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# 2,600 new tourist attractions - Prasanna

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga says that 2,600 new tourist attractions that have not yet been promoted as tourism hotspots have been identified. TO PAGE 02

# **INCREASE AGRO HARVEST TO STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMY** - PRESIDENT

GOVT. AND PRIVATE SECTORS SHOULD PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY SEEDS AND SAPLINGS

#### A NEW TREND IN FERTILIZER USAGE

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa stating that it is high time to increase agro harvest in order to strengthen the local economy has

reach this outcome. The President emphasizes the importance of strengthening the national agricultural economy in the context of global economic collapse due to COVID 19 pandemic.

proposed a number of actions to

The President says that the country should focus on seed and sapling production, usage of fertilizer, researches targeting innovations in agro field, storage and transportation and overcome the challenges in order to achieve targets in the next two years.

President Rajapaksa made these suggestions during a discussion to review future plans of the State Ministry of Paddy and Cereals, Organic food, Vegetables, Fruits, Chilies, Onions and Potatoes, Seed Production and High Tech Agriculture at the Presidential Secretariat.



Sri Lanka stands at 80,000 tons. Annual potato production in Annual consumer demand is

250,000 tons. The President noted sumers towards consumption of that it was necessary to encourage the farmers to increase production to meet the demand locally, with-

RESEARCH AIMED AT INNOVATIONS IN AGRO FIELI

out importing potatoes. Head of the Presidential Task Force for Economic Revival, Basil Rajapaksa said that local productions could be increased via distribution of hybrid seeds and saplings developed using new technology to the farmers and added that they could minimize the importation of potatoes by encouraging consubstitutes.

He also noted that maize production next year will reach self-

sufficient levels. President Rajapaksa highlighted the importance of using modern technology in the production of seeds and sapling, and therefore the requirement for conducting

research in this aspect. Measures to minimize wastage in storage and transportation were also discussed in depth. TO PAGE 02

# PRESIDENT INSTRUCTS UGC TO INCREASE UNI INTAKE BY 12,000

**ASELA KURULAWANSA** 

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the University Grants Commission (UGC) to increase the intake of students admitted to the university system by 12,000, Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris said.

"At present, only 31,000 students are admitted to universities and with the President's proposal this number will be increased to

43,000 per year," he said. Minister Prof. Peiris was speak-

ing to the media after receiving blessings from the Chief Incumbent of the Gaetambe Sri Rajopavanramadhipati Kaeppetiyagoda in Kandy.

He said that although the University Grants Commission had stated that another 7,000 students could be enrolled in addition to the current enrollment through the university system, the President had instructed them to increase it to 12,000.

Prof. G.L Peiris said it was

the Government to provide that opportunity to students who excel at their GCE Advanced Level but cannot gain admission to university.

He said that there are others who do not have access to universities and are reluctant to go to university even if they are given the opportunity and that alternative avenues should be provided for them to get an education, adding that the Government's aim is

in vocational training institutes up to the degree level.

He said that there are 19 science faculties in the country and institutes have been established in each province to acquire technical knowledge.

He emphasized that the outdated courses in educational institutions should be changed to suit the needs of the time and that the education provided in schools and universities should

the duty and responsibility of to increase the quality of courses be effective in obtaining employment opportunities.

He said that education should be modernised in line with the values that have been cherished for a long time and that the President has merged five ministries that have been functioning independently so far to create an education system that suits the

country. "Out of these, three have already been appointed," the Minister said.

# Information Dept. doing commendable job - Minister Keheliya

Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella commending the role played by the Government Information Department said that it is an institution which has the power to change the ideologies of the peo-



#### **Passports, National ID cards,** revenue license from govt. printers

**RUKSHANA RIZWIE** 

Minister of Mass Media Keheliya Rambukwella during a meeting with officials from the state owned government printing press has instructed the department to initiate steps to issue passports, national Identity card as well as revenue licenses in future. 10 PAGE 02



The Orientation programme for the newly elected members of the 9th Parliament organized by the Parliament Secretariat was held with a participation of more than 95% of the newly elected Members yesterday. The Members showed great interest in the programme by actively engaging with the resource personnel with regards to Parliamentary proceedings. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa graced the event as its Chief Guest and called on all MPs to act with professionalism.

# **Leave personal agendas and fulfill people's hopes**

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa advised the newlyelected Members of Parliament (MPs) to improve their professionalism without considering the age or the MP post as a

Speaking at the inauguration of the Orientation Programme for the MPs of the Ninth Parliament, he recalled how he attended the

representing Parliament.

'There were no online education facilities at that time, but now you can register to follow even foreign university courses online. TO PAGE 02

## Four arrested with 261 kilos of Tumeric



Officers of the Army Intelligence Unit and the Kalpitiya Naval Base arrested four individuals with 261 kilos of Tumeric smuggled from India by sea. The raid was carried out on a tip off received by the Army Intelligence Unit that turmeric and cardamom were being smuggled across the sea. This is the second arrest within the last two weeks. The Kalpitiya police confiscated a consignment of turmeric worth nearly Rs.7 million which was also smuggled to Sri Lanka from India by boat. Here, some of the seized tumeric. Picture by Priyankara Kalupahana

#### Import ban on turmeric to remain

The Government will continue the ban on importing turmeric. However, discussions are ongoing to ease restrictions imposed on turmeric for export purposes and not for general market consumption. TO PAGE 02

## CA stays arrest warrant issued against Kurunegala Mayor

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Court of Appeal yesterday issued an Interim Order staying the operation of arrest warrants issued by the Kurunegala Magistrate's Court against the Kurunegala Mayor and four others in connection with the demolition of a building with archaeological value in Kurunegala. TOPAGE 02

## **CCTV** cameras for three main prisons in Colombo

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL** 

Plans are being made to install CCTV cameras at three main prisons in Colombo- the Remand, Magazine and Welikada, according to Prisons Commissioner and Spokesman Chandana Ekanayake. TO PAGE 02

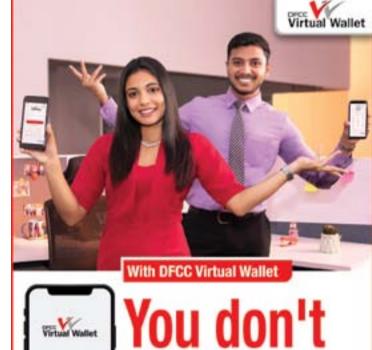
#### "Kudu Roshan's" associate arrested

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL** 

An organized criminal gang member was arrested in Wellampitiya on Monday by the Special Task Force. TO PAGE 02

#### Australia allocates AUS\$ 800,000 for landmine clearance

Australia has allocated a further \$800,000 in foreign aid funds toward Sri Lanka's efforts to become landmine-free by 2025.





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#### Information Dept.doing... From page 01

He said it is commendable that the department has already implemented many rarely initiated mechanisms which deserves praise.

The minister made this comment during a meeting held at the Government Information Department yesterday (25) to discuss the Department's progress and future plans.

Director General of the Government Information

Department Nalaka Kaluwewa presented a detailed presentation on the tasks performed by the Government Information Department and its future vision.

The presentation detailed the Department's development, the role played by each department, verified and credible news provided to media institutions and their nature, its future plans and the proposed initiatives. In response, Minister Rambukwella said he was

impressed with the out of the box mechanisms and initiatives taken by the Department, which is seldom seen at government institutions, adding that the Information Department is equipped to compete on par with the private sector.

The Minister pointed out that promotions should be given taking into consideration based on the performance of the Department's employees and not solely

on their seniority, adding that it was vital to move with the times and embrace modern developments as well.

Secretary of the Media Ministry Jagath P. Wijeweera, Government Information Department DG Nalaka Kaluwewa and other members of the Media Ministry and the Government Information Department were present on this occasion.

#### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**



#### DONALD NUGAWELA

No words can truly say How much we miss you everyday; Your favourite armchair sits there Wondering why you aren't there; The days go by with the blink of an eye But yet we cannot say goodbye, For in our hearts and thoughts you will remain Always and forever, time and again.

Fondly remembered by wife Dulcie; children, grandchildren and spouses; and great grand children



Retired Permanent Secretary, Senior S.L.A.S Officer

Mr. K.A.S. Gunasekara beloved husband of Padma Gunasekara, loving father of Nirosha, Roshan & Suresh Gunasekara, and father in law of Wasundara and Varini, grandfather of Yavindee, retired permanent secretary has expired. Remains lie at Jayarathne Respect Home, Borella.

Funeral will be held on Thursday 27th

#### Passports, National... From page 01

As an initial step towards this initiative, the government printers have been tasked with the issuance of new passports, the minister advised the officials during the meeting. Officials at the department informed the minister that the estimated revenue for this year was Rs.800, 000,000 and as off July 31st, the department has only made 337,835,521 which is 42.23% of the envisaged revenue

The Minister advised that although the government printing department was a government institution, it must find innovative ways of maximizing its revenue through fresh ideas and means. To this end, he suggested that stamps, ballot papers, visa stamps and so on. The Minister added at least 50 percent of the revenue generat should come from servicing other government institutions by meeting their printing needs.

#### Increase agro harvest to... From page 01

Recruitments to the Department of Agriculture have not been made in the last eight years. The President advised the officials to fill in the vacancies and devise a proper strategy to boost the industry.

The President also emphasized the significance of appropriate use of high grade fertilizers and a policy decision to motivate people towards organic fertilizers to ensure a generation of healthy and productive citizens in the country. Minister of Agriculture, Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Minister Sasheendra Rajapaksa, Secretary to the officials attached to both the

President Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Ministry and State Ministry and representatives from a number of agricultural associations were present at the discussion.

#### Import ban on... From page 01

Plantations Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana recently mentioned that farmers in the country have the capacity to grow more than half the amount of turmeric currently needed for local consumption. He had said that they were confident of producing at least 4,000 metric tonnes of turmeric for local consumption.

"While there might still be a shortage of turmeric on the market,' the minister said the Government could not afford to lift the import ban immediately as if it did so, it will hit local farmers and production will again drop drastically.

Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardena had stated that Sri Lankan importers were facing difficulties due to the restrictions and had brought up this issue with him. He had said that there were discussions on easing of import for export and not for general market purposes.

#### Australia allocates... From page 01

The new commitment will go to MAG International, an organisation working to destroy landmines and help people rebuild their lives after conflict. According to MAG, Australia's funds will transform an additional 190,000 square meters of contaminated ground into a sustainable, productive and safe source for almost 8,000 people. Australian Deputy High Commissioner Victoria Coakley said the benefits of demining are extensive.

Not only does safely removing landmines undeniably safe lives, Coakley explained it also allows communities to establish critical ecotourism, agricultural and construction infrastructure on previously inhabitable land.

"Australia has been a consistent supporter of mine clearance in Sri Lanka since the end of the 26-year conflict in 2009. Our commitment to demining has contributed to the safe resettlement of displaced people, their ability to earn a livelihood and has supported development in areas of greatest need," Coakley said during a

visit to MAG's work in north-west Sri Lanka. "I am pleased to be here today to announce a continuation of our support to Sri Lanka to become landmine free, to save lives and ensure a future for communities living in, or who wish to return to, these areas."

The latest aid injection follows almost \$20 million in Australian foreign aid funding committed between 2009 and 2015. In partnership with MAG and local demining organisation Delvon Assistance for Social Harmony (DASH), the funding has expanded Sri Lanka's ability to remove mines by providing equipment for metal detectors, mine-risk education and victim assistance and advocacy.

"In the last two years alone, the partnership between MAG Sri Lanka, DASH and Australia has enabled the removal and destruction of over 2,200 explosive items, MAG Country Director Valentina Stivanello said in a

#### CCTV cameras for... From page 01

However, he said that a definite date has not yet been determined and the matter has not been processed yet, but said that it is a vital requirement to prevent many illegal items being smuggled into the prisons in various

ways. He noted that CCTV cameras have already been installed at the Agunukolapelessa, Jaffna and Bosssa High Security Prisons while STF personnel have also been deployed outside these prisons to enhance external secu-

rity.
The Prisons Department has implemented several stringent measures to prevent illegal items such as weapons, drugs and mobile phones from being smuggled in and action has also been taken to nab all prison officers who connive with the prisoners in

their illegal activities. Meanwhile, Ekanayake also noted that the Prisons Department had received a stock of testing equipment to test if prisoners have taken drugs. However, when asked if this would be to test prisoners who are brought in, he said there was no point in checking prisoners being sent to prison for drugs as it is evident. However, he said that in the event any drugs are detected within the prisons, prisoners suspected of having obtained these drugs could be tested to verify if they have used it.

Many of these measures are being implemented under the directives of the Prison Commissioner Thushara Upuldeniya in keeping with the assurance given to the people by the President to eradicate the drug menace from the coun-

## Heroin valued at Rs.100 mn recovered

#### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

During a raid conducted in the Rathgama area in Galle, the CID had recovered 11 kgs of heroin yesterday.

The stash of heroin has been estimated to have a street value of around Rs.100 million.

The Police had also recovered two T-56 weapons and two revolvers during the raid. One suspect had also been taken into custody during the raid.

#### "Kudu Roshan's" ... From page 01

The suspect is said to be a close associate of notorious underworld figure Thuppehi Arachchilage Prasad Ruwan Kumara alias "Kudu Roshan".

The arrest was made on a tip-off in the Welewatte area during a raid. The suspect is a 30-year-old resident of Wellampitiya.

The group of officers of the Police Special Task Force (STF) had arrested the suspect and recovered 5g 600mg of heroin from his possession.

He was produced before the Aluthkade No. 2 Magistrate's Courts. Wellampitiya Police are conducting further investigations.

# CA stays arrest ... From page 01

#### **RUNNING OF CANTEENS - YEAR 2021** AT DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL - CHILAW **UNDER MINISTRY OF HEALTH**

Bids are invited by the Chairman of Procurement Committee of the District General Hospital, Chilaw from experienced persons for the Running of the Canteens of the Hospital.

1. Bid applications could be obtained from the Accounts Division, from 27.08.2020 to 15.09.2020 from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. on producing the National Identity Card of the applicant along with the receipt obtained from the Accountant / Shroff of the District General Hospital for the payment of the non-refundable Bid Document Fee mentioned in the table below.

	Bid Document Fee (Rs.)
For the Hospital Canteen	2,500.00
For the Medical Officers Cafetaria	1,000.00

- 2. Bid applications prepared as original and duplicate and inserted in two covers and both enclosed in one sealed envelope of which the top left-hand corner should be marked as "Supplying of Canteen Service and Medical Officers Cafeteria for the Year 2021" should either be sent to reach the 'Chairman, Procurement Committee, District General Hospital, Chilaw' by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Accountant's Office on or before 10.00 a.m. on 16.09.2020.
- 3. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids at the same venue and Bidders or their authorized Representatives are permitted to be present at the time.
- 4. Bid documents will not be issued to those who have been blacklisted for breach of Government contract conditions.
- 5. For further details please contact; (Telephone 032-222261 / 032-2222721 / 032-2223261).

Chairman **Procurement Committee, District General Hospital**, Chilaw.

#### This Interim Order will be effective until the final determination of these writ petitions. PROCUREMENT NOTICE

However, the Court of Appeal observed that this order should not be an obstacle for the ongoing investigations including recording statements from the petitioners.

The Court of Appeal two-judge-Bench comprising Justice (President) A.H.M.A.D.Nawaz and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna made this order pursuant to the writ petitions filed by five petitioners including Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeewa. Accordingly, the Court of Appeal issued notices returnable for September 14 on the respondents.

Meanwhile, the Court of Appeal further observed that the five petitioners should not be arrested or remanded during the investigations until a final determination is made. The Court of Appeal observed that it decided to make these orders taking into considerations several legal queries arose during the hearing including 'can police arrest the suspects even without a warrant over a cognisable offence, whether police has discretionary powers to arrest suspects and whether Magistrate has utilized his powers prematurely??.

The petitioners were ordered to appear before Court through the lawyers. The Kurunegala Magistrate was directed to acknowledge five petitioners' presence at the Magistrate's Court.

On August 7, warrants have been issued by Kurunegala Magistrate on Kurunegala Mayor Thushara Sanjeewa Vitharana, Kurunegala Municipal Commissioner Pradeep Nishantha Thilakaratne, Municipal Engineer Chaminda Bandara Adikari, Superintendent of works Ilaludeen Sulfiya, and backhoe machine operator Lakshman Priyantha regarding this demolition incident.

The petitioners have named Kurunegala Magistrate, Attorney General, Acting IGP, Director General of Archaeology, OIC of Kurunegala Police Station and OIC of Special Investigations Unit of Kurunegala as respond-

In his petition, the Kurunegala Mayor stated that on or about July 24, 2020, a building situated within the city limits of the Kurunegala Municipal Council collapsed and in the following few days wide media publicity was given to this incident and certain allegations were made against him alleging that the building was an antiquity within the meaning of the Antiquities Ordinance.

The Mayor stated that no intentional criminal act was committed by him or any one of the other employees whose statements were recorded in the course of the

The petitioner further said he and the other employees of the Kurunegala Municipal Council acted in good faith and in the course of their duties without any intent to commit any offence either under the Antiquities Ordinance or any other Law.

The petitioner said he is entitled in law to apply to the Court of Appeal in respect of the abuse of the process of justice by the respondents and to quash the warrant wrongfully obtained by the respondents collectively. The petitioner states that notwithstanding the media reports pertaining to this issue speaks of an antiquity being destroyed, it is relevant to identify whether the building concerned can be considered as an antiquity or not.

He further states that the entire incident has been misinterpreted and or inaccurately interpreted by persons with political interest.

President's Counsel Rienzie Arsecularatne, Kalinga Indatissa, Shavindra Fernando PC, Counsel Riad Ameen and Counsel Udara Muhandiramge appeared for the peti-

Additional Solicitor General Sarath Jayamanna with Senior State Counsel Madawa Tennakoon appeared for the Attorney General.

# 2,600 new tourist... From page 01

He said that steps have already been taken to expedite the development of such places with tourist Police protection, adding that the private sector will also be involved in this project in addition to the Government.

The Minister said that with the opening of the airport, these places will be developed into tourist destinations which will enable Sri Lanka to earn more revenue.

Accordingly, in addition to natural beauty. plans have been made to develop the tourism industry with a special focus on amusement parks, religious and cultural sites as well as national heritage sites, adventure sports, agriculture and wellness tourism and Ayurveda.

Meanwhile, steps have been taken to invest in the private sector for the development of the tourism industry and the government is focusing on establishing all-inclusive tourism service centres that connect cities, the Minister said.

Ranatunga said that the development work being carried out at the Katunayake Bandaranaike International Airport will be expanded to allow more tourists to arrive in the country at the same time, adding that steps have been taken to develop other airports in the country in the future.

Meanwhile, the Government has decided to expedite the disbursement of loans at a concessionary interest rate of 4% to all tourist hotels and travel agencies to pay the salaries of employees in the tourism sector who have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19.

#### Leave personal agendas... From page 01

Becoming an Attorney-at-Law was of help to me when we lost in 1977. Nobody can win elections forever. Nowadays, some MPs are used to demanding ministerial portfolios soon after they enter Parliament. Remember that in the first place, people do not send a 'minister' to Parliament, but a 'Parliamentarian'. If you do not do the role of a Parliamentarian properly, then the people will not hesitate to pack you off home despite how powerful your ministry may be," he said. He also underlined that an indi-

Government without a ministerial portfolio, would fail in politics in the Opposition. "Such MPs are in the habit of

vidual, who cannot remain in the

switching sides in Parliament when they happen to be in the Opposition. We have to keep in mind that such MPs do not have a bright future in politics," he noted. He also requested the MPs to

attend Parliament regularly without scheduling other work on the Parliament sitting days. "There had been instances where the MPs had gone elsewhere telling their homes that they are attending Parliament," he quipped.

PM Rajapaksa stressed that the Constitutional making process has to be carried out without political

party divisions as every minute detail in it, even a coma or a full stop, matters to the people's lives. He pointed out that the 2005

Presidential Election and the 2020 General Election were the two most critical Elections in his lifetime where the people entrusted with him the highest responsibili-

"With the recent unprecedented mandate of the people, the Government has no time left for a 'honeymoon' or political witch-hunting. The people are expecting a massive Constitutional change. We have to leave aside our personal agenda and fulfill their aspirations first," he commented.

'The people had given a strong message in the last Election. I believe no party could engage in a massive campaign spending a lot of money at the last Election. There had been no posters, cut-outs, musical shows, processions, or huge rallies filled with busloads. Yet, 71 percent of our people voted. This indicates that our people love democracy. They had shown that they are not hesitant to send any MP home, despite the political lineage, if that person failed in his role. They elected 81 new faces. The people had not chosen MPs by the level of their education only. Maintaining connectivity with the people is important," he added.

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, observing that Parliament is the mirror of the nation, said that serving MPs must be careful not to repeat their past mistakes or negligence in Parliament. He requested all MPs to live up to the people's expectations.

Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella also pointed out that the reputation of Parliament was damaged due to ugly incidents in the last Parliament, and the incumbent Parliament has to restore its lost dignity by engaging in civilized debates. "That is what I request from the new MPs. Patience is important in Parliament. Listen to the criticism patiently and respond later," he noted.

Recalling how he had worked together with PM Rajapaksa in the past, he commented that they must work without losing their old friendships despite which side they are in.

About 100 MPs, including about 77 first-timers, attended the workshop yesterday and it will continue today. Basic knowledge on Parliament procedure, traditions, duties and privileges of MPs, and Committee affairs will be imparted during the workshop.

## **Obituaries**

GOONETILLEKE - BANDU. Retired Civil Engineer (JP All Island). Dearly beloved husband of Thelma, precious father of Deepthi (AMW), Nadeesha (AIA), Nishan (C.I. Police), Iroshi (Brandix) and Suresh (business), loving father-in-law of Udayana (formerly AMW), Senal (AIA), Mala (C.I. Police) and Minoli, precious grandfather of Amanda, Maleesha, Duwasha and Sashini, expired. Cortege leaves 101, Morontuduwa Road, Wadduwa at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th August for cremation at Maha Wadduwa Cemetery.

"Safe in the Arms of Jesus" The death is announced of MR. PATRICK MENDIS. Dearly beloved husband of Olga, loving father of Charmaine, Diana (UK), Prosper, father-in-law of Freddy, Chrishani and late Thiedoman, grandfather of Jonathan (UK), Melanie (UK), Enon, Michelle, Shawn, Shenelle and Dion, brother of late Alien, brother-in-law of Freacy and late Damian. Cortege leaves Western Florists, Chilaw Road Negombo on the 26th of August 2020 at 4 p.m. for burial at General Cemetery, Negombo (Methodist Section).

# Report on sudden power outages to Cabinet today

#### **RUKSHANA RIZWIE**

The report of the committee appointed to probe the recent power cuts handed over to Minister Dullas Alahapperuma on Monday, and it will be tabled before the Cabinet today.

According to reports, Prof. Rahula Attalage, the Chair of the nine member committee appointed to investigate the blackout prepared the report after considering all factors which contributed to the island-wide blackout on August 17.

The Ministry appointed a Committee to investigate the findings following unannounced islandwide power

outages which lasted for several hours on Monday (17) due to a technical fault at the Kerawalapitiya Grid Sub-station.

The Committee was tasked with providing recommendations to prevent such incidents from reoccurring. The Ceylon Electricity Board was

prompted to restrict power supply for another four days after the Lakvijaya power plant in Norochcholai failed to function due to the power outage. The other hydropower plants in the country too were off-line as a result of the islandwide power out-

# 'Podi Lassi's' mother arrested

#### **CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

The mother of organized criminal Janith Madusanka de Silva alias 'Podi Lassi' has been arrested by the officers of the Peliya-goda Western Province North Crime Division over the handling of large sums of money earned through drug trafficking.

The 50-year-old woman was arrested on Monday evening around 4.30 pm while she was hiding at a location in Maya Mawatha, Pannipitiya, in the

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Kottawa Police Division. During the arrest, the had seized Police Rs.51,000 in cash, five mobile phones and a bank account pass book from the suspect.

She is a resident of the Thelwatte area.

The suspect was produced before the Nugegoda Magistrate's Court yes-terday (25). Further investigations are being carried out by the Peliyagoda Western Province North Crime Division.

# New clay bottle for water storage mooted

#### **NADIRA GUNATILLEKE**

Arrangements will be made soon to stop using liquor bottles to store water in homes, offices, vehicles and Chairman of the National Authority on Tobacco and Alcohol Dr. Samadhi W. Rajapaksa said.

According to Dr. Rajapaksa, the negative culture of storing water in liquor bottles will be done away with in Sri Lanka soon through the introduction of a handy water bottle made of clay. This will be done with the support of the State Minister of Rattan, Brass, Pottery, Furniture and Rural Industrial Promotion Prasanna Ranaweera.

"Initial discussions were held in connection with the project. The new clay bottle will be handy and healthy. It will offer safe



and fresh drinking water for the users. The new bottle will also be attractive," he said.

"In traditional Sri Lankan culture, people stored water in clay pots which was a very novel and healthy venture. The new project will be promoted in the country," he added.



A discussion was held at the Justice Ministry on development of plans for the administration of justice in the country under the patronage of Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC. Hanaa Singer, UN Resident Coordinator, Robert Juhkam, UNDP Resident Representative Tim Sutton, UNICEF Representative, Troels Vester, UNODC Head of Office, Chandrika Karunaratne, UNDP Governance Team Leader and several others participated. Ministry Secretary P. Mayadunne was present.

A supervisor of the Kolonnawa Urban Council, who was arrested with over a kilogramme of heroin was remanded till September 8 by Colombo Additional Magistrate Priyantha Liyanage yesterday.

When the case was taken up,

the Criminal Investigations Department informed the court that they are conducting investigations with regard to the two vehicles which have been taken into custody from the

The CID also told the Magistrate that they will obtain a

detailed report regarding the bank accounts and mobile phones belonging to this suspect and his relations. The suspect was produced before the Colombo Additional Magistrate's Court yesterday. The Magistrate fixed further inquiries for September 8.

## Kolonnawa UC employee remanded for heroin possession

#### **SHAVINI MADHARA**

suspect.

# Five more COVID-19 patients recover

reported five new recoveries which were tested positive for COVID-19 were discharged from hospital yesterday (25).

The unit's situation reported yesterday stated one patient was discharged from the Iranawila Hospital, two from the Welikanda Base Hospital and one from the Minuwangoda Base Hospital.

while 131 are being treated for novel coronavirus. Meanwhile, there are 2959 confirmed cases, with 62 suspected and hospitalized yesterday morning.

The Ministry of Health, Epidemiology Unit had

The recovered patients have increased to 2816, and

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# **Education Ministry Circular on school hours**

#### S.M.WIJAYARATNE,

Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Classes for students of Grade 10,11,12 and 13 in Government schools are scheduled to be held from 7.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. However, an Education Ministry Circular has instructed all principals that schools

have to be open only from 7.30 to 1.30 p.m. from September 2, states Kurunegala District Senior Director of Education W.M. Balasooriya.

He was speaking at a meeting of school heads of the Kurunegala District held in Kurunegala yesterday. "It has been revealed that that

there has been a drop in students' school attendance due to the continuous closure of school canteens and the inability of students to attend tuition classes after school hours due to the longer time duration of schools that is in effect," the C states.

# Rs. 3 bn to develop fisheries industry

#### **MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

The Ministry of Fisheries will invest more than Rs. 3 billion next year to develop five important factors in the fisheries industry.

Minister Douglas Devananda yesterday (25) said the mentioned amount will focus on five factors, such as marine fisheries industry, freshwater and aquaculture development, fisheries community development and welfare, village "Livelihood with a Tank", infra-

structure development programmes and introducing new technology to the fisheries industry.

He added that while these factors will be the main focus, other areas related to the development will take place, the uplift of marine fisheries, port development, development of ferry access roads, expansion of fish products and marketing activities, development of marine ornamental fish industry, development of lagoon based fish-

ing industry, development and strengthening, of the coastal fishing community, encouragement plans on a scientific basis and enterprise development programmes.

"Maximizing the release of fish into inland reservoirs under freshwater and aquaculture fisheries development plan, strengthening fisheries organizations and developing various other factors," he concluded.

# Online business promotion event between India and Sri Lanka

The High Commission of India facilitated an online business promotion event on 21 August 2020 aimed at boosting bilateral economic engagement. The online event featured presentations on the products offered by BEML Limited, India which was followed by an interaction between the participants.

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and has supplied its products to more than 68 countries including in the Middle East, Africa and South and South-East

Participants from the Sri Lankan side included representatives from the Government and the Armed Forces of Sri Lanka, apart from representatives and members from the various Chambers of Commerce and

Industry. The High Commission of India, Colombo was represented by Defence Adviser, Capt.

Vikas Sood and the Head of the Economic and Commercial Wing, Dr. Rakesh Pandey. In their remarks, both officials emphasized the need to further broaden

the economic linkages

between India and Sri

Lanka including through

better understanding of

the requirements and capabilities on both sides.

The High Commission challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### of India continues to facilitate and support business promotion events and B2B interactions between the two sides, currently in online mode, as a part of its overall effort to strengthen bilateral ties and reinforce mutual efforts to mitigate the

# Mattala will be most active regional airport soon – State Minister

#### **IRANGIKA RANGE**

Aviation and Export Zones State Minister D.V. Chanaka said yesterday that Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) would be converted into one of the most active and safe airports in the South Indian region under an acceleration programme.

He said that several international airlines have already shown willingness to bring their flights to MRIA after the Emirates-based Air lines commenced their operations in the airport which has been used as a

paddy storage during the previous

government. He made these remarks during an inspection tour to the MRIA yester-

day.

The State Minister said that attended on the develtion has been focused on the development of an investment zone adjacent to the Mattala Airport and it has been proposed in the President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa's 'Vision of Prosperity' policy programme. The Government's aim is to give opportunity for the farmers in Galle, Matara, Hambantota, Moneragala and Nuwaraeliya to supply their producers to the international market through the airport. Attention has been paid to set up cold storage rooms to store vegetables, fruits and

fish of farmers in the future. The Airport is expected to handle more passenger and cargo services in coming months and thereby new PCR testing laboratory will be set up at the airport to ensure the safety of tourists entering the country," he added.







MATARA:

The Southern Belle

#### **DISHAN JOSEPH**

ri Lanka is blessed with many exotic destinations. Every province has its unique identity, supplemented by rich regional cuisine. The following narrative is based on a few visits made to Matara over the years.

Driving along the Southern Expressway is a time-efficient travel choice. The Southern Expressway offers so much of green scenery on either side. Taking the train is quite fun, but I have not tried it on this long journey. Driving along the Expressway in the morning is a rewarding experience, and without realizing that we had almost covered 160 kilometres we were in Matara in about two hours.

This expressway becomes a vital link in connecting destinations. Our first stop was Paravi Dupatha (Pigeon Island) located near the main bus stand area. It is connected to the main road by an iron bridge. Walking on the bridge we felt the refreshing sea breeze caress our faces. The small temple on the island was full of devotees and foreign visitors. Buddhist flags were fluttering, beautifully enhancing the aura of this small island. The view of the ocean was absolutely amazing. Some marine birds flew above us, though I could not iden-

tify them. was once the Having drunk thambili, we went to St. administrative Mary's Church. The morning sunlight penetrated through the stained glass winhub of the Dutch dows. At the rear of the church, there is a side entrance and I spotted the grotto and a lucrative where the statue of Blessed Mary was trading post for kept. According to ancient church records, the image was made in the 17th cinnamon. century using ash wood. Around 500 years ago, the statue had suddenly washed ashore and the people brought it to the parish priest. In 1911, the Bishop of Galle Rt. Rev. Dr. Van Reeth wanted the minor damage on the statue repaired and transported it by ship to Europe. After the repairs, the sacred statue was sent in a wooden crate in the ship MV Beachy.

The ship encountered a raging storm and ran aground somewhere in England and the statue was lost. Bishop Van Reeth subsequently visited Belgium and the statue was traced there. The jubilant Bishop carefully packed the statue and sent it on board the vessel Princess Alice. To everyone's surprise, the ship caught fire, and the statue was lost once again. Finally, on November 12, 1912, the blessed image was returned to the Matara Shrine, to the joy of thousands. The final saga of this statue culminated with the 2004 tsunami. As turbulent waves crashed onto the church, the parish priest saw the statue being uprooted and cast into the sea. A few weeks later, he was walking on the beach after prayers when a messenger told him that the image was found close to Browns Hill. Again the congregation was overjoyed. So this statue was lost at sea four times and found her way back to her faithful parish.

After lunch, we decided to see Star Fort which is a somewhat dainty fortified garrison in comparison to other Dutch forts which are much larger. Matara was once the administrative hub of the Dutch and a lucrative trading post for cinna-

mon. Records indicate that the Star Fort was built in 1763. Shaped like a star, the fort was built as a forward defence post to the larger Matara Fort. The bigger fort also has a beautiful church belonging to the Dutch Reformed Church (presently Christian Reformed Church).

Star Fort is guarded by a wooden drawbridge. Above its entrance, there is a coat of arms. I stood on the bridge and looked into the green waters of the moat. I spotted some black turtles. Some seniors opine that there were crocodiles in these waters during the glory days of the fort. The crocodiles were in essence a deterrent to any unwanted visitors. Inside the fort, there is a small museum. The fort has an inner defence wall that covers 360 degrees with cannon mounts opening outward.

On our return drive, we passed the Nupe Market, which is an old Dutch building with a massive courtyard in the centre. It is said to have been built in 1761. The wooden latticework on the building is stunning.

On another visit to Matara, we ventured out to see one of the famous places of religious worship in Matara. The province has many ancient Buddhist temples includ-

ing Umangala Raja Maha Vihara (Third Century),
Athkanda Temple (Fifth Century), Devundara
Devale (Eighth Century) and Galgane Devale
(Eighth Century). The Devundara Devale or
Vichny Devalo is est amid a large garden

Vishnu Devale is set amid a large garden. There is a majestic stupa and another shrine painted in bright blue. The venue displays so much of colour. Pilgrims have journeyed here from every part of Sri Lanka. They offered trays laden with fruits to the kapu mahathmaya- a temple custodian who recites incantations. He is clad in white sarong and shirt. To

the right of this temple are seven mini shrines dedicated to various gods. Vishnu devale had two resident elephants. The friendly elephants reminded me of the regal splendour of these bygone kingdoms when elephants were part of many state parades.

In the evening, we navigated our way to the southernmost tip of Sri Lanka, the point of Dondra. I wanted to explore the famous lighthouse built in 1890. The massive white tower stood like a sentinel on the southern coast. Thankfully, the gates are open and we are greeted by the lighthouse keeper. The Dondra Lighthouse at 160 feet (with eight floors) is the tallest in Asia and still fully operational. Her main light empowered with 40 large bulbs can illuminate the night with a visual beam range of 25 kilometres. The last venue for the day was a visit to Polhena beach, where children were playing. In terms of cuisine, the signature dish of the south is the ambul dhiya - a delicious preparation of seafood that goes well with rice, hoppers or string hoppers. A few shops sell traditional sweets affiliated to old southern cuisine. It is a delightful treat to anyone. Matara is a destination full of history. The views of the ocean are brilliant. As a sage had said centuries ago regarding new experiences in life - there are no endings, only pauses when we look for new beginnings.



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Star Fort, Matara



The lighthouse



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# Sri Lanka. Australia enjoy strong relationship

# Australian High Commissioner

NIMAL WIJESINGHE, Anuradhapura Additional District Corr.

"Australia has been supporting Sri Lanka in numerous ways when the latter was undergoing difficulties. The two countries have strong relationships in many fields and will continue to do so in the future as well," Australian High Commissioner in Sri Lanka David Holly said.

He was participating in a ceremony at the Anuradhapura District Secretariat on August 24 where food and other items were provided to migrant returnees in the Anuradhapura District on Friday under the patronage of the International Organization for Migration

Many of the returnees have been adversely affected by the COVID 19 pandemic because they have lost their livelihoods. Over 200 returnees, their



Australian High Commissioner David Holly addressing the participants. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe

families, and vulnerable members of the community received the items by the Anuradhapura District Secretariat. Eight shelters for orphans, differently abled persons, elders and victims of sexual and gender based violence will be supported through the project.

UN Coordinator in Sri Lanka Hanaa singer stated that the UN has been working very closely with the Government to address the COVID 19 cri-

Singer added that the UN's efforts have primarily included technical expertise to support the Government.

Anuradhapura District Sec-etary R.M.Wanninayaka thanked the donors and contributing agencies for their generous support to the vulnerable communities. IMO Chief of Mission to Sri Lanka and the Maldives Sarat Dash thanked everyone who assisted the programme.

The IOM has supported the Government efforts in managing migration in a dignified manner in the country. It has initiated several COVID - 19 related activities to assist migrants, returnees, their communities, and vulnerable sectors to support the Government in the welfare of

## Garment factory closed; employees stage protest



The employees in protest in front of the factory.

G.S. THALIGAMA.

Employees of the Kirindiwela, Wathurugama and Seethawakapura garment factories in Avissawella joined together in protest over the management's decision to close down one of

When the employees turned up for work yesterday, they found that the factory was closed, and staged a protest in be re-opened soon.

ment to sort out other issues.

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#### Kirindiwela Group Corr

the garment factories of the group in Kirindiwela yesterday.

front of the factory.

Kirindiwela Police arrived and held discussions with the protesting employees. They informed the protestors that the employees will be granted paid leave from September 1 to 21 and that the factory was shut down for maintenance and will

employees The informed that they will be provided with transport to return home and that they can meet officials of the Labour Depart-

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## Suspect arrested with pistol, bullets; car seized

**CAMELIA NATHANIEL** 

A suspect was arrested in Upper Halmillewa in the Eppawela Police Division on Sunday (23) evening, Police Media Spokesman SSP Jaliya Senaratne said.

He was wanted in connection with a rape, abduction and assault and 18 other offences. A car was also seized and hand-

ed over to the Anuradhapura STF personnel. A foreign made micro pistol, magazine and three bullets that were concealed in the car were also seized.

39-year-old The suspect is a resident of Gonahena, Webada. He was detained 72 hours on a court order by Eppawela

#### 'Novel medical system at selected hospitals to battle NCDs'

H.L.SUNIL SHANTHA, Kalutara Central Special Corr.

The number of people suffering from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) gradually increasing today. Therefore, the Health Ministry commenced a novel medical service at selected hospitals to mitigate the situation, Chief Medical Officer/DMO of the Halthota Provincial Hospital in the Kalutara District Dr. Tilak Nishantha Settinayake said.

He said that the Health Department introduced the programme called 'Primary Healthcare Service Strengthening Programme, (PSSP) and under this programme, a Health Service Package (HSP) has been provided to the hospital, Dr. T.N.Settinayake said.

He said that a series of medical tests on patients is carried out by specialists under the programme. Over 20,000 residents in 18 Grama

Seva Divisions in Halthota and suburbs have been registered through a computer data system and they are made to undergo screenings for cerebrovascular diseases, cancers, diabetic retinopathy, and diabetic neuropathy among others,

The Halthota Divisional Hospital caters to over 11,000 people in the area, the doctor said.

He said that those seek treatment from the hospital are provided with a clinic card with a bar code for any doctor to find out their health history. Urine and blood samples from patients are dispatched to the nearest hospital in a three wheeler from the Kalutara Regional Medical Services for testing and the test reports are sent to the Halthota Hospital through WhatsApp, Dr.Settinayake said.

The new medical service immensely helps save much time of those seeking treatment from the hospital, Dr. Settinayake

Dr.Settinayake has also started a separate therapy center at his residence in Horana free of charge.

The doctor said that the programme could be strengthened if the hospital were provided with a vehicle and a driver, a medical laboratory and adequate number of minor staff.

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# Dhamma Schools education should be made compulsory - PM

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,

Tissamaharama Special Cor

Daham Pasel education should be made compulsory to build a society with virtues, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa said. He was addressing a dahamhamuwa at the

Kasagala Rajamaha Viharaya, which was held to mark the 125th Daham Pasel Day recently. The Prime Minister said that the mission-

ary system of education destroyed the Buddhist education in the country. About 250,000 Buddhist students receive daham

pasel education now, he said. The Prime Minister said that he hailed the services rendered by the Maha Sangha to improve Daham Pasel education to make the future citizens of the country virtuous.

The Prime Minister said he felt sad that a large number from the child generation abstain from the Daham Pasel education.

"It was the bounden duty of the parents to direct their children towards the Daham Pasel education, the Premier said.

"The Daham Pasel education has been recent speech at Parliament endorsed it.

brought under the Education Ministry under a minister with great experiences so as to develop the Daham Pasel education," the Prime Minister said.

We as a Government and as individuals observe advices and proposals by the Maha Sangha. Buddhism has been given its due place in our Constitution while honouring the people of different faiths," the Prime Minister said.

He said that even the President in his

The Prime Minister said that the attack on the churches was carried out by unruly elements who were misled by certain quarters that wanted to rouse communal disharmony in the country.

Asgiri Chapter General Secretary Ven. Dr. Medagama Dammanada Maha Nayaka Thera, Amarapura Sangha Sabha Chairman Ven. Ganthure Assaji Maha Nyake Thera Ven. Dr. Omalpe Sobitha

Thera, All Ceylon Sasanarakshaka Balamandala Deputy Chairman Ven. Prof. Thubulle Selakkanda Thera and Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa, Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera, Daham Pasel and Bhikku Education State Minister Vijitha Berugoda, Air Service and Export Zone Development Promotion State Minister D.V. Chanaka and Parliamentarians Ajith Rajapaksa and Upul Galappaththy and Southern Province Governor Willie Gamage were

# SC reserves judgment in contempt of court case against Ranjan

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The Supreme Court yesterday reserved its judgment in the contempt of court case filed against former Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake for allegedly scandalising the judiciary by making statements to the media.

The Supreme Court would deliver its judgment regarding this case in due course. However, the Court fixed the matter for October 21 for clarifications.

Senior Additional Solicitor General Sarath Jayamanna appearing on behalf of the Attorney General informed that the Supreme Court has inherited

jurisdiction (constitutional) to hear contempt of court cases. Jayamanna stated that the Supreme Court has followed the accepted criminal procedure during this inquiry over the offence of scandalising court.

President's Counsel M.A. Sumanthiran appearing for former Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake informed Court that the law relating to scandalising the judiciary has been abolished as a form of contempt of court under the common law of England and Wales

He argued that law relating to scandalising Court is no longer available in England where English common law is being practiced.

The prosecution and respondent parties have already concluded testifying evidence in connection with this contempt of court

All judges of the Supreme Court had earlier determined to proceed with contempt of court charges against the Deputy Minister after perusing the transcript of the video footage pertaining to the alleged derogatory

Ven. Magalkande Sudantha Thera and R.Sunil Perera, a the Attorney General.

retired Air Force Officer, had made complaints to the Supreme Court seeking a contempt of court action against Deputy Minister Ranjan Ramanayake for allegedly making insulting remarks on the reputation of the judiciary and lawyers at a press conference held on August 21 last

President's Counsel M.A. Sumanthiran with Senior counsel Viran Corea appeared for the respondent. Additional Solicitor General Sarath Jayamanne with Senior State Counsel Suharshi Herath Jayaweera appeared for



A event titled 'Action Against Child Abuse' was held at the Colombo Independence Square recently. Shiranthi Rajapaksa, Justice Minister Ali Sabry and other dignitaries were present. Picture by Ashraff.A.Samad

# **Special ops to locate** two fishermen

WP DHARMASENA, Matara Group Corr.

A special search operation was launched by sea and air to find two missing fishermen who had left the Suduwella fishing harbour in Kotagoda for work on August 21 and had not returned yet.

The Navy on the instructions of the Defence Ministry and Fisheries State Minister Kanchana Wijesekera have started the search operation. The Air Force, the Fisheries Ministry and the Disaster Management Ministry also assisted the operation. Three trawlers and a Y 12 aircraft have been deployed in the operation.

## **Colombo Floating Market** renovation work commences



Public Sanitation State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa and officials at the Colombo Floating Market participating in the ceremony to commence the renovation work.

#### **DHARMASRI ABEYRATHNE**

The Colombo Floating Market renovation work commenced on Monday under the guidance of the Urban Development Author-

A new development zone and a new pavement from Colombo to Maradana were started, too. The pavement links D.R. Wijewardena Mawatha and Bastiyan Mawatha near 'Colomba Gedra'. It runs through Kele Pola and the Tectnical Junction towards Maradana. Under the new development zone, resting places, small parks, eateries and many more facilities will be set up to improve the beauty of the

The renovations of the Colombo Floating Market, which started under the short term development programmes, will be complete by November 17.

About 80 per cent of the stalls of the Colombo Floating Market were closed during the previous government. The

Floating Market, a brainchild of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa as the then UDA Chairman, was opened on August 25, 2014 during the regime of President Mahinda Raapaksa. It comprises 103 stalls set up at a cost of Rs 312 million which showcase country's heritage, local production and food culture. The Floating Market has a huge potential to attract local and foreign tourists if it is maintained properly, Chairman of Colombo Floating Market Merchants' Association Dumindu Wickramarachchi said.

Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal, and Public Sanitation State Minister Dr. Nalaka Godahewa said that the UDA activities will be carried out rapidly.

"The President started all these development activities with a vision. But these projects were haalted and paid less attention during the last regime," Dr. Goda-

# Former MPs asked to hand over official vehicles, residences

S.M. WIJAYARATNE Kurunegala Daily News Cor

and Local Government Min-

The Provincial Councils

Plywood workers demand salaries

istry has informed in a letter to former Parliamentarians defeated at the last General Election to hand over their official residences and vehicles on or before August 31. Except a few former MPs,

others have already handed over their official residences and vehicles, Senior Administrative Secretary of the Ministry R.M. Jayaratne said.

Legal steps will be taken against them if they fail to comply with the law in this regard, he said yesterday at a press briefing in Kurune-

# Parents demand principal's transfer

Parents of students of the Hatton Welioya Malai Magal Tamil Maha Vidyalaya, which is administered by the Hatton Zonal Education Office, staged a protest at the school demanding the transfer of the principal.

The parents joined the protest foregoing their work at tea

estates. The protestors said that principal SA Sivapakyam had been at the school for about six years and that the level of education of the students from Year 1 to

Year 11 had dropped because of his informal administration.

They said that the Grade 10 student had been brutally beaten by the principal on August 20 and the injured had been treated at the Watawala and the Nawalapitiya Hospitals for several days. Watawala Police OIC Chief Inspector Manjula Viraj Vithanage visited the location where the parents in the protest and told them that if there is a need to transfer the principal, the request should be sent in writ-

ing to the Hatton Zonal Director of Education. The group agreed.

The principal was arrested by Watawala Police for assaulting a student and was released on bail after being produced before the Hatton Magistrate's Court.

#### National programme to develop 100,000 kms of ancillary roads

The national programme to develop 100,000 kilometres of ancillary roads connected to the rural roads and main roads in the country was commenced yesterday fulfilling one of the pledges made in President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa's "Saubhagyaye Dekma' Policy Manifesto,

Accordingly, development activities of ancillary roads in Wattala electorate commenced yesterday under the patronage of Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga and Rural roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lansa.

develops alternate routes and widen roads to address traffic congestion in main cities across the country.

As a initial step, the Handela-Maradana Road and the Maradana-

watte alternative route will be rehabilitated at a cost of Rs.47.5 million.

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said the government has been able to launch massive road development projects under the policy manifesto Rata Hadana Saubhagyaye Dekma just three months after the General Election.

The government expects to rehabilitate and modernise the countrywide road network including rural and urban roads following the international standards.

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lansa The project also identifies and said one of the main priority of the government is to to rehabilitate and develop the country's rural road network which will directly benefit the economy and the people's liveli-



Jayasekera paid a visit to Laksala where most tourists patronise to buy souvenirs. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne

#### Plantation Minister Ramesh Pathirana in conversation with the employees. Picture by Mahinda P. Liyanage

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr

Gintota Plywood Factory employees staged a protest demanding their salaries in front of the Halle De Galle, while the first District Coordinating Committee meeting under the new Government was in progress there recent-

The protesters said that they have been employed at the factory for 22 years and on March 17, the factory owner abruptly closed down the factory without paying their February salary.

They said that they were not given any compensation and the machineries of the factory are allegedly going to be sold.

The workers requested the intervention of the Government to ensure them the jus-

Plantation Minister Ramesh Pathirana met the protestors and listened to their grievances. He contacted the Labour Commissioner over the phone and urged him to look into the employees' issue and resolve their problems soon.

# Tanks in Yala to be renovated

**RAJA WAIDYASEKERA** Tissamahrama Spl. Corr

Fourteen tanks in Yala National Park will be renovated at a cost of Rs. 1.681 billion.

At the initial stage, two tanks named Gona Ganaara Wewa and Thalangoda Wewa will be renovated and the renovation work will be implemented within this year. A sum of Rs. 148 million will be spent for this project. Renovation work will be carried out under the supervision of

the Wildlife Conservation Depart-Former Wildlife Director ment. General Sumith Pilapiytiya said that the motive behind the renovation of the 14 tanks was to provide the animals with adequate water even during the drought.

He said that the human - elephant conflict could be minimised by renovating tanks because the wild elephants will not roam around the villages if they have enough food and water within the limits of the Yala National Park.

# No construction in Sinharaja - Nipuna Ranawaka

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA. Tissamaharama Special Corr

Matara Parliamentarian and Matara District Development Committee Chairman Nipuna Ranawaka said that not a single new construction has been done at the Sinharaja other than widening the road.

He was addressing a press conference in Matara on Tuesday.

The Chairman said that those widening the road have not obtained permission for the task from the Central Environment Authority (CEA).

"That was why the President had prohibited any further construction work. A report will be called for and a decision will be arrived at thereafter whether to continue construction work, he said.

The issue was discussed with the CEA, he said and denied allegations by certain section that the road is being constructed to provide transport to a hotel. He said he or any member of his family has no idea of setting up a hotel in the vicinity of Sinharaja, which is an internationally recognized world heritage.

# **UDA** submits plan for transport hub in Galle

NANDASIRI WELIGAMAGE Galle District Group Corr

Plans are afoot to build Sri Lanka's second multipurpose transport hub in Galle. The Urban Development Authority (UDA) is implementing this project under the theme 'Beautiful

Under this project, the development of Karapitiya

bus stand, removal of police quarters, removal of Galle Post Office and development of Imaduwa town are slated to be undertak-

The transport hub being built adjacent to the Southern Expressway entrance will be constructed as a multi-entry centre connecting intercity bus terminals,

regular bus terminals, and the Katugoda railway sta-

In addition, a green tourism promotion zone has been proposed for Holuwa-

# Missing girl found working for shop

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE** 

Akmeemana Police arrested a suspect who allegedly abused an 18-year-old girl after taking her to a hotel in Matara under the pretext of providing her with a

The suspect is a father of two, aged 57

years, from Karapitiya. The girl, a resident of Badungoda in Akmeemana, left her home on August 16 without the knowledge of her parents. When she did not return, her parents had lodged a complaint with

tigations. The police after extensive investigations found the girl working in a textile shop in Colombo. The investigations reveal that the suspect had handed over the girl to the textile shop after abusing her.

before Karapitiya Teaching Hospital Judicial Medical Officer for a medical examination after which she was confirmed to have been sexually abused.

its OIC IP Amarasena had made the arrest on instructions of Galle SSP



IN THE SUPREME COURT

**LIST OF CASES FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26** B.P. ALUVIHARA (P.C.) (J) L.T.B. DEHIDENIYA J.

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(FROM 10.00 A.M. – 11.30 A.M.)

**TO BE MENTIONED** SC. (CHC) Appeal No. 05/10-HC (Civil) 213/10 SC. Application FR 181/14

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SC. (Spl.) LA 49/20 - CA 23/15

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P. PADMAN SURASENA J.

E.A.G.R. AMARASEKERA J.

**COURT NO. 502 AT 02.00 P.M TO BE RESUMED** 

SC. HC.LA 21/20 - HC (Civil) No. 02/20

SISIRA J. DE ABREW J. PRIYANTHA JAYAWARDANE (P.C.) (J)

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COURT NO. 403 AT 09.45 A.M.

**TO BE MENTIONED** SC. TAB NO. 01A - 01F/17

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P. PADMAN SURASENA J. **COURT NO. 403** 

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SC.HC.CA.LA 195/18 – HCCA 98/12

**TO BE RESUMED** SC. Rule 01/18

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A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.

**COURT NO. 301 AT 09.00 A.M.** 

**COURT NO. 301 AT 10.00 A.M.** 

**FOR SUPPORT** 

163/20 Writ of Cert A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA) SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.

tion.

The plans were submitted by the Urban Development Authority (UDA) to the District Coordinating Committee recently.

Later the police produced the girl

Officers of Akmeemana Police led by Vikum Ginige.

#### **FOR JUDGEMENT**

119/19 Writ of Cert (Hon. A.H.M.D. Nawaz J.)(P/CA)

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**FOR ARGUMENT** 09/19 TAX (A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

# **Peter Amerasinghe**

# Solid prop, solid friend APPRECIATIONS

I had the privilege of playing in Keith Paul, Jayantha Jayawardena, the Pink Elephant Front Row with Peter. He had played 12 years for D.A.C.C. and knew the Front Row inside out. Another set was Y.C. Chang, Dushantha Samarasekera and Ravi Emanuel. Those who have left us are S.T. Azeez and Nizar Hadji Omar. Two hookers before me were Tony Massilamani and Harendra Gunasekera.

The Second Row was Graham Hamer, Lakshman Chickera, Ranil De Soysa and Jisvi Nizar. The Third Row was Brian Baptiste,

Ranjan Rajendran, Harry Rasaiya and Dane Jayawardena.

player and could play anywhere well. The Backs were Miftha Mohideen, Upali Vithanage, Rodney Patternott, Daya Rathnayake, Basil Rodrigo, Ronnie Shockman and Tony Amit. The Backs who have left us are Didacas De Almeida, E.L.C. Fernando and Jeffrey De Jong.

There were many Pinky Stories, too numerous to mention. I will

relate one story. We were playing CR Bees at Longden Place in 1989. There was a small incident Auburey Patternott was a utility with the Young Bees players and

Y.C. Chang, the referee said, "Pink Elephants don't fight, we teach the opponents to play rugby." We won all our B Games, Bambaras, Bees, Kabaragoyas and lost to C.H.A, 00-12. After the game, Lakshman

Chickera and the team sang 'Danny Boy'. We sang till dawn. Late B.K. Ramachandram was also a Pinky referee.

The Pink trips to Dambulla and Elahara to see the wild elephants were fantastic. The rugby stories afterwards were hilarious and memorable. Peter was a quiet prop, like most of them, but when the going got tough, Peter got going. I have included most of the Pinkys. If I have left out anybody, remember forwards are forgetful. Shafie Jainudeen with the Backs who have left us, Didacas, E.L.C, etc. thanks.

Viraj Gunesekera A good rugby friend

#### Road development work back on track

#### **NANDASIRI WELIGAMAGE** Galle District Group Corr.

The Road Development Authority (RDA) has commenced the development of 277 km of roads in the Galle district at a cost of Rs. 5,614 million under the road development programme. There are currently four main roads under development in the Galle

(SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.)

A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

(A.H.M.D NAWAZ (J)(P/CA)

(SOBITHA RAJAKARUNA J.)

K.K. WICKRAMASINGHE (J.)

**COURT NO. 107 AT 10.00 A.M.** 

47/19 PA (Devika Abeyratne J.)

01/17 PA (K.K. Wickramasinghe J.)

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DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.

**COURT NO. 301 AT 02.00 P.M** 

ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J.

TO BE RESUMED

170/20 Writ of Cert

**FOR JUDGEMENT** 

**ASSIGN COUNSEL** 

**TO BE MENTIONED** 

**WRITTEN SUIBMISSIONS** 

A. L. S. GOONERATNE J.

TO BE MENTIONED

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85/16 PHC

140/17 PHC

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20/20 HC

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**FOR ARGUMENT** 

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**FOR SUPPORT** 

DR. RUWAN FERNANDO (J) **COURT NO. 204 AT 10.00 A.M.** 

116/17 PA WITH PHC 106/17

K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)

COURT NO. (110) AT 10.00 A.M.

ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.

**ASSIGN COUNSEL** 

TO BE MENTIONED

**NOTICE RETURNABLE** 

110/19 PA WITH 102/19 PA

ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.

13/19 PA WITH PA 14/19

(ACHALA WENGAPPULI J.)

(DEVIKA ABEYRATHNE J.)

ARJUNA OBEYESEKERE J.

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**TO BE MENTIONED** 

404/18 Writ of Cert

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**FOR JUDGEMENT** 

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**PROVINCE (COLOMBO)** 

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140/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo

132/13 (F) HCCA/Colombo

140/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo

04/20 RA HCCA/Colombo

(Laffar Thahir (H.C.J.)

**FOR ORDERS** 

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

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**FOR ARGUMENT** 

FOR SUPPORT

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

COURT NO. (110) AT 02.00 P.M.

MAHINDA SAMAYAWARDHANA J.

COURT NO. (206) AT 10.00 A.M.

73/19 Writ of Cert WITH WR 163/16

212/15 Writ of Cert with 144/17 Writ

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K. PRIYANTHA FERNANDO (J)

**FOR ORDER** 

413/19 HC

15/20 HC

17/20 HC

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245/18 HC

03/20 HCA

371/19 HC

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85/19 HC

211/19 HC

217/19 HC 253/19 HC

**FOR SUPPORT** 

**FOR ARGUMENT** 

309 - 310/18 HC

district. Two lanes are proposed with a stretch of 19.5 km for the Baddegama road in Galle. The Galle – Hirimbura road section is being developed under the same project. The roads will also connect to other bylanes increasing accessibility for residents in those areas to travel to the main roads with

**TO BE MENTIONED** 

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166/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo

**FOR SUPPORT** LA 07/20 HCCA/Colombo

LA 120/19 HCCA/Colombo LA 115/19 HCCA/Colombo LA 08/20 HCCA/Colombo 09/20 RA HCCA/Colombo LA 65/20 HCCA/Colombo

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## Random PCR tests continue

#### I.M.V.C. GUNASEKARA Elpitiya Group Corr.

The Health Department has been conducting PCR tests at various locations to ascertain if individuals within the community are

carrying the Covid-19 virus. PCR tests were conducted at the Elpitiya Hospital and at the Elpitiya Police Training College with the participation of doctors of the

Elpitiya Hospital and the Health Ministry of the Southern Province under the guidance of the Elpitiya Medical Officer of Health.

Elpitiya Assistant Medical Officer Chandana Gunawardena, Elpitiva Headquarters Public Health Inspector R.M. Bandara and Elpitiya Public Health Inspector Indika de Silva conducted the

135/17 (F) HCCA/Colombo 146/15 (F) HCCA/Colombo 25/18 (F) HCCA/Colombo ADA KOTIPATHI - WEDNESDAY Draw No.: 1022 Colour: PINK

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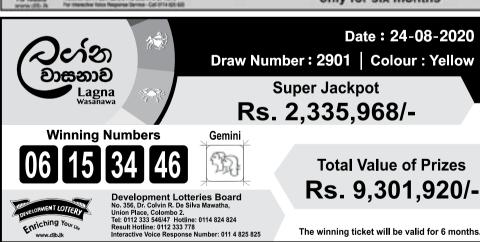
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#### A clear stance

or the first time since the avalanche of 1977, a
Government has been able to muster a two thirds majority on its own steam not having to depend on minority or ethno-religious parties to make up the numbers in Parliament for the purpose of passing vital legislation or drafting a new Constitution. The trend was set by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa by carrying the electorate purely on the strength of the majority vote last November.

It was only inevitable that the status quo would remain at the General Election as well. The Government can accomplish its most important task of changing the present Constitution having 151 Members - a clear two thirds majority. It is based on this strength that Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, while inviting minor or minority parties to join the new Government, qualified this by saying that they should not expect any ministerial portfolios and other perks for doing so. "They could join us and be partners in developing this country and be proud of it. However they would not be given ministerial portfolios in return," the Premier told the media. He also said; "If there is any such request (to join the Government) we will consider accommodating them but not on their conditions. The people have given us a clear mandate and nobody can dictate terms to us," he said.

The Prime Minister is fully justified in coming to such a decision. One recalls the enlarged Cabinets of the past where horse trading by minority political parties placed Governments against the wall in order to salvage the administration from collapsing - all due to the anomalies in the Proportional Representation (PR) system. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga's 1994 Government was a typical example of this surrender. Having recorded a sweeping victory at the Parliamentary election she was yet left with only a one member majority in Government giving the opportunity for the vultures to move in and grab all the plum ministries on offer. Prime Minister Rajapaksa had to face a similar situation after falling just short of a two thirds majority in 2010 leaving him no option but to rope in a group of MPs from the UNP to ensure a stable Government.

The pitfalls of unstable Governments finding it difficult to muster working majorities in Parliament, needless to say, have their fall out on the public at large as well. They have to live in a state of suspense and political uncertainty and the efforts to fashion out stable Governments out of chaos have direct implications on their own welfare.

Coalition Governments and Governments formed with the support of minority parties have always been accompanied by huge Cabinets, as already mentioned. Needless to say, sustaining such Cabinets will directly fall on the taxpayers who feel the pinch by way of increased prices and other burdens heaped upon them as a result of having to indulge the luxuries of jumbo Cabinets. Minority parties helping to prop up Governments do not merely stop with Cabinet portfolios. They demand other favours too, such as chairmanships in State corporations for their catchers and diplomatic postings for relatives, leading to inefficiency and mediocrity all around, with the public made to suffer the consequences.

This must end and the result of this General Election has brought about sanity and a positive outcome not only for the Government but also for the tax-paying public. Not only that, now that the Government is equipped with the necessary wherewithal to effect vital changes it should immediately get down to the business of changing the PR voting system if not in toto, at least to remove its anomalies so that ethnoreligious and other minority parties will no longer be able to hold Governments to ransom.

### Nip this in the bud

hile the ongoing shenanigans in the filling of the single National List slot of the Ape Janabala Pakshaya (AJP) is drawing much public attention, there is also much manoeuverings to have defeated TNA candidate Mavai Senathiraja in Parliament albeit to function on a rotation basis with the present TNA choice for the National List representing the Ampara district. While these knotty political threads are strictly left to respective parties concerned to untangle, their implications are bound to have their fallout on the taxpayer, however negligible that maybe. For, if the rotational arrangement (two and half years for each MP, in the TNA imbroglio) works, won't this mean that both MPs will be entitled to the Duty Free vehicle permit which will be a revenue loss twice over to the Government? Again, what if Ven. Rathana Thera who was once an MP and has already availed himself of the facility and now frontrunner of the AJP vying for the vacant National List slot, also decides to adopt the same formula? The new Government, under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, should seriously consider scrapping the Duty Free vehicle permit entitlement to MPs after the first one, if it is not altogether abolished.

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way. - John C. Maxwell

# Constitutional Reforms in the offing

MIDWEEK POLITICS LINE With Disna Mudalige

"Constantly 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"

nown as a result-oriented leader with exacting standards who persistently urges his team to live up to the people's expectations, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's above message at the inaugural session of the new Parliament was clear and forthright.

The President's 30-minute speech was indicative that he was determined to set a high-performance culture for the Government, so that it would not to miss the rare window of opportunity that has opened up with the people's solid mandate to craft a success story of its own. It was reported that he had asked for progress review reports from Ministries once every six months.

"We have a clear understanding of the expectations with which the people gave such a powerful mandate to the Government. We will leave no room for such expectations to be dashed for any reason. We will be sensitive to fulfilling the needs of the people, keeping in mind that all these positions are responsibilities and not privileges," said the President while delivering the Policy Statement of the Government.

Explaining the rationale behind the line-up of Ministries and State Ministries, he said those were devised to pursue a people-centric economy.

"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. Our basic aims are to strengthen the local economy and to increase export income," he added outlining the Government's blueprint for the next five years also taking the time to elucidate on main issues identified in key areas such as agriculture, fisheries, education, health, employment generation and traditional industries.

#### **Contours of reforms**

The President before winding up his speech touched on the topic of Constitutional reforms in the making, stating that the withdrawal of the 19th Amendment (19A) would be a priority task of the Government. He said the Government would, thereafter, bring in a new Constitution to give effect to far-reaching changes, including electoral reforms, with inputs of all stakeholders.

The Members, who took the floor the following day to place their views on record on the Policy Statement of the President, began a vibrant debate on matters related to the Constitution.

The Members of the Government side pointed out that the country's administration was a mess following the passage of the 19A and the country and its people were at a loss under the previous administration. They pointed out the confusion at the highest level of the Government led to anarchy, which proved costly in terms of national security. "Despite the people's disappointment, they had to wait four and half years to change the Government because of an absurd provision inserted into the Constitution,' said Leader of the House and Minister Dinesh Gunawardena.

What can be understood from the information available in the public domain as at now is that the 19A would be rescinded except for a few clauses including the five-year term of the Presidency and its two-term limitation, the recognition of Right to Information (RTI) as a fundamental right, and the functioning of Independent Commissions. The role of Constitutional Council, the embargo on dual citizens to enter Parliament, the composition of the Election Commission, and the inability to dissolve Parliament until the completion of four and half years are being reviewed and likely to be changed. The provisions for the Government to bring in urgent bills and for the President to hold the Defence Ministry portfolio, which were removed under the 19A, could be re-introduced. The Government will put the 20th Amendment on the Table next month to make the rel-

The Opposition parties too were in agreement that the 19A was incomplete in its current status and that a new Constitution was a long felt need.



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa addressing the inaugural session of the Ninth Parliament, *Picture by Sulochana Gamage* 



Former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya



State Minister Sarath Weerasekara

Taking part in the first formal debate in the new Parliament, the Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and the National People's Power (NPP) Members expressed the need to retain the progressive features of the 19A when rectifying its shortcomings. Sceptical of the Government's motives, they however said that any move to reverse the democratic gains of the 19A would be objected.

#### 13th Amendment

At the same time, a fresh debate has sparked on the 13th Amendment (13A), a controversial piece of Amendment that introduced the Provincial Councils (PCs) to the local administrative system in 1987 following the Indo-Lanka Accord between then Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and then President J.R. Jayewardene.

The complaint that the PCs are a white elephant and the colossal sum of money spent for their upkeep is a waste has persisted for some time now. However, the Tamil political parties in the North and the East are mainly supportive of that system as they see it as a devolved unit of power that paves the way for power sharing.

Newly appointed Provincial Coun-



мР **C. V. Vigneswaran** 

cils and Local Government State Minister Rear Admiral (Rtd) Sarath Weerasekara had already registered his opposition against the 13A. In his very first remarks to Media after assuming duties, he said in no uncertain terms that the much debated Police and Land Powers would not be given to the PCs.

He vowed to push for abolition of "all detrimental Clauses" in the 13A. He added that the level of PCs' contribution to the country's administration over the past years was being evaluated. On the other hand, Tamil People's National Alliance MP C V Vigneswaran was up in arms against removing this Amendment, and told the House that the Government could not arbitrarily put it away without discussing with India. Later, the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) led by R Sampanthan also corroborated that stance.

#### Opposition's role

In the meantime, Parliament has begun selecting Members for its many Committees including the Committee on Public Enterprises (COPE) and the Committee on Public Accounts (COPA) to get started with their oversight duties.

"We have a clear understanding of the expectations with which the people gave such a powerful mandate to the Government. We will leave no room for such expectations to be dashed for any reason. We will be sensitive to fulfilling the needs of the people, keeping in mind that all these positions are responsibilities and not privileges," said the President while delivering the Policy Statement of the Government.

The Parliamentary Watchdog Committees play a prominent role when it comes to keeping tabs on public finances and ensuring healthy functioning of public institutions. The Opposition, however weak it may be, has a bigger responsibility in them, and has already requested the chairmanship of the COPE and the COPA.

Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa, well aware that his Party is facing a long winter in the Opposition with the unprecedented electoral win of the ruling party, assumed duties in his post also appointing Party senior Lakshman Kiriella as the Chief Opposition Whip. He also handed out five Deputy and Assistant Chief Opposition Whip posts to his Party stalwarts.

Premadasa, while admitting the development goals mentioned in the President's statement were good, questioned how those could be implemented with an ailing economy. The economic issues will be discussed extensively in the House tomorrow and day after when it takes up a Vote on Account to a tune of Rs 1.7 trillion to provide for the public expenditure for the remainder of the year. This is the fourth Vote on Account in a row and the Government plans to present a proper Budget in November for the next year.

#### Karu's offer

Outside Parliament, the United National Party (UNP) was struggling to resolve its internal issues which have precipitated following the Election debacle. In a new development, former Speaker and senior-most UNP member Karu Jayasuriya has come forward to accept the Party's leadership to ease its internal strife, giving a glimmer of hope for the Party's rank and file

Jayasuriya turns octogenarian next month, and he opted out of the Election race when his calls for peace between the warring factions of the 'Grand Old Party' went unheeded. Issuing a media statement on Monday, he said he is ready for the challenge of steering the Party to overcome its current predicament. He said his decision was after careful consideration of the many requests that came his way, and that it has been conveyed to UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe and the Party seniors.

Three weeks since the conclusion of the Parliamentary Poll, the UNP is still to fill the only National List seat available for the Party, as is the Apey Jana Bala Pakshaya (AJP), embroiled in infighting over who should be nominated for its solitary Parliamentary



Parliament proceedings in progress. - Picture by Sulochana Gamage

# OPPOSITION INTROSPECTION NEEDED, NOT TANTRUMS ABOUT CABINET

**RAJPAL ABEYNAYAKE** 

o much ado about the so called new structure of the Cabinet, and it's about nothing. The commentariat has made the Cabinet a target, now that the new Parliament is a fait accompli, much against their fondest wishes. They say that the structure of the Cabinet does not give sufficient weightage to new blood and relies too much on the older hands in the new Parliament. They have also ridiculed the State Ministers' portfolios calling the Ministries given 'hilarious' because of what they perceive as narrowed down subject descriptions.

Here is news, guys. Cabinet level or State Ministry level structures don't last forever. It is likely that the current subject allocations were a direct response to the post-pandemic economic fallout. With world markets essentially shut in our face, the economy has to survive with some sagacity and quick thinking.

The domestic economy has to selfsustain to a very large extent, and there is no choice in the matter. These things may not matter to the cigar chomping pundits and the graybeards who have Gramsci for breakfast, lunch and dinner. But the rice eating ordinary folk have children to bring up, and livelihoods to sustain in extraordinary times of strain.

They can be spared the lectures on horizontal and vertical Cabinet arrangements and homilies on structural politics, whatever those things

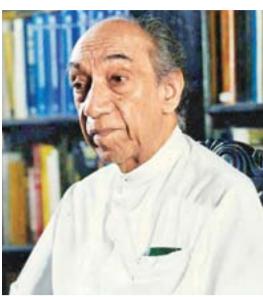
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The point is that these specific subjects may not be State ministry allocations for until Kingdom Come. They are the imperative of these times. As the economy moves on from the challenging post Covid period, the subject allocations would probably change to accommodate a different set of cir-

Gramsci will be still chomping cigars, or at least something like that. People and politics keeps moving on, and the old order changeth, all the time. What's fixated are mindsets and probably how some folks enjoy their perennial Gramsci-gaze.

The militarization cry now largely being threadbare, particularly after the people responded to it with the courtesy of a two-thirds majority no less for the alleged militarist government, some have nudged their criticism over to something else — dubbed familial politics — hoping nobody would notice the transition to softer weaponry. They have been counting and recounting the number of certain clan members in Parliament.

It's strange that they point to all this after the most powerful mandate has been handed to a Government since JRJ. If there are some clan members in the House, the people voted for them. If anyone says the people voted for them because they have been



clan members came on top of the list

in several districts. Was that with

people voting with a gun at their

Former President J. R. Jayewardene given nominations in the first place, let them explain how these certain

It was no secret that Ranil Wickremesinghe was grooming his nephew for the top spot in the UNP, and it's probably true that he still desires that
— except that now that UNP leadership slot is not worth two pol sambol pancakes. The then UNP and now SJB when in Government governed under members' only club-related affiliations, and there were interweaving clubs, the Royal College Club, and other extended clan clubs such as the Wijewardene-Wickremesinghe clan club, and shouldn't that ring a bell about the time a cousin was sent as High Commissioner to the UK while the top Defence portfolio was held by the greenhorn nephew, still taking his baby steps in politics?

But no Gramchis or graybeards were howling about vertical and horizontal top heaviness or bombastically then, so why now?

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Their slip shows. There is no introspection within Opposition party ranks or among their ideologues. Sajith Premadasa is talking to reporters about the mandate (Jana Warama') he received. As an Opposition party that failed miserably and conceded a two thirds majority to the winning party, Premadasa should know that he got no 'mandate'. There is no point in declaiming in Parliament with a theatrical head tilt about Benjamin Disraeli and Abraham Lincoln if he doesn't know that a losing party, and one that loses so badly as his, has no 'mandate.'

This is where Sri Lanka's so-called 'liberal' Opposition lost its way. They don't have the power to look inward or to self-correct. They may have to reconcile eventually to the fate of a one party State much against their wishes. They already seem to be in



**UNP Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe** 

The SLPP's lead in the seat count is so humongous that by default the Opposition parties have to consider that they are in a quasi one-party arrangement. They will in their unfaltering style try to connote that trend with creeping militarization or familial politics or some such idea, but that association of assorted ideas with a one party state by default, will not help them in the least.

If they are staring down the barrel of a one party State, they brought it upon themselves, and their continued effort to boast of mandates and to act as if they are always right even when they are repudiated, will only make the one party arrangement a more permanent feature in Sri Lankan poli-

Such one party arrangements are difficult to get rid of when they are established. In Malaysia, Mahathir Mohommed, the sage grand personage of the country's politics is at the sprightly age of 95 now trying to dethrone once more the longest serving party in Malaysian politics, the Barisan Nasional.



Mahathir was himself once in power as the country's longest serving prime minister, as head of the Barisan. But when he rebelled against his old party when it was caught up in a massive corruption scandal involving his successor Najib Razak, Malaysians thought the one party political dynamic had been swept away for good.

But the Barisan is back in Government. This writer is not saying that's anything to be celebrated, but that's the way it is. Even Mahathir with all his political capital has not been able to dislodge the nationalist credentials of the Barisan, despite the taint of corruption associated with that party.

#### **CONSCIOUS**

So if the Sri Lankan Opposition has brought on itself a one party arrangement by default, they will not be able to wish away that reality anytime soon. Not for one moment is the current SLPP to be associated with corruption as the Barisan is, and of course there isn't any one party state because democracy is healthy, alive and kicking in this coun-

All that can be said is that the opposition may feel as if they are staring at the reality of a one party state because of the sheer numbers that they are up against, and that perception is due to their own doing — and will continue due to their own doing into the future.

They are not conscious of the fact that political alignments and formations change. Nobody thought of the emergence of Emmanuel Macron's single party that emerged from nowhere and took over French politics. In India, the extended Congress dominance is so much a thing of the past that people can only talk of — or remember — BJP and Modi dominance these days. The Nehru dynasty is more or less a quaint memory from the past.

In Japan, every now and then — for instance a brief two years from 1994— a new party is returned to power, and whenever that happens the Japanese feel the virtual one party dominance of the Liberal Democrats has been challenged.

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But it turns out, the Liberal Democrats always regain power, and as in the present time they are firmly in saddle, these days under Shinzo Abe, Japan's longest serving premier.

The Sri Lankan Opposition may be looking down the barrel at that kind of dominance but yet all Sajith Premadasa can manage is his head tilt, his struggle with the English language that he is clumsily straining to articulate, and his faux pas about a mandate when he and his party has been relegated to a miserable rump in Parliament. One does feel sorry for those whom he calls his supporters, at least such as those that exist for the time



Voters waiting to cast their ballots in the 2020 Parliamentary Election on August 5. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

# Black and white AND/OR colour?



irst of all, contrary to popular assumption, black and white ARE colours. 'In black and white' of course has connotations that have little to do with colour. This, then, is about

Ajith Fernando has penned a pertinent note on an old theme: 'If one's world is black-white then colouring it is your responsibility. If you lament the lack of colours, the first accused in this crime is no one else but you.'

Black-white, needless to say, is colour-poor. Richer would it be if things were splashed with a full palette. Ajith's mild admonishment is for those who bemoan but do nothing, not even the can-be-done parts of dispelling

In essence, it's a different way of saying 'stop cursing the darkness and light a candle.' But no, even when there are candles around, there are those who will suffer the darkness until power is restored (in the case of a power failure in the middle of the night, for example). We never have enough, but we don't bother to consider the possibility of making do with what we do have. We don't say, 'it's not enough, but let's do our best to make it enough.'

We don't have a full palette, but we are not completely without colour. We can use them or wait for eternity for that magical set of crayons, pencils, watercolours or oils that can give us every conceivable shade. I am willing to wager that even in the unlikely event of being gifted such a complete range, we are unlikely to use them all. Think back on the first set of crayons someone gave you. Weren't there some which disappeared from constant use, others that shortened to stubs and still others that retained original length? That's how it is in colouring. We can colour with what we have but we will complain



until we are in possession of a wider set of option, to most of which we won't give a second thought.

There's a flip side to this as well. A lot of colour is also a lot of noise. We are blinded to the details when we are forced to gaze on a bright flush of colour. There are separating lines which define things, but colour has a way of pushing them to margins of the invisible. What we are left with is a blur, a handsome swish of different brushes dipped in different cans of paint; and we lose the faculty of distinguishing one thing from another. We end up misnaming, misdefining and being misled.

There are times when we have to retire a lot of colours so we can obtain something at least half-way stark to facilitate comprehension. We need to break things down to constituent parts. Colour, metaphorically, can and does gloss over a lot of injustice, for example.

In fact colour can turn falsehood into truth, injustice into justice, nightmare into the sweetest of dreams, vile and selfish intent into benevolent compulsion.

Black-white to Colour or vice versa, as Ajith would say, it's all up to us. Well, we are not in total control of course for we neither have a complete palette nor a delicate eraser that can push aside lie and distortion.

Nevertheless as long as there's mind and heart, as long as we can imagine and have the strength to scratch away certain deceiving surfaces, we can unravel the

As Ajith's observation implies, there could be more than one culprit for the crime of lamenting beyond reason, but we can only deal with that which we can control. Things are seldom completely out of control.

There's a brush and some colours we can use to turn life from dismal to palatable.

There's an eraser that allows us to get things or say things in black and white — just so it's not all gray. Up to us. To the extent possible.

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**UN:** Coronavirus lockdowns appear to have reduced the threat of Islamic State (IS) group attacks in many countries, but the risk is greater in Iraq and Syria, a UN official said Monday.

While IS is now a shadow of the organization that occupied swathes of Iraq and Syria just a few years ago, it still has an estimated 10,000 fighters between those two countries.

However, movement curbs against the virus pandemic have reduced IS's ability to launch raids elsewhere.

"Measures to minimize the spread of COVID-19, such as gion.

lockdowns and restrictions on movement, seem to have IS jihadists are regrouping in reduced the risk of terrorist attacks in many countries," said Vladimir Voronkov, under secretary general for counter- ties have not seen a clear inditerrorism.

He did not specify which nations, but IS has claimed attacks in countries ranging from France to the Philippines.

Voronkov said the pandemic's impact on the group's recruitment and finances is unclear, though the threat of cybercrime as a funding source has increased as more people are online due to the conta-

conflict zones like Iraq and

Yet for the moment, authorication of a strategy change under new leader Amir Mohammed Said Abd al-Rahman al-Mawla, who replaced Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi after his death in a raid by US special forces in October.

A former officer in the army of Saddam Hussein, Mawla joined the ranks of Al-Qaeda after the US invasion of Iraq and Hussein's capture in 2003, according to the Counter said. - AFP

He added there is evidence Extremism Project (CEP) think-tank.

Voronkov also provided an update on the group's activities elsewhere, saying IS has an estimated 3,500 fighters in West Africa, and has continued to build ties with local jihadist

In Libya IS jihadists number only in the hundreds, but the group remains a threat to the region.

It also has capacity to launch devastating attacks in parts of Afghanistan, despite the arrest of some leaders and the loss of some of its territory, Voronkov

# Outrage over police shooting of black man in front of his children





The shooting of Jacob Blake (R) in the US State of Wisconsin, another victim of Police brutality?

**US:** A video showing Wisconsin Police shooting a black man in the back in front of his children sparked outrage across the United States on Monday, with officials calling in the national guard as they girded for a second night of violent protests.

Wisconsin's Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes said the again. We need a full and transparshooting of Jacob Blake in the city of Kenosha reflected a pattern of police violence nationwide against African Americans.

Kenosha County, on the shores of Lake Michigan, declared a "state of emergency curfew" as angry citizens planned demonstra-

Video footage showed Blake, 29, being shot in the back seven times at extremely close range by two officers Sunday as he tried to enter his car following what some observers said was his attempt to break up a fight.

The footage and the lack of any immediate explanation provoked painful memories of the police killing of African American George Floyd three months ago in Minneapolis, which sparked massive three sons were in the car at the nationwide protests.

Blake was airlifted to hospital in Milwaukee in a serious condition, ful, adding: "We must see the but local media reported Monday afternoon that his family said he being black in our state and our was out of surgery and improving. country."- AFP

"Tonight, Jacob Blake was shot in the back multiple times, in broad daylight, in Kenosha, Wisconsin," Wisconsin Governor

Tony Evers said Sunday.
"Yesterday, Jacob Blake was shot seven times in the back by police. His kids watched from the car. Today, we woke to grieve yet ent investigation," he said.

'This was not an accident. This wasn't bad police work... This is familiar violence to too many of us. This didn't start with George

Kenosha police though pushed back at criticism, and urged the public to wait for the results of an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Justice.

The officers involved in the incident were placed on administrative leave, according to the justice department.

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump, who represents the families of Floyd and other black victims of Police violence, said Blake had been trying to break up a fight between two women, and that his

He urged protesters to be peacetrauma, fear and exhaustion of

# **Bolsonaro blasts** "malevolent" media

**BRAZIL:** Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro lashed out again at journalists Monday, a day after threatening to punch a reporter who questioned him about corruption accusations involving the First

Speaking at an event called "Brazil Beating COVID," Bolsonaro accused journalists of "malevolence" and "debauchery," and added that they were "fat-asses" at high risk from the new coronavirus.

The far-right leader, who caught the virus himself in July, said he had recovered thanks to his past as an "athlete" in the army, where he served as captain.

"But when one of you fat-asses catches it, the chances of survival are far less. You only know how to use your pens malevolently,' he told journalists covering the event.

The outburst came a day after Bolsonaro, 65, threatened a reporter who asked him about allegations his wife, Michelle, received money from a political operative

targeted in a corruption investigation. "I so want to pound your mouth with punches," Bolsonaro told the reporter from leading newspaper O Globo.

Known as the "Tropical Trump," Bolsonaro has had a tense relationship with the press since taking office in January 2019.



Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro poses with a doctor before the "Brazil beating COVID-19" event at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia on Monday. - AFP

Brazil's National Journalists' Federation counted 116 times he attacked the news media last year. Bolsonaro also used Monday's event to reiterate his praise for the drug hydroxychloroquine against the coronavirus. Bolsonaro has railed against the use of lockdown measures to contain COVID-19, instead pushing the anti-malaria drug, despite a slate of scientific studies finding it ineffective against the virus.

"You've saved thousands and thousands of lives in Brazil," he told a group of doctors that, like him, backs using the drug on COVID-19 patients. - AFP

# China, US to 'push forward' phase one economic deal

**CHINA:** Top Chinese and US negotiators spoke on the phone Tuesday and agreed to "push forward" their phase one economic deal.

The US and China signed the accord in January, bringing a partial truce in their lingering trade war and obliging Beijing to import an additional \$200 billion in American products over two years, ranging from cars and machinery to oil and farm products.

But the COVID-19 pandemic has put pressure on the agreement and China's purchases of those goods have been lagging.

The two countries confirmed the talks in separate statements.

Washington said the parties "addressed steps that China has taken to

effectuate structural changes called for by the agreement".

Those changes, it said, would "ensure greater protection for intellectual property rights, remove impediments to American companies in the areas of financial services and agriculture, and eliminate forced technology transfer".

It added that both sides "see progress and are committed to taking the steps necessary to ensure the success of the agreement".

Beijing's statement said a "constructive dialogue" between the two sides had "agreed to create conditions and atmosphere to continue to push forward the implementation of phase one of the China-US economic and trade agreement".



The phase one deal called for officials to hold a "check-in" every six months.

But US President Don-

ald Trump in recent weeks has stepped up his rhetoric against China ahead of what is expected to be a tough re-elec-

tion fight, raising questions about the deal's fate as well as the possibility of a phase two agreement. - AFP



Students practice social distancing at an elementary school in Daejeon, South Korea.

# Seoul schools go back online over virus fears

**SOUTH KOREA:** South Korea on Tuesday ordered all schools and kindergartens in the greater Seoul region -home to half the country's 52 million population -- to switch to online classes as they battle multiple coronavirus clusters.

The country's "trace, test and treat" approach to curbing the virus has been held up as a global model, but it is now trying to contain several outbreaks, mostly linked to Protestant churches.

South Korea reported 280 new infections on Tuesday, taking the country's total to 17,945. The numbers are low in global terms but represent the South's 12th consec-

utive day of triple-digit increases after several weeks with numbers generally in the 30s and 40s.

Most of the new cases have been centred in the greater Seoul region that accounts for half the country's population. Authorities are now scrambling to tighten social distancing rules and said that schools and kindergartens in Seoul, Incheon and neighbouring Gyeonggi province will switch to online classes from Wednesday until September 11.

'The alarming emergence of mass infections since August is turning up as infections of our students and staff members," education

minister Yoo Eun-hae told reporters. Nearly 200 students and school staff had been infected with the virus in the past two weeks, she said. The only exception is for senior students in their final year of high school, who are due to take crucial university entrance exams in early December. Virus curbs were tightened

in the Seoul region last week and were further expanded to the rest of the country on Sunday.

The measures include restrictions on large gatherings such as religious services and the closing of nightclubs, karaoke bars and cybercafes. - AFP

### Alexei Navalny

Top opponent of the Kremlin



AFP Photo/Maxim Zmeyev

Born June 4, 1976, Moscow region

Organised major demonstrations against Russian President Vladimir Putin, sentenced to numerous short prison terms

2011-2012

Emerges as opposition leader, critics call him a nationalist

AFP

#### 2017

Jailed 3 times for organising protests against Putin

#### July 2019

- Sentenced to 30 days in prison for calling for protest at Moscow city hall
- Rushed to hospital suffering acute allergic reaction and said he may have been poisoned

#### October 2019

His organisation, Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK), is declared as a "foreign agent"

#### July 2020

- Calls the vote to extend Putin's rule a "huge lie"
- Offices are raided

August 20

Hospitalised in suspected poisoning

August 22

In a stable condition in hospital after being flown to Berlin

# Alexei Navalny tests 'indicate poisoning'

**GERMANY**; The Berlin hospital treating leading Kremlin critic Alexei Navalny said Monday that test results indicated he had been poisoned, although Russian unclear; the possibility of long-term doctors quickly responded

that they had not found the toxin in question.

The revelation prompted German Chancellor Angela Merkel to call for the Russian authorities to ensure those responsible are held accountable.

The 44-year-old opposition leader and anti-corruption campaigner was brought to the Ger- life-threatening." man capital on Saturday after falling ill in Siberia last week with what Russian doc-

tors blamed on a metabolic disorder. But on Monday, Berlin's renowned Charite hospital said its clinical tests on Navalny "indicate poisoning with a substance from the group of cholinesterase inhibitors".

Cholinesterase is an enzyme needed for the central nervous system to function properly. Its inhibitors are used to make medicines and insecticides, but also nerve agents such as sarin.

"Alexei Navalny's prognosis remains effects, particularly those

affecting the nervous system, cannot be excluded," the hospital said on Twit-

Navalny is being treated in intensive care and remains in medically induced coma, it said, adding: "While his condition is serious, it is not currently

He was transferred to Berlin by a Ger-

man NGO after Merkel had extended an offer to treat him in the country.

Navalny's spokeswoman Kira Yarmysh said on Twitter that his poisoning was "no longer a hypothesis but a fact."

The European Union's diplomatic chief Josep Borrell called on the Russian authorities to launch an "independent and transparent investigation" into the

apparent poisoning of Navalny.

"The European Union strongly condemns what seems to be an attempt on Mr Navalny's life," Borrell said in Brus-

Navalny, Russia's most prominent opposition figure, was rushed into intensive care in Siberia on Thursday after his plane made an emergency landing in the

His supporters have said they believe he was poisoned by something in his cup of tea at the airport before he took off, pointing the finger of blame at President Vladimir Putin.

But Alexandre Sabayev, the chief toxicologist at Omsk Emergency Hospital No. 1, told Russian agencies that they had tested Navalny for "a broad range of narcotics, synthetic, psychodetic and medicinal substances including cholinesterase

"The results were negative," he said. Navalny was flown to Berlin on a medical plane chartered by German NGO Cinema for Peace, an initiative financed by private donations.

# **Belarus questions Nobel winner Alexievich over protests**

**BELARUS:** Belarus on Monday summoned Nobel Literature Prize winner Svetlana Alexievich for questioning over her ties to the opposition as the authorities cracked down on protest leaders following the latest unprecedented demonstration against President Alexander Lukashenko's disputed re-election.

Alexievich, who won the Nobel Prize in 2015, has supported the opposition leader Svetlana Tikhanovskava and is a member of the Coordination Council set up by her allies to oversee a peaceful transition of although 72-year-old writer has not attended its sessions.

The Investigative Committee summoned Alexievich for questioning on Wednesday as a witness in an ongoing criminal probe into the council's creation, focusing on alleged calls for seizing power.

Another presidium member, former arts minister and diplomat Pavel Latush-



Belarusian Svetlana Alexievich who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2015.

ko, faces questioning on

The announcement came hours after police reported the detention of two other Coordination Council members on suspicion of organising illegal strikes.

anovskava in Lithuania and after tens of thousands took part in some of the largest protests in the country's recent history for a second Sunday in a row.

Tikhanovskaya fled to neighbouring Lithuania after August 9 polls that she claims to have won against

Lukashenko. His insistence on his own landslide victory and police violence against demonstrators have sparked huge protests against his

The opposition said two members of its Coordination

Council were detained on Monday: Sergei Dylevsky, a tractor plant worker who has come to prominence as a strike leader and Olga Kovalkova, a member of Tikhanovskaya's staff.

Allies of Tikhanovskaya The detentions came as a formed the council this top US diplomat met Tikh- month to oversee efforts for a peaceful transition of power.

> "We are under pressure. This morning two members of the presidium of the Coordination Council were detained," another presidium member, Liliya Vlasova, told a press conference.

#### Pompeo, Netanyahu hopeful more Arab states will forge Israel ties

**ISRAEL:** Israel's Prime Minister and Washington's top diplomat voiced hope Monday the Jewish state would soon build ties with more Arab countries, following its landmark move to normalise relations with the United Arab Emirates. Benjamin Netanya-

hu and US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who was starting a Mideast tour in Jerusalem, both praised the US-brokered deal as a major step toward stability to the turbulent region.

"I'm very hopeful that we will see other Arab nations join in this," said Pompeo, who was also set to visit Sudan, Bahrain and the UAE on his five-day trip.

Netanyahu hailed the Israel-UAE agreement as "a boon to peace and regional stability" which "heralds a new era where we could have other nations join".



US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (L) and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu bump elbows ahead of making a joint statement to the press after meeting in Jerusalem on Monday. - AFP

"I hope we'll have good news in the future, maybe in the near future," he said.

Washington and its close ally Israel hope that more such ties with other regional countries traditionalish state will help unresolved. forge a stronger alliance regional against their common

foe, Iran. Under the US-brokered agreement with helps announced on August 13, Israel pledged to ans. suspend its previous

plans to annex parts of the occupied West Bank, without saying for how long.

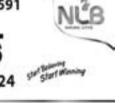
The Palestinians slammed the UAE's move as a "stab in the back" while their own conflict with the Jewly hostile to the Jew- ish state remains The Islamist

Hamas, which rules Gaza Strip. charged Monday that the Israel-UAE deal "maintain Emirates crimes and violations" against the Palestini-



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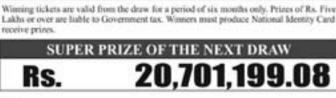
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## **AFTER GETTING REPUBLICAN NOMINATION**

# TRUMP SAYS DEMOCRATS WANT TO "STEAL" ELECTION

ald Trump opened his bid for a second term after securing the Republican nomination Monday, with his party launching its national convention as the US President claims Democrats want to "steal" the election that polls currently show him losing.

Minutes after the party completed the nomination vote confirming Trump as the candidate on November 3, he appeared at the convention in Charlotte, North

bling, often dark speech lasting close to an hour.

From the opening words, he told Republicans to be on alert for what he claimed was a Democratic plan to rig the contest through increased use of mail-in voting -- a measure Democrats say is needed to protect people from catching COVID-19 in crowded polling stations.

'They are trying to steal the election," he told party delegates, many of whom

Carolina, to deliver a ram- were wearing masks. "The vention last week, as Ameronly way they can take this election away from us is if this is a rigged election."

> Opponents say Trump's increasingly extreme resistance to expanded mail-in voting - a method already used widely in the United States - is an attempt to suppress voter turnout, while setting up an excuse to challenge the result if he is defeated.

Polls show Trump trailing Democratic candidate icans turn on the President's handling of the coronavirus pandemic and subsequent economic chaos.

Trump hopes the convention, which concludes Thursday with his formal acceptance of the nomination, will shift voters' attention from the coronavirus to what he says is the "super V" shaped economic recovery

While incumbents usually keep away from their Joe Biden, who had his conparty conventions until the

ately took over the event in Charlotte, which had been drastically scaled back due to COVID-19 precautions.

make more live television appearances on each of the four days ahead of his acceptance speech at the White House.

Ivanka and right-wing firebrand son Don Jr, are also giving convention speech-

His children, including

Trump is expected to

address the nation from the Mike Pence told delegates White House's Rose Garden on Tuesday.

ahead of Trump's arrival, promising to "Make Ameri-

during the first day of the Republican National Convention on Monday in Charlotte, North

dent's handling of the pandemic, unrest over racial inequality and fear of longterm economic damage from the coronavirus shut-



"This week we will take ca great again -- again." Biden is tapping into es. First Lady Melania our case to the American Trump was scheduled to people," Vice President unhappiness with the presi-



New Zealand demonstrating outside the Christchurch High Court building, ahead of the first day of Australian white supremacist Brenton Tarrant's sentencing hearing in Christch-

# Christchurch victims decry 'devil' mosque shooter

band was shot dead by the white supremacist who murdered 51 Muslims in last year's New Zealand mosque massacre pleaded with a Christchurch court Tuesday for the gunman's punishment "to continue

Ambreen Naeem said her husband died a hero while trying to tackle Brenton Tarrant inside a city mosque, branding the gunman "the biggest loser" during day two of the convicted terrorist's sentencing.

Her testimony comes amid an outpouring of emotion among New Zealand's Muslim community as Tarrant comes face-toface with victims.

Tarrant, an Australian, has admitted 51 charges of murder, 40 of attempted murder and one of terrorism over the attacks at two Christchurch mosques on March 15, 2019.

The 29-year-old - who is expected to be the first person jailed for life without parole in New Zealand -- maintained his impassive demeanour as grief-stricken witnesses told how his actions tore their lives apart.

Ambreen Naeem lost both her husband

**NEW ZEALAND:** A woman whose hus- Naeem Rashid and son Talha in the ram-

Naeem Rashid was hailed as a hero and prosecutor Barnaby Hawes said he "allowed a number of other worshippers to escape" when he charged at Tarrant in Christchurch's central Al Noor mosque and partially knocked him down.

"Since my husband and son passed away, I've never had a proper, normal sleep. I don't think I ever will," Ambreen Naeem

"It is an irreparable damage to me, that is why his punishment should continue for-

"Every time I think of him, I think of the biggest loser. For myself and my family, I feel victorious.

Mohammad Siddiqui was shot in the arm when "the devil" arrived at Al Noor

"Yes, I call him a devil because you entered the house of God with evil intentions to kill innocent people. You've killed the dreams of my friends and family with ... your gutless action." - AFP

# Mali talks hit a snag

MALI: Talks between West African (ECOWAS) envoys and Mali's new military rulers on Monday failed to yield an agreement on how the country should return to civilian rule after last week's coup, negotiators said.

Separately, both sides said ousted President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita - whose return to office had initially been demanded by the regional bloc ECOWAS -- no longer wished to govern.

Deadlock on the key issue of civilian transition emerged after the fledgling junta denied it wanted a three-year handover period overseen by a soldier.

The new junta's spokesman, Colonel Ismael Wague, told reporters that "there were discussions on both sides, given that at this stage nothing has been set down, nothing has been decided, and that as far as we are concerned, the final architecture of the transition will be discussed and defined by us".

The Chief ECOWAS Envoy, former Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said: "We have agreed on



Colonel Ismael Wague, the junta's spokesman of the National Committee for the Salvation of the People (CNSP) which overthrew Mali's President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, walks out after the meeting with Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) mediators in Bamako, Mali.

agreed. So on those issues we told the military officers the thinking of ECOWAS and we asked them to go and review."

The August 18 coup has shocked Mali's neighbours, who fear that a tion to Bamako on Saturday to

some issues that we have not fragile state battling jihadism and an economic slump may slide into

ECOWAS - the 15-nation Economic Community of West African States -- sent a high-level delega-

press its demands for the "immediate return to Constitutional order".

ECOWAS has stood by Keita and called for him to be restored to office, but this issue seems to have

He told the envoys that he no longer wanted to return as president, both sides said.

Jonathan said Monday that the 75-year-old former leader told him "he was not forced to resign but he has resigned and he is not interested in governance again. He wants a good transition so that the country will go back to a democratically-elected government".

The junta's spokesman Wague shared a similar account of Keita's position: "He said that for him it's over, he never wants to return to power again, he resigned voluntarily, without pressure."

Keita's current whereabouts remain unclear, with rumours swirling that he may leave Mali with the ECOWAS mission. After taking power on August 18, the junta had pledged elections would be held within a "reasonable" time-

# Toronto seeks to save 300 year-old oak tree

st cluster of sky- property to the city. scrapers, Toronto is looking to preserve a majestic, centuriesold oak tree - but efforts have been complicated by the pan-

The towering 24-metre (79feet) high Northern Red Oak is one of the oldest trees in these parts, having sprouted an estimated 300 years ago, around the time that French explorers set up a trading post on the nearby shores of Lake Ontario.

The tree now finds itself in the back yard of a nondescript bungalow on a winding street in the heart of a residential North York neighborhood.

Its huge trunk has a circumference of five meters and brushes up against the back of the 1960s house.

In summer, its long leafy branches shade the entire lot from the sun's rays.

But in recent years, a new homeowner expressed concerns about being able to afford proper tree maintenance and its roots cracking the house's foundation.

Neighbours also worry that this awesome specimen may one day be damaged by strong winds or felled in a storm.

To protect it and make it accessible to everyone in this city of six million people, Toronto's city council voted in 2018 to buy the property, raze the house and turn the land into a small public park.

A deal was reached with the

**CANADA:** In the shadow of homeowner last year to sell the

That outcome delighted Edith George, a local resident who lobbied over 14 years to preserve the oak tree, whose beauty she says "just takes your breath away.' "It's the Rolls-Royce of herit-

age trees. No other tree in Canada has the heritage value that this tree has," the 68-year-old retiree told AFP. Experts say that with care

and under the right conditions, the tree could live another 200 years or more.

"A tree like this is expensive to maintain. If the lot is a public space, the city will be able to take care of it better than I can," says Ali Simaga, who purchased the home in 2015.

"I don't want to be selfish and keep it to myself, either," he

The deal, however, is not done yet. The city's purchase offer is conditional on private donations to cover half of the price tag for the property.

Fund-raising started in December 2019, with a target of Can\$430,000 (US\$325,000) by the end of this

After a promising start, including a Can\$100,000 pledge by a couple of local philanthropists, contributions slowed to a trickle during the pandemic.

As of mid-July, about Can\$125,000, or nearly 30 percent of the goal, had been collected. - AFP



An oak tree estimated to be about 300 years old, or twice as old as modern Canada itself, is viewed on July 12, 2020 in North York, Ontario. - AFP

High school student Vanessa Villegas, takes a class in front of her television at her house in Mexico City on Monday. - AFP

# Mexican children begin new school year via television

**MEXICO:** Tens of millions of Mexican children began a new school year with lessons via television Monday in a nationwide experiment in distance learning prompted by the coronavirus pandemic.

The government has teamed up with four private television stations to broadcast classes across the Latin American country, which has suffered more than 60,000 deaths from the virus.

Under the ambitious plan, around 30 million public school students between the ages of four and 18 will learn through their TV sets until the situation has improved enough for them to return to the classroom.

"Despite the pandemic, the pain, the suffering it has caused, which unfortunately it continues to cause, we are... standing," President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said as he declared the new school year open.

Face-to-face lessons have been suspended since March in Mexico, which has the world's third-highest fatality toll from the coronavirus after the United

States and Brazil. Cooped up in a 50-square-meter (540-square-foot) apartment in the capital's hard-hit Iztapalapa neighbourhood for months, 11-year-old Emiliano is "like a caged lion," said his mother Monica Gonzalez, a 49-year-old receptionist.

In front of the television, Emiliano wrote down the answers to the questions he was asked during his first class of the year, though without any sign of great enthusiasm.

To cheer him up, his parents had put up a sign reading: "Happy Back to School 2020-2021.

The government said it chose television for distance learning because it reaches 94 percent of the country, compared with between 70 and 80 percent or the internet.

The content will also be available in 22 indigenous languages, and in remote areas it will be broadcast on the radio, too, said Education Minister Esteban standards are bound to slip. "I'm worried about how good the (lessons) can be through television," said

Moctezuma. But some parents fear

Emiliano's father, Alfredo Urdiain. Earlier versions of distance-learning

videos provided by the authorities were bad" and looked like they were "taken from YouTube," added the 45-year-old manager of an architectural

Learning requires interaction and not ust a stream of information, said Juan Martin Perez, head of the Child Rights Network in Mexico, an alliance of dozens of civil society groups helping vulnerable children. - AFP

# Rescuers pull 4-year-old survivor from collapsed Mumbai building

**INDIA:** Rescuers in India pulled a four-year-old boy from the rubble of a collapsed building to loud cheers on Tuesday, hours after the five-storey apartment block came down "like a house of cards", burying up to 70 people.

The accident late Monday in the western town of Mahad, south of Mumbai, led three disaster-response teams and sniffer dogs to work through the night, combing tin sheets, twisted metal and broken bricks.

Officials said many residents of the 47 flats inside the building were spared because they had already fled the town to escape the coronavirus pandemic.

The cause of the accident was not immediately clear but building collapses are common during India's June-September monsoon, with old and rickety structures buckling after days of nonstop rain.

National Disaster Response Force spokesman Sachidanand Gawde told reporters that emergency workers had so far retrieved the bodies of two victims in addition to the little boy who survived the collapse.

Video of the rescue effort showed onlookers applauding and cheering as the child was plucked out of the wreckage and

hauled up on a stretcher. Estimates of the number still trapped ranged from 20 to 70 after dozens man-

aged to flee when the building began to shake. "No one knows how many people are actually stuck inside," a Mahad police official told AFP on condition of

anonymity, adding that authorities had initially feared the worst, with early estimates as high as Mahad legislator

Bharat Gogawale told AFP that many of the building's occupants appeared to have been out shopping when the accident occurred around 7:00 pm.

"As per latest estimates, we think 20 people are trapped inside," he said.

Others had left the town altogether, preferring to wait out the pandemic in their home villages.

"Many families were not residing in the building as they went to their native places due to the coronavirus-induced lockdown," district official Nidhi Choudhari told the Press Trust of India.

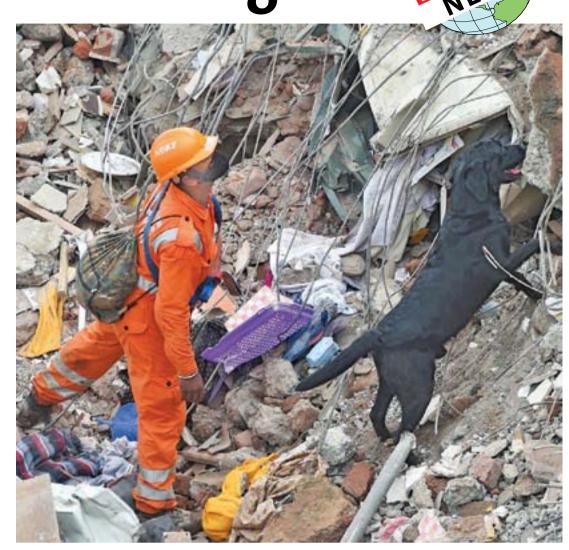
Mustafa Chafekar, a resident who had been in home quarantine after testing positive for the virus, told the Mumbai Mirror that he and his family of five initially thought they were experiencing an earthquake.

"We ran down immediately... The whole (structure) collapsed right in front of us," the 39-year-old said of their escape.

He said residents had previously complained to the builders about the condition of the complex.

Local politician Manik Motiram Jagtap told TV9 Marathi that the structure was 10 years old and built on "weak" foundations. "It fell like a house of cards," Jagtap said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted that he was "saddened".

"My thoughts are with the families of those who lost their dear ones. I pray the injured recover soon," he said. - AFP



A rescue worker along with a sniffer dog searches for survivors in the rubble of a collapsed five-storey apartment building in Mahad, India on Tuesday. -AFP

#### **CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD**

**Mannar Wind Power Project** 

#### **VACANCIES**

#### POST OF APPRENTICE TRAINEE

(15 Posts)

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka having the following qualifications and experience in relevant

#### **Qualifications:**

The applicants should have following basic qualifications.

■ Shall have six (6) Passes in G.C.E.(O/L) Examination including mathematics and mother language in a

Shall have National Vocational Qualification Level 3 (NVQ-3) or above certification in electrical or mechanical fields such as:

National Certificate - Electrician (household/industrial), National Certificate - Electric motor winder, National Certificate - Pneumatic technician, National Certificate - Electronic appliances technician. Machine Operator (lathe, milling, grinding), Welder, Fitter.

- The above qualifications shall be obtained through an affiliated institute under Ministry of Skills Development and Vocational Training.
- Age should be between 18 25 years.
- Preference will be given to applicants residing in Mannar, Anuradhapura, Puttalam Districts or Northern Province / possessing National Vocational Qualification Level 4 (NVQ-4) as above.

Closing Date: 17.09.2020

Selection Criteria: by an interview or competitive examination.

#### Terms and Conditions of Service:

- The selected candidate will be assigned to Mannar Wind Power Project for a four years (4) training.
- After successful completion of the training period, the selected candidates will have the opportunity to be absorbed to permanent cadre of CEB, subjected to conditions.

#### Remuneration:

■ Daily Allowance will be paid to the selected candidates as per GM's Circular 2018/GM/08/Pers dated 07th March 2018 during the training period. After absorbing to the permanent cadre, existing salary scales for Junior Technical Mates will be applied.

#### Other Benefits:

As per the relevant circulars.

Application giving full name, private and official addresses, contact numbers with such details of two non-related referees, with a complete CV (filled in English or Sinhala) should be sent by Registered Post with the following words on upper left hand corner "Post of Apprentice Trainee - MWPP" to reach the undermentioned address on or before the closing date.

Those applicants who are already in the Public Service / Public Institutions should forward their applications through their Head of Department and it should herein be clearly indicated whether the applicant will be released in case of selection for the post.

For More Information:

**Additional General Manager (Projects)** Ceylon Electricity Board, No. 385, 4th Floor, Landmark Building, Colombo 03.

**Project Director (MWPP)** Tel No: 0112889640 Fax No: 0112869631



# Greta Thunberg returns to school

**SWEDEN:** Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg said Monday she has returned to school after a year off campaigning to curb climate

"My gap year from school is over, and it feels so great to finally be back in school again!" the 17-year-old tweeted, attaching a smiling photo of herself with a schoolbag on her back and her hands resting on a bicycle.

Thunberg did not say in which city or school she would be continuing her studies. Since her last school year finished in June 2019, the teenager's travels around the world meant that she ended up doing lessons remotely.

Rather than head into the final years

of secondary school, she travelled across the Atlantic by sailing boat -hoping to highlight the carbon emissions of flying. Her ultimate destination had been the COP25 UN climate conference in Chilean capital Santiago.

But the event was ultimately shifted to Madrid because of massive unrest in Chile, leaving Thunberg to sail back from the US to Europe on board a catamaran belonging to a young Australian couple. - AFP



Swedish environmental activist Greta Thunberg on her way to school.



#### **UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA**



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#### **FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY**

Senior Lecturer Grade I / Senior Lecturer Grade II / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Lecturer (Probationary) in \*Engineering Technology / \*\*Bio Systems Technology / \*\*\*Inter **Disciplinary Studies** 

#### Note 01:

- For positions in **Engineering Technology** special consideration will be given to those who have degrees in Technology or Engineering specialized in one or more of the
  - Building Construction / Civil Engineering
  - Automobile Technology / Mechanical Engineering Electro Technology / Electrical & Electronic Engineering
- For positions in **Bio Systems Technology** special consideration will be given to those who have degrees in Bio Systems Technology or any other related degrees specialized in Food Production Technology / Food Science and Technology / Food Science.
- \*\* For positions in **Inter Disciplinary Studies** special consideration will be given to the physical science graduates with competency and teaching ability in Information Communication Technology, Physics, Statistics and Mathematics.

#### **SALARY AND OTHER BENEFITS**

#### <u>Post</u> **Salary Scale** Senior Lecturer Grade I Rs.91,310-7 x 2,170-106,500/-p.m Rs.79,360-11 x 1,630-97,290/-p.m Senior Lecturer Grade II Rs.69,580-5 x 1,630-77,730 / -p.m Lecturer (Unconfirmed)

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Lecturer (Probationary) In addition to the above salary,

- 1. The following allowances will be paid as the percentage of the basic salary to the academic staff:
  - Academic allowance Senior Lecturer Gr.I/Gr.II - 151% - 131% Lecturer (Unconfirmed) Lecturer (Probationary) - 115%
- Research allowance 35% (Payable to the Academic Staff based on the research
- iii) Additional monthly allowance 20%
- 2. Cost of living allowance of Rs.7,800/-p.m.

#### **Statutory Benefits:**

- Sabbatical leave entitlement for the holder of the Post of Senior Lecturer Gr.II and
- Membership in Universities Provident Fund and Pension Scheme in the University system
- Gratuity payments
- Employees' Trust Fund benefits
- Free Medical Services

#### **Closing Dates:**

Application should reach us on or before 25.09.2020.

Applications for the posts, completed applications along with copies of the statement of the Degrees should be sent to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Application forms and other details will be available in the University website www.jfn.ac.lk.

Downloaded application forms should accompany with the paid Bank Slip for the deposit of a sum of Rs.100/- credited to the Peoples Bank Account No. 162-1-001-6-0000880 of Bursar, University of Jaffna. Application forms and other details may be obtained from the office of the Deputy Registrar,

Academic Establishments, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, on a payment of Rs.100/- per application form. Those who wish to obtain application forms by post are requested to send a self – addressed stamped envelope 23x10 c.m. in size along with the paid Bank Slip to the above address.

The candidates who apply for **more than one** position should submit **separate application** along with separate Bank slip. The post applied for should be marked on the top left hand

Applicants from the University System/Government Departments / Corporations and Statutory Boards should channel their applications through the Head of respective Institutions, but may send an advance copy in the first instance. However, no such applicant will be considered for interview, if the application channeled through the Head of the Department is not received.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION**

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

#### Providing of Cleaning and Janitorial services for the **Department of Immigration and Emigration**

Contract No.: DIE/PRO/08/2020/21

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC), on behalf of the Department Of Immigration and Emigration now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for providing of Cleaning and Janitorial services for the following offices as described below.

02.

1.	Head Office "Suhurupaya', Sri Subhuthipura Rd, Battaramulla.
2.	Matara - Regional Office
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4.	Vavuniya - Regional Office
5.	Kurunegala - Regional Office
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8.	Officers' Restroom at the Hambantota Port
9.	Officers' Restroom at the Jaffna International Airport
10.	Officers' Restroom at the Mattala International Airport
11.	Detention Camp at Mirihana
12.	Office of the Colombo Port
13.	Office of the Galle Port

- 03. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- 04. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Assistant Controller (Procurement), Procurement Division, 'B' Wing, 5th Floor, Department Of Immigration and Emigration, 'Suhurupaya', Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla and inspect the bidding documents at the same address on any working day from 0900 hrs to 1500 hrs.

Contact Numbers are: Tel: 0115359530 Fax: 0112885358

- 05. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Assistant Controller (Procurement), 5th Floor, 'B' Wing, Procurement Division, Department Of Immigration and Emigration, 'Suhurupaya', Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla from **26.08.2020** until **16.09.2020** from **0900** hrs to **1500** hrs upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rupees Five Thousand Five Hundred (Rs.5,500.00).
- 06. Completed bids with two copies as Original and Duplicate shall be hand delivered or sent by registered post to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee , 5th Floor, 'B' Wing, Procurement Division, Department Of Immigration and Emigration, 'Suhurupaya', Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla to reach on or before 1400 hrs on 16.09.2020. Late bids will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.
- 07. Bids shall be valid for a period of 105 days from the date fixed for receiving of bids or any extended period.
- 08. All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security which shall be;
  - In the form included in the 3.4 of the Bidding document In favor of Controller General of Immigration and Emigration
  - For an amount of **Rs. 400,000.00**
  - Valid up to 28.12.2020
  - Issued by a Commercial Bank operating in Sri Lanka and registered under the Central Bank Of Sri Lanka
- 09. A Pre- Bid Meeting in this regard will be held on **09.09.2020 at 2.00p.m** at the Controller General's Office, Department of Immigration and Emigration, 'Suhurupaya', Sri Subhuthipura Road, Battaramulla.

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## **CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD**

**Mannar Wind Power Project** 

#### **VACANCIES**

#### POST OF ELECTRICAL / MECHANICAL SUPERINTENDENTS on Contract Basis for 12 months

(4 Posts)

Applications are invited from citizens of Sri Lanka having the following qualifications and experience in power sector / electrical,mechanical or other industrial construction projects.

#### **Duties:**

The incumbent should provide relevant technical inputs for the installation, operation and maintenance of Mannar Wind Power Project.

#### Qualifications & Experience:

Shall have one of the following educational qualifications in the relevant scheme i.e. Electrical or Mechanical:

National Diploma in Technology (NDT) or National Diploma in Engineering Science (NDES) or Diploma in Technology - Open University of Sri Lanka or Higher National Diploma in Engineering (HNDE) or

National Certificate in Technology (NCT) with 5 years post qualifying experience in relevant field.

Age should be between 18 – 25 years.

- Experience on construction, operation & maintenance of wind farms will be an
- Should be able to work in English and Sinhala or/and Tamil.
- Preference will be given to applicants residing in Mannar, Anuradhapura, Puttalam Districts or Northern Province.

Closing Date: 17.09.2020

**Selection Criteria:** by an interview or competitive examination.

#### Terms and Conditions of Service:

- The appointment will be on contract basis for a period of twelve (12) months.
- The work place is at Mannar Island.
- Candidates should be able to work at the project site in Mannar Island for extended hours.

#### Remuneration:

As per the Management Services Circular No. 01/2019.

#### Other Benefits:

■ As per the Management Services Circular No. 01/2019.

Application giving full name, private and official addresses, contact numbers with such details of two non-related referees, with a complete CV (filled in English or Sinhala) should be sent by Registered Post with the following words on the upper left hand corner "Post of Electrical / Mechanical Superintendent - Mannar Wind Power Project" to reach the undermentioned address on or before the closing date.

Those applicants who are already in the Public Service / Public Institutions should forward their applications through their Heads of Departments and it should herein be clearly indicated whether the applicant will be released in case of selection for the post.

For More Information:

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# **Ground of its** own for rugby

The new President of Sri Lanka Rugby Rizly Illyas will have a gigantic task to perform in completing and having the rugby playing complex adjoining the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Sports Complex in Diyagama as a permanent international home ground for rugby.

Rugby the second most popular sport in the country next to cricket has the proud record of conducting its affairs without any queries or adverse publicity down the

That was because men of integrity, honesty and great stature were elected to this prestigious body and continued to work hard and clean for the game, the player and the administration. Sri Lanka Cricket which has come in for adverse publicity will do well to take an example from Sri Lanka Rugby.

Initially former President Mahinda Rajapaksa, a lover of sport especially rugby, granted a ground in Diyagama to be used by the oval ball game. But with Gotabaya Rajapaksa coming into power as President of the country, the then Sports Minister Dullas Alahapperuma granted the SLR a plot of land for their permanent use. Now this is a laudable move that should be applauded by all ruggerites and rugby lovers in the country.

Initially the out-going President of SLR Lasitha Gunaratne who served his two year period in exemplary fashion was the first to moot the idea of having a permanent playing field for rugby. The credit of obtaining of land for this purpose goes to

Gunaratne from the time he put on the cap of President SLR, fought hard in the scrum to make his dream of having a permanent field for rugby. But there were several obstacles during his tenure and now he has finally realized his dream.

He signs off handing over the Presidency to Illyas in grand style and will always be remembered by the rugby fraternity. Now that Gunaratne has done the spadework, it will be the responsibility of Illyas who takes over and see to the completion of the rugby stadium for the SLR to call its own. Illyas who has been in the swim of things in the local rugby world for long is a glutton for work and has efficiency writ all over him and when his term ends he will go down as a legend in rugby. Illyas will not only have to score in completing the stadium, but will also have to make masterly moves to get the game - men's and women's - back scoring tries once the Covid-19 finishes playing its spoil sport game and get the scrums and lines moving, which is no easy task. 'If there is a will, there is a way' goes an axiom and IIlyas has it in him to play to this axiom.

Illyas has a strong and capable list of officials under his wings and the local rugby fraternity could be assured of a grand job being done to see to the reality of a playing field to international standard to call their own.

#### Master move by Sports Minister

Before the youthful Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Namal Rajapaksa assumed the high office, he made a master move like he did when leading the national team by appointing former ruggerite and coach Ronny Ibrahim as his Co-ordinating secretary.

Ibrahim a proud product of Kingswood College, Kandy where he sported the school colours in rugby for five years with the captaincy crown laid on his head in the final year.

After a great career for his school, Ibrahim took his brilliance in the game playing first for the champion Kandy SC, CH and FC and Police.

Incidentally Ibrahim hails from a family that has rugby blood in their veins. His six brothers all represented the school which is a proud record, not only to the Ibrahims, but the school too. After hanging up his playing boots, he took to coaching and ended up as being a coach par excellence.

He showed his school the way to win the triple title for three years running which is a record. Later Ibrahim took to coaching S.Thomas College, Mount Lavinia and helped the school raise its rugby levels and his greatest achievement was to see his product Namal Rajapaksa captaining the school and then graduating to captain of the national team. He also coached Namal's

brothers Yoshitha and Rohitha. erodrigopulle@gmail.com

# New method of coaching children in rugby to be introduced, says Dilroy

With the world gradually recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic, all sports and their governing bodies are revamping themselves to restart their respective sports. Rugby is one of the prominent sports which has gained immense popularity worldwide, with the supervision and guidance of the governing body World Rugby(WR) along with Asia Rugby(AR). They are not only looking at popularizing the game but also looking into the safety and the welfare of the players in order to lay down a solid platform at the grassroot level to make the boys and girls, who are taking into Rugby enjoy the game

Daily News spoke to Dilroy Fernando, who is a WR educator and consultant of Sri Lanka Rugby(SLR) on training and education to elaborate on this matter,

quality players and in his own words "most importantly good human beings".

The WR and AR by initiating this project is expecting that the players who intend to play Rugby should have fun and enjoy the coaching sessions while learning to play. Today in the modern game players safety and welfare is paramount and prioritized. They should also know the key elements of the game which is integrity, passion, solidarity, discipline and the all important aspect of respecting your teammates and opponents. Unlike in the past where coaches push the kids to drill and train, the modern training has made a drastic change, where the kids will be entertained to play more fun games and less talk by the coaches for the beginners aged 5 to 10 years.

In contention with these which is a must to produce the WR has launched a por-



Dilroy Fernando briefing the participants at a workshop.

tal called "World Rugby Passport" which is the gateway to WR, where a person could learn from A to Z of the game by self-care studies. Some of the key learning areas are rugby ready, coaching, player welfare, conditioning for rugby, laws of the game, officiating keeping rugby clean(anti-doping).

With these modem training tools, the world govern-

to develop to the top level as a skillful player when they reach 18 years, where they are very particular about coaching youth and women in rugby. With the introduction of the new guidelines and code of conduct will be able to attract more kids and women players to the game.

Considering the newly adopted player's development pathway from age 6 to ing body expect the youth 12 should be fun rugby

where every player is con-resume face to face world sidered to be a winner. Then in the age between 12 to 15 should be development, where the skill levels will be introduced. With the age group between 16 to 20will be participation in competitions while 20 years and above should be playing quality rugby.

On par with the rest of

the world, the SLR has set up a training and education department under the supervision of Fazal Mohamed as its chairman, Dilroy Fernando as the consultant and Thanuja Weerakkody the former national womens captain as the development officer. With the appointment of the new regime under Rizly Illyas as the President, SLR has plans to begin many World Rugby training and education programmes in the provincial unions. SLR is one of the first countries to rugby training programnes after post covid where they have done four programmes.

"There is also a fair amount of responsibility which lies on the school authorities, old boys and parents of the youth players as they need to be mindful not to push their children or brothers to win competitions/games at any cost at age group level.

The coaches should give an opportunity to all the players in the squad to participate in the games rather than playing the best or the fastest running player to score as many tries as possible. Number of hours put in during coaching too should be reviewed as there are instances where the players have been trained for over 3 to 4 hours a day, which is detrimental to player welfare." concluded

# Imesh Malinda Perera fine left arm leg spinner

**DILWIN MENDIS** 

Moratuwa Sports Special

The second year coloursman, right hand middle order bat and left arm leg spinner Ratnayakalage Imesh Malinda Perera of St. Benedict's College, Kotahena, Colombo scored 235 runs and claimed 54 wickets in the 2019/20 first eleven cricket season.

Imesh who commenced his schooling at Christ King College, Ja-Ela was keen on cricket from his younger

In his first year in the under 15 division one he scored 250 runs and got 30 wickets and in his second year he passed the 300 run mark with a top score of 97 versus Dudley Senanayake



**Imesh Malinda Perera** 

College, Tholangamuwa and captured 30 wickets with one five wicket haul.

In his first year in the under 17 he captured 26 wickets and scored 243 runs and his school reached the Semi Finals of the division three before losing to Homagama Central. In his last year in the under 17 he collected 380 runs and

claimed 38 wickets. As an under 15 player he got selected to the first eleven team and playing in five matches he bagged 17 scalps and in the following year in the first eleven he captured 73 wickets with 11 for 40 (5/15 and 6/25) and 12 for 45 (6/33 and 6/12) against Henry Olcott Vidyalaya and had another eight five wicket hauls. In the mean time he was the highest

wicket taker of the island and became third in the averages and was awarded the Best Player's Trophy. His two other coaches were Imal Fernando and Shalin Fernando. They played a Big Match and a Limited Over match for the Battle of the Friends. During his school career at Christ King his Principal was Rev. Fr. Nihal Rodrigo. Imesh carried away the Best Bowler's Trophy. In addition to cricket he represented his House at football, basketball and volleyball in the inter house

competition. In 2018 he joined St. Benedict's College, Kotahena

bagged 57 wickets and the best being against St. Sylvester's with 5 for 13 and in the same year he won the Best Bowler's Prize in Lasalian Trophy and also played for the Colombo North Outer in the District Tournament.

and in the same season he

Last season he scored 235 runs and captured 54 wickets with the best being 5 for 9 versus D. S. Senanayake Vidyalaya and he took four five wicket hauls and in the match against St. Joseph's College, Colombo he carried away the Best Bowler's Award in the Mack - Croner Trophy and in another trophy game against St. Anthony's College, Kandy he received the Best Bowler's Prize with a match bag of 6





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#### Malcolm- excellent coach **HAFIZ MARIKAR** ment at Sri Lanka Cricket Board and was a long

Kandy's cricketing legend Malcolm Perera is giving a big hand to conduct the inter club 50 over's tournament, and a couple of games have been played. Last Sunday he helped the Rajans Old Boys Association to conduct a Cricket tournament at Prisons grounds Pallkelle. He is one of the top cricketers to come out of St. Sylvester's College in the mid 1960's, a school which promoted the game without a playing field during his playing days. Now he has come back to the Committee of Kandy District Cricket Association as Vice President.

He started as a Playgrounds Instructor of the Kandy Municipal Council, From there he went to the sports section of the Peradeniya University where he improved his skills at the Physical Education Department. His first assignment at Sri Lanka Cricket was as junior national coach 1994. He served SLC's executive committee during 1984 under the late Gamini Dissanayake and after leaving SLC as its director of coaching he joined



CSN sports network as a project director. His last assignment in Colombo was with Sri Lanka Ports Authority as head of CSR and in charge of the SLPA Premier Division cricket team. As a level 4 qualified

cricket coach he has coached St.Sylvester's College 1st XI for 14 years, Trinity College Juniors for three years, and KingSwood College for nine years. He had the privilege of leading Kandy C.C., Kandy Youth SC and Central Province teams at major tournaments organized by the Board of Control for Cricket as they were known at that time. He was also a qualified cricket and hockey umpire and a qualified coaching instructor. He is the man who formed Kandy Youth CC. From Kandy he got employtime employee and ended as the Director of Coaching and was also sent overseas. He can be rated as one of the most senior coaches in the country with a good knowledge of the game Having held the post of Director of Coaching at Sri Lanka Cricket for

nearly 10 years, he went over to Bangladesh to assume duties as the junior National coach where he once again stamped his class. Some of his products were Tamim Iqbal, Mortaza, Mohammed Ashraful, Naim Islam, Javed Islam, Hafeez Iqbal who, have made it to the Bangladesh national cricket team. He also had a coaching stint in Malaysia at national level. On his return to the country, he was appointed Manager Coaching at Sri Lanka Cricket and later to the Cricket Development section where he contributed immensely for the development of cricket especially in the provinces.. No coach in Kandy could match his record and now he is back with KDCA and giving his best for the

#### Latheebu elected Secretary of Matale District FA

M.S.M. MASAHIM,

Ukuwela Special Corr.

U.L.M. Latheebu was elected uncontested as Secretary of the Matale District Football Association for the 25th successive year at the Annual General Meeting held at the Deds Holiday Auditorium Hotel recently.

Latheebu who was first elected to this post in 1996 has done a lot to promote football in the

Matale District in addition to popularize the game among the schools in the district.

He attended the Management Trainee course held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in 2002 and 2003 and used that experience to promote the game in the district.

He was an outstanding hockey player at Zahira National College, Matale during his school days and has also ren-

dered yeoman service to promote hockey in the district. S.M. Udaya Kumar

was elected as Assistant Secretary while K.R.M. Haaris is the new President of the Matale District Football Association. Palitha Herath, R.M. Safarullah, Haris Mohamed, Athula Weerakkody and M. Saakir were elected as Vice Presidents while the Treasurer is S.M. Lafir.

Vantage FFSL President's Cup Soccer

# Top four teams enter semifinals

**ALTHAF NAWAZ** 

Four top clubs namely Java Lane Sports Club, New Star Sports Club, Colombo Football Club, Red Stars Sports Club put up a belligerent performance, before qualifying for the grand semifinals of the "Vantage FFSL President's Cup" tournament this Thursday at Sugathadasa Stadium.

Java Lane one of the veteran soccer playing clubs from Colombo, put up a splendid performance, before they qualified for this stage of the tournament. They drew the curtain raiser fixture 3-all against Up Country Lions Sports Club and went on to drub Blue Star Sports Club 3-0, while crushing Moragasmulla Sports Club 5-0. In the quarter finals, they edged out the strong Defenders Sport Club 3-1 in a penalty shootout, after a nil all draw at full time. Their success story so far has been the dedication and devotion of the players. They played as a unit and were very supportive at the time of offence and defense. It has to be mentioned the efforts of their goal keeper Ashfaq Ayub. His acrobatic performance in the goal keeping enabled them to book a berth in the semifinals. He almost saved dozens of chances and later saved penalty kicks in the tie breaker.

Meanwhile, New Star SC is another team which came out as an underdog remained unbeaten. They overcame the strong Renown Sports Club by 1-0 in their opener and went on to force a nil all draw over Matara City Club and created an upset by knocking out the New Young Football Club, Wennapuwa 3-0. They



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2-1 in the quarter finals. They too are an unpredictable side possessing with immense talent in their ranks. They are tipped to be one of the sides who could create an upset in this tournament.

Colombo Football Club is another strong side, which cannot be under rated. They have several players who donned the national jersey and capable to turning tables at any given moment. They won their first round matches against SLTB 3-0 and went on to crush Crystal Palace Football Club 4-1. But

edged out the Blue Eagles Sports Club they went down 0-2 to Blue Eagle SC but surged ahead to outsmart the defending FA cup champions, Police Sports Club 3-0 in the quarter final fixture.

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Red Star Sports Club, Dharga Town was the last team to qualify for the quarter finals.

They had a swift control of the game against Serendib Sports Club by defeating them 5-3. Red Star started their tournament with a close 2-1 win against the fancied Saunders SC and went on to beat Super Sun Sports Club 2-0 while losing to Defenders Sports Club 0-1.

They still remained a predictable team in the tournament as proved that they still have the potential of winning, with a convincing win over the Serendib SC, Mawanella.

The semifinal line up will be known today after an open draw to be held at the FFSL headquarters. Full credit and praise should go to FFSL officials for coming forward organize and conduct a tournament of this nature.

This tournament has enabled the clubs to engage in "back to playing football", after almost a long layover due to various reasons including the Covid-19 pandemic. Meanwhile, the final of this tournament has been rescheduled for the 2 of September at the same venue.

Quartefinal results: Java Lane SC beat Defenders SC 3-1 New Star SC beat Blue Eagles SC 2-1 Colombo FC beat Police SC 3-0 Red Star SC beat Serendib SC 5-3

# Schoolboy Ramith topples sixth seed in Men's Singles



Avika Kelegama

**CHANDRIKA FERNANDO** 

Unseeded Ramith Herath continued his giant killing performances while creating another major upset on the fifth day of the SLTA Clay Court Tennis Nationals 2020, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path, Colombo yesterday.

The 15-year-old schoolboy from Royal College powered his way into the quarter-finals of the Men's Singles event with a hard fought 6-4, 4-6, 11-9 threeset win over the sixth seed Sean Sanderson.

Earlier, Herath had toppled the 11th seed Suneth Fernando even more convincingly in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 in a pre quarterfinal fixture.

Meanwhile, Savit Weerasinghe grabbed the opportunity from the walk over that he received from the top seed Sharmal Dissanayake by cruising to a 6-2, 6-1 triumph over Neshan Gunasekera.

The bottom seed Akila Vimukthi also warmed-up



**Dhilvan Herath** 

6-2, 6-2 victory over the 15th seed Dinuka Sandaruwan during a one-sided pre quarter-final encounter.

Unseeded Kiran Vairavanathan created a minor upset when he defeated the 12th seed Gayanath Senadeera 6-2, 6-3.

Meanwhile, the third seed Sankha Atukorale was in tremendous form as he demolished the 14th seed Suranga Pushpakumara 6-0, 6-3 to join the quarter-final line-up.

The fourth seed Dumindu Dilum was even more ruthless as he destroyed the 13th seed Manjula Samaraweera in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

The seventh seed Yasitha de Silva also joined the last eight in the Men's Singles with a smashing 5-2, 6-2 victory over the unseeded Rukmal Cooray.

In the Men's doubles quarter-finals, the number six combination of Dhilvan Herath and Avika Kelegama edged-out the pair of Jaitra De Saram and Zaidh Zihar 6-2, 3-6, 10-7 in style by romping to a in an exciting three-setter.

#### **SLC Major Tier 'A' Tournament**

# Dilruwan takes 800th first class wicket, Lahiru passes 1000 runs

bowler of Colts CC passed 800 wickets milestone in his first class career yesterday. Lahiru Udara right hand opener of NCC passed the 1000 runs milestone in this season of the SLC Major Tier 'A' tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) yesterday. He was the first batsman to pass 1000 runs milestone in this season.

27-year-old Lahiru Udara made 1039 runs in 9 matches batting 14 innings (Ave. 86.58) with 3 centuries and 6 half centuries in this season so far. His best knock was unbeaten 290 runs against Ragama CC. He made two centuries against CCC and Colts

38-year-old Dilruwan Perera claimed 803 wickets in 221 first class matches. He made his first class debut in 2000/2001. He has claimed 41 wickets in this season so far for Colts CC.

Udara Jayasundara scored unbeaten 154 runs in 290 balls with 13 boundaries and 3 sixes against BRC. Lahiru Thirimanna scored 140 runs in 224 balls with 10 boundaries against BRC. Udara Jayasundara and Lahiru Thirimanna both left handers of Ragama CC made 305 runs stand for 2nd wicket against BRC at P. Sara Oval. This partnership was the highest partnership for any wicket in this season.

Dinesh Chandimal scored unbeaten 136 runs in 186 balls with 16 boundaries and a six against Saracens CC at MCG Katunay-

Dilruwan Perera, right arm off break ake. He scored 803 runs with 3 centuries and 4 half centuries in this season. Angelo Perera skipper of NCC scored 107 runs in 111 balls with 9 boundaries and 4 sixes against Colts CC. He made his 3rd century in this season.

A group stage match in progress

Nimesh Vimukthi slow left-arm orthodox of Chilaw Marians CC took 5 wickets for 59 runs against CCC.

Matches will be continued today (26) for day two.

**At CCC. NCC:** 458 (88.2) (Angelo Perera 107, Kamil Mishara 72 n.o., Lahiru Udara 66, Niroshan Dickwella 57, Sahan Arachchige 44, Chathuranga De Silva 41, Prabath Jayasuriya 4/117, Dilruwan Perera 4/119) vs **Colts CC** 

At MCG Katunayake. Army CC: 344/5 (90) (Dinesh Chandimal 136 n.o., Pethum Dilshan 67, Ashan Randika 63, Lakshan Edirisinghe 45, Saliya Saman 2/59, Mohommed Dilshad 2/82) Vs Sara-

■ At P. Sara Oval. Ragama CC: 309/2 (90) (Udara Jayasundara 154 n.o., Lahiru Thirimanne 140) vs **BRC** 

**At SSC. CCC:** 287 (59.5) (Lasith Abeyratne 68, Lahiru Madushanka 45, Ashan Priyanjan 35, Lakshan Sandakan 35, Wanindu Hasaranga 23, Nimesh Vimukthi 5/59, Asitha Fernando 3/75)

Chilaw Marians CC: 83/2 (21) (Lasith Croosepulle 50, Oshadha Fernando 25 n.o.). *(YK)* 



**Dilruwan Perera** 



#### Sri Lanka National Blitz Chess Championship

# Ranindu and Tharushi clinch titles

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** 

Dilshan Ranindu Liyanage of Ananda Col-Sandeepani of Devi Balika Vidyalaya emerged Sri Lanka National Blitz Chess Champions in the tournament concluded at the SATHARA Hall, Maharagama last Friday.

Ranindu who is a15 year old schoolboy excelled in this tournament by scoring a total of 9 points out of 9 games.

Ranindu with an unbeaten record won the Sri Lanka National Blitz Chess Championship 2020 with a Trophy, Gold Medal and Rs 15,000 cash award.

Tharushi Sandeepani the 15 year school girl was also outstanding when she scored a total of 7 points out of 7 games to win the title. She was crowned as the Sri Lanka National Blitz Chess Champion 2020 with



Tharushi Sandeepani receiving women's championship trophy from CFSL Treasurer Erosh Jayasinghe

Trophy, Gold Medal and Rs10,000 rupees cash award.

Meanwhile Chirasana Lamahewa of Anandian's Chess Club and C.C Weerasinghe of Kingswood College tied for the 2nd spot with 8 points each and Chirasana won the Silver Medal with a shared Rs 7,500 cash award

Weerasinghe had to be satisfied with the Bronze medal. Tharushi Niklesha of Visakha Vidyalaya won the second place with six points

out of 7 games and claimed the Bronze medal with Rs 6,000 cash award while third place was a three way tie among Esha Pallie, Methushi Amaya Fernando on the tie breaker. C.C and Sinlay Thanujana. Esha



from Chief Guest Luxman Wijesuriva Secretary of Asian **Chess Council and Commonwealth Chess Association** 

won the Bronze Medal on a tie breaker.

Sri Lanka Blitz Chess Championships was contion of Sri Lanka at SATHA-

RA Hall. A total of 270 players participated in the swiss

Pallie of Visakha Vidyalaya and women section with 7

Luxman Wijesuriya, the General Secretary of Asian Chess Council and Comducted by the Chess Federa- monwealth Chess Association and Vice President of Asian Chess Federation was the Chief guest while Erosh Jayasinghe, Treasurer of system event where the CFSL also made presenta-

#### Rain keeps Anderson waiting for 600th Test wicket in Pakistan finale

SOUTHAMPTON, TUESDAY: James Anderson was trapped in the England dressing room as bad weather delayed his bid and final Test against Pakistan at Southampton on Tuesday.

The last day should have started at 1000 GMT but, with rain still falling following an overnight downpour, the covers remained in place at the Ageas Bowl and there was no play before

Umpires Richard Illingworth and Michael Gough are due to hold an

inspection at 1240 GMT. It may still be several hours before the match can restart, though the forecast for the rest of the day is brighter.

England, 1-0 up in the three-match contest, are on the brink of their first Test series win over Pakistan for a dec-

If no more play is possible, 38-yearold paceman Anderson could be left on 599 Test wickets for some time.

There is uncertainty as to whether England's rescheduled tour of Sri Lanka or a Test series in India pencilled in for moth first innings 583-8 declared, which the New Year will take place, with the featured a double century from Zak coronavirus pandemic still a major

threat to the cricket calendar.

Anderson was left just one wicket shy of becoming only the fourth bowler -and first paceman - to reach the landto reach 600 Test wickets in the third mark figure of 600 Test wickets as a combination of poor catching, bad weather and determined Pakistan batting thwarted him on Monday.

Anderson, denied an early breakthrough when Jos Buttler dropped a routine chance to reprieve Shan Masood, returned late in the day to have opener Abid Ali lbw for 42 after Masood had fallen lbw, playing no shot, to Stuart Broad. But that was as good as it got for

Anderson, who ended a day cut short by bad light and rain with miserly figures of 1-18 from 12 overs.

"It is a massive achievement," England coach Chris Silverwood said of Anderson's looming milestone after stumps on Monday. "To finish strong tomorrow and see Jimmy get his 600th would be fantastic. I want to win the game. That's my first and foremost."

Pakistan, following on, are 100-2 -still 210 runs behind England's mam-

## AASL to conduct National events

men's section had 9 games tions as special guests.

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA** The Athletic Association

of Sri Lanka (AASL) already have decided to conduct their National events and have finalized the dates. All the events will be conducted under Health Ministry guidelines.

According to the Vice President of the AASL G.L.S Perera National trials to be held from 23 to 25 at the Sugathadasa Stadium Colombo and entries will close on 30th September for the National trials.

In addition the Junior National Athletic Championship (under 16,18 and 20 age groups )will be held four dates from 21, 22 November and 28, 29 November at the Sugathadasa Stadium Colombo . The entries will close on 21st October for this event

Meanwhile Senior National Athletic Champi-

onship will be held on 5th and 6th December at the Sugathadasa Stadium Colombo . For the first time a limited number of athletes will take part at this Nationals based on their performances at the National trials Sri Lankan athletes have

already commenced their National pool training at Colombo as well as high altitude training at Nuwara

They have the services of foreign coaches. three National athletic coach Y. K Kularatne and the few other coaches already involved in the athletes training.

The AASL Vice President G.L.S Perera further said four days before the scheduled events athletes have to collect their track numbers from the Sri Lanka Athletic Association at No Torrighton Place



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## Senarath Bandara to take over reigns of Cargills Bank

Veteran banker Senarath Bandara has been appointed as the Managing Director/ CEO designate of Cargills Bank Limited, and will commence his new role with effect from Sep-

tember 8, 2020. Bandara will take over as MD/CEO of the Bank with effect from October 1, 2020, subject to regulatory clearance. He succeeds Rajendra Theagarajah who is due to step down on September 30, 2020.

Prior to his appointment, Bandara served as the General Manager/CEO of Bank of Ceylon (BOC), retiring from BOC after a service of 30 years. During this period, he gained substantial experience in areas such as general banking, retail banking, retail credit, development banking, corporate lending, investment and treasury management and international banking opera-

Commenting on the appointment of Bandara, Cargills Bank Chairman Ranjit Page stated "We are delighted to welcome Senarath Bandara to the Cargills family. The wealth of experience Bandara brings to Cargills Bank will be of great value to all our stakeholders as we continue towards our vision to be the most inclusive retail bank in Sri Lanka, contributing to the upliftment of all Sri Lankans and the development of the country. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my gratitude to Theagarajah for his significant contribution to the bank over the past three years."



A delegation led by Acting Ambassador for China Hu Wei paid a courtesy call on State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal at the Finance Ministry on Monday. Here Minister Cabraal with Ambassador Hu Wei

#### **Fitch rates Seylan Bank's Senior** Debt 'A(Ika)(EXP)' and Basel III Sub Debt 'BBB+(Ika)(EXP)'

Fitch Ratings Lanka has assigned Seylan Bank PLC's (A(lka)/Stable) proposed senior debentures an expected National Long-Term Rating of 'A(lka)(EXP)'. Fitch has also assigned Seylan's proposed Basel III-compliant subordinated unsecured debentures an expected National Long-Term Rating of 'BBB+(lka)

The proposed debentures will total LKR10 billion, with maturities of five to ten years, and will be listed on the Colombo Stock Exchange. The bank expects the proposed subordinated debentures to qualify as Basel III-compliant regulatory Tier 2 capital.

The proposed debentures include a non-viability clause whereby they will convert to ordinary voting shares if so determined by the Monetary Board of Sri Lanka. The bank plans to use the proceeds from both proposed senior and subordinated debentures to support expansion of its loan book.

The final rating is subject to the receipt of final documentation conforming to information already

# INGINE South Korea invests USD 8 mn to generate Green energy in Sri Lanka

#### **SHIRAJIV SIRIMENE**

For the first time in South Asia, INGINE Lanka Private Limited and INGINE Inc. in South Korea will introduce breakthrough INWaveTM technology to generate Green energy to Sri Lanka. The total investment for phase one of this project would be USD 8 million.

The two companies will

partner Ceylon Fisheries Harbour Corporation to build a plant in the Suduwella harbour in Matara which will initially generate 1 Megawatt of power to the national grid.

Chairperson/CEO, INGINE Lanka Private Limited Dr. F. Sujatha Bondarenko, said that they will commence the feasibility study of the project (which was earlier planned for

March and postponed due to Corona Pandemic) next month and construction would start early next year. She said that the technology uses several buoy planted in the sea and their movement is used to generate electricity.

"This method is now used in Korea and several European countries.'

The back of the breakwater in the Suduwella Harbour in Matara would be used to store and distribute electricity to the national grid.

"This project will also generate an income to the Harbour and we will also use the venue as an international study centre on INWave technology to the world making it a major study tourism venue as well"

The two companies will further invent around another USD 20 million for phase two where almost 10 MW of wave







Chairperson/CEO, INGINE Lanka Dr. F. Sujatha Bondarenko, Daniel Sung and D. H. Kim

energy would be generated. She said that the unique feature of breakthrough INWave technology is that the cost of generating a unit decreases each year as maintenance costs are very low.

"In a bid to get local industrialists involved in the project nearly 40% local materials such as buoy, cables would be used". INGINE Lanka has successfully ventured into the

renewable energy business and other sustainable businesses Russia within a short span of three years. "We will also invest a further USD 8 million to invest on a Solar Energy Park

in Mahiyangana next year." Apart from renewable energy, Dr. Bondarenko and her team are active in the tea business including plantations, manufacturing, and exports under the brand name Royal

Touch mainly to Korea and

INGINE in Korea is spearheaded by CEO/CTO Y. J. D. Sung, who created the INWaveTM technology through extensive research and development, and Business Development Director D. H. Kim, who manages a 100 MW project pipeline worldwide for the commercialization of wave energy plants by INGINE.

# **IFC underwrites PickMe Series B capital raise**

The Balance sheet of PickMe was strengthened in July 2020, when the International Financial Cooperation underwrote a "Series B" capital raise for the company.

"The current balance sheet enables us to not just survive the Covid crisis but to invest, innovate and grow during this time. In times of crisis comes opportunity. We are ready for this. I am confident when the world and Sri Lanka emerges from the pandemic PickMe will be a stronger and even more resilient entity," Chairman

PickMe Ajit Gunewardene said in his message in the company's annual report. He reiterated that the future acceleration and dominance of the digital economy has been clearly proven during the pandemic, and PickMe was perfectly positioned to be a key

player in this environment. "The digital intellect and busines execution knowledge that we have will be leveraged to entrench ourselves deeper in the economy. We pride ourselves on the home grown technology that we have created. There is no

doubt it is world class. This is our edge. During the last five years we have invested multiple billions of rupees towards creating this domain expertise and we will continue to invest, innovate and add value to the econ-

However, speaking of the regulatory support PickMe needs, Gunawardene added "in terms of support we would encourage the government to enable a level playing field to compete against the digital multinationals. This is relevant to all digital domains, not just us.

All digital platforms should incorporate an onshore company to carry on commercial activity. This will ring fence local operations and create transparency and a level playing field with local entities.' Zulfer Jiffry, CEO

of PickMe said despite the overall decline in revenue during lockdown, the company made some noteworthy achievements during the year and retained its position as a market leader in ride hailing. "The covid-19 crisis resulted in us launching the delivery of essential goods



Chairman Ajit Gunewardene

("Market") one year in advance of its original launch date. During the lockdown we did over 250,000 market place deliveries and we currently have listed over 300 mer-

chants We plan to further invest in the delivery vertical in the coming months, as we consider this to be a natural hedge against our hailing business in the face of the uncertainty



**Zulfer Jiffry** 

created by the Covid crisis." As a mark of their drive to continuously innovate and be the front runner in the digital revolution in the country, PickMe has launched their incubator program.

They are now in the process of incubating a Fintech company that has developed a personalized financial inclusion product and is seeking seed invest-

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# AIA reports 5% growth in operating profits



AIA Group Limited announced a resilient financial performance for the six months ended June 30, 2020

Operating profit after tax (OPAT) increased by 5 per cent to US\$2,933 million, reflecting the quality and growth of inforce business. While value of new business (VONB) of US\$1,410 million was lower in the first half, the Group has delivered very strong month-onmonth VONB growth in markets as they emerged from COVID-19 containment measures.

The Group's financial position remained strong and robust with 11 per cent growth in underlying free surplus generation and the solvency ratio on the HKIO basis for AIA Company Limited (AIA

Co.) was 328 percent. The Board has declared a 5 per cent increase in the interim dividend to 35.00 Hong Kong cents per share. This reflects both the Group's strong financial position and the unprecedented macroeconomic and capital markets environment caused by COVID-19. Lee Yuan Siong, AIA's Group Chief Executive and President, said, "I am extremely proud of the way AIA's businesses have responded with speed and compassion to the challenges brought by the COVID-19 pandemic, and provided uninterrupted support to our customers and communities. I am grateful for their dedication, collaboration and contributions in these unprecedented times. "We saw very strong signs of

recovery in new business sales from our markets as containment measures were eased. The growth in operating profit after tax and underlying free surplus generation demonstrates the resilience of our large and growing in-force portfolio and solvency for AIA Co. remains strong. The Board has declared a 5 per cent increase in the interim dividend following our prudent, sustainable and progressive dividend policy allowing for future growth opportunities and the financial flexibility of the Group.

"We will provide personalised and meaningful propositions for our customers, backed by exceptional technology and digital tools to deliver outstanding service.'





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# Finance

# AGT forges ahead with e- commerce enhancements in new norm

**RAVI LADDUWAHETTY** 

South Asia Gateway Terminals has responded quickly to the Covid-19 social distancing protocols directed by the government.

The team smoothly transitioned the long established practice of physical attendance for manual labour intensive import documentation clearance processes to digitization. This was successfully achieved within 10 days working in close collaboration with Customs House Agents (CHA) also commonly referred to as Clearing and Handling Agents.

Closely followed-up with the invitation to CHA's to register on the SAGT electronic Delivery Advice (e-DA) platform as a precursor to the launch of the company's integrated payment gateway. This feature allows importers and their clearing agent representatives to effect payment of relevant charges online which in-turn



auto reconciles the specific shipment clearing process for faster release of e-DA

initiatives enhance SAGT's commitment to providing Sri Lanka's importer/exporter allied community an "ease of doing business experience," South Asia Gateway Terminals (Pvt) Ltd's Chief Commercial Officer Ted Hiran Muttiah told Daily News Finance yesterday.

The service improvements allow the customer to transact their clearance process around the clock -24/7.

he said. Concurrently, SAGT became the first terminal in the port of Colombo to partner with Tradelens – a All of these e-commerce global maritime industry portal integrating several leading maritime supply chain stakeholders worldwide. This further advances the company's aspirations towards digitalization of shipping documentation of which block-

> potential. At the height of the pandemic Team SAGT provided

much wider benefits involv-

ing artificial intelligence (AI)

chain technology offers

full terminal services and along with the other two terminals ensured the port of Colombo as a vital contributor to the country's economy remained operational. SAGT rallied to the import trade community to call for concessions on terminal storage resulting from import containers trapped in port during the lockdown. In

addition to the more than 30

days of storage free-time

provided, SAGT showed

empathy to the plight of

many of the hard working

citizens returning from over-

seas caught up in quarantine centres with no way of arranging clearance of their personal effects, by making exceptional concessions on a case by case basis.

Resilience in the new normal SAGT continues to explore avenues to improve its services and operational efficiencies. The company has focused on its core deliverables and continues to drive safety and operational consistency at the heart of its commitment to customers.

South Asia Gateway Terminals Pvt Ltd (SAGT)is the first Sri Lankan public/ private sector partnership container terminal in Sri Lanka with approximately 60% Sri Lankan holding and commenced operations here in

SAGT is a flagship BOI company whose shareholders include John Keells Holdings PLC, APM Terminals, SLPA and Evergreen Marine Corporation.

# Cable Solutions gains German TUV certification for solar cables production





ACL Cables PLC, announced recently that it's fully owned subsidiary Cable Solutions (Pvt) Ltd has gained world renowned German TUV certification for the production of solar cables.

Importantly, Cable Solutions is now the only company in Sri Lanka to manufacture solar cables whilst possessing the TUV certification.

Formally known as TÜV Rheinland, this certification stands for safety and quality in virtually all areas of business and life. To obtain the TUV certification, a sampling of Cable Solutions product was tested and found to meet the necessary requirements of the German **Equipment and Product Safety** Act. This certification affirms that solar cables produced by Cable Solutions meet the defined criteria and required safety aspects.

Commenting on this landmark achievement Pawan Tejwani, Managing Director Cable Solutions (Pvt) Ltd said, "We are proud to be part of the ACL Group and hope to take this synergy a long way forward. It is with great pride that we announce the milestone in achieving the TUV Rheinland certification for our range of solar cables. As a subsidiary of ACL Cables, the leading cable manufacturer in Sri Lanka we are provided an ample opportunity and potential to grow locally as well as internationally. This also affords us huge strengths and potential to reach untapped markets."

Cable Solutions commenced the production and supply of solar cables a year ago and has currently expanded supplies to international markets such as Europe, India, Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle East etc.

Cable Solutions has its production centers in Sri Lanka and India. The main production facility is in Sri Lanka and is located in the Flinth Industrial Park, a state-of-the-art industrial environment set up by Swedcord Development, Sweden.

The production plant at Cable Solutions is equipped with electroplating plants, fine wire drawing machines, high speed double twist bunches, thermoplastic extrusion lines, cable twisting machines, wire braiding machines, rewinding machines and many more significant and state-of the art manufacturing facilities meeting international standards.

"Ensuring we follow an ecofriendly concept, Cable Solutions promotes the use of solar energy in power consumption promoting a healthy environment and reducing cost incurred through other fuel powered energy sources. Going forward, we expect to further improve our sphere in solar cables and become the leader in the local solar cable market. In order to achieve this target I firmly believe that our product certification and test mark would significantly boost our brand image and increase market success by gaining more customer confidence," Tejwani added.

Commenting on the certification, Suren Madanayake, Managing Director ACL Cables PLC noted,

"We are pleased to obtain this significant achievement. It has been a norm within us to achieve higher standards and deliver products of unmatched quality. A product certificate of renowned standard confirms that it meets defined criteria and defined safety-relevant aspects. I am confident that the TUV certification would provide our customers clear decision-making and provide us a clear competitive advantage in the market of solar cables.'

# **Covid-19 experience opens new opportunities for PRISL**

The covid-19 experience has opened up new awareness and opportunities which will be explored by the institute in its efforts to serve the members and the rubber and plastics industry in Sri Lanka, Kaushal Rajapaksa the re-elected President of the Plastics and Rubber Institute of Sri Lanka(PRISL) told its 55th Annual General Meeting held recently.

The meeting which was a hybrid event had both physical and online participants. Speaking further Rajapaksa said, "The rubber and plastics industries with their high value addition will have a leading role to play in the recovery process, and PRISL as the apex body in the polymer education in the country should be in a strong position to support the indus-

The following were elected during the AGM

Office Bearers: MIndhra Kaushal Rajapaksa (Kalhari Enterprises), President: R. A. L. Sampath Rama nayake (Ex Camso Loadstar), Vice President; KalyanaDhirasekera (Aqua Packaging), Vice President; P. P. Perera (Sri Lanka Representative PIN365), Secretary; Lalith Jayawardene (DSI), Treasurer and Prabath Jayasinghe (Gislaved Gummi), Assistant Secretary.

Executive Council: Ananda Caldera (Global Rubber Industries), Dr. Susantha Siriwardena (Rubber



The new office bearers of the PRISL.

Research Institute of Sri Lanka), B.M.H.I.B. Wattegedara (Camso Loadstar), Janadara Jayawarna (Laugfs), Pio Perera (Vaughan Chemicals), K.A.C. Vidyarathne(Vanadium Lanka), AnuraHerath (Penguin Lanka), Sumudu Bowatta (Camso Loadstar), H.N. Hari (Midas Group - Industrial Clothing's), Parakrama Jayatissa (Champion Recycle), UpulRathnayake (Dipped Products Lanka). Dinesh Gunasekara (Trelleborg Lanka), Mr. Kapila Sooriyabandara (Ansell Lanka), Kersten Rausch (Eu-Retec Continental) and Sharad Kakati (Ceat Kelani).

Kaushal Rajapaksa also pointed to the prominent representation of the dry rubber, latex and plastics industry sector in the new committee, and stressed that this would add strength to the PRI Sri Lanka to

face the challenges due to the current social, economical, political and environmental scenario both locally and globally. With the gloomy global forecast on an uncertain recovery and the sluggish economic downturns predicted, countries like Sri Lanka will be facing the adverse fallout effects, he said.

"The Complast and Rubber Expo scheduled for August 2020 had to be postponed due to the current health situation. A virtual exhibition will be organized instead, in October 2020," he added.

He also appreciated the collaborative partnership which PRISL has established with SMART EXPOS India, which is a leading exhibitions organizer, currently holding events in Vietnam, Myanmar, Cambodia, South Africa, Kenya and Nigeria. A valuable opportunity will be provided to the local industrialists to display their rubber and plastics products globally, through the platform of virtual exhibitions.

"This being the 60th Anniversary of the PRISL, a series of events are being planned to commemorate the occasion. The main focus will be on improving the quality of the educational programmes in line with the regional and global developments. We also plan to expand the international networking with countries such as Thailand, Laos, Bangladesh and Pakistan. The PRISL has also launched a dynamic drive to increase the Corporate Membership base.'

"The rubber and plastics industries with their high value addition will have a leading role to play in the recovery process," Rajapaksa con-

# Tyre import restrictions set to constrict economic activity -ATIA

Sri Lankan tyre dealers, traders and buyers are faced with a looming tyre scarcity in the country owing to the prevailing restrictions on importation. Raising this concern, Asia Tyre Importers Association(ATIA) has extended a plea to the government to safeguard this industry that powers economic activity across sectors and help avoid an impending calamity.

The government had classified 156 groups of products, including tyres, as non-essential imports and imposed restrictions on their importation in April 2020 with the aim of controlling foreign exchange outflows. The Government further relaxed imports for a few tire sizes in July 2020. However, several sizes of tires are still classified as restricted items

Going beyond safeguarding the interests of tyre importers and the innumerable other stakeholders who are part of this indispensable industry, the Association seeks to raise awareness around the possible issues resulting from this crisis

and protect all Sri Lankans. This includes a string of complications that could result caused by old, second-hand, or substandard tyres such as poor road grip, loss of control, suboptimal air pressure levels,



extended braking distances, etc. This in turn could lead to greater risk of accidents that would put passengers, road users and other bystanders in harm's way.

Fleet-owners would be particularly affected as their vehicles need tyre changes every few months to ensure safe, uninterrupted operations. These fleets manage the distribution of highly essential goods around the island and any disruptions they face would affect consumers as well as traders and manufacturers across several industries. It would also cause loss of employment both within the sector and across all connected industries, putting further

pressure on the economy. There is also an increased dependence on limited public transport infrastructure and issues faced by vehicle owners due to the nonavailability of tyres recommended by vehicle manu-

Sunil Fonseka, Vice Chairman, Asia Tyre Importers Association, noted that locally manufactured tyres accounted for roughly 50% of the country's annual demand of 3.1 million tyres in 2019. "Up to 40% of the 1.2 million passenger cars, light trucks, trucks and buses on our roads needed imported tyres. With approximately 150,000 imported tyres being sold per month in Sri Lanka, existing stock levels are draining quickly with the current import restrictions; we foresee the country experiencing a shortage of tyres within the next 30 days.' "Locally, tires are not

manufactured for European and Japanese premium vehicles such as Mercedes Benz, BMW, Volvo, Audi and Toyota Land Cruiser and does not meet the specifications and standards of Japanese vehicle manufacturers such as Toyota and Nissan for several of their vehicles. Also, tires for large vehicles which are used to carry containers, Petroleum products and Gas are not manufactured. Truck fleets of government and private sector organisa-

Authority, Tri Forces and Ceylon Petroleum Corporation are already affected. 900R20, 10.00R20, 11.00R20 & 1200R20 steel belted radial tyres are critical for the public-sector transport, government sector departments and all security forces. We believe that there will be a severe shortage for prime mover machines OE tyres and Truck & Bus Radials in the coming weeks. Several sizes of motorcycle tires for Yamaha (including the police bikes), Honda, Suzuki, TVS, Bajaj and other branded bikes too are not manufactured in Sri Lanka. Furthermore, the local manufacturer who already enjoys a monopoly also remits a portion of its earnings to its Indian partners," he added.

tions including the Ports

The Asia Tyre Importers Association comprises of around 50 tyre importers who together bring down over 900,000 tyres per year. The Association, through its membership, provides direct and indirect employment to about 2,500 and 10,000 Sri Lankans, respectively. Imported tyres generate 67% customs duty and other tax amounting to Rs. 4.5 billion per annum. Priced competitively, they offer an affordable option to motorists.

# Inauguration of SLIM 'License to Sell' for 2020 The inauguration cere-

mony of SLIMs 'License to Sell' (LTS) 2020 batch 6 was held on July 8 at SBS, Colombo. The event was graced by the CEO of SLIM, Sanath Senanayake, Dr. Pradeep Edward, Past President and Advisor Business Development -SLIM, Lalith Fernando, MD/CEO MBSL Insurance and Sales profession-'License to Sell' (LTS).

developed by SLIM Trainings, is a programme aimed at producing trained sales staff to the job market and honing the skills of those who are already employed in the profession. The core objective of the program is to provide a 360-degree skill development to sales staff, which will accelerate their performance. LTS has been designed by utilizing the latest teaching techniques, which provide the optimum knowledge and skills development of Sales professionals. With a blended focus on theoretical and practical aspects, the programme is conducted by professional trainers with expertise from numerous industries in the country.

'License to Sell' consists of 11 modules, which focus on Personal Groom-



SLIM CEO Sanath Senanayake, Past President Pradeep Edward and Lalith Fernando, MD/CEO MBSL Insurance

ing and Personal Branding, Creating a Winning Attitude, Developing Confidence, Leverage Technology for Better Prospecting, Productivity, Multitasking and Time Management, Social Media for Sales, Meeting the Client and Sales Presentation Skills, Handling Objections, Closing Techniques, Building Business Relationships and Basic

Finance for Sales. Commenting on the LTS programme, President of SLIM, Roshan Fernando stated, "Sales has an immense impact on the growth of a business. An ineffective and traditional sales pitch would lower the profits, while an innovative and intensive sales approach would boost up sales. It is therefore, necessary to keep up with the rapidly changing world of

marketing to enhance the competency levels of sales professionals and to accelerate the growth of a business. With 'License to Sell', we at SLIM offer you an opportunity to develop your skills and embrace innovative sales approaches that would enable you to excel in any market in the world.'

Dr. Pradeep Edward, Past President and Advisor to the Business Development of SLIM said, The knowledge that will be imparted to the sales staff through this LTS programme will be a platform to successfully climb up the corporate ladder. Sales and Marketing are very important aspects in business, and contribute greatly to the success of any organisation. The course is designed to equip them with professional skills in

Sales, boost their confidence as a sales professional and increase their access to more opportunities in the local and global context"

CEO/Executive Director - SLIM, Sanath Senanayake added, "As the pioneer in marketing education in the country, SLIM focuses heavily on providing quality coaching with the latest study material, and maintains very high standards enabling students to deliver exceptional results with value additions. The educational sessions at SLIM provide a proper guidance for the students to segment and prioritize their careers accordingly. We motivate the students to achieve success in their academic environment by putting their skills into practice."

# Union Assurance partners GMOA

Union Assurance, a John Keells company ventured into an exclusive partnership with the Government Medical Officers Association (GMOA). The partnership introduced Suwa Abhiman, an exclusive Life Insurance cover for the distinguished members of the **GMOA** 

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya (President-GMOA) and Jude Gomes, Chief Executive Officer for Union Assurance in the presence of GMOA members and the Senior Management of Union Assurance on August 20that the OPA Auditorium.

According to Union Assurance. the new partnership with the GMOA establishes a robust platform of product offerings that are



A MOU was signed between Dr. Anuruddha Padeniya (President of GMOA) and Jude Gomes (CEO of Union Assurance) in the presence of the officials of GMOA and the management of Union

tailor-made for its members offering flexibility and customisation to protect individual priorities in Protection, Education, Health and

Investment. "In addition to expanding our reach through strategic alliances, the GMOA brings a lot of value to the growing partner-

ships and scale of our operation. We are very pleased to welcome the GMOA to this partnership, where we have the opportunity to cater to the evolving needs of its members and provide quality coverage to suit their lifestyles through insurance solutions," stated Jude Gomes, Chief Executive Officer of Union Assurance.

Union Assurance continues to develop partnerships with leading professional bodies, representing diverse sectors that enable wider awareness on the concept of protection. The objective of these efforts is to demonstrate to the wider Sri Lankan public, the benefits of insurance, through the example of individuals in prominent careers enjoying the security that an insurance policy provides.

Established in 1926, the Government Medical Officers' Association has provided central support for the improvement and welfare of its members for over 90+ years.

# **United Kingdom's Global Banking & Finance Magazine rewards SANASA Life Insurance**

United Kingdom's Global Banking & Finance Magazine which follows global financial growth trends has selected and rewarded SANASA Life Insurance Company Limited as the Best Employee Benefit Provider in Sri Lanka for the year 2020.

Global Banking and Finance Review is a finance magazine based in the United Kingdom. It was launched in 2010. The magazine focuses on global financial trends and developments. The Global Banking & Finance Awards was started in 2011 to recognize and honor inspirational changes happening in the global financing community. They reflect the innovation, achievement, strategy, progressive and inspirational changes taking place within the financial sector.

Several Sri Lankan banks, top companies in the finance field and professionals have been awarded by UK's Global Banking & Finance Magazine.

SANASA Life was earlier recognized and awarded as the Best Micro Insurance Company in Sri Lanka at the 2019 Global Banking & Finance awards. SANASA Life Insurance Company first commenced its activities in October 1991 with the formation of the All Lanka Mutual Assurance Organization to provide rural folk with Non accidental cover. The program which commenced under the name ALMAO implemented by charging Rs 5-20 monthly, set the stage to create the huge Insurance facility SANASA Life Insurance Company which commenced General insur-



ance activities in 2005 and life insurance activities in 2013.

SANASA Life Insurance Company has since demonstrated its prowess and recognition in the life insurance landscape of Sri Lanka by winning many national and international awards throughout the journey. SANA-SA Life Insurance Company by winning the prestigious Global Banking & Finance Magazine award for Best Employee Benefit Provider in Sri Lanka 2020 has also demonstrated that it has reached a new decisive juncture in its long insurance journey.

# **Seylan Bank enables Merchant Portal** services to American Education Center

Seylan Bank has enabled the American Education Center Ltd (ANC) to facilitate their payments through Seylan Merchant Portal, the first fully-fledged and multipurpose digital payment platform that offers a safer and more convenient option for carrying out digital transactions.

Seylan Bank offers its services to ANC Education Main Campus, covering its US and Australian undergraduate and postgraduate programs and for the Branch Campuses in Kandy and Maya Avenue catering to SQA and UWL programs for final year students. Through a fully customizable payment platform, Seylan Merchant Portal provides users the option to carry out cashless payments seamlessly with just one click through the ANC website. A salient feature of the platform is that it enables merchants to track their payments and customers' spend history with a range of different insights,



with accepting payments seamlessly to provide great customer experience. Another key aspect is the digitization of payment initiations and communication – the platform through

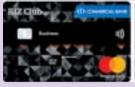
its user-focused design ensures easier access when sharing payment links and or sharing reminders to customers through various communication channels. Being at the forefront of

modern digital trade in the banking sector of Sri Seylan Bank Lanka, believes in enabling the business community and entrepreneurs of the nation with tools to suit modernday digital trading. Through the use of Seylan Merchant Portal, Seylan Bank aims to enhance customer experience and convenience.

Known as the Bank with a Heart, Seylan's vision to enable and empower Sri Lankans with tools to face the future of Digital Economy is driven further through Seylan Merchant Portal.

Seylan Bank plans to enable its Merchant Portal services and support system across a number of key industries to ensure service excellence and consumer convenience across a magnitude of local businesses, both big and small.

# **ComBank launches Credit Card** exclusively for SMEs



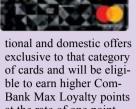
of Ceylon has given fresh expression to its commitment to Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) with the launch of an exclusive Credit Card for the sector.

One of the largest lenders to SMEs in Sri Lanka, the Bank will issue the Mastercardbranded Credit Card to entrepreneurs that fall into the SME category as defined by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka (CBSL), and meet the standard credit evaluation criteria. For members of the Bank's Biz Club, the card has been named 'ComBank Biz Club SME Credit Card' while for other SMEs of the card bears the name 'ComBank Business SME Credit Card,' the Bank said.

several additional benefits to cardholders, such as a waiver of the joining fee and annual fee for the first year, free access to Commercial Bank's Mobile Banking (USSD and SMS) services, free registration for the Bank's Online Banking platform combined with a waiver of the annual fee for the first year of use, and free registration for Paymaster – the Bank's bulk payments platform and a waiver of the fee for the first month of use and a travel insurance for overseas travels.

The card will confer

Commercial Bank's SME Credit Cards will also be eligible to Mastercard sponsored interna-



at the rate of one point for every Rs 400 spent via the card, the Bank Among the value additions provided by Com-

mercial Bank to the SME sector is the Bank's 'Biz Club' launched in 2017 with the objective of providing SMEs with extensive networking opportunities, support beyond lending and a range of other benefits including special bank concessions and a personalised Biz Club Debit Card. Members also receive economic updates and alerts on new business developments via email and SMS and free registration for Online Banking facilities. Additionally, Biz Club members are entitled to free financial advisory services and invitations to exclusive business seminars which are beneficial to the development of their businesses.

Commercial Bank Credit and Debit Cards offer year-round promotions covering a wide variety of services. Commercial Bank was the first bank to offer loyalty rewards for both Credit and Debit Card holders under its Max Loyalty Rewards scheme.

The Bank was also a pioneer in extending promotional discount offers, which were traditionally only offered for Credit Cards to its Debit Cards.

# The Extermiators certified as COVID-19' Safety **Management System Certified SME**

The Extermiators (Pvt) Ltd has been certified as Sri Lanka's first Safety Management System Certified SME & Pest Control Company (SLS 1672-2020) (Anti-microbial disinfection services / Pest control services / Termite control services).

The company was certified on 7th July 7, 2020 by the Sri Lanka Standards Institute for 'COVID-19 Controlled Environment Certification

after two comprehensive audits covering all aspects of the organizations operations. The purpose was to introduce safe work practices in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection to workers, visitors, customers and all stake holders and their families and the surrounding community during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Extermiator (Pvt) Ltd; Asia's 1st 'Carbon Neutral' pest control compa-

ny was re-certified for the sixth consecutive year in June 2020 and became the World's 1st Anti-Microbial Disinfection service provider to be 'Carbon Neutral Certified' in July 2020 by the 'The Sustainable Future Group'

Since 1998, for over 22 years 'Exterminators' has helped prevent diseases, control nuisances and protect homes and businesses by pio-



Dr. Siddhika Senaratne

neering, developing, delivering and articulating sustainable environmental enhancement and public health

protection solutions. The company is a member of the British Pest Control Association, Singapore Pest

Management Association and the National Pest Management Association – USA.

## Dialog welcomes Int'l best practice in customer choice

Following the announcement by the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) with respect to the implementation of Number Portability (NP), Dialog Axiata PLC (Dialog), welcomed the re-initiation by the TRCSL of a roadmap to reach International Best Practice in maximising Customer Choice in the Telecommunications Industry

Number portability which enables switching of mobile and fixed line numbers across competing service providers is a customer facility widely practiced internationally and is a key facet of a liberalized telecommunications market.

Dialog first proposed in

July 2008, the initiation of a roadmap to alleviate consumer choice bottlenecks including number portability. The Company believed then and has continued to champion over the years the paradigm that maximising consumer choice would result in the enhancement and development of the industry overall resulting in benefits to all service providers and their

customers. "Dialog is honored by the trust placed in the brand and its services by over 15 Million Sri Lankan Consumers. The success and growth of the Company would not have been possible if not for our customers exercising their choice. Open competition and customer choice is at the

root of our success and is a paradigm we deeply respect. Advanced technologies enable not only a suite of advanced facilities but also the freedom of consumers to choose the best", said Supun Weerasinghe, Director/Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata PLC.

Dialog entered Sri Lanka's

Telecommunications market as the fourth entrant in the mobile sector. Sri Lankan consumers elevated Dialog to the pinnacle of the Mobile market in the Year 2000 and since then the Company has grown to become Sri Lanka's largest Converged Connectivity provider spanning Mobile, Fixed, High Speed Broadband and Television

While Sri Lanka's telecommunications market has been recognized globally for the affordability and quality of services as well as the state of the art in Technology and advanced facilities, enablement of the portability of mobile and fixed numbers across networks has not been implemented to-date.

"We are very happy to see the TRCSL moving forward with the next steps in the liberalization of our industry and we congratulate the TRCSL for initiating the process of implementing number portability in Sri Lanka. Dialog is also optimistic that the TRCSL will move forward swiftly with other similar enablers of consumer choice" Weerasinghe added.

# **CIPM Research Symposium** focuses on changing role of HRM

The Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM), Sri Lanka conducted its 4th Research Symposium recently with an emphasis on 'Embracing the changing role of

HRM'. The CIPM Research Symposium is organized to disseminate research and development findings, creativity and innovations in Human Resource Management (HRM) and related areas for the benefit of students, practitioners, academia, researchers, government and non-government officials and the public. The 4th CIPM Research Symposium was organized by the CIPM Standing Committee on Applied Research, HR Symposium & HR Publications headed by Dr. Chandana Jayawardena of Peradeniya University who redesigned the Symposium in 2019 to enhance the CIPM research culture to materialize the cholars. academic efforts of the HRM community in fulfill-

ing the aspirations of the

public at large.

The Symposium was held from 10 am to 5 pm on July 30, 2020.

It attracted 80 research

papers from the HR community out of which 31 papers were accepted and presented in the Oral and Poster categories. The Symposium consisted of the inauguration event, three technical sessions for the categories of HR practitioners, CIPM students and University that were held concurrently, and the panel discussion with HR industry experts. Prof. Ananda Jayawardane-Former Vice Chancellor & Senior Professor, University of Moratuwa was the Chief Guest and the keynote speaker of the Symposium. Over 150 online participants including the CIPM President & Council Members of CIPM Sri Lanka, past presidents, members, faculty and CIPM participated students together with a few foreign

Addressing the participants Jayantha Amerasinghe-President CIPM Sri Lanka illustrated the impor-



The 4th CIPM Research Symposium in progress online

tance and value of research for a better understanding of the HR issues and problems prevalent in the workplaces and to address these

matters with localized solu-He also commended the involvement and contribution of the CIPM Symposium Chairman- Dr. Chandana Jayawardena and the Standing Committee on Applied Research towards the success of CIPM Sri Lanka. Speaking at the Symposium, Dr. Jayawardena indicated that dissemination of HRM research and development findings will be achieved through the Research Symposium and developing annual compilation of publications making them accessible, transparent, lucid and defendable. Prof. Ananda Jayawardane, the chief guest elaborated

on the challenges and opportunities in embracing the changing role of HRM in the keynote address. The highlight of the sym-

posium was the panel discussion conducted as a plenary session with the participation of industry HR experts. They deliberated on the impact of HR strategies and practices on the effectiveness of organizations. The expert panel consisted of Sunil Dissanayake-CEO, BMICH, Sarath Kumara-HR Director, Camso Loadstar, Sujith Jayasekara-Senior General Manager, Brandix, Ms. Chryshanthi Lokuhetti-Chief HR Manager, Sampath Bank and HR veteran Jayanta Jayaratne as a special guest.

The session was moderated by the Symposium Chairman.

# **Business Chamber of Commerce offers good wishes to new Govt**

The Business Chamber of Commerce, the North Colombo based Trade Promotion Organization (TPO) offers its sincere congratulations on the historic electoral victory of the Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party.

That victory is a clear reflection of the faith the mass of our citizens have in the Government that it is capable of restoring the nation economically.

We, of the private sector too, were deeply impressed by the way President Gotabaya Rajapaksa galvanized all relevant sectors to overcome the COVID – 19 pandem-

Hopefully in the same manner he will bring together all resources to enable our economy to once again stabilize itself. This task of course will not be easy. The key and vital sectors of the economy like exports, manufactures, industry, tourism and foreign employment which were severely debilitated will require the goodwill and support of all to overcome the crisis that followed. One of the declared

objectives of a Chamber of Commerce is to act as a link or conduit with the private enterprises, it represents on the one hand and the State on the other, to enable the former to be a part of the overall development process. At the present time such a role is particularly important and we aim to do justice to achieve that objective. While we reiterate our good wishes to the new government we sincerely wish them the very best in reaching its goals of economic revival of the country.

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# Hatton National Bank PLC

#### **Interim Financial Statements For the six months ended 30th June 2020**

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	For the 6 n	nonths ended	30th lune	For the 3 r	nonths ended	30th lune	For the 6 n	nonths ended	30th lune	For the 3 n	nonths ended	30th lune
	2020		% Increase /	2020		% Increase/	2020		% Increase /	2020		% Increase/
	Audited	2019	(Decrease)	2020	2019	(Decrease)	2020	2019	(Decrease)	2020	2019	(Decrease)
	Rs 000	Rs 000	(Decrease)	Rs 000	Rs 000	(Decrease)	Rs 000	Rs 000	(Decrease)	Rs 000	Rs 000	(Decrease)
	KS 000	KS 000		KS 000	KS 000		KS 000	KS 000		KS 000	KS 000	
Gross Income	59,350,508	63,407,262	(6)	28,700,786	32,035,414	(10)	68,228,339	72,603,240	(6)	32,768,323	36,742,922	(11)
Interest income	53,802,318	58,971,080	(9)	26,571,119	29,616,046	(10)	58,542,005	63,632,917	(8)	28,744,191	32,026,480	(10)
Less :Interest expenses	31,361,996	33,099,150	(5)	15,554,739	16,717,421	(7)	32,679,841	34,425,179	(5)	16,185,655	17,424,796	(7)
Net interest income	22,440,322	25,871,930	(13)	11,016,380	12,898,625	(15)	25,862,164	29,207,738	(11)	12,558,536	14,601,684	(14)
Fee and commission income	3,567,125	4,540,405	(21)	1,422,718	2,271,790	(37)	3,829,011	5,121,123	(25)	1,486,102	2,517,403	(41)
Less: Fee and commission expenses	108,354	91,905	18	34,761	52,288	(34)	173,597	175,911	(1)	56,492	91,587	(38)
Net fee and commission income	3,458,771	4,448,500	(22)	1,387,957	2,219,502	(37)	3,655,415	4,945,212	(26)	1,429,611	2,425,816	(41)
Net interest, fee and commission income	25,899,093	30,320,430	(15)	12,404,337	15,118,127	(18)	29,517,578	34,152,949	(14)	13,988,146	17,027,499	(18)
Net gain/(loss) from trading	(378,491)	(863,022)	56	230,594	(1,498,846)	115	(404,096)	(876,143)	54	246,602	(1,494,048)	117
Net gain from financial investments at fair value												
through other comprehensive income	167,684	165,384	1	154,660	-	-	168,455	167,326	1	154,386	2,499	6,077
Net insurance premium income	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,873,416	3,913,616	(1)	1,904,944	1,914,680	(1)
Net gains on derecognition of financial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,206	22,661	(46)	12,206	17,565	(31)
Net other operating income	2,191,872	593,415	269	321,695	1,646,424	(80)	2,207,342	621,740	255	219,892	1,758,343	(87)
Total operating income	27,880,158	30,216,207	(8)	13,111,286	15,265,705	(14)	35,374,901	38,002,150	(7)	16,526,176	19,226,539	(14)
Less: Impairment for loans and other losses	9,088,134	6,252,806	45	4,424,278	2,131,905	108	9,280,318	7,018,184	32	4,625,433	2,401,539	93
Net operating income	18,792,024	23,963,401	(22)	8,687,008	13,133,800	(34)	26,094,583	30,983,966	(16)	11,900,743	16,825,000	(29)
Less: Operating expenses												
Personnel expenses	5,704,738	5,893,890	(3)	2,835,083	3,026,154	(6)	6,899,734	7,118,817	(3)	3,478,577	3,690,487	(6)
Depreciation and amortisation	1,086,081	1,211,770	(10)	537,538	606,231	(11)	1,349,776	1,533,957	(12)	676,299	864,789	(22)
Benefits, claims and underwriting expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,272,114	3,607,387	(9)	1,561,337	1,680,423	(7)
Other expenses	4,439,816	4,837,769	(8)	2,001,486	2,392,524	(16)	5,576,268	5,847,400	(5)	2,501,457	2,837,389	(12)
Total operating expenses	11,230,635	11,943,429	(6)	5,374,107	6,024,909	(11)	17,097,892	18,107,561	(6)	8,217,670	9,073,088	(9)
Operating profit before taxes on financial services	7,561,389	12,019,972	(37)	3,312,901	7,108,891	(53)	8,996,691	12,876,404	(30)	3,683,073	7,751,911	(52)
Less: Value Added Tax (VAT) on financial services	1,705,242	2,239,689	(24)	793,713	1,265,548	(37)	1,858,146	2,382,434	(22)	822,392	1,333,194	(38)
Less: Nation Building Tax (NBT) on financial services	-	298,626	(100)	-	168,741	(100)	-	319,391	(100)	-	179,272	(100)
Less : Debt Repayment Levy	-	1,222,871	(100)	-	675,122	(100)	-	1,301,097	(100)	-	717,571	(100)
Operating profit after taxes on financial services	5,856,147	8,258,786	(29)	2,519,188	4,999,480	(50)	7,138,545	8,873,482	(20)	2,860,681	5,521,874	(48)
Share of profit of joint venture (net of income tax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	250,755	85,126	195	215,143	48,601	343
PROFIT BEFORE INCOME TAX	5,856,147	8,258,786	(29)	2,519,188	4,999,480	(50)	7,389,300	8,958,608	(18)	3,075,824	5,570,475	(45)
Less : Income tax expense	1,392,965	3,458,628	(60)	694,063	2,230,719	(69)	1,912,146	3,829,586	(50)	875,366	2,480,233	(65)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	4,463,182	4,800,158	(7)	1,825,125	2,768,761	(34)	5,477,155	5,129,022	7	2,200,459	3,090,242	(29)
Profit attributable to:												
Equity holders of the Bank	4,463,182	4,800,158	(7)	1,825,125	2,768,761	(34)	5,169,172	4,920,562	5	2,121,427	2,973,901	(29)
Non-contro <b>ll</b> ing interests	-	-	-	-	-		307,983	208,460	48	79,032	116,341	(32)
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	4,463,182	4,800,158	(7)	1,825,125	2,768,761	(34)	5,477,155	5,129,022	7	2,200,459	3,090,242	(29)
Earnings per share												
Basic earnings per ordinary share (Rs)	8.72	9.38	(7)	3.56	5.41	(34)	10.10	9.61	5	4.14	5.81	(29)
Diluted earnings per ordinary share (Rs)	8.72	9.38	(7)	3.56	5.41	(34)	10.10	9.61	5	4.14	5.81	(29)

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		onths ended			onths ended			onths ended			onths ended	
	2020	2019	% Increase/	2020	2019	% Increase/	2020	2019	% Increase/	2020	2019	% Increase/
	Audited		(Decrease)			(Decrease)			(Decrease)			(Decrease)
	Rs 000	Rs 000		Rs 000	Rs 000		Rs 000	Rs 000		Rs 000	Rs 000	
PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	4,463,182	4,800,158	(7)	1,825,125	2,768,761	(34)	5,477,155	5,129,022	7	2,200,459	3,090,242	(29)
Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods												
Change in fair value of investments in equity instruments				(	(			(		(		
designated at fair value through other comprehensive income	(1,386,539)	(856,462)	62	(815,103)	(36,152)	2,155	(1,386,539)	(856,462)	62	(815,103)	(36,153)	2,155
Re-measurement of post-employment benefit obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,507)	9,816	(176)	-	-	-
Revaluation of freehold land & buildings  Share of other comprehensive income of joint venture that will not	-		-	-	•	•	-	225,622	(100)	-	•	-
be reclassified to profit or loss		_						_				
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will not be reclassified to	_	_	-	-	_	_	•	-	-		-	_
profit or loss	_			_	_		2,102	(65,922)	103	_		_
Total other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified								(,,				
to to profit or loss	(1,386,539)	(856,462)	62	(815,103)	(36,152)	2,155	(1,391,944)	(686,946)	103	(815,103)	(36,153)	2,155
Other comprehensive income that will be reclassified												
to profit or loss in subsequent periods												
Debt instruments at fair value through												
other comprehensive income:  Net gains on investments in debt instruments												
measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	2,598,175	1,935,969	34	2,488,897	1,297,002	92	3,447,982	2,356,469	46	2,627,909	1,571,789	67
Reclassification of net gains on de-recognition of	2,390,173	1,555,505	34	2,700,037	1,297,002	72	3,777,302	2,330,403	40	2,027,505	1,571,705	07
debt instruments at fair value through other comprehensive												
income to statement of profit or loss	-		-		-	-	(12,206)	(22,661)	(46)	(12,206)	(17,565)	(31)
Transfer to life policy holder reserve fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	(742,451)	(351,473)	111	(685,974)	(227,547)	201
Share of other comprehensive income of joint venture that will be												
reclassified to profit or loss	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,418	(14,085)	366	886	6,061	(85)
Less: Tax expense relating to items that will be reclassified to												
profit or loss	(890,735)	(542,071)	64	(769,430)	(363,160)	112	(899,388)	(552,802)	63	(777,406)	(370,118)	110
Total other comprehensive income that will be reclassified	4 =4= ::					_						
to profit or loss	1,707,440	1,393,898	22	1,719,467	933,842	84	1,831,355	1,415,448	29	1,153,209	962,620	20
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD,	220.001	527.426	(40)	004364	007.600	4	420 411	720 502	(40)	220.100	026.467	(CA)
NET OF TAX TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	320,901 4,784,083	537,436 5.337,594	(40)	904,364 2,729,489	897,690 3,666,451	(26)	439,411 5,916,566	728,502 5.857,524	(40)	338,106 2.538.565	926,467 4,016,709	(64)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:	4,/84,083	5,337,394	(10)	2,729,489	3,000,431	(26)	3,910,300	5,857,524	<u>'</u>	2,338,365	4,010,709	(37)
Equity holders of the Bank	4,784,083	5,337,594	(10)	2,729,489	3,666,451	(26)	5,577,110	5,536,762	1	2,427,224	3,891,281	(38)
Non-controlling interests	-,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	-	(10)	2,723,403	J,000,431	(20)	339,456	320,762	6	111,341	125,428	(11)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	4 784 083	5 337 504	(10)	2 720 480	3 666 451	(26)	5 916 566		1			(37)

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OTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD	4,784,083 5,337,594	(10) 2,/29	3,666,451	(26) 5,916,566 5,857,524	+ 1 2,558,565	4,016,709
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Regulatory Capital						
Common Equity Tier 1. Rs. Mn			118,259	115,072	131,653	126,4
Tier 1 Capital Rs. Mn			118,259	115,072	131,653	126,4
Total Capital. Rs. Mn			147,829	144,326	161,575	155,5
Regulatory Capital Ratios						
Common Equity Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement - 20	20 - 7.00%: 2019 - 8.00%)		15.25%	14.57%	15.50%	14.74
Tier 1 Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement - 2020 - 8.50%: 2019	- 9.50%)		15.25%	14.57%	15.50%	14.74
Total Capital Ratio (Minimum Requirement - 2020 - 12.50%: 2019	- 13.50%)		19.07%	18.28%	19.02%	18.12
Leverage Ratio (Minimum Requirement - 3%)			8.46%	8.14%	8.94%	8.51
Assets Quality (Quality of Loan Portfolio)						
Gross Non-Performing Advances Ratio,% (net of Interest in Suspe	anca)		6.40%	5.91%		
Net Non-Performing Advances Ratio,% (net of Interest in Suspen			3.16%	3.27%		
The trong region and the second secon	ze and provisions,		3.1070	3.2770		
Profitability (Annualised)						
Interest Margin,%			3.91%	4.50%		
Return on Assets (before Tax), %			1.02%	1.69%		
Return on Equity, %			6.90%	11.57%		
Regulatory Liquidity						
Statutory Liquid Assets, Rs. Mn						
Domestic Banking unit			321,136	242,986		
Off-Shore Banking Unit			33,363	42,308		
Statutory Liquid Assets Ratio (Minimum requirement 20%)						
Domestic Banking unit			32.88%	27.09%		
Off-Shore Banking Unit			36.92%	53.01%		
Total Stock of High-Quality Liquid Assets, Rs. Mn			256,150	140,423		
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (%) - Rupee			279.99%	465.37%		
(Minimum Requirement - 2020 - 90%, 2019 - 100%)						
Liquidity Coverage Ratio (%) - All Currency			254.76%	251.07%		
(Minimum Requirement - 2020 - 90%, 2019 - 100%)						
Net Stable Funding Ratio			117.10%	107.87%		

(Minimum Requirement - 2020 - 90%, 2019 - 100%)

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	As at	As at	% Increase /	As at	As at	% Increase
	30.06.2020	31.12.2019	(Decrease)	30.06.2020	31.12.2019	(Decrea
	Audited	Audited			Audited	
	Rs 000	Rs 000		Rs 000	Rs 000	
ASSETS	20 727 017	20 000 100	2	20.711.042	20.262.654	
Cash and cash equivalents	29,737,017	29,089,189	2	30,711,843	30,263,654	
Placements with banks	1,260,041	7,602,543	(83)	12,345,402	15,490,267	()
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	6,614,757	22,795,332	(71)	6,614,757	22,795,332	(
Reverse repurchase agreements/standing deposit facility	35,886,564	-	-	37,368,753	2,072,482	1,7
Derivative financial instruments	239,409	527,193	(55)	239,409	527,193	(
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	148,642	1,013,374	(85)	263,299	1,155,339	(
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and						
advances to customers	734,019,454	741,769,073	(1)	760,870,359	769,392,169	
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	145,536,525	149,720,834	(3)	151,858,514	156,511,277	
Financial assets measured at fair value through	. 13/330/323	1 15/1 20/05 1	(5)	131,030,311	130,511,277	
other comprehensive income	172,962,321	127,694,982	35	180,485,138	133,953,117	
Investment in joint venture	755,000	755,000	_	2,425,838	2,137,665	
Investments in subsidiaries	3,017,285	3,017,285		-,,	-	
Investment properties	477,776	480,444	(1)	1,044,774	1,026,050	
Property, plant and equipment	20,682,420	21,076,762	(2)	41,953,680	42,452,617	
				1,404,011		
Right-of-use assets	5,163,107	5,482,679	(6)		1,571,319	(
Intangible assets and goodwill	956,045	1,076,641	(11)	1,514,288	1,568,080	
Other assets	12,332,366	12,907,234	(4)	14,660,115	15,467,912	
Total assets	1,169,788,729	1,125,008,565	4	1,243,760,180	1,196,384,473	
LIABILITIES						
Due to banks	87,300,778	86,396,304	1	88,020,505	87,212,970	
Derivative financial instruments	499,370	573,365	(13)	499,370	573,365	(
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	5,498,735	17,569,394	(69)	5,498,735	17,569,394	(
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to	2,,	,,	(/	2, 2, . 22	,,	,
depositors	865,312,643	810,035,114	7	889,294,349	835,060,146	
Dividends payable	1,017,212	1,449,472	(30)	1,155,658	1,466,959	(
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost						
- other borrowings	19,880,374	22,604,039	(12)	19,880,374	22,604,039	(
Debt securities issued	1,915,293	1,797,644	7	2,483,823	2,368,986	
Current tax liabilities	6,260,610	5,348,985	17	6,813,421	5,621,389	
Deferred tax liabilities	946,225	1,381,754	(32)	5,767,804	6,083,293	
Insurance Provision - life	-	-	-	15,769,691	14,468,866	
Insurance Provision - general	-	-	-	2,925,827	2,871,417	
Other provisions	3,122,019	3,599,739	(13)	3,392,376	4,171,801	(
Other liabilities	14,053,144	14,053,378		12,831,448	12,495,406	
Subordinated term debts	33,445,512	32,695,221	2	34,168,668	33,345,904	
Total liabilities	1,039,251,915	997,504,409	4	1,088,502,049	1,045,913,935	
EQUITY						
Stated capital	35,572,329	33,820,905	5	35,572,329	33,820,905	
Statutory reserve fund	7,060,000	7,060,000	-	7,060,000	7,060,000	
Retained earnings	18,357,470	17,980,160	2	24,153,645	23,072,623	
Other reserves	69,547,015	68,643,091	1	83,290,383	81,554,692	
Total shareholder's equity	130,536,814	127,504,156	2	150,076,357	145,508,220	
Non-controlling interests	-	-	-	5,181,774	4,962,318	
Total equity	•	-	-	155,258,131	150,470,538	
Total equity and liabilities	1,169,788,729	1,125,008,565	4	1,243,760,180	1,196,384,473	
Contingent liabilities and commitments	641,926,645	673,230,813	(5)	641,926,645	673,230,813	
Net Assets Value per Share (Rs.)	254.97	254.80		293.13	290.78	
Mamanandum Infarrantian						
Memorandum Information Number of Employees	4,861	4,913				

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above financial statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 and give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Hatton National Bank PLC and the Group as at 30th June 2020 and its profit for the six months ended 30th June 2020.

#### Anuradhi Delage Head of Finance

12th August 2020

We the undersigned, being the Director / Chief Operating Officer and the Chairman of Hatton National Bank PLC certify jointly that:

- (a) the above statements have been prepared in compliance with the formats and definitions prescribed by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka:
- (b) the information contained in these statements have been extracted from the unaudited financial statements of the Bank, it's Joint Venture and Subsidiary Companies unless indicated as audited.

Dilshan Rodrigo
Director / Chief Operating Offi

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12th August 2020

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SHARE INFORMATION						
As at	30-Jun-20	31-Dec-19				
Number of Shares						
Voting	410,319,604	401,343,863				
Non-voting	101,656,112	99,062,844				
Last Traded Price per share						
Voting	113.30	172.20				
Non-voting	87.70	135.50				

For the Quarter Ended	30-Jun-20	30-Jun-19
Highest price per share		
Voting	120.00	185.00
Non-voting	91.00	153.00
Lowest price per share		
Voting	90.00	130.50
Non-voting	74.50	122.50

#### **PUBLIC SHAREHOLDING PERCENTAGE**

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	Number	%
Number of shareholders representing the public holding (Voting)	8,049	69% approx.
Number of shareholders representing the public holding (Non Voting)	11,849	99% approx.
Compliant under Option 1 - Float Adjusted Market Capitalization	Rs.3	2.1 Bn



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		l Capital			Other Res					
	Voting Shares	Non-Voting Shares	Statutory Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve	Available-for- Sale Reserve	Fair value Reserve	General Reserve	ESOP Reserve	Retained Earnings	Total
	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000	Rs000
For the 6 months ended 30th June 2020										
Balance as at 1st January 2020	27,839,768	5,981,137	7,060,000	10,790,994	-	2,752,097	55,100,000	-	17,980,160	127,504,156
Total comprehensive income for the period										
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,463,180	4,463,180
Other Comprehensive Income for the period, net of tax	-	-	-			903,924	-	-	(583,023)	320,901
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	903,924		-	3,880,157	4,784,081
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity Contributions by and distributions to equity holders										
Dividends to equity holders										
Final dividend 2019 - Scrip	1,404,704	346,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,423)	-
Final dividend 2019 - Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,423)	(1,751,423)
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,404,704	346,720	-			_	-	_	(3,502,846)	(1,751,423)
Transfers during the period										
Balance as at 30th June 2020	29,244,472	6,327,857	7,060,000	10,790,994	-	3,656,021	55,100,000	-	18,357,470	130,536,814
For the 6 months ended 30th June 2019										
Balance as at 1st January 2019	26,649,460	5,688,566	6,260,000	10,790,994	-	1,536,439	49,100,000	-	15,728,513	115,753,972
Total comprehensive income for the period										
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,800,158	4,800,158
Other Comprehensive Income for the period, net of tax	-		-			537,436	-	-		537,436
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	537,436	-	-	4,800,158	5,337,594
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity										
Contributions by and distributions to equity holders										
Dividends to equity holders										
Final dividend 2018 - Scrip	1,190,308	292,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,724,277)	(241,398)
Final dividend 2018 - Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,724,277)	(1,724,277)
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,190,308	292,571	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,448,554)	(1,965,675)
Transfers during the period	-	-		-	-	-	-		-	-
Balance as at 30th June 2019	27,839,768	5,981,137	6,260,000	10,790,994		2,073,875	49,100,000		17,080,117	119,125,891

#### **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

- 1. There are no changes in accounting policies and methods of computation since the publication of annual accounts for the year 2019
- 2. There are no material changes during the period in the composition of assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities and use of funds raised through debentures. All known expenditure items have been provided for.
- 3. Impact of COVID 19

The Covid 19 outbreak continues to pose challenges due to uncertainties and limitations faced by businesses both locally and globally which in turn has implications on the operations of the Bank/Group. Required adjustments have been made for the potential implications in these financial statements based on the available information as at Reporting date. The Board will continue to monitor the implications and make adjustments, if required

#### ECL Assessment and computation

The Bank has reassessed the Probabilities of Default (PD) as at June 2020 and the made required adjustments to probabilities assigned for macro-economic variables by taking into consideration the latest trends in the economy. In respect of the loans subject to moratorium, stage assessment was made based on conditions which prevailed prior to granting of the moratorium unless specific information were available pertaining to a subsequent increase in credit risk.

#### · Reclassification of investment in Sovereign Bonds previously measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income as measured at Amortized cost category

The Bank re-classified its Sovereign Bond Portfolio consequent to the changes on the business model of managing the assets with effect from April 01, 2020 as per the Guidance Notes issued by CA Sri Lanka on Accounting Consideration of the Covid 19 Outbreak (updated on May 11, 2020). Accordingly, Sovereign Bond investments amounting to Rs 47 Bn which were previously classified as Financial Assets Measured at Fair Value Through Other Comprehensive Income (FVOCI) were re-classified as Amortized Cost. There was no change to the effective interest rate used and interest revenue recognized for the reclassified assets for the Six months ended 30th June 2020.

#### 4. Reduction of income tax rate w.e.f 1st January 2020

The Cabinet has approved the reduction of the income tax applicable to the Banking Sector income to 24% from 28% with effect from 1st January 2020. The said amendment is yet to be approved by the Parliament and cannot be considered as substantially enacted as at reporting date. As such the Bank continued using 28% in calculating the income tax and deferred tax liabilities/assets as at 30th June 2020. The Bank has a cumulative net deferred tax asset of Rs 4346 Mn recognized through the Statement of Profit or Loss and net deferred tax liability of Rs 5292.2 Mn recognized through OCI.

Had the Bank applied the reduced income tax rate of 24% to calculate deferred tax assets/liabilities as at 30th June 2020, an additional deferred tax expense of Rs 756 Mn and reversal of Rs 609.8 Mn would have got charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss and reversed from OCI respectively for the First six months ended 30th June 2020.

- 5. These interim financial statements are presented in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard (LKAS 34) "Interim Financial Reporting" and provide the information as required in terms of Rule 7.4 of the Colombo Stock Exchange.
- 6. Where required, figures on the audited annual financial statements have been reclassified to conform to Central Bank of Sri Lanka publication
- 7. The consolidated financial statements of the Bank cover the Bank and its subsidiaries HNB Assurance PLC, Sithma Development (Pvt) Ltd, HNB Finance Ltd & the Group's interest in Joint Venture Acuity Partners (Pvt) Ltd.
- 8. The funds raised through debentures were fully utilized for the objectives mentioned in the prospectuses.
- 9. Mr. Dilshan Rodrigo was appointed as an executive director of the Bank w.e.f. 1st July 2020 while Mr. Devaka Cooray was appointed as a nonexecutive director w.e.f. 3rd July 2020. Mr. Asoka Pieris, Director resigned from his post w.e.f. 2nd July 2020.
- 10. There are no material events that took place after the balance sheet date which require adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements other than the above.

STATEMENT OF	CASH FL	ows		
	ВА	NK	GRO	UP
For the 6 months ended 30th June	2020	2019	2020	20
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 0
Cash flows from operating activities				
Interest receipts	57,691,820	60,099,129	62,269,609	64,804,6
Interest payments	(32,698,419)	(33,613,634)	(34,393,634)	(34,677,3
Net commission receipts	3,355,627	4,439,261	3,659,623	4,937,0
Trading income	369,367	1,118,578	383,243	1,082,7
Payments to employees	(6,300,007)	(5,865,595)	(7,754,475)	(7,060,0
Taxes on financial services	(1,925,470)	(3,744,111)	(1,981,841)	(4,014,1
Receipts from other operating activities	1,660,220	937,330	5,787,063	5,087,6
Payments on other operating activities	(4,079,258)	(5,198,926)	(7,180,424)	(8,505,8
Operating profit before change in operating assets & liabilities	18,073,880	18,172,032	20,789,163	21,654,6
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets				
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	16,180,575	9,532,475	16,180,575	9,532,4
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans & advances to customers	3,191,417	19,210,021	3,963,745	15,901,2
Reverse repurchase agreements / Standing deposit facility	(35,895,128)	(1,000,000)	(35,287,707)	(253,8
Other assets	210,369	4,032,523	689,834	3,672,3
Outer assets	(16,312,767)	31,775,019	(14,453,552)	28,852,2
	(10,312,707)	31,773,019	(14,455,552)	20,032,2
Increase / (decrease) in operating liabilities				
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	56,831,796	(7,453,203)	55,869,349	(3,687,
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	(2,102,085)	(3,541,064)	(2,199,024)	(3,098,2
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	(12,035,863)	(10,354,246)	(12,035,863)	(10,354,2
Other liabilities	1,027,903	(158,589)	1,078,153	(232,8
	43,721,751	(21,507,102)	42,712,615	(17,373,0
Net cash generated from operating activities before income tax	45,482,864	28,439,949	49,048,227	33,133,8
Income tax paid	(1,641,602)	(2,863,841)	(1,763,383)	(2,978,2
Net cash generated from operating activities	43,841,262	25,576,108	47,284,844	30,155,5
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Cash flows from investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant & equipment	(249,307)	(674,980)	(340,685)	(798,7
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	4,683	7,979	-	12,4
Net proceeds from the sale, maturity and purchase of financial investments	(47,116,625)	(25,965,599)	(47,455,373)	(27,627,7
Net purchase of intangible assets	(2,338)	(131,543)	(14,072)	(135,2
Dividends received from investment in subsidiaries	-	182,338	-	
Dividends received from other investments	11,334	125,047	11,334	131,2
Net cash used in investing activities	(47,352,253)	(26,456,758)	(47,798,796)	(28,417,9
Cash flows from financing activities				
Dividend paid to shareholders of the parent company	(2,183,683)	(1,958,026)	(2,182,724)	(1,958,0
Dividend paid to snareholders of the parent company  Dividend paid to non controlling interest	(2,103,003)	(1,930,020)	(2,102,724)	(1,936,0
Net cash used in financing activities	(2,183,683)	(1,958,026)	(2,182,724)	(2,099,4
Net decrease in cash & cash equivalents	(5,694,674)	(2,838,676)	(2,696,676)	(361,7
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	36,691,732	28,434,623	45,753,921	33,473,0
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	30,997,058	25,595,947	43,057,245	33,111,3
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period				
Cash and cash equivalents	29,737,017	22,212,594	30,711,843	22,511,2
Placements with banks	1,260,041	3,383,353	12,345,402	10,600,0
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#### 20 MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (VOTING) AS AT 30TH JUNE 2020

	Name	No. of shares	% on total voting capital
1.	Employees Provident Fund	39,993,959	9.75
2.	Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd-Life Fund	34,692,363	8.45
3.	Milford Exports (ceylon) (Pvt) Limited	32,446,141	*7.91
4.	Stassen Exports (Pvt) Limited	28,123,237	*6.85
5.	Mr.S.E.Captain	26,713,485	6.51
6.	Sonetto Holdings Limited.	20,166,790	4.91
7.	Sri Lanka Insurance Corporation Ltd-General Fund	17,369,863	4.23
8.	Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka Plc	12,582,692	*3.07
9.	National Savings Bank	11,773,268	2.87
10.	Citibank Newyork S/A Norges Bank Account 2	8,850,555	2.16
11.	Standard Chartered Bank Singapore S/A HL Bank Singapore Branch	7,701,334	1.88
12.	Ms.L.A.Captain	7,668,457	1.87
13.	RBC Investor Services Trust-RBC Emerging Markets Small-CAP Equity Fund	7,261,129	1.77
14.	SSBT-Al Mehwar Commercial Investments L.L.C.	6,790,437	1.65
15.	BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer Total Return Fund	6,454,847	1.57
16.	BNYM SA NV Re-First State Investments ICVC-First State Asia All-Cap Fund	4,953,694	1.21
17.	BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer Absolute Return Fund	4,332,682	1.06
18.	HSBC Intl Nom Ltd-CMG First state global umbrella Fund PLC-CMG First State Indian Subcontinenet Fund	3,917,411	0.95
19.	BNYM SANV Re-Magna Umbrella Fund Plc	3,817,030	0.93
20.	BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer Investment Funds : LF Ruffer Pacific and emerging markets fund	3,302,008	0.80

\* Pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Act Directions No. 1 of 2007, the total collective voting rights in the Bank, of Milford Exports (Ceylon) Limited, Stassen Exports Limited and Distilleries Company of Sri Lanka (who collectively hold 17.83% of the voting shares of the Bank) are limited to 10% of the total voting rights of the Bank with effect from 15th March 2012 as the voting rights in excess of such percentage is deemed invalid from that date.

#### 20 MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (NON-VOTING) AS AT 30TH JUNE 2020

	Name	No. of shares	% on total non-voting capital
	UBS Switzerland AG	9,011,481	8.86
	Citibank Newyork S/A Norges Bank Account 2	5,807,198	5.71
	BNYM SANV Re-Frontaura Global Frontier Fund LLC	5,623,544	5.53
	Akbar Brothers Pvt Ltd A/c No 1	4,070,215	4.00
	BNYM SANV Re-Neon liberty lorikeet master fund lp	3,767,091	3.71
	BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer total return fund	3,254,757	3.20
	BNYM SANV Re-LF Ruffer absolute return fund	2,168,091	2.13
	CB Europe plc lux s/a Dunross and co ab	2,101,637	2.07
	Seylan Bank PLC/ARRC Capital (Pvt) Ltd	1,699,128	1.67
0.	Mr. S.E. Captain	1,574,132	1.55
1.	Rubber Investment trust limited a/c # 01	1,492,052	1.47
2.	BNYM SANV Re-LF ruffer Investment funds : LF Ruffer Pacific and Emerging Markets Fund	1,286,976	1.27
3.	Employees Trust Fund Board	1,280,000	1.26
4.	Deutsche Bank AG as trustee for JB Vantage value equity fund	1,081,374	1.06
5.	Finco Holdings (Pvt) Ltd	1,005,009	0.99
6.	Hatton National Bank PLC A/c No 2	731,535	0.72
7.	Saboor Chatoor (pvt) Itd	689,406	0.68
8.	Mr. E Chatoor	658,304	0.65
9.	The Ceylon Investment PLC A/c # 02	601,427	0.59
0.	The Ceylon Guardian Investment Trust PLC A/c # 02	568,080	0.56

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		STATE	<b>MENT OF</b>	CHANGES	IN EQUI	TY - GROU	Р					
	Stat	ed Capital					Reserves					
For the 6 months ended 30th June 2020	Voting Shares Rs 000	Non-Voting Shares Rs 000	— Statutory Reserve Fund Rs 000	Capital Reserve Rs 000	Fair value Reserve Rs 000	General Reserve Rs 000	Life policy holder Reserve fund Rs 000	Restricted Regulatory Reserve Rs 000	Exchange Equalization Reserve Rs 000	Retained Earnings Rs 000	Non Controlling Interests Rs 000	Total Equity Rs 000
or the 6 months ended 30th June 2020	W2 000	NS 000	KS 000	NS 000	KS 000	KS 000	NS 000	KS 000	KS 000	KS 000	KS 000	NS 000
Balance as at 1st January 2020 Fotal comprehensive income for the period	27,839,768	5,981,137	7,060,000	23,062,998	2,759,863	55,100,000	172,297	381,156	78,378	23,072,623	4,962,318	150,470,538
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,169,172	307,983	5,477,15
Other Comprehensive Income for the period (net of tax)	-	-	-	-	972,491	_	_	-	20,749	(585,302)	31,473	439,41
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	972,491	-		-	20,749	4,583,870	339,456	5,916,56
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity Contributions by and distributions to equity holders Dividends to equity holders												
inal dividend 2019 - Scrip	1,404,704	346,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,424)	-	
inal dividend 2019 - Cash	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1,751,424)	(120,000)	(1,871,42
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,404,704	346,720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,502,848)	(120,000)	(1,871,42
ransfer to life policy holder reserve fund	•	-	-	-	-	-	742,451	-	-	-	-	742,45
Transfers during the period	20.244.472		7,000,000	-	2 722 254	-	011710	201.156	00.127	-	5 404 774	455.250.42
Balance as at 30th June 2020  For the 6 months ended 30th June 2019	29,244,472	6,327,857	7,060,000	23,062,998	3,732,354	55,100,000	914,748	381,156	99,127	24,153,645	5,181,774	155,258,13
Balance as at 1st January 2019	26,649,460	5,688,566	6,260,000	22,994,510	1,537,723	49,100,000	(197,803)	381,156	66,368	20,181,416	4,673,210	137,334,60
Total comprehensive income for the period												
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,920,562	208,460	5,129,02
Other comprehensive income for the period (net of tax)	-	-	-	68,488	558,816	-	-	-	(14,085)	2,981	112,302	728,50
otal comprehensive income for the period	•	-	-	68,488	558,816	-	•	-	(14,085)	4,923,543	320,762	5,857,52
Transactions with equity holders, recognised directly in equity Contributions by and distributions to equity holders												
<b>Dividends to equity holders</b> Final dividend 2018 - Scrip	1,190,308	292,570	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	(1,724,277)	_	(241,39
Final dividend 2018 - Cash	1,190,500	-	_	<u>-</u>	-		-	-		(1,724,277)	(140,000)	(1,864,27
Total contributions by and distributions to equity holders	1,190,308	292,570	-	-	-		-	-	-	(3,448,554)	(140,000)	(2,105,67
Transfer to life policy holder reserve fund	•	•	-	-	-	-	351,473		-	-	-	351,47
Transfers during the period		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance as at 30th June 2019	27,839,768	5,981,136	6,260,000	23,062,998	2,096,539	49,100,000	153,670	381,156	52,283	21,656,405	4,853,972	141,437,92

							SEGI	MENT	REPOR	TING										
	Corp	oorate	Re	etail	S	ME	Mi	cro	Trea	sury	Real I	state	Insur	ance	NE	BFI*	Eliminations	/ Unallocated	Cons	olidated
For the 6 months ended 30th June	2020 Rs 000	2019 Rs 000	2020 Rs 000	201 Rs 00																
Net interest income	4,611,788	5,455,587	6,702,190	8,643,024	6,532,330	6,698,093	624,414	577,859	6,068,200	5,121,185	(13,934)	(53,534)	1,205,294	1,073,316	1,912,008	2,225,283	(1,780,126)	(505,818)	25,862,164	29,234,99
Foreign Exchnage income	64,967	92,640	49,504	62,787	135,897	167,401	1,344	1,416	1,294,603	(652,707)	-	-	-	-	-		-	(69,826)	1,546,315	(398,28
Net fee and commission income	789,573	1,490,548	821,536	1,069,531	1,022,004	1,922,647	49,549	86,832	162	503,722	-	-	97,213	91,930	99,431	489,413	775,947	(709,411)	3,655,415	4,945,21
Other operating income	-	-	-		-		-	-	27,686	59,995	500,714	483,218	3,880,156	3,982,310	78,048	212,638	(175,597)	(490,672)	4,311,007	4,247,48
Total operating income	5,466,328	7,038,775	7,573,230	9,775,342	7,690,231	8,788,141	675,307	666,107	7,390,651	5,032,195	486,780	429,684	5,182,663	5,147,556	2,089,487	2,927,334	(1,179,776)	(1,775,727)	35,374,901	38,029,40
Impairment charge for loans and other losses	3,648,114	2,431,949	3,374,577	1,128,403	1,478,609	2,199,517	316,300	534,286	270,535	(41,349)	-	-	79,913	993	112,270	755,443	-	8,942	9,280,318	7,018,18
Net operating income	1,818,214	4,606,826	4,198,653	8,646,939	6,211,622	6,588,624	359,007	131,821	7,120,116	5,073,544	486,780	429,684	5,102,750	5,146,563	1,977,217	2,171,891	(1,179,776)	(1,784,669)	26,094,583	31,011,22
Profit from Operation	-	-			-	-	-	-		-	-	-		-	-			-	7,138,545	8,873,48
Share of profit of joint venture	-		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	250,755	85,12
Income tax expenses			-	-	•		-		-	-	•	-	-	-		-	-	-	(1,912,146)	(3,829,58
Non - controling interests	-		-		-		-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-				(307,983)	(208,46
Net Profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,169,171	4,920,56
Segment assets	331,870,976	335,669,782	184,622,295	164,770,427	237,933,286	239,761,082	26,442,123	25,870,172	359,819,982	246,834,999	10,380,703	10,237,609	29,531,812	24,547,507	38,767,695	34,973,007	21,965,470	55,612,554	1,241,334,342	1,138,277,13
Investment in joint venture																	2,425,838	2,098,242	2,425,838	2,098,24
Total Assets	331,870,976	335,669,782	184,622,295	164,770,427	237,933,286	239,761,082	26,442,123	25,870,172	359,819,982	246,834,999	10,380,703	10,237,609	29,531,812	24,547,507	38,767,695	34,973,007	24,391,308	57,710,796	1,243,760,180	1,140,375,38
Segment liabilities	111,640,073	110,500,770	566,696,639	505,442,188	167,803,947	156,912,056	6,756,433	6,679,764	88,589,636	76,736,083	10,380,703	10,237,609	29,531,812	24,547,507	38,767,695	34,973,007	223,593,242	214,346,397	1,243,760,180	1,140,375,38
Total liabilities	111,640,073	110,500,770	566,696,639	505,442,188	167,803,947	156,912,056	6,756,433	6,679,764	88,589,636	76,736,083	10,380,703	10,237,609	29,531,812	24,547,507	38,767,695	34,973,007	223,593,242	214,346,397	1,243,760,180	1,140,375,38

\* Business of HNB Finance Ltd.

			LIST	ED DE	BEN1	TURE IN	NFORMATION					
		Mark	et Value		Last	Traded	Interest Yield as at Last Trade Done (%)					
Quarter ended 30th June	2	020	2019		2020	2019	Quarter ended 30th June	2020	2019			
	Highest	Lowest	Highest	Lowest			HNB DEBENTURES 2006					
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	15 year Fixed Rate (11.00% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2006							18 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
15 year Fixed Rate (11.00% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	HNB DEBENTURES 2007					
18 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	15 year Fixed Rate (16.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2007							HNB DEBENTURES 2011					
15 year Fixed Rate (16.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	10 year Fixed Rate (11.50% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2011							HNB DEBENTURES 2013					
10 year Fixed Rate (11.50% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	10 year Fixed Rate (14.25% p.a.)	12.12	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2013							HNB DEBENTURES 2014					
10 year Fixed Rate (14.25% p.a.)	89.40	89.40	N/T	N/T	89.40	N/T	5 year Fixed Rate (7.75% p.a.)	N/A	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2014							10 year Fixed Rate (8.33% p.a.)	N/T	15.1			
5 year Fixed Rate (7.75% p.a.)	N/A	N/A	N/T	N/T	N/A	N/T	HNB DEBENTURES 2016					
10 year Fixed Rate (8.33% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	75.00	75.00	N/T	75.00	5 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	14.05	14.6			
HNB DEBENTURES 2016							5 year Fixed Rate (11.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
5 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	100.00	98.00	94.90	94.90	98.00	94.90	7 year Fixed Rate (13.00% p.a.)	N/T	12.9			
5 year Fixed Rate (11.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	N/T	HNB DEBENTURES 2019					
7 year Fixed Rate (13.00% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	100.00	100.00	N/T	100.00	5 year Fixed Rate (12.30% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
HNB DEBENTURES 2019							7 year Fixed Rate (12.80% p.a.)	N/T	N/			
5 year Fixed Rate (12.30% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/A	N/A	N/T	N/A	N/T – Not Traded as at 30th June					
7 year Fixed Rate (12.80% p.a.)	N/T	N/T	N/A	N/A	N/T	N/A	N/A – Not Applicable as at 30th June					

RATIOS OF DEBT								
	30.06.2020	31.12.2019						
Debt Equity Ratio (%)	66.00	69.53						
	30.06.2020	30.06.2019						
Interest Cover (Times)	3.12	3.86						
	30.06.2020	30.06.2019						
Yield of Comparable Govt. Security for the								
following HNB Debentures (% p.a.)								
2006 series 15 year maturity	5.33	9.11						
2006 series 18 year maturity	6.36	9.94						
2007 series 15 year maturity	5.75	9.60						
2011 series 10 year maturity	5.40	9.28						
2013 series 10 year maturity	6.09	9.85						
2014 series 5 year maturity	N/A	8.39						
2014 series 10 year maturity	6.44	10.01						
2016 series 5 year maturity	5.33	9.11						
2016 series 5 year maturity	5.52	9.30						
2016 series 7 year maturity	6.18	9.83						
2019 series 5 year maturity	6.44	N/A						
2019 series 7 year maturity	6.71	N/A						

Yield to Maturity of Last Trade	Done (% p.a)	
Quarter ended 30th June	2020	2019
HNB DEBENTURES 2006		
15 year Fixed Rate (11.00% p.a.)	N/T	N/T
18 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	N/T	N/T
HNB DEBENTURES 2007		
15 year Fixed Rate (16.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/T
HNB DEBENTURES 2011		
10 year Fixed Rate (11.50% p.a.)	N/T	N/T
HNB DEBENTURES 2013		
10 year Fixed Rate (14.25% p.a.)	8.00	N/T
HNB DEBENTURES 2014		
5 year Fixed Rate (7.75% p.a.)	N/A	N/T
10 year Fixed Rate (8.33% p.a.)	N/T	8.33
HNB DEBENTURES 2016		
5 year Fixed Rate (11.25% p.a.)	11.25	11.25
5 year Fixed Rate (11.75% p.a.)	N/T	N/T
7 year Fixed Rate (13.00% p.a.)	N/T	13.00
HNB DEBENTURES 2019		
5 year Fixed Rate (12.30% p.a.)	N/T	N/A
7 year Fixed Rate (12.80% p.a.)	N/T	N/A
N/T – Not Traded as at 30th June N/A – Not Applicable as at 30th June		

	BAN	IK	GRO	JP
As at	30.06.2020	31.12.2019	30.06.2020	31.12.2019
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000
I) Gross loans and advances to customers	772,524,610	771,939,001	802,637,325	802,707,092
Less: Accumulated impairment under stage 1	5,035,068	3,343,678	5,872,188	4,063,982
Accumulated impairment under stage 2	6,749,260	4,827,329	7,132,293	5,210,362
Accumulated impairment under stage 3	26,720,828	21,998,921	28,762,485	24,040,578
Net loans and advances	734,019,454	741,769,073	760,870,359	769,392,170
Product-wise gross loans and advances to customers				
By product - Domestic currency				
Overdrafts	106,139,786	112,713,896	105,982,124	112,583,348
Bills of exchange	339,758	749,689	339,758	749,689
Commercial papers	160,360	154,658	160,360	154,658
Short term loans	82,081,048	93,003,988	82,444,715	93,329,295
Credit cards	8,950,609	9,365,055	8,950,609	9,365,055
Frust receipts	34,140,564	32,322,448	34,140,564	32,322,448
Packing credit loans	1,667,847	1,747,211	1,667,847	1,747,211
Staff loans	15,563,245	14,713,352	16,452,739	15,679,793
Term loans	313,325,835	307,978,718	330,864,617	326,683,590
_ease rentals receivable	54,608,210	52,420,198	64,972,530	62,451,328
Housing loans	37,394,952	35,825,186	37,394,952	35,825,186
Pawning advances	20,937,115	20,389,354	22,051,229	21,260,331
Securitised notes	2,340,592	2,381,690	2,340,592	2,381,690
Sub total	677,649,921	683,765,443	707,762,636	714,533,622
By product-Foreign Currency				
Overdrafts	1,811,340	1,502,467	1,811,340	1,502,379
Bi <b>ll</b> s of exchange	1,047,660	1,767,664	1,047,660	1,767,664
Short term loans	2,512,352	1,885,191	2,512,352	1,885,191
Trust receipts	4,235,095	3,161,038	4,235,095	3,161,038
Packing credit loans	14,157,597	14,343,465	14,157,597	14,343,465
Ferm loans	68,254,244	62,706,644	68,254,244	62,706,644
ease rentals receivable	192,970	214,732	192,970	214,732
Housing loans	2,663,431	2,592,357	2,663,431	2,592,357
Sub total	94,874,689	88,173,558	94,874,689	88,173,470
Total .	772,524,610	771,939,001	802,637,325	802,707,092

Movements in stage-wise impairment of loans & advances during the period				
		Ban	k	
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Total
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	3,336,650	3,714,854	15,592,301	22,643,805
Net impairment charge for the period	470,591	249,360	4,768,902	5,488,854
Write-offs during the period	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	(132,292)	(132,292)
Closing balance as at 30th June 2019	3,807,241	3,964,214	20,228,911	28,000,366
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	3,343,678	4,827,329	21,998,921	30,169,928
Net impairment charge for the period	1,691,390	1,921,931	4,619,823	8,233,144
Write-offs during the period	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	102,084	102,084
Closing balance as at 30th June 2020	5,035,068	6,749,260	26,720,828	38,505,156
		Grou	ıp	
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Tota
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	4 013 172	3 940 900	16 498 028	24 452 100

	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	4,013,172	3,940,900	16,498,028	24,452,100
Net impairment charge for the period	470,871	407,203	5,367,903	6,245,978
Write-offs during the period	-	-	(158,763)	(158,763)
Other movements	-	-	(132,292)	(132,292)
Closing balance as at 30th June 2019	4,484,043	4,348,103	21,574,876	30,407,022
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	4,063,982	5,210,362	24,040,578	33,314,922
Net impairment charge for the period	1,808,206	1,921,931	4,619,823	8,349,960
Write-offs during the period	-	-	-	-
Other movements	-	-	102,084	102,084
Closing balance as at 30th June 2020	5,872,188	7,132,293	28,762,485	41,766,966



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Placements with banks

Other financial assets

Total financial assets

Derivative financial instruments

Securities sold under repurchase agreements

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings

Dividends payable

Debt securities issued

Other financial liabilities

Subordinated term debts

**Total financial liabilities** 

LIABILITIES Due to banks

Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers

Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments

 $Financial\ assets\ measured\ at\ fair\ value\ through\ other\ comprehensive\ income$ 

Derivative financial instruments

ANALYSIS OF COM CONTINGENCIES ANI				
	BAN	IK	GRO	UP
As at	30.06.2020	31.12.2019	30.06.2020	31.12.201
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.00
e) Gross commitments and contingencies	641,926,645	673,230,814	641,926,645	673,230,8
ess : Accumulated impairment under stage 1	1,065,878	810,503	1,065,878	810,5
Accumulated impairment under stage 2	225,594	201,327	225,594	201,3
Accumulated impairment under stage 3	1,293,666	1,123,884	1,293,666	1,123,8
	639,341,506	671,095,100	639,341,506	671,095,1
Product-wise commitments and contingencies				
By Product - Domestic Currency				
Occumentary credit	1,537,482	1,313,902	1,537,482	1,313,9
Guarantees	48,919,676	56,898,799	48,919,676	56,898,7
Acceptances	88,361	22,445	88,361	22,4
ills for collection	528,307	228,467	528,307	228,4
orward exchange contracts				
Forward exchange purchases	47,698,754	45,514,841	47,698,754	45,514,8
heques sent on clearing	3,787,305	5,236,930	3,787,305	5,236,9
Indrawn credit lines	337,323,979	302,373,055	337,323,979	302,373,0
sub total	439,883,864	411,588,439	439,883,864	411,588,4
By Product - Foreign Currency  Documentary credit  Suarantees  Acceptances  Sills for collection  Forward exchange contracts  Forward exchange sales  Forward exchange purchases	18,224,146 55,751,507 12,766,823 17,423,742 22,041,218 26,289,770	23,692,559 64,055,869 16,583,808 13,248,527 43,950,802 23,363,808	18,224,146 55,751,507 12,766,823 17,423,742 22,041,218 26,289,770	23,692,5 64,055,8 16,583,8 13,248,5 43,950,8 23,363,8
Indrawn credit lines	49,545,574	76,747,002	49,545,574	76,747,0
iub total	202,042,781	261,642,375	202,042,781	261,642,3
otal	641,926,645	673,230,814	641,926,645	673,230,8
Novements in stage-wise impairment of commitments and contingencies during the perio			Group	
	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	То
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.0
Opening balance as at 1st January 2019	771,580	230,064	274,280	1,275,9
let impairment charge for the period	190,499	(64,866)	234,857	360,4
Vrite-offs during the period	-	-	-	
Definition of the state of the	•	-	•	
Closing balance as at 30th June 2019	962,079	165,198	509,137	1,636,4
		201,327	1,123,884	2 125 7
noning halance as at 1st January 2020	Q10 502		1,123,004	2,135,7
Opening balance as at 1st January 2020	810,503 255 375		160 702	440.4
let impairment charge for the period	810,503 255,375	24,267	169,782	449,4
			169,782	449,4

ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS							
	BA	NK	GRO	UP			
As at	30.06.2020	31.12.2019	30.06.2020	31.12.2019			
	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.000	Rs.00			
3) Due to Customers							
By product-Domestic Currency							
Current account deposits	45,153,823	42,405,362	44,580,285	42,090,18			
Savings deposits	228,766,691	194,914,147	227,210,708	197,711,49			
Time deposits	442,895,466	426,439,801	469,296,306	449,220,29			
Certificates of deposit	363,989	385,196	363,989	385,19			
Margin deposits	1,583,746	1,334,003	1,583,746	1,334,00			
Sub total	718,763,715	665,478,509	743,035,034	690,741,17			
By product- Foreign Currency							
Current account deposits	4,792,930	7,387,838	4,792,930	7,387,83			
Savings deposits	40,432,483	40,084,161	40,406,444	40,032,67			
Time deposits	101,250,386	97,003,304	100,986,812	96,817,14			
Margin deposits	73,129	81,302	73,129	81,30			
Sub total	146,548,928	144,556,605	146,259,315	144,318,968			
Total	865,312,643	810,035,114	889,294,349	835,060,14			

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**DIRECTORS' AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S SHAREHOLDING** 

	Number	JI JIIUI CJ
	30-Jun-20	31-Dec-19
Mr. D.S. Weerakkody	2,143	2,089
Mr. A.J. Alles *	128,355	125,452
Dr. L.R. Karunaratne	1,093	1,070
Mr. R.S. Captain	7,544	7,379
Mr. D.A. Cabraal	-	-
Mr. P.S.C. Pelpola **	N/A	-
Mr. E.D.P. Soosaipillai	-	-
Mr. A.H.D.A.N. De Silva	104	102
Mr. L.U.D. Fernando	637	624
Mr. W.M.M.D. Ratnayake	-	-
Mr. H.A. Pieris	-	-
Dr. L.J.S.H Cabral	-	-
Mr. P.R. Saldin***	-	-
Dr.T.K.D.A.P Samarasinghe****	-	-
	Mr. A.J. Alles *  Dr. L.R. Karunaratne  Mr. R.S. Captain  Mr. D.A. Cabraal  Mr. P.S. C. Pelpola **  Mr. E.D.P. Soosaipillai  Mr. A.H.D.A.N. De Silva  Mr. L.U.D. Fernando  Mr. W.M.M.D. Ratnayake  Mr. H.A. Pieris  Dr. L.J. S.H Cabral  Mr. P.R. Saldin***	Mr. D.S. Weerakkody       2,143         Mr. A.J. Alles *       128,355         Dr. L.R. Karunaratne       1,093         Mr. R.S. Captain       7,544         Mr. D.A. Cabraal       -         Mr. P.S. C. Pelpola **       N/A         Mr. E.D.P. Soosaipillai       -         Mr. A.H. D.A. N. De Silva       104         Mr. L. U.D. Fernando       637         Mr. W.M. M.D. Ratnayake       -         Mr. H.A. Pieris       -         Dr. L.J. S. H. Cabral       -         Mr. P.R. Saldin***       -

- \* Chief Executive Officer, \*\* Retired w.e.f 27.02.2020
- \*\*\* Alternate Director to Mr. Rusi Captain w.e.f. 26.07.2018
- \*\*\*\* Alternate Director to Mr. L.U.D. Fernando w.e.f. 05.07.2019

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INS	TRUMENTS BY ME	ASUREMEN	IT BASIS - BA	NK
As at 30th June 2020	Fair Value Through	Amortised	Fair Value	Tota
	Profit or Loss	Cost	Through Other	Carrying
			Comprehensive	Amoun
	B. 000	B. 000	Income	D. 000
ASSETS	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
RSSETS  Cash and cash equivalents	_	29,737,017	_	29,737,01
Placements with banks	•	1,260,041	-	1,260,04
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	6,614,757	-	6,614,75
Reverse repurchase agreements/Standing deposit facility	-	35,886,564	•	35,886,56
Derivative financial instruments	239,409	33,000,304	•	239,40
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	148,642	-	•	148,64
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	140,042	734,019,454	•	734,019,45
- loans and advances to customers	•	734,019,434	•	734,019,43
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	-	145,536,525	_	145,536,52
- debt and other instruments				
Financial assets measured at fair value through	-	-	172,962,321	172,962,32
other comprehensive income				
Other financial assets	<del>-</del>	388,131	-	388,13
Total financial assets	388,051	953,442,489	172,962,321	1,126,792,86
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	-	87,300,778	-	87,300,77
Derivative financial instruments	499,370	-	-	499,37
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	5,498,735	-	5,498,73
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - due to depositors	-	865,312,643	-	865,312,64
Dividends payable	-	1,017,212	-	1,017,21
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	-	19,880,374	-	19,880,37
Debt securities issued	-	1,915,293	-	1,915,29
Other financial liabilities	-	733,104	-	733,10
Subordinated term debts	-	33,445,512	-	33,445,51
Total financial liabilities	499,370	1,015,103,651	-	1,015,603,02
As at 31st December 2019	Fair Value Through	Amortised	Fair Value	Tota
	Profit or Loss	Cost	Through Other Comprehensive	Carryin
			Income	Amour
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 00
ASSETS				
ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents		29,089,189	-	29,089,18
				25,005,11

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Tillaricial habilities measured at amortised cost adde to depositors		010,033,114		010,033,11
Dividends payable	-	1,449,472	-	1,449,47
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost - other borrowings	-	22,604,039	-	22,604,03
Debt securities issued	-	1,797,644	-	1,797,64
Other financial liabilities		717,968	-	717,96
Subordinated term debts	-	32,695,221	-	32,695,22
Total financial liabilities	573,365	973,265,156	-	973,838,52
ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL INSTR As at 30th June 2020	Fair Value Through Profit or Loss	ASUREMEN  Amortised  Cost	Fair Value through Other Comprehensive Income	OUP Tot Carryir Amour
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 00
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	•	30,711,843	-	30,711,84
Placements with banks	•	12,345,402	-	12,345,40
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	•	6,614,757	•	6,614,75
Reverse repurchase agreements/Standing deposit facility	•	37,368,753	-	37,368,75
Derivative financial instruments	239,409	-	-	239,40
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	263,299	-		263,29
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - loans and advances to customers	•	760,870,359	•	760,870,35
Financial assets measured at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	•	151,858,514	-	151,858,51
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	•	180,485,138	180,485,13
Other financial assets		2,379,672	-	2,379,6
Total financial assets	502,708	1,002,149,300	180,485,138	1,183,137,1
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	•	88,020,505	-	88,020,5
Derivative financial instruments	499,370	-	-	499,3
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	5,498,735	-	5,498,7

As at 31st December 2019	Fair Value Through	Amortised	Fair Value through	Total
	Profit or Loss	Cost	Other Comprehensive	Carrying
			Income	Amount
	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000	Rs 000
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	•	30,263,654	-	30,263,654
Placements with banks	-	15,490,267	-	15,490,267
Balances with Central Bank of Sri Lanka	-	22,795,332	-	22,795,332
Reverse repurchase agreements	-	2,072,482	-	2,072,482
Derivative financial instruments	527,193	-	-	527,193
Financial assets recognised through profit or loss	1,155,339	-	-	1,155,339
Financial assets at amortised cost - loans and advances	-	769,392,169	-	769,392,169
Financial assets at amortised cost - debt and other instruments	-	156,511,277	-	156,511,277
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income	-	-	133,953,117	133,953,117
Other financial assets	-	2,147,894	-	2,147,894
Total financial assets	1,682,532	998,673,075	133,953,117	1,134,308,724
LIABILITIES				
Due to banks	•	87,212,970	-	87,212,970
Derivative financial instruments	573,365	-	<u>=</u>	573,365
Securities sold under repurchase agreements	-	17,569,394	-	17,569,394
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - due to depositors	-	835,060,146	-	835,060,146
Dividends payable	-	1,466,959	-	1,466,959
Financial liabilities at amortised cost - other borrowings	•	22,604,039	-	22,604,039
Debt securities issued	-	2,368,986	-	2,368,986
Other financial liabilities	-	2,835,700	-	2,835,700
Subordinated term debts	-	33,345,904	-	33,345,904
Total financial liabilities	573,365	1,002,464,098		1,003,037,463

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low Y	Mar **V.W.A. esterday's Close		ics on 25.08.2020 Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low Ye	**V.W.A. ( sterday's Close
Main Board  A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD. ABANS ACCESS ENG SL XD ACL ACL PLASTICS XD ACME AGALAWATTE AHOT PROPERTIES AITKEN SPENCE ALLIANCE AMANA BANK	4,159 562 507,336 442,624 621 16,804 150 695 27,793 12,430 11,801	18.70 92.00 21.70 44.00 149.10 4.10 15.70 33.30 34.50 38.10 2.30	18.40 92.00 21.90 44.80 149.50 4.10 16.00 33.20 34.50 39.00 2.30	18.90 92.00 21.90 44.90 151.90 4.20 16.00 34.50 35.00 39.70 2.40	18.40 91.80 21.50 44.00 148.00 4.10 16.00 33.00 34.50 39.00 2.30	18.80 91.90 21.70 44.70 149.10 4.20 16.00 34.50 39.40 2.40	0.10 (0.10) 0.00 0.70 0.00 0.10 0.30 1.20 0.10	TEEJAY LANKA THREE ACRE FARMS TOKYO CEMENT TOKYO CEMENT (TKYO.X0000)1 UNION BANK UNION CHEMICALS UNISYST UNITED MOTORS VALLIBEL XD VALLIBEL FINANCE VIDULLANKA	6,508 6,500 329,769 463,594 558,182 101 30,200 4,792 195,869 7,890 3,100	30.00 100.00 40.80 33.10 10.50 438.30 11.20 48.30 6.20 57.20 5.40	30.00 101.00 41.00 33.20 10.40 441.00 10.80 48.30 6.20 57.20 5.40	30.00 101.00 41.00 33.40 10.40 441.00 10.90 49.00 6.30 57.80 5.40	29.80 99.00 40.00 32.70 10.10 441.00 10.60 48.30 6.20 57.00 5.10	30.00 100.50 40.50 33.20 10.20 441.00 10.70 48.30 6.20 57.10 5.30
AMAYA LEISURE ASIA ASSET ASIRI ASIRI SURG AUTODROME BAIRAHA FARMS BALANGODA BUKIT DARAH C M HOLDINGS C T HOLDINGS	100 2,056 9,106 1,504 27,625 200,730 71,373 46 281	29.40 7.90 19.90 9.90 70.00 89.40 12.70 171.00 60.30 152.10	30.00 8.20 19.90 10.10 70.00 90.70 12.60 165.20 60.10	30.00 8.20 20.00 10.10 75.20 90.70 13.00 167.00 60.10	30.00 7.90 19.70 10.10 68.00 89.00 12.00 165.20 60.00 147.10	30.00 7.90 19.90 10.10 70.00 89.00 12.10 171.00 60.00 152.10	0.60 0.00 0.00 0.20 0.00 (0.40) (0.60) 0.00 (0.30)	WATAWALA  SECOND BOARD  ABANS FINANCIAL AMBEON CAPITAL ARPICO ASIA CAPITAL BROWNS BEACH COMM LEASE & FIN	1,100 260 203 1,350 1,000 4,556	18.60 4.20 111.80 6.40 9.40 3.40	18.60 4.20 110.00 6.60 9.80 3.50	19.40 4.20 125.00 6.60 9.80 3.50	18.50 4.10 110.00 6.30 9.70 3.40	19.20 4.20 118.60 6.50 9.80 3.40
CANDOR OPP FUND (COF CARGILLS CARGO BOAT CDB (CDB.X0000) CENTRAL FINANCE CENTRAL IND. CEYLINCO INS. (CINS.X000 CEYLON GUARDIAN CEYLON INV. CEYLON TOBACCO	-U-0000)2,311 2,980 1 15,740 2,562 5,242 2,888	6.60 188.00 42.00 60.30 79.30 49.30 1,905.90 768.30 75.60 44.60 971.30	6.70 189.00 43.00 60.20 79.20 49.50 1,856.00 785.00 73.10 45.00 979.00	6.70 190.00 43.00 60.30 79.30 49.80 1,856.00 785.00 73.50 45.30 979.00	6.50 189.00 43.00 60.00 77.60 48.10 1,850.00 772.10 73.10 44.00 967.00	6.60 190.00 42.00 60.20 78.90 49.00 1,850.30 768.30 73.30 44.10 971.30	0.00 2.00 0.00 (0.10) (0.40) (0.30) (55.60) 0.00 (2.30) (0.50)	DIALOG FINANCE DISTILLERIES KOTMALE HOLDINGS LOLC DEV FINANCE LOLC FINANCE MADULSIMA ODEL PLC PDL SHALIMAR SINGER SRI LANKA TRADE FINANCE	3,301 764,074 1 1 442,754 14,534 2,461 500 19 15,585 490	41.30 16.20 183.00 36.00 3.80 9.20 19.70 135.00 1,158.30 33.30 40.00	40.00 16.20 183.00 42.00 3.70 9.20 19.70 140.00 1,050.00 33.30 41.00	40.10 16.40 183.00 42.00 3.90 9.30 19.90 140.00 1,050.00 33.30 46.90	40.00 15.70 183.00 42.00 3.60 9.00 19.50 1,050.00 32.80 41.00	40.00 16.20 183.00 36.00 3.80 9.00 19.80 19.80 140.00 1,158.30 33.10 46.90
CHEMANEX CHEVRON CIC CIC (CIC.X0000) CITRUS LEISURE COLD STORES XD COLOMBO CITY COLOMBO LAND COMMERCIAL BANK COMMERCIAL BANK (COM CONVENIENCE FOOD	888 51,077 59,269 37,381 45,713 325 100 34,404 6,001,195 IB.X0000)45,045	56.40 77.00 78.50 54.80 10.00 671.10 748.10 24.10 83.60 69.00 689.90	56.80 77.00 78.00 54.50 10.00 666.10 781.70 24.10 83.60 69.00 656.00	56.80 78.00 78.00 54.60 10.30 666.10 781.70 24.90 83.60 69.00 688.00	56.60 75.40 76.40 54.30 9.90 663.20 781.70 24.00 81.80 67.60 650.10	56.70 77.60 76.40 54.60 10.00 665.50 781.70 24.10 82.20 67.90 689.90	0.30 0.60 (2.10) (0.20) 0.00 (5.60) 33.60 0.00 (1.40) (1.10) 0.00	DIRI SAVI BOARD  AGSTAR PLC ALUMEX PLC AMANA TAKAFUL AMBEON HOLDINGS ANILANA HOTELS ARPICO INSURANCE ASIA SIYAKA XD BANSEI RESORTS	52 101,158 25,289 2,020 837,942 101 44,402 545	5.00 12.20 6.00 13.00 1.10 21.50 2.70 8.00	5.10 12.20 6.00 13.00 1.10 21.50 2.80 7.80	5.10 12.30 6.50 13.00 1.10 21.50 2.80 7.80	4.90 11.90 6.00 12.90 1.00 21.50 2.70 7.80	5.00 12.00 6.40 13.00 1.00 21.50 2.70 7.80
DANKOTUWA PORCEL DFCC BANK PLC DIALOG DIMO DIPPED PRODUCTS DOCKYARD DOLPHIN HOTELS DURDANS DURDANS CHLX0000) E B CREASY EAST WEST	59,054 1,352,191 1,633,504 863 19,248 14,530 265 151 3 8 6,393	7.20 68.30 11.40 285.00 171.40 59.80 20.20 87.00 75.50 1,100.00 12.10	7.10 68.30 11.40 283.00 169.00 59.50 20.40 86.10 75.50 1,100.00 12.10	7.20 68.30 11.40 290.00 171.90 59.90 20.40 86.10 75.50 1,100.00	7.00 66.50 11.20 283.00 165.00 57.50 20.40 86.10 75.50 1,025.00	7.00 66.80 11.30 283.30 169.90 59.40 20.40 86.10 75.50 1,100.00 12.10	(0.20) (1.50) (0.10) (1.70) (1.50) (0.40) 0.20 (0.90) 0.00 0.00	C T LAND CEYLON BEVERAGE CEYLON TEA BRKRS CFI	184,362 9 16,762 13,580 44,750 830 2,484,912 8,575 19 32,819 2,933	0.80 11.90 14.80 13.00 10.20 67.00 2.50 27.10 750.00 3.30 59.00	0.80 11.90 14.80 12.80 10.10 66.90 2.50 27.00 753.00 3.30 60.00	0.80 11.90 14.80 13.30 10.60 66.90 2.50 28.00 753.00 3.30 60.00	0.70 11.90 14.80 12.60 10.10 66.90 2.30 26.90 750.50 3.20 60.00	0.80 11.90 14.80 12.70 10.30 66.90 2.40 26.90 750.00 3.20 60.00
EASTERN MERCHANT EXPOLANKA FIRST CAPITAL FORT LAND GESTETNER GRAIN ELEVATORS HAYCARB HAYLEYS HAYLEYS FABRIC HAYLEYS FIBRE HDFC	7,902 2,857,471 135,249 57,176 104 13,369 18,361 9,366 1,827,351 5,400 2,506	5.20 5.10 60.70 9.80 82.00 59.60 277.60 185.70 15.40 107.30 30.30	5.00 5.00 60.70 9.80 79.20 59.00 275.00 188.00 15.30 107.10 30.00	5.30 5.10 60.90 9.90 79.80 59.50 277.90 188.00 15.40 110.00 31.40	5.00 5.00 59.20 9.50 79.20 58.00 273.20 185.00 14.90 107.00 30.00	5.00 5.00 59.60 9.70 79.70 58.70 275.90 186.00 15.30 110.00 30.10	(0.20) (0.10) (1.10) (0.10) (2.30) (0.90) (1.70) 0.30 (0.10) 2.70 (0.20)	CIT CITRUS HIKKADUWA CITRUS WASKADUWA COM.CREDIT DILMAH CEYLON E - CHANNELLING ELPITIYA EQUITY TWO PLC FORTRESS RESORTS GALADARI GUARDIAN CAPITAL	950 46,685 139,087 51,027 222 3,000 5,935 9 5,000 5,389 1,094	62.20 5.60 4.20 22.40 626.00 5.10 23.70 48.70 10.10 7.60 25.70	68.60 5.70 4.10 22.40 631.00 5.10 23.70 48.60 7.50 25.00	68.60 5.90 4.20 22.40 631.00 5.10 24.30 48.60 10.00 7.70 25.70	68.00 5.50 4.10 21.10 631.00 5.00 23.50 48.60 10.00 7.50 24.80	68.00 5.80 4.10 21.30 631.00 5.00 23.70 48.70 10.00 7.50 25.50
HEMAS HOLDINGS HNB HNB ASSURANCE HNB (HNB.X0000) HORANA HOTEL SIGIRIYA INDUSTRIAL ASPH. JANASHAKTHI INS. JKH XD KAHAWATTE KANDY HOTELS	256,312 200,028 674 66,460 2,917 14,719 239,792 4,750 2,849,976 1,315	60.00 123.10 133.60 91.30 19.50 47.00 0.20 31.10 134.50 34.90 4.80	60.40 123.00 133.50 91.10 20.40 46.90 0.30 32.50 134.50 33.70 4.90	62.00 123.10 133.50 91.50 20.90 46.90 0.30 32.50 134.80 33.70 4.90	59.90 121.20 133.00 90.30 19.20 44.00 0.20 31.60 131.00 33.70 4.90	61.00 122.00 133.10 90.50 20.60 45.00 0.30 31.60 133.00 33.70 4.90	1.00 (1.10) (0.50) (0.80) 1.10 (2.00) 0.10 0.50 (1.50) (1.20)	HAPUGASTENNE HATTON HNB FINANCE HVA FOODS JETWING SYMPHONY JOHN KEELLS KEELLS FOOD KEELLS HOTELS LANKA CERAMIC LANKEM CEYLON LAUGES POWER	59 6,900 8,000 24,060 9,575 23 3,418 59,504 23 200 76,652	16.90 8.00 5.10 3.90 9.00 45.00 99.90 8.00 89.50 24.60 4.30	16.00 8.00 5.00 3.90 9.00 44.00 99.30 7.90 85.10 24.50 4.20	16.10 8.00 5.20 4.00 9.00 45.00 100.00 8.00 85.10 24.50 4.30	16.00 8.00 5.00 3.80 8.90 44.00 98.90 7.80 85.10 24.50 4.10	16.90 8.00 5.10 3.90 8.90 45.00 99.00 8.00 89.50 24.50 4.10
KEGALLE KELANI CABLES KELANI TYRES KELANI VALLEY KELSEY KINGSBURY KOTAGALA L O L C HOLDINGS LANKA ALUMINIUM LANKA ASHOK	500 925 56,381 400 1,100 1,350 11,834 1,238,238 2,587 12	60.00 80.00 58.40 68.90 29.40 10.00 6.40 157.80 58.90 693.30	60.00 79.90 58.50 69.60 30.70 10.10 6.60 158.00 55.70 687.10	60.00 79.90 58.50 69.90 30.70 10.10 6.60 158.00 56.30 687.10	60.00 79.90 57.00 69.60 30.00 10.00 6.40 153.00 55.70 687.00	60.00 79.90 57.50 69.70 30.50 10.10 6.50 154.10 56.00 693.30	0.00 (0.10) (0.90) 0.80 1.10 0.10 (3.70) (2.90) 0.00	LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000) LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL LOTUS HYDRO MACKWOODS ENERGY MAHAWELI COCONUT MAHAWELI REACH MARAWILA RESORTS MASKELIYA MILLENNIUM HOUSE NUWARA ELIYA	45,589 2,672 2,231 1,002 9,553 1,000 8,902 41,855 6,701 251	4.30 3.30 27.80 6.70 1.50 23.70 13.00 1.50 12.40 5.90 919.80	3.20 27.90 6.50 1.60 23.20 13.40 1.50 12.20 5.70	4.30 3.30 29.20 6.60 1.70 24.00 13.40 1.60 12.60 5.90 945.10	3.20 27.60 6.50 1.50 23.20 13.40 1.50 12.10 5.60 930.10	3.30 27.70 6.60 1.60 24.00 13.40 1.60 12.30 5.90 939.70
LANKA HOSPITALS LANKA IOC LANKA REALTY LANKA TILES LANKA VENTURES LANKA WALLTILE LANKEM DEV. LAUGFS GAS LAUGFS GAS (LGL.X0000) LAXAPANA LB FINANCE	72,186 164,001 100 15,442 53 138,314 229,924 3,928 10,505 12,706 14,388	38.20 18.00 34.00 73.20 42.20 65.80 4.00 15.30 11.20 12.50 135.00	38.40 17.70 34.00 71.20 40.10 66.00 4.00 15.30 11.50 12.50 138.00	38.60 18.00 34.00 74.80 40.20 66.80 4.00 15.30 11.50 12.60 138.00	38.00 17.70 34.00 71.20 40.10 64.80 3.90 15.00 11.00 12.50 135.00	38.00 17.80 34.00 74.00 42.20 66.20 3.90 15.10 11.00 12.50 135.10	(0.20) (0.20) 0.00 0.80 0.00 (0.10) (0.20) (0.20) 0.00 0.10	ON'ALLY ORIENT FINANCE PALM GARDEN HOTL PEGASUS HOTELS PEOPLE'S MERCH PRIME FINANCE RAIGAM SALTERNS RAMBODA FALLS RENUKA HOTELS RICH PIERIS EXP	9 1,683 679 2,542 1,100 3,810 27,817 1 179,232 13 8,408	25.00 9.20 18.50 25.00 7.80 10.50 3.00 15.70 3.50 40.00 245.40	24.50 9.10 18.00 23.60 7.80 10.50 3.00 16.40 3.50 39.00 245.00	24.50 9.50 18.50 26.60 7.80 10.90 3.00 16.40 3.50 39.00 247.90	24.50 9.00 18.00 23.00 7.80 10.50 2.90 16.40 3.40 39.00 243.00	25.00 9.10 18.50 23.70 7.80 10.90 2.90 15.70 3.50 40.00 244.30
LEE HEDGES LION BREWERY LMF LVL ENERGY MALWATTE MALWATTE (MAL.X0000) MELSTACORP MERC. SHIPPING MERCHANT BANK MULLERS	11 47 230,756 89,869 103,481 82,621 11,934,830 200 11,002 15,193	79.90 572.90 85.30 7.80 9.20 6.50 27.90 47.30 7.40 0.90	73.10 580.00 87.00 7.80 9.30 6.50 28.10 48.10 7.40 0.80	79.90 580.00 90.00 8.00 9.30 6.60 29.00 48.10 7.40 0.90	73.10 576.00 86.10 7.80 8.80 6.20 27.90 48.10 7.30 0.80	79.90 572.90 89.80 8.00 8.90 6.50 28.70 48.10 7.40	0.00 0.00 4.50 0.20 (0.30) 0.00 0.80 0.80 0.00	RICH FIERIS EXP ROYAL PALMS SERENDIB ENG.GRP SERENDIB HOTELS (SHOT.X000 SINGHE HOSPITALS SINHAPUTHRA FIN SOFTLOGIC CAP SOFTLOGIC FIN Softlogic Life TAL LANKA TESS AGRO	5,782 2,002	243.40 13.20 5.50 10.30 1.60 6.10 3.90 11.80 29.90 10.80 0.50	243.00 13.60 5.30 10.20 1.60 6.10 3.90 11.90 29.90 11.00 0.50	247.90 14.30 5.40 10.20 1.60 6.20 3.90 11.90 29.90 11.10 0.50	13.60 5.20 10.20 1.60 6.10 3.90 11.70 29.50 10.70 0.40	13.90 5.30 10.20 1.60 6.10 3.90 11.70 29.50 11.10 0.50
NAMUNUKULA NAT. DEV. BANK NATION LANKA NATIONS TRUST NAWALOKA NESTLE OVERSEAS REALTY PAN ASIA PANASIAN POWER PEOPLE'S INS PEOPLES LEASING	2,608 81,115 15,191 26,391 30,511 402 60,096 881,742 138,038 198,350 2,093,105	100.00 89.10 0.80 63.00 3.20 1,070.20 13.10 13.50 3.70 23.20 12.30	101.00 89.10 0.70 63.30 3.20 1,070.00 13.60 3.70 23.20 12.40	101.00 89.20 0.80 63.30 3.30 1,089.90 13.10 13.60 3.70 23.40 12.50	96.50 86.50 0.70 62.70 3.20 1,065.00 12.90 3.60 22.90 12.00	96.50 88.50 0.80 62.90 3.30 1,067.40 13.00 3.70 23.00 12.10	(3.50) (0.60) 0.00 (0.10) 0.10 (2.80) (0.10) (0.50) 0.00 (0.20) (0.20)	TESS AGRO (TESS.X0000) UDAPUSSELLAWA UNION ASSURANCE VALLIBEL ONE  WATCH LIST  BLUE DIAMONDS BLUE DIAMONDS (BLUE.X0000) MULTI FINANCE	22,700 407 1 7,443 13,102 431 7,524	0.40 26.90 303.50 16.10 0.50 0.20 9.10	0.40 26.10 308.00 16.30 0.60 0.30 9.50	0.40 26.90 308.00 16.30 0.60 0.30 9.80	0.40 26.10 308.00 15.60 0.40 0.30 9.20	0.40 26.10 303.50 15.80 0.50 0.30 9.50
PEOPLES LEASING PIRAMAL GLASS R I L PROPERTY RADIANT GEMS REGNIS RENUKA AGRI RENUKA CITY HOT. RENUKA FOODS RENUKA FOODS (COCO.X RENUKA HOLDINGS (RHL.	4,728,132 16,502 2 105 104,686 50 84,866 0000) 5,285	12.30 3.60 4.40 20.30 67.70 2.90 200.00 15.80 11.10 15.90 10.00	12.40 3.60 4.40 21.10 68.80 2.90 197.00 16.00 11.10 15.50 10.00	12.50 3.60 4.50 21.10 68.80 3.00 197.00 16.20 11.20 15.50	3.50 4.40 20.30 68.00 2.80 197.00 15.70 11.00 15.50 9.80	12.10 3.60 4.50 20.30 68.00 2.90 200.00 15.90 11.10 15.90 9.90	(0.20) 0.00 0.10 0.00 0.30 0.00 0.10 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	MARKET STATISTICS  EQUITY DETAILS  VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)  VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)  TRADES(NO.)  MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)	2, 63 12	DDAY 016,998,174.80 8,884,709 2,464 330,914,902,20		1,566 63,26 14,6	<b>V.DAY</b> 8,851,776.70 81,974 14 4,748,201,86	
RICHARD PIERIS ROYAL CERAMIC S M B LEASING S M B LEASING (SEMB.XO) SAMPATH SAMSON INTERNAT. SANASA DEV. BANK SEYLAN BANK SEYLAN BANK SEYLAN BEVTS SIERRA CABL SIGIRIYA VILLAGE	180,390 59,845 1,485,441 000) 105,925 356,233 760 42,300 68,311	11.50 78.90 0.40 0.20 126.60 76.90 52.20 46.90 32.00 11.20 3.50 29.00	11.60 78.60 0.40 0.20 127.00 79.60 52.00 47.20 32.10 11.10 3.40 29.00	11.60 78.60 0.50 0.30 127.00 79.90 52.20 47.20 32.10 11.30 3.50 31.00	11.40 77.00 0.40 0.20 125.90 79.60 50.70 45.90 31.50 11.10 3.40 28.60	11.50 77.30 0.40 0.20 126.00 79.80 51.80 46.70 31.70 11.30 3.50 29.00	(0.10) 0.00 (1.60) 0.00 0.00 (0.60) 2.90 (0.40) (0.20) (0.30) 0.10 0.00 0.00	GOVT. SECURITIES  VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)  VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)  TRADES(NO.)  MARKET CAPITALIZATION(RS.)  CORPORATE DEBT  VALUE OF TURNOVER(RS.)  VOLUME OF TURNOVER(NO.)  TRADES(NO.)		TODAY		- - - PRV 21- <i>i</i>	/.DAY /.DAY Aug-20 10,000.00	

122,515

79,940

39,893

18,928

3,546

6,259

201

3,193

SINGER FINANCE

SUNSHINE HOLDING

TALAWAKELLE XD

TEA SMALLHOLDER

SOFTLOGIC

SWISSTEK

TANGERINE

12.30

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**EQUITY INDICES** 

S&P SL 20 INDEX

CSE ALL SHARE INDEX

TOTAL RETURN INDICES

TRI ON ALL SHARES (ASTRI)

TRI ON S&P SL 20 INDEX (S&P SL20 (TR))

PRICE INDICES

TODAY

5,363.21

2,379.67

7,184.08

3,884.10

PRV.DAY

5,385.79

2,398.98

7,214.32

3,913.06

ODEL PLC PDL	2,461 500	19.70 135.00	19.70 140.00	19.90 140.00	19.50 140.00	19.80 140.00	0.10 5.00	M.S. No.2 Copra MO – (Milling Ordinary) Copra
SHALIMAR SINGER SRI LANKA	19 15,585	1,158.30 33.30	1,050.00 33.30	1,050.00 33.30	1,050.00 32.80	1,158.30 33.10	0.00 (0.20)	COPRA - (At Colombo Auction)
TRADE FINANCE	490	40.00	41.00	46.90	41.00	46.90	6.90	Quantity of Copra Offered Quantity of Copra Sold
DIRI SAVI BOARD								M.S. No.1 Copra (Top Price) M.S. No.1 Copra
AGSTAR PLC	52	5.00	5.10	5.10	4.90	5.00	0.00	Simple average price M.S. No.1 Copra
ALUMEX PLC AMANA TAKAFUL	101,158 25,289	12.20 6.00	12.20 6.00	12.30 6.50	11.90 6.00	12.00 6.40	(0.20)	Market price
AMBEON HOLDINGS ANILANA HOTELS	2,020	13.00 1.10	13.00 1.10	13.00 1.10	12.90 1.00	13.00 1.00	0.00 (0.10)	M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra Simple avera M.S. No. 2 & 3 Copra Market price
ARPICO INSURANCE	837,942 101	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	0.00	Next Auction on -
ASIA SIYAKA XD BANSEI RESORTS	44,402 545	2.70 8.00	2.80 7.80	2.80 7.80	2.70 7.80	2.70 7.80	0.00	3. DESICCATED COCONUT
BERUWALA RESORTS	184,362 9	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.00	Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic) Medium
BIMPUTH FINANCE BOGALA GRAPHITE	16,762	11.90 14.80	11.90 14.80	11.90 14.80	11.90 14.80	11.90 14.80	0.00 0.00	Sri Lanka FOB (Fine medium,Chips 10-16/8/202)
BOGAWANTALAWA BPPL HOLDINGS	13,580 44,750	13.00 10.20	12.80 10.10	13.30 10.60	12.60 10.10	12.70 10.30	(0.30) 0.10	4. COCONUT OIL
BROWNS	830	67.00	66.90	66.90	66.90	66.90	(0.10)	Local Wholesale Price
BROWNS INVSTMNTS 1 CT LAND	2,484,912 8,575	2.50 27.10	2.50 27.00	2.50 28.00	2.30 26.90	2.40 26.90	(0.10) (0.20)	Philippines (CIF-Rott) (Oil World) (20/08/2019)
CEYLON BEVERAGE CEYLON TEA BRKRS	19 32,819	750.00 3.30	753.00 3.30	753.00 3.30	750.50 3.20	750.00 3.20	0.00	
CFI	2,933	59.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	1.00	5. POONAC (Rs/Mt)
CIT CITRUS HIKKADUWA	950 46,685	62.20 5.60	68.60 5.70	68.60 5.90	68.00 5.50	68.00 5.80	5.80 0.20	6. MATTRESS FIBRE
CITRUS WASKADUWA COM.CREDIT	139,087 51,027	4.20 22.40	4.10 22.40	4.20 22.40	4.10 21.10	4.10 21.30	(0.10)	7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ)
DILMAH CEYLON	222	626.00	631.00	631.00	631.00	631.00	(1.10) 5.00	8. MIX FIBRE
E - CHANNELLING ELPITIYA	3,000 5,935	5.10 23.70	5.10 23.70	5.10 24.30	5.00 23.50	5.00 23.70	(0.10) 0.00	9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE
EQUITY TWO PLC	9	48.70	48.60	48.60	48.60	48.70	0.00	10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE
FORTRESS RESORTS GALADARI	5,000 5,389	10.10 7.60	10.00 7.50	10.00 7.70	10.00 7.50	10.00 7.50	(0.10) (0.10)	11. COCONUT HUSKS
GUARDIAN CAPITAL HAPUGASTENNE	1,094 59	25.70 16.90	25.00 16.00	25.70 16.10	24.80 16.00	25.50 16.90	(0.20)	District Rs
HATTON	6,900	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	0.00	Puttalam Gampaha
HNB FINANCE HVA FOODS	8,000 24,060	5.10 3.90	5.00 3.90	5.20 4.00	5.00 3.80	5.10 3.90	0.00	Matara Kurunegala
JETWING SYMPHONY	9,575	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90	8.90	(0.10)	
JOHN KEELLS KEELLS FOOD	23 3,418	45.00 99.90	44.00 99.30	45.00 100.00	44.00 98.90	45.00 99.00	0.00	Coconut Husks (Moisture is more Coconut Husks (Moisture is 40%-
KEELLS HOTELS	59,504	8.00	7.90	8.00	7.80	8.00	0.00	Coconut Husks (Moisture is 30%- Coconut Husks (Moisture is 20%-
LANKA CERAMIC LANKEM CEYLON	23 200	89.50 24.60	85.10 24.50	85.10 24.50	85.10 24.50	89.50 24.50	0.00	Coconut Husks (Moisture is 10%- Coconut Husks (Moisture is less t
LAUGFS POWER LAUGFS POWER (LPL-X-0000)	76,652 45,589	4.30 3.30	4.20 3.20	4.30 3.30	4.10 3.20	4.10 3.30	(0.20) 0.00	12. COCONUT SHELL
LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL	2,672	27.80	27.90	29.20	27.60	27.70	(0.10)	(Rs./MT)
LOTUS HYDRO MACKWOODS ENERGY	2,231 1,002	6.70 1.50	6.50 1.60	6.60 1.70	6.50 1.50	6.60 1.60	(0.10) 0.10	<ol> <li>COCONUT SHELL CHARCO. (Rs./MT)</li> </ol>
MAHAWELI COCONUT	9,553	23.70	23.20	24.00	23.20	24.00	0.30	Moisture 12% Dust 3% 14. COCONUT EKELS
MAHAWELI REACH MARAWILA RESORTS	1,000 8,902	13.00	13.40 1.50	13.40 1.60	13.40 1.50	13.40 1.60	0.40	(Rs/MT)
MASKELIYA	41,855	12.40	12.20	12.60	12.10	12.30	(0.10)	T – Traded N - Nominal
MILLENNIUM HOUSE NUWARA ELIYA	6,701 251	5.90 919.80	5.70 945.10	5.90 945.10	5.60 930.10	5.90 939.70	0.00 19.90	For Director/Marketing Developme
ON'ALLY ORIENT FINANCE	9 1,683	25.00 9.20	24.50 9.10	24.50 9.50	24.50 9.00	25.00 9.10	0.00 (0.10)	ment Authority
PALM GARDEN HOTL	679	18.50	18.00	18.50	18.00	18.50	0.00	- 1
PEGASUS HOTELS PEOPLE'S MERCH	2,542 1,100	25.00 7.80	23.60 7.80	26.60 7.80	23.00 7.80	23.70 7.80	(1.30) 0.00	Exchange
PRIME FINANCE	3,810	10.50	10.50	10.90	10.50	10.90	0.40	<b>-</b>
RAIGAM SALTERNS RAMBODA FALLS	27,817 1	3.00 15.70	3.00 16.40	3.00 16.40	2.90 16.40	2.90 15.70	(0.10)	International Op 25.
RENUKA CAPITAL	179,232	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.40	3.50	0.00	(1)The average rates of the follow
RENUKA HOTELS RICH PIERIS EXP	13 8,408	40.00 245.40	39.00 245.00	39.00 247.90	39.00 243.00	40.00 244.30	0.00	banks in Colombo for Telegraphic
ROYAL PALMS SERENDIB ENG.GRP	5,782 2,002	13.20	13.60	14.30	13.60	13.90	0.70	lows;
SERENDIB HOTELS (SHOT.X00		5.50 10.30	5.30 10.20	5.40 10.20	5.20 10.20	5.30 10.20	(0.20) (0.10)	Currency
SINGHE HOSPITALS SINHAPUTHRA FIN	90 1,100	1.60 6.10	1.60 6.10	1.60 6.20	1.60 6.10	1.60 6.10	0.00	Australian Dollar Canadian Dollar
SOFTLOGIC CAP	23,551	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.90	0.00	Euro
SOFTLOGIC FIN Softlogic Life	51,717 8,659	11.80 29.90	11.90 29.90	11.90 29.90	11.70 29.50	11.70 29.50	(0.10) (0.40)	Japanese Yen Sterling Pound
TAL LÄNKA	3,665	10.80	11.00	11.10	10.70	11.10	0.30	US Dollar
TESS AGRO (TESS.X0000)	101,190 22,700	0.50 0.40	0.50 0.40	0.50 0.40	0.40 0.40	0.50 0.40	0.00	(2) The approximate exchange ra previous day's market weighted a
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UNION ASSURANCE VALLIBEL ONE	7,443	303.50 16.10	308.00 16.30	308.00 16.30	308.00 15.60	303.50 15.80	0.00	Country Currency Indicative Ra
WATCH LIST								Bahrain
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BLUE DIAMONDS BLUE DIAMONDS (BLUE.X0000)	13,102 )) 431	0.50 0.20	0.60 0.30	0.60 0.30	0.40 0.30	0.50 0.30	0.00	Qatar Saudi Arabia Sau
MULTI FINANCE	7,524	9.10	9.50	9.80	9.20	9.50	0.40	UAE
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MARKET STATISTICS							*****	est Prime Rate (LPR) during the week ended 21-
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Coconut Products – Prices on 25.08.2020						
1. FRESH COCONUT (a) Market Price: 07th -13th/08/201 Retail	9 (Source – HARTI)	Wholesale				
Large Size Rs/Nut Small Size Rs/But	62.00-65.00 58.00-60.00	70.00-80.00 60.00-65.00				
(b)Coconut Development Authority industry use	- Colombo Auction 20	0.08.2020 For				
Auction Price Nuts Offered Nuts Traded	66,885.71 T 854,075 693,483					
Next Auction on 27.08.2020 - 10.00 Authority (3rd Floor), No. 11 Duke		lopment				
(c) Coconut Development Authority	– Kuliyapitiya Auction	ı — 11/08/2020				
Average Price Nuts Offered	90.00 T 105,500					

Next Auction on 08.08.2020 10.00 am at Sanasa building (03rd floor),

(d) Locally Traded (Farm-gate price)

Rs. 1000 Nuts	Rs.MT (Husked Ex-Mill)	
Kurunegala Dist Puttalam Dist Gampaha Dist Hambantota Dist	52,000-67,000 52,000-60,000 52,000-60,000 55,000-60,000	92,000-98,000 94,000-97,000 92,000-96,000 90,000-92,000
2. COPRA - (Locally Trade	ed) (25.08.2020)	
Copra Edible M.S. No.1 Copra M.S. No.2 Copra MO – (Milling Ordinary) Co	(Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) (Rs. /250 Kg) opra (Rs. /250 Kg)	67,250 57,500

(Kgs) (Rs./250Kg)

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M.S. No.2 & 3 Copra Simple average price (Rs./250Kg)
M.S. No. 2 & 3 Copra Market price (Rs./250Kg)
Next Auction on -

3. DESICCATED COCONUT		
Fine Sri Lanka (Domestic) Medium Sri Lanka FOB	(Rs/Kg) (Rs/Kg)	440-465 T 450-460 T
(Fine medium, Chips 10-16/8/202)	(Rs.Kg)	461.76
4. COCONUT OIL Local Wholesale Price		

(Rs/Mt) 420,000-455,000 N Philippines (CIF-Rott) (Oil World) (20/08/2019) 190,831 (Rs/Mt) 5. POONAC (Rs/Mt) 40,000 - 50,000 T 6. MATTRESS FIBRE 900-1,150 T 7. OMAT FIBRE (FAQ) (Rs. /50 Kg) 3.500-4.500 T 8. MIX FIBRE (Rs. /50 Kg) 1,100-1,250 T 9. BRISTLE FIBRE 1 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg) 5,000-6,000 T 6,500-8,000 T 10. BRISTLE FIBRE 2 TIE (Rs. /50 Kg) 11. COCONUT HUSKS (11.08.2020) Rs/per 1,000 husks District 3,000-4,000

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13. COCONUT SHELL CHARCOAL (14/08/-20/08/2020) (Rs./MT) 77,500.00 T Moisture 12% Dust 3%

14. COCONUT EKELS (Rs/MT) 42,000-43,000 T

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(1)The average rates of the following currencies quoted by commercial banks in Colombo for Telegraphic Transfers (TT) at 9.30 a.m. are as fol-

Currency	<b>Buying Rate</b>	Selling Rate
Australian Dollar	129.6287	135.7477
Canadian Dollar	136.7449	142.6427
Euro	214.6493	222.1823
Japanese Yen	1.7076	1.7852
Sterling Pound	238.5502	246.3916
US Dollar	182.6500	187.2500

(2) The approximate exchange rates of GULF Currencies based on previous day's market weighted average rate for the US\$ are as fol-

#### **Country Currency Indicative Rate**

Bahrain	Bahrain Dinar	490.0041
Kuwait	Kuwait Dinar	604.1675
Oman	Oman Rial	479.7907
Qatar	Qatar Riyal	50.7240
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Riyal	49.2518
UAE	UAE Dirham	50.2904

(3) The Average Weighted Prime Lending Rate (AWPR) and the Lowest Prime Rate

(LPR) during the week ended 21-Aug-2020, by all commercial banks was 6.98 percent and 4.94 percent respectively.

(4) The Average Weighted Deposit Rate (AWDR) of commercial banks for the month of July, 2020 was 7.16 percent.



25.08.2020

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GBP/USD USD/CHF USD/HKD EUR/USD	1.3104 0.9116 7.7502 1.1806	1.3114 0.9126 7.7512 1.1816	USD/JPY USD/SGD AUD/USD	105.96 1.3694 0.7172	106.06 1.3704 0.7182	
INTEREST RATES						

	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	6 MONTH	12 MONT
JS DOLLARS STERLING	0.17513 0.051	0.25 0.06975	0.31438 0.11538	1.441 0.25675
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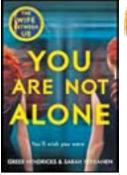
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# URBAN PHILOSOPHER: WOODY ALLEN

#### **MADAPATHA CHINTAKA**

here's really nothing in A Rainy Day in New York (2019) that its director, Woody Allen, hasn't said before. That's another way of saying Allen has said everything he's been wanting to say for over half a century now. Some filmmakers are like that: they keep on returning to the same stories, the same themes, the same characters, or variations thereof, and expect us to read between the lines and notice them. It's exciting at one level to trace them and discern just how selfconscious an artist can get, and how much of himself or herself he or she can project into a work of art. Allen's movies in that sense have always made us do that; they are, when you think about it, about himself. Even in his best work, where he sidelines himself and forces his character to the background, he retains himself in other characters. The result, as Sumitra Peries observed in a conversation, is that he becomes "deliberately repetitive." You've seen him somewhere, you've seen him everywhere.

Strictly speaking, Allen doesn't fit the mould of what you would call a minority artist. He doesn't make films for minority audiences, though none of his movies has fared well at the box-office either. His own persona is so firmly grafted on his works that to see them is to see him (and to relish him). People like coming to a Woody Allen movie not because they expect something new, but because they get more of the same. They get more of HIM. Now this is a hallmark of a minority director who makes films for a discerning, discriminating few, and few would deny that you have to exercise your intellect when sitting through them. And yet that discerning, discriminating few have grown with him, and a kind of cultish modishness has come to pervade his work. It's the sort of cultish modishness filmmakers who almost got classed as minority artists early on realised they could make use of in order to expand their base. An Allen film, in other words, isn't minoritarian; it tries to reach a wide audience while piquing the audience with its director's worldview. It celebrates his philosophy: a mishmash of pessimism and optimism that's turned him into a cult figure.

#### **Cynical characters**

Urban filmmakers aren't rare; in fact they've become the norm. Urban philosophers aren't rare either; they've become the norm too. Woody is the closest to an urban filmmakercum-philosopher that the Western cinema has, at least today. Since cities and suburbs are usually infested with cynical characters saying and doing cynical things, his films, like his philosophy, are cynical. But it's not the cynicism of a Greek philosopher; it's the cynicism of a comedian. At his best, Woody interweaves comedy and pathos, often with murder: from *Crimes and Misdemeanours* to *Match Point* to Blue Jasmine, we see how manipulative his characters can be, and how manipulated they can get, to the point of homicide. They try to retain their humanity, even in the act of committing a crime, but their conscience, or their lack of one, eventually lets them off the hook.





**Woody Allen** 

So it is with Judah, the successful ophthalmologist in Crimes and Misdemeanours who gets his brother to do a hit job on his other woman - she threatens him with exposure - and tries to confess to the murder over the pangs of a guilty conscience. Yet at the end, his conscience, as he once underscored to that woman when she accused him of deception, "is clear." He's all smiles. That's how rotten New Yorkers can get. And that's how rotten Woody makes them out to be.

Moviemakers, unlike stars, prefer privacy outside their public lives. When a moviemaker becomes a star – most of them are more likely to be minority directors, like Jean-Luc Godard or, from today, Mike Flanagan, Jordon Peele, and Ari Aster, rather than a Steven Spielberg or a Michael Bay – he sheds off any distinction between his private and public persona. The curious thing about Woody is that while he's turned into a moviemaker-star, and while he has the trappings of a minority director which qualifies him as a celebrity-artist, he has stuck by that distinction. Those who've engaged with Woody tell us how humourless and deadly serious he can get, a world away from the laconically comedic, neurotic man he is onscreen. The few times his private life has intruded on his public have been disastrous; one scandal in particular, from the 1990s, continues to haunt him and his work.

Woody always cut himself out for the comedian's part. And he was always a Jewish boy from Brooklyn and Manhattan. Born Allan Stewart Konisberg in 1935 to a bookkeeper and a waiter, he was a second generation American: his grandparents had migrated from Austria and married here. He didn't have a happy childhood: in Midwood, where they lived in an apartment, there were always "too many people in too few rooms." His father "moseyed" from job to job, always hurtling his family into a lifestyle that simply could not be sustained by his meagre income: "He changed his clothes three or more times each day, he idled away afternoons... whenever he got the chance, frequented his favourite pool halls, or slipped into a haberdashery to order a new suit." The result was quarrels at home, to which Woody became a witness "as soon as I could understand anything.'

#### **Insecure expression**

The sense of insecurity this compelled in him continued well into puberty. At 10, "short and underdeveloped", Allen felt "insecure about his looks" and "wore a sad-sack expression." Like his mother, he would often give into fits of temper. Surprisingly for someone who built up a reputation as a filmmaking-philosophiser, he disliked books, and found reading to be a chore; comic books, yes, but none "spent loafing in class, playing truant, and sneaking off to movies." He could, however, write, and more to the point funnily. He also developed an interest in jazz, a pursuit he would follow up on even in his movies. Later when he and his friends began switching from box-office flicks to more serious films, from Hollywood to Ingmar Bergman, music, cinema, and literature all cohered; it heralded a new beginning for Woody.

of the serious stuff. This meant a childhood

Academically he never amounted to much. When he graduated from Midwood High School in 1953, he legally changed his name to Heywood Allen. By then he was mailing jokes and gangs to newspaper columnists, and moreover was making decent money for someone his age engaged in such an endeavour; at one point he was earning more than what his parents were combined. After high school, having shifted his focus to movies, he went on to study the cinema at New York University before dropping out a year later, in 1954, to study it at City College of New York. There too he never finished his course; as he has put it many times since, he came to the industry later on largely self-taught.

Before entering the industry, however, he had to make it through as a comedy writer. At 19 he joined a Writer's Development Program at NBC, and later found some full-time money writing for comedy skits and shows, earning as much as \$ 1,500 a week. Then from 1960 he found a new avatar as a stand-up comedian, one of the earliest to emerge from that decade along with contemporaries like Bill Cosby. His short stature and insecure looks paid off handsomely in an era where people loved to laugh at guys playing themselves off as losers. This was followed by a short interregnum as a playwright: Don't Drink the Water (1966) and Play It Again, Sam (1969), both subsequently filmed, were hits at Broadway. By now he had changed his name again, to Woody Allen.

In the year of his Broadway debut he made his directorial debut as well: What's Up, Tiger Lily?, based on a Japanese spy comedy. Much more successful at the box-office was 1969's Take the Money and Run, followed by a string of spoofs: Bananas (1971), Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex\* (\*But Were Afraid to Ask) (1972), Sleeper (1973),

The 1980s have been considered, justifiably, more heinous crime, gets off lightly). As the years pass by, we see him returning to

these themes again and again. Husbands and Wives is the last film of Middle Period Woody; a brilliant study of marriage and divorce, of separation and remarriage, he followed it up with films that pale in comparison to anything before them. Mighty Aphrodite (1995) won for Mira Sorvino Best Supporting Actress at the Oscars, but not until Match Point (2004) did he recapture some of his old magic; his muse, in the latter, was a young Scarlett Johansson. Since then Woody's had his hits and misses, and while Rainy Day attracted a flurry of lukewarm, tepid reviews, it stands up among his middle level work: not his best, but certainly not his worst.



**Husbands and Wives** 

A Rainy Day in New York and Love and Death (1975). In hindsight, none of these seems as funny as they once were, with the possible exception of *Sleeper*. Early Woody, in that sense, hasn't aged well, though the American Film Institute in its list of the funniest American films ever made

seems to prefer these to his later, more subtle

Subtle as they are, those later comedies have stood up to the test of time much better than his early work. Annie Hall (1977), the first of these, won Best Picture and Best Director at the Academy Awards; his co-star Diane Keaton won Best Actress. For an award ceremony preoccupied with highbrow material over lowbrow comedy, this was a first. It also won for Best Screenplay, a category in which he would score at the Oscars with every subsequent movie of his, even those not nominated in any of the top categories. Interiors (1978), Manhattan (1979), Broadway Danny Rose (1984), The Purple Rose of Cairo (1985), Hannah and Her Sisters (1986), Radio Days (1987), Crimes and Misdemeanours (1989), Alice (1990), and Husbands and Wives (1992), today reckoned as his most highly regarded works, were all nominated for their screenplays; he won for the second time with 2011's Midnight in Paris. Surprisingly for someone who started out in stand-up comedy, though, he never won for his acting; only once was he nominated, and that was in *Annie Hall*.

#### Thematic preoccupations

as his best period; like Beethoven in his middle phase, Woody's thematic preoccupations all come together, unobtrusively, at this juncture. He is highly satirical in his depictions of suburban ennui, particularly among New Yorkers; he interweaves jazz and romance, murder and mystery, comedy and pathos, quite well. He is, to be sure, merciless when he tears down the hypocrisies and fallacies that make up most of his characters – even the well-intentioned ones, like the burly professor who lives with one of the siblings in Hannah and Her Sisters - but he retains some form of empathy for them. He stops short of condemning how they live, and seems to be saying they are condemned to live the way they are. Sometimes he ends the stories well, keeping us and their characters happy (as with Hannah), but often he doesn't (as with Crimes, where Woody's character, a little unfairly I should think, is doomed to suffer for the misdemeanour of loving another girl, while Judah, who's committed a

# TOWN & COUNTRY

# No tears to shed

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

plaques

Of promises

Stagnate and hide

Among overgrown grass While Ants making

Ant-hills

**Shrouding** 

The plaques!

Two blossoms

The white one

Being aware of Samsara

Clothed in serene white

One white

Stood still

While the red

Being unaware

With much pride

One red

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



Indra Goonawaradane



Seated on my green carpeted lawn, With Ginger, my puppy seated on my lap In a pensive mood I was looking around When suddenly some grey clouds covered

"It's going to rain. Let's go inside," I told my pet, getting up from my seat. But alas! What a mishap! On to the road, Ginger darted down. With no backward glance, it ran along As if someone was chasing him behind. Droplets of silvery water beads Started pouring down from the sky On trees, on rooftops and on me they fell As well as on my doggy Running down the road. It wasn't an easy task at all To grab my pet and hold him firm As torrents of rain splashed on my body Making me shiver with the wind and the cold.

"You fool," I shouted as I held it fast Whimpering and trembling Ginger too

Lalitha Somathilaka



# A painting on canvas

Naleen de Alwis

It's like a colourful painting on a Painted at different times in different

At the beginning, for some, in blue or pink

But for many others in grey or brown As time goes on it may be painted In lovely colours like a rainbow May be by a few, but not by all

Many forced to paint in dull colours As for them, too expensive is radiation The paints are very often washed out By hot tears and salted perspiration They shed in their effort to survive Life goes on like a painting on a

Reflecting good and bad, joy and

Kumari Weerasooriya

# Dejected

With days of endless struggle, One tries to bear the pain silently, Carrying on with the grief, Lest others should not know. Some hide the sorrow with a forced

Whilst a few would flare with rage, and Behave very violently. With no kind words nor offer of help

Then there's a sad feeling of being dejected. Regretfully, some take the opportunity,

To create more mischief to those in Satisfying themselves at another's

Yasmin Jaldin

#### **MARMADUKE**

A Jayalath Basnagoda

Samsara

Day by day

She withered,

thrown away

Amid blessings

Faded away

While the white one

Isuru Lakpriya

in the end

let the bees come and kiss



"Out! I don't believe you were just getting the bed warm for us."



# **MUTT AND JEFF**



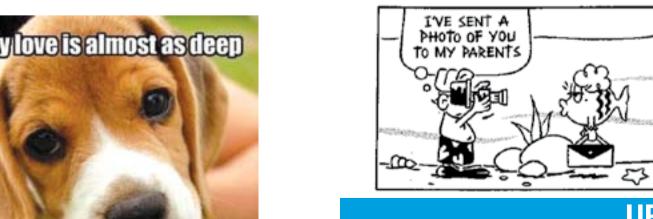
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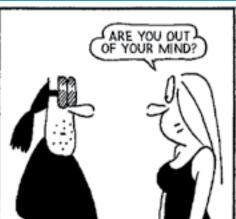




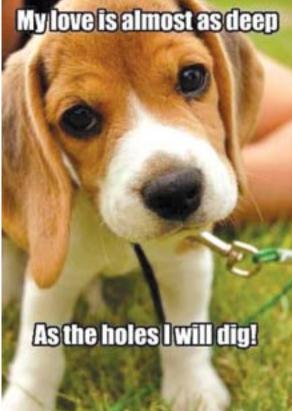


#### **UP & RUNNING**









# AESTHETIC ESSENCE IN ANCIENT SRI LANKAN SCULPTURES

#### DR SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

ance is deeply rooted in the aesthetic factor. The rhythmic expression of dance, its beauty and its vibrancy deeply impressed the others who belong to different fields and attracted and induced them to develop their imaginative creativity and skills in their outstanding productions. As a result, they brought out the rhythmic effect, beauty and vibrancy essence of dance in their artistic creations.

Applying numerous beautiful nuances of dance in their own creativity, the sculptors adopted numerous aesthetic nuances and beauty of dance in their creations. The sculptors aim to attract the maximum number of viewers to view their artefacts.

Dance research is an interdisciplinary study. The Indian sculptors considered the human body as a powerful instrument especially to express the inner feelings. The type of Indian dance sculptures could be divided into two main divisions. One set of sculptures focuses on the interpretation of dance images and the other set of sculptures identifies the dance movements.

#### **Visual art forms**

It should be noted that the movements of dance could be depicted only in a limited way in plastic art sculptures. The visual art forms such as sculptures and paintings are always influenced by the artist's taste, views, ideas, patronage, time and region.

Archaeological sites of Sri Lanka play an important role in society. The buildings were not built for general purposes. They were considered as community development centres.

They are in standing postures with a curved body and different foot positions. All these resemble the classical dance stand poses and postures. In technical terms, the stands of dance and body positions are often referred to as Mandala Isthana positions.

Earlier guard stones were installed at Buddhist temples, royal palaces, important royal courts, water reservoirs and cultural chambers. In Sri Lanka, a variety of guard stones is found at different archaeological sites. Sri Lankan ancient guard stones are unique. They are in standing postures with a curved body and different foot positions.

#### **Architectural patterns**

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**K S SIVAKUMARAN** 

Ceylon under the British colonial-

ism.) He is supposed to have been

chained under a Tamarind Tree in

Kottiaru in Thirukonamalai district

eaders might remem-

ber Robert Knox wrote

a book on 17th-century

Lifestyle in Lanka (then





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Ancient Indian rulers were deeply involved in culture and traditions. Different rulers built temples and cultural chambers throughout the Indian sub-continent. That also influenced the neighbouring Sri Lanka where temple architecture and sculptures constructed during various periods reveal different styles of social and cultural influ-

#### **Construction patterns**

The construction of worshipping places has its own patterns and interior plans which resemble their own culture, customs, regional and religious influences of different periods. Besides, construction patterns of each worshipping place and region provide ample evidence of the ruler's taste. They built temples with their own involvement in art, culture, tradition and religion.

Most of the sculptures are divided into different catego-

Guard stones are unique in nature. Some Guard stones are deeply rooted in philosophical aspects.

Some Naga Raja guard stones are portrayed with five heads; others have seven or nine heads. Different scholars interpret different views about the heads of the Naga Raja guard stones. Some interpret that the five-headed Naga Raja guard stones symbolize the five different senses of the living beings such as sight, sound, smell, touch and

Meanwhile, some scholars believe that the five-headed Naga Raja was created just only for decorative purposcovered with multiheaded cobras. The guard stones are highly decorated with beautiful ornaments and layers of waist chains. The stone-carved costumes of the guard stones resemble the beautiful dance costumes.

Besides, beautiful ear and chest ornaments and highly crafted head crowns are worn by the sculptures. They show a close resemblance to some of the ancient Indian sculptures.

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them in that language that is spoken

only in Sri Lanka. But most of the people in this island speak only that

language, which they say developed

That is one reason and the other

written

and sounds.

pronunciation.

In Thamil, we don't have sounds

like Ba, Ga, Sa, Sha,

Ae are not in the

although we adopt

Sanskrit letters

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field as News Read-

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National Service of

then Radio Ceylon

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in the 4th century A D.

# ries. These sculptures are long-lasting. Ancient Sri Lankan Under the Tamarind Tree



surging in his mind.

Says he: having visited the island three time before, I felt as if whatever story was playing out in my mind was happening along the Sri Lankan coast"

I read this short fiction, but this type of story is not my fancy. It doesn't matter though. I know a lot of teenagers would like to read this type of stories as they do read Harry Potter or any other. This book was published by Vijitha Yapa publish-

The hat is the kernel of the story? "Set in Sri Lanka, it traces a gentle relationship between an elderly widower who had given up on life and a young girl, who had just lost her brother in a tragic accident. Both were trying to escape their respective grief and deal with the burden of guilt and sorrow when brought together by circumstance and fate"

Also adds: We agree that the story weaves the threads of love and loss er in a manner that walks the reader down a path where the concept of their culture.

# In the Shadow of the Camarind Cree



Matthew S Friedman

destiny, time and the affirming quality of life are called into question"

The writer is trying to bring in a splash of religious concepts woven into the fiction. In that sense, it is a welcome introduction to the western world some tannest of Buddhism.

The writer wants to highlight the 'reality that rebirth and sense of healing can follow even the most tragedy like the aftermath of the ending of the nearly 30 years of civil war all over the island.

Even if the book is targeted for a western readership, even Lankans of faith in the meaning of life togeth- could refresh folklore and strong cultural symbolism is inherent in

Sinhala as a Spoken Language I have a liking towards the Sihala language, although my mother tongue is Tamil, which is both ancient and modern. Through Sihala the attendant culture of the people and the speakers themselves. There are two reasons for that:

Basically, I live among them in the western province and therefore the will be a communal-free nation.

things from other cultures and vocabulary. English.

Sinhala became rich of its loan words from Prakrit, Pali, Sanskrit, Thamil, Portuguese, Dutch and of course English.

tion.

We all must be tri-lingual to wipe away the prejudices we have to make our nation as one Nation. It must start from the baby classes in schools so that future generations

# BEYOND MUNDANE RELIGIOUS BARRIERS

These norms are not mere matters of subjective judgement, personal and relative, but real and immutable laws written into the very fabric of being. This is sufficient food for thought on economic and social development. It goes beyond the narrow barriers of traditional disciplines such as economics, management, trade and development communication.

#### **PROFESSOR SUNANDA MAHENDRA**

hikkhu Bodhi, the scholarly monk, is respected by readers and researchers of Buddhist teachings for his translations of Pali Suttas into English and the analytical interpretations given on them. One good example is his translation of Brahmajala Sutta into English and the lengthy analysis on the same. On further scrutiny, I found that his mainstay of interest happens to be the subject that penetrates the social relevance of Buddhism.

From time to time, Bhikkhu Bodhi had been delivering lectures on the subject. I came across four such resourceful presentations. They are titled A Buddhist Social Ethic for the New Century, delivered in Colombo on January 8, 1998, A Buddhist Approach to Economic and Social Development, a Presentation for the International Buddhist Conference held in Colombo on November 10, 1998, The Changing Face of Buddhism, a paper published in the Millennium Supplement of The Island newspaper on January 1, 2000, and Sangha At the Crossroads, a paper published in the 1998 centenary issue of the annual The Buddhist, the journal of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo. On reading these as a collection in a booklet titled Facing the Future (A Wheel Publication 2000), I felt the truism of the concept of unity in diversity as related to the teachings of the Buddha down the ages.

#### **Clarified insights**

The scholar-monk takes a rational but spiritual view as regards the changes that occur in the social order. Changes occur due to many reasons, but it is necessary to take a clear standpoint as to how they happen,

and why they happen. As such, in the first presentation, the insight is clarified in the following Buddhist theme.

"In popular textbooks on world religions, Theravada Buddhism is generally depicted as a religion of individual salvation which holds up as its ideal a purely private enlightenment to be reached through renunciation and meditation. Though Theravada Buddhism does stress the inescapably personal nature of the ultimate goal, if we carefully examine the Suttas or discourses of the Buddha was keenly aware of the problems human beings face in the social dimensions in their lives and he formulated his teachings to address these problems just as much as to show the way to final liberation.'

From there onwards, the analysis is aimed to show the level and the gravity of the pains as suffered by the humans who clamour for salvation. As such, Bhikkhu Bodhi says that when we adopt a Buddhist perspective on the wounds that afflict our world today, we soon realise that these wounds are symptomatic; a warning signal that something is fundamentally awry with the way we lead our lives. Furthermore, we would see these enter wounds as outgrowths of a more



malignant wound hidden deep within, eating away at our vital strength and discharging its venom into our air, rivers and oceans, into our forests and farmlands into our family lives and homes, into our social relationships as well as our political agendas. As a reader, I felt how true, how penetrative and eye-opening this factor as related to contemporary world

Thus as Bhikkhu Bodhi points only from the Buddhist point of view, what we need is to heal our common wounds as against a radical surgery, a far-reaching change in our collective views, attitudes and the lifestyles. Out of the four documents, the second one is presented as an extension of the same view in a deeper sense of analysis taking into account the Buddhist approach.

#### **Clues and approaches**

The central theme is encircled in the approach to economic and social development. A reader may find a countless number of clues given as approaches as laid down by the Buddha from time to time. The presentation is aimed at an analytical not on the Buddhist Guide Posts Towards Development where the Eight Noble Paths matter.

In this, the attention is drawn on the mental and physical wellbeing of an individual in the social order. Then comes the factors such as cultural factors, educational factors and financial matters. Bhikkhu Bodhi states that the fundamental concept that must underlie any Buddhist approach to economic and social development is Dhamma. This is pinpointed as the natural self-subsistent law of righteousness and truth realised by the Buddha through his enlightenment and communicated by his teaching. Therein Dhamma may mean that all economic and social policies must be guided from start to finish by ethical norms.

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The third document titled The Changing Face of Buddhism seems a treatise on the need to interpret the orthodox teachings of the Buddha as applicable to the modern sensibility and conscience. Here in several insights are presented. They are logically followed with examples drawn from the Tripitaka texts. For a moment, I felt that this is a rediscovery of the teachings of the Buddha is a new form.

#### **Contemporary context**

From several points of view, the fourth document titled Sangha at the Crossroads may be taken not as an interpretation of the order of monks in the contemporary context of living. Quite a number of viewpoints on the changing aspects are presented. Bhikkhu Bodhi as an analyst of the condition does not take any side. Instead, he lays down the conditions that have gone into the situation.

Summing up the various conclusions drawn the learned monk Bhikkhu Bodhi says that today it is not only Buddhism in Sri Lanka that is at the crossroads, but the Sangha as well and the direction it takes will determine the future destiny of the sasana. He also concludes that challenges of our age are unique and unprecedented and they require intelligent responses governed by the wide, profound perspectives of the Dhamma.

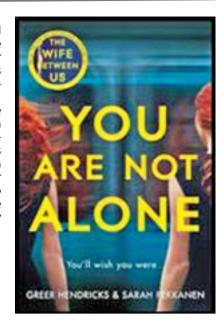
As such, mechanical repetitions of the formulas of the past simply won't mark. The four profound essays of Bhikkhu Bodhi are a gift to the contemporary world citizen and surpass the narrow barriers of religious **TITLE:** You Are Not Alone

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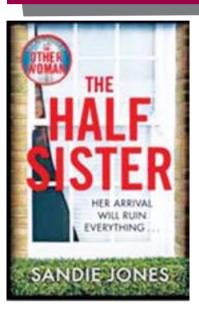
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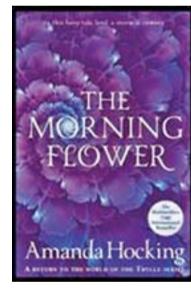
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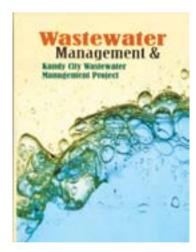
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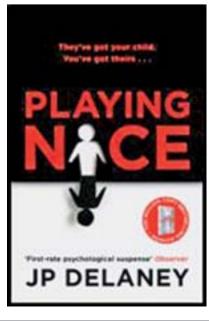
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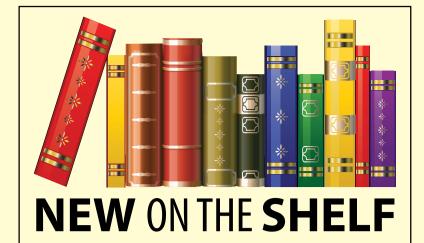
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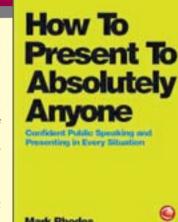




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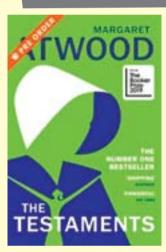
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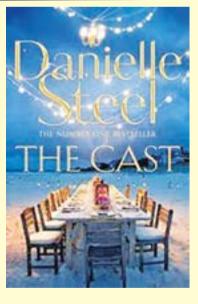
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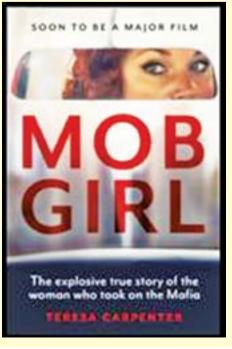
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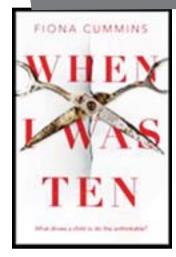
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One winter's afternoon on Hampstead Heath in 1980, Elise Morceau meets Constance Holden and quickly falls under her spell. Connie is bold and alluring, a successful writer whose novel is being turned into a major Hollywood film. Elise follows Connie to LA, a city of strange dreams and swimming pools and late-night gatherings of glamorous people. But whilst Connie thrives on the heat and electricity of this new world where everyone is reaching for the stars and no one is telling the truth, Elise finds herself flounder-





TITLE: When I Was Ten **AUTHOR:** Fiona Cummins



Everyone remembered Sara and Shannon Carter, the little blonde haired sisters. Their Dad was the local GP and they lived in the beautiful house on the hill. Their best friend, Brinley Booth, lived next door. They would do anything for each other but everything shifted on that fateful day when Dr Richard Carter and his wife Pamela were stabbed fourteen times with a pair of scissors in what has become the most talked about double murder of the modern age.

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This book brings together all of Sri Lanka's top wildlife stories, many of which have come to light only in the last few years. Further chapters detail wildlife watching opportunities for primates, birds, reptiles, turtles, butterflies



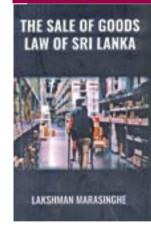
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and dragonflies, a description of the parks and reserves by habitat

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The law relating to sale of goods has a very long history where the earliest writing in the form of a text book was written by Sir MacKenize Chalmers in 1890, three years prior to the passing of the Sale of goods act of 1893 by the UK parliament. Charmers wrote his monograph based on the available common law. found in the decisions of the courts during the previous years.

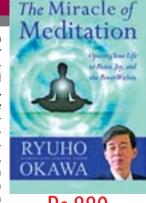
The 1893 UK act remained unaltered until 1979. The original 1893 UK act was

introduced by the colonial administration to most of Britain's colonies. As such, Ceylon at the time being governed as a crown colony under the Colebrooke-Cameron reforms, enacted the Sale of Goods act of the UK, of 1893 in 1896, and became the sales law of the newly acquired colony, on 1st of January 1897. It remains unchanged to this day, during the past 122 years.

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## **SRI LANKA NAVY**



## **PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

#### INVITATION OF BIDS FROM MANUFACTURERS/SUPPLIERS/IMPORTERS/CONTRACTORS FOR THE SUPPLY OF CLOTHING MATERIAL TO SRI LANKA NAVY

- 1 The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN), invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders to supply one or more clothing material/items which are indicated in Para 02 below.
  - a). Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
  - (b). A complete set of bidding document in English Language shall be purchased by the prospective interested bidders on submission of a written application to Director Naval Victualing & Clothing office at Naval Headquarters, Colombo 01 during working days between 10.00 a.m to 02.00 p.m from 01"September 2020 to 29th September 2020 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated in para 02 below in cash for each procurement file.
  - (c). The validity of the bids should be 150 days with effect from date of opening the tender.
  - (d). Selected suppliers should deliver all the clothing materials/items ordered by SL Navy to Transit Stores at SLNS "Mahasen", Welisara, Ragama.
- The details of the clothing materials/ items required for year 2020 as indicated below and required quantities of each item are indicated in the bidding document.

Procurement Identification No.	Type of material/item	Last date of issuing bidding document	Bid Closing Date & Time	Non-Refundable Tender deposit (Rs.)	
CB/A/29/2020 Material Cloth Light Blue		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 8,000.00	
CB/A/30/2020 Material Cloth Dark Blue		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 8,000.00	
CB/A/31/2020 Material Cloth White Synthetic		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 4,500.00	
CB/A/32/2020 Material Cloth Bed Sheet Light Blue		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 18,000.00	
CB/A/33/2020 Bath Towel White (SLN Printed)		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 4,500.00	
CB/A/34/2020 Material Cloth SKY Blue		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 1,500.00	
CB/A/35/2020	CB/A/35/2020 Material Cloth White Drill		30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 3,000.00	
CB/A/36/2020	CB/A/36/2020 Material Cloth Blue Drill		30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 13,000.00	
CB/A/37/2020	Material Cloth Digital Camouflage	29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 1,500.00	
CB/A/38/2020	Material Cloth Black Drill	29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 2,000.00	
CB/A/39/2020	Material Cloth Trouser Inner Pocket Bag (Poplin White)	29,09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 4,500.00	
CB/B/40/2020 Socks Black		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 4,000.00	
CB/B/41/2020 Socks White		29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 1,500.00	
CB/B/42/2020	Socks Blue Thick	29.09.2020	30.09.2020 10.00 a.m	Rs. 3,500.00	

- The bidders shall possess the following requirements to be eligible for submission bids and should be Sri Lankan business entities, manufacturers, firms, limited liability companies and other establishment with a local business registration at the date of publishing of bid notice.
  - Two years' experience in supplying of clothing material/ items to public/ private organizations in similar capacity with satisfactory performances.
  - Should be registered under the Government Public Contracts Act, No 03 of 1987 Which is applicable for every public contracts over five (05) million Rupees.
  - Sound financial capability.
  - Satisfactory Tax payment records.

- Adequate communication facilities. (Land/ mobile phone/s, Fax/es, E-mail)
- f. Adequate storage facilities (Warehouses)
- g. Adequate Staff, Personnel and Office facilities.
- h. Adequate transport facilities.
- Uninterrupted business operation during last three years.
- j. Facility/ capabilities to provide after sales service with qualified technical staff.
- k. Bidders shall not be blacklisted.
- 4. The bidders must be indicated VAT registration number in bidding documents and required to submit valid VAT clearance letter obtained from Department of Inland Revenue. Bidders who are exempted from VAT should produce a letter from the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue Department certifying that the company has been exempted for VAT. Any bid which does not fulfill above requirements shall be rejected.
- 5. The bids duly signed by the applicant should be submitted after placing the official rubber stamp there under as a compulsory requirement. The envelope containing the tender should be marked "BID FOR THE SUPPLY OF CLOTHING MATERIAL FOR YEAR 2020, Procurement Identification No and date/ time of opening of bids" on top left hand corner and should be posted to the following address under registered post or to be deposited in the tender box at Naval Headquarters before the closing date of each tender:-

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee,
Sri Lanka Navy,
Naval Headquarters, P.O. Box 593,
Colombo 01.

- 6. All bidders should submit a bid security along with the bid as mentioned in the tender document and to be addressed to Commander of the Navy. The bid security should be original (on the original letter head of the bank), un conditional on demand Bank Guarantee, issued by a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka approved by Central Bank of Sri Lanka. The amount of the bid security for a particular bid is specified in the bidding document which had set as prescribed in the Procurement Guideline 2006. The bid guarantee should be valid up to 180 days with effect from the date of opening tender.
- 7. All bidders are required to forward samples along with the bids and required to deposit testing charges as mentioned in the tender document. Testing charges to be deposited with Director Finance at Naval Head Quarters and original copy of the cash receipt issued by Director Finance should be sent with the offer (Cash or cheque not be accepted) Offers which do not accompany the original copy of the cash receipt issued by Director Finance will be rejected.
- The bids will be opened immediately after the closing time. Late bids will be rejected and retuned without opening. The bidders or their duly authorized representative could attend the bid opening meeting.
- The bidding documents which are incomplete and not accompanied with required documentary
  evidence shall be rejected. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to
  account or reject any bid.
- 10. Selected bidders will be notified by registered post for signing of agreement.
- 11. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Director Naval Victualing & Clothing at Naval Headquarters and may inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the office of the address given in para 13 below from 01<sup>st</sup> September 2020 to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 during 09.00a.m to 03.00 p.m on working days.
- A pre bid meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 10.00 a.m at the Admiral Somathilaka Dissanayaka Auditorium hall of the Sri Lanka Navy, Naval headquarters, P.O Box 593, Colombo 01.
- 13. The address referred to above is:

Attention : Director Naval Victualling and Clothing
Address : The Commander of the Navy

Naval Headquarters P.O. Box 593 Colombo 01.

Telephone : Director Naval Victualling & Clothing – 011-7192351

General - 0117190000, Extension - 12351

Fax : Senior Staff Officer (Clothing) - 0117192356

Fax : 011 2424577

E-mail : nhqssoclothing@navy.lk, nhqssoclothing@gmail.com

14. This paper advertisement is available in Sri Lanka Navy website www.navy.lk.

Parent

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Navy,

Colombo 01.



#### GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS



## INVITATION FOR BIDS

ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, on behalf of the RDA invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the project

Item No	Contract No.	Name of the projects	Engineer's Estimate Rs.mn (With contingences & Without Vat)	Eligibility (CIDA GRADE)	Bid Security Rs.	Contract Period	Non- refundable Tender Fee without VAT (Rs.)
01.	RDA/RBCD/WP/ GOSL/2020/007	Construction of bridge across Wawullena Ela on Pragathipura Negenahirakanda road at Eswatta, Puwakpitiya,Avissawella. (Avissawella Ds area)	14.88	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	148,800.00	270 days	3500.00
02.	RDA/RBCD/SAB/ GOSL/2020/008	Construction of bridge across MarapanaOya at Batewaththa, Deewela. (Kegalle Ds area )	15.56	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	155,600.00	365 days	3500.00
03.	RDA/RBCD/NP/ GOSL/2020/009	Construction of bridge across Kokkumoddai Aru on Thennamarawadi Kokkuthuduwai road at kokumoddai Mulatiwu. (Mulathiwu Ds area)	14.78	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	147,800.00	365 days	3500.00
04.	RDA/RBCD/WP/ GOSL/2020/010	Construction of bridge across Bope Batalawatta Road in Udagama, Bope. (Hanwella Ds area)	7.42	C7 & C6 Bridge Speciality	74,200.00	270 days	2000.00
05.	RDA/RBCD/UP/ GOSL/2020/012	Construction of bridge across Modiyala Kandura on Bokkemadawala Badulla Gammana road at Bokkemadawala, Bibile. (Bibila Ds area)	12.84	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	128,400.00	270 days	3500.00
06.	RDA/RBCD/UP/ GOSL/2020/013	Construction of bridge across Damunuwinna Oya on Medalanda Damunuwinna road at Medalanda, Bibila. (Bibila Ds area)	14.57	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	145,700.00	365 days	3500.00
07.	RDA/RBCD/EP/ GOSL/2020/014	Construction of bridge across Panhal Oya on Thottama Omirangawa road at Thottama, Damama, Ampara. (Damana Ds area)	25.74	C5 & C4 Bridge Speciality	257,400.00	365 days	4000.00
08.	RDA/RBCD/UP/ GOSL/2020/015	Construction of bridge across Gala Oya on Badullagammana - Kaudella road at Kaudella, Bibila. (Bibila Ds area)	15.66	C6 & C5 Bridge Speciality	156,600.00	365 days	3500.00
09.	RDA/RBCD/CP/ GOSL/2020/001B	Construction of balance work of bridge across Bali Amuna Oya at Poggolla, Ududumbara. (Ududumbara Ds area)	2.95	C8 & C7 Bridge Speciality	29,500.00	90 days	2000.00
10.	RDA/RBCD/NWP/ GOSL/2020/011A	Construction of approach road of Kadathalamulla village bridge infront of Rathmalgoda School. (Polgahawela Ds area)	1.65	C9 & C8 Bridge Speciality	16,500.00	90 days	2000.00

- The work consists of rural bridge construction. (Can be obtain online from www.eroc.drc.gov.lk)
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure & regional preference shall be applied as stipulated in public finance circular No 04/2016(II ).
- Interested bidders may inspect the bidding documents, and obtain further information from following offices free of charges

Rural bridge Construction Divison (RBCD), RDA, No. 50 Station Road, Angulana. Tel: 011-2623897

Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Kegalle Tel: 035-2229554 c) Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Mulathivu. Tel: 024-2224321 Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Monaragala. Tel: 055-2276047 Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Ampara. Tel;-063-2222014 f) Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Kandy. Tel;-081-2234287 Chief Engineer's office,RDA,Kurunegala. Tel;-037-2223252

- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language shall be purchased on submission of a written request to the RBCD ,RDA, No 50 Station Road, Angulana or relevant Chief Engineer offices from 27/08/2020 to 16/09/2020 during 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of a non -refundable fee .
- Duly filled sealed bid with the contract name marked on the top left corner of the envelope shall be delivered in duplicate to the under-mentioned address on or before at 14.00 hrs on 17/09/2020. Bids will be opened soon after the closing in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend.
- Pre-Bid meeting will be held at following offices and site visit will be arranged immediately thereafter if necessary.
  - 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Executive Engineer's office, RDA, Avissawella (Item no 01 & 04 only)
  - 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Chief Engineer's office, RDA, Kegalle. (Item no 02 only)
  - 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Chief Engineer's office, RDA, Mulathiwu. (Item no 03 only)
  - 10.30hrs on 04/09/2020 at the office of the Executive Engineer's office , RDA, Bibila. (Item no 05, 06 & 08 only)
  - 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Chief Engineer's office,RDA, Ampara. (Item no 07 only)
  - f). 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Chief Engineer's office,RDA, Kandy. (Item no 09 only) 10.30hrs on 03/09/2020 at the office of the Chief Engineer's office,RDA, Kurunegala. (Item no 10 only)
- 09. Tender should be accompanied by a bid security of the amount given in above table valid up to 13.01.2021. Bid shall be valid up to

The Chairman, **Procurement Committee,** Rural Bridge Construction Division, Road Development Authority,

No.50, Station Road, Angulana.





#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE **DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Government Printing, Sri Lanka, invites Bids from Local Principals / Local Suppliers & the Accredited Agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of following items.

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03. Developer - 200 Ltr. 04. Replenisher - 200 Ltr.

**Closing Date of Bid :** 09.09.2020 - 2.00 p.m.

**Bid Reference No:** SCP02/NCB10/CTP/S/K/2020-8

Bidding Documents relevant to this notice will be issued on official working days from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. by the Supplies Division, Department of Government Printing, 118, Dr Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08 on written application along with a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1500/= per each Bid. Bidding Documents will be issued by the Supplies Division itself before 2.00 p.m. on or before the day prior to the closing date given

Further particulars could be obtained from my office during working days from 8.30 a.m. to 4.15 p.m.

> **Gangani Liyanage** Chairman, Procurement Committee

Department of Government Printing 118, Dr. Danister de Silva Mawatha, Colombo 08.

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Oh! star of the sea, help me and show me herein

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Earth, I humbly beseech

you, from the bottom of

my heart to succour me in

my necessity. There are none that can withstand

your power. Oh! show me

here you are my mother. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us

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hands (3 Times). Thank you for your mercy towards

This Prayer must be said

that the request will be

granted and the Prayer must be published.

3 days and after

me and mine. Amen.

# **Ministry of Finance Department of Inland Revenue** PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of Technicians to maintain the building maintenance service for the Head Office and Office in Navam Mawatha, **Jawatte City Office and Baladhaksha Building** of the Department of Inland Revenue

Bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Board only from reputed bidders who fulfill the following qualifications for the supply of technicians for maintaining the building maintenance service for the Head Office and Office in Navam Mawatha, Jawatte City Office and Baladhaksha Building of the Department of Inland Revenue.

- Sealed bids will be received up to 2.00 p.m. on 16.09.2020 by the Department of Inland Revenue, Colombo 02 only from reputed bidders who fulfill the following
  - requirements for a period of one year from 01.10.2020. Should be registered under the Business Registration Act
    - ii. Should have 05 years experience in the relevant field in a government institution / reputed private institution.
  - iii. Technicians to be deployed should have at least 03 years experience in a Government Institution / reputed Private Institution.
  - iv. Should be registered with the Department of Labour under the Employees Provident Fund Act No. 15 of 1958 and the Employees Trust Fund Act No. 46 of 1980 as a contributor.
  - v. At the time of submission of bids and at the time of awarding of contract the bidder should not have been blacklisted.
  - vi. Authenticity of the person signing the bid for submission should be attested either by a Power of Attorney or Letter of Authorization.
- 03. Documents/Information/Certificates to prove the qualifications required should be submitted with the bid.
- Bids should be submitted only on bid documents obtained after requesting with a letterhead of the bidder from the Commissioner (Procurement and Assets Management) between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 26.08.2020 until 15.09.2020 and the receipt obtained from the Accounts Branch of this department upon payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= should be submitted to obtain documents.
- Bids submitted should be valid until 16.12.2020 and all bids should be accompanied by a bid security to the value of Rs. 55,000.00 which should be 'On Demand' and valid until 16.01.2021 and obtained in favour of the Commissioner General of Inland Revenue from a reputed commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka or else should be deposited in cash. Cheques will not be accepted.
- Qualified bidders may inspect bid documents free of charge at the Procurement and Assets Management Division, 15th Floor, Department of Inland Revenue Building, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. from 26.08.2020 until 15.09.2020.
- Duly perfected sealed bids may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Chairman, Procurement Committee - Major, Procurement and Assets Management Division, 15th Floor, Department of Inland Revenue, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha, Colombo 02" or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Procurement and Assets Management Division, 15th Floor, Head Office Building of the Department of Inland Revenue to receive before the scheduled closing date and time. Name of the Procurement (Supply of Building Maintenance Technicians for the Department of Inland Revenue - 2020/2021) should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid.
- Bidders or their authorized representatives may be present at the time of opening of bids. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at 2.00 p.m. on 16.09.2020 at the Office of the Commissioner (Procurement and Assets Management), 15th Floor, Head Office Building of the Department of Inland Revenue.
- 09. Further details, if required, may be obtained from the following by calling them.

Commissioner (Procurement and Assets Management) - Tel. No. 0112135461

- Tel. No. 0112328800

Civil Engineer **Administrative Officer** 

- Tel. No. 0112135462

(Procurement and Assets Management)

#### Chairman **Procurement Committee - Major,**

**Department of Inland Revenue** Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mawatha,

Colombo 02

#### Notice made under Section 66 c read with Section 66 g of **Local Authorities Elections Ordinance amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012**

I, Kasun Epa Senevirathne, the Commissioner of Local Government of Western Province, according to the powers entrusted to me by Section 66 c read with Section 66 g of the Local Authorities Elections Ordinance amended by Local Authorities Elections (Amendment) Act No. 22 of 2012, do hereby announce that a meeting in view of selecting a new Mayor for the vacated Mayor's position of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council of Western Province, will be convened on September 15 of 2020 at 9.30 a.m. at the Municipal Council Chamber of Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Municipal Council located at No. 06, Nawala Road, Rajagiriya.

> **Kasun Epa Senevirathne Commissioner of Local Government, Western Province**

On the date of 20 of August 2020, At the Department of Local Government of Western Province at No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulia.

#### REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

This is to inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the General Public that the Special Power of Attorney dated 21.11.2011 and attested by S.K. Nageswaran Solicitor of London, United Kingdom registered under Volume 19 Folio 53 and Serial No. 498 dated 20.12.2011 in the Registrar General Department, Eastern Zone, Batticaloa in favour of Selvarajah Kumarajothy No. 07, Rosiro Road, Batticaloa and granted by me Nalinie Paheerathan (nee Sathianathan) of 125 Kenilworth Crescent, Enfield, Middlesex ENI 3RG, United Kingdom is cancelled art revoked with effect from 20.07.2020 and hence forth shall not be liable for any act or deed under this said Power of Attorney.

**HOLIDAY NOTICE** 

The Offices and Stores of Akbar Brothers Group of Companies will be closed on **Friday** August 28, 2020 on account of Ashura.

AKBAR BROTHERS **GROUP OF COMPANIES** 334, T.B. Jayah Mawatha,

Colombo 10.

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Nalinie Paheerathan (nee Sathianathan)

20.07.2020





#### **MINISTRY OF PLANTATION SRI LANKA STATE PLANTATIONS** CORPORATION

SLSPC/PL/TB/VEHICLES/T-125/2020

#### **INVITATION FOR BIDS FOR SUPPLY** OF 07 VEHICLES ON MONTHLY RENT

Sealed quotations are invited from reputed firms and companies to provide 07 vehicles on rent basis with following specifications for the use of Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation.

- \* Capacity above 2500cc
- \* Jeeps or Double Cabs
- \* Four Wheel Drive
- \* Fuel Type Diesel \* Running Kilometres per month - 3000 km
- \* Maintenance/Vehicle service and other repairs should be done by the Supplier.

For any further information contact the undersigned and sealed quotations should be forwarded to The Chairman - Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, 21, Meerania Street, Colombo 12 written on top left hand corner of the envelope "BIDS FOR SUPPLY OF 07 VEHICLES ON MONTHLY RENT TO SLSPC PLANTATIONS" before 2.00 p.m. on 10th September 2020.

**Procurement Committee,** 

21, Meerania Street, Colombo 12. Contact: 011-5921465 / 5921463



University of Jaffna, **Faculty of Technology** Ariviyal Nagar, Kilinochchi

#### Recommencement of **Academic activities for students**

Academic activities will recommence for

- Academic year (2018/19) 1st year 1st semester (4<sup>th</sup> batch) from 14.09.2020
- Academic year (2015/16) 4th year 1st semester (1<sup>st</sup> batch) from 07.09.2020

Academic activities have already been started for Academic year (2016/17) - 2nd year 2nd semester (2nd batch) and Academic year (2017/18) 1st year 2nd semester (3rd batch) from 24.08.2020

#### Examination is scheduled for

- ➤ Academic year (2016/17) 2nd year 2nd semester (2nd batch) from 14.09.2020 - 02.10.2020
- > Academic year (2017/18) 1st year 2nd semester (3rd batch) from 28.09.2020 - 16.10.2020

Registrar 24.08.2020

#### **GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA** MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

#### WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Credit No.: Cr. 5685-lk

#### **BID NOTICE**

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Agency of World Bank towards the cost of Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contracts given below.
- The Chairman, Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for projects described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No    Non   Bid Security   Refundable   Requirements   Eligibility Requirements   Fee (Rs)   (Rs)		Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time		
	Pı	oject Procure	ment Committee (Major)		
		V	Vorks Tenders		
Sanitation Improvement Project in Sripada Stage 01 in NuwaraEliya District.  Contract No:  MWS/WaSSIP/NuwaraEliya/SA/Public- Sripada/2020/10	Rs.3,500/-	Rs. 364,800/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C5 or above and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. PereraMawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2020 13.00 hours
Rehabilitation of Udawela Rural Water Supply Scheme in Badulla District.  Contract No:  MWS/WaSSIP/Badulla/Passara/RE/ Udawela/2019/03	Rs.20,000/-	Rs. 1,942,000./-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C3 or above and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. PereraMawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/011-2890941	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 10.00 hours
Rehabilitation of Siyambalanduwa Water Supply Project in Siyambalanduwa DS Division in Monaragala District.  Contract No:  MWS/WaSSIP/Monaragala/Siyambalanduwa/RE/Siyambalanduwa/2019/04	Rs.12,500/-	Rs. 1,171,000/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C4 or above and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. PereraMawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 12.00 hours
3. Bidding documents will be issued on submission of a w	ritten applicatio	n on the applicant's	letterhead to the office of Project Director.		

- Bidding documents can be collected between 09.30 hours and 15.30 hours on normal working days up to the closing date.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal
- Bids shall either be hand delivered or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given above.
- All Bids will be opened at the same address soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened

#### Project Director,

Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project

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## PEOPLE'S BANK

#### **TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed Tenders are hereby invited from reputed Suppliers in Sri Lanka for Supply, Transport & Install the item given

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Qty.	Value of Bid Security	Last date & Time of issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P-0044/2020	Western Union Sign Boards	200 Nos.	2% of the total Estimated value of	15.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	16.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing Rs. 1,500/- for each tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Head Quarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from 26.08.2020 to 15.09.2020 as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for 2% of the Total Estimated Cost, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the day of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts (valid for 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed tenders may be sent by registered post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tender will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the closing date (16.09.2020) mentioned above. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department on the Telephone Nos. given below.

Chief Manager (Supplies) People's Bank, Supplies Dept. No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02.

Tele Nos. : 2439577/8, 2307326 Fax No. : 2439576 : www.peoplesbank.lk







#### **Divisional Engineer (Colombo)**

**Provincial Engineering Organization Western Provincial Council** 

#### INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. The Chairman, Colombo Divisional Engineer's Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Provincial Engineering Organization (WP) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the works as described below.

	Project Name	Estimated cost for construction excluding VAT (direct construction cost (Rs.)	Non refundable fee (Rs.)	Refundable Bid Deposits / Bid Security (Rs.) (by cash)	Contract period (Days)	Minimum CIDA Registration
01	Renovation of Hon. Governor Residence (WP)	2,799,651.00	2,000/=	25,000/=	75	C 08

01. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.

CIDA registration required,

Specialty: Buildings

: As mentioned in the Table above

Business Name Registration in Western Province is essential.

- 02. Interested bidders may obtain further information from Colombo Divisional Engineer's Office and may inspect the bidding documents at the Colombo Divisional Engineer's Office during the office hours.
- 03. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by any prospective Bidder or their accredited agents on submission of a written request to the respective Divisional Engineer of the Divisional Engineer's Office - Colombo from 2020.08.26 Until 2020.09.09 from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs upon payment of nonrefundable fee (As in the Table) on any working day. Payment shall be made in cash.
- 04. Bid shall be delivered or sent by registered post with original and duplicate to the Colombo Divisional Engineer's Office on or before 2020.09.10 at 10.00 a.m. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened on 2020.09.10 at 10.15 a.m. in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- 05. All Bids Shall be accompanied by a bid security/ Cash deposit (As in the table)

#### P.D.R. Nadeera

Chairman, Colombo Divisional Engineer's Procurement Committee, No. 151/4 - 2/1, Jayathilaka Place, Maligawatta, Colombo 10.

Tel No. : 0112-447773, 0112-337873

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MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

# NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

#### **BID NOTICE**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works/Supplies as described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time				
CIVIL TENDERS										
01) Construction of chain link fence at hilltop water tank Akuressa WTP and construction of boundary wall at Dickwella office premises  Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/C/MATHARA,AKURESSA,D'WELLA/RH/2020-63	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 69,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction C7and C8</b>	4.61 million	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele: 041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	16/09/2020 14.00 hours				
02) Renovation of Nalagama Water Treatment Plant premises of Tangalle Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC(S)/P&C/C/RENOVATION/TANGALLE/WTP/ RH/2020/08	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 29,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction C9and C8</b>	1.91 million	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele: 041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	16/09/2020 14.00 hours				
03) Cleaning & Replacing of Filter Media for Uniha Plant of Ambalantota Water Treatment Plant Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/C/FILTER MEDIA/AMBALANTOTA/ RECHARGEABLE/2020-62	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 25,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C8 and C9 and qualified filter media suppliers for supply & placing of filter media and shall have two years experience	1.46 million	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele: 041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	16/09/2020 14.00 hours				
04) Laying of PE/DI Pipes & Fittings to Connect Raw Water Sump, Construction of Well Head & Valve Chambers and Supply & Fixing of Ladder for Sumps & Tower at Pottuvil Water Treatment Plant Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM (ES)/L/PL & CWH/PVL/RH-AKP/2020/40	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 28,500/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C9 and C8	1.91 million	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	09/09/2020 10.00 hours				
05) Laying of DI Pipes, Fittings, Valves & Construction of Valve Chamber in Habarana Water Supply Scheme Contract No: NRW/NC/DGM/HAB/2020/152	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 87,200/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 and C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	5.81 million	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele: 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609	09/09/2020 14.00 hours				
06) Construction of Valve Chambers & Rising of Existing Valve Chambers in Anuradhapura Region Contract No:NRW/NC/DGM/ANU-REGION/2020/175	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 93,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 and C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	6.20 million	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele: 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609	09/09/2020 14.00 hours				
07) Laying of DI Raw Water Transmission Main from Intake to Water Treatment Plant University Water Supply Scheme Contract No:-RSC-C/P&D/PL/RECH(UOP)/UNIVERSITY/2020/180	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 104,550/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 and C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	6.96 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027	09/09/2020 14.00 hours				
08) Construction of Blok Wall for Elpitiya Water Treatment Plant at Welamboda Water Supply Scheme Contract No:-RSC-C/KS/CIVIL/REH/WELAMBODA/2020/189	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 22,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of <b>Building Construction C7 and C8</b>	2.2 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Pre bid meeting on 07/09/2020 @ 10.00 at M (Central South)	09/09/2020 14.00 hours				

Reference to the advertisement dated 19.08.2020 Laying of DI/uPVC Pipes, Fittings, Specials and Accessories for Delft Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC/N/DGM/RH/LAYING/DELFT/2020/047- Please note that the Closing date of this tender should be

Reference to the advertisement dated 19.08.2020 Rehabilitation of Okkampitiya Package Water Treatment Plant, Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/REH/OKKAMPITIYA/2019/223- Please note that the Closing date of this tender should be corrected as 02/09/2020

Reference to the advertisement dated 12.08.2020, Tender for Renovation of Stores & Entrance Road at Beekka OIC Office in Galle Water Supply Scheme. Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/C/RENOVATION/GALLE/RH/2019-105, Please note that the closing date of this tender has been extended up to 02.09.2020.

#### M&E TENDERS

Reference to the advertisement dated 19.08.2020 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Handing Over of Two Nos. Dosing Pump Sets and Accessories for Velanai Water Supply Scheme, Contract No :RSC/N/DGM/RH/PUMP/VELANI/2020/041 -Please note that the Closing date of this tender should be corrected as 02/09/2020 at 14.00 hours.

Reference to the advertisement dated 19.08.2020 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning & Handing Over of Two Nos. Dosing Pump Sets and Accessories for Pokkanai Pump House, Contract No:RSC/N/DGM/RH/PUMP/POKKANAI/2020/046 - Please note

Reference to the advertisement dated 19.08.2020 Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Solar System with Accessories at Kumbukkana Treatment Plant - Moneragala and Regional Workshop Office - Moneragala, Contract No :RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/ENERGY/MONARAGALA/2020/128 - Please note that the Closing date of this tender should be corrected as 02/09/2020 at 14.00 hours.

09) Supply and Installation of Electromagnetic Flow Meters for Matara Region	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 50,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara,	16/09/2020
Contract No: RSC(S)/M&E/S/FLOW METERS/MATARA/NRW/2019-263				Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	14.00 hou
10) Supply,Installation and Commissioning of 80Kw Grid Tie Solar Photovoltaic System at Regional Support Center(East) Office at Trincomalee Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/ES/SUP-INS-SOLAR/TRINCO/2020/27	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 135,000/-	Firms having experience in similar contracts and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-222519 Fax: 026-222525	09/09/202 10.00 hou
11) Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 40kw Grid Tie Solar Photovoltaic System at Regional Manager Office -Batticaloa Contract No: RSC(E)/DGM/ES/SUP-INS-SOLAR/BATTI/2020/28	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 75,000/-	Firms having experience in similar contracts	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-222525	09/09/202 10.00 hou
12) Design, Supply and Installation of Sludge Scraper System for Peradeniya University Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC-C/M&E/S&I/SCRAPER/RECH(UOP)/ UNIVERSITY/2020/55	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 94,200/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 31/08/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at CE (M&E) Section	09/09/2020 14.00 hours
		9	SUPPLY TENDERS		
13) Supply and Delivery of Aggregate Base Course (ABC) and Quarry Dust for Western Production Region, for year 2020/2021. Contract No:RPC/WP/G/AMB/CIVIL/O&M/2020/25	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 34,900/-	Firms having experience in similar contracts	RSC (Western-Production), NWSDB, Udumulla Road, Mulleriyawa, New Town, Tele:0112418532 Fax:0112549199	09/09/202 14.00 hou
14) Supply and Delivery of Bladders and Accessories for the Central South Water Treatment Plant at Meewathura Water Supply Scheme Contract No:-RSC-C/CS/O&M/SUP/2020/05	6,000/-+VAT **	Rs. 94,966/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027	09/09/202 14.00 hou
15) Supply and Delivery of GI Pipes & Fittings for Pipe Lying at Nehiniwela CBO–Ampitiya Water Supply Scheme Contract No:-RSC-C/CE/RWS/SUPPLY/GI/AMPITIYA WSS/2020/64	2,000/-+VAT	Rs. 27,000/-	Manufacturer or their local accredited agent	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027	09/09/202 14.00 hou
		1	HIRING TENDERS		
16) Hiring of a Crew cab for Ranna Water Supply Scheme  Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/HIRING/RANNA/CREW CAB/O&M/2020-117	500/-+VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
17) Hiring of a Crew cab for Baddegama Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/BADDEGAMA/HIRING/CREW CAB/ O&M/2020-109	500/-+VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
18) Hiring of a Crew cab for Hikkaduwa Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/HIKKADUWA/HIRING/CREW CAB/ O&M/2020-99	500/-+VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
19) Hiring of a Crew cab for Bope-Poddala Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/BOPE-PODDALA/HIRING/CREW CAB/ O&M/2020-111	500/-+VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
20) Hiring of a Three wheeler for Bentota Project at Balapitiya Water Supply Scheme  Contract No:RSC(S)/P&C/BENTOTA/BALAPITIYA/HIRING/THREE  WHEELER/O&M/2020-113	500/-+VAT	Rs: 2,500/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
21) Hiring of a Crew Cab for Galle Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC(S)/P&C/GALLE/HIRING/CREW CAB/O&M/2020-112	500/-+VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	As per the Document	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/202 14.00 hou
22) Hiring of a Van for Regional Manager Office, Trincomalee Contract No: RSC(E)/ DGM/ O&M/VAN/RWS/TRINCO/2020/39	2,000/-+VAT	Rs: 20,000/-	Firms having experience in similar contracts	Regional Support Centre (East), NWSDB, No. 48A/1, Kandy Road, Maddikali, Trincomalee Tele: 026-2222519 Fax: 026-222525	09/09/202 10.00 hou
23) Hiring of a Crew Cab for Providing Transport Facilities to the Operation and Maintenance Activities in Dehiyattakandiya Water Supply Scheme.  Contract No: RSC(E)/AGM(ES)/CREW CAB/DEHI/O&M-AMP/2020/42	4,000/-+VAT	Rs: 40,000/-	First registration shall be after 01.07.2010 Seating capacity should be a minimum of 05 persons including driver.	Asst. General Manager (East) Office, NWS&DB, Sri Dharmaratne Mawatha, Ampara, Tele 063-2223926 Fax :063-2224975	09/09/202 10.00 hou
24) Hiring of 02 nos. of lightlorries for Naththandiya, Puttalama Water Supply Schemes.  Contract No: O&M(NW)/HV/O&M/NATH,PUTT/2020/24	2,000/-+VAT	Rs: 7,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (North –Western) Office, NWSDB, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala Tele: 037-2221161 Fax: 037-2230086	16/09/202 14.00 hou
			ERVICE TENDERS		
25) Provision of Technical Services for Nadugala & Akuressa Water Treatment Plants.  Contract No: RSC(S)/P&C/SERVICE/NADUGALA-AKURESSA/O&M/	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 34,200/-	Two years experience in Providing technical services	RSC(Southern), 395, Kumaratunga Mawatha, Pamburana, Matara, Tele:041-2229792 Fax 041-2224769	09/09/20 14.00 hor
2020-121  26) Cleaning & Maintenance of Office Premises in Marassana Water Supply Scheme  Contract No:-RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/MARASSANA/2020/147	4,000/-+VAT	Rs. 40,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele: 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Prebid meeting on 07/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at M (Central East) office	09/09/20 14.00 hor

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Rs. 21,500/-

Rs. 27,000/-

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Bidding documents will be issued on production of a letter of request on a business letterhead together with the payment receipt of non-refundable tender fee from 09.00 hours to 15.00 hours on normal working days up to day before the closing date.

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National Water Supply and Drainage Board

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Contract No:-RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/MASKELIYA/2020/195

Contract No:-RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/KUNDASALE/2020/146

Contract No:-RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/AMPITIYA/2020/148

Contract No:-RSC-C/CS/SER/O&M/UNI/2020/215

28 ) Cleaning & Maintenance of Maskeliyaw.s.s

27) Cleaning Services and Maintenance for University Treatment Plant University

**29)** Cleaning, Maintenance & Providing Service to Ahaspokuna Pump House & Digana Zone I Customer Care Center in Kundasale Water Supply Scheme

30) Operation & Maintenance work of Ampitiya Office Premises & Nehiniwela