewise, in Sri Lanka too, the basic features of the Constitution are here to stay. For instance, this is a unitary country and cannot be converted into a federal state. Likewise, the foremost position given to Buddhism cannot be changed and it has come to be a salient feature of the Constitution.

Like these two features, there are others such as respect for fundamental rights and universal franchise which are strong features of the Constitution that cannot be changed. So there is no harm in amending the Constitution as long as it is done properly. Moreover, even if we introduce a new Constitution at some point, we may have to amend it to meet with the situations that may arise. There is no 100 percent foolproof Constitution.

For instance, the US Constitution which is over 100 years old still remains except for a few amendments. In Sri Lanka, since independence in 1948, we have seen three Constitutions being brought in of which the first was the Soulbury Constitution, which was a product of the British Parliament, the second is the Republican Constitution, and the third, the current Constitution.

In the case of the first Republican Constitution, we did not change it according to the then existing Constitution (the Soulbury Constitution). The elected MPs sat as a separate Constituent Assembly and then for the first time, an Autochthonous Constitution (legally speaking, 'home grown' or 'rooted in native soil') was formed by the people of Sri Lanka for Sri Lanka.





# Sri Lanka to mark World River Day next month

**NIMAL WIJESINGHE,**  
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The Irrigation Ministry along with the Environments Ministry will celebrate the World River Day, which falls on 4th Sunday of September every year.

Canadian Mark Angelo is the founder of the World National Day. On a request by Mark Angelo, the United Nations (UN) has declared the World River Day in 2005. Around 70 countries commemorate the world River Day. Sri Lanka started celebrating it in September 2018 and in 2019 the national level World River Day celebrations were held in Athanagalua River basin in Dunamale.

The 2020 World River Day falls on September 27. Paral-



Water contamination is a major problem in Sri Lanka.

el to it, the Irrigation Department launched the Pivithuru Ganga Programme under the recently formed Riverine Management Unit affiliated to the Irrigation Department for protecting river basins.

A spokesman from the Irrigation Department said that the country has 103 major rivers which flow from the midland. The Spokesman said that the Irrigation Department Riverine Management Unit will set up a separate river caretaker service to protect rivers from unwarranted human activities.

cent of its total landscape. "We make aware the public of the importance of protecting the rivers on the World River Day. We will encourage them to save the rivers from destruction and minimise the floods," he said.

Of 103 major rivers, 27 rivers including Mahaweli, Deduru, Kalaoya, Malwathuoya, Ginganga, and Nilwala have contaminated with human activities, such as illegal sand mining, excavating clay and gemming. The Maoya, Kelani and Kaluganga are the most affected ones due to sand mining and gemming. The Spokesman said that the Irrigation Department Riverine Management Unit will set up a separate river caretaker service to protect rivers from unwarranted human activities.

# India to set up Surgical Unit for Batticaloa Teaching Hospital

The Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting for Construction of Surgical Unit to the Batticaloa Teaching Hospital chaired by Deputy High Commissioner Vinod K. Jacob held at the High Commission of India on August 19.

It reviewed the progress of the Project. The meeting was attended by the officials of the High Commission of India, Health and Indigenous Medicine Ministry, Department of External Resources and Department of Project Management and Monitoring of Ministry of Finance, Project Consultant from Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB) and the contractor from the Malwate Constructions.

The project worth SLR 262 million is set up as a High Impact Community Develop-



ment Project (HICDP) in Sri Lanka. The modernisation and improvement of infrastructure for surgeries will benefit the people in and around the Eastern Province.

India remains committed to further strengthening the health infrastructure of Sri Lanka by implementing grant projects like 1990 Suwaseriya

Emergency Ambulance Service, Construction of sanitation units in Batticaloa. India donated 25 tonnes of emergency medicines and medical kits during the COVID pandemic to Sri Lanka. A special assistance of USD 1 million through the SAARC Development Fund was also provided for setting up a COVID isolation ward for the

National Hospital in Kandy.

The projects are in continuation of Government of India's people-oriented development cooperation with the Government of Sri Lanka. India's overall commitment of development assistance to Sri Lanka stands at Rs. 517 billion and among these is SLR 92 billion under grants.

## Navy nab 31 persons for illegal fishing

The Navy nabbed 31 persons along with their fishing accessories for illegal fishing during special operations last week.

The Eastern Naval Command had carried out several operations in the sea area off Pigeon Island in Nilaveli lagoon area of Kotuwamada in Batticaloa, off the Norway and Nadtivu Islands and sea area of Sampoor in Trincomalee.

The Northern and North Central Naval Commands also conducted separate operations in the sea areas of Talady and Erukulampiddi in Talaimannar respectively. These operations had led to apprehension of 31 persons along with nine dinghies with unauthorised nets. The suspects were identified as residents of Trincomalee, Erakandi, Kinniya, Welleimanal, Muthur, Mannar and Erukulampiddi areas.

They along with their fishing gear were handed over to the Assistant Directors of Fisheries in Trincomalee and Batticaloa and Fisheries Inspectors of Nilaveli, Muthur, Kuchchaveli, Mannar and Point Pedro.

## Protective equipment for pre-school children

**ADDALAI CHENAI CENTRAL CORR.**

The Women and Child Affairs Ministry distributed equipment to protect children from COVID 19 to pre-schools of the Akkaraipattu DS Division recently. The World Bank assisted the programme.

The sets of protective equip-

ment were handed over at the Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat recently. The event was organised by Early Childhood Development Unit Development Officer M.S. Kareema.

Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretary M.S.M.Razzan and Divisional Secretariat Assistant Plan-

ning Director A.M. Thameem participated.

Fourteen pre-school units received the equipment.

Akkaraipattu Divisional Secretariat Counselor S.Abdeen, Early Childhood Development Unit officials, pre-school teachers and many others were present.



Professors M.A.M. Rameez and M.J.M. Kaleel were felicitated at the Arts Theatre of the Faculty of Arts at Oluvi on Wednesday under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Professor M.M.M. Najim. The event was organised by the Faculty of Arts and Culture of the South Eastern University. Here Professor Najim presenting mementos to Prof. Rameez and Prof. Kaleel. Picture by M.A.Phakurdeen, Addalaichenai Group Corr.

## Fisheries Ministry to set up unit to repair sea wrecked boats

Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda has instructed his ministry officials to set up a mechanism to bring ashore sea wrecked boats stranded in the vicinity of the Guru Nagar Jetty.

The Fisheries Ministry on the instructions of the Fisheries Minister Douglas Devananda has set up a unit to repair boats which are stranded near the Guru Nagar Fisheries Jetty in Jaffna.

On August 16, the officials visited the area on the instructions of the Minister to prepare an inspection report.

Over 400 fishing boats are fishing from the Guru Nagar Fishing Jetty every day. The Minister, following a request by fishing community in the area, had instructed the officials to set up a mechanism to bring the sea-wrecked vessels ashore for repairs.

The officials also visited the Thondamanaru lagoon area on the day to determine the steps to be taken to replace the old bridge wall in the lagoon.

**DRAW NUMBER : 4219 OFFICIAL RESULTS**

### MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

**DATE: 19-08-2020**

WINNING LETTER: **G** WINNING NUMBERS: **4 7 3 2 2 5**

Prize structure - from right to left

1st Prize	4 7 3 2 2 5	Rs. 2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	7 3 2 2 5	100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	3 2 2 5	10,000/-	107
4th Prize	2 2 5	1,000/-	1,077
5th Prize	2 5	100/-	10,656
6th Prize	5	20/-	105,825

Prize structure - from left to right

1st Prize	4 7 3 2 2	Rs. 10,000/-	10
2nd Prize	4 7 3 2	1,000/-	108
3rd Prize	4 7 3	100/-	1,071
4th Prize	4 7	50/-	10,552
5th Prize	G	20/-	42,397

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.10,119,740.00**

**The Super Prize of next draw: Rs.22,732,354.00**

**National Lotteries Board**

**19.08.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD 722,996**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS 30,838,160.00**

**Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES 02    Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES 01    Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES 33**

**Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 2514 DRAW DATE: 19.08.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **A** WINNING NUMBERS: **24 30 36 49**

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	If 3 letters & any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 100,000.00	08
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers correct	Rs. 2,000.00	181
4th Prize	If letter & any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 1,000.00	439
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers correct	Rs. 100.00	10943
6th Prize	If letter & any number correct	Rs. 40.00	7217
7th Prize	If any number correct	Rs. 20.00	110654
8th Prize	If only the letter is correct	Rs. 20.00	32786

**TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW 232,228**

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW Rs. 7,252,780.00**

**SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW Rs. 60,532,336.40**

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

**Next SATURDAY Super Prize Rs. 11,887,246.50**

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Draw No: 1047 Date: 2020.08.19

Winning Letter: **U**

Winning Numbers: **8 4 6 0 2 5**

01 Prize	8 4 6 0 2 5	Rs. 2,000,000.00	Prizes: 1
02 Prize	4 6 0 2 5	Rs. 100,000.00	Prizes: 7
03 Prize	6 0 2 5	Rs. 10,000.00	Prizes: 29
04 Prize	0 2 5	Rs. 1,000.00	Prizes: 342
05 Prize	2 5	Rs. 50.00	Prizes: 3,291
06 Prize	5	Rs. 20.00	Prizes: 31,825

**Left to Right Prize Structure**

07 Prize	8 4 6 0 2	Rs. 10,000.00	Prizes: 3
08 Prize	8 4 6 0	Rs. 1,000.00	Prizes: 37
09 Prize	8 4 6	Rs. 100.00	Prizes: 347
10 Prize	8 4	Rs. 50.00	Prizes: 3,355
11 Prize	U	Rs. 20.00	Prizes: 14,566
12 Prize	Winning by 6 winning numbers in any order	Rs. 200.00	Prizes: 274

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs. 4,248,620.00**

Winning ticket will be valid only for 6 months from the date of draw. Prizes of and above Rupees 5 Lakhs are bound to government tax rules. Producing the National Identity Card is a must when collecting the prizes.

**Next SATURDAY Super Prize Rs. 11,887,246.50**

**Mega POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER : 586 DATE 2020.08.19

English Letter: **X** Super Number: **12 25 44 54 59**

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	09
3rd PRIZE	If all 3 Numbers are correct	1,000.00	169
4th PRIZE	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	372
5th PRIZE	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	8,922
6th PRIZE	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	5,888
7th PRIZE	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	146,697
8th PRIZE	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	26,942

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**NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE Rs.229,522,284.75**

**NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE Rs.10,625,919.60**

**NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE Rs.24,047,742.40**

**Total Prizes Won in This Draw Rs.6,855,500.00**

**OFFICIAL RESULTS SEVANA**

Date: **2020/08/19**

Draw Number: **288**

English Letter: **W** Winning Number: **09 25 66 67**

1st Prize	If all 4 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000,000/-	Each	-
2nd Prize	If English Letter and 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 100,000/-	Each	03
3rd Prize	If any 3 numbers are correct	Rs. 1,000/-	Each	93
4th Prize	If English Letter and 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 200/-	Each	170
5th Prize	If any 2 numbers are correct	Rs. 100/-	Each	4,368
6th Prize	If English Letter and 1 number are correct	Rs. 50/-	Each	2,426
7th Prize	If 1 number is correct	Rs. 20/-	Each	59,508
8th Prize	If only English Letter is correct	Rs. 20/-	Each	9,313

Winning Tickets are valid from The Draw for a Period of 6 Months only.

Winners must produce National Identity Card to receive Prizes.

**Next Draw Super Prize Rs. 14,000,000/-**

**Total Prizes Won in this Draw Rs. 2,361,520/-**

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# California faces multiple crises



Fires sparked by lightning and a blistering heat wave raged across California, stretching resources and sending people out of their homes in the middle of the night.

Besides having the most coronavirus cases nationwide, California faced multiple crises this week — a lightning blitz, a record heat wave, wildfires and power outages. Firefighting crews worked long hours to save communities in the path of the blazes and requested 375 fire engines from out of state to assist in the effort.

This week alone, nearly 11,000 lightning bolts hit the state within 72 hours, igniting hundreds of fires, CalFire spokesman Jeremy Rahn said in a news conference. Statewide, there are a total of 367 fires — 26 of them considered major blazes, officials said.

Two giant cluster of blazes — the LNU Lightning Complex and the SCU Lightning Complex fires — are burning in 10 counties.

"This is an incredibly emotional and stressful time for many of us who have endured many fires and natural disasters over the last couple of years," Sonoma County Sheriff Mark Essick said.

On Wednesday, Gus Valerian woke up to desperate pounding on the door of his Vacaville home in Solano County, about 50 miles northeast of San Francisco. It was about 2 a.m. and a fire department official had come to warn them of the roaring blaze near his family's 16-acre property. Valerian rounded up his wife, Kersti, and their 3-year-old twins, Lincoln and Emmy, and bolted.

The fires in the state have burned more than 320,000 acres and come during a historic and brutal multiday heat wave. About 30 million people across the West are under an excessive heat warning or heat advisory Thursday, CNN meteorologist Michael Guy said.

In Vacaville, one of the hardest-hit cities, inmates at a state prison are getting N95 masks to help with air quality.

The LNU Lightning Complex Fire affecting the city stretches over five counties — Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Yolo, Solano — and has scorched more than 124,000 acres. It's 0% contained and authorities are evacuating some areas.

Outside Vacaville, Thuy Ngo watched Wednesday as flames consumed the barn on his 30-acre farm

property. "We didn't think the fire would come down here this fast," he told CNN. "It's just heart-wrenching. ... It's just gone."

The second biggest fire in the state — the SCU Lightning Complex Fire — has burned 102,000 acres. By early Thursday, it was 5% contained and had affected Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties.

A third fire, dubbed the CZU August Lightning Complex, has grown to 25,000 acres in Santa Cruz and San Mateo counties. It was 0% contained by early Thursday.

With the heat wave adding to the fires' ferocity and speed, evacuations are underway throughout the region, but officials don't have a clear number on how many people have been told to leave their homes. The priorities remain the safety of firefighters and the public, evacuation planning and structure and infrastructure protection, said Cal Fire Operations Chief Chris Waters.

Temperatures have hovered above 100 degrees in some parts this week. On Thursday, they are expected to be in the upper 80s into low 90s.



"The low humidity levels and gusty winds are allowing the fire to spread rapidly," CNN meteorologist Derek Van Dam said.

Power outages are also an issue as the California power grid struggles to keep up with demand.

The rolling blackouts were implemented over the weekend when an intense heat wave causes record temperatures across the state, including a high of 130 degrees in Death Valley on Sunday.

Gov. Gavin Newsom declared a statewide emergency this week to deploy resources to combat fires burning across the state exacerbated by the heat wave and high winds. He also demanded an investigation into the power outages.

"These blackouts, which occurred without warning

or enough time for preparation, are unacceptable and unbefitting of the nation's largest and most innovative state," Newsom wrote in a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Energy Commission.

Experts have warned that wildfires fueled by the climate crisis will be the new normal in California. Warm-season days in the state have increased by 2.5 degrees since the early 1970s, according to a study published last year in the journal Earth's Future.

"The clearest link between California wildfire and anthropogenic climate change thus far has been via warming-driven increases in atmospheric aridity, which works to dry fuels and promote summer forest fire," the report said. (CNN)

## COVID-19: Airplanes may be safer than we think



Sitting squeezed between a number of strangers on board an aircraft might feel like a risky position during these uncertain times.

But according to some experts who point to the very few documented cases of in-flight transmission, the chances of catching Covid-19 while on board a flight are actually relatively slim.

Fear of flying during the pandemic has drastically reduced global air traffic, which has also been restricted due to border closures. If new scientific claims are borne out, the perceived heightened risk of boarding an airplane could be unfounded.

In one case, about 328 passengers and crew members were tested for coronavirus after it was learned that March 31 flight from the US to Taiwan had been carrying 12 passengers who were symptomatic at the time. However, all the other passengers tested negative, as did the crew members.

And while there have certainly been cases of infected passengers passing the virus on to an



airplane's crew or fellow travelers in recent months, the transmission rates are low.

A study recently published in medical journal JAMA Network Open found evidence of the possible spread of coronavirus during a four-hour flight from Tel Aviv to Frankfurt in March.

Two passengers developed infections after flying with a group of tourists who had come into contact with an infected hotel manager and

also became infected, according to researchers from the Institute for Medical Virology at Goethe University in Frankfurt.

The two who may have been infected were seated at the back of the aircraft, directly across the aisle from seven passengers who had unknowingly picked up the virus.

An earlier flight from the UK to Vietnam on March 2, in which one passenger seemingly spread the virus to around 14 other passengers,

as well as a crew member, is so far believed to be the only known on-board transmission to multiple people.

One explanation for the apparently low risk level is that the air in modern aircraft cabins is replaced with new fresh air every two to three minutes, and most planes are fitted with air filters designed to trap 99.99% of particles.

Meanwhile, various new protocols have been implemented, such as face-coverings for both passengers and crew, which is mandatory on most airlines, temperature screenings, as well as more intensive cabin cleaning and limited movement in the cabin during flight.

Arnold Barnett, a professor of statistics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Management, tried to quantify the odds of becoming infected with the virus while on board a short flight in a recent study that looked at the benefits of the empty middle seat policy. (CNN)



## Universe: Begun with bang, ending with a whimper

From what scientists can tell about the movement of galaxies and other celestial bodies, the universe is ever-expanding. That's fine for now, but eventually, the universe will reach a point where things are so spread out and distant from one another that interactions that generate heat and light will simply no longer be possible. It's called heat death, and it's how many believe the universe will die. One scientist decided to crunch the numbers and theorize when that might happen, with the "death" of the universe being marked by the very last supernova. The theoretical "black dwarf supernova," will be nothing like the massive explosions of stars observed today, but will be more of a fizzle. The research was conducted by Dr. Matt Caplan and was published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society. The "black dwarf" stars won't shine brightly or produce a lot of heat, but fusion will still be occurring deep inside of them, eventually leading to a boiling point and a supernova unlike any that scientists have observed.

"Stars less than about 10 times the mass of the sun do not have the gravity or density to produce iron in their cores the way massive stars do, so they can't explode in a supernova right now,"

Caplan said in a statement. "As white dwarfs cool down over the next few trillion years, they'll grow dimmer, eventually freeze solid, and become 'black dwarf' stars that no longer shine."

But not all black dwarfs will have what it takes to blow their top, so to speak. "Only the most massive black dwarfs, about 1.2 to 1.4 times the mass of the sun, will blow," Caplan says. The rest, or about 99% of stars, will remain black dwarfs indefinitely and never reach the point of a supernova.

By that point in time, nobody will be around to see it, Caplan says. "Galaxies will have dispersed, black holes will have evaporated, and the expansion of the universe will have pulled all remaining objects so far apart that none will ever see any of the others explode. It won't even be physically possible for light to travel that far."

So, when is it going to happen? That's the good news, actually, because the "death" of the universe isn't expected for a very, very long time. The first such black dwarf supernova will happen in 10 to the 1100th years. "In years, it's like saying the word 'trillion' almost a hundred times," Caplan said. "If you wrote it out, it would take up most of a page. It's mind bogglingly far in the future." (BGR)

## Sweden records highest ever death tally

Sweden recorded its highest death tally in 150 years for the first half of 2020, according to the country's official statistics office. Between January and June this year, 51,405 deaths were registered — more than 6,500 fatalities (or 15%) over the same period in 2019. This is the highest number of deaths in Sweden during the first half of the year since 1869, when the country was struck by famine and 55,431 people died.

The country also experienced the lowest population increase since 2005, with a surplus figure of 6,860 in 2020 that was less than half that of the previous year.

Immigration figures saw a reduction of 34.7% from the same period in 2019, with the figures primarily dropping in the second quarter between April and June.

Unlike most countries, Sweden did not go into a lockdown when the



pandemic spread across Europe in early spring. Instead, there was an emphasis on personal responsibility, with most bars, schools, restaurants and salons remaining open.

Despite the more relaxed approach, only 7.3% of people in Stockholm had developed the antibodies needed to fight the disease by late April — well below the 70-90% needed for herd immunity.

By early June, the country's coro-

navirus death toll was at more than 4,500. According to Johns Hopkins University, it now stands at 5,802.

Much of the criticism around Sweden's response has focused on the high death rates in care homes.

Sweden's chief epidemiologist Anders Tegnell admitted in June that the country's Public Health Agency "didn't know that there would be such a big potential for the disease to spread in elderly care homes, with

so many deaths." But he told Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter: "There are things that we could have done better but in general I think that Sweden has chosen the right way."

In an interview with CNN's Christiane Amanpour in July, Tegnell again defended the country's approach. "I think that we still believe the strategy has served us very well in many different aspects," he said. (CNN/M5N)



## 'Vaccine should first go to health workers'

Frontline healthcare workers, emergency services personnel and the most vulnerable to the virus should be the first to get any eventual coronavirus vaccine, experts recommend in a new report released Wednesday.

People working to make and distribute the vaccine should also be first in line to get one, the team at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security recommends.

"The primary reason for including these candidate groups within Tier 1 is that their prioritization would likely avert the greatest overall harm," the Center's report reads.

According to the World Health Organization, 29 vaccines are in human trials around the world; four of them in the US. Federal government health

officials say they expect to know whether one or more of them works safely by the end of the year and hope to start distribution sometime at the beginning of next year.

But while companies are already ramping up production in case a vaccine does work, there will not be enough to vaccinate everyone right away.

"It may take many months before most US residents have access to vaccination; bottlenecks at various stages of the vaccine manufacturing process (eg, supply of vials or syringes, fill and finish process) could cause further delays in vaccine availability," the report reads.

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Prac-

tices and the National Academy of Medicine are studying the issue of who should get one first.

The Johns Hopkins team, which included health security experts, vaccine researchers, bioethicists and specialists in patient safety and vaccine access, wanted to inform the discussion. "It is important to emphasize that we are not providing a set of definitive recommendations about who should be prioritized for vaccination," they cautioned. But they said their candidate groups should be given serious consideration.

Even within priority groups, there will have to be rankings. "There will likely not be enough vaccine supply for all members of Tier 1 candidate groups to be offered vaccines concurrently," the report reads.

First in line: "Those most essential in sustaining the ongoing COVID-19 response," they suggested. After that would come those most essential to maintaining "core societal functions," such as

teachers, public transportation workers and food supply workers.

Also at the front: people most at risk of severe illness or death and their caregivers. It might be more important to vaccinate caregivers, they said, because some at-risk people might not be able to safely get a vaccine, or might not develop a robust immune response.

In the second tier should come health workers not directly involved in the coronavirus response; pharmacy staff; people living far away from health care; electricity, sanitation and other key workers; delivery staff; deployed military; and police.

"Vaccination will not eradicate SARS-CoV-2 from the planet, and COVID-19 is likely to become an endemic disease, even after widespread vaccination, due to the occurrence of sporadic cases and occasional outbreaks," the report cautions. (CNN)



# Joe Biden wins Democratic Presidential ticket

When former Vice President Joseph Biden Jr. became the Democratic Party's official nominee for president on Thursday, he completed two historic and improbable comebacks.

Earlier this year, Biden rose from roadkill status in early February voting to effectively claim the nomination by the end of March.

But 2020 was far from the first time Biden bid for the White House. His nomination realizes the dream of a recurrent campaign first launched more than three decades ago — in another political era, in another century. No other major party nominee has reached this plateau so many years after their first formal candidacy.

Most Americans know Biden as the No. 2 who served eight years under Barack Obama. They may know that Biden previously had been a high-profile, six-term senator from Delaware, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and then the Foreign Relations Committee.

Fewer may recall that Biden was also a candidate for president in 2008, dropping out after finishing fifth in the Iowa caucuses. Fewer yet remember Biden's brilliant flame-out in 1987, when he was among the early favorites for the 1988 nomination. And few ever knew that Biden flirted with a campaign as far back as 1984 (when he actually received one delegate's vote at the national convention).

Biden was also mentioned as a potential candidate in more recent cycles, notably 2016. As Obama's vice president, Biden might well have been competitive with Hillary Clinton, the eventual nominee. He publicly considered a run in 2015, but stepped back after his son Beau died of cancer in May. He made his announcement in October, but several months later said he regretted not running "every day."

What people do remember is that Biden began the current presidential cycle as the Democrats' putative front-runner, that he stumbled along the way and nearly washed out early. The Real Clear Politics average of polls showed him leading — but not dominating — the field throughout 2019. In a field that at one point teemed with

more than 20 other hopefuls, Biden's polling rarely surpassed 30%.

He struggled at times in the debates, caught in the crossfire from rivals — including the one who is now his running mate, Sen. Kamala Harris of California. In the very first debate last year, her jab at Biden's stand on school busing in the 1970s ("That little girl was me") gave her fledgling campaign a bump. It also left a bitter taste with some of Biden's closest advisers that would hinder, but not prevent, her joining the ticket.

As the debates ground on and impeachment proceedings in Washington diverted media attention, Biden struggled to break away from the field. When his main challenger, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, had a heart attack in October, some Sanders backers gravitated to Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts and other candidates, not Biden.

By the end of the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 3, Biden found himself an also-ran, just as in 2008. It was upstart candidate Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., who shared the winner's circle with Sanders. Biden finished fourth.

Sanders and Buttigieg again virtually tied in New Hampshire's primary on Feb. 11. Biden came in fifth, the choice of only one out of every 12 voters.

As Sanders and Buttigieg duelled for delegates, it was Sanders who got the biggest boost in the polls. His rise coincided with his big win in the Feb. 22 Nevada caucuses, where the avowed democratic socialist showed strong appeal among Hispanic voters and got nearly half the votes overall. Media reports were routinely referring to him as the front-runner.

But Biden stayed alive in Nevada, finishing second with 20%. It was enough to carry him to South Carolina and redemption.

How did Biden come back over time to bestride the party with such stature at this moment? Has Biden changed or have the Democrats changed, or is this a different country today?

In varying degrees, all three have changed.



Joe Biden



Joe Biden with Kamala Harris

Often seen as garrulous and talkative in his Senate years, Biden has been more subdued in public during the current cycle. He has also seemed sobered by the pandemic and by the portents he sees in the governing mode of President Trump. That matured persona has played well in the current climate, at least among Democrats, large majorities of whom view the COVID-19 crisis as a major concern and share a sense of anxiety and dread about Trump.

The Democratic Party today is younger and less Caucasian than it was when Biden first contemplated a run for president. Biden will be the oldest nominee either party has ever had, and would be the oldest occupant of the White House ever on the day he took the oath. But the younger voters who preferred Sanders did not turn out in significant numbers during the primaries, a fact Sanders himself acknowledged.

And while Biden would seem miscast as the champion of people of color, he wound up bene-

fitting most from their votes, which never coalesced around Harris, or Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey or Julian Castro of Texas — all of whom dropped out before Iowa.

This is also a more progressive Democratic Party, as shown by the success of Sanders' two campaigns and the popularity of Warren's stands in 2020. Ideologically, Biden has been generally moderate to center-left, and while he has moved toward Sanders and Warren on health care and other issues since becoming the presumptive nominee, big differences remain.

In the end, Biden had just enough connection, whether through his often-mentioned association with Obama or his ties to officeholders and other party influencers, to overcome his deficits.

And as the nation's oldest political party gathers in virtual space for its 2020 convention, it is less a celebration of Biden, or Biden-Harris, than it is a concentration of opposition to the incumbent president. If the Obama-Biden ticket saw itself as groundbreaking, the Biden-Harris campaign will cast itself more as a rescue mission. (NPR)

## World condemns Mali coup



A colonel in Mali's army says he's now in charge of the West African country, declaring himself chairman of the junta that forced the democratically elected but unpopular president to resign.

Col. Assimi Goita, one of the five mutinous military officers who announced this week's coup on the state broadcaster ORTM, declared himself chairman of the junta now in power.

"By making this intervention, we have put Mali first," Goita said in a broadcast that showed him meeting with the top officials of government ministries and urging them to resume work Thursday.

"Mali is in a sociopolitical and security crisis," he said. "There is no more room for mistakes."

The day before, African and Western leaders had condemned the junta that forced Mali's president from power, warning the coup was a deep setback for the West African nation that could threaten the battle against Islamic extremism.

Soldiers calling themselves the National Committee for the Salvation of the People promised that they would ultimately hand power to a transitional civilian government but gave no timeline. Junta members urged Malians to return to business as usual. Condemnation of the coup was strong and swift from many quarters, reflecting international concern about instability in Mali and West Africa more broadly amid increasing attacks by Islamic extremists and the ensuing economic fallout, which has been among the drivers of illegal migration to Europe.

The African Union suspended Mali from the bloc, and the West African bloc ECOWAS said it would stop all economic, trade and financial flows and transactions between member-states and Mali.

Former colonizer France, which has worked to stabilise the country since leading a 2013 military operation to oust extremists from power in

the north, called for an immediate return to civilian rule.

Paris, which has more than 5,000 troops stationed across the Sahel region including in Mali, also joined the condemnation with Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian saying in a statement that France "strongly reaffirms its full attachment to Malian sovereignty and democracy."

The United States urged dialogue. "The US opposes all unconstitutional changes of government whether in the streets or by security forces," tweeted J. Peter Pham, the State Department's special envoy for the Sahel region.

"The priority is to not lose the fight against terrorism," said a French official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to be publicly named according to official policy.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and the Security Council called for the immediate release of Keita, the prime minister and others.

The U.N. is spending \$1.2 billion a year on a more than 15,000-strong peacekeeping mission in the country, and the body's peacekeeping chief Jean Pierre Lacroix told a closed Security Council meeting Wednesday that the force "remains committed to playing its mandated role ... but the country must swiftly regain a measure of institutional stability and Constitutional order."

Tuesday's developments "represent an enormous setback" after seven years of investment by international partners to address Mali's insecurity and political challenges, said Judd Devermont, the director of the Africa Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

The country "is going to be paralyzed by the political jockeying over the future, and our ability to work with the government and security services is going to be undercut and restrained," he said. "This intermediary period is really dangerous for the region's security."

A day earlier, armed soldiers fired into the air outside President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita's home and took him into their custody. A distressed Keita announced his resignation on television.

Speaking on national broadcaster ORTM just before midnight, a distressed Keita, wearing a mask amid the COVID-19 pandemic, said his resignation — three years before his final term was due to end — was effective immediately. A banner across the bottom of the television screen referred to him as the "outgoing president."

"I wish no blood to be shed to keep me in power," Keita said. "I have decided to step down from office."

He also announced that his government and the National Assembly would be dissolved, certain to further the country's turmoil amid an eight-year Islamic insurgency and the growing coronavirus pandemic.

The soldiers said on Wednesday that "social and political tension has undermined the proper functioning of the country for quite a while."

In a statement carried overnight on state broadcaster ORTM, the mutinous soldiers identified themselves as the National Committee for the Salvation of the People led by Colonel-Major Ismael Wagué.

Wagué added: "Real democracy doesn't go with complacency, nor weakness of the state authority which must guarantee freedom and security of the people." The news of Keita's departure was met with jubilation by anti-government demonstrators.

"All the Malian people are tired — we have had enough," one demonstrator said.

The detention was a dramatic change of fortune for Keita, who seven years earlier emerged from a field of more than two dozen candidates to win Mali's first democratic post-coup election in a landslide with more than 77% of the vote.

(Euronews)

## Controversy over Australian PM's vaccine comments

With one comment, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison managed to turn a positive coronavirus story into a public relations disaster, and highlighted the potential next nightmare of the pandemic: a fight over vaccines.

Speaking about a plan to provide free coronavirus immunization to all Australians as soon as that is possible, Morrison said Wednesday that he would "expect it to be as mandatory as you could possibly make it," with some exemptions on medical grounds.

His health minister, Karen Andrews, reiterated that line later, saying the government was "looking at it being a mandatory vaccine." But by Wednesday evening, Morrison was already backtracking, telling radio station 2GB that "it is not going to be compulsory to have the vaccine ... there are no compulsory vaccines in Australia."

"No one is going to force anybody to do anything as a compulsory measure, but we certainly will encourage people to take this up," Morrison said. "Everybody needs to understand what we are trying to achieve here."

Morrison's reversal came after his original comments had been seized on by anti-vaccination groups in Australia and around the world, many of which have long been warning of supposed plans to force a coronavirus jab on people.

On Instagram, Larry Cook, a leading US anti-vaxxer and founder of Stop Mandatory Vaccines, wrote that "Australia is pushing hard for mandatory Covid vaccination."

"Is anyone surprised? I sure hope not. This is, after all, a PLAN-Demic," he added, referencing a widely discredited video that went viral on Facebook and other platforms, which included erroneous claims about vaccines.

Ben Garrison, a popular right-wing cartoonist who was invited to the White House by US President Donald Trump, only to be disinvented due to his work's alleged anti-semitism, wrote on Twitter that Morrison's comments should make Americans "beware" the "coming threat of Covid-19 vaccine tyranny."

This is despite assurances earlier this week from the US' top infectious diseases



Scott Morrison

expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, that a compulsory coronavirus vaccine remains highly unlikely. "If someone refuses the vaccine in the general public, then there's nothing you can do about that. You cannot force someone to take a vaccine," said Fauci on Tuesday.

While Australian Prime Minister Morrison's comments created something of an open goal for anti-vaxxers, the scandal does point to the wider issue of "vaccine hesitancy," which the World Health Organization identified last year (before the coronavirus pandemic hit) as one of the top 10 threats to public health around the globe.

"Vaccination is one of the most cost-effective ways of avoiding disease — it currently prevents 2-3 million deaths a year, and a further 1.5 million could be avoided if global coverage of vaccinations improved," the WHO states, and yet vaccine avoidance is on the uptick, leading to a resurgence of otherwise preventable diseases like measles.

According to the Lancet, anti-vaxxer sentiment has been recorded in 90% of countries, and while some anti-vaxxers have changed their minds as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, for others, it has only hardened their stance. Many

groups have been campaigning against a potential Covid jab for months, even as scientists warn it is still potentially a year away.

"Covid has been a growth opportunity for anti-vaxxers," the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH), an NGO which works to counter misinformation online, warned in a July report. "The scale and growth of the anti-vaxx movement revealed by our research is particularly concerning given that scientists estimate that 82% of the population would need to become immune to Covid, either through getting the disease or through a vaccine, in order to safely manage outbreaks."

Polling carried out by British market research company YouGov on behalf of the CCDH found that 44% of Americans and 37% of Brits would consider not getting a coronavirus vaccine even if it was available, a similar result to that recorded in a CNN poll in May.

Last week, Michael Caputo, an assistant secretary for the US Department of Health and Human Services, said that "we see more vaccine hesitancy with the Covid vaccine than with other vaccines. We know that. This concerns us, of course."

It should concern everyone. Without an effective coronavirus vaccine, there currently appears to be no other viable way to return to pre-pandemic normality. There are numerous strong arguments in favor of mandatory vaccination, but tackling coronavirus doesn't necessarily require such a move. In the twentieth century, polio was brought under control thanks to a widespread understanding of the horrors of that disease, not because people had to be forced to take a shot.

But by using the threat or even vague suggestion of a mandate to campaign against a potential coronavirus vaccine, anti-vaxxers are actually making such an order more likely. If vaccine uptake is too low to generate herd immunity, governments may have no choice but to compel vaccination, either by preventing children from attending public schools if they are not immunized, or eventually even by mandating everyone receive the vaccine. (CNN)

## Steve Bannon arrested over Wall fundraiser

Former White House chief strategist Steve Bannon was arrested on Thursday after being charged with defrauding hundreds of thousands of donors through his "We Build the Wall" fundraising campaign.

Bannon and three of his associates were indicted by investigators for the Southern District of New York. Prosecutors allege that the group of conservatives defrauded donors, by

raising "more than \$25 million to build a wall along the southern border of the United States," but some of that money was used for personal gain, according to the press release.

The United States Postal Inspection Service assisted in the investigation.

The others mentioned in the indictment are Timothy Shea, a 49-year-old from Colorado, Brian Kolfage, an Iraq war veteran, and Andrew Badolato.

The campaign was intended to raise money to help President Donald Trump fulfill a campaign promise of building a wall along the southern border of the United States. Instead, prosecutors allege, that Bannon and his team profited off of the arrangement.

Prosecutors allege that the defendants "collectively received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donor funds from 'We Build the Wall,' which they

each used in a manner inconsistent with the organization's public representations," according to the indictment.

"The defendants defrauded hundreds of thousands of donors, capitalizing on their interest in funding a border wall to raise millions of dollars, under the false pretense that all of that money would be spent on construction," Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said in a statement. (CNBC)



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# North Korean leader hands over more power to sister

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has delegated more responsibilities to his aides, including his sister Kim Yo-jong, South Korea's spy agency claims.

Mr. Kim still maintains "absolute authority", but handed various policy areas to others to reduce his stress levels, the spy agency reportedly said.

Ms Kim is now "steering overall state affairs", the National Intelligence Service added.

However, Seoul's spy agency has been wrong about North Korea in the past. The claims were reportedly made during a closed-door briefing on Thursday to South Korea's National Assembly.

Lawmakers then discussed the assessment with journalists.

"Kim Jong-un is still maintaining his absolute authority, but some of it has been handed over little by little," the agency was quoted as saying.

Ms Kim now has responsibility for Pyongyang's policy towards the US and South Korea, among other policy issues, and is "the de-facto number two leader," it added, although it stressed that Mr Kim had "not selected a successor."

Mr Kim's decision to delegate was in part to "relieve stress from his reign and avert culpability in the event of policy failure," it said.

However, some analysts have been sceptical of the intelligence, with website NKNews noting that she appeared to have missed two important meetings this month, leading to speculation from some observers that she may have been demoted.

She is the younger sister of Kim Jong-un and the only one of his siblings considered a close and powerful ally.

Born in 1987, she is four years younger than Mr. Kim. The two of them lived and

studied in Bern, Switzerland, at the same time. Ms Kim first gained international attention in 2018, when she was the first member of the Kim dynasty to visit South Korea. She was part of the delegation to the Winter Olympics, where North and South competed as a joint team.

She also worked alongside her brother at international summits, including his meetings with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, China's Xi Jinping and US President Donald Trump.

There's no doubt Kim Yo-jong is on the rise. Some analysts believe the crisis earlier this year between North and South Korea which saw the inter-Korean liaison office blown to bits was manufactured just to give her a major platform.

She issued her first public statement in March. It was a scathing verbal attack condemning the South. She later noted that she had been given "power author-

ised by the Supreme Leader, our Party and the state".

She also wrote about the potential for a summit between Kim Jong-un and President Trump later this year, insisting that North Korea did not have the "slightest intention to pose a threat to the US".

All of which suggests she may have been given responsibility to influence policies toward the United States and South Korea.

Let's caveat this a little. This does not mean she will succeed her brother as leader of North Korea. She is also not the only one to have been given extra responsibilities. Other aides have been handed some power too.

It is also worth noting that the intelligence briefing specifically states that Kim Jong Un remains in overall control - he is merely delegating. He will still have the final say. (BBC)

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Interest income	3,526,476	3,460,080	66,396
Less: Interest expenses	(2,090,254)	(2,143,482)	(53,208)
<b>Net interest income</b>	<b>1,436,222</b>	<b>1,316,618</b>	<b>119,604</b>
Fee and commission income	138,303	148,298	(9,995)
Less: Fee and commission expenses	-	-	-
<b>Net fee and commission income</b>	<b>138,303</b>	<b>148,298</b>	<b>(9,995)</b>
Net gain/(loss) from trading	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	-	-	-
Net gain/(loss) from financial investments	-	-	-
Other operating income	150,382	158,427	(8,045)
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>1,724,907</b>	<b>1,623,343</b>	<b>101,564</b>
Less: Impairment for loans and other losses	-	-	-
Individual impairment	(85,246)	(268,643)	(183,397)
Collective impairment	(524,893)	(282,784)	242,109
Others	-	-	-
<b>Net operating income</b>	<b>1,114,768</b>	<b>1,071,916</b>	<b>42,852</b>
Less: Operating expenses	-	-	-
Personnel expenses	(419,363)	(366,451)	52,912
Depreciation and amortization	(42,834)	(39,461)	3,373
Other expenses	(258,430)	(298,529)	(40,099)
<b>Operating profit before taxes on financial services</b>	<b>394,141</b>	<b>367,475</b>	<b>26,666</b>
Taxes on financial services	(108,721)	(146,208)	(37,487)
<b>Operating profit after taxes on financial services</b>	<b>285,420</b>	<b>221,267</b>	<b>64,153</b>
Share of profits of associate and joint ventures	-	-	-
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>285,420</b>	<b>221,267</b>	<b>64,153</b>
Tax expenses	(84,156)	(89,403)	(5,247)
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>201,264</b>	<b>131,864</b>	<b>69,400</b>
Earnings per share (Rs)	2.73	1.82	0.91

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION		
In Sri Lankan Rupees Thousands		
As at	30-Jun-2020 (Unaudited)	30-Jun-2019 (Unaudited)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and bank balances	2,725,392	352,918
Securities purchased under Repurchase Agreements	1,710,946	2,371,771
Loans and Receivables - Leases	30,547,240	27,988,794
Loans and Receivables - Hire Purchase	3,860	13,092
Loans and Receivables - Others	7,098,848	7,434,345
Equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income	56	56
Debt instruments at amortised cost	45,619	4,327
Property, Plant & Equipment	1,147,834	845,906
Right-of-use Assets	406,390	-
Intangible Assets	46,129	67,739
Other Debtors & Prepayments	835,550	583,354
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>44,567,864</b>	<b>39,662,302</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Due to banks	15,523,406	16,436,773
Due to other customers	15,886,561	13,095,739
Debt securities issued	1,641,988	2,757,070
Income Taxation Payable	401,811	172,329
Deferred Taxation Liability	153,662	491,687
Other Liabilities	3,891,541	854,060
Retirement Benefit Obligations	79,759	50,278
Subordinated term debts	2,772,047	2,136,600
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>40,350,775</b>	<b>35,994,536</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Stated Capital	1,522,881	1,379,922
Statutory Reserve Fund	164,000	139,000
Revaluation Reserve	117,951	107,763
Retained Earnings	2,412,257	2,041,081
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>4,217,089</b>	<b>3,667,766</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>44,567,864</b>	<b>39,662,302</b>
<b>Contingent liabilities and commitments</b>	<b>712,169</b>	<b>632,276</b>

SELECTED PERFORMANCE INDICATORS		
Item	As at 30 June 2020	As at 30 June 2019
<b>Regulatory Capital Adequacy</b>		
Core Capital (Tier 1 Capital), Rs. '000	3,472,305	3,146,244
Total Capital Base, Rs. '000 (Tier 1 Capital + Tier 11 Capital)	5,475,123	4,200,126
Core Capital Adequacy Ratio, as a % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement - 2020-6.5% / 2019-6%)	8.71%	8.54%
Total Capital Adequacy Ratio, as a % of Risk Weighted Assets (Minimum requirement, 2020 - 10.5% / 2019-10%)	13.74%	11.40%
Capital Funds to Deposit Liabilities Ratio (Minimum Requirement, 10%)*	43.70%	36.92%
* The capital funds to deposit liabilities ratio is computed on the following basis: Capital funds as a percentage of average of month end deposit liabilities during last three months.		
<b>Asset Quality</b>		
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations, Rs. '000	4,538,110	3,496,632
Gross Non-Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	11.00%	9.22%
Net Non-Performing Accommodations Ratio, %	3.36%	3.22%
<b>Profitability (%)</b>		
Net Interest Margin	7.31%	7.67%
Cost to Income Ratio	41.78%	43.39%
Return on Average Total Assets (before Tax)	1.32%	1.15%
Return on Average Total Assets (after Tax)	0.93%	0.69%
Return on Average Total Equity (after Tax)	9.74%	7.36%
<b>Regulatory Liquidity (Rs.'000)</b>		
Required minimum amount of liquid assets	1,106,079	1,899,324
Required minimum amount of Government securities**	1,701,063	2,254,033
Available amount of liquid assets	1,909,009	2,488,015
Available amount of Government securities	1,709,699	2,361,519
** Required minimum amount of government securities equals to 5%(7.5%-2019) of the average of month end deposit liabilities and borrowings of the twelve months of the preceding financial year.		
<b>Memorandum information</b>		
Number of employees	751	636
Number of branches	37	32
Number of service centers	-	-
Number of pawning centers	-	-
Number of Directors	-	-
- Executive	1	1
- Non Executive	8	8
Ownership - Fully owned subsidiary of Sampath Bank PLC		

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
In Sri Lankan Rupees Thousands		
For the six months ended	30-Jun-2020 (Unaudited)	30-Jun-2019 (Unaudited)
<b>Profit for the period</b>	<b>201,264</b>	<b>131,864</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income, net of tax</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total of comprehensive income for the period</b>	<b>201,264</b>	<b>131,864</b>

**CERTIFICATION**

We, the undersigned, being the Managing Director and Head of Finance of Siyapatha Finance PLC certify jointly that;

(a). the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the format and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka;

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# School cricket to resume on a new format

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

The Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association (SLSCA) is to introduce a new limited overs cricket tournament which is to begin from November this year instead of the regular two day fixtures, to make up for their inability to conclude the under-19 school season due to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

After a written confirmation by the Ministry of Education (MOE) to resume all school's sports activities from November 16, to be conducted only on weekends (Saturday and Sundays), the SLSCA tournament committee after a meeting, opted to draw up a new format to run a limited overs tournament involving only the under-19 age category, instead of the regular two-day format.

They are hoping to start the tournament from mid-November with the participation of over 200 schools island wide. With the outbreak of the covid-19 pandemic all sporting events in the country including the school's arena was suspended since last March. The under-19 tournaments which holds a prominent place in the SLSCA annual calendar, was to be cancelled due to the non-approval from the Health Authorities. After the green light was granted by the Ministry of Education by a letter, the SLSCA designed this new format to replace the old format.



A school cricket match in progress

They are scheduled to submit this proposal to the Ministry authorities for their perusal and for the final approval by the end of this month. Earlier SLSCA decided to cancel all cricketing events involving all age groups for this year, including this year's knock out tournament which was halted during the quarter final stage due to the pandemic. The introduction of the new format will involve three divisions 1, 2 and 3 respectively. The division 1 and 2 will consist of 36 schools where each group will be divided into two tiers 1 and

2. The tier 1 and 2 will be further divided into two groups as 1-A, 1-B and 2-A, 2-B respectively, consisting of 16 teams in a group. Each team in this group will play eight matches during the group stage before the top two teams in these groups will play in the semi-finals followed by the final as the respective winners will be adjudged champions.

Meanwhile the division 3 will consist of two levels one and two. The Level 1 will accommodate 64 teams slated in eight groups. The top two teams end of the league stage, depending on the outcome

of the points table will qualify for the quarter final stage, which will be followed by the semi-finals and the finals. The winner will be adjudged Champions. The format for the level two in this division is yet to be finalized which according to the SLSCA officials is likely to be a similar format like the other ones.

The SLSCA is of the view that the Ministry will grant the necessary approval to go ahead with this tournament, and will help the last year players to obtain their schools cricket colours, before they leave school, after this season.

## Dimuth Samaraweera wins Sri Lanka Youth Chess Grand Prix

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Dimuth Indepa Samaraweera of DS Senanayake College created history by winning the Inaugural Sri Lanka Youth Chess Grand Prix last Tuesday at the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka Headquarters, Nugegoda. Dimuth who was performing extremely well from the first round had no difficulty in beating his school-mate, Senuka Ahangama 1 1/2 - 1/2 in the super finals. He drew his first game and won the second game convincingly. He was awarded the Championship Trophy, Gold Medal and a cash award of Rs. 25,000. Dimuth beat one of his school-mates, Pesandu Liyanage in the Semi Finals.

Senuka Ahangama also from DS Senanayake College had to be satisfied with the second place getting the Silver Medal with a Rs. 15,000/= cash award. Senuka became the group Champion in Group X earlier and came to the final after a close battle with Shenal Gunathilake of Royal College in the Semi finals yesterday.

Pesandu Liyanage overcame Vinuda Shenal Gunathilake in the consolation finals and was placed third with the Bronze Medal and Rs. 10,000/= in cash.



Dimuth Samaraweera receiving champion trophy from Chief Guest Luxman Wijesuriya

The match they played was one each and Pesandu beat Vinuda on the first tie breaker in the Rapid Games. Pesandu beat Vinuda in both Rapid Games. The first three places went to DS Senanayake College Colombo.

A total of 20 top under 14 years Chess players participated in this youth Chess Championship conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri

Lanka for the first time in Chess history.

Luxman Wijesuriya, the incoming President of CFSL who is the General Secretary of South Asian Chess Council and a Vice President of Asian Chess Federation was the Chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony with the Chief Arbiter Dayal Siriwardena and Erash Jayasinghe, the Treasurer of CFSL.



De Mazenod College, Kandana First Eleven Cricket Pool 2019/20 with officials Standing (From Right) - Nimna Fernando (Captain), Saliya Jude (Vice Captain), Asitha Silva, Sihina Sithumina, Ruveen Fonseka, Lester Jayaweera, Sahan Kosala (Wicket keeper), Mithul Senarath, Senash Fernando, Sithum Fernando, Promod Rajamunindra, Sadev Fernando, Ashen Fernando, Mishen Fernando, Prasann Vishwanath (Head Coach), Mr. Solomon (Asst. Coach), Keerthi Gunaratne (Master in Charge of Cricket) (Picture by - Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

## Senash Fernando of De Mazenod a fine all rounder

**DILWIN MENDIS**

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

The second year first eleven player, all rounder, left arm leg spinner, safe fielder in any position and right hand middle order batsman Senash Sandeepa Fernando of De Mazenod College, Kandana has another two seasons to represent his Alma Mater.

Senash entered Maris Stella College, Negombo in 2008 and at the age of ten years he joined the School Cricket Academy under Harsha Gamaadikari and got selected to the College under 13 division three team and initially came under Roshan Jayasinghe mainly as a bowler and claimed 13 wickets. Playing in division one he captured 16 wickets and in his third year he took 13 wickets and in the fourth and fifth



Senash Fernando

years 15 and 19 scalps respectively and he captained in his final year.

In the under 15 first year he

took 18 wickets and got selected to the first eleven cricket team as an under 15 player and he was the Baby of the Team and in the following year he captured 21 wickets and captained the team. In the mean time he was selected to the District and Provincial Teams in the Western Province North Outer and he captained the District and Provincial Teams in the following year.

Then in the under 17 age group playing in the division one he came under Mr. Dishan and captured 28 wickets and leading the Maristonsians he bagged 19 scalps.

His first outing as a first eleven player was against St. Joseph's College, Colombo and his coach was Anil Gurusinghe. In his second year he played in two matches and continued to be in the

school first eleven squad among the 15 players.

He left Maris Stella and joined De Mazenod College, Kandana and got selected to the first eleven team and in 2019/20 season he captured 60 wickets with one ten wicket haul against St. Sylvester's College, Kandy and took 6 five wicket hauls and also scored 475 runs with three half centuries and there he came under Prasanna Vishwanath and his Master in Charge was Keerthi Gunaratne. His skipper was Nimna Fernando and his deputy was Saliya Jude.

Senash has another two years to represent his Alma Mater and in addition he represented Wattala Cricket Club in the Gampaha District Cricket Association Division Three Cricket Tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket Association.

## Rajans Cricket Carnival

**HAFIZ MARIKAR**

The Rajans Cricket Carnival 2020 organized by Dharmaraja College's Old Boys Union committee at Palkelele Prison Grounds on Sunday the 23rd of August 2020, will feature over thirty teams. The tournament will start at 730 am and end at 6 pm. They are hoping that the old boys groups of the Rajans will be seen in action and this is going to be a glamorous

event in which all past batches and groups will be participating.

So, it will be the first time that a one-day format six a side tournament will be organized for old boys. The tournament will be played with tennis balls and in coloured dress, under technical support from the Rajans on a knockout basis. The winners and the runners-up will receive attractive prizes and the Presidents

trophy. The man-of-the-tournament, best batsman, best bowler and the emerging players' prize will be given. So, it is going to be a good and enjoyable day's cricket.

The committee comprises Tissa Jayasinghe president, Dananjaya Panangala Vice President, Dr Sumeda Bogoda Secretary, Asanga Dissanayake Assistant Secretary, Chandima Etampawala Treasurer.

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Netball champions Avissawella Branch team celebrate victory



Volleyball champions Talawakelle branch team with the champion trophy





The newly appointed National Sports Council members with the Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa, soon after receiving their appointment letters at Sports Ministry Complex yesterday.

# National Sports Council to play a key role in taking Lankan sports to next level

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

Former Sri Lankan cricketer Mahela Jayawardena has been appointed as the Chairman of the National Sports Council by Sports Minister, Namal Rajapaksa at a ceremony held at his ministry office yesterday. Mahela along with 13 others including former sportsmen, women and prominent business leaders are appointed to this committee, which according to him, is pretty confident that they can raise the standard of the sports in Sri Lanka. They will serve for a period of three years from immediate effect. After the discussion with the President and Prime Minister, the Sports Minister using his powers has appointed this council headed by Mahela Jayawardena. After an invitation extended to them by the Sports

Minister, they gave their willingness to serve in this council for the love of the sports, with a vision of restructuring the sports in the country, while raising them to compete in the international standards. This committee met the Sports Minister at the inaugural meeting which was held yesterday to make an initiative to start up their proceedings. "I intend to build the structure through this council. Unlike the past this council will be a unique one, which will be actively involved to build professional sportsmen. As an initiative, I suggested them that appointment of National selectors should be recommended to them, by their respective bodies, after which I will place my signature to approve it. I will also make sure that in future all teams and squads representing all sports

bodies should be sent to this council unlike in the past. Moreover, I will place my signature on their recommendation only." Said Sports Minister. He further emphasized that the existing sports law which was established in 1973 has to be amended to develop the sports in this country. Considering all these facts he decided to appoint this council to raise the standard of Sports. Mahela speaking to the media said that he was happy to be appointed to this council, which was the vision of the minister to raise the standard of the sports in this country. From the grass route level to National level. "Our intention is to start up from the grass root level if we are to raise the standard to top level. We will prioritize the sports

depending on the competition. We will discuss merging Sports with the education ministry, which has to work collectively. Apart from these there is need for the changing of the sports law which is too old. We will look into the legal side of it and develop it to be conducive to us. It is going to be a long process, which I believe can be achieved with the support of the Minister," said Mahela. **National Sports Council Members -** Mahela Jayawardena (Chairman), Kumar Sangakkara, Shavendra Silva, Rovena Samarasinghe, Sanjeeva Wickramanayake, Julian Bolin, Yaswanth Muttetuwegama, Supun Weerasinghe, Kasturi Wilson, Ruwan Keragala, Rajitha Ampemohotti, Rohan Fernando, Dilantha Malegamuwa, Amal Edirisuriya.

## VANTAGE FFSL PRESIDENT'S CUP QUARTERFINALS

Date & time	Team A	vs	Team B
23 Aug 2020 4.00 P.M.	Java Lane SC	vs	Defenders FC
23 Aug 2020 7.00 P.M.	Blue Eagles SC	vs	New Star SC
24 Aug 2020 4.00 P.M.	Colombo FC	vs	SL Police SC
24 Aug 2020 7.00 P.M.	Red Stars FC	vs	Serendib SC

## Tough quarterfinals on the cards

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

Java Lane Sports Club will take on Defenders Sports Club in the first quarter final while Blue Eagle Sports will meet New Star Sports Club in second quarter final of the Vantage FFSL President's Cup soccer fixtures to be played on 23(Sunday). The first match is scheduled to kickoff at 4 p.m. After the completion of the first round, Java Lane SC headed the group 'A' with two wins and a draw obtaining seven points. They will take on the Defenders SC who headed the Group 'C' with seven points with two wins while forcing a draw. Defenders had few close calls in their fixtures but were fortunate to qualify for the quarters. Blue Eagle Sports Club the only team in the contest to win all their matches in the first round, will meet New Star Sports Club in the second quarter final match at 7 p.m. under lights. Blue Eagle SC concluded their first leg match with a 2-0 resounding win against Colombo Football Club on Wednesday. New Star Sports Club which created several upsets in the tournament, will have tough hurdle to pass when they meet the undefeated rival team. Meanwhile on the 24, Colombo Football Club will face another strong opponent Police Sports Club at 4 p.m. Colombo FC who suffered a defeat in their last game, will have an acid test against Police Sports Club. Police SC started the tournament with a bang but lost a match while winning the third fixture with narrow 2-1 victory. An interesting contest is expected in this match.

## Dr. Lal Ekanayake heads Sports Medicine Institute

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**

Dr Lal Ekanayake assumed duties as the new Director General of the Sports Medicine Institute of the Sports Ministry yesterday. Dr Ekanayake an old boy of Rahulla College Matara is also the President at the Matara District Athletic Association and was an outstanding athlete in his school days and has more than 15 years experience as a Sports Medicine doctor attached to the Sports Ministry. He is the younger brother of former Sri Lankan Youth cricketer Mahinda Ekanayake. Dr Lal Ekanayake is the sixth Director General of this Medicine Institute and first appointment from this Medicine Institute. Earlier all five doctors from outside were appointed for this big post. Dr Ekanayake was a consultant doctor for many sports including athletics and he also went with the National teams on several tours including all leading international tours such as Olympics, World, Asian, Commonwealth Games and South Asian Games. "I am happy to take up this responsibility having vast experience in this field. Sports nutrition, Physiotherapy, Massage are all included in the Sports Medicine Institute. We have to cover a big area but have to coordinate very well," added Dr Ekanayake. "When I was an athlete in school, I also suffered sports injuries but not like these days. There were lack of facilities in our school days. Now we have more facilities but we have to use that with a proper system," said Dr Ekanayake. "We have a capable staff and hope to do with more confidence". Especially we have young Sports Minister and he himself is a former sportsman at the National level. The new minister and state Minister have already discussed with us and promised to give their support to develop Sports Medicine," said Dr Ekanayake. Especially after Covid 19 epidemic Sports Medicine doctors have big responsibility to protect athletes. We have already started domestic tournaments in cricket and Football under medical regulations.



Dr. Lal Ekanayake

## SLC Major Tier 'A' Tournament

### Lahiru Udara of NCC scores third century



Lahiru Udara

Lahiru Udara right hand opening batsman of NCC made third ton of this season in the SLC Major League Tier 'A' Cricket tournament (2019/2020) yesterday. Leading batsman in the series Lahiru Udara scored 111 runs in 165 balls with 16 boundaries against CCC at P. Sara Ova. He scored 973 runs in 13 innings with three centuries and five half centuries. Asitha Fernando right arm pace-

man of Chilaw Marians CC took 5 wickets for 87 runs against Colts CC. Matches will be continued today (21) for day two. **At P. Sara Oval. NCC:** 341/5 (89) (Lahiru Udara 111, Chaturanga De Silva 88, Mahela Udawatte 77, Sahana Arachchige 35 n.o., Upul Tharanga 16, Lahiru Gamage 2/30) vs **CCC** **At SSC. Colts CC:** 302 (72) (Santhush Gunathilake 74, Dilruwan Perera 58, Akila Dhananjaya

51 n.o., Sangeeth Cooray 38, Asitha Fernando 5/87, Shehan Jayasuriya 2/54, Thikshila De Silva 2/65) **Chilaw Marians CC:** 53/0 (11) (Lasith Croosulle 38 n.o., Oshadha Fernando 12) **At CCC. Ragama CC:** 294/5 (90) (Saminda Fernando 92, Roshen Silva 80, Nishan Madushka 56, Janith Liyanage 20 n.o., Ishan Jayaratne 17 n.o., Udara Jayasundara 17) vs

**Army CC** **At MCG Katunayake.** BRC:319/6 (90) (Shanuka Dulaj 94, Raminda Wijesooriya 64 n.o., Nisal Francisco 52, Deshan Dias 39, Bhanuka Rajapaksa 33, Dilshan De Zoysa 26, Sachintha Pieris 2/83) vs **Saracens SC. YK**



Usman Khawaja

## Khawaja must oust Smith or Warner to earn Aussie recall: Langer

**SYDNEY, THURSDAY:** Dropped Usman Khawaja will need to oust either Steve Smith or David Warner to get back into Australia's white-ball side, coach Justin Langer said Thursday. The 33-year-old, Australia's senior batsman while Smith and Warner served one-year bans for ball-tampering from 2018-19, was left out of the squad which leaves for England on Sunday. Skipper Aaron Finch is a certain starter alongside opening partner

Warner, with Smith locked in at number three followed by emerging star Marnus Labuschagne, who enjoyed a prolific year with the bat before the coronavirus shutdown. "The way we are going to set up our game plan at the moment is Uzzie is competing with David Warner, Aaron Finch and Steve Smith at the top of the order," Langer told reporters. "And at the moment our view is that those guys are getting the nod

ahead of him... and that's why he missed out. "Marnus is a bit different, he's batting number four. But he got a hundred in his last game and has had an incredible 12 months." All-rounder D'Arcy Short was also overlooked, with Langer admitting it was a straight pick between him and Glenn Maxwell, who is returning after a break to deal with mental health issues. "Maxwell has taken D'Arcy's spot mainly because we feel more confi-

dent getting overs out of Maxwell at the moment than we do out of Shorty in the middle overs," he said. "But it just goes to show what depth we've got when we're leaving Usman, D'Arcy and guys like Travis Head at home." The England tour, where Australia are due to play three Twenty20s and three one-day internationals next month in bio-secure venues, will be their first cricket since the coronavirus pandemic halted play in March. **AFP**

## Pakistan's 10-year run under threat in final Test

**SOUTHAMPTON, THURSDAY:** Pakistan head into Friday's third Test at Southampton facing a first series defeat against England in 10 years.



England captain Joe Root

The tourists are 1-0 down in a three-match campaign after a three-wicket defeat in the first Test at Old Trafford, a match where Pakistan were on top until the closing stages, was followed by a draw in a second Test at Southampton where neither side had a chance of victory in a match blighted by bad weather. There had been concerns that, as happened to the West Indies' fast bowlers during their 2-1 defeat by England in a preceding behind closed door series that marked international cricket's return from lockdown, Pakistan's quicks would be worn out by three back-to-back Tests. But the lack of action in the second match - Pakistan had bowled just 43.1 overs in England's first innings when a draw was agreed - should mean a first-choice pace attack of Shaheen Afridi, Mohammad Abbas and Naseem Shah are all fit and firing for Friday's finale at the Ageas Bowl. Pakistan coach Misbah-ul-Haq was confident fatigue would not have been an issue in any event, with the former captain, in a blog for the Pakistan Cricket Board's website, writing that "fitness has been an important part of

our strategy as a team" since he took charge in September. Despite little play in the second Test, Misbah was heartened by the determination of Mohammad Rizwan, who top-scored with 72, the resilience of Pakistan's top-order in "testing conditions" and the fact an attack featuring leg-spinner Yasir Shah took four wickets. "The seamers also bowled really well... That last session, even as the game drifted towards a draw, gives us a lot of confidence going into the last Test," Misbah added. "It's a big game and we want to end the series on a good note." Meanwhile England face another selection dilemma. There will be a strong temptation to stick with the tried and tested pace trio of James Anderson, Stuart Broad and Chris Woakes, so effective in the kind of overcast English conditions that are likely to be a factor in the third Test as they were in the second. But with English cricket constantly obsessing about the next Ashes series, a 2021/22 tour of Australia, team management would

like to give express fast bowlers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood more Test-match game time before they head 'Down Under'. "It's very difficult," said England coach Chris Silverwood. "You look at what you need for the here and now and you look down the line for what we potentially need (in Australia). "It's a difficult balance to get... There's various factors we look at and pace is one of them: it's pace, movement, bounce, left or right arm... all these things come into account." Another, immediate, issue is that Friday's match could be played on a used pitch if the weather means the Ageas Bowl ground staff do not have enough time to prepare a fresh surface after the second Test finished on Monday. The delays in that match, including stoppages for bad light when the floodlights were on full beam, could see the currently rigid 11:00am local (1000 GMT) start time for a Test in England brought forward, as happens in other countries where there is a more flexible approach.

"The earlier start time makes a lot of sense to me," said Silverwood, with both England and Pakistan staying in 'bio-secure' onsite hotels. "What is the harm in starting at 10:30am (0930 GMT)?" "But I've had no official word it'll happen. "We're all here anyway. We're all on the ground, so it wouldn't be very difficult to make it happen." **AFP**



Pakistan captain Azhar Ali





# Finance

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## Lankan economy to pick up in Q4

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

Sri Lankan economy which contracted by 1.6% in the first quarter of 2020 due to the adverse impact of COVID-19, will stabilize in the third quarter and expected to rebound in the fourth quarter said Governor Central Bank Prof W. D. Lakshman yesterday.

As per the available indicators, on economic activity during the second quarter of 2020 is likely to be substantial.

"It is essential for the country to record a positive growth rate during this year and a rebound of economic activity is expected in the fourth quarter," he said.

This will be supported by improved political stability which is a key for economic growth and to build investor business confidence."

The enhanced focus on domestic production for import substitution as well as to export is expected to drive near term growth, with potentially significant implications on the longer horizon.

Sustaining the growth momentum beyond the near term would require reforms to address structural issues in the economy.

He said during the past six months there were many positives and a few negatives.



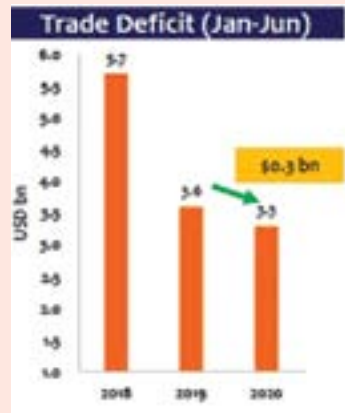
The external sector continued to demonstrate resilience, reflecting the impact of prudent measures implemented amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.

"The trade deficit has narrowed during the first half of 2020, as the contraction of imports outpaced the contraction of exports, supported by import restrictions and subdued global petroleum prices.

Some improvement in workers' remittances was observed in June, in contrast to the declining trend observed since March 2020.

Depreciation of the Sri Lankan rupee against the US dollar has been limited to 1.3 per cent thus far during the year, following a significant depreciation recorded during March-April 2020.

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## Sri Lanka to become South Asia's LNG Hub

### Floating storage trading facility in H'tota from Pearl Energy

Pearl Energy (Pvt) Ltd., signed an agreement with the Board of Investment of Sri Lanka to launch 'Hambantota LNG Hub' - a floating storage LNG trading facility at the Port of Hambantota, bringing LNG to the doorstep of Sri Lanka, with a primary aim of trading LNG in the region utilizing the strategic location of Hambantota.

The LNG Hub will become a landmark infrastructure development for the region paving the way to broader access to natural gas as a primary fuel in South Asia. Commencing commercial operations within 6 months, Pearl Energy will utilise a floating storage unit (FSU) with an initial capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum (MTPA).

The company will deploy small LNG Carriers to re-distribute LNG to South India & the Maldives providing LNG as a clean and affordable alternative to the industries in these locations.

"It is our pleasure to embark on this journey of bringing clean energy to the doorstep of Sri Lanka & the



Pearl Energy (Pvt) Ltd., officials exchanging the agreement with BOI Chairman Susantha Ratnayake

region. Taking the 'early mover' Advantage we will strive to place Sri Lanka as a future LNG Hub of the world. Factors including the strategic location of Hambantota, Newly established stable government & its investor friendly policies & the fast growing regional demand for LNG Encouraged our investors led by Omar Siraj of Saudi Arabia to place their confidence on this project despite the global economic downturn caused by Covid-19 pandemic," said Tania Siegersz, Director, Pearl Energy.

"Sri Lanka is extremely well equipped to meet the change in dynamics in the global LNG market and consolidate its position as a

key player for the future. Though our project is launched targeting regional trade, the fact that a world class LNG hub will soon be within the Port of Hambantota, we are confident that Sri Lanka too will be encouraged to convert its power plants to LNG Thus saving millions of USD whilst also increasing the efficiency & producing more power to the national grid."

"The Port too could also commence using LNG for bunkering thereby making Hambantota Port & its industrial Zone as a 'Clean Energy Zone' of the future", Tania stated.

Hambantota Port has the geographic advantage of being strategically located nearest to the world's busiest shipping lane with the added benefit of a deep water coastline. This allows the port to be capable of handling the world's largest container ships and super tankers making this port an ideal location for the trans-

shipment of goods and natural resources moving across the subcontinent. Hambantota is also integrated into the global development strategy of the Chinese government, the Belt and road initiative (BRI), providing the opportunity for wider regional maritime connectivity.

Moreover, this port has the benefit of the vast expanse of land available in the Hambantota District for its expansion and has the potential to emerge as the most favoured International business hub.

The Project of Pearl Energy is poised to take advantage of these and will cater to the region's thriving manufacturing clusters, providing natural gas to power plants, industrial and commercial customers within a 300 km radius. Pearl Energy's investment is tipped to pave way for many more projects to follow suit, considering the availability of LNG for development of industries via reliable and affordable access to clean energy. Pearl Energy hopes to work closely with the recently established State Ministry of Solar, Wind & Grid Power Generation Projects Development by the new government in achieving its vision of converting all of Sri Lanka's power installations to LNG, a reality within the very near future.



## Standing Deposit, Lending rates to stay unchanged

The Monetary Board of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, at its meeting held on August 19, 2020, decided to maintain the Standing Deposit Facility Rate (SDFR) and the Standing Lending Facility Rate (SLFR) of the Central Bank at their current levels of 4.50 per cent and 5.50 per cent, respectively.

The Board recognised the necessity to continue the accommodative monetary policy stance, particularly as market lending rates are yet to reflect the full pass through

of policy easing measures implemented thus far. The Board decided to adopt targeted measures to reduce specific interest rates that it considered to be excessive, which would help marginal borrowers.

The Board anticipates a further reduction in overall market lending rates, thereby encouraging borrowing for productive economic activity and reinforcing support for COVID-19 hit businesses as well as the broader economy, given the conditions of subdued inflation.

## Softlogic Finance to infuse Rs 1.9 bn via Rights Issue

Softlogic Finance PLC, a subsidiary of Softlogic Capital PLC will make a capital infusion of Rs. 1.9 billion by way of a Rights Issue.

The Company will issue eight new shares for every five shares held by ordinary shareholders and the shares will be provisionally allotted to each shareholder at Rs 11.50 per share.

The Rights Issue will enable Softlogic Finance to pursue its innovative business strategy that will focus on a secured product mix.

The company recently underwent an extensive restructuring of its top management with Priyantha Wijesekera taking over as Chief Executive Officer in March this year, and new appointments for several key management positions made. The new management team has an exemplary track record, and has been hand-picked

to craft and deliver the new journey of the Company.

The Company is re-evaluating its product mix and services offering, and work is in progress to streamline systems and processes in a digital backdrop to prepare the company for a changing landscape, so the company may deliver a distinctive and easily accessible value proposition to its customers.

The capital commitment from the Softlogic Group underlines its commitment to the Softlogic brand that consumers all around Sri Lanka are familiar with and trust implicitly.

Softlogic Finance enjoys this valuable franchise with customer deposits of Rs. 17.1 billion and customer advances of Rs. 18.2 billion.

Total assets of the Company as at March 31, 2020 were Rs. 21.7 billion.



Aaron Russell-Davison, Chairman, Softlogic Finance  
Priyantha Wijesekera, CEO, Softlogic Finance PLC

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International Monetary Fund Resident Representative to Sri Lanka Tubagus Feridhanu Setyawan paid a courtesy call on the State Minister of Finance, Capital Markets and Public Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal at the Finance Ministry.

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### Kitchen Waste

- Vegetable and fruit waste
- Coconut extract/husks/coir
- Used tea leaves/bags
- Leftover cooked food
- Egg shells/coconut gunit
- Dry leaves, flowers and garden waste
- King coconut shells

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- Glass
- Paper/cardboard
- Clean polythene/plastic
- Iron products
- Cleaned coconut shells
- Cleaned tins
- Cleaned yoghurt cups and plastic cups

### Non - Recyclable Waste

- Uncleaned polythene/plastic
- Sanitary napkins
- Milk packets/used sachets (shampoo, sauce etc.)
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- Cloth/footwear
- Razors and blades
- Soiled tins/drugs
- Uncleaned yoghurt cups
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Market Statistics on 20.08.2020							
Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
<b>Main Board</b>							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	54,101	18.50	19.10	19.10	18.30	18.50	0.00
ABANS	1,432	93.30	95.00	95.00	93.10	93.20	(0.10)
ACCESS ENG SL	5,428,096	22.10	23.00	23.00	22.10	22.20	0.10
ACL	33,118	44.00	44.50	44.50	43.80	44.00	0.00
ACL PLASTICS XD	63,573	157.30	155.00	155.10	154.90	154.90	(2.40)
ACME	941	4.20	4.10	4.20	4.10	4.10	(0.10)
AGALAWATTE	884	15.50	16.50	16.50	15.70	15.70	0.20
AHOT PROPERTIES	15,252	37.00	36.10	36.60	35.00	36.60	(0.40)
AITKEN SPENCE	39,140	34.50	34.50	34.90	34.00	34.80	0.30
ALLIANCE	2,766	39.00	39.00	39.50	39.00	39.40	0.40
AMANA BANK	176,124	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.30	2.30	(0.10)
AMAYA LEISURE	190	30.90	30.50	31.50	30.50	31.50	0.60
ASIA ASSET	30,225	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.00	8.10	(0.10)
ASIRI	1	20.10	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.10	0.00
ASIRI SURG	2,696	10.20	9.80	10.20	9.80	10.00	(0.20)
AUTODROME	851	69.20	69.10	69.90	68.00	69.30	0.10
BAIRAHÀ FARMS	2,190	90.90	90.90	90.90	89.00	89.10	(1.80)
BALANGODA	18,807	13.00	13.00	13.50	12.70	13.50	0.50
BUKIT DARAH	2,237	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	4,441	63.00	63.40	63.50	60.50	63.00	0.00
C T HOLDINGS	2	152.10	151.90	151.90	151.90	152.10	0.00
CARGILLS	13,350	188.10	189.00	190.00	188.00	188.00	(0.10)
CARGO BOAT	6,876	42.10	42.30	42.90	42.20	42.30	0.20
CARSONS	2,711	169.40	169.40	169.40	169.40	169.40	0.00
CDB	255	85.00	80.10	85.90	80.00	81.20	(3.80)
CDB [CDB.X0000]	4,475	60.30	60.00	62.00	60.00	60.30	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	2,102,138	76.50	77.50	77.90	75.00	75.10	(1.40)
CENTRAL IND.	104,338	48.50	48.60	50.50	47.50	49.80	1.30
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	22	768.30	784.00	784.00	771.00	768.30	0.00
CEYLON GUARDIAN	5,446	74.60	72.00	75.00	71.10	74.50	(0.10)
CEYLON INV.	28,006	41.00	41.30	42.90	41.10	42.30	1.30
CEYLON TOBACCO	916	974.70	971.20	980.00	971.20	980.00	5.30
CHEMANEX	3,843	55.50	55.50	55.50	55.00	55.00	(0.50)
CHEVRON	363,144	74.80	75.50	76.10	74.80	76.00	1.20
CIC	8,565	79.40	80.00	80.00	76.50	78.00	(1.40)
CIC [CIC.X0000]	71,292	54.00	54.00	54.80	54.00	54.50	0.50
CITRUS LEISURE	29,839	10.80	10.90	11.00	10.50	10.50	(0.30)
COLD STORES	107	665.10	670.00	689.90	670.00	673.70	8.60
COLOMBO CITY	1	748.10	716.30	716.30	716.30	748.10	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	12,500	25.10	25.30	25.60	24.60	25.00	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK	1,937,990	83.10	83.00	83.50	82.20	83.00	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	144,802	68.10	68.30	68.50	67.70	68.20	0.10
CONVENIENCE FOOD	173	650.00	630.50	689.90	630.50	689.90	39.90
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	38,885	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.20	7.30	0.00
DFCC BANK PLC	2,922,395	64.20	64.50	66.50	64.30	66.00	1.80
DIALOG	579,606	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.30	11.40	0.00
DIMO	2,045	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	285.00	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	190,398	155.10	158.50	162.30	155.00	159.20	4.10
DOCKYARD	53,185	57.30	58.00	58.00	55.00	56.00	(1.30)
DOLPHIN HOTELS	23,740	17.40	17.80	19.60	17.80	19.20	1.80
DURDANS	1,526	88.00	85.20	89.90	85.20	86.30	(1.70)
DURDANS [CHL.X0000]	562	73.00	79.80	79.80	75.50	75.50	2.50
E B CREAMY	1	1,100.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	1,100.00	0.00
EAST WEST	195,221	12.20	12.40	12.40	11.90	12.00	(0.20)
EASTERN MERCHANT	47,678	4.90	5.00	5.40	5.00	5.30	0.40
EXPOLANKA	13,266,218	5.40	5.40	5.40	5.10	5.30	(0.10)
FIRST CAPITAL	125,550	61.90	61.00	61.50	60.30	60.90	(1.00)
FORT LAND	119,592	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.10	9.40	(0.10)
GESTETNER	2	82.00	83.80	83.80	82.00	82.00	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	92,613	58.60	59.70	59.70	58.70	59.00	0.40
HAYCARB	100,927	264.90	268.00	272.00	265.00	269.20	4.30
HAYLEYS	50,935	181.50	182.00	192.00	179.00	187.20	5.70
HAYLEYS FABRIC	6,619,049	13.70	14.00	15.60	14.00	15.30	1.60
HAYLEYS FIBRE	710	108.50	110.70	110.70	110.00	110.00	1.50
HDFC	36,907	30.90	31.40	31.90	30.90	31.30	0.40
HEMAS HOLDINGS	287,955	60.00	60.00	60.00	59.80	60.00	0.00
HNB	256,327	122.00	122.20	122.70	121.40	122.00	0.00
HNB ASSURANCE	175	132.20	130.60	130.60	130.00	130.40	(1.80)
HNB [HNB.X0000]	227,543	90.00	90.30	90.80	89.70	90.10	0.10
HORANA	280	19.50	20.60	20.60	20.00	20.50	1.00
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	892	45.00	45.00	47.20	45.00	45.00	0.00
HOTELS CORP	1	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	0.00
HUNTERS	1	440.00	410.00	410.00	410.00	440.00	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	1,623,563	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	133,848	31.70	31.70	31.70	30.80	31.20	(0.50)
JKH XD	1,022,527	134.10	134.40	134.90	130.50	133.30	(0.80)
KAHAWATTE	10,633	35.50	34.30	35.40	34.10	34.10	(1.40)
KANDY HOTELS	8,199	4.70	4.80	5.00	4.80	4.90	0.20
KEGALLE	7,687	58.80	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	1.20
KELANI CABLES	500	80.00	81.00	81.00	80.10	80.10	0.10
KELANI TYRES	359,984	54.20	54.50	59.80	53.50	59.20	5.00
KELANI VALLEY	575	65.60	65.60	65.60	65.60	65.60	0.00
KINGSBURY	23,304	10.00	10.10	10.10	10.00	10.00	0.00
KOTAGALA	2,590	6.70	6.80	6.80	6.60	6.80	0.10
L O L C HOLDINGS	1,323,789	166.30	168.00	169.00	160.60	163.00	(3.30)
LANKA ALUMINIUM	2,215	59.50	54.10	59.00	54.10	56.00	(3.50)
LANKA ASHOK	23	693.30	699.90	699.90	690.00	693.30	0.00
LANKA HOSPITALS	281,936	37.40	37.40	38.00	36.00	38.00	0.60
LANKA IOC	941,851	17.40	17.50	18.00	17.00	17.20	(0.20)
LANKA REALTY	10	35.00	34.60	34.60	34.60	35.00	0.00
LANKA TILES	25,657	69.70	70.00	72.10	70.00	72.00	2.30
LANKA VENTURES	100	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	0.00
LANKA WALLTILE	138,940	60.40	61.80	64.40	61.60	63.50	3.10
LANKEM DEV.	1,047,141	3.90	4.00	4.10	3.90	4.00	0.10
LAUGFS GAS	20,057	14.90	14.90	15.40	14.50	15.20	0.30
LAUGFS GAS [LGL.X0000]	41,437	10.90	11.00	11.20	10.90	11.20	0.30
LAXAPANA	1,403	11.50	11.70	11.80	11.40	11.60	0.10
LB FINANCE	5,660	132.90	135.00	135.00	132.90	133.50	0.60
LION BREWERY	84	520.00	580.00	580.00	550.00	520.00	0.00
LMF	614,277	82.30	84.90	85.00	80.00	80.00	(2.30)
LVI ENERGY	4,700	7.70	7.80	7.80	7.60	7.60	(0.10)
MALWATTE	588,582	8.40	8.40	9.20	8.40	8.90	0.50
MALWATTE [MAL.X0000]	527,611	6.20	6.30	6.70	6.30	6.50	0.30
MELSTACORP	197,556	27.70	27.50	28.10	27.20	27.50	(0.20)
MERCHANT BANK	7,937	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.30	7.40	(0.10)
NAMUNUKULA	2,853	96.50	99.80	101.00	99.80	100.50	4.00
NAT. DEV. BANK	131,853	82.10	83.00	84.90	80.50	84.40	2.30
NATION LANKA	528,550	0.80	0.90	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.00
NATIONS TRUST	43,233	63.20	63.50	63.50	62.50	63.00	(0.20)
NAWALOKA	27,772	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.00
NESTLE	76	1,075.20	1,070.00	1,080.00	1,070.00	1,075.20	0.00
OVERSEAS REALTY	129,279	13.10	13.00	13.30	13.00	13.20	0.10
PAN ASIA	1,021,225	12.50	12.70	13.40	12.70	13.20	0.70
PANASIAN POWER	6,289,638	3.60	3.60	4.00	3.60	3.90	0.30
PEOPLE'S INS	140,874	23.30	23.50	23.80	23.30	23.40	0.10
PEOPLES LEASING	5,285,912	11.50	11.70	11.80	11.60	11.70	0.20
PIRAMAL GLASS	3,599,608	3.50	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.50	0.00
PRINTCARE PLC	14,512	25.30	26.40	28.00	26.40	27.10	1.80
R I L PROPERTY	5,603	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	4.40	0.00
RADIANT GEMS	6,939	21.10	21.10	21.30	20.30	21.00	(0.10)
REGNIS	6,393	69.30	69.40	69.50	68.70	68.80	(0.50)
RENUKA AGRI	441,152	2.90	2.90	3.00	2.90	3.00	0.10
RENUKA FOODS	68,861	15.10	15.80	16.30	15.10	15.70	0.60
RENUKA FOODS [COCO.X0000]	9,741	10.60	10.70	11.00	10.70	11.00	0.40
RENUKA HOLDINGS	2,601	15.50	15.00	16.50	15.00	15.80	0.30
RENUKA HOLDINGS [RHL.X0000]	14,335	10.30	10.00	10.40	10.00	10.40	0.10
RESUS ENERGY	3,508	26.00	26.70	27.00	26.70	27.00	1.00
RICHARD PIERIS	60,125						



## Union Assurance introduces education protection through Sisumaga+

# 'Parents, youth and education providers must adopt to change'

The business, employment and education format in the next 10 to 20 years will make a dramatic turn and youth, parents and students must look at these developments before deciding on their career, Lanka Impact Investing Network (Private) Ltd Founder and Chairman, Chandula Abeywickrama said. Parents, youth and education providers must adapt to change, he said.

He was speaking at the leading insurance solutions experts, Union Assurance unveiled Sisumaga+, a unique protection-based plan for students to offer financial support until university level. He said that nano technologist, microbiologist (a scientist who studies microscopic life forms and processes) would take over the medical sector treatment and surgeon doctors and even hospitals would disappear. The novel methods would include mini medical treatment rooms where nano-technologist, micro biologist would diagnose the patient and provide treatment by way of injecting medical substances. "There would be no surgery and the treatment would be completed in less than one hour!"

He also predicted that modern jobs would also revolve around music, designing and writing. The German education system allows a student to decide which job the student wishes to pursue from grade 2 and a similar education system too should be implemented in Sri Lanka. He also lauded the program launched by Union Assurance to offer Sisumaga as a praiseworthy one as it's designed to ensure uninterrupted education from childhood through to university. Sisumaga Plus is for parents who wish to make provision for their child's academic expenses for University or tertiary education, ensuring that the higher education costs are met, even in the unfortunate circumstance of a possible demise



Union Assurance Chief Executive Officer, Jude Gomes, John Keells Group Chairman, Krishan Balendra and other officials with student of SOS children's village at the launch. Pictures by Vipula Amarasinghe

of the parent. The new policy was launched at a special ceremony hosted at the Cinnamon Grand Colombo, and graced by a distinguished gathering of dignitaries including Secretary to the Ministry of Education, Prof. Kapila Perera, John Keells Group Chairman, Krishan Balendra, Chandula Abeywickrema and, celebrity entertainer Bathiya Jayakody.

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"Education Protection is a relatively new concept in Sri Lanka and Union Assurance is pleased to be a forerunner in establishing Sisumaga+.

Through a combination of savings and investment, this plan will provide essential support for children to actively pursue their ambitions for higher education while providing a buffer against the continuing escalation in associated costs. In this way, we are able to guarantee that your children will have the funds they need to grow when they need it the most," Union Assurance Chief Executive Officer, Jude Gomes stated.

Sisumaga+ offers a fund build-up for continuous growth of the education fund, an additional 15% Loyalty Benefit paid upon completion of



Chandula Abeywickrema addressing the event

all due premiums of the policy term, and in the event of a demise of a parent, an immediate payment of 5 times of the basic annual premium and a consistent monthly income to take care of education expenses up to the maturity of the policy.

"Especially at a time when Sri Lanka and the entire world is faced with severe economic disruptions, many can expect to face difficulties in establishing savings sufficient to lay a strong financial foundation for their child's educational aspirations. Given the rising costs of everything from tuition to text books, boarding fees and transport, this can be a source of serious concern for parents and families. Sisumaga+ is a plan that can directly address these concerns effectively," Gomes added.

Acknowledging the many children who are lesser privileged and challenged for resources for the continuity of their education during the launch event, Union Assurance also pledged support for SOS Children's Villages in Nuwara Eliya and Monaragala and also announced the establishment of five scholarships for students of the Ceylon Schools for the Deaf & Blind at the event.

## Airtel Lanka appoints Ashish Chandra as CEO

Airtel Lanka today announced the appointment of Ashish Chandra as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director.

In his new role, Ashish has the mandate to accelerate Airtel's growth in the Sri Lankan market by leveraging best-in-class network technologies and innovative digital platforms.

Commenting on the appointment, Gopal Vittal, MD & CEO (India and South Asia), Bharti Airtel said: "We are delighted to welcome Ashish to Airtel Lanka, which has built a solid platform for future growth. I am confident that Ashish's experience will add immense value to Airtel's vision of delighting customers with world-class services. Over the coming months, customers can look forward to some exciting innovations from Airtel and I wish Ashish and his team the very best for the future."

Ashish brings with him over two decades of rich experience in the Indian telecommunications industry. In the past, he has worked in various leadership roles with India's top telecommunications companies. Prior to joining Airtel Lanka, he was the Business Head & CEO (Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand) for Vodafone Idea Limited.

Ashish has a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Malviya National Institute of Technology and did his MBA from the Podar Institute of Management.

Bharti Airtel Lanka (Airtel Lanka) commenced commercial operations of services in Sri Lanka on January 12th, 2009, and was the fastest operator to reach 1 million customers in the country.



## Digital Innovation Fund secures Rs 100 mn for Agrithmics

The Digital Innovation Fund, managed by BOV Capital, has secured funding of Rs 100 million in (Pvt) Ltd, an agile Sri Lankan Agri-Tech, IoT cloud-based integrated Process Automation and Fintech solution company that digitally enables a variety of agriculture industries ranging from small-hold farms, their larger buyers and plantation companies.

As an IoT enabled Agri-Tech solution for the small-hold farmers, factories and regional plantation companies primarily operating in Sri Lanka's tea industry, Agrithmics digitally integrates their procurement and payment disbursement operation whilst improving efficiency and transparency of its process. The platform also enables a quick and simple payment system as well as ease-of-use and access by farmers and workers. Currently, a small-hold tea farmer who is connected via the Agrithmics platform has quick access to payments instead of the extensive 30 to 40 day waiting period that was the norm previously.

Additionally, the Agrithmics platform also adds significant value to B2B agricultural industries such as tea factories and regional plantation companies, who benefit from its end-to-end process automation integration and produce procurement transparency.



Co-Founder/CEO, Prajeeth Balasubramaniam and Chairman, Prashanth Premakumar

"Our vision for Agrithmics is to positively contribute towards digitally enabling Agriculture based industries and its ecosystem. We are not just a tech solution, but we see ourselves as an entity that can understand and improve the lifestyle of the farmer community and its business environment using digital technology.

Although our primary focus will be the tea industry, our mission is to enable the service for all farmers across the country," said Prashanth Premakumar, the

Chief Executive Officer of Agrithmics. Prashanth also revealed that Agrithmics has plans to soon grow beyond the tea sector, showing its potential, showing its utility and value across a spectrum of crops.

"Post Covid, our investment thesis has not changed much, but we are now looking for startups with tailwind and strong founding teams who are able to pivot quickly. During these unprecedented times we have been working closely with the companies, especially the ones that did not have enough cash runway to survive. We have been helping them to restructure and sustain," said Prajeeth Balasubramaniam, Co-Founder of BOV Capital.

## Dialog Axiata powers 'Dream Music Fest' - an unparalleled journey through Lankan music

Bringing audiences a memorable experience of Sri Lankan music, Dream Music Fest powered by Dialog Axiata PLC, Sri Lanka's premier connectivity provider, will make its debut on 23rd August at the outdoor-seating area of the Nelum Pokuna Mahinda Rajapaksa Theatre as Sri Lanka's first seated concert to take place post-lockdown.

Attendees will witness a versatile lineup of cross-cultural artists and the best of Eastern and Western music, performed by well-known musicians and popular Sri Lankan bands. The event lineup will further include a wide array of local talent including reputed local DJs and drummers and singers from a variety of age groups and genres to appeal to a diversified audience.

Featured artists include Sunil Perera, Bathiya and Santhush, Randhir Witana, Umara Sinhawansa, Kevin de Almeida, Kasun Kalhara, Athma Liyanage, Samitha Mudunkotuwa, Sanka Dineth, Sanuka Wickremasinghe, Lahiru Perera, Ridma Weerawardana and Danith Sri among many others. All relevant health and safety regulations will be strictly followed for the event. To reduce physical contact, tickets will only be available for purchase online and gates will be open 2 hours prior to the event in order to minimize attendee congestion. The venue



will be thoroughly sanitized and all entrances will have temperature checking equipment and hand washing facilities. Organized by the Event management association and in collaboration with media partner Derana TV, this ground-breaking initiative is endorsed by the Ministry of Health.

Following the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, the entertainment industry sustained significant losses. The principal aim of the Dream Music Fest is to bring fresh vitality and energy to the industry and mark the start of a new beginning giving its vested audience members an extraordinary musical experience to celebrate the return of Sri Lanka's entertainment industry.



## Prime Grand, Ward Place to unveil the 37th floor

Prime Group, Sri Lanka's leading property developer, will unveil the 37th floor of its crown jewel of prestigious properties - Prime Grand - to an ultra-exclusive gathering of prospective buyers, today 21st Aug 2020.

The unveiling of the spectacular 37th floor is set to imbue the magnificent living experience of calling Colombo's most prestigious address Ward Place, Colombo 7 - home. Guests will sip on delectable cocktails as they watch the last rays of the sun fade over the horizon and the city of Colombo light up to all its breathtaking glory in an uninterrupted view of the landscape, right up to the shores of the Indian Ocean.

A model apartment, showcasing the myriad possibilities of prestigious living will also be available for viewing throughout the evening, with Prime Grand experts on hand to answer any queries.

The discerning list of guests will also have the singular opportunity to discourse with Prime Groups' highly

sophisticated legal and engineering teams, as well as trusted finance partners, to resolve all their enquiries, no matter how complex or small. The exclusive group will be entertained by host Stephanie Siriwardhana ensuring an ambience of opulence and conviviality.

Prime Group Chairman, Premalal Brahmanage, commenting on the upcoming event, stated: "Prime Group was established 25 years ago with a commitment to create a better place on earth. In keeping with our commitment to making this vision a reality, we have always functioned in a highly agile manner while keeping our fingertips on the pulse of the people, allowing us to cater to our clientele's needs and expectations as they evolve, inventively, to surprise and delight."

"Our exclusive reveal of the 37th floor of Prime Grand, the ultra-luxury property of the Prime Group and the first and only high-rise in Colombo 7, offering our exclusive group of prospective clientele an

unprecedented opportunity to experience the lifestyle while resolving all of their queries, is only the latest example of this."

Recognised as the Best Luxury Condo Development at PropertyGuru Asia Property Awards, the most respected and most sought after real estate industry honours in Asia, in 2019, Prime Grand is truly the ultimate in prestigious living. Standing 160m tall, this grand tower is a modern interpretation of historical influences, dating from the era of Governor Henry George Ward after whom Ward Place is named. Built on over one acre this sculptural silhouette of 37 storeys is surrounded by luxurious conveniences, including the best department stores and boutique outlets for shopping, cafes for catching up with friends, exclusive salons and spas, and many of Sri Lanka's best private and public schools and hospitals.

The carefully designed residential experience comprises four floors of double height parking for residents

and guests, washing bays and charging bays for electric vehicles, as well as 40,000 sq ft dedicated for the ultimate in leisure and relaxation. The fifth floor podium offers a 36m swimming pool, a fully equipped gymnasium, badminton court and spa for adults and a kiddies pool and play area for children.

Residents can also avail themselves of a multifunctional hall to host a variety of events, a day care centre and a mini-mart. Meanwhile the 32nd floor hosts Sri Lanka's longest, elevated infinity pool at 71m in length.

Prime Grand has been designed with exceptional attention to detail, best represented in each of the 322 opulent condominium residences. These spacious homes are filled with natural light and ventilation, and boast designer interiors, capacious wardrobes, fine fittings, long-lasting flooring and state-of-the-art kitchens and appliances, as well as uninterrupted views of the Colombo skyline.

## Amana Takaful's first-ever virtual AGM, a resounding success

Amana Takaful PLC made history by holding the company's first-ever virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) recently. The 21st Annual General Meeting of Amana Takaful PLC as well as the 4th Annual General Meeting of Amana Takaful Life PLC was carried out virtually becoming one of the first companies in the Insurance industry to transition to an online platform for this purpose.

The transition to a virtual AGM was brought about by the need to conform to the health and safety regulations issued by the Government of Sri Lanka following the COVID-19 outbreak in the country.

Using state-of-the-art technology, the session was hosted

live for shareholders via the application Zoom with shareholders joining the meeting from different locations. The modern, well-organised setup ensured that the proceedings took place smoothly without any interruptions or delays. All attendees were able to view and actively participate in proceedings, while also being presented with the opportunity to vote online on all resolutions. The online platform also allowed the shareholders to carry out an interactive Q&A session with the Board of Directors.

Amana Takaful PLC had over 77% participation at the virtual AGM held whereas Amana Takaful Life PLC had over 90% participation for their AGM.

## CSBA commends appointment of special Minister

With the appointment of the new cabinet of ministers bringing about, a re-start to Sri Lanka's economic activities, the Colombo Stock Brokers Association (CSBA) extends its wholehearted congratulations and best wishes to the new government, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, and newly-appointed State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal for Finance, Capital Markets, and State Enterprise Reforms.

The CSBA would also like to extend its gratitude to HE President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Hon. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa for seeing and acting upon the need for a separate ministry for capital markets for the first time in the history of Sri Lanka and appointment of Ajith Nivard Cabraal as the minister in charge due to his expertise in finance and state enterprise, and his holding of key positions in the field such as his tenure as the governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka and as the Senior Advisor on Economic Affairs to the Prime Minister.

Considering the past few years that the Sri Lankan economy and stock broking industry has faced many challenges, the

CSBA eagerly looks forward to playing a significant part in developing national economy, and hopes to play a key role in the growth story of Sri Lanka. The CSBA is keen on working closely with the new government in order to expand and popularize equity investments and related products among the general public of the country and promote much sought after foreign portfolio investors. Speaking on the matter, President of CSBA Kosala Gamage says, "Over the last few years, Sri Lanka has had to face many challenges. However, with the appointment of the new cabinet of ministers, we at CSBA see a bright and prosperous future ahead. We are keen on working closely with Nivard Cabraal and aiding his agenda for the industry. We look forward to playing an instrumental role in making Sri Lanka a thriving nation once again."

Established in 1995, the Colombo Stock Brokers Association is an apex industry body, representing stock broking companies licensed and regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka



# HNB Piliyandala customer centre relocates to new facility

Catering to a growing business community in Piliyandala, HNB PLC, ceremonially reopened its newly relocated Piliyandala Customer Centre at Moratuwa Road, Piliyandala.

Open for business every weekday from 9 a.m to 3 p.m., the bank's spacious new premises will feature a complete spectrum of banking products and services and will be home to a new Priority Circle Unit, HNB's premier banking advisory service. The state-of-the-art customer centre is designed to offer customers in and around Piliyandala a new paradigm in banking services.

The customer centre was inaugurated by HNB Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo who was joined by Guest of Honour, Kesbewa Divisional Secretary, K P Pemadasa and senior representatives of the bank including, HNB Assistant General Manager- Network Management, Vinodh Fernando, HNB Regional Business Head- South Western Region, Mahinda Seneviratne and HNB Regional Credit Head - South Western Region, Sothiratnam Mathanan.



**From Left: HNB Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo at the opening ceremony of the new Customer Centre with Kesbewa Divisional Secretary, K. Pemadasa, HNB Assistant General Manager- Network Management, Vinodh Fernando, HNB Regional Business Head- South Western Region, Mahinda Seneviratne, HNB Regional Credit Head - South Western Region, Sothiratnam Mathanan, Piliyandala HNB Customer Centre Manager, Chaminda Suduarachchi and Piliyandala HNB Customer Centre Operations Manager, Hiranthi Welikalala.**

Commenting on the significance of the new customer Centre, HNB Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, Dilshan Rodrigo

elaborated on the special relationship the bank had developed with the business and retail customers in the area.

"I have witnessed firsthand the remarkable development that has taken place in the last few decades which speaks volumes of the enterprising nature of the people of Piliyandala who have made the area one of the most sought after locations in Colombo to work and live in.

We are delighted to say our customer base across retail, corporate and SME business in the area, has increased significantly."

"We are truly privileged to have partnered with the people of Piliyandala to work towards achieving their dreams and we have no doubt that this landmark building which has been fully equipped as a Digital and Priority banking centre will be a testament to our commitment for the future."

Strengthening its presence in the area, HNB also offers the thriving business community convenient and digitally enhanced banking services across a range of digital platforms such as HNB Payfast, HNB MOMO, HNB Solo, HNB AppiGo and a variety of digitally enabled payment gateways.

# Sri Lanka Scholar offers better future prospects for students

Sri Lanka Scholar, the only site with over 3,000 courses to get comprehensive information on education opportunities within Sri Lanka and better future prospects for local students, said Sri Lanka Scholar CEO, Keerthi Jayasuriya.

He made these remarks at the launching of the Sri Lanka Scholar website -www.srilankascholar.lk recently at Scholar House in Colombo 04.

"International Scholar started operations in 1999. During that period, we have provided information for students who were keen to get valuable education information and gave opportunities to students to study overseas, provided career guidance too. We also collaborated with local foreign education partners and brought in many foreign universities to collaborate with local education partners," he said.

"We brought top Malaysian universities to Sri Lanka for the first time and offered opportunities to Sri Lankan students to study in Malaysia," he said.

"With the journey of 21 years we have been working



**Director of Sri Lanka Scholar Kumar Sangakkara launches the website and Sri Lanka Scholar CEO Keerthi Jayasuriya looks on.**

with all the leading private institutes as well as leading private schools and over the years International Scholar has been accepted as a highly reputed education provider," he added.

In 2019 Kumar Sangakkara joined the board as a Director of Sri Lanka Scholar.

"Over 3,000 courses from over 200 Sri Lankan institutions are highlighted in the website and have a lot of resource knowledge on Sri Lanka private sector. In near future the private sector

options will be highlighted," Director of Sri Lanka Scholar Kumar Sangakkara said.

"Students could get information on scholarship programmes that are available, it will also highlight Sri Lankan universities and institutions that have foreign accreditation and transfer options for students to study overseas and this kind of a resource center is such an important tool in deciding students' future education options, all in Sri Lanka during this COVID-19 pandemic," he said.

# Global Vinyl enters next era of Digital Transformation with PBSS Group

Global Vinyl Private Limited, incorporated in 2001 and better known as GVL has teamed up with PBSS Group for entering the next era of Digital Transformation by implementing SAP Business one recently.

Global Vinyl is the pioneer of synthetic leather manufacturing in Sri Lanka. GVL opened their state-of-the-art production facilities in 2003 to produce a range of Vinyl flooring, sheeting and synthetic leather. These cover a broad range of industries such as footwear manufacturing, bag manufacturing, upholstery, domestic flooring, and vehicle upholstery. GVL is well equipped with the most modern manufacturing facilities, designed specially to deliver quality products which meet the customer

requirement according to the specification.

With the unsatisfactory performance of the previous system, software vendor evaluation was the most challenging part for them and finally they selected PBSS as their software partner. With the wise decision made, they are now delighted with the Analytics, Dashboards, Accurate reports etc. from SAP Business One.

With the hardwork of both the teams' PBSS and GVL; project completed over the period of Corona virus lockdown. PBSS Team used their skills and expertise to complete this project within the given timeline. The project started in mid-December of 2019 and PBSS team completed the project in mid July 2020 and now they are successfully running

live with SAP Business One over two months of period.

SAP Business one is a world leading feature rich ERP system and gives real time information for timely decision making process. SAP Business one HANA Version is capable of handling Dashboards, KPI's, Analytics, Finance, Inventory, Procurement planning, Approval process, Manufacturing, services, Projects, CRM etc.

PBSS Group is the one of the leading software providers and the Gold Partner for SAP Business One in Sri Lanka with over 700+ customers. They have completed over 100 SAP Business one successful implementations of ERP systems in Sri Lanka and throughout the region.



**Global Vinyl Private Limited and PBSS officials at the event**

PBSS is an ISO certified business organization having their own product portfolio catering to many industries.

PBSS is today even stronger with the integration of Sage and SAP Business One solutions including

continuous research and development in creating locally-made, world-class products

# Pannipitiya Private Hospital offers more concessions in post Covid aftermath

Taking into account the difficulties faced by the public due to the Corona pandemic, the management of Pannipitiya Private Hospital has decided to reduce the charges in all of its services offered to patients.

The special price reduction will be applicable for the treatment of patients and also for laboratory checks and in the treatment of in house patients.

"Our hospital which eliminates unwanted expenses and offers those savings and benefits to patients, gives top priority to public service on top of monetary gains. As a cost effective hospital, maintaining the highest standards is our top priority always. Our hospital which is well known for offering medical services for a very affordable price, decided to further reduce the prices of our services and put forward whatever concessions possible to the public who are already battered by the Covid pandemic and undergoing much hardship and suffering. Therefore, the public now gets the opportunity to obtain our services for unprecedented low prices," Pannipitiya Private Hospital Chairman Dr. Ananda Kurupparachchi said.

Similarly, the hospital's in-house facilities have also been upgraded giving the patients an opportunity to select a room to get in house treatment form 5 categories to their convenience, choice and financial abil-

ity. The Lotus wing luxury room complex opened recently is also a part of the in house accommodation available at Pannipitiya Private Hospital. This luxurious room wing is offered to the public at very economical rates which could not be obtained from any other private hospital.

The hospital is also planning to further expand its services, increasing the room facilities in all categories as par with the rising demand in the future.

Pannipitiya Private Hospital which has won the trust and goodwill in the country's hospital field for over 25 years, is also renowned for introducing 3D Ultrasound scanning and many more 'firsts' in high-tech medical tests and treatment to Sri Lanka.

Pannipitiya Private Hospital which has also secured the OHSAS 18001-2007 International Quality Certification that guarantees the safety of the patients and hospital staff has also acquired many more local as well as international standard certifications under its name. The hospital's laboratory service too has obtained the ISO Quality Certification and conducts medical checks to international standards.

Therefore, anyone who comes to the hospital could obtain their laboratory medical checks with 100% accuracy without delay.



# ICC brings beachfront living to Sri Lanka

The venture of International Construction Consortium (pvt) Ltd into beach front living has redefined Sri Lanka's real estate landscape by adding high values. Following the success of constructing apartment complexes at residential hotspots across the country, ICC's Oceanfront Condominium range has paved the way for potential homeowners to explore new areas of investment with high returns.

ICC marked the establishment of the first luxury beachfront project in Sri Lanka by completing Oceanfront Condominiums Nilaveli in 2017. Nestled in the Northeast coast, the project consists of 82 units spread across six identical building footprints to give each unit an eye level sea view as opposed to going entirely vertical. Oceanfront Nilaveli became an immediate success, which led ICC to venture into the Oceanfront Condominiums, Galle.

Oceanfront Galle, rising up with the expertise and knowledge of constructing Oceanfront Nilaveli which was handled end-to-end by ICC. Both properties are tastefully architected to capitalize on the ocean blues and designed to allow every apartment unit to have a view of the open sea. The structure design of Galle is reviewed and confirmed by teams of experts from University of Peradeniya.

The Galle Fortress inspired project entails a number of facilities such as; Private beachfront, Café Deck, and a secluded courtyard that consists of a swimming pool and a gymnasium. Oceanfront Galle has been constructed following the BS standards and has already received the SLS certificates. ICC assures that all possible precautions have

been taken to avoid corrosion by the sea, using stainless steel hand grails, galvanized nuts and bolts and Sodium Silicate coated paints for outer walls.

All MEP services have been designed by following Local (CIDA) and international standards (BS) including a central gas system and a fire detection system with a communication link between the two systems for additional safety.

While the building is designed for lightning and surge protection, ICC has made use of sustainable materials for construction to maintain maximum occupant comfort and designed to use natural lighting and ventilation according to the recommended standards.

Oceanfront Condominiums Galle by ICC is exclusively designed to give you a great value for your investment by maintaining top quality and carving every detail to perfection.



# NDB Ran Naya Service offers 9% interest annually

Understanding the customer's need for urgent cash requirements as well as to provide a safe and reliable method in which to protect their gold investments, NDB Ran Naya Pawning service has introduced the lowest rate in the market at 9% per annum with no hidden costs involved.

Offering the best interest rate in the market, especially with no hidden charges whatsoever; at a rate of 0.75% per month, NDB Ran Naya customers can obtain an advance amount of up to Rs. 65,000/- for 24 carat gold sovereign.

NDB's Ran Naya service offers you, speedy, reliable and confidential service, coupled with a hassle free operation and utmost security for your Gold at more than 88 NDB Branches Island wide.

One of the added benefits offered via the NDB Ran Naya service is the ability for a customer to pay in accordance with the cash in their hand, thus allowing redemptions via part payments as well.

NDB's Ran Naya service also allows customers the option to choose a required advance

amount, interest rate as well as a repayment period. The Bank, which is the 4th largest listed commercial bank in Sri Lanka, is one of the fastest growing banks, having had a cumulative average growth rate (CAGR) in advances by 21% and in deposits by 25% in the last four years.

From its inception, NDB Bank, along with the NDB Group has been a catalyst in the development of the nation, strengthening and empowering entrepreneurs, corporates and individuals from all strata of the economy.



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## The Phoenix Rises - Go Galle

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As the train rolls south from Colombo it is not long before the sea comes into view, huge waves pounding against the rock face and small beaches tucked away on the outskirts of busy towns. You might glimpse the odd coloured fishing boat bobbing on the water or a lone surfer sitting on his or her board, just waiting for that perfect wave. The train is the fastest and easiest way to travel along this coastline unless you fancy one of the small air-conditioned minivans and some two hours of experiencing amazing landscapes, later you will arrive in Galle where your adventure begins. The south coast of Sri Lanka is an idyll of picturesque fishing villages, historic sites and there is no end to the choice of places to go and isolate and take stock from the challenges of the last few months.

One of the best places just two kilometres from the Galle Railway station is Devata, the bay just by the Closenbergh Hotel, a stretch of beach that at sunset is lit up, the sand turning a dark, dusty pink. If you fancy yourself as a bit of a pro then there are several areas you can explore or for those with a love and passion for history then go to Galle Fort for a few days and enjoy its many enigmatic charms of this colonial city.

A place that has faced many challenges over four hundred years of its trading history and yet even a global pandemic has not blemished its old-world charms and hospitable kindness. People you will learn as you walk the old city walls have been drawn to Galle for hundreds of years and particularly at its heady heights, it was one of the greatest ports of call in Asia, where everyone of any importance traded in gems and spices or visited out of a fascination for the stories about this wildly beautiful seaport. Unlikely and unorthodox love stories billow through the old merchant houses and children will enchant you as they fly their kites and play ball on the old city walls,

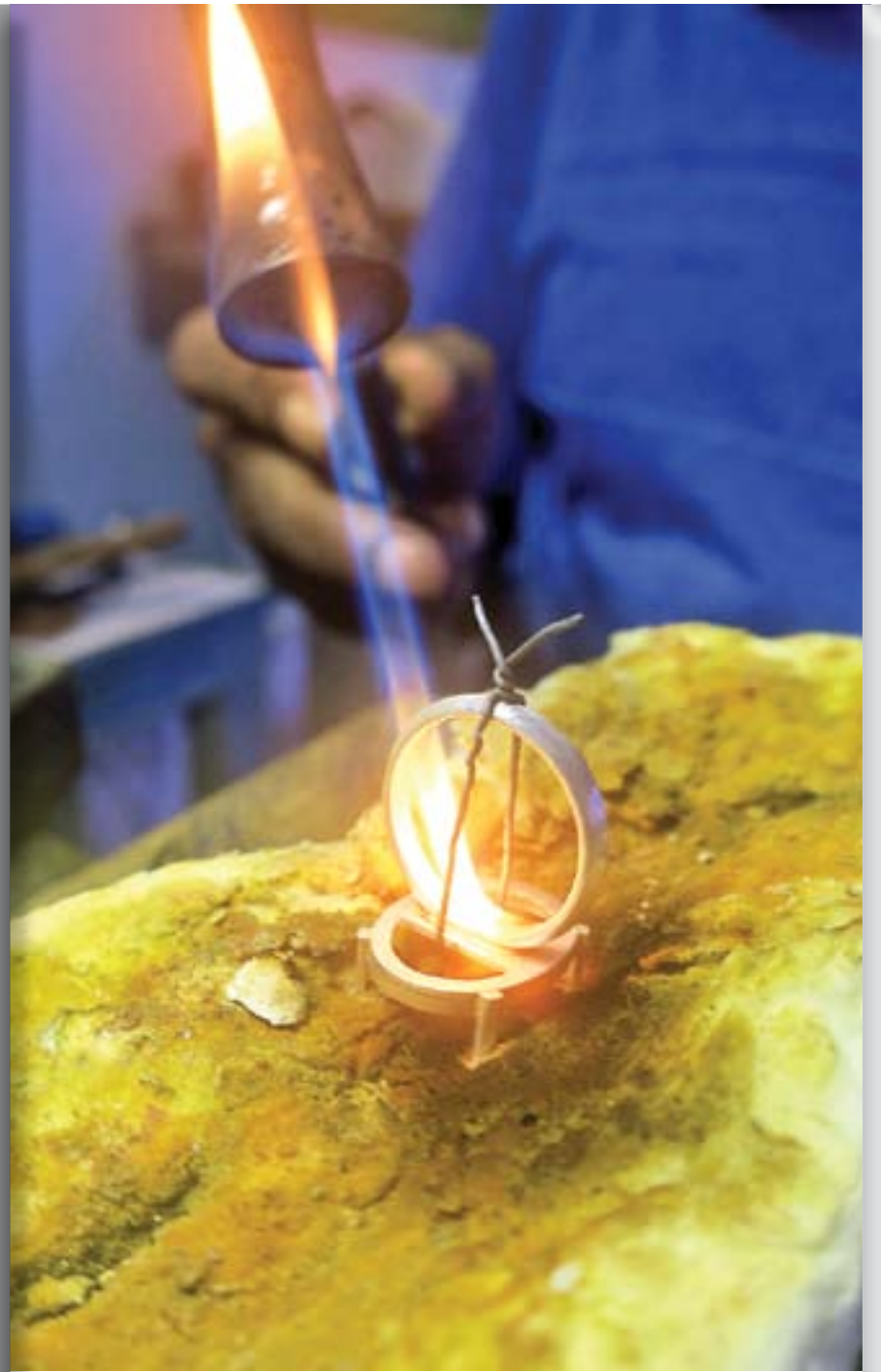
and old school jewellers using cuttlefish moulds still create stunning new pieces like Ibrahim's, Luxana and Antic, who also combine a wonderful bed and breakfast with fascinating gem making experiences. Like so many other places lots of shops and restaurants have shut and others have worked together with the community to keep going from the small corner shop on Parawa street and Pedlars street, to the exciting mix of places in The Dutch Hospital, and the most splendid of experiences at all tea at the Amangalla Hotel. A city that excitedly awaits the return of the Colombo set post the elections and will unmask their talents in not only wooden mask-making courses but also create fashionable masks to protect those that realise the incredible value of travel, which is still one of the greatest forms of education.

After all, to not go and spend time in this ancient gem of the Indian Ocean is to miss out on life itself. There is something very unique and special about this time locked gem, an enchanted world in which even a cup of milk tea is worth the jour-

ney however long it takes to get there you won't be in a hurry to leave it. Galle Fort, whether in its past, present and future forms are pure magic propelled by little feasts and big hearts and the people who like Asker run amazing friendly family cafes like the Serendipity Arts on Leyn Baan and Hospital Street serving snacks is looking forward to people returning to this very special city. Like so many other places across the island they need people to travel responsibly and use their weekends and off periods to discover other parts of their island, an exciting world of ancient traditions, which of course include great food done totally differently from region to region. In fact, Galle Fort is the very antithesis of time-locked. It has time and time again proven that it has nothing but a brazen apathy towards the concept of time and the concept of living life to the full, which is why Galle is a place that should always be in everyone's heart due to its old-world hospitality charms.

It is also a fantastic place to go fishing with the Stilt fisherman or out on a boat where you might catch sight of a Dolphin, or turtles surfing the waves and later in the year a pod of migrating blue whales. The migration period of Blue whales is November to April when the concentration of whales in this area is like nothing else in the world. Mirissa and Trincomalee are two of the best places to get a boat from. Your opinions on blue whales and the marine world will be irrevocably altered when you discover that the males produce around four gallons of sperm when they ejaculate and that their penises can measure up to 8ft long. It certainly sounds exciting, but bear in mind that in relation to their total length, that is roughly equivalent to a human having a 10cm (just under 4 inches) member. More impressive, perhaps, is the haunting song produced by male humpbacks, which was actually picked up by the Voyager space probes. So as well as being able to communicate with each other across the globe (interfering with many human surveillance systems in the process), whales may have been transmitting to aliens long before humans made it into space. In the off-season for whales, the turtles take centre stage and early morning you can see them playing in front of the Gallery Fort city walls or in the evening watch these gentle giants wander the Hikkaduwa beaches, where the lack of tourism has allowed these beautiful creatures to reclaim their sandy territory. An area also known for its surfing, artsy community, fantastic food and beaches that inspire one to get up early to do yoga or meditate.

Wherever you go in the South whether it's Hikkaduwa, the Galle Fort or Mirissa, it will be an unforgettable experience on an island that has not only risen to so many challenges but also shown the world with its superb medical care with dealing with COVID 19, kindness to those who got stranded when the country underwent a curfew and incredible recovery rates compared to the rest of the world. So go one discover more your island before the hordes of tourists return and see why it is one of the world's most popular destinations to visit.



Craftsmen still make beautiful jewellery



Serendipity Arts home of Galle Fort cooking



Luv Galle Fort's artistic side



Reflective Galle Fort Buddhist temple



# Sitar Recital by K.D.Prasantha Kuragama

The Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, Colombo, will be holding an Online Sitar Recital by K.D.Prasantha Kuragama on August 27 at 6 pm live on the Facebook page of SVCC: <https://www.facebook.com/ICCRSriLanka>. Prasantha Kuragama, Visiting Lecturer at University of Visual and Performing Arts, is currently reading for Ph.D at the Bensa-tali University, Jaipur, India. He successfully completed his M.A.



from Banaras Hindu University, India, and was the topper of the batch.



# Cinnamon's city hotels launch Cinnamon 21

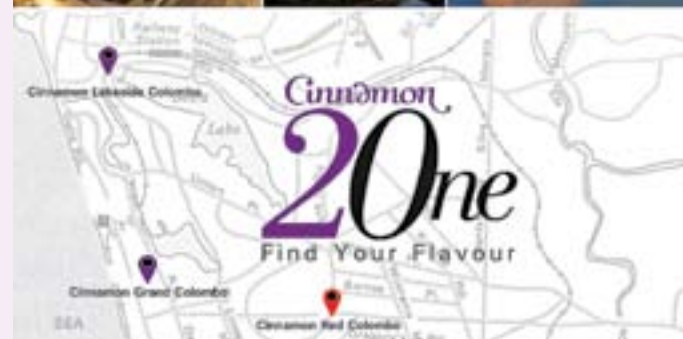
## Bringing Together 21 Dining Venues, Plus Banquets and Rooms

Cinnamon's city hotels, part of the premier Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts chain, will debut its unique Cinnamon 21 campaign today, August 21. Bringing together the offerings of 21 dining venues across the three city hotels – Cinnamon Grand Colombo, Cinnamon Lakeside Colombo and Cinnamon Red Colombo, guests of all ages will be able to enjoy true Cinnamon hospitality, while savouring their favourite dishes and experiences. During the campaigns, guests can avail themselves of a 21% discount on food and beverage additions, weddings and room stays, as well as a host of other exciting treats and giveaways, making this a first-of-its kind initiative in the industry.

many months this year. Hence, Cinnamon 21 aims at igniting and celebrating this spirit, while offering inspiring moments, along with value additions and a host of giveaways."

As part of the Cinnamon 21 campaign, guests can avail themselves of a 21% discount on Restaurant Dining, Delivery, Rooms, 21st Birthday Parties, 21st Birthday Cakes, Weddings, and Wedding Cakes and Structures. These offers are subject to

The promotion will continue until November 21 concluding with the Grand Finale Prize of a fabulous weekend stay for two at Wynn Macau with food and beverage additions, and air tickets provided by Cathay Pacific Airways. An additional array of room stays on full-board basis and prizes from Cinnamon Hotels & Resorts are also on offer.



Mikael Svensson, Sector Head – Cinnamon City Hotels, driving the initiative, said, "Cinnamon epitomises the true essence of Sri Lankan hospitality: exceptionally warm service, innovative culinary offerings, and unmatched venues to celebrate any occasion, big or small. We bring together global cuisine with unparalleled dining venues and service excellence with creative innovations. The very heart of the Cinnamon ethos is a spirit of resilience and rejuvenation – something that has been in short supply for

terms and conditions.

In addition, exciting deals for happy hour, free cake and sparkling wine on a 21st birthday, and 21 varieties of tea, cupcakes and macaroons are some of the other additions on offer.

For further guest engagement, the 21-Day Photo Challenge will be held on social media, and monthly raffle draws at all three properties on the 21st of September, October and November, will give prizes including hotel stays, dinners for four, and other exciting gifts, while the grand finale prize on November 21 will see a lucky winner receive an overseas weekend getaway. -B

# Alluring new ice cream flavours



The local dairy giant Pelwatte introduced two brand new flavours to their ice cream palette. The unique Faluda and Ginger Biscuit flavours will allure more ice cream enthusiasts to go beyond the traditional flavours and enjoy the signature smooth, creamy texture of the Pelwatte ice creams.

"The Sri Lankan ice cream context is diversified with many ice cream variants in terms of colour and flavour. Pelwatte's ice creams are popular for its distinct flavour compositions and memorable taste. The newly introduced Faluda and Ginger Biscuit ice cream flavours also follow this premise. The secret of the rich taste is that the production of the ice creams are done with

the fresh dairy fat which are supplied by our dairy farmers. Therefore, the ice cream that are produced at Pelwatte have a rich creamy texture that makes one want more," said Pelwatte Dairy Industries Managing Director Akmal Wickramanayake. The Faluda ice cream contains a sweet, refreshing, smooth, cool Faluda Ice taste and it is proven to contain most preferable sensory attributes by sensory evaluations in PDIL. The Ginger Biscuit ice cream is rich in sweet, creamy and Ginger flavour and introduce new experience to the consumer comprised with most superior sensory properties.

## MARMADUKE



"Did you tunnel into a bakery?"

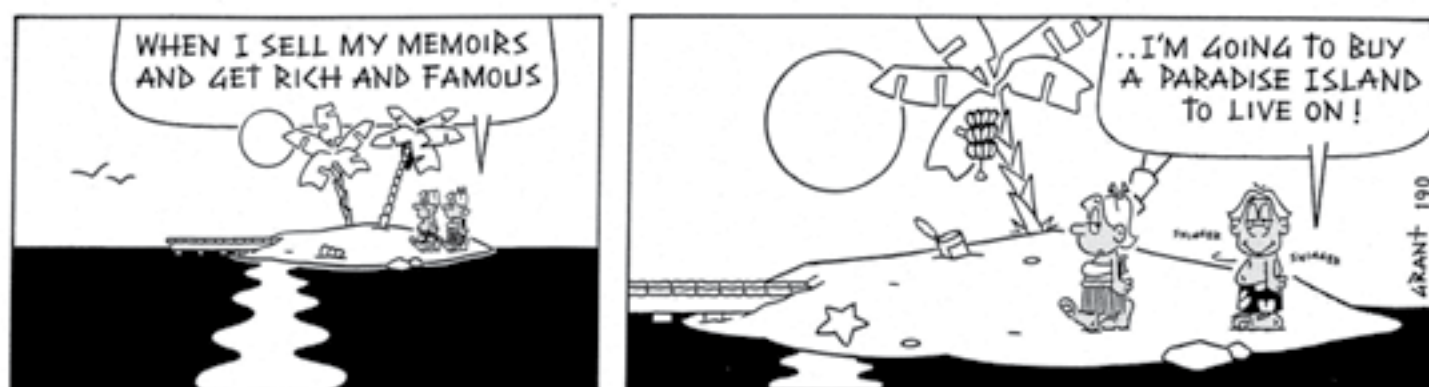
## MUTT AND JEFF



## ARCHIE



## FISH TALES



## UP & RUNNING



My food dish is only half full. Why does my can opener hate me so much?



## HE TERRORIZED OPPOSING BATSMEN

## JOEL, JEWEL IN THE WINDIES TEAM



ELMO RODRIGOPULLE

The tallest fast bowler in the history of the game to take the field was Mohammed Irfan the Pakistani left armer who stood 7 feet 1 inch. He is now the record holder standing tall.

Before Irfan came on the scene the tallest fast bowler was JOE GARNER of the



West Indies who stood 6 feet 8 inches and looking like a Black Knight. He not only frightened batsmen facing him, but spectators too stood in awe admiring this Black Superman.

When he ran on to bowl, he was a frightening prospect to face and it is said that he had several batsmen, especially the tail enders shaking in the knees, not knowing whether he was going to unleash a bouncer or a toe crushing Yorker.

## BATSMEN FEARED HIM

Such was the fear batsmen had of him in an era when West Indies ruled the cricket world as lords with many other fast and fearsome bowlers in Wesley Hall, Charlie Griffith, Michael Holding, Andy Roberts, Colin Croft, Wayne Daniel, Malcolm Marshall, Keith Boyce, Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh.

West Indies had the cricket world at their feet in the 1970s and 1980s when Clive Lloyd and 'master blaster' Vivian Richards captained them from the front blowing aside all opposition.

In that era Windies who had suffered at the hands of the opposing teams hit back with a team of fast bowlers and felled them being hit by brutal fast bowling tsunami like attack.



## HE WAS MENACING

Leading the way and knocking out batsmen with fearsome pace was GARNER. He was menacing with ball in hand and used to send wickets tumbling and winning games for his side with ease.

During GARNER'S domination West Indies used to beat the mighty England who gave the game to the world 5-nil in a Test series which was great shame to the Brits to whom

losing and being clean swept in the series was previously unheard of. Not only England several other teams suffered similarly.

GARNER saw the light of the day on December 16, 1952. He made his Test debut on February 1977 against Pakistan and immediately served notice of what pace blitz was to come from him as his game progressed.

## ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER

He bid adieu to the game after an illustrious career on 15th March 1987 versus New Zealand. He broke into ODI cricket on March 16, 1977 against Pakistan and bowled out on March 28 versus New Zealand in 1987.

Somerset was the English county to first show interest in GARNER the gangling fast bowler who was to later rock and shock the cricket world with his stinging and stunning pace. He was playing for Littleborough in the Central Lancashire League and had the opportunity of playing for them when the great Sir Gary Sobers quit Littleborough.

Littleborough were more than happy with their new signing because in the three years GARNER played for them he bagged 334 wickets and then Somerset had no hesitation in signing him on to play in the county circuit. He later went on to play with the two greats Viv Richards and Ian Botham for Somerset.

## AMAZING SUCCESS

GARNER continued his amazing success with the ball and it was not long before he sported his country's colours and it was in the limited overs game that he showed immense potential and his 5 for 39 in the World Cricket Cup in 1979 against England that stood out as his best effort by a bowler in a final. In that devastating spell he took 5 wickets for 4 runs and missed out on hat tricks twice.

West Indies who won the World Cup in

1975 and 1979 inexplicably lost the 1983 final to India at Lord's with JOEL GARNER being part of the team. With Andy Roberts he holds the 10th wicket partnership record off 71 runs.

Sri Lanka did not have the fortune of seeing GARNER at his best when he was knocking batsmen over, but had the consolation to see the giant fast man when he came here as manager with the West Indies team led by all rounder Darren Sammy in 2010.

## INTO ADMINISTRATION

After his playing days were over he moved into the administration. Until 2016 GARNER served as President of the Barbados Cricket Association.

Early in his career it is said that GARNER had Wes Hall and Charlie Griffith as coaches and at school he had Seymour Nurse and Everton Weekes as the chief coaches.

Cricketers and cricket fans of an era gone by will remember that terror pacesman in Charlie Griffith. Indian batsman Nari Contractor had a close brush with death when he imagining that the next delivery was going to be a bouncer, but did not rise ducked and was hit on the head.

## CONTRACTOR UNCONSCIOUS

Contractor was carried off the field unconscious and lay that way for days, before doctors miraculously brought him around. Contractor had to have a plate inserted in his head. Contractor never held a bat after that. In that era helmets were not in vogue.

GARNER'S STATS - TESTS - 58 - TOP SCORE 60 - FIFTIES 1 - WICKETS 259 - 5 WKTS IN AN INNINGS - 7 - BEST FIGURES - 6 FOR 56 - CATCHES 42 - ODIS - 98 - WKTS 146 - 5 WKTS IN AN INNINGS 3 - BEST FIGURES 5 FOR 31 - CATCHES 30.

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## Exercise tips that make weight loss easier

Have you set a goal to lose weight? If so, you might be ready to start a diet and exercise program for weight loss. After all, that's what weight loss experts recommend, right?

Not really. In fact, if you start a diet and exercise program at the same time, you could easily set yourself up for failure. Instead, use these smart tips to set up a smarter weight loss program. With this savvy approach, you're more likely to see real weight loss results that last.

## Don't Exercise When You Begin a Diet

When you first start a diet, you should not exercise. Yep, you heard that right. You can skip the gym for the first few weeks of your weight loss program. Why? There are two reasons.

First, cutting calories can cause fatigue—especially when you first change your diet. You can use natural methods to boost your energy, but you may still be too tired to exercise.

And second, at the beginning of your weight loss plan, you should focus all of your attention on the diet. Even though both diet and exercise matter when you want to lose weight, diet matters more. If you put all of your energy into eating a healthy, calorie-controlled diet at the start of your weight loss program, you set

yourself up to see results sooner. And those weight loss results will help to keep you motivated when you add the challenge of exercise in the later weeks. Focus on healthy eating at the beginning of your diet and leave exercise for later.

## Boost Non-Exercise Activity

Even though you should be cautious about exercise at the beginning of your diet, you don't want to get lazy. Stay busy with NEAT, or non-exercise activity thermogenesis.

So what's NEAT? It's all the physical activity you do throughout the day that isn't vigorous enough to count as exercise. You can walk the dog, take the stairs to your office, carry groceries home from the store, or take a short walk during your coffee break to burn calories with NEAT.

One easy way to measure your NEAT is to count your daily steps with a pedometer or activity monitor. Start by trying to reach 10,000 steps per day. Then increase your goal to 15,000 or even 20,000 as you become more fit.

## Postpone Hard Workouts

Once you have a calorie-controlled eating plan in place, your energy levels have adjusted to your new diet, and you've learned to maximize



NEAT, it's time to add an exercise program. A healthy exercise program will help you to burn more calories, speed up the weight loss process and improve heart health. But it's best to begin slowly. So postpone the high-intensity workouts and start with an easy exercise program. Easy exercise provides several important weight loss benefits. First, it helps to boost your confidence, especially if you are new to exercise or if you're starting a program after taking time off.

An easy program will also prepare your muscles for more vigorous exercise, help to prevent injury and will enable you to build a workout habit that you'll stick to for life.

## Only One Workout Trend Matters

So what's the best workout for weight loss? It's the one that you do

consistently. So you can skip the high-priced, trendy workout fads and do whatever workouts are most convenient for you, as long as you do them on a regular basis.

If weight loss is your goal, consistency matters more than exercise type or intensity. Do regular workouts five to seven days each week to see results.

Of course, there are workouts that burn more fat.

You'll find that high-intensity workouts provide the best fat-burning benefits both during and after exercise. But those workouts only provide noticeable benefits when you do them on a regular basis. If you choose to add trendy high-intensity workouts, like spinning, bootcamp, or P90X-style workouts, do so cautiously.

Plan recovery workouts on the days after those sessions to give your body and brain a chance to recover and rebuild.

## Vary Workouts for Better Results

Variety is the spice of life even at the gym. So when you feel like your body is falling into a rut and you're not getting the weight loss results that you want, it's time to mix things up and try a new program.

Smart exercisers don't do the same workout day after day. They complete workouts that use different body parts on different days. These exercises include aerobic exercise, strength training, and flexibility training workouts in their schedule to keep their bodies active. They also try different styles of workouts to keep their muscles moving.

To make the most of your workout program, try different types of exercise often. If you like to run, give spinning a try. If you usually lift weights or walk, learn how to do a circuit workout. You'll find that when you change your workouts, you change your body.

## Muscles Boost Metabolism

Many weight loss workout experts will tell you how to burn calories with cardiovascular - or aerobic workouts. Spinning is an aerobic workout, walking can be an aerobic workout and stair climbing machines provide an aerobic workout.

But muscle matters too. So it's

important to lift weights at least 2-3 times per week.

So what's so great about muscle? It weighs more, but it also burns more calories all day long. So you boost your metabolism when you build muscle. And lean muscles shape a tighter body. If you want to look great in your favorite clothes, you'll get there faster if you spend some time building muscle.

Hint: Remember that you don't need to go to the weight room to build strength. In fact, some of the most effective strength training exercises use bodyweight only.

## Exercise Improves Long-Term Health

Even though diet matters more at the beginning of your weight loss program, exercise matters more for long-term weight maintenance. Experts recommend that you get at least 250 minutes per week to keep the weight off for good. Does that sound intimidating? It won't be if you set up your program properly and slowly increase your weekly exercise minutes.

Remember, exercise is important for weight loss, but it's also important for longevity and healthy aging. If you stay active as you age, you'll stay lean and healthy, too. So invest both time and energy into creating a healthy workout habit that you can stick to for life. -The Guardian



# MASKED FOR THE PANDEMIC



In one of Edmond Kok's creations, a 3D visualization of a spiky coronavirus bursts out of a face mask. Another mask uses a plastic takeout container to remind people of the environmental cost

of food deliveries. A design inspired by a Thai temple symbolizes people missing their favorite holiday destinations because of travel restrictions.

ical problems. They're not worn as illness prevention but as pieces of art.

A Hong Kong actor and costume designer, Kok has had little theater work during the pandemic but found creative opportunity in the now-ubiquitous face mask. He has crafted more than 170 masks inspired both by the pandemic and Hong Kong's polit-

"I really want to document different things that happened in our lives," he said.

After the pandemic ends, Kok hopes he and others will revisit their experiences through his masks.

He has posted photos of them on Instagram and other social media platforms. AP



Edmond Kok at work



## Pawsome!

Did you know that raccoons have a natural talent for abstract painting? Take one look at the work of raccoons Piper and Cheeto and you'll see that they have a penchant for creating lively works of art using only their paws.

Their creative spirit is fostered thanks to the help of their humans Mitchell and Sarah Thyme. They provide the creatures not only with the paint and canvases but also the space necessary to produce their tiny masterpieces.

The Thymes came up with the idea to let their raccoons paint by observing the behavior of the creatures. "Raccoons are constantly touching things with their hands to gather sensory information," Sarah tells My Modern Met, "and



Piper's painting

we saw our raccoons doing it, so we thought painting would be a fun activity for them."

Every canvas features the raccoons' adorable paw prints in multiple colors. Some pieces are minimalist

in their aesthetic with compositions that contain a few scattered prints, while others have artful smudges that mix the pigment on canvas. The finished paintings are as unique as Piper and Cheeto are.

"Each of our raccoons has had their own style," Sarah says, "and we can usually tell their art apart!"

The raccoon paintings are for sale on the Thymes' website, Tito the Raccoon. (Tito is the name of their first raccoon who has since passed on.) Most are sold out, and there's no telling when more works will be created.

"Our raccoons paint as they please," Sarah explains, "so there is no set amount of time a painting will take."

Play Junkie



Cheeto's masterpiece

## See-thru loos?

Using public restrooms is always a cause for anxiety – you never know what condition you'll find it in until it's too late. Unless you are in Tokyo that is.

As part of the Japan city's Toilet Project, Pritzker Prize-winning architect Shigeru Ban designed two public toilets that allow the potential user to see through walls and into the state of things inside.

The cubicles in public parks are designed using cheerful colours such as blue and green. They are also completely transparent. Before you scoff at the facilities however, there's something you need to know. Once the bathroom is occupied, the cabin turns opaque – this is not a toilet for a voyeur, simply an innovation to aid the unsuspecting.

The loos, constructed in Yoyogi Fukamachi Mini Park and the Haru-no-Ogawa Community Park, have glass-tinted rooms that allow a quick assessment of the facilities and whether they are in use and - whatever the intention – hold each user to account, for any littering can immediately spotted by people outside.

"There are two things we worry about when entering a public restroom, especially those located at a park," Ban says on the project's website.

"The first is cleanliness, and the second is whether anyone is inside," the architect continued.



"Using the latest technology, the exterior glass turns opaque when locked. This allows users to check the cleanliness and whether anyone is using the toilet from the outside. At night, the facility lights up the park like a beautiful lantern."

Each facility has three cubicles. This project is part of an initiative by the non-profit Nippon Foundation to redesign public toilets in 17 areas in Shibuya, Tokyo. Gulf News



## Safety messages on sand



Ford has commissioned custom tyres that can leave key water safety messages imprinted on stretches of sand as part of a new initiative with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) in the UK.

The collaborative activity aims to support the lifesaving charity to educate people on, and raise awareness of key beach safety advice.

The custom tyres have been designed to leave three key water

safety messages in the sand, including 'float to live', 'no inflatables', and 'emergency? call 999'.

The long-standing tradition of writing messages on sand inspired Ford to create a way of spreading water safety messages quickly across miles of beaches using its vehicles. The custom tyres are made from a mould of each water safety message. The mould creates a rubber tyre sleeve that is wrapped around the Ford Ranger tyre tread and fixed into place permanently.



This comes as new research from Ford reveals that 40 per cent of people who would take an inflatable into the sea in the UK have previously got into difficulty. Over a third of people (38 per cent) also said they'd consider taking a swim alone.

The study reveals that despite a love for the seaside, only 56 per cent of the UK public know to call 999 and ask for the coastguard if they see somebody fall into open water.

Gulf News

## Don't finish what you're served!

Ever been scolded for not finishing everything that's on your plate? There are all those starving children out there, and it's disrespectful not to finish, right?

According to The Huffington Post, falling back on what Mom and Dad always taught you and finishing off every last crumb is a major faux pas in China.

Cleaning your plate suggests you're still hungry, and it implies your host didn't give you enough food. Needless to say, that's a big insult... but if you're in India or Japan, leaving even a little bit on your plate is just as bad. There, it implies a disrespect toward the host and the food, and it's seen as wasteful.

Just how differently an empty plate is interpreted is the perfect example of why you should read up on etiquette before you travel! Mashed





# Employment Opportunities



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#### General Conditions:

- Prior experience in Education or Higher Education Projects would be an advantage.
- Age below 35 years to the date closing the applications.
- Selected candidate will be offered all inclusive salary of 40,000/= per month.
- EPF contribution of the Employee will be 8% EPF contribution of the employer will be 12% and 3% of the Monthly salary.

#### Terms of Employment:

- Appointment will be on contract basis for one year term initially with facility for extension depending on the duration of the project and satisfactory performance.
- Please send in your Curriculum Vitae with names of two non-related referees to reach the

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1. BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

AND

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AND

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2. BSc. Special Degree (04 years) OR BSc. Degree (04 years) with 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class OR BSc. Degree (03 years) with 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka

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### 2. Institute Secretary - (HM 1-3)

#### Minimum Qualifications/Experience

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### 3. Chief Internal Auditor - (HM 1-3)

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(1 or 2 below)

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WITH

A Postgraduate qualification (Master's) in Accountancy or Finance which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka OR Associate Membership of a recognized professional Institute (ACCA, CIMA, CMA, ICASL), which is relevant to the subject areas of the post

AND

A minimum of 15 years experience in Auditing/Accounts/Financial Management after the first degree at a "Managerial level" in a Corporation, Statutory Board/Institution or a reputed private institution.

2. Full Membership of Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka/ Chartered Institute of Management Accountants / Associations of Certified and Corporate Accountants/Certified Management Accountants

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2. BSc. Special Degree (04 years)/BSc. Degree (04 years) with 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class/ BSc. Degree (03 years) with a 1<sup>st</sup> class or 2<sup>nd</sup> class in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a PhD. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND five (05) years relevant research experience after the first degree.

3. BSc. Degree (03 years) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a PhD. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND eight (08) years relevant research experience after the first degree.

4. BSc. Degree in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND 15 years relevant laboratory/research/industry experience after the first degree AND out of which 6 years should be after the Postgraduate degree.

### 5. Research Scientist - (AR 1-II) -

Modern Pharmaceutical Testing Laboratory (specialized in Pharmacy /Chemistry)

#### Minimum Qualifications/Experience

(1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 below)

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2. BSc. Special Degree (04 years) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND a Postgraduate Degree (with/by research) in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.

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5. BSc. Special Degree (04 years) with a 2<sup>nd</sup> class lower in Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka.

### 6. Internal Auditor - (MM 1-1 II)

#### Minimum Qualifications/Experience

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1. A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy, Commerce, Management, Administration which is recognized by the University Grants

Commission, Sri Lanka AND three (03) years post qualifying Accounting and Auditing experience in the relevant field to the post.

2. Higher National Diploma in Accountancy (HNDA) which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND three (03) years post qualifying Accounting and Auditing experience in the relevant field to the post.

3. Having passed the intermediate examination of a recognized professional Chartered Institute, (ACCA, CIMA, CMA, ICASL) AND a minimum of three (03) years post qualifying Accounting and Auditing experience in the relevant field to the post.

### 7. Senior Administrative Officer (Admin) (MM 1-1 II)

#### Minimum Qualifications / Experience

A Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, Management, Administration or Science which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka AND three (03) years post qualifying experience in Administration relevant to the post.

### 8. Internal Audit Officer - (JM 1-2 II)

#### Minimum Qualifications / Experience

(1 or 2 or 3 below)

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy, Commerce or Management which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka WITH one (01) year post qualifying experience in Accounting /Auditing field.

2. Higher National Diploma In Accountancy (HNDA) which is recognized by the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka WITH one (01) year post qualifying experience in Accounting /Auditing field.

3. Having passed the Intermediate Examination of a recognized professional Chartered Institute WITH one (01) year post qualifying experience in Accounting /Auditing field.

\*Age:

HM 1-3	Should not be less than 35 years and not more than 55 years
AR 2	Should not be less than 30 years and not more than 55 years
AR 1-II	Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
MM 1-1-II	Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years
JM 1-2-II	Should not be less than 22 years and not more than 45 years

\* This upper age limit will not apply to the employees of the Government Departments / Corporations.

#### Salary Scales:

HM 1-3	Rs.86,865-15 x 2,270-120,915/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances including Transport Allowance of Rs.64,040/-)
AR 2	Rs.76,200-10 x 2,000-96,200/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
AR 1-II	Rs.53,150-1,375x10-1,910x15-95,550/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
MM 1-1-II	Rs.53,175-10 x 1,375-15 x 1,910 x 15-95,575/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances)
JM 1-2-II	Rs.43,355-10x755-18x1,135-71,335/- (Plus Government Approved Allowances)

#### Other benefits applicable for the above positions

The selected candidates may be entitled to performance based incentives, contributory medical insurance scheme and other benefit schemes implemented by the institute.

The Institute operates its own Provident Fund Scheme towards which the employees contribute 10% of the Gross Salary and the Institute contributes 15%. A further 3% of the salary will be contributed by the employer to the Employees' Trust Fund.

Applicants presently employed in Government Departments/State Corporations/Statutory Boards should send in their applications through the respective Heads of their Establishments. An advance copy of the application may be sent direct.

Applicants are requested to use the given format in the ITI web ([www.iti.lk](http://www.iti.lk)) when submitting your application. Applications that do not conform to these requirements will be rejected. Duly completed applications with photocopies of certificates of Educational and Professional qualifications and experience together with names and addresses of two non-related referees should be sent under registered post to the address given below on or before 04.09.2020.

The post in respect of which the application has been made should be indicated on the top left corner of the envelope.

Director General/CEO  
Industrial Technology Institute  
363, Bauddhaloka Mawatha,  
Colombo 07.

[www.iti.lk](http://www.iti.lk)





## 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**

## Chief Secretariat - North Central Province

### Procurement Notice

#### Purchase of Agricultural Equipment

Sealed bids will be entertained by me, the Chairman, Governor approved Procurement Committee / Chief Secretary, North Central Province for supply/procurement of under noted agricultural equipment required for the North Central Provincial Department of Agriculture from eligible and qualified bidders/suppliers.

Serial No.	Description of the items	Required Quantity	Non-Refundable Bid Form Fee (Rs.)	Required Bid Security (Rs.)	Bid Security Validity Period
01	Manual Seeder cum Fertilizer Applicator	450	3,500.00	250,000.00	105 Days
02	Multi-Purpose Cultivator (Back pack type)	450			
03	Tarpaulin Sheet - 20'x20'	450	1,000.00	50,000.00	105 Days

02. Bidding documents could be inspected free of charge at the North Central Provincial Department of Agriculture on working days of the week from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m. from 21.08.2020 to 10.09.2020 and further details in this regard could be obtained contacting over Telephone No. 025-2222189.
03. Bidding documents could be obtained by eligible and qualified interested bidders from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days of the week from 21.08.2020 to 10.09.2020 upon payment of the non-refundable bid fee as indicated in the above table, in cash made to the Financial Assistant of the Provincial Department of Agriculture of the North Central Province.
04. Duly completed sealed bids in duplicate marked as original and duplicate enclosed in two(02) separate covers sealed and the both covers again enveloped in a single cover and sealed and the name/description of the relevant item clearly indicated on the top left-hand corner of the relevant envelopes should either be sent by Registered Post addressed to the Chief Secretary/Chairman, Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee, **Chief Secretary, 4th Floor, Provincial Councils Administrative Building Complex, North Central Province, Anuradhapura** or deposited in the Bid/Tender Box kept at the office room of the Chief Secretary of the North Central Province to be received **at or before 10.00 a.m. on 11.09.2020** and Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids **at 10.00 a.m. on 11.09.2020** and the Bidder or his authorized agent could be present on this occasion.
05. All the bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security to the relevant value mentioned in the table above, valid up to 105 days from 11.09.2020 obtained from a reputed commercial bank, registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of the Chief Secretary, North Central Province (NCP).
06. The decision of the Hon. Governor of the North Central Province will be the final concerning all the matters pertaining to the procurement.

**Chief Secretary/Chairman,  
Hon. Governor appointed Procurement Committee,  
Chief Secretary's Office, Chief Secretariat,  
4th Floor, Provincial Councils Administrative Building Complex,  
North Central Province.**

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I, **Mohamed Ammar Ahamed Refai** of 68, Dharmapala Mawatha, Colombo 03 and belong to the Colombo district Divisional Secretariat, bearing NIC 860010828V and registered at birth as **Mohamed Ammar**, hereby notify the general public of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that I shall henceforth be known only as **Ammar Refai**.

Sincerely,  
**Ammar Refai**

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## SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

### Amendment Notice on Insurance of Vehicle Fleet and Equipment Fleet Belonging to Sri Lanka Ports Authority for 2020/2021

This refers to the Tender No. EW/7/INS/2020-2021 inviting Bids for the procurement of service for **Insurance of Vehicle Fleet and Equipment Fleet Belonging to Sri Lanka Ports Authority for 2020/2021** published in **Sunday Observer, Silumina, Thinakaran, Dinamina and Daily News on 16th and 17th of August 2020**. The prospective Bidders are kindly informed that the **Document Fee is LKR 5,500/= inclusive of VAT** and this amendment will prevail in any case if there is conflict between the amendment and the IFB notice published earlier.

**Director (Technical)  
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,  
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road,  
Colombo 01.**

**18th August 2020**

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

*Ministry of Tourism*

## Department of National Zoological Gardens

### Supply of Uniforms & Shoes - 2020

*IFB No: DNZG/A/07/20/97*

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Department of National Zoological Gardens now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for supply of uniforms & Shoes for the Department of National Zoological Gardens.

Item No.	Item	Quantity	Bid Security Value (Rs.)
<b>Lot No. 01</b>			
I	Asparagus Color Trousers material (65/35) Width 58" /60"(RGB Code:140:145:79, Hex Code: #8C914f)	55 m	20,000/=
II	Thistle Green Shirt Material (80/20) Width 44"/45" (RGB Code: 198:198:153, Hex Code:#C6C699)	65 m	
III	Cerulean (Light Blue) Overcoat Material (65/35) Width 58" /60" (RGB Code: 0:165:219, Hex Code: #00A5DB)	60 m	
IV	Black Trousers material (65/35) Width 58" /60"	1,250 m	
V	Black Trousers material for Short Trousers (100% Cotton) Width 58" /60"	950 m	
VI	Dark Green Trousers Material (Cotton more than 60%) Width 58" /60"	65 m	
VII	Sea Green (RGB 4613987) Shirt Material (Cotton more than 60%) Width 44"/45"	80 m	
VIII	Dark Brown (Shade 1) Trousers Material (65/35) Width 58" /60"	45 m	
IX	Sand Color (Shade 1) Shirt Material (80/20) Width 44"/45"	65 m	
X	Dark Brown (Shade 2) Trousers Material (65/35) Width 58" /60"	30 m	
XI	Sand Color (Shade 2) Shirt Material (80/20) Width 44"/45"	37 m	
XII	White Shirt Material (80/20) Width 44"/45"	67 m	
XIII	Khaki Cloth (65/35) Width 58" /60"	540 m	
XIV	Dark Blue Trousers Material (65/35) Width 58" /60"	5 m	
XV	Light Blue Shirt Material (80/20) Width 44"/45"	6 m	
XVI	Cotton Saree with a border, Head Piece and jacket piece (Plain or with design) Greenish Color	42 pes	
<b>Lot No. 02</b>			
XVII	T-Shirt (Jungle Green Color) (R18:G64:B38 crocodile Material Sizes- S, M, L, XL, XXL)	1,050 Nos	10,000/=
XVIII	T-Shirt (Light Brown Color) crocodile Material Sizes- S, M, L, XL, XXL	290 Nos	
<b>Lot No. 03</b>			
XIX	Safety Shoes (Black Color)	12 pairs	20,000/=
XX	Black Leather Shoes	500 pairs	
XXI	Black Leather Shoes for Security Officer	60 pairs	

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding.
3. Interested eligible bidders (experienced in manufacturing, importing or selling of Textile/ Shoes) may obtain further information from the office of the Chief Accountant, Department of National Zoological Gardens, No. 251/2A, 251/2B, Watthagedara Junction, Maharagama. Tel - 2712752 and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on working days from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 21<sup>st</sup> of August, 2020 to 09<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020.
4. A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address of Chief Accountant mentioned above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rupees Two Thousand (Rs. 2,000/=). The method of payment will be in cash.
5. Bids must be delivered to the address below at or before 2.00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at 2.00 p.m. on 10<sup>th</sup> of September, 2020. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid-Security.
6. The decision of the Department Procurement Committee shall be the final.

**Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee  
Department of National Zoological Gardens  
Anagarika Dharmapala Mawatha  
Dehiwala**



**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****POLGAHAWELA PRADESHIYA SABHA**

Sealed bids will be entertained by me from eligible and qualified bidders of the North Western (Wayamba) Province for the Construction of the following project implemented by the Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha.

Serial No.	Project	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Bond Value (Rs.)	Required minimum registration grade	Construction period of the project (targeted) to be completed
01	Construction of a multi purpose building in the Uhumiya Town of the Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha. (Stage I)	3,000.00	330,000.00	In the North Western (Wayamba) Province only. C6/C5	06 months

Bidding documents will be issued during office hours, from 21.08.2020 up to 3.00 p.m. to 10.09.2020 and sealed tenders will be entertained up to 10.00 a.m. on 11.09.2020. Tenders will be opened at 10.00 a.m. on the same day.

- \* Bids should be submitted in duplicate (two copies)
- \* Bid security bond, should be valid up to 105 days from 11.09.2020.
- \* Bids sans, bid security bond, annexed will be rejected.
- \* Further details could be obtained from the Works superintendent of the Technical Department of the Pradeshiya Sabha, during office hours.

Chairman,  
Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Polgahawela.

Polgahawela Pradeshiya Sabha.

Telephones Nos. :- 037-4941813 / 037-2243274  
email :- polgahawelaps1@gmail.com



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**Sri Lanka Customs****TENDER SALE OF FORFEITED GOODS**

Tender for the sale of forfeited Gold, Gold/ Silver Articles, Electrical Electronic Appliances and some Miscellaneous Items will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 at 10.00 a.m. at Central Disposal Directorate of Sri Lanka Customs.

A list of the Goods to be sold can be collected from the Central Disposal Directorate, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Sri Lanka Customs on payment of a non refundable amount of Rs. 25/= from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2020.

Further, the list of the goods to be sold will be displayed in Customs Official Website [www.customs.gov.lk](http://www.customs.gov.lk) from 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2020 onwards.

For further details contact: 011-2221300 / 011-2430795  
011-2143434 Ext. 7300

Director General of Customs  
Sri Lanka Customs  
Customs House,  
No. 40, Main Street,  
Colombo 11.

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****General Hospital, Ampara  
Supply of Medical Equipment**

Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Director, General Hospital - Ampara invites sealed bids from principals or their accredited agents for the supply and installation of Medical Equipment up to 2.00 p.m on 2020.09.15

No.	Item	Quantity	Non refundable fee (Rs)
01	High end Ultrasound Scanner	01	1000.00
02	Dialysis Machine	02	1000.00
03	C Pap Machine (Adult)	04	1000.00
04	Neonatal C Pap Machine	02	1000.00
05	Centrifuge	01	1000.00
06	Wheel Stretcher Cart	15	1000.00
07	Electric Three Function Hospital Bed	02	1000.00

01. Bid documents in duplicate can be obtained from Director, General Hospital, Ampara during working days from 2020.08.25 to 2020.09.14 between 9.00 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. by any interested eligible bidder, agent or nominee on the submission of

- ❖ A written application to the Director, General Hospital, Ampara.
- ❖ Upon payment of the non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00 in cash to the Accountant, Director, General Hospital, Ampara.
- ❖ Certified copy of business registration certificate.
- ❖ A Certificate/letter issued by agents for products.

02. Sealed bids should be sent by Registered post to the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Director, General Hospital, Ampara or deposited in the tender box kept at the Accountant's Office Room, General Hospital, Ampara at or before 2.00 pm on 2020.09.15 Late bids will be rejected. Cover should be marked **Medical Equipment**

03. Bids will be opened at 2.30 pm on 2020.09.15 in the presence of the bidders or authorized representatives who attend in person at the address given below at 2.30 pm with their national identity card & a letter of authorization from their employer.

04. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security of 1% of the total bid value.

05. The decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.  
Telephone No. 063 2222261/063 2224728.

Dr. Upul Wijenayaka  
Director  
18.08.2020

**UVA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL**

Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration)

**PROCUREMENT NOTICE****Leasing of the Canteen in the  
Uva Provincial Council Complex  
Year 2020 - 2021**

01. Canteen at the Ground Floor of Uva Provincial Council Complex is maintained for the supply of food and beverages for about 500 officers within the Uva Provincial Council Complex and to about 100 service seekers who call over daily.
02. Quotations are invited by me as the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) from citizens of Sri Lanka and institutions that are registered for this purpose under the Business Registration and having 01 or more years of experience in the relevant field for leasing the canteen for a period of one year from 04.10.2020 until 03.10.2021.
03. Bid forms may be obtained upon payment of a non refundable form fee of Rs. 1000/- in valid Sri Lankan currency during office hours between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 21.08.2020 until 11.09.2020 to the Accounts Division of the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) of the Uva Provincial Council.
04. At the time of submission of bids, the receipt obtained upon depositing Rs. 15,000/- in valid Sri Lankan currency as a refundable bid bond at the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) or a bid bond of equivalent amount obtained from a government commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) valid for 2 months should be submitted with the bid.
05. Duly perfected bids in duplicate should be submitted to the Procurement Committee to receive at or before 3.00 p.m. on 14.09.2020 and the bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 3.00 p.m. on 14.09.2020 at the office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration). Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids. Late and incomplete bids will be rejected.
06. Further details and conditions may be obtained by calling the Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration) on Tel. No. 055-2229393 or from the [www.up.gov.lk](http://www.up.gov.lk) website.
07. Procurement Board reserves the right to take the final decision regarding this procurement.

D.G.C. Jayatunga  
Chairman  
Procurement Board

Office of the Deputy Chief Secretary (Administration)  
Uva Provincial Council  
Badulla

19.08.2020

**TENDER NOTICE****CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION****TENDER FOR THE SALE (EXPORT)  
OF NAPHTHA**

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CEYPETCO) invites firm offers for the sale (export) of 140,000 Barrels plus/minus 5 pct. of Naphtha on FOB Colombo basis for loading during laycan 05-06/10/2020 Ex Dolphin Tanker Berth, Colombo.

Tender documents could be obtained from the undersigned between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on any working day up to 01st September 2020 or could be downloaded from the CEYPETCO official website : [www.ceypetco.gov.lk](http://www.ceypetco.gov.lk)

Offers should reach the Chairman, Special Standing Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee (SSCAPC), Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 3rd Floor, No. 609, Dr Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on or before 1200 hrs. on Wednesday the 02nd September 2020.

COMMERCIAL MANAGER,  
COMMERCIAL FUNCTION,  
7TH FLOOR,  
CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION,  
NO. 609,  
DR DANISTER DE SILVA MAWATHA,  
COLOMBO 09.

TELE : 011 5455115 / 011 5666338  
E-MAIL : [cm@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:cm@ceypetco.gov.lk) / [commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk](mailto:commercial@ceypetco.gov.lk)

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**WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
(WESTERN PROVINCE)****PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

Quotations are invited from local suppliers for the supply of heavy machinery on rent basis (for a period of one year), supply of uniforms/protective equipment and print fertilizer packaging bags for Karadiyana, Pohorawatte & Dikovita Projects, implemented by the Karadiyana Mihisaru Resources Management Centre, managed by the Waste Management Authority, Western Province.

No.	Item	Description	No. of Units	Set of Bidding Documents	
01	Heavy Machinery (on rent basis)	Long Arm Excavator	01	A	
		Short Arm Excavator	01		
02	Uniforms	T-shirts	Long Short	B	
		Shirts	Long Short		
		Bottoms	304		
		Trousers (Denim)	112		
		Gumboots	Yellow Black		08 115
		Safety Shoes	70		
	Protective Equipment	Safety Gloves	Soft Rubber	772	C
			Soft Cloth	1899	
			Heavy Rubber	1041	
		Safety Glasses	91		
		Rain Coats	98		
		Umbrellas	123		
		Helmets	13		
03	Printing of Fertilizer packaging Bags	50 kg (60x105) cm	12,500	D	
		20 kg (50x70) cm	26,000		
		10 kg (36x65) cm	20,000		
		5 kg (45x30) cm	26,000		

Procurement documents with specifications can be obtained upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 from Karadiyana Resources Management Centre, situated at "Mihisaru Viyamana" Resources Management Centre, Karadiyana, Thumbowila, Piliyandala managed by the Western Provincial Waste Management Authority, from 21.08.2020 to 14.09.2020 until 2.00 p.m.

Sealed Procurement documents with bids shall be deposited in the tender box kept at Karadiyana Resources Management Centre at "Mihisaru Viyamana" Resources Management Centre, Karadiyana, Thumbowila, Piliyandala before 2.00 p.m. on 14.09.2020 or shall be sent under registered cover before 2.00 p.m. on the same day. Pre bid meeting related to all above supplies will be held at Karadiyana Resources Management Office premises, at 10.00 a.m. on 03.09.2020.

Quotations will be opened at 2.15 p.m. on 14.09.2020 at Karadiyana Resources Management Office premises. The bidders or one of his authorized representatives can be present on the occasion.

Chairman,  
Waste Management Centre (W.P)  
No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha,  
Battaramulla.

Tel/No: 011-3056703 / Fax: 011-2613317  
21.08.2020



**NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given in terms of section 7 of the Companies Act, No 9(1) of 2007.  
Name: Creative Spring Academy (Private) Limited  
PV No: PV 100707  
Date: 05.09.2014  
304 11, Jambogamulla, Road, Nugegoda  
Somathatha Kulaseena

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.  
**Name of the Company:**  
CICO Sun Joint Venture (Pvt) Ltd.  
**Company Reg. No.**  
PV 00213062  
**Registered Office:**  
Kalawewa, Vijithapura.  
**Presented by:**  
Company Secretary

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**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**  
**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**  
**CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED**  
**REPAIRS TO TANK NO. 46 AT KOLONNAWA INSTALLATION**  
**CONTRACT NO : KPR/102A/2017**

1. The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for "Repairs to Tank No. 46 at Kolonnawa Installation" as described below and estimated Cost LKR 140 Million. The Construction period is 270 calendar days.

Above work consists of replacing of existing roof plates with all attachments, roof structure, the 6th, 7th and 8th shell courses, water drenching system by supplying necessary plates and other materials.

2. Bidding will be conducted through **International Competitive Bidding** procedure.  
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful Bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements :

(a) For domestic Bidders, **ICTAD (CIDA)** Registration is required as follows :

Specialty	Grade	Party
Heavy Steel Fabrication	EM1	Bidder or Partner in Charge of Joint Venture (JV)

(b) For foreign Bidders, **ICTAD (CIDA) Registration is not required**, but more experience is required compared to domestic Bidder as per Clause 4.3 for compensating above Registration.

4. Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include :

4.1 Average annual volume of construction work performed in last five years shall be at least **LKR 280 Million (Sri Lanka Rupees Two Hundred and Eighty Million) or equal amount in foreign currency.**

4.2 The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities, net of other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, until the project is taken over by the CPSTL, shall be not less than **LKR 47 Million (Sri Lankan Rupees Forty Seven Million) or equivalent amount in foreign currency.**

4.3 Bidder/Partner in Charge of JV should have experience as a prime Contractor in the construction of a nature and complexity similar to the Works (5,000 m<sup>3</sup> or higher capacity steel, vertical, above ground storage tank as per API Standard 650) or major repairs to such tanks including replacement of entire bottom / roof plates with roof structure conforms to API 653. At least one project for domestic Bidder/ Partner in Charge of JV and two for foreign Bidder/Joint Venture Partner for new tank construction or at least two (02) projects for domestic Bidder/Partner in charge of JV and four (04) for foreign Bidder/Joint Venture Partner for major repairs to such tank during last ten years.

For Joint Ventures between Domestic and Foreign Partners ;

(a) If the Domestic partner has ICTAD (CIDA) Registration of **EM1 in Heavy Steel Fabrication specialty**, foreign Bidder/Joint Venture Partner should have experience as a Contractor in at least one project for new tank construction or at least two projects for major repairs to such tanks required.

(b) If the Domestic partner doesn't have ICTAD (CIDA) Registration of **EM1 in Heavy Steel Fabrication specialty**, foreign Bidder/Joint Venture Partner should have experience as a Contractor in at least two projects for new tank construction or at least four projects for major repairs to such tanks required.

5. Any of the following party who wishes to submit a bid, shall register himself at the Department of Registrar of Companies www.drc.gov.lk (e-ROC) as per the Public Contracts Act, No. 03 of 1987 for every public contract value exceeding Sri Lankan Rupees **Five Million (LKR 5,000,000).**

i. An Agent, Sub-Agent, representative or nominee must be registered **prior to the closing of the Bid/Tender.**

ii. If the tender applicant and the Tenderer is the same party he must be registered prior to the **award of the tender.**

6. Interested Bidders may obtain further information from the Manager Procurement of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, (Telephone + 94 112572156, 5750764 and Tele Fax : +94 11 2572155 and Email : procure@cpstl.lk) and inspect the Bidding Documents free of charge during any working day from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs at the address given below. However, the Bidders can inspect the Bidding Documents (excluding drawings) from CPSTL website : www.cpstl.lk

7. 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 from **21.08.2020 until 30.09.2020** from 0900 hrs to 1430 hrs. on any working day upon cash payment of a non-refundable fee of LKR 26,000.00 or remittance of USD 200 directly to the CPSTL bank account details given below. All bank charges (Foreign & Local) shall be borne by Bidder and proof of remittance (copy of TT) is required along with a written request before 14 days to the Bid closing date to issue the bidding document by courier service. No liability will be borne by CPSTL on loss or late delivery. Bidding document (excluding drawings) available in the web is only for viewing purpose and Bids shall be submitted using Hard Copy of the Bidding Document purchased from CPSTL.

Account Holder : Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited  
Oil Installation,  
Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka.

Account No. : 004-1-001-9-0208672

Swift : PSBKLKX

Bank Branch : People's Bank,  
Corporate Banking Division,  
No. 91, All Ceylon Hindu Congress (AHC) Building,  
Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha,  
Colombo 02, Sri Lanka.

8. Bids shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below on or before **1430 hrs.** Local time (+ 5.30 GMT) **02.10.2020.** Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

9. Bids shall be valid up to **01.01.2021.**

10. All Bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of LKR 1,400,000.00 (Sri Lankan Rupees One Million and Four Hundred Thousand only) or USD 7,800.00 (US Dollars Seven Thousand and Eight Hundred only). Bid Security shall be valid up to **29.01.2021.**

11. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 0930 hrs on **10.09.2020** at the Office of Engineering Function, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa.

The address referred to above is :

**The Chairman, Ministry Procurement Committee,**  
**C/o Manager Procurement,**  
**Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited,**  
**Procurement Function, New Building,**  
**Oil Installation, Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka.**

Postal Code : 10600

Telephone : + 94 11 2572156, +94 11 5750764

Facsimile : + 94112572155

E-mail : procure@cpstl.lk

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

*Ministry of Finance*

**Sri Lanka Customs**

**Procurement of 600,000 Nos. of Bottled Shaped Bolt Security Seals**

1. The Chairman Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Customs invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for procurement of 600,000 Nos. of Bottled Shaped Bolt Security Seals for the Sri Lanka Customs.

Contract No.	Name of the Contract & Description	Amount of Bid Security (LKR) & validity period	Bid Closing	
			Date	Time
Log/T/02/01/2020	Procurement of 600,000 Nos. of Bottled Shaped Bolt Security Seals	500,000.00 25.02.2021	15.09.2020	2.00 p.m

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

3. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs 3,000.00 to the Chief Shroff, 2nd Floor, Sri Lanka Customs on working days, up to 2.00 p.m. on or before 15th September 2020. The method of payment will be cash only.

4. Bids must be delivered to the Director of Customs (Logistics), Logistics Directorate, 6th Floor, Sri Lanka Customs, Customs House, No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11, on or before at 2.00 p.m. on 15th September 2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person. All bids must be accompanied with a bid security in the amount stated in the above table.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director of Customs (Logistics), Sri Lanka Customs and inspect the Bidding Document at the Logistics Directorate, on working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 21st August 2020.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee**  
**Sri Lanka Customs**  
**Customs House,**  
**No. 40, Main Street, Colombo 11.**  
**Tel. 011-2221680**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**CEYLON PETROLEUM STORAGE TERMINALS LIMITED (CPSTL)**

**BID FOR THE JANITORIAL & LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT MUTHURAJAWELA TERMINAL FOR THE YEAR - 2020/2021**

**BID NO. KPR/27/2020**

1. The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL) will receive sealed Bids for the following subject services from Qualified Service Providers.

Description	Non-Refundable Bidding Document Fee	Bid Opening Date, Time & Venue	Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time
Janitorial & Landscaping Services	Rs. 4,000/=	08.09.2020 at 1400 hrs.	02.09.2020 at 1000 hrs.

2. Bidding details are available on our Website [www.cpstl.lk](http://www.cpstl.lk) and Bid documents can be obtained on the submission of a written application to Manager Procurement from **21.08.2020 to 07.09.2020 from 0900 hrs to 1400 hrs.** Bidding documents could be inspected at the Office of Manager Procurement free of charge.

3. All Bidders shall be registered with the Registrar of Companies, under the specialty having the experience given below.

i. Business Registration Required :  
Specialty : Supply of Janitorial Services

ii. Experience Required :  
Experience in supply of Janitorial Services (At least 03 similar services successfully completed within last 05 years) and shall be actively involved in the field of supply of Janitorial Services for Reputed Institutions. Documentary evidence for above i and ii shall be submitted along with the bid. The Companies which **do not possess required experience** specified in (ii) above shall be considered as disqualified and such offers will be rejected.

4. The Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10.00 hrs on 02.09.2020** at the Premises & Engineering Services Function, CPSTL, Kolonnawa and all Bidders may attend this meeting.

5. Bidders are required to inspect the site by prior appointment of Terminal Manager, Muthurajawela on Tel. No. 011-5668953 / 011-2572156 and acquaint themselves with the work to be carried out, prior to submitting their tender as no complaints whatsoever will be entertained once the tenders are opened.

6. Bids shall be valid up to **23.11.2020.**

7. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rupees One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (150,000.00) in the form of a Bank Guarantee or a Bank Draft obtained from a commercial bank with the authority of a license issued by the Monetary Board (Central Bank of Sri Lanka)** payable to the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited.

8. Bid Security shall be valid up to **21.12.2020** and beyond any extension subsequently requested.

9. Deadline for submission of Bids shall be at **1400 hrs. on 08.09.2020 (Late Bids will be rejected).**

10. Sealed Bids may be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Procurement Function, Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa to receive before closing time.

11. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the Bid opening.

12. Bidders should note that all personnel who engage with janitorial work at CPSTL should possess valid police clearance certificates and produce those to Security Function of CPSTL in order to obtain entry passes.

13. For further details or clarifications, Bidders may contact Manager Procurement, Procurement Function, CPSTL, Oil Installation, Kolonnawa. Tel. No. 011-2572156 or Terminal Manager, CPSTL, Oil Installation, Muthurajawela. Tel. No. 011-5668953.

**The Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**C/o Manager Procurement,**  
**Procurement Function,**  
**Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited,**  
**Oil Installation,**  
**Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya.**

Date : 21st August 2020

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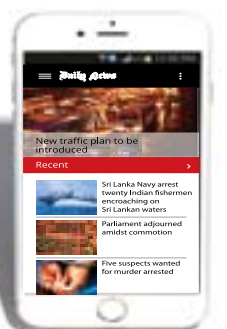
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## SRI JAYEWARDENEPURA GENERAL HOSPITAL

### TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT

#### TENDER AMENDMENT NOTICE

This refers to the Tender Notice which appeared on this Paper on 10.03.2020 for Procurement of following equipment.

Tender No.	Item	Qty.	Non-Refundable Fee (Rs.)
Q 191/20	Roller Ironer Machine	01	Rs. 3,000.00
Q 192/20	Press Ironer Machine	01	Rs. 2,500.00

Please note that the following amendments are made to the above advertisement.

Para No. 1 : Date has been extended up to **03.09.2020**

Para No. 5 : Tender document obtaining date has been extended up to **02.09.2020**

Para No. 6 : Closing and opening of the Bids has been extended up to **10.00 a.m. on 03.09.2020**

Other terms and conditions given in the said advertisement remain unchanged.

**Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Sri Jayewardenepura General Hospital,**  
**Thalapathitiya, Nugegoda.**



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRARIAN DEVELOPMENT

## REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS AND CONTRACTORS FOR THE YEAR - 2020/2021

01. Applications are invited from Reputed Suppliers and Companies who wish to register with the Department of Agrarian Development for repairing vehicles (Garage Services) regarding the used vehicles of Agrarian Development Head Office and District Offices.

Item Category	Category Name
01	Repairing of Lorries, Jeeps, Cabs and Motor Vehicles (Mechanical Repairs)
02	Tinkering and Painting of Motor Vehicles
03	Auto Electrical Repairs
04	Auto Air-Conditioning Repairs
05	Wooden Lorry Body Building and Repairs
06	Upholstery Works of Motor Vehicles (Seat Cushion, Carpeting, Canopy Works)
07	Vehicle Lubrication Services

02. The application should be sent as per the specimen form available at Head Office or web address of the Department ([www.agrariandep.gov.lk](http://www.agrariandep.gov.lk)), accompanied by a receipt obtained by paying a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 1000.00 in cash to the Shroff of the Agrarian Development Head Office or Agrarian Development District Offices in respect of each category (ex: category 01, 02, 03 etc.) of supply or service indicated above.

03. The application will be accepted only from those applicants who have previous experience of over one year in the supply or providing service for which registration is sought. A photocopy of Business Registration Certificate and other documentary evidence in proof of past performance should be submitted along with the application. The Government Departments, Boards, Corporations or Semi-Government Institutions which apply for registration need not submit the above documents.

04. The non-refundable fee mentioned in 2nd paragraph is payable to the Shroff of the Agrarian Development Head Office or District Offices on any working day between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Money orders or cheques will not be accepted.

05. Applications should be sent on or before **11.09.2020** at **2.00 p.m.** under registered post to reach the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Agrarian Development, No. 42, Sir Marcus Fernando Mw, Colombo 07. or should be delivered and deposited in the tender box placed at the Accounts Division at the Agrarian Development Head Office.

06. The Words "**Registration of Suppliers for Vehicle Repairing Services 2020 / 2021**" should be mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope. If registration is sought for more than one category of supply or service, separate applications for each category item/ should be sent under one cover. The payment receipt for Rs. 1,000/- should be attached for each application.

07. Inviting quotations from registered suppliers / contractors will be decided by the Department of Agrarian Development. The Suppliers who fail to submit quotations when called for or who fail to supply goods or provide services on time or not in conformity with the stipulated specifications will be struck off the register without prior notice.

08. The information mentioned in this notice should be considered as the part of the agreement which will be agreed upon with the suppliers.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of Agrarian Development,**  
**No. 42, Sir Marcus Fernando Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 07.**

Telephone No: 0112674480  
Extension Code: 303

21.08.2020

## REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **PAULINE JENNIFER GUNewardene nee de SYLVA** of No. 77/1A, Barnes Place, Colombo 07 presently at No.19, Hospital Road, Concord West, NSW 2138, Australia do hereby inform the General Public and the Government in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Power of Attorney No. 3975 dated 06th February 2013 attested by M.F. Sproule, Notary Public of Colombo granted to **DAWN THERESE EKANAYAKE** of No.45, Baybrooke Street, Colombo 02 is hereby revoked, cancelled and annulled with effect from the date hereof.

Date: on this 14th day of August 2020

**MRS. PAULINE JENNIFER GUNewardene nee de SYLVA**

## REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **LAKSHMAN GUNewardene** of No. 77/1A, Barnes Place, Colombo 07 presently at No.19, Hospital Road, Concord West, NSW 2138, Australia do hereby inform the General Public and the Government in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka that the Power of Attorney No. 3974 dated 06th February 2013 attested by M.F. Sproule, Notary Public of Colombo granted to **PAULINE JENNIFER GUNewardene nee de SYLVA** of No. 77/1A, Barnes Place, Colombo 07 presently at No.19, Hospital Road, Concord West, NSW 2138, Australia and **DAWN THERESE EKANAYAKE** of No.45, Baybrooke Street, Colombo 02 is hereby revoked, cancelled and annulled with effect from the date hereof.

Date: on this 14th day of August 2020

**LAKSHMAN GUNewardene**



Ministry of  
Urban Development and Housing



## STATE ENGINEERING CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Bid for Rock Blasting Work of Rehabilitation / Improvements of Maha Ingiriya Keenagawila Road

(C&P/M&E/2396/2020/035)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Rock Blasting Work of Rehabilitation/Improvements of Maha Ingiriya Keenagawila Road** as described below. The Time for Completion is **04 Months**.

The Works consist of **blasting rock using chemicals/explosives & pile broken rock parts at site office**.

2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure.
3. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted & shall have at least One (01) experience in similar size and nature of work.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Chief Engineer (Contracts & Planning) Contracts & Planning Division, 5th Floor, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02** and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on any working day from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** and Contact numbers are **011-2451151, 011-2430061-5**.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02 from **21.08.2020** until **04.09.2020** from **09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** upon payment of a non-refundable fee (tender fee) of **Rs. 2,500.00** to the **Cashier, Accounts Division at 7th Floor, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02**.
6. Bids will be delivered to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, Ground Floor, Head Office Building, 130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha, Colombo 02** at or before **14.00 hrs on 07.09.2020**. Contract name should be marked at the top left-hand corner of the Bid. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who wish to attend.
7. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security for an amount of Sri Lankan Rupees **Eighty Four Thousand Only (Rs. 84,000.00)**. Bid security should be an unconditional, on demand bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or an unconditional, on demand guarantee issued by the Construction Guarantee Fund and should be valid up to **21.12.2020**.

**Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka,**  
**130, W.A.D. Ramanayaka Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 02.**  
21.08.2020

## MINISTRY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, HOME AFFAIRS, PROVINCIAL COUNCILS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### JICA FUNDED RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT in Emerging Regions

(Loan No. SLP 116)

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION UNIT NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCE

### Invitation for Bids

1. The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) towards the cost of the Rural Infrastructure Development Project in Emerging Regions. It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for Construction of Production Wells including Testing and Commissioning for the Development of Groundwater Extraction in Selected Sub-Project Areas of Northern and North Central Province.
2. Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.
3. The Chairman of the Provincial Project Procurement Committee on behalf of the North Central Provincial Council now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of Production Wells including Testing and Commissioning for the Development of Groundwater Extraction in selected Sub-Project Areas of Northern and North Central Provinces for its selected sub-project areas. The Bidder shall meet the following criteria to enter the Bidding Process.

**Note :** (I) To be considered for the contract award, some eligibility criteria highlighted in bid document are tabulated below :

Sl No.	Package No.	Non Refundable Fee	Bid Security	CIDA Registration	Financial Situation	Financial Resources	Construction Experience
01	SLP116/NCPC/GW-PW/2020/01	LKR 3,500	LKR 0.25 million	A copy of the certificate of registration issued by the Water Resource Board in Sri Lanka and company registration and form PCA 3 (Registered with Registrars of Contractors under Common Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 for this particular Bid) OR Accredited legal registration for production tube well drilling	LKR 9 Million minimum average annual construction turnover over previous 5 years, starting from January 2015	LKR 2.5 Million minimum amount of liquid assets or credit facility	Minimum two similar type of contracts successfully completed during last 5 years, starting from January 2015 (proof documents are to be attached)

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the Office of the Provincial Project Director (North Central Province - RIDEP) Project Implementation Unit, No. 3063, Stage 3, Pubudu Mawatha, Dahaiyagama, Anuradhapura. Telephone : 025-2222875, Fax : 025-2222875, Email : [ridep.piuncp@gmail.com](mailto:ridep.piuncp@gmail.com)

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Sri Lankan Rupees Three Thousand Five Hundred (LKR 3,500.00). Bids shall be purchased from 24.08.2020 to 09.09.2020 at Project Implementation Unit, North Central Province during normal working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

6. The provisions in the Instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the standard bidding documents under Japanese ODA Loans for the Procurement of Small Works.

- i. Bids must be delivered to the Office of the Chief Secretary, North Central Provincial Council Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura at or before 2.00 p.m. on 11 September 2020 and must be accompanied by a Bid Security of Sri Lankan Rupees Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (LKR 250,000). The Bid Security shall be an unconditional on demand bank guarantee issued by a commercial bank registered and authorized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.

- ii. Bids will be opened in the presence of Bidders' representatives who choose to attend soon after bid closing at the Offices of the Chief Secretary, North Central Provincial Council, Anuradhapura.

**Chairman**  
**Chief Secretary's Procurement Committee,**  
**North Central Provincial Council Complex,**  
**Harischandra Mawatha,**  
**Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka.**

Tel : +94 25 2222695

Fax : +94 25 2224914

Email : [csnccp@gmail.com](mailto:csnccp@gmail.com)

Date : 21.08.2020



**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 3/4/A/137  
Ministry of Lands & Parliamentary Reforms  
Reference No : LD/05/2004/PC/200

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 : Ambagamuwa Koralaya
- iii. Village : Bogawanthalawa
- iv. Grama Niladhari : 319 E - Bogawanthalawa
- v. Name of Land : Bogawana Estate (Bridwel Division)
- vi. Plan & Lot No. : Lot No. 01 in P.P. Nu 2838
- vii. Extent : 0.0712 Hectare

Sithara Ruwini Gamage,  
Divisional Secretary,  
Ambagamuwa Koralaya.

Divisional Secretariat,  
Ambagamuwa Koralaya  
11.08.2020

**CORRECTION NOTICE**  
Ministry of Fisheries  
National Aquaculture  
Development Authority of  
Sri Lanka  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**  
**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

This refers to the above captioned advertisement published on page No. 28 of Daily News on 17th August 2020. Please note that the heading of the 4th column of the table therein which read as "Closing date and time of closing of bidding documents" must be corrected as "Closing Date and Time of Issuing of Bidding Documents". The other contents remain unchanged.

**Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
National Aquaculture Development,  
Authority of Sri Lanka,  
41/1, New Parliament Road, Pelawatte,  
Battaramulla.**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Name of the Company:**  
S N R Logistics (Pvt) Ltd.

**Company Reg. No.**  
PV 00221208  
**Registered Office:**  
No. 375/17, Ashoka Uyana, Samagi Mawatha, Kottunna Road, Biyagama.

**Presented by:**  
Company Secretary

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007.

**Name of the Company:**  
Auxilium Engineering (Pvt) Ltd.

**Company Reg. No.**  
PV 00224428  
**Registered Office:**  
No. 574/2/D, Kandy Road, Rammuthugala, Kadawatha.

**Presented by:**  
Company Secretary

Department of Health Services  
**District General Hospital - Matara**  
**Invitation for Bids**

**Procurement of Medical Equipment**

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, District General Hospital, Matara invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for following equipment.

Item No.	Name of the Item	Quantity (Units)
1	X-Ray Film Processor	01 No.

- Detailed list of items with specifications could be obtained with the Bidding Documents. User list, detailed literature, service manual, after sales service capability and the availability of ex-stocks should be provided together with the bidding document.
- Bidders should have the following and should forward documentary proof with bidding documents.
  - Valid Business Registration for selling abovementioned items.
  - If not the Manufacturer, Bidder should have the written authority from the manufacturer for selling the items.
- Bidding documents could be obtained from the Accountant, District General Hospital, Matara from **24.08.2020 to 14.09.2020** during working hours (09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs) after making a payment of Rs. 2000.00 non-refundable fee. Bidding documents could be inspected free of charge.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below by registered post or should be kept in the Tender Box which is kept at the same address until 10.00 a.m. on 14.09.2020 and bids will be opened at the Office of the Director, District General Hospital, Matara immediately after the closing of Bids.

**Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
District General Hospital,  
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**Tender Notice**  
**Year 2021**

**Urban Council - Tangalle**

Sealed tenders in duplicate for the lease of following properties of Tangalle Urban Council for the period from 01-01-2021 to 31-12-2021 could either be deposited in the tender box kept at the Urban Council or sent by registered post to the Council up to 10.00 a.m. on 11.09.2020.

Tender forms will be issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 09.09.2020 at this office only for those who fulfil following requirements and on submission of the national identity card or an acceptable identity and upon payment of the fees given below.

The identity of the person who collects tender forms should be confirmed. Bidders should submit the Grama Niladhari's Certificate of Residence and the Revenue Certificate from the Divisional Secretary to the effect that he possesses an annual income of over Rs. 240000/=. Tender forms will be issued only for those of over 25 years of age.

Tenders will be opened at 10.30 a.m. on 11.09.2020. The right to accept or reject any or all tenders or a part thereof is reserved with the Tender Board of Tangalle Urban Council. Tenderers or their representatives could participate at the time of opening of tenders. Further details could be obtained from this office during office hours. Telephone No. 047-4931945 or 047-4934275.

**Schedule**

Serial No.	Subject	Minimum Bid Value to apply		Tender Deposit		Tender Form Fee	
		Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.	Rs.	Cts.
01	Tangalle Janatha Pola (Fair) fish market and the lease of the right to levy additional tax collection rights	6,245,954.00		25,000.00		1,500.00	
02	Lease of the beef stall at Public Market, Tangalle	1,642,500.00		15,000.00		1,500.00	
03	Lease of new Public Toilet	660,500.00		10,000.00		500.00	
04	Lease of the right of levying fees at Pareiwella Beach Park	1,710,100.00		25,000.00		1,500.00	

**Ravindu Hettiarachchi,  
Chairman,  
Urban Council,  
Tangalle.**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING  
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED SILT TRAPS FOR BEIRA LAKE INLETS AT BEIRA LAKE**

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contracts.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Issuing Dates	CIDA Grade	Bid Security	Non-refundable Fee
S/382/20	Contract for Construction of Proposed Silt Traps for Beira Lake Inlets at Beira Lake	7 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 13.30 hrs	From 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	CIDA Grade C5 or above in any field of Building & Civil Engineering	Rs.125,000.00	Rs.4,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New Building).
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelope and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below on or before **Closing dates (mentioned above) at 13:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on **28<sup>th</sup> August 2020** at SLDC Board Room.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (D&R) of SLDC Tel: +94 11 2862058 Fax: +94 11 2862058.

Chairman  
Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation  
No.03, Sri Jayewardenepura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya.  
Head office Tel: 0112 889485-7 Web: www.landdevelopment.lk

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING  
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**CONSTRUCTION OF MEMORIAL PARK (SANDUN UYANA) AT THE LAND ADJUSTMENT TO THE APE GAMA AND JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ROAD, KOTTE - PHASE 1 - CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DEEP PONDS AND PODIUM AREA**

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Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Issuing Dates	CIDA Grade	Bid Security	Non-refundable Fee
S/390/20	Construction of Memorial Park (Sandun Uyana) at The Land Adjustment to the Ape Gama and Japan Friendship Road, Kotte - Phase 1 - Contract for Construction of Deep Ponds and Podium Area	10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 13.30 hrs	From 21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020 to 20 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	CIDA Grade C6 or above in any field of Building & Civil Engineering	Rs.225,000.00	Rs.8,000.00

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MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING  
SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

**SUPPLYING AND PLACING OF CONTAINER BOXES FOR PEDESTIAN FACILITY AT BALADAKSHA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 03**

The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following contracts.

Procurement No.	Item Description	Closing Date & Time	Bid Issuing Dates	Bid Security	Non-refundable Fee
S/460/20	Supplying and Placing of Container Boxes for Pedestian Facility at Baladaksha Mawatha, Colombo 03	04 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 13.30 hrs	From 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2020 to 03 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020	Rs 185,000.00	Rs. 4,500.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language could be inspected and purchased upon submission of a written request to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores) during 9.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. upon payment of non-refundable fee as mentioned above. The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, New Building).
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- Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on **28<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 10.00 a.m** at SLDC Board Room
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (Construction) of SLDC Tel: +94 11 2 862 438 Fax: +94 11 2 867 516.

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**NOTICE UNDER THE LAND REGISTERS RECONSTRUCTED FOLIO ORDINANCE (CAP. 120)**

- I hereby give notice under Section 04 of the Land Registers Reconstructed Folio Ordinance (Cap. 120) that Land Register Folios, particulars of which appear in Column 1 of the schedule hereto, affecting the lands described in Column 2, thereof which have been found to be missing or torn, have been reconstructed in full in provisional folios and relate to the connected deeds, particulars of which are shown in Column 3 of the said schedule.
- The provisional folio will be opened for inspection by any person or persons interested therein at the Office of the Registrar of Lands, Delkanda, 28.08.2020 to 11.09.2020 between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on all working days.
- Any person desirous of lodging any objection against any entry included in a provisional Folio or against any of the particulars contained in any such entry and any person desiring to make a claim for the insertion of any entry or of any particulars alleged to have been improperly omitted from any entry must do so, by an objection or claim in writing addressed to the undersigned which must be sent under registered cover and must reach the Office of the Registrar General not later than 18.11.2020. The matter in respect of which the objection or claim is made must be clearly and fully set out in the objection or claim, and the objection or claim must be accompanied by all documentary evidence relies upon the support of it.

**SCHEDULE**

Particulars of Damaged Folios of the Land Registers	Particulars of Land	Particulars of Deeds Registered
Folio No. 07 of volume 1242 of Division M of the Land Registry Delkanda in Colombo District	All that allotment of land lot No. 04 of the land called 'Mahawatte Kotasa' situated at Wewala in the Palle Pattu Salpiti Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province and bounded on the, <b>North by:</b> Mahawatta <b>East by :</b> A portion of this land <b>South by:</b> Lot 05 of this land <b>West by :</b> End of the 10 feet road divided Portion of lot 08 and lot 03 of this land <b>Extent :</b> A:00 R:00 P:17.80	01. Deed of Transfer No. 31189 written and attested by W.C. Boteju Notary Public on 13.11.1979.

**N.C. Vithanage**  
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,  
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,  
Battaramulla.

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**SCHEDULE**

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Extract bearing No. LDO 12/03 of the Land Registry Puttalam in Puttalam District	All that allotment of land marked 125 depicted in plan No. අ.ම.ප්. 1830 අ.ඪ.ම. made by the Surveyor General of the land called 'Minimullayaya' situated at Periyamadua in Anamadua Divisional Revenue Officer Nagavila Grama Niladhari Division & Grant No අ.ම.ප්. 7218 Date of grant 20.08.1986 in the District of Puttalam, North Western Province and bounded on the, <b>North by :</b> Lot No. 122 and 124 <b>East by :</b> Lot No. 95 road <b>South by :</b> Lot No. 126 and 08 <b>West by :</b> Lot No. 124 <b>Extent :</b> Hectare 1.028	01. No. අ.ම.ප්. 7218 & 20.08.1986 grant and presented by the Secretary to the president.

**N.C. Vithanage**  
Registrar General

Registrar General's Department,  
No. 234/A3, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mw.,  
Battaramulla.

## SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

### SOUTHERN PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

# INVITATION FOR BIDS

- Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Southern Provincial Department of Education at No. 08, Upper Dickson Road, Galle, through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure, from qualified and eligible Contractors registered at the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA), to be selected and grant the undermentioned constructions and repair work.  
(Preference would be given to Southern Provincial Contractors as per the Ministry of Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii).)

Bids will be accepted up to 10.00 a.m. on 14.09.2020.

S/No.	Work	Estimated Cost (Rupees Million)	Minimum ICTAD Grade Required	Contract Period - Days -	Non Refundable Form Fee - Rs -	Refundable Bid Bond - Rs -
<b>Consolidated Fund (CF) National Schools</b>						
01	Thawalama Vidyaraja National School - Construction of Three storeyed Building at Technological Faculty	45.0	C5	360	8,000.00	450,000.00
02	Mahanaga National School, Hambantota - Construction of Three storeyed Building at Technological Faculty	45.6	C5	360	8,000.00	450,000.00
03	G/Wanduramba MMV - Repairs to Roof of 60'x20' Building	1.9	C9	180	1,000.00	19,500.00
04	Teacher Training Center, Unawatuna - Construction of Water Tower and preparation of Water Supply System	1.4	C9	180	1,000.00	14,000.00
05	Tangalle Balika Vidyalaya - Repairs to Old Water Tank	0.06	C9	60	500.00	700.00

- Engineering and Technical Staff
  - For Work Nos. 01 and 02 above**
  - Site Engineer 01** - Civil Engineering BSc. Degree or equivalent qualifications with 03 years experience.
  - Technical Officers - 01** (National Diploma in Technology) (Civil - NDT) or equivalent qualifications with 03 years experience.
- The general capacity of the annual building construction work carried out during the last three years for **Nos. 01 and 02** above, should be twice the estimated cost for the relevant work.
- The relevant Institution should make sure that they possess the required main equipment required for the proposed construction work.
- Interested and qualified Bidders can inspect the relevant Bid Forms free of charge from **24.08.2020** by calling over at the Accounts Section of the Southern Provincial Department of Education.
- Relevant Bid Documents can be obtained from **24.08.2020 up to 2.00 p.m. on 11.09.2020** on submission of the receipt received from the Shroff of the Department for the payment made, during office hours.
- The relevant Bid Security could either be paid to the Shroff of the Department by Cash or submitted a Bank Security (Commercial Bank Securities are not accepted) prepared as per the Form attached, valid from 14.09.2020 up to 14.01.2021. If it is submitted by a Bank Security, it should be drawn in favour of the following address and if paid by cash, a photocopy of the receipt thus received should be attached with the Bid.  
**Address : Southern Provincial Director of Education,  
Southern Provincial Department of Education,  
Upper Dickson Road, Galle.**
- Bids, in two copies as the original and duplicate placed in separate covers, and the two covers should be placed in a single sealed cover marked the name of work at the left-side top corner, could either be sent by Registered Post to the undermentioned address or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Accounts Division on the First Floor of the Department, to be received at or before **10.00 a.m. on 14.09.2020**.  
**Address : Chairman  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Southern Provincial Department of Education,  
Upper Dickson Road, Galle.**
- Bids received will be opened at **10.15 a.m. on 14.09.2020** at the Southern Provincial Department of Education and the Bidding Contractor or one of his authorized Representatives can be present at the opening.
- The works from **Nos. 01 to 02** will be implemented under the Technical Education Development Project (TEDP).
- Further details required can be obtained by contacting on Telephone No. **091-2234234**.

**Nimal Dissanayake**  
Southern Provincial Director of Education,  
Southern Provincial Department of Education,  
Upper Dickson Road,  
Galle.

Date - 21.08.2020

## BANK OF CEYLON

### INVITATION TO BIDS

**BID NO : P/PROC/2020/144**

### RENTING OUT SPACE FOR JUICE BAR AND FRUIT STALL AT BANK OF CEYLON HEAD OFFICE

Sealed Bids are hereby invited from eligible bidders to carry out business of Juice Bar and Fruit Stall at Bank of Ceylon, Head Office, for a period of 01 year.

The location is Canteen, 4th floor, Bank of Ceylon, Head Office.

#### The Bank will provide the following ;

- A space in 4th floor for Juice Bar, Fruit Stall and store room with a floor area of approximately 925 sq.ft., 55 sq.ft. and 100 sq.ft. respectively.
- Electricity and water.
- Required furniture.

Service Provider himself should supply all the needed equipment and utensils (refrigerator, blenders, cutlery, glassware etc.)

#### Following qualifications should be fulfilled in order to be eligible for Contact award ;

- Should have a Business Registration in relevant business.
- Should have one year experience in relevant field.
- Should have liquid assets and / or bank facilities minimum of Rs.500,000/-

Bidding documents are now available for collection from this department on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs.1,080.00 including VAT (Rs.1,000.00 + Rs.80.00 VAT) in cash. Bidding documents will be issued up to 10.09.2020 between 0900 hrs. to 1430 hrs only on working days.

Interested parties can inspect premises from 21.08.2020 to 10.09.2020 during 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs on working days.

Bidding document should be accompanied by a Bid Security (Unconditional, irrevocable and On demand) as per the format given in the bidding document, from a licensed commercial bank other than Bank of Ceylon acceptable to Bank for Rs. 50,000/- (Rs. Fifty Thousand) valid up to 08.01.2021, favoring the Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement. Cash deposits (refundable) and Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of Bank Guarantee. (A copy of cash deposit slip should be attached along with the Bid). Cheques drawn by the Bidder will not be accepted.

The Bid will be closed at 1000 hrs on 11.09.2020 and opened immediately thereafter.

Selected party should deposit Rs. 150,000/- in cash as a security deposit. (Refundable at the end of the contract period)

A pre-bid meeting will be held at 1130 hrs on 31.08.2020 at 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon Head Office.

For further details, please contact Chief Manager, Properties & Procurement Department of 14th Floor, Bank of Ceylon, "BOC Square", No.01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01.

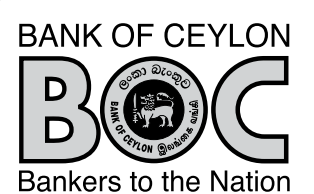
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## COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Municipal Commissioner of Colombo Municipal Council invites sealed Bids for the procurement of following service from eligible and qualified Bidders.

Reference No.	Description
1 CPD/16/Janitorial Service/01/2020	Providing Janitorial Service to Colombo City Limit Municipal Premises - 01 (For Nine Locations)

\* Separate bid guarantees are required for nine locations.

Bidding documents could be obtained from the Office of **Chief Accountant (Procurement), Central Procurement Department, Colombo Municipal Council, Colombo 07** on submission of a written request during working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. till 10th September 2020 upon payment of a non-refundable bidding document fee of Rs. 5400/= (with Taxes) for each. Bidding documents will not be issued after 3.00 p.m. on 10th September 2020. Duly filled sealed bidding documents in duplicate should be deposited in the Tender Box kept at the **Municipal Secretary's Department, Town Hall, Colombo 07** at or before 10.00 a.m. on 11th September 2020.

Bids will be closed at 10.00 a.m. on 11th September 2020 and will be opened immediately thereafter.

Authorized representatives of the Bidders are allowed to be present at the opening.

For any clarifications expected, Bidders shall contact the Chief Accountant (Procurement) on Tel. 0112686389, 0112673173.

**Roshanie Dissanayake - Attorney-at-Law**  
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER  
COLOMBO MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations invited for the Supply of Ride On Lawn Mover (with the Driver's Seat) and a Plate Compactor (carpet) Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha

Reference the above advertisement published in the 'Daily News', 'Dinamina', & 'Thinakaran' newspapers on 11.03.2020 by the Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha.

The closing date for the issuance of bidding documents, for the above procurement, has been extended up to 07.09.2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic, prevailed in the country, during the period. Bids will be entertained from 21.08.2020 up to 10.00 a.m. on 07.09.2020.

Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 10.05 a.m. on 07.09.2020, at the Head Office of the Kelaniya Pradeshiya Sabha, Kelaniya. All the other conditions, given in the newspaper notices, published earlier, on 11.03.2020, will remain unchanged and valid and the decision of the procurement committee regarding acceptance or rejection of quotations is the final and binding.

Further details could be obtained from the following Telephone No. 0112-914110.

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### Calling for Applications

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#### Educational Qualifications:

- Should have passed 06 subjects in GCE (O/L) Examination with 03 credit passes, including Sinhala/Tamil/English & Mathematics in not more than two (02) attempts.

#### Professional Qualifications:

##### For Limited Applicants:

- Should be a permanent employee with at least 02 year experience in an institute under the purview of Southern Provincial Department of Industries.

##### For Open Applicants:

Should have followed a training programme with the duration of at least 06 months or more, conducted by either National Crafts Council, A reputed Government Institute or Southern Provincial Department of Industries

Or

Experience of at least 02 years in the said field.

Your applications should be forwarded to the following Address by registered post on or before 18.09.2020.

Applications can be downloaded from the official website of Southern Provincial Public Service Commission ([www.psc.sp.gov.lk](http://www.psc.sp.gov.lk))

Secretary,  
Southern Provincial Public Service Commission,  
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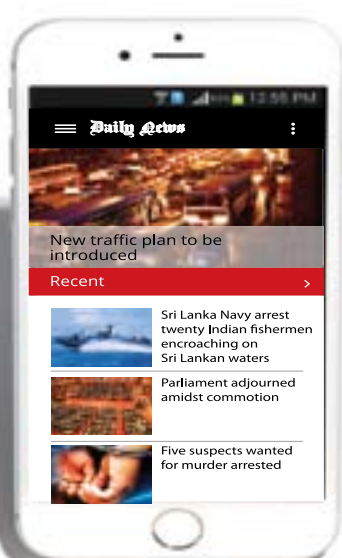
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