

US DEFENCE SECRETARY CALLS PRESIDENT

PLAUDITS FOR PANDEMIC RESPONSE, BOOST FOR TIES

LAUDS SUCCESS OF POLLS

Sri Lanka and the United States yesterday expressed their commitment to expanding bilateral defense relations and to advancing shared interests.

US Secretary of Defense Dr. Mark T. Esper in telephone conversation with Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has congratulated the latter on his successful handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent conclusion of Parliamentary Elections

COUNTER-TERRORISM AND MARITIME SECURITY ALSO DISCUSSED

while urging continued progress on reconciliation and human rights.

During the call, Secretary Esper congratulated the President on his successful handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent conclusion of Parliamentary Elections, and urged continued progress on reconciliation and human rights in Sri Lanka," the U.S. Department of Defense said in a release.

Both President Rajapaksa and Secretary of Defence T. Esper also discussed

their shared commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific that ensures the sovereignty of all nations.

Reviewing common bilateral defense priorities, they noted opportunities to enhance military professionalization, counter-terrorism, and maritime security cooperation. Both leaders expressed their commitment to expanding bilateral defense relations and to advancing shared interests, the US state of Defence statement said.

US Secretary Defence Dr. Mark T. Esper has tweeted that both countries are striving to deepen maritime security cooperation. "Good talk today w Sri Lankan President @GotabayaR. We discussed our cooperation in responding to COVID 19 & the international security environment. We look to deepen CT & maritime security cooperation, and I encourage continued progress on human rights & reconciliation," Dr. Esper tweeted.



Death of former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee



INDIA: Former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, a veteran powerbroker once described in leaked US diplomatic cables as "the ultimate Congress Party fixer", died Monday at the age of 84, his family said.

He died of multiple organ failure after being admitted to hospital weeks ago, having also contracted coronavirus. **TO PAGE 02**

Vajira too throws hat into the ring

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Former UNP Minister Vajira Abeywardena yesterday expressed his intention to take up the party reins citing 38 years' experience in politics.

He said that he is the most senior UNP working Committee member after former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and he received a number of requests from the Maha Sangha and the members of academia to accept the UNP leadership. **TO PAGE 02**



The commercial launch of a portable Mechanical Cardiopulmonary Resuscitator (MCP) invented by Dilshan Abeywardana, a Medical student of the Colombo University was held at the Faculty of Medicine yesterday. This machine resuscitates the Cardiopulmonary System to restart heart function during cardiac arrest. Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella, Dean of the Faculty Prof.Vajira H.W.Dissanayake, Professor in Anatomy and Consultant Surgeon Prof. D.J.Anthony were also present. *Picture by Nissanka De Silva*

Alleged drug trafficking by PNB officers

CID to take legal action against Police officers for aiding and abetting

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayaratne yesterday instructed the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) to take legal action against senior ranked Police officers, if it was revealed that these officers

had assisted the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers, who have been charged for alleged drug trafficking.

The Magistrate also pointed out that if there were senior ranked Police officers who assisted the suspects, **TO PAGE 02**

Only Speaker and Parliament can decide on Jayasekera admission to Parliament - Vasu

'AG has no power to decide'

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

The admission of MP Premalal Jayasekera to Parliament is a decision of the Speaker and Parliament, not of the Attorney General, said Water Supply Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara at a press conference yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**



Premalal Jayasekera not eligible to take oaths as MP - AG

DILSHAN THARAKA

Attorney General Dappula De Livera has informed the Justice Ministry that Premalal Jayasekera alias 'Choka Malli' who was elected to Parliament from the Ratnapura District was not eligible for taking oaths as a Parliamentarian.



Coordinating Officer to the Attorney General, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne told the media that the Attorney General informed this to the Justice Ministry based on a request seeking advice by the Secretary to the Justice Ministry. **TO PAGE 02**

Two Governors appointed

North Western Governor A.J.M. Muzzammil yesterday took oaths as new Uva Province Governor before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday.

Meanwhile, Uva Province Governor Raja Collure took oaths as the new North Western Province Governor before the President yesterday.



A.J.M. Muzzammil Raja Collure

Bring those involved in Easter attacks to book - Sajith

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) leader Sajith Premadasa yesterday said that those who are involved in the Easter Sunday attacks should be brought to book.

He was of the view that the laws implemented by the government of Singapore against drug peddlers and terrorists should be enforced in the country too.

Premadasa was addressing the media after receiving the blessings of the Asgiriya and Malwatte Mahanayake Theras in Kandy yesterday.

He said that the people in the country have entrusted the roles of governance and the opposition with two new parties. The Opposition Leader also presented the Mahanayake **TO PAGE 02**



PCoI into Easter Sunday attacks: Ranil, Akila give statements

Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe yesterday arrived at the Police Unit of the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCoI) into the Easter Sunday attacks.

Police officers attached to the unit recorded a lengthy statement from the former Prime Minister for over four hours.

"UNP General Secretary and former Education Minister Akila Viraj Kariyawasam also recorded a statement at the Police unit yesterday for over two hours," sources said.

Officials had obtained a lengthy statement from former President Maithripala Sirisena too over the East Sunday attacks last week at his official residence at Paget Road, Colombo.



Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe leaving the Police Unit of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry investigating into the Easter Sunday attacks. *Picture by Gayan Pushpika*

Manning Market to be relocated in Peliyagoda

Present location to be used for development projects

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE and LAHIRU FERNANDO

The two-acre land in the heart of Colombo where the Manning Market is located will be used effectively for development projects after it is relocated **TO PAGE 02**



Presidential pardon for minor offences inmates

BUDDHIKA IMBULANA and LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Government has decided to grant Presidential pardons for the inmates who have been imprisoned for minor offences.

This decision has been taken considering the overcrowding in prisons. Sri Lanka's prisons have the capacity **TO PAGE 02**



HIV on the rise

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

The latest statistics on HIV in Sri Lanka clearly shows that the HIV prevalence rate among Sri Lankan males between the age of 19 and 25 is on the increase. HIV/AIDS Control Programme Director Dr. Rasanjali Hettiarachchi said. **TO PAGE 02**



Facebook party hosts remanded

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Correspondent

Galle Acting Magistrate Premarathna Thirangama remanded 28 boys and girls until September 9 when they were produced before him by Akmeemana police for allegedly hosting a Facebook party. The Police had raided the alleged

Facebook event held at a hotel near the Rajambugaha Pump House in the Akmeemana Police Division on an intelligence report and arrested the youths.

"The suspects are aged between 18 to 24 years and were from different areas including Moratuwa, Ampara, Anuradhapura, Matale, Colombo and Galle. At the time of arrest, **TO PAGE 02**

Sampayo, three others granted bail

The Negombo Magistrate yesterday ordered the release of four suspects including Negombo Prison Ex-Superintendent Anurudha Sampayo on bail. The suspects were charged with illegally providing facilities to the cells of individuals arrested and were detained for drug trafficking and related offences.

They were released on two personal sureties of Rs one million each. Sampayo was arrested

11 days after the Negombo Magistrate's Court issued a warrant for his arrest. The other suspects are Chief Jailer Sarath Bandara, Acting Jailer Nishantha Senarathne and Second-tier Jailer Kalinga Kaluaggala.

Cabinet to discuss amending 19th Amendment at next meet

CHAMIKARA WEERASINGHE

The Cabinet will discuss the prospects for amending the 19th Amendment in full when it meets next, Water Supply Minister Vasudewa Nanayakkara told the media at a press briefing at his ministry, yesterday.

He said, it seems difficult to fully amend it. "We have rejected this amendment right from the start," he said. To bring the functions of the government to a higher level. The present Constitution's elec-

toral system, the government's structure and functions requires urgent change. "Some have gone to town on a 20th amendment they say is planned by us targeting just one person. These are baseless accusations because we have not received any draft constitution yet," he said.

"We have only received the amendments that we expect to introduce. At present a committee has been appointed to prepare the new draft constitution," he said.

Medical equipment donated to National Hospital

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

A private donor, P.H.D. Waidyathilaka donated Rs. 3 million worth medical equipment to the National Hospital of Sri Lanka recently, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

According to the Spokesman, two defibrillators used to treat heart patients and four multipara monitors were among the valuable modern medical equipment.

Waidyathilaka had stated that he used his own private funds to make the donation with the intention of upgrading facilities available at the NHSL.



Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi, P.H.D. Waidyathilaka, NHSL Director Dr. W.K. Wickramasinghe, Kanchana Jayaratne and a Health Ministry official at the donation.

PCoI probing alleged political victimization

Dragging intelligence officers into Noyahr case, a ploy adopted by Yahapalana Govt.-Retired officer

ROSHAN THUSHARA

Retired intelligence officer Priyantha Kumara Somasuriya yesterday said that dragging intelligence officers into the abduction of journalist Keith Noyahr is a ploy adopted by the Yahapalana government to target President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Somasuriya was giving evidence before the Presidential Commission investigating into the alleged incidents of political victimization (PCoI) between 2015 - 2019 in Colombo yesterday.

He said that dragging intelligence officers into this abduction has been staged to target President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Somasuriya said that Chief Inspector Nisantha De Silva was allegedly behind this drama.

He said that he was made a state witness by the CID with the alleged intention of making the intelligence officials culpable for the abduction.

He said that he was given payments too.

UNP needs a complete overhaul - Karu

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya yesterday said he expressed his readiness to take over the party reins after the incumbent UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe announced his intention to step down from the position. Jayasuriya told the Mahanayake of the Malwatta Chapter Most Ven Thibbotuwawe Sri Sumangala Thera that he has no intention to accept the party leadership by challenging the party leadership.

Jayasuriya said that the UNP does not belong to one person and the Working Committee of the party should understand this reality.

He said that he has been striving for the well being of the party since 1996 and will never take up the party leadership by force or other means. "I expressed my

willingness to accept the party leadership after considering the requests by the Maha Sangha, professionals and senior party members.

He added that the party needs a complete overhaul and the party needs to be rebuilt while upholding its unity, discipline.

Jayasuriya recollected how he strove to bring the two factions led by Ranil Wickremesinghe and Sajith Premadasa together for the well being of the party and the country. The former Speaker said both factions wanted him to be on their National Lists at the election but he turned down the requests.

"I have no intention to be a Parliamentarian again but my main objective is to rebuild the party founded by former Prime Minister D.S. Senanayake.

Plans to construct 4,000 small bridges - Lansa

IRANGIKA RANGE

Rural Roads and other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lansa said yesterday that the Government plans to construct 4,000 small bridges on rural roads to enhance the quality of the living standards in rural areas by improving the access of rural communities to market, education and health facilities through developing transport connectivity.

Minister made these remarks during the discussion held with officials attached to the Road Development Authority yesterday at the Ministry premises.

He said that attention has been paid to construct these bridges as a solution for

the unsafe bridges in rural areas using materials such as light poles, bamboo and rails that have been discarded.

"We have focused to build small bridges at low cost and high quality, connecting rural and urban areas under this project to strengthen the rural economy," he said.

He further said it is necessary to identify local rural areas where such bridges were needed to implement this project urgently. With the construction of small bridges in rural areas, farmers in rural areas will be able to bring their products to economic centers and facilitating the day-to-day lives of the people without interruption.

Vajira too throws ...From page 01

Abeewardena said that he is capable of reviving the party if he is offered the party leadership.

He said that he has worked under former Presidents J.R. Jayewardene, Ranasinghe Premadasa and party stalwarts Gamini Dissanayake and Ranil Wickremesinghe.

"I have vast experience in working with them and these experiences will help me revive the party," he said. Abeewardena was addressing the media after calling on the Most Ven. Mahanayakes of Malwatta and Asgiriya Chapters in Kandy yesterday.

He was of the view that the UNP's National List slot should go to former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe who is an internationally respected leader.

However, Abeewardena said that there is no infighting over the leadership. "When a position in the party falls vacant, all qualified members can vie for it," he said.

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Theras copies of Hansards containing his speeches made in Parliament between January and March.

Premadasa added that the doors are open to those who accept the Samagi Jana Balawegaya policies to join the party.

"There is no room for those involved in corruption or fraud in our party," Premadasa said.

He added that the institutions established under the 19th Amendment to the Constitution should be secured.

"If the Independent Commissions are presumed to be partial and what needs to be done is to make them more independent and impartial without abolishing them," he said.

Heroin racket: ...From page 01

Meanwhile, the Bambalapitiya Police Anti-Vice Squad had arrested three persons engaged in the distribution of Methamphetamine, also known as ICE. Police had seized 485 grams of ICE from their possession. The three suspects are residents of Colombo 12. Upon interrogating the suspects the police had discovered the main person behind this racket. Operations are underway to arrest this suspect.

Further, the Maligawatte Police had also arrested a close associate of Kanjipani Imran known as Mohommed Faiz Mohommed Farooq alias 'Pichche Faiz'.

According to the Police, around 400 suspects were arrested during special police operations carried out within the Western Province between 6.00 a.m. on Sunday and 5.00 a.m. yesterday (31).

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to accommodate 11, 762 inmates, but currently there are around 33,000 inmates, the Prison Department indicates.

Commissioner General of Prisons Thushara Upuldeniya has been given instructions by the Government to finalize the list of inmates who could be released under the Presidential Pardon.

According to him, those who have been imprisoned for failure of paying fines, those who are over 65 years old and have spent a half of the punishment and those who have completed the punishment for minor offences in good behavior will be released under this category.

However, individuals convicted for murders, robberies, rape cases, child abuses and other serious crimes will not be in the list.

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they had been enjoying themselves after consuming drugs and were in a high state of intoxication," Police told the courts.

The Police had found that the girls had used "Ice", a synthetic stimulant drug after checking their mobile phone messages sent to their friends while 12 grams of Kerala cannabis were detected in the possession of boys.

Responding to the appeal made by the defense lawyers for the granting of bail for the suspects, the Acting Magistrate said that Facebook parties have become a new trend among the young people although they are being constantly warned over the harmful effects of the practice, and refused bail.

The arrest was made by a group of officers of Akmeemana Police led by its Acting OIC IP Hewage based on an intelligence report submitted by Intelligence Officer SI U.G. Abeyathna following instructions from Galle SP Vikum Ginige.



A group of Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Parliamentarians yesterday inspected the clearance of an area of the Ramsar Wetland in the Anawilundawa Sanctuary in Puttalam by an unidentified group for shrimp farming. One person has already been taken into custody by the Police in connection with the incident.

Picture by Prasad Poornamal, Puttalam Group Correspondent

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in Peliyagoda, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness Dr. Nalaka Godaheva said.

"Plans have already been drafted with regard to such projects," he said after making an observation visit to the Manning Market in Pettah yesterday.

"The new Manning Market in Peliyagoda will be opened for business activities before November 17 this year, when President Gotabaya Rajapaksa completes his first

year in office," said Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa as the Minister of Urban Development and Housing has instructed the Urban Development Authority to implement the development plan in the Pettah Market Complex providing solutions for the prevailing daily traffic congestion in the City of Colombo.

Preliminary plans to relocate the Pettah Manning Market in Peliyagoda on a 15-acre land were drafted before 2015 under the guidance of then Secretary to the Ministry

of Defence and Urban Development Gotabaya Rajapaksa. The constructions first began in 2016 according to the said plans.

After completing the construction, the new market will comprise 1,142 stalls, a large car park, cafeterias, medical centres for vendors and employees, banks and many other facilities.

The Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau (CECB) is providing engineering services for the construction of the new market complex.

HIV on the ...From page 01

According to Dr. Hettiarachi, the statistics had been collected by island-wide clinics. The Sri Lanka society should pay special attention towards this pathetic situation and the parents and teachers should take care of young sons in families.

"By 2020 it is estimated that there would be around 3600 HIV positive cases in Sri Lanka but only 2000 of them had been registered with clinics. The rest of

these HIV positive cases (1600) are freely moving in society without knowing that they are HIV positive. This poses a significant threat to society," she said.

"Any person can visit the nearest HIV/AIDS clinic located at state hospitals and get themselves tested for HIV free of charge without their identities being revealed and personal information kept confidential," she added.

Only Speaker and ...From page 01

He said this in response to a question posed by journalists about the fate of MP Jayasekera in the context that it would be illegal for MP Jayasekera to go to Parliament in accordance with a statement from the Attorney General.

Minister Nanayakkara said, "Yes, it is true that the Attorney General has made a statement to this effect and has proclaimed that MP Jayasekera cannot go to Parliament. But, in this respect, the Attorney General has no power."

He said, "The Attorney General has his powers in the domain of Courts. The AG can decide whether he should present himself before Courts or not on behalf of complaints. In this case too, he appeared before

the Courts on behalf of a complaint that was filed and had got a death sentence against the MP in question," he said.

This has now gone to the Courts of Appeal. Accordingly, the AG will now go to the Court of Appeal to obtain confirmation of the verdict in question, which is the responsibility of the AG.

"From the time of the appeal, the verdict of the convict has been suspended and the Court of Appeal has had to pass the final judgment," he pointed out.

Referring to the case of former MP Duminda Silva, Minister Nanayakkara said that Duminda Silva had come to Parliament until the final judgment was handed down to him by the Appeal Court.

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that would hamper further investigations and evidence. The Magistrate observed that there is a possibility of them going abroad.

When the matter was taken up, Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris appearing on behalf of the Attorney General's Department informed the Magistrate that Sub Inspector Kalupahanage Ajith Premalal attached to the Special Task Force was arrested for allegedly assisting the Police Narcotics Bureau officers arrested for transport heroin.

DSG Dileepa Peiris further informed the Court that investigations have revealed the arrested STF officer had talked with drug dealer Gampola Vidanage Samantha Kumara alias "Wele Suda" via mobile phone on a number of occasions. Investigations have further revealed that the above drug trafficking operations were controlled by an underworld character known as Udara Sam-path currently living in Dubai. DSG Dileepa Peiris requested the Magistrate to name him as the 14th suspect in this matter. DSG Dileepa Peiris also stated that the arrested STF officer was currently grilled on detention orders.

Considering the request made by the DSG, the Magistrate named Udara Sam-path as the 14th suspect in this matter.

DSG Dileepa Peiris further informed the court that the suspects had gone to Matara last April and brought 130 kilograms of heroin to Colombo. Out of the 130 kilograms, 25 kilograms had been unloaded in the Hikkaduwa area. The CID arrested an individual called "Neel" along with 11 kilograms and 888 grammes of heroin in Hikkaduwa. The CID also seized two T 56 weapons, two foreign made firearms, 82 live bullets, an electronic scale and four magazines from the possession of this suspect. DSG Dileepa Peiris also informed the Court that the drug traffickers used colour codes to identify their drug packets.

The Magistrate issued an order directing the Government Analyst to produce a report pertaining to the firearms and bullets.

The prosecution was represented by CID ASP Meryl Ranjan Lamahewa and several other Police Officers. A group of lawyers led by Attorneys Ajith Pathirana, Wasantha Pitigala and Dhammi Rathnayake appeared on behalf of the suspects.

Taking the submissions into consideration, the Court ordered the suspect PNB officers to be produced in Court at the next hearing and ordered the suspects to be further remanded till September 14.

Death of former...From page 01

The Bengal-origin politician was a protege of former premier Indira Gandhi and was a member of her Cabinet when she suspended democratic rights in the infamous "Emergency" of 1975-77. Mukherjee's star waned after Gandhi's assassination in 1984 when he was a rival to her son and heir Rajiv Gandhi for leadership of the Congress party. He briefly broke away from Congress, but after Rajiv Gandhi was killed in 1991 his political fortunes revived.

He became Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's right-hand-man during his decade in power from 2004-14, serving as defence, foreign and finance

minister, winning a cross-party reputation as a skilled negotiator.

In 2012 he moved away from active politics and assumed the largely ceremonial role of President, serving a five-year term until 2017.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Mukherjee "left an indelible mark on the development trajectory of our nation. A scholar par excellence, a towering statesman, he was admired across the political spectrum," Modi said on Twitter.

Current President Ram Nath Kovind called Mukherjee "a colossus in public life" who served India "with the spirit of a sage". - AFP

Premalal Jayasekera ...From page 01

The Prison Department directed the request made by Premalal Jayasekera seeking to allow him to take oaths as a Parliamentarian to the Justice Ministry on August 19. On the same day the Justice Ministry directed the matter to the Attorney General seeking advice from him in this regard.

Premalal Jayasekera had also filed an appeal before the Court of Appeal challenging his death penalty.

Accordingly, the Attorney General said that according to terms of Section 333 (4) of the Criminal Procedure code, when an accused is sentenced to death, the death penalty should be suspended on appeal and the accused should be treated in accordance with the provisions of the Prisons Ordinance until the appeal is decided. "Also, there is no legal basis for granting bail on appeal to an accused who has been sentenced to death," the AG said.

Further, the Attorney General pointed out that if a person is subject to any disqualification under Article 89 of the Constitution or is subject to any disqualification, that person is not eligible to be elected as a Member of Parliament or to sit in Parliament and vote in Parliament.

Also, according to Article 89 (c) of

the Constitution, if a person is subject to the death penalty, it will result in the loss of even his right to vote.

Accordingly, the Attorney General pointed out that Premalal Jayasekera cannot take oaths as a Parliamentarian.

On August 1, Premalal Jayasekera and two others who were found guilty for shooting to death a person and critically injuring two others during the 2015 Presidential Election campaign were sentenced to death by the Ratnapura High Court. The three accused including former Parliamentarian Premalal Jayasekera, former Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council member Nilantha Jayakody and former Kahawatta Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Vajira Darshana were charged in connection with alleged assault during the 2015 Presidential election period, killing one person and wounding two others by shooting as the victims were decorating an election stage of the then Common Candidate and former President Maithripala Sirisena in Kahawatta, Ratnapura.

The victim killed in the shooting incident was Dodangodage Susil Perera alias Shantha Dodangoda and the injured were K.Karunadasa Weerasinghe and M.Ilsan.

President tells Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on Cost of Living

Appropriate measures to reduce CoL

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday emphasized that appropriate measures will be taken to reduce the Cost of Living (CoL) by implementing the decisions already taken while adhering to a consistent policy without moving backwards.

The prices of several consumer goods, including turmeric, have risen due to decisions taken to uplift the local agricultural industry and the farming community.

President Rajapaksa pointed out that if turmeric and other commodities are imported to control or bring prices down, the desired objective will never be achieved.

The President said that even though the public faced difficul-

ties for a short period of time, measures that are taken to strengthen the rural economy and uplift the farming community cannot be reversed.

The President made these remarks at the first Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on Cost of Living held at the Presidential Secretariat, yesterday.

During the meeting, it was discussed in detail regarding the impact of the rise in prices of the several essential commodities on the economy of the urban middle class.

"In order to earn a stable and strong income for the rural farmers who make up about 40% of the population, we need to develop confidence that they would get a high price for their produce and assure a stable

market for them' President said. The President further added that without taking such measures we cannot encourage the rural communities to engage themselves in the agricultural sector while pointing out the difficulty of removing the existing import restrictions.

The President said that in order to control the foreign exchange parity rates and to get rid of high debt burden imports should be restricted. The President pointed out that countries such as India and the United States have also imposed import restrictions in the wake of the COVID-19 epidemic.

A programme to offer job opportunities to eradicate poverty is expected to uplift the economy of the underprivi-



leged. Samurthi beneficiaries will have to contribute by looking after themselves. Their living condition and nutrition levels could be elevated by home gardening and providing hens and eggs for poultry farming.

President Rajapaksa highlighted the need for proper procedures to address the issues faced by the middle class in the suburbs due to inflation. Following the COVID 19 pandemic, the government took steps to deliver the farmer produce directly to the consumers at a subsidised price. President noted that continuing this practice would remove the middlemen and their exploitation and protect both the farmer and the consumer.

"Promoting the economic condition of the people in remote areas and reducing the cost of living burden of the people in the suburbs should be addressed simultaneously," President stressed.

In order to accomplish it and

deliver farmer's produce straight to the consumers, the use of government business institutes such as Sathosa, Co-op, Govijana Seva Centers and Security forces was discussed.

Revamping the island-wide network of Economic Centers and implementation of a proper system to purchase farmer's produce was also taken into the consideration by the Cabinet Sub-committee on Cost of Living.

The President advised the officials to update him once a week on the market status.

Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa stated that it was necessary to ascertain the amount of food consumed by an individual in the district and

national level and added that Divisional Secretariats should promote home gardening and poultry farming in areas under their jurisdiction.

Officials noted that due to the success of Cowpea, Undhu, Peanuts, Sesame, Kurakkan and Onion farming, these items will not have to be imported in the future.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Ministers Bandula Gunawardana, Ramesh Pathirana, Mahindananda Aluthgamage, State Ministers Arundika Fernando, Shasheendra Rajapaksa, Lasantha Alagiyawanna, Secretary to the President, P.B Jayasundera, secretaries to the respective ministries and other officials were present at the discussion.

Launching ceremony for med student's MCPR machine

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Every grey cloud has a silver line and Dilshan Abeywardana's new production is an excellent example for this amidst the darkness of COVID-19. Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said.

Addressing the launching ceremony of the new Mechanical Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (MCPR) machine produced by Dilshan Abeywardana, a final-year medical student from the Colombo Medical Faculty, Minister Rambukwella said that Sri Lanka has produced a team that could win competing with the world.

Minister Rambukwella said there is no shortage of talent in Sri Lanka, and that the due place will be given to such talented individuals although, unfortunately, it did not happen in the past, he added.

Dilshan's creation is only the start; it will give a message to hundreds of other talented students.

Dilshan said he made the MCPR machine at a cost of around Rs.300,000, but that it would cost nearly Rs.4 million if it were imported. The cost of an imported MCPR machine is over Rs.2.5 million, he added.



Medical student Dilshan Abeywardana with Minister Keheliya Rambukwella and others.

Links with drug-traffickers Magistrate further remands 9 PNB officers

SHAVINI MADHARA

Colombo Chief Magistrate Lanka Jayarathna yesterday further remanded till September 14 the nine Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) officers who were charged with maintaining links with drug-peddlers.

Deputy Solicitor-General Dileepa Peiris, appearing on behalf of the Attorney-General, informed the Magistrate that Criminal Investigation Department (CID) officials had recovered another two properties which belonged to the suspects. DSG Dileepa Peiris further told the court that CID had seized 23 properties belonged to the suspects.

The suspects were identified as Constable Batuwattage Ruwan Pushpakumara, Sergeant Saman Kumara Jayasinghe, Lionel Jayarathne, Warnakulasooriyage Udara Chathuranga, Samedha Weerasinghe, Upali Rathnayake, Nirosh Madusanka de Silva, Ranasinghe Arachchige Don Shanil Appuhami, and Ruwan Alwis.

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Final opportunity to introduce new Constitution: Prasanna

IRANGIKA RANGE

Tourism Minister Prasanna Ranatunga said yesterday that the government faces its final opportunity to introduce a new Constitution to the country.

Responding to questions raised by journalists at inspection tour to the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, yesterday, the minister said, "If we forego this opportunity

at hand, there will be no future opportunity for us to bring in a new Constitution to lead the country to a new era of prosperity and development."

"We first need to abolish 19 Amendment and then bring in the 20th Amendment. After that, we will introduce a new Constitution that would ensure a strong economy based on a progressive frame-

work, where the benefits will be divided among all citizens," he said.

Minister Ranatunga said the 19th Amendment was introduced due to the influences of Western communities to lead this country into its destruction. The 19th Amendment to the Constitution did not benefit the country in any way, and the Good Governance Government

destroyed the country by hiding behind it, he added.

Minister Ranatunga further said that the country's infrastructure will be improved, connecting the main sea ports in Colombo and Hambantota, while also linking the airports in both districts, in order to build Sri Lanka as a logistics hub in Asia.

"Moreover, the Mattala Raja-

paksa International Airport (MRIA) will be turned into one of the most active and safest airports in the South Asian region, while increasing its passengers and cargo handling capacities and also promoting it as a centre for the promotion of investments to the country," he added.

Two Russian Navy ships call at Hambantota

As a part of carrying out operations in the Asia-Pacific region, two Russian Navy warships have arrived in Sri Lanka, the Russian Pacific Fleet spokesman said on Monday.

The warships, Admiral Tributs and Admiral Vinogradov, are Udaloy-class anti-submarine guided-missile destroyers. Seven such destroyers are currently in service with the Russian Navy's Northern and Pacific fleets.

The warships arrived at the

Sri Lankan port of Hambantota, for a business call—and are set to replenish water and fuel supplies.

"Today, in accordance with the long voyage plan, a detachment of the Pacific Fleet warships consisting of the large anti-submarine ships Admiral Tributs and Admiral Vinogradov, and large sea tanker Boris Butoma arrived on a business call at the port of Hambantota on the southern coast of Sri Lanka," said Nikolai Voskresensky, the spokesperson of Pacific Fleet.

According to reports, the detachment left Vladivostok on August 1 for the long voyage aimed at carrying out missions in the Asia-Pacific region for more than two months. Similar visits of Russian Warships to Sri Lanka have also happened before.

In this year, two warships, 'Yaroslav Mudry' and 'Victor Konetsky' of the Baltic Fleet, arrived at the port of Colombo on a three-day goodwill visit in March.



(Eurasian Times)

US Ambassador opens new school in Sampur

US Ambassador to Sri Lanka Alaina B. Teplitz opened the new Khoonethivu Navalar School in Sampur on August 26. The new facilities include a two-story classroom building with eight classrooms, a rainwater harvesting system with a 30,000-litre storage tank, and washrooms with facilities for both male and female students, teachers, and people with disabilities.

The United States and the Sri Lankan Ministry of Education invested Rs.93 million (approximately \$500,000) in this project, which was an initiative of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

"This new building offers a safe environment for students to explore new concepts and new ideas while also building a future for themselves and their community," said Ambassador Teplitz at the ceremony. "All adults share both the privilege and responsibility of supporting and empowering children in their education," she added.

In addition to providing much needed classroom space, this building will also serve as an emergency shelter for up to 400 evacuees from the local community which is especially beneficial as the region is vulnerable to natural disasters. Also participating in the ceremony were Eastern Province Governor Anuradha Yahampath, Secretary of the Ministry of Education (Eastern Province) I.K.G. Muthubanda, Provincial Director of Education M.T.A. Izam, Zonal Director of Education A.L.M. Cassim, and Divisional Secretary M.B.M. Mubarak.

Over the past nine years, the American people, through USINDOPACOM, have supported the construction of 14 schools with investments over \$5.8 million. School construction projects represent a long-running partnership between the United States and local communities, directly benefiting underserved communities while also contributing towards educating Sri Lanka's youth.



US Ambassador Alaina B. Teplitz opening the Khoonethivu Navalar School. Picture by Trincomalee District Special Corr.

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Sunday

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The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

English Letter & Winning Numbers
14 42 43 56

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Date: 30 Aug. 2020
Colour: Yellow

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Winning tickets are valid for 6 months.

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SUNDAY
Date: 30.08.2020
Draw No.: 1026
Colour: GREEN

Total Value of Prizes
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Winning number for Rs. 500/- cash prizes: **3830**
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Winning tickets are valid only for six months

ATA PIRIKARA:

More than just an offering to Maha Sangha

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Offering an Ata Pirikara (Eight-Fold Offering) is one of the Ata Maha Kusal (Eight great meritorious deeds). Ata Maha Kusal includes the offering of the Katina robe (Katina chevara) prepared and presented to monks who have completed the three-month period of retreat called Vassana (rainy season); offering of Ata Pirikara; construction of an Awasa (shelter) for Buddhist monks; offering of Sanghika Dana (alms and other requisites to the Order of the Sangha with the Lord Buddha in mind); the printing, recording and the distribution of Dhamma; donation of land to Buddha Sasana; construction of Buddha statues, dagebas and drawings; and construction and offering of bathrooms for the use of Buddhist monks.

Following are the excerpts from an interview with Chief Incumbent of Minipura Amashanthi Forest Monastery Kammattanacharya, Thripitaka Wageeshwara, Saddharma Shiromani Most Ven. Thapowanaye Rathana Thera.

The eight items encompassed in the Ata Pirikara meet four requisites of monks – robes, alms, shelter and health (filtered water). It is for this reason that the Ata Pirikara is given much importance among Buddhist devotees.

Buddhist devotees must be very careful when purchasing Ata Pirikara from shops for offering; they should make sure that it includes the proper items which can be worn by Bhikkhus. An Ata Pirikara contains eight important items used by a Bhikkhu. Unfortunately, certain Ata Pirikara available in the market contain things that cannot be used by Bhikkhus.

Ven. Rathana Thera said the Ata Pirikara is the sign of 'Shramana Linga' or Mahana. Ata Pirikara is one of the most important items for an ascetic.

"Sambadho gharavaso rajapatho, abbhokaso pabbajja. navidam sukaram agaram ajjhasvata ekantaparipunnam ekantaparisuddham sa khalikhitam

brahmacariyam caritum. yann naham kesamassum ohareva kasayani vatthani

acchadetva agarasma anagariyam pabbajeyya'nti. (Ghotamukha Sutta)

"The household life is full of difficulties. It is a path of defilements. Going forth, hermit, is like open space. Living in a household, it is not easy to lead a holy life complete and pure without being defiled. Shaving head and beard, putting on yellow clothes, why should not I go forth as a hermit? At some suitable time, he gives up a little wealth or a large mass of wealth, either leaving behind a small circle of friends, or a large circle of friends

shaving head and beard and donning yellow clothes, goes forth as a hermit."

According to the Buddhist history, first Ata Pirikara had been offered by Ghatikara Maha Brahma to the Bodhisattva at the banks of River Anoma.

The Bodhisattva, who had cut his hair to become an ascetic, had the thought, "I feel Kasi Saluwa is not suitable for an ascetic." Ghatikara, a friend of the Bodhisattva in the Sasana of Kasyapa Buddha, who attained Anagami and born in a Suddhawasa, learnt the idea of the Bodhisattva and offered an Ata Pirikara. (Saddharmaratnavaliya)

This shows that in the past, it was the norm for an ascetic to wear this outfit.

The Ata Pirikara is a combined offering of eight items including three types of robes, a belt, a needle and a thread, an alms bowl, a cloth filter and a shaving knife.

"*ticivaramca pattova - vasi suciva bandhanam parissavana atthete - yutta yogassa bhikkhuno*"

In the above stanza, there are eight pirikaras that a Buddhist monk requires.

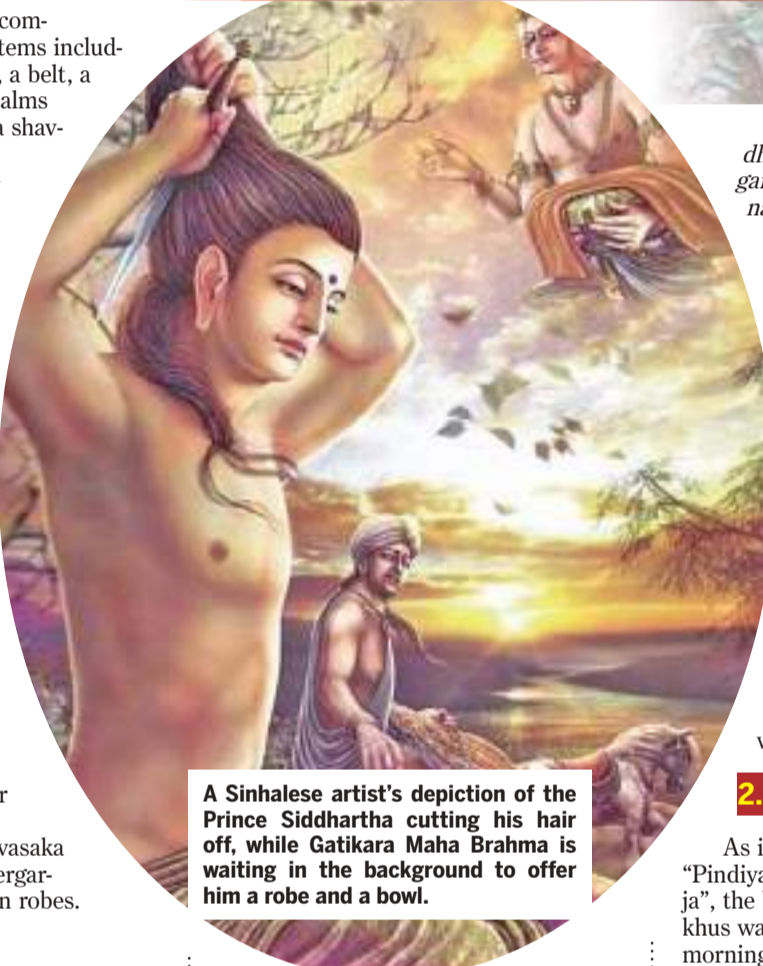
1. Thanipota Sivura - Single robe
2. Depota Sivura - Double robe
3. Andanaya - Inner wear

1. THREE TYPES OF ROBE

The Buddha has approved nine robes for the use of monks. Of these, Sangati (the outer robe), Uttarasanga (the upper robe) and Antarasavasa (the lower robe, or undergarment) are the three main robes.

Robe sizes:

All robes should be smaller than the Buddha's robe (Sugatha Cheewara). The length of the Buddha's robe is 13 carpenter's cubits (Wadu Riyana) and a half. Present monks do not need to wear a robe that is as long and wide as the Sugatha Cheewara. But even if it is very small, the monks won't be able to wear the robe by preserving the *Parimandala Supatichchanna* precept and the same thing happens when the robe is too large. Therefore, robes should be made according to one's own body size. Adanaya that is five feet long, one or two and a half feet wide is appropriate.



A Sinhalese artist's depiction of the Prince Siddhartha cutting his hair off, while Gatikara Maha Brahma is waiting in the background to offer him a robe and a bowl.

dharetabbani, na sabbamaharamgarattani civarani dharetabbani, na

sabbamaharamgarattani civarani dharetabbani."

(Mahavagga Civarakkhandhaka)

As it was preached by the Buddha, no monk can wear a robe that is completely bluish, yellowish, reddish, colour of Madatiya seed, blackish, colour of scolopendra or ripened leaves. Instead, a 'mixed' hue was recommended that could be extracted by boiling plant specimens such as the bark of the Nuga tree, to render kahata - a 'discolour' and the robes were in relation referred to as the kahata-wasthraya - discoloured garb.

2. BOWL

As it was preached by the Buddha, "Pindiyalopabbojanam nissaya pabbajja", the basic source of food for Bhikkhus was that received during the morning alms round (Pindapatha). This daily dependence on alms food reminds both Bhikkhus and lay devotees of their interdependence and prevents the Bhikkhus from becoming too isolated from the lay community. He 'meets' them every day and eats the food that they share with him.

"*Na bhikkhave apattako upasampadatto, yo upasampadeyya apatti dukkatassa.*" There is also a precept stating that a person who does not have a bowl should not be ordained.

"*Na bhikkhave sovannamayo patto dharetabbo, na r piyamayo patto dharetabbo, na manimayo patto dharetabbo, na veluriyamayo patto dharetabbo, na elikamayo patto dharetabbo, na kamsamayo patto dharetabbo, na kavamayo patto dharetabbo, na tipumayo patto dharetabbo, na sisamayo patto dharetabbo, na tambalohamayo patto dharetabbo, yo dhareyya apatti dukkatassa. anujanami bhikkhave dve patte ayopattam mattikapattanti.*"

Meaning: No Bhikkhu can hold a bowl made out of gold, silver, crystal, bronze, glass, white lead, black lead or copper and the alms bowl can only be made of clay or iron.

"*Tayo pattassa vanna ukkattho patto majjhimo patto omako patto. ukkattho nama patto addhalhakodanam ganhati catubhagam khadanam tadupiyanca vyanjanam. majjhimo nama patto nalikodanam ganhati catubhagam khadanam tadupiyanca vyanjanam. omako nama patto pathhodanam ganhati catubhagam khadanam tadupiyanca vyanjanam.*"

The Buddha has recommended three sizes of bowls - small, medium and large.

3. RAZOR BLADE

The Pali word 'Danthakatha' means a wooden stick that is used to brush teeth and the other word 'Chedanawasi' means knife. As it has been mentioned in Attaka Wagga of Anguththara Nikaya in Thripitaka, it is clear that a special knife was included in Ata Pirikara in order to make a wooden

ANISANSA (MERITS)

1. Lord Jothi received immense wealth because he had offered Ata Pirikara in the past.
2. Would be able to receive Ehi Bhikkhu Mahana Upasampada. The Samanatha Pasadika Vinaya Atuva states that 28,850 monks had been able to receive Ehi Bhikkhu Mahana Upasampada.
3. Women such as Bandula Mallika, Visakha and Sujatha who offered the Ata Pirikara received innumerable worldly resources, such as large precious ornaments known as the Mahaliya ornaments.
4. Arahath Bahiya Daruchiriya had to find robes for ordination as he did not offer Ata Pirikara to Arahant in the past. A cow with a young calf attacked Arahath Bahiya and killed him. Such things do not happen to a person who offers Ata Pirikara.



stick to brush teeth since there were no brushes for that purpose. But, today we can see a razor blade as a part of Ata Pirikara. So, we can imagine that the special knife that was used to make wooden sticks to brush teeth might have used for shaving purpose as well. The razor blade should be made out of stainless steel. But today only a blade can usually be found in Ata Pirikara which cannot be used for any purpose.

4. NEEDLE

Pali word 'Suchee' means the needle. Today we can find both a needle as well as a ball of thread in Ata Pirikara. In the early days, various types of fibre were used for this purpose.

5. ROBE BELT

The belt is also called 'Kaya Bandanaya'. Kaya Bandanaya is a piece of cloth that is tied around the waist so that the robe does not loosen. "Na bhikkhave uccavacani kayabandhanani dharetabbani, kalabukam daddubhakam murajam maddavinam. yo dhareyya apatti dukkatassa," which means that the Bhikkhus should not use fancy belts.

6. FILTER

'Parissavana' is a piece of cloth that is used to filter water. Since there are many invisible creatures in the water, the Buddha advised monks to drink only filtered water.

Attractively illuminated temple premises.



An oasis of calm for Buddhists in Oman



The Buddha statue at the temple.

Lankan Embassy in Oman to provide a sufficient space at the embassy premises for the temple. Correspondingly, Sri Lankan

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Following the exodus of Sri Lankan migrant workers to Middle East countries, mainly after the seventies, employees of various categories in large numbers migrated to Oman seeking employment.

Oman or the Sultanate of Oman as officially called, is a country on the southeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula in Western Asia.

The adherents of Islam are in the majority at 85.9 percent, with Christians at 6.5 percent, Hindus at 5.5 percent, Buddhists at 0.8 percent and Jews less than 0.1 percent. Other religious affiliations have a proportion of one percent and the unaffiliated only 0.2 percent, according to statistics announced by the US's Central Intelligence Agency.

However, almost all devotees of other faiths had their respective shrines or places of worship located at various regions in Oman except the Buddhists from Sri Lanka. The number of Sri Lankans employed in various projects in Oman increased unprecedentedly and notably after 1977.

The Buddhist workers used to perform their daily religious rites keeping a small Buddha statue or a picture at their residences or rooms. However, the Sri Lankan migrant employees felt the need for a separate common place of worship for them to carry out their religious activities collectively and unitedly.

A religiously aspiring group of Buddhist workers of J&P Oman LLC situated near Mus-



The Bo Tree at the temple in Oman.

cat International Airport (formerly Seeb International Airport) established a small shrine house in a room at the project camp. They procured a small Buddha statue and started their daily religious performances at the newly-set up small shrine. The particular initial step of the religious move was made during the 1979/1980 period.

Later, in 1982, a migrant Sri

Lankan worker from Wanduramba in Galle named K.G. Thilak made a five-feet-tall Buddha statue. The earliest Sri Lankans who worked in Oman still remember with much religious delight that over 3,000 Buddhists from all over Oman took part in the religious event that held at that small temple in 1985.

However, in 1989, as the camp was closed, the Buddha



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Kulathunga Widyarupage, a member of the Dayaka Sabha of the temple in Oman.

statue and the items in the shrine had to be kept in a room at the J&P Asaba camp. Nevertheless, the Sri Lankans again started their usual religious observances at the Asaba camp.

During this period, there was a special tree-planting project along the highway from Muscat International Airport to Qurum, a suburb of Muscat. The selected trees for the project were large trees such as 'Nuga', 'Asatu' and Bo. Taking the advantage of the project, the Project Manager of the said scheme, T.H. Anil Chandrarathna brought a Sacred Bo tree from Malaysia which was planted at the premises at the auspicious time of 5.23 am on the Full Moon Poya Day of November 1993. Since then the new shrine progressed as a thriving Buddhist place of worship with a number of addi-

tions and with regular Buddhist festivals, with the participation of increasing numbers of Buddhist devotees in Oman. By this time, the shrine consisted of a small wooden Stupa.

In 1999, for the first time, the late Ven. Maduluwawe Sobhitha Thera was brought to Oman for a public sermon for which many hundreds of Sri Lankans in Oman gathered. The Pinkama was held in view of the birthdays of Qaboos bin Said Al Said, the then Sultan of Oman and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Both leaders' birthdays fall on the same day. The event was sponsored by TV Lanka, the channel which introduced the Buddhist

shrine in Oman to the world through a programme telecast over their channel.

The Oman Buddhist temple was gradually moving ahead. Among the improvements of the temple during this period were a new Sermon Hall (20'X80'), a Meditation Hall (40'X20') and a bigger steel made Stupa.

Moreover, the Dhamma School which was started in 2004 with six students, now caters to a student population of about 150. The Sri Lankan teachers at the Sri Lankan School in Oman teach at the Dhamma School as well.

However, with the demise of the donor of the land of the temple, the said property was sold and the shrine had to be temporarily shifted to another location. The Buddhists employees of Oman again confronted with a new problem of finding a suitable plot of land in Oman to locate the temple.

Subsequently, Kulathunga Widyarupage who is personally known to Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa met him during a visit to Sri Lanka and explained the predicament they had faced with. Further Ven. Mahamevna Mangala Nayaka Thera who had visited Oman for a sermon also had explained the need for a plot of land for the temple.

Premier Mahinda Rajapaksa who positively responded to the request, directed the Sri

Lankan Ambassador Dr. Haneefa initiated arrangements to relocate the temple at the embassy premises.

The temple which was initially called J&P Temple was subsequently renamed as Dam Ram Vihara as suggested by the late Scholar Piyasena Rathuwithana. Later, on the instructions of Ambassador Haneefa, the temple was again named as Sambuddha Jayanthi Dam Ram Vihara on account of the 2600th Sambuddha Jayanthi commemoration.

Afterwards in an unexpected turn, the land on which the Sri Lankan Embassy was situated was sold by the owner of the property to a third party. The Sri Lankans in Oman again informed the Prime Minister about the sudden sale of the land. Premier Mahinda Rajapaksa who did not wish to shift the embassy and the temple to another location, instructed the Foreign Employment Bureau to purchase the entire land and the temple without interruption. The personal relationship of the Prime Minister had with Qaboos bin Said Al Said, the then Sultan of Oman was an added advantage in the purchase of the land in Muscat.

As the Embassy land in Oman became the property of Foreign Employment Bureau, at present Sri Lankans have their own fully-fledged Buddhist temple in Oman.



Sil campaign in Oman.



Bhakthi Gee presentation at Sambuddha Jayanthi Dam Ram Vihara in Oman.



The annual festival of Munneswaram Sri Eswara Temple in Chilaw was held in compliance with health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry to contain the spread of COVID-19. Picture by E.C. Fernando, Munneswaram Group Corr.

Government aims to make Mattala Airport the best in South Asia: Namal

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama special Corr.

If an airport was set up at Weerawila according to the proposal submitted by former minister Mangala Samaraweera, the Rajapaksas in Gairuwapattu would not have been able to engage in politics any further; Minister of Irrigation, Internal Security, Home Affairs and Disaster Management, Chamal Rajapaksa, said.

He was addressing a meeting at the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, recently. He expressed these sentiments after conducting an inspection tour, accompanied by Ministers Prasanna Ranatunga, D.V. Chanaka, and Namal Rajapaksa.

Continuing further, the minister said he was glad that he was able to pay a visit to the Mattala International Airport after several years. He said he was once the Minister of Ports and Shipping for three years, and that during that period, he set up two ports and an international airport. Minister Rajapaksa said that the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport was set up in the most ideal location.

There was an era when paddy was stored at this airport, and that was one of the main reasons for the defeat of former United National Party (UNP) Leader Ranil Wickremesinghe. He said that a new lease of life will be given to this airport under the guidance of Presi-

dent Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa. Ven. Devalegama Dhammasena Thera, Chief Incumbent of the Tissamaharama Raja Maha Viharaya, said that the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport was inaugurated on March 13, 2013, after the foundation stone for it was laid back in 2009. However, the Good Governance Government brought disrepute to it when they started storing paddy in it, he added.

Minister of Sports, Namal Rajapaksa, said that they aim to make the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport the best in South Asia, adding that it is targeted to attract around 30% of tourists arriving in Sri Lanka to it. State Minister of

Aviation Services and Export Zones Development, D.V. Chanaka, said that the Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was the driving force behind the setting up of this airport. He added that if not for him, the airport would not have been a reality.

Minister of Tourism, Prasanna Ranatunga, said that under the new Constitution the government aims to formulate that anybody above the age of 35 would be able to be a candidate at a Presidential Election. Hambantota District Parliamentarians Ajith Rajapaksa and Upul Galappatty, as well as Tourism Ministry Secretary S. Hettiarachchi were also present at the event.

HelpAge seminar on caring for the elderly

ANANDA KANNANGARA

HelpAge Youth Education Programme Director G.C. Mendis said that current statistics reveal that 99% of elders in the country are living with their families and not at Elders' Homes.

He said elders should always be with their children and grandchildren as they like to lead their twilight days with their loved ones.

He made these remarks during a seminar conducted by HelpAge Sri Lanka (HASL) at D.S. Senanayake College Auditorium, under the theme 'Care for Elders and Create an Environment for Them to Live with Dignity', which was attended by about 600 students.

Mendis reminded how former American President Barack Obama treated his grandmother until her demise, and how late British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher also valued elders.

He also said HelpAge was established three decades ago in order to improve eyecare and medical facilities for underprivileged senior citizens in the country.

D.S. Senanayake College Deputy Principal Indika Liyanage said she valued the elderly, considering the invaluable service they have rendered to society. She requested her students not to isolate elderly persons, including their own parents and grandparents. Liyanage also admired the seminar which created the awareness of children on the value of elders.

HASL Executive Director Samantha Liyanawaduge said HelpAge promotes the concept of 'Elders' Day Centres': places where elders could visit in the morning and participate in various activities before returning to their homes in the evening.

He further said that HelpAge performs about 20 free cataract surgeries on senior citizens every day at the HelpAge Eye Hospital on Sinsapa Road, Wellawatte; and also provide them with free spectacles.

Liyanawaduge appealed to interested parties to join hands with HelpAge to improve the living standards of elders by contacting 011-2803752/53/54.



HelpAge Programme Director G.C. Mendis addressing students at D.S. Senanayake College Auditorium.

Premier orders permanent buildings for Sinhala Encyclopaedia, Dictionary Offices

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa has instructed the Director-General of the Urban Development Authority (UDA) to take steps to provide a permanent building for the Sinhala Encyclopaedia and Sinhala Dictionary offices.

He gave this instruction over the phone-call during his visit to the Ministry of Cultural Affairs, yesterday.

This was after Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Gunawardane explained to the Premier about the lack of appropriate office space for the Sinhala Encyclopedia and Dictionary staff on this occasion.

Prime Minister Rajapaksa also inquired into the progress of the renovation activities of the John de Silva Memorial Theater and instructed the ministry officials to obtain the sup-

port of the Army or the Navy for the second phase of the renovation.

Discussions were also held with ministry officials on the 'National Art Festival 2020', Ranminithenna Tele-Cinema Village, and the 19 new cultural centres.

State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts and Rural Arts Promotion, Vidura Wickramanayake, was also present on this occasion.

Tank renovation project to commence soon in Anuradhapura

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Sri Lanka is well-known for its tremendous history of irrigation technology since centuries ago, and the 2,500-year-old irrigation structures and water management systems available in the country are evidence for this. Anuradhapura is popularly known as the 'Wew Bendirajaya' or 'Kingdom of Tanks' for the large number of about 3,000 tanks built by our ancient kings, including the most popular world heritage irrigational structure, the Abaya Wewa, which is found near the Ruwanweli Maha Seya, Thuparama, and Mirisaweti stupas.

In this background, the government has initiated a tank rehabilitation programme in the Anuradhapura District, having selected a range of dilapidated tanks. Under this programme, officials of Anuradhapura Zonal Irrigation Department are now on the move to unveil an 'irrigation marvel' called the Kudavilachchiya abounded tank, which is situated at the northeast corner of the

Wilpattu National Park, about three kilometres from Mahavilachchiya Reservoir, Anuradhapura Irrigation Engineer L. Kotavilachchi told the *Daily News*.

He said that the particular tank is supposed to be older than 1,900 years and is believed to have been constructed during the Prince Saliya and Ashokamala eras. For centuries, it was hidden by the thick jungle belt of Wilpattu National Park.

"The latest survey done by us has revealed the dam of this tank is 2.55 kilometres long, and is around 500,000m³ of massive earthen work completed by our ancient irrigation specialists," the Anuradhapura Irrigation Engineer said.

The Kudavilachchiya tank used to have sluices; they are now damaged by treasure hunters. But some of the structural features of these sluices are still intact. It is amazing that these 1,900-year-old bricks and cement mortars also remain sans any harm. The stone-carved sluice tunnels and groves, too, still remain in working condition,

Kotavilachchi added. He said that the Archaeological Department has granted permission for the project, provided that all ancient irrigation assets would be preserved and, at present, the Central Environment Authority is engaged in preparing an Environment Impact Report to enable the renovation work. The capacity of the Kudavilachchiya tank is around 46,000 acre-feet, the irrigation engineer added.

Once reheated, the water would be used to see to the drinking water facilities in the Vavuniya and Mannar Districts, as well as in the Mahavilachchiya area.

This tank will also act as a storage tank to feed the Mahavilachchiya Reservoir, under which around 10,000 acres of land is usually cultivated during the Yala and Maha seasons with limited water capacity, Kotavilachchi said.

Wildlife in the Wilpattu National Park, too, will benefit immensely by this project, he said, adding that the endeavour is estimated to cost around Rs.600 million.



R.K. Gunathilaka, a patient with Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology (CKDu), warmly welcomed State Minister of Pharmaceutical Production, Supply and Regulation Prof. Channa Jayasumana when he visited him recently. Prof. Jayasumana diagnosed Gunathilaka with CKDu 12 years ago when he examined a large number of CKDu patients in Vilachchiya, Anuradhapura.

Woman fined Rs.30,000 for possessing venison

NAVARATNA BANDARA,
Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

The Dehiatthakandiya Magistrate's Court fined a woman Rs.30,000 after she pleaded guilty to possessing venison last Thursday.

The convict is a resident of Suriyapokuna, Dehiatthakandiya. The venison was

found in her kitchen in a recent raid conducted by Wildlife Conservation Department officials following a tip-off.

The officials who conducted the raid were from the Henanigala Division of the Maduru Oya National Park.

Two buses running on kerosene seized

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Middeniya Police has taken into custody two buses that were running on kerosene oil instead of diesel.

The drivers and the buses

were taken into custody on a tip-off. Samples of the fuel have been directed to the relevant authorities for investigations, Middeniya Police Traffic Unit OIC S. Ariyaratna said.

Investigations are continuing.

Acting Chinese Ambassador calls on Health Minister

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Acting Chinese Ambassador Hu Wei called on Health Minister Pavithra Vanniarachchi at the Health Ministry, recently, a Health Ministry spokesman said.

According to the spokesman, the discussion was on topics such as further strengthening the relationships between China and Sri Lanka, strengthening health service in the country, and the successful COVID-19 control implemented by Sri Lanka under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

Acting Chinese Ambassador Hu Wei said the Chinese Government assisted Sri Lanka in the past, and that the assistance will continue, especially to face COVID-19-related challenges. The Government of China also appreciates the support Sri Lanka has extended to China during COVID-19 pandemic, he added.

Health Minister Pavithra Vanniarachchi said that the Sri Lankan Government thanks China for the support they have extended to local health authorities to control the spread of COVID-19. She added that several Chinese nationals are working in a number of health projects in Sri Lanka.

Interdicted PC arrested with heroin

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

Habaraduwa Police apprehended an interdicted Police Constable (PC) with 2.27 grams of heroin from the Sinha Village in Koggala, recently.

The suspect has been identified as a 30-year-old resident of Wanduramba. Police said he is a drug addict, and that he had bought the contraband using 'eZ Cash' transactions.

Police said that the suspect had been interdicted earlier over a dispute with a Police Sergeant while he was attached to the Sooriyawewa Police Station. They added that he had also been quarantined at the Kandakadu Quarantine Centre, recently.

Embilipitiya Paper Factory reopening on the cards

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama special Corr.

Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa has taken steps to re open the

Embilipitiya Paper Factory which was closed in 2002. The factory was set up at Kadurugasara in Embilipitiya, in 1975 and produced about 25% of the country's paper requirements.

The factory, which was set up in a 700-acre land, provided about 2,600 direct and 2,000 indirect employment opportunities for people in Embilipitiya.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



DESHAMANYA JUSTICE P. RAMANATHAN

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Bed shortage at Tangalle Base Hospital

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Patients and the staff at the Tangalle Base Hospital are greatly inconvenienced as a result of the congestion that exists there.

This is a hospital where patients from Tangalle, Kudawella, Dickwella, Beliatta, Weeraketiya, Ranna, and

Angunakolapelessa receive treatment on a daily basis.

There is an acute shortage of beds here and, therefore, most of the inmates at the hospital sleep on the floor. Even pregnant mothers share beds due to this issue, amidst the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. There are about twenty

specialist doctors at this hospital, but they do not have enough facilities to conduct clinics either.

The staff of the hospital said that the institution should be vested with the central government in order for it to be converted into a general hospital, as it would then benefit both the patients and the staff.

Three COVID-19 patients sent to IDH

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,
Galle Central Special Corr.

Three persons being quarantined at a hotel in Koggala were transferred to the Infectious Diseases Hospital (IDH), last week, Habaraduwa Medical Officer of Health (MOH) Dr. Pamoda Siriwardana said.

The patients had arrived in the country from the Maldives on August 28 and had been sent to be quarantined at the hotel right after. They were then subjected to Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests right after.

The trio are residents of Dedalle, Galle. They of the ages 23, 25, and 26.

Obituaries

SHANTHA WIKRAMARACHCHI of Nadungamuwa DC Mills, Nadungamuwa. Beloved son of late M.P. Wickramarachchi and Gnanawathie Wickramarachchi, beloved brother of Ramani Herat, Nimal Wickramarachchi, Dr Kalyani Dickwella and late Indrani Kulathunga, beloved brother-in-law of Dr H.A.P. Kulathunga, late Dr S.T. Herat, late Dr Sarathchandra Dickwella, passed away. Cortege leaves residence **Nadungamuwa Mills, Nadungamuwa, Weliveriya** at 3.00 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd September for cremation at Weliveriya Public Cemetery at 4.00 p.m.

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COLOMBO YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION

ESTABLISHED IN 1898

History of the Colombo YMBA (in brief)

The Colombo Young Men's Buddhist Association, which is presently situated at No. 70, D.S. Senanayake Mv in Colombo 8 was inaugurated by a group of 20 young Buddhists in 1898 at Buddhist Theosophical Society at Maliban Street in Pettah, Colombo. The inaugural meeting was chaired by the Legendary Anagarika Dharmapala and Mr. C.S. Dissanayake as the Hony. Secretary. Soon after Sir D.B. Jayatilaka a statesman and Buddhist Scholar was elected President and he held the post for 46 yrs until his demise in 1944. This Association which has a profound history over 122 years was established to safeguard the Buddhism and uplift of the lives of the Buddhist people who faced much inconvenience in the colonial period.

The Association later in 1912 was shifted to a rented house at Maradana and finally if could purchase a land from Borella with the financial assistance of Philanthropists such as Messers F.R. Senanayake, Sir D.B. Jayatilaka, Sir Ernest de Silva and Sir Cyril de Zoysa. In 1927 the Association was incorporated by an Act of Parliament.

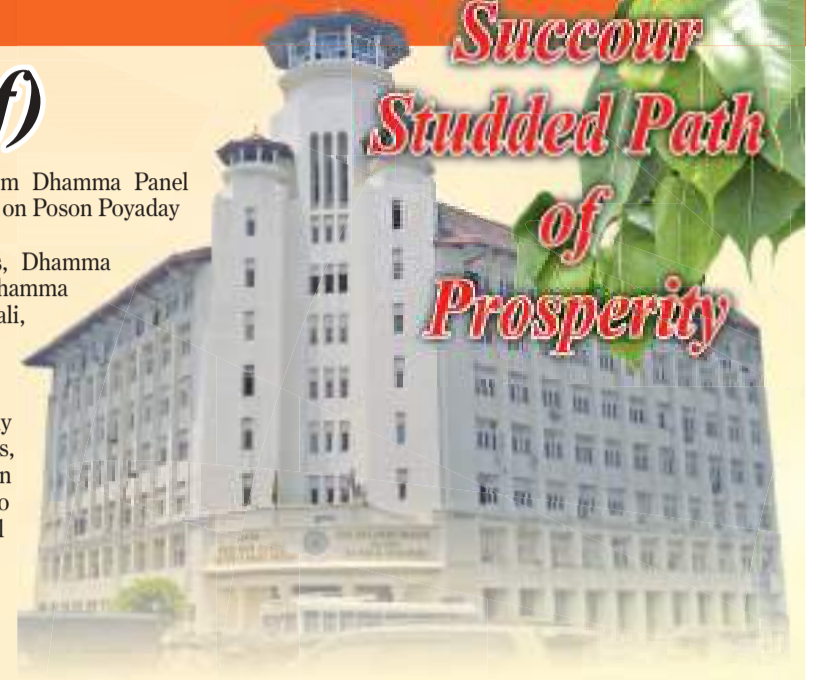
Some of the distinguished members of the Association in the origin were Messers W.A. de Silva, D.A. Hewavitharana, F.R. Senanayake, D.C. Senanayake, D.F. Wijewardane, Sir Arnold de Silva, E.A.L. Wijewardane, Wilfred Mendis, H.M. Jayatilake, D.M. Suraweera, D.D. Pedrick, D.S. Senanayake, G. Munasinghe, H. Dias, E. Bastian, D.S.W. Samarawickrema, Charolis de Silva, William Dias, L.M. Samarakkody, Koranelis Fernando and Sir Cyril de Zoysa. The Colombo YMBA which is believed as the Pioneer Buddhist Organization in the world has been successfully in carrying forward the Traditional Religious programmes including Sil Programmes on Poyadays,

weekend Dhamma Sermons, Monthly Sinhala and English medium Dhamma Panel Discussions, special celebrations for Vesak week, Redeeming of cattle on Poson Poyaday and founders' day Alms giving.

The holding of Dhamma, Abhidhamma and Pali examinations, Dhamma School Teacher Trainings and Leadership Trainings for Prefects of Dhamma Schools, weekend classes for adults on Dhamma, Abhidhamma and Pali, School Development Project, Financial Grant for Development of Dhamma Schools, Literary Activities such as conducting of Essay Competitions, Oral Tests, Art competitions, Buddhist Short Drama contest, Light of Asia contest, Awarding of Scholarships to financially backward university undergraduates and Advanced Level students, Maintaining of Gamini Matha Elders' Home, Lakshmi Children Development Center of Walana Katunayake and Co-assistance to Vocational Training Institute at Divulapitiya are some of the social activities of the Association.

This Association is managed by a group of 32 volunteer Gentlemen experienced in the fields of Finance, Education, Legal and Business sectors etc, and the progress we see today is due to utmost devotion of them.

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MESSAGE OF THE HONY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE COLOMBO YMBA



The Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA), throughout its history of 122 years, has focused upon its broad objective of providing facilities for the propagation of the Buddha Dhamma, and to foster the study of the teachings of the Buddha.

The progress of the Colombo YMBA, since its inception, needs but be attributed to the collective efforts of its founders, followed by the devotion and the services of a long line of members of the Boards of Management and of the Boards of Governors, all of whom have been unstinting in rendering their services to the Association, absolutely voluntarily.

The YMBA "set out to provide a forum in which interest in Buddhism would be rekindled and the value of this priceless heritage realized and protected." Thus, this Association sought not only to foster the study of Buddhism but also to encourage its practical observance, to promote unity and co-operation among Buddhists, to advance the moral, cultural, physical and social welfare of Buddhists and to promote the interests of Buddhism. As the Chairman of the Board of Governors, I extend this message to with the hope of sharing with the readership, to some extent, information about the essential part of the work done by the YMBA.

With Metta,

Deshamanya Ajita de Zoysa
Hony. Chairman

MESSAGE OF THE HONY PRESIDENT OF THE COLOMBO YMBA



As the President of the Colombo YMBA, it is indeed a pleasure and privilege to issue this message on behalf of the Association which carry out Religious and Social activities for the uplift of lives of the Buddhist people.

This Association, which inaugurated on 08th January 1898 has completed 122 years by now showing a satisfactory progress day by day. It has come to this state because of the unstinted effort of the pioneers and all other officers who extended their voluntary services throughout their period of time.

Although we have undertaken so much of Religious and social responsibilities I think it has not gone properly to the awareness of the public. Therefore this paper supplement and further details we expect to publish in the future will fulfill the requirement of ours.

Whilst thanking for all those who contributed for a good journey of the Association, my ardent wish that this Association will appear for the benefit of Buddhist people more and more with great success.

May the Triple Gem Bless you.

Maddumage Ariyaratne
Hony. President

MESSAGE OF THE HONY GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE COLOMBO YMBA



It is with immense pleasure I issue this supplement informing people of all the religious and social activities done by the Colombo YMBA.

Since Colonial times the Colombo YMBA has worked as an Association to safeguard Buddhism. This Association has worked tirelessly and continuously to expand its reach by undertaking more religious and social services.

The Colombo YMBA has successfully achieved its set objectives mainly due to the valuable service and dedication of its founders and all the members who have devoted their time, knowledge and resources for the development of this association. The members of the Board of Management, the Maha Sangha, donors, philanthropists, teachers, students, voluntary organizations and print and electronic media partners have helped us achieve a success by contributing in many ways.

The objective of publishing this supplement is to create awareness amongst our readers of all the services rendered by this Association and to encourage them to join hands with us in our future activities.

May all beings be well and happy.

Mahendra Jayasekara
Honorary General Secretary, Colombo YMBA

Rs. 15 Million For Scholarships

The scheme of awarding scholarships commenced by the Association more than thirty years ago has been continuing, increasing the number of recipients and value of the cash donations. Under this programme the outstanding and deserving undergraduates from among the State Universities and following degree courses in Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry, Management, Law, Economics, Accounting etc, are selected on the recommendations of the universities authority. Priority will be given to students belong to the families qualified for Samurdhi benefit.

In addition to this, 75 students in advanced level classes from identified neighbouring schools of Colombo YMBA namely Ananda Balika Vidyalaya, Devi Balika Vidyalaya, Gothami Balika Vidyalaya, Vyasodhara Balika Vidyalaya, D.S. Senanayaka Vidyalaya, Rathnavali Balika Vidyalaya, Susamayawardane Vidyalaya, Ananda College, Nalanda College and students from Kataragama National School and Sella Kataragama Vidyalaya recommended by the respective principals are also awarded scholarships. The qualified undergraduates recommended by university have been



selected by the Trust and skills Development Committee of the Association. This year the Association could award scholarships for 516 undergraduates and 75 students and financial allocation was Rs. 15 million.

Funds were generated mainly with donors based in Sri Lanka and abroad considering the Trust and stability of the Colombo YMBA.

YMBA Assists School Development

The School Development Project which commenced in 2015 is another important event among the social services of the Colombo YMBA with the aim of uplifting the education standard of less privilege students in remote areas. YMBA selected Sampathnuwara National School belongs to the colonization scheme covering the area of Etawetunuwewa, Kiribban Vewa left bank in the District of Mullative.

Although the YMBA's aim was to uplift the standard of the students education, it was revealed by the Association that there were lot of basic requirements to be fulfilled. Hence as a preliminary step the Association took step to provide drinking water for the benefit of nearly 400 students. Other requirements such as basic implements necessary for carrying out Agriculture activities, equipment for the Science laboratory, microscopes and other essential items of Laboratory equipment, chemical and large size Demonstration Boards for students of Science section, Scrabble Boards, Dictionaries, Books in simple English for students study of English language.

With the view of providing additional support to students in difficult subjects such as English, Science and Mathematics, extra classes after school hours and on week-ends are held detailing additional teachers. As a result of this a considerable number of students have achieved outstanding results in GCE O/L and A/L examinations.

The first stage of the project covering a period of three years for which was expenditure estimated Rs. 4.5 million and the Association continued it for another three years considering the progress of the study increasing year by year. In the meantime the Association was able to conduct seminars and



leadership programmers and to provide opportunities for students of the school to visit some model schools in Colombo Awarding of scholarships for needy and best result holders at the G.C.E. examinations, also continuing.

YMBA's objective is to extend this project, selecting one school each in every district and Wedamulla Maha Vidyalaya of Kelaniya has been facilitated as the second school holding extra classes in Science, Mathematics and English for students of grade 9 with the hope to face them to G.C.E. Ordinary Level examination with confidence in coming years. Supply of mid-day meal to students of classes below grade five also included to the project estimating Rs. 2.6 million. Lanka Tiles (PLC) has already provided a financial grant sufficient to cover the expenditure of the first year.

If any organization or institution is philanthropically inclined to extend financial support in this project, we make this appeal to such organizations to extend support to the Colombo YMBA to enable the Association to successfully complete this project.

Gamini Matha Elders' Home

Gamini Matha Elders' Home owned and managed by the Colombo YMBA under supervision and instruction of the Department of Social Services of Western province, is situated at No 177, Sir. James Peiris Mawatha, Colombo 02 to provide shelter and care to the elderly males over 60 years, providing basic requirements including their maintenance health recreation, religious observances in order to enable them to spend their evening in comfort with satisfaction.

While religious activities are conducted regularly at the Buddhist Shrine Room located within the Premises, Sil Programmes on Full Moon Poya days, Dhamma Sermons, daily Religious activities are conducted including observances of five precepts. In addition to this, elders' are regularly attending the religious events organized by the Gangarama Temple which is adjoining to the Elders Home.

Entertainment Programmes, Annual Trips are also organized by the Association, while the elders are provided with the facilities of reading books and daily and weekend newspapers. TV and Radio facilities are made available, while



opportunities are available to engage on light physical exercises and indoor games to change their monotonous lives.

Gamini Matha Elders' Home which could accommodate 50 elders is presently accommodating 35 elders'. The Home continued to receive from philanthropic individuals supply in the form of cooked meals, essential materials and additionally monthly donations. Those who wish to admit to the Home or any other form of assistance please contact Manageress of the Home over the Telephone No. 011-2434792.

Light of Asia Reaches 95th Year

The light of Asia oratory competition which ranks foremost among the English Literary programmes of the Association was inaugurated in 1925 by Mr. D.N.W de Silva, guided by His Excellency Herbert Stanley the Governor of Ceylon. This contest is held reciting a paragraph from "Light of Asia" a Poetic Masterpiece of Sir Edwin Arnold's. "Light of Asia" described the life of Buddha and it is believed that the Message of Lord Buddha reached Europe with this book. Since 1925 the annual oratory competition has been held by the

YMBA up to now for improvement of the presentation and oratory skills of students in the age groups of 9 - 21 yrs under 11 categories with the participation of more than 1000 students annually. Winners in each group are awarded prizes and certificates. The D.N.W. de Silva Challenge Trophy and cash prize of Rs. 25000/- presented by the Association is awarded to all round winner of the contest at a prize awarding ceremony of the Association. Details of the competition are published in Daily News papers in



early March of the year in addition to the guidelines/instructions issued to the schools/institutions, regularly participated in this competition.

English Medium Exams of Dhamma & Abhidhamma

The Colombo YMBA has been conducting the Dhamma/ Abhidhamma examination in the English medium continuously from 1948. The objective of this examination is to inculcate the knowledge of the Dhamma in students of Dhamma Schools/ Day Schools in Sri Lanka as well as Sri Lankan students in overseas countries.

This examination comprises 7 levels graded from Basic to Advanced Diploma level, while Text Books covering the syllabuses prescribed for all levels have already published by the Association. Generally over 6000 students from about 140 local Dhamma Schools and about 750 students from 15 overseas Dhamma Schools appeared for the examination annually held in the last Sunday of June.

Students who passed the examination will be issued certificates, while the students who had achieved first, second



and third places in the order merit in all levels and award of prizes and certificates to Dhamma Schools that have been rank first, second and third on their overall performance at the examination at the prize distribution of the Association.

Those who are interested in this examination please call YMBA Headquarters for more details.



"Serenity Kataragama" owned and managed by the Colombo YMBA is situated in the heart of Kataragama town provides room facilities for devotees attending to Kirivehara and Ruhunu Kataragama Devalaya. Please contact manager 0472235234 for more details.

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Eliminating Vice

That one in 40 Sri Lankans are drug addicts must surely come as disturbing news to many, particularly in a country where the four great religions are assiduously practiced and where each day begins with religious observances broadcast over radio and television and sermons delivered by religious leaders.

According to Western Province Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon there are 533,883 drug addicts in the country, out of which over 25,000 are from the Western Province. Speaking at a workshop in Colombo on Saturday he said they had also discovered that 136 prisoners ran their drug business from behind bars. There are 123 persons connected to the narcotic business out on bail and running their business without let or hindrance while appearing in Courts when their cases are called, only to be back in business after leaving Courts.

The all-out war against the drug business launched by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa is showing results. If not for this close monitoring of suspects and a clamp down on the narcotics business such statistics, as revealed by the Senior DIG, would have not even have been made public.

The arrest of Police Narcotic Bureau sleuths and a host of prison officers, jailers aiding and abetting drug lords too has certainly helped to blow the lid off big time drug running and the narcotics network. There should not be any let up and the successful operation should be taken to its logical conclusion until the narcotics business is weeded out from this country. The laws too should be tightened and no loophole left for the kingpins to escape. If the offenders are allowed bail and free to carry out their business, the whole operation would be meaningless. Therefore drug running should be made a non-bailable offence and those arrested dealt with severely under the law.

The extent to which the narcotics business has grown in the country could be gauged from the identity of the collaborators in high places and law enforcement itself. The involvement of individuals from the Government Analyst's Department and high ranking prison officials tell a tale. There could be other more stunning revelations as the full extent of the drug business continues to unravel.

The drugs trade is chiefly responsible for the exponential growth of the underworld in this country. A majority of the killings takes place as a result of drug rivalry. It is in this context that the commitment shown by Defence Secretary Major General (Rtd.) Kamal Gunaratne to totally root out the underworld and extortion rackets together with the narcotics trade should be lauded.

Speaking at an event in Anuradhapura Major General Gunaratne vowed to completely annihilate the underworld menace before long making the country a free place to live for the ordinary peace loving public to go about their business without dread.

According to Senior DIG Tennakoon there are at least 25 criminal gangs operating in the Western Province alone and 400 gangsters terrorizing the public. Now that their identities are known there is nothing to stop the police from going after these fiends in earnest. With the STF entrusted with the task of going after the underworld there is hope that the operation would be brought to a successful conclusion. When President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was Defence Secretary, a similar operation was successfully carried out in the Colombo city that saw a drastic drop in organised crime.

What is needed now is a similar commitment. During the past week two notorious underworld leaders died at the hands of the police while trying to resist arrest which alone goes to show the dangerous nature of the mission and the calibre of the offenders which only an outfit such the STF will be equal to. The DIG has also sought the assistance of the public in their quest to liquidate the underworld.

True, the public will not want to risk their necks. But on the other hand if the law enforcement displays an all-out commitment to fight the underworld there may be public spirited individuals who will come forward to assist the police in this mission.

Among the key pledges of President Rajapaksa before assuming office was making the country a safe place for all its citizens and the strict implementation of the law. The President has made good his word on this score, as one can see from the rapid steps taken to dismantle the narcotics network and the war against the underworld that is being carried out in all earnest. The country also appears to be secure from the terrorist/extremist threat with a well briefed and efficient Intelligence Service equal to the task.

Peace and an atmosphere free of fear and tension is vital if the full potential of people is to be realized. It appears that this atmosphere is today being created in this country with the measures taken to eliminate the sources of fear and terror.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Drugs take you to hell, disguised as heaven
- Donald Lyn Frost



Voters gave a two thirds majority to the present Government on August 5, 2020. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

'19A AN UNREGISTERED MARRIAGE'

Now & Then

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Last week we saw and heard how some corrupt Opposition politicians who came into the Parliament talk about the 19th Amendment. They were saying that according to a 'survey' it was found that 69 percent of the people do not like to see it abolished.

Even children in the kindergarten in Sri Lanka know very well what the 19th Amendment is, who brought it, when it was brought and especially for what purpose they brought it. It is hilarious to watch those Opposition politicians talk about the 19th Amendment because when we see them so many other things such as white vans, crocodiles, SAITM and low quality cancer drugs come into our minds and not the 19th Amendment.

According to the ordinary people of Sri Lanka who cast their valuable vote and gave a two thirds majority to this Government, the 19th Amendment is not an Amendment made to the Sri Lankan Constitution. It is just a petition, an unimportant piece of paper which does not have any legality, recognition or at least tolerance by the people. They say the 19th Amendment goes with some other words such as corruption, malpractices, illicit drugs, underworld and crimes and not words such as democracy, unity, reconciliation, national security, etc. Whenever we see or hear about the 19th Amendment, what comes to our mind is kidnapping and abolishing civic rights of patriots. You can hear their voices in streets, on three wheelers, in shops, in paddy fields, in the fish market and not in press conferences, five star hotels, etc.

According to a prominent Ven. Professor Thera attached to the University of Kelaniya, the 19th Amendment is similar to a marriage that was not registered. The two individuals who signed as attesting witnesses were there. The relations, friends, colleagues etc. were there. But the registrar was not there and it was not legally registered. The 19th Amendment was not legally approved by the people of Sri Lanka. Therefore, it can be totally ignored. The 19th Amendment is something similar to the wind. It cannot be seen or touched and we cannot point out the borders, the Ven. Professor Thera said.

19TH AMENDMENT

The 19th Amendment was brought in by the previous corrupt and undemocratic Yahapalana regime which lost the people's mandate to govern the country on February 10, 2018. But ignoring the people's mandate this so-called Yahapalanaya continued to make Sri Lankan ordinary poor innocent people suffer for over one and half years until November 16, 2019. The people of Sri Lanka told those Yahapalana crooks what they think about the 19th Amendment on two occasions, on November 16 last year and August 5 this year. One of the so called independent commissions used every possible tactic to delay the people's opportunity to express their will. But nothing or no one could change what people really think about the 19th Amendment.

It is very interesting to see what happened to the duo who played key roles in scrawling the 19th Amendment and bringing it to Parliament. One of them fled to Switzerland soon after Sri Lankan people told the entire world what they thought about the 19th Amendment on November 16 last year and the other is now residing in Australia without being able to face



Scenes in Parliament in 2018 as Yahapalana Govt. lost its mandate on February 10, 2018.

It is the duty of all of us to make 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' a reality. One person or a group of persons cannot do it. The only way possible is being honest with ourselves and doing our duties honestly without wasting public resources. Taking good care of yourself, especially your mental and physical health, also contributes towards this. A healthy individual can work more and work efficiently. The most important factor is maintaining a good memory.

sons and daughters of Mother Lanka. Both of them are dead scared to face the Sri Lankan public after trapping the country inside a 'petition' closing all doors to express people's will.

Here comes the most important fact. Why did the Yahapalana regime bring in the so called petition, '19th Amendment'? Why? There were few things they needed to do in order to make sure that they can stay in power no matter how much Sri Lankan people hate them, reject them and want to chase them away. Therefore they made sure that their main objectives are fulfilled through this piece of paper. They made it impossible to reverse their tactics. But the Sri Lankan people showed their power and destroyed all their barriers by offering the two thirds majority to the current Government.

What were the requirements of Yahapalanaya? We all knew but by now some of us may have forgotten them due to the mental solace and freedom we enjoy under this Government. The very first requirement was making sure that the current Prime Minister and the former Executive President of Sri Lanka Mahinda Rajapaksa does not come into power ever again. To do this they included a special restriction into the 19th Amendment stating that one person cannot contest for the Presidency three times. Then they included another restriction in the 19th Amendment stating that anyone with dual citizenship cannot contest for the Presidency. This was purely aimed at preventing anyone from the Rajapaksa family coming into the politics, especially the current President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Another restriction included in the 19th Amendment stated that no one below the age of 35 can become the President of Sri Lanka. This was aimed at preventing Namal Rajapaksa, the elder son of our Prime Minister contesting for the Presidency.

They set up so-called 'Independent Commissions' inserting their NGO henchmen who dance according to

their tune. The members of some of those so-called 'Independent Commissions' were subservient to them. They carried out all the orders given by their masters in order to harm individuals and especially the Sri Lankan public waiting to express their will. Anyone can understand what the 19th Amendment is, if he/she read it carefully.

No matter who says what now, the people of Sri Lanka have very loudly and clearly said they hate the 19th Amendment and they need to see it gone. They gave the two thirds majority to this Government to do it and not to listen to the corrupt opposition politicians who cheated innocent poor Sri Lankans for four and half years (over one and half years without the people's mandate). The people will come into the streets and show their due place to these Yahapalana politicians if they continue to use tactics that go against the people's mandate.

These smelly characters who came into Parliament again now show their true face. Recently one of them commented about the fish curry given with Parliament meals. After snuffing out the essence of the country for four and half long years, they are still concerned about their health and nutrition and not the health and nutrition of the Sri Lankan people. The Sri Lankan people did not want them elected to the Parliament but the existing preferential system allowed them to creep into Parliament.

They come into the Parliament to enjoy meals and all the other benefits and to obstruct all projects and programmes implemented by the Government for the welfare of the innocent poor people. Since the number of youths who can be misled is gradually being reduced day-by-day they now try to use different and new tactics in order to mislead the public.

The Yahapalanites now in the Opposition are much more dangerous than COVID-19 because we all

know how to prevent COVID-19 and protect ourselves from the virus. Our doctors and the health staff know how to treat Corona patients and our heroic Armed Forces know how to stop the virus from spreading. A vaccine and drugs can be developed for the virus.

But when it comes to Yahapalana crooks, we do not know how to prevent their future evil plans that will be drafted to destroy Sri Lankan people's mental solace and livelihood. We forget things very easily and it was the LTTE terrorist leader Prabhakaran who said that Sri Lankan people remember things only for two weeks. Therefore they can mislead people after waiting for some time until the people forget the bond scam, Easter Sunday suicide bomb attacks, fuel queues, gas shortage, lawlessness, etc.

PEOPLE'S POWER

Once they grab power, they use every possible tactic to stay in power without the people's mandate and we saw it very clearly in December 2018. They were not reluctant to tear off the country's Constitution in order to stay in power without people's mandate. They thought the 19th Amendment would help to stay in power but the Sri Lankan people were much more powerful than the 19th Amendment. Even if President Gotabaya Rajapaksa asked for a five sixths majority, the Sri Lankan people were ready to give it to him. Yahapalana goons underestimated the people's power and they thought the Goebbels' Theory will work forever.

There are two fantastic Sinhala idioms. One is *Una puruke demmath balu walige eda nere* (Even if you keep a dog's tail inside a bamboo internode, it will not become straight). The second one is *Thelen beddath kiren beddath kobeiyya kobeiyvamai* (no matter if you fry a bird using oil or milk, the bird will be the same bird). Those describe the real face of Yahapalana politicians.

It is the duty of all of us to make 'Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour' a reality. One person or a group of persons cannot do it. The only way possible is being honest with ourselves and doing our duties honestly without wasting public resources. Taking good care of yourself, especially your mental and physical health, also contributes towards this. A healthy individual can work more and work efficiently. The most important factor is maintaining a good memory.

Racism at the UN: 'Practice what you preach'



U.N. Headquarters in New York

THALIF DEEN

When two recent staff surveys, one in Geneva and the other in New York, revealed widespread racism at the United Nations, it triggered the obvious question: why shouldn't the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) probe these charges?

Currently, the UN has a veritable army of over 80 independent experts, described as "Special Rapporteurs" appointed by the HRC and mandated to undertake "fact-finding missions" to investigate human rights abuses worldwide.

The litany of abuses include torture, arbitrary detentions, involuntary disappearances, contemporary forms of slavery, and most importantly, "racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance."

Do revelations at the UN, warrant a Special Rapporteur to probe racism in international organisations? Or shouldn't the Human Rights Council widen the mandate of the existing Special Rapporteur to include the UN?

Louis Charbonneau, United Nations Director at Human Rights Watch (HRW), told IPS the results of the UN staff survey are extremely worrying.

"The UN leadership should practice what it preaches and work to end racism across the UN system," he said.

He pointed out that UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has spoken out against racism in the U.S. and around the world.

"He should continue to work on ensuring that the UN itself is a solution to — not part of— the problem."

As for the idea of a new special rapporteur, Charbonneau argued, there's a special rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism— and

looking at racism in the UN system is certainly something that could fall within that mandate.

Racism in international organisations

"If member states feel a new position would be useful to investigate racism in international organisations and come up with recommendations to deal with the problem, we would certainly not object. Anything that helps combat racism is a good thing," he declared.

Citing his personal experiences in overseas peacekeeping operations, Roderic Grigson, a former Peace Keeping Officer and a twelve-year veteran of the UN, told IPS: "When I arrived in Ismailia, which was where the UN Emergency Force (UNEF II HQ) was located, the UN compound was a mixture of both civilian and military staff. The international civilians, like me who came from overseas, were treated very differently to the local Egyptian staff in many ways".

For example, he said, the locals who were disparagingly called 'gyppos' were not allowed into the international mess (club) in the compound unless they were cooks, waiters or bar-men.

"If I wanted to bring a local into the bar for a meal— even if it was someone who worked right next to me during the day— I would be refused entry", said Grigson, author of the 'Sacred Tears' trilogy: a historical fiction set during the civil war in Sri Lanka.

This attitude towards the locals, he noted, "extended across all the UN peacekeeping operations I visited during my time in the Middle East— whether in Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, or Cyprus, it did not matter."

"The International UN staff in all the UN



The United Nations General Assembly at U.N. Headquarters in New York.

missions treated the locals like lackeys. And they hated us for it. And I felt very uncomfortable working in this environment," he said.

"Even though I was considered an 'international' having been recruited in New York, I was from Sri Lanka and felt I was a 'second class' international given the European clique that was predominant at the time".

Having grown up in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka), which was once a British colony, "I had experienced first-hand what it felt like to be treated as one of the colonial masters on the island".

"My grandfather who was Scottish, lived with us. He worked in a senior management position in the British colonial administration of the island. He had a position of privilege given his race and colour which extended down to his family. Working for the UN felt exactly like that," Grigson declared.

Somar Wijayadasa who worked in multiple UN agencies, including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), told IPS the UN is awakening to the issue of "racism" after 75 long years.

Racial discrimination (so discreet and subtle) was always there — especially in UN's Human Resources Departments, headed mostly by white folks, who were also heads of departments and organisations.

This was on top of the rampant nepotism where unqualified and incompetent relatives of world politicians of all colours were appointed to professional P-level positions.

"That is worse than racial discrimination," said Wijayadasa who also served with the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and was Representative of UNAIDS from 1995 to 2000.

Wijayadasa also said: "it's high time the UN Human Rights Council appointed a Special Rapporteur to investigate charges of racism at the UN, and more importantly, for the UN to provide iron-clad protection to whistle blowers who complain about racial discrimination in

their offices— and not be punished for speaking out."

Asked about the UN's role in probing racial discrimination, Grigson said: "Yes, I think the UN should investigate these charges, but I also think that the UN is just a microcosm of what takes place in individual countries around the world."

European societies and slavery

He said racism begins at home, and by calling out those who indulge in it, however famous or well-connected they might be, is the place to start.

The history of racist ideas can be traced back to those European societies that wanted to rule the world and used slaves to grow their wealth and influence, he noted.

"Slavery was only abolished in the world between 150-200 years ago which means that we are only three or four generations away from the time when people were used as chattels."

"We saw that happen in Ceylon, and here in Australia, where I live. But what I don't want to see is an international organisation like the UN, which does so much good around the world, become elitist and superior as they have already become to some extent, in the execution of their mandate," he declared.

Meanwhile, in a message to UN staff on August 27, the Office of Human Resources and the Office of the UN Ombudsman and Mediation Service, said a "United Nations Survey on Racism" was sent on August 19 to all staff members, as part of the Organisation's campaign of dialogue and action to eradicate racism and promote dignity within the United Nations.

"The survey has been taken offline following a number of legitimate concerns raised by staff on some of the content of the survey and we regret any pain and distress it has caused. We fully understand their frustration and acknowl-

People have a right to express themselves when they feel strongly about injustice, UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric declared. But we're seeing the issue of racism come up again and again in many, many countries, and this is something that... needs to be an open and frank dialogue on addressing, not only the issue of racism but all the inequalities and injustices that flow from that everywhere, Dujarric declared.

edge the need to further approach the issue of race and ethnic identity with greater sensitivity and awareness."

In its original survey, the UN asked staffers to identify themselves either as "black, brown, white, mixed/multi-racial, and any other". But the most offensive of the categories listed in the survey was "yellow" — a longstanding Western racist description of Asians, including Japanese, Chinese and Koreans.

The new message said: "Taking into account the genuine concerns expressed by staff, we are reviewing the content of the survey and will communicate when the survey will be relaunched."

"We take this opportunity to thank staff for their frank feedback as part of a deep and open discussion on the issue of racism and racial discrimination in the United Nations."

Responding to a question, UN Spokesperson Stephane Dujarric told reporters August 27: "Racism is something that needs to be addressed in every society, whether in the United States, whether... in any country, anywhere around the world, it is an issue, and within organisations, including our own."

Collective action

What is important, he said, "is that racism be fully investigated and that people need to also be able to express themselves peacefully, and whether that is through collective action, as we've seen through sports figures, or other ways, that is their right."

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Reflections on stubbornness



by Malinda Seneviratne

Mahendra Mapagunaratne constantly shares information and reflections he believes I should use in my articles. He suggests frequently but sometimes insists. I am sure I disappoint him now and then. A couple of days ago, he sent me the following message:

'Piyasiri...Jayasiri... you have done it again! Ruined a plot of a short story that would be remembered in 10 years by swapping it to a forgettable essay that would be forgotten in one year.... No point even reminding your potential for a short story. But why not write about your stubbornness in your next essay.'

The reference was to an article published in the *Daily News* on July 15, 2020 titled 'Piyasiri and Jayasiri' which I posted in my blog as 'The flights of the brothers Piyasiri and Jayasiri.' Obviously Mahendra was disappointed. I took it as a well meant admonishment.

He made me think about stubbornness. I realized that whereas I would often consider suggestions, I am generally disposed to push aside anything that starts with 'you should' or 'you must.' I don't know why though. When people 'suggest' something in question form beginning with 'why don't you...' I don't even want to respond. Maybe if the word 'maybe' was interjected somewhere in the suggestion I would be less 'stubborn,' I don't know.

Mahendra believes that I ruin potential short stories by wasting short-story material in articles such as the one about Piyasiri and Jayasiri. He may be correct.

I have on occasion wanted to write fiction. Another friend, Anuruddha Pradeep Karnas-

uriya, told me a long time ago that if I remained in journalism I would never write a novel. This was in my early days in this field. He essentially said that journalists get used to writing it all in a limited number of words. He is correct in that we have to stick to word limits set by editors. We can't get the entire story in but we realize sooner or later (if we worked for a Sunday paper as I did at the time) that seven days hence we will get another opportunity to write about aspects we had to leave out on account of space constraints. We console ourselves with the knowledge that there are few if any capture-all narratives.

Stories. That's what we are talking about here. Reading Gabriel Garcia Márquez's biography a few years ago, I realized that his short stories and novels were not exactly fiction. He did take liberties and coloured things up with magical realism, but in essence his stories were about things that really happened to real people, real communities and real nations. Maybe this is because he was first a journalist and a novelist later. Maybe other writers are 'more pure' when it comes to producing fiction.

However, fiction or not, if narratives do explore the human condition through real or imagined interaction among human beings and between people and the world around them, there's something 'true' that results. Good enough for me.

Years ago, I tried my hand at writing a novel. I wrote a couple of pages and that was it. A few years later when someone asked me whether I've ever wanted to write a novel, I



Gabriel Garcia Márquez

mentioned this. She wanted to read it. She did. The following conversation ensued and I wrote it all down from memory a few days later. She began by insisting that I should not continue with the story.

'It is too sad.'

'Are there happy stories in this world? Isn't it true that we want joy, contentment and triumph as our constant companions but that they are just random travellers crossing our paths now and then? They may stay awhile and chat but will move on. All those grand moments that we call magical, they are preceded and succeeded by things that are pretty shitty.'

'Still!'

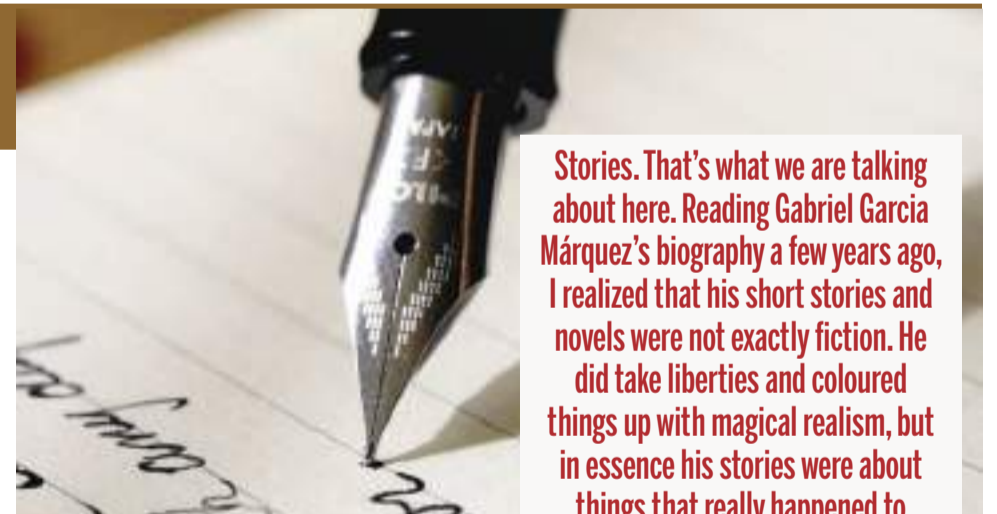
'A fairy tale then; with a lived-happily-ever-after ending?'

'No. That's not right either. But what was this story about?'

'Do you want me to write the story or just trash it?'

'Don't write it. Just tell me what made you want to write it.'

'That would take away the charm of the story and if I ever finish it, you would not enjoy it. I mean, I don't know if it is a sad story or not, but if it was not you would find it quite flat even if it was the best novel ever written. And if it turned out to be sad, your



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eyes would not fill with tears. That's important you know.'

'I don't care. You won't write it. I don't want you to write it. And you shall not.'

'Are you my agent or something?'

'Do you want me to be?'

'No. I am not interested in publishing.'

'Then why write at all?'

'I don't know. It feels nice to write things down. Sometimes if I sat down to think something out I get nowhere, but when I write, write anything and not necessarily about what is bothering me, things that I earlier found to be complex or obscure unravel. Writing clears my throat.'

'How can writing clear your throat? Maybe you mean it clears your mind.'

'No, definitely not. I meant my throat. That's where things get stuck. Words, mostly.'

'You are funny.'

'I am a clown, didn't you know?'

'Tell me the story.'

'It's a short story.'

'So?'

'You will be disappointed and will ask me what the fuss was all about.'

'Can you stop foot-dragging and just tell?'

'That's the way I tell stories. I go round and round until people start wondering when I am going to get to the point. The point is there is no point. Stories are pointless things.'

'Ok, can you start this pointless story?'

'You are not letting me tell it.'

'Well, do you want to tell it?'

'Since you asked, yes.'

'Then can you start now?'

'You are hurrying me.'

'I am your audience and you have to find a way of capturing my attention and you are failing badly here.'

'I am the story-teller and I tell stories at my own pace or not at all. Sometimes the throat doesn't clear and you have to wait for the right moment.'

'What is the right moment?'

'Not now.'

'You are impossible.'

'Would you prefer me to be possible?'

That was a merciful conversation stopper. What are the stories that are read and forgotten and what is it that makes stories remain long after we've read or heard them? I don't know. Does 'memorability' figure when we start writing? I don't know how it works for others. I just transcribe the world the way it speaks to me. That's all. Take issue with my narrative choices if you will, but I am not lamenting vocations that passed me by or options I did to recognize or brushed aside. Immortality is not my thing. Neither is longevity.

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Establishment of the Bhikkhuni Sasana

The Lady Legend

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The Buddha's initial dismissal of the arrangements for a Bhikkhuni Sasana came in for much criticism from certain feminists and the ilk. They put forth the natural question: is a woman not entitled to final liberation? This position, however, shows the sheer ignorance on the part of the doubting Thomases. The Buddha's dismissal was directed only at installing a Bhikkhuni Order. The Master's audience was free of gender discrimination. For instance, his audience included the ladies, one-time close companions in his life: Maya the Great, Pajapati and Yasodhara.

Prajapati, for that matter, was not alone. She had the support of 500 wives of princes. They all shaved their heads, wore yellow robes, and met monk Ananda. Only following monk Ananda's continuous request did the Buddha accept the Bhikkhuni Sasana on a Binara Poya. Pajapati became the first nun in the Buddhist order, albeit on eight conditions:

The monk shall be given priority in respect and deference over the nun.

The nun shall spend rain retreat away from the monks.

The nun shall seek consent from monks about Uposatha and teaching of Dhamma.

Upon violating a rule, the nun shall be punished before the community of both nuns and monks.

The nun shall confess any wrongdoing before the community of nuns and monks.

The nun shall be ordained before a gathering of nuns and monks.



The nun shall not treat a monk badly. The nun shall not teach a monk.

Pajapati Gothami — the name goes on to mean that she would have a large retinue — played an instrumental role in the Buddha's pre-enlightened life. She raised him following Queen Maya's death. She was Maya's younger sister. Dandapani and Suppabuddha were her brothers. She had Nanda and Sundari Nanda from King Suddhodana, hence they became the Buddha's step-siblings.

HARMONY DISRUPTED

The Buddha consistently affirmed the capacity of the 'fairer sex' to achieve final liberation. On the flip side, however, the Buddha foresaw complications if an Order is established for ladies. If the monk order has the life span of 10,000 years, the Buddha went on to highlight, it will shrink down to 5000 years with the joining in of the females. He likened the Bhikkhuni participation as a house full of women exposed vulnerable to attackers of varied types. It will disrupt the harmony, essential for spiritual growth.

Suddhodana's death left no reason for Pajapati to remain laity. The lady had already attained the first stage of Buddhist sainthood, Sotapann, well before a Nun Order was estab-

lished. She had enough spiritual grounds to approach the Buddha to initiate the Nun Order. The Blessed One visited Kapilavastu to settle a conflict between Sakyans and Kolyans on obtaining water from River Rohini. The Buddha delivered a short yet powerful Dhamma talk, which is now known as Kalahavivada Sutta. The talk inspired 500 men to leave their household princely life. Their wives were left alone. Gothami had the support of this troop. The validity of Gothami's ordination became an issue because certain nuns did not like to become nuns under her. The Buddha intervened and declared the validity of Gothami's bhikkhuni status.

Gothami once made an elegant-looking robe for the Buddha with some signature material. The Buddha refused to accept it alone and recommended it should be offered to the entire order. Gothami was disconcerted, but then she realised it was to her own benefit — to accrue more merits.

NO MORE RE-BECOMING

Andrew Olendzki translates a stanza from Theri Gatha which is uttered by Pajapati Gotami. The stanza is reproduced along with the translator's introduction.

The woman who is said to have composed

this poem was Pajapati, the Buddha's step-mother and a Queen of the Sakyas. Her younger sister was Maya, married to King Suddhodana only after Pajapati herself was unable to conceive an heir. Queen Maya died in childbirth, and it was Pajapati who raised Gotama as her own son. After his enlightenment, Pajapati also left the palace and became the first of the bhikkhunis, the order of nuns.

The third stanza suggests that her attainments included the recollection of past lives, by which she was able to verify empirically the truth of continual rebirth — the 'flowing on' (samsara) from one life to another. This process, as she mentions in her poem, is fueled by craving and by 'not understanding'. In the second and fourth stanzas, Pajapati declares her attainment of Nibbana, of final and complete liberation in this very life.

It is remarkable to think that when Maya is remembered in the last stanza, the author has in mind not the icon of motherhood and sacrifice that Maya became in the Buddhist tradition, but a dearly-loved younger sister who died tragically young — without ever seeing what her son had become.

Buddha! Hero! Praise be to you!
You foremost among all beings!
You who have released me from pain,
And so many other beings too.

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All suffering has been understood.
The source of craving has withered.
Cessation has been touched by me
On the noble eight-fold path.
I've been mother and son before;
And father, brother — grandmother too.
Not understanding what was real,
I flowed-on without finding [peace].
But now I've seen the Blessed One!
This is my last compounded form.
The on-flowing of birth has expired.
There's no more re-becoming now.

The Buddha proved his gratitude by attending to Gothami when she was ill. He preached to her consolation.

In terms of discipline too, the Buddha seems to have taken a firmer hold on the Bhikkhunis by making 311 rules for Bhikkhunis, in contrast of 227 for Bhikkhus.

Advice that transcends the centuries

How the Buddha dealt with insults and hate

LEE KANE

One of the unique aspects of Buddhist Sutta is its relevancy in modern times. Buddha may have lived and taught 2500 years ago, but, if you read almost any Pali Sutta, it feels like modern-day sage advice.

An early and profound, short Sutta, the Akkosa Sutta, seems as valid and useful today as it was more than two thousand years ago. It could even be applied to social media flaming, fake news and anonymous insults.

Today, we cope with insults online, hate, social media flaming, Fake News, political flashpoints, anger and pride. Buddha shows us not only how to deal with the toxicity, through this short Sutta, but also that this is nothing new. Fake news, hatred and insults have always been with us.

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The gist? If I don't accept your insults — it belongs to you, not to me. It's all on you. You sent the hatred, insult, and prejudice outwards — and yikes, it bounced right back at you, because — guess what — Buddhists can be made of teflon. (Sometimes.)

The reason we have difficulty with this teaching — as extraordinarily simple as it seems — is we are not Buddhas, we're just Buddhists. We are bound to our egos. We have pride. Even if a perfect stranger insults us, our ego starts that instant dialogue

"How dare he, I am..."

"How could she, I am..."

"She doesn't even know me..."

"I don't deserve that..."

Basically, the "I" gets in the way of ignoring the insult. The "I" or ego is the sticky cheese on our teflon frying pan. Still, it can be reassuring to listen to the sheer logic and rationality of the Buddha's compassionate words.

There's more to this humble Sutta than logic and rationality — the insult "that I don't accept from you. It's all yours, Brahmin. It's all yours." The other side of this story is compassionate teaching. Buddha could have walked away, smiling, ignoring the Brahmin as an example of what he meant.

No — instead, Buddha used a calm, friendly example — a classically patient and compassionate method — to teach the Brahmin. It wasn't about fault. In fact, it becomes clear that the Brahmin's own insecurity and anger and inferiority complex triggered his insults. His insults, in this case, were a cry for help.

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AKKOSA SUTTA

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying near Rajagaha in the Bamboo Grove, the Squirrels' Sanctuary. Then the Brahmin Akkosaka ("Insulter") Bharadvaja heard that a Brahmin of the Bharadvaja clan had gone forth from the home life into homelessness in the presence of the Blessed One. Angered and displeased, he went to the Blessed One and, on arrival, insulted and cursed him with rude, harsh words.

When this was said, the Blessed One said to him: "What do you think, Brahmin: Do friends and colleagues, relatives and kinsmen come to you as guests?"

"Yes, Master Gautama, sometimes friends and colleagues, relatives and kinsmen come to me as guests."

"And what do you think: Do you serve them with staple and non-staple foods and delicacies?"

"Yes, sometimes I serve them with staple and non-staple foods and delicacies."

"And if they don't accept them, to whom do those foods belong?"

"If they don't accept them, Master Gautama, those foods are all mine."

"In the same way, Brahmin, that with which you have insulted me, who is not insulting; that with which you have taunted me, who is not taunting; that with which you have berated me, who is not berating; that I don't accept from you. It's all yours, Brahmin. It's all yours."

"Whoever returns insult to one who is insulting, returns taunts to one who is taunting, returns a berating to one who is berating, is said to be eating together, sharing company, with that person. But I am neither eating together nor sharing your company, Brahmin. It's all yours. It's all yours."

"The king together with his court know this of Master Gautama — 'Gautama the contemplative is an Arahant' — and yet still Master Gautama gets angry."

[The Buddha:]

Whence is there anger
for one free from anger,
tamed,
living in tune —

one released through right knowing,
calmed
and Such.

You make things worse
when you flare up
at someone who's angry.

Whoever doesn't flare up
at someone who's angry
wins a battle
hard to win.

You live for the good of both
— your own, the other's —
when, knowing the other's provoked,
you mindfully grow calm.

When you work the cure of both
— your own, the other's —
those who think you a fool
know nothing of Dhamma.

When this was said, the Brahmin Akkosaka Bharadvaja said to the Blessed One, "Magnificent, Master Gautama! Magnificent! Just as if he were to place upright what had been overturned, were to reveal what was hidden, were to show the way to one who was lost, or were to hold up a lamp in the dark so that those with eyes could see forms, in the same way Master Gautama has — through many lines of reasoning — made the Dhamma clear. I go to the Blessed One for refuge, to the Dhamma, and to the community of monks. Let me obtain the going forth in Master Gautama's presence, let me obtain admission."

Then the Brahmin Akkosaka Bharadvaja received the going forth and the admission in the Blessed One's presence. And not long after his admission — dwelling alone, secluded, heedful, ardent, and resolute — he in no long time reached and remained in the supreme goal of the holy life, for which clansmen rightly go forth from home into homelessness, knowing and realizing it for himself in the here and now. He knew: "Birth is ended, the holy life fulfilled, the task done. There is nothing further for the sake of this world." And so Ven. Bharadvaja became another one of the Arahants.

A bowl of the spiritual feast



Though the Esala Poya marks the beginning of Vassana retreat

In the months of Nikini and Binara too it is to repeat

During Vassana every Poya remains very important

For those who wish to gain immense merit

This is the time that many efforts are made

To cultivate moral values for which rules have been laid

To the excitement, joy and shradha of the laity

Many a task is performed by the clergy

Bhikkhus are supposed to guide and give them advice

So that the laity is drawn away from the vice

During Vassana there is a marked improvement

In layman's moral and spiritual development

Discipline and morality have a classic impact

As stated in Dhamma on the code of conduct

Offerings of Sivu-pasa, a religious performance very rare

Comprising of robes, alms, shelter and medical care

Early Buddhist monks were calm and quiet mendicant

An aspect considered to be most significant

Alms bowl is one of the eight items of personal property

Of the bhikkhus who have taken a rigorous vow of poverty

This is a rule enacted by Thathagatha

Hence a bhikkhu could not go begging for pindapatha

Buddhist monks have to depend on layman's generosity

Laity also reach out to Sangha with equal love and generosity

This is a good opportunity for the devotees who wait

Eagerly to make offerings for the Sangha for merit

It is the Dhamma discussions and meditation

That the bhikkhus lead the laity to final deliverance and liberation

When the aspiration of the laity is still tender

It is a great service that meditation can render

Another event for which Binara Poya is important

Is the annual Mahiyangana Perahera and its pageant

The earliest relic was enshrined in Mahiyangana

Which Buddha gave during his first visit to Deva Maha Sumana

Binara Poya is also of great significance for Bhikkhuni Sasana

Inaugurated in the annals of the Buddha Sasana

Rupa Banduwardena

LADY LEADERS OF YORE

KKS PERERA

Binara is all about women's position in the Buddha Dhamma. Talking of Binara Poya, one cannot forget two ladies of ancient Jambudweepa. The Blessed One once wanted Maha Prajapati Gothami to perform a miracle in order to answer the misconceptions of "those badly informed men who do not recognize the spiritual abilities of women": the other lady devotee being Kundalakesi.

The most important happening on Binara Poya Day was the inauguration of Bhikkuni Order or admission of Nuns to Sangha Sasana. Prajapati Gotami, the stepmother of Siddhartha Gouthama and the younger sister of Queen Mahamaya, is a role model for women. It was her determination and commitment that finally led the Buddha to allow the admission of female candidates to the order. Buddhism can certainly claim to have the least biased attitudes against women.

Garudhammas: Who authored?

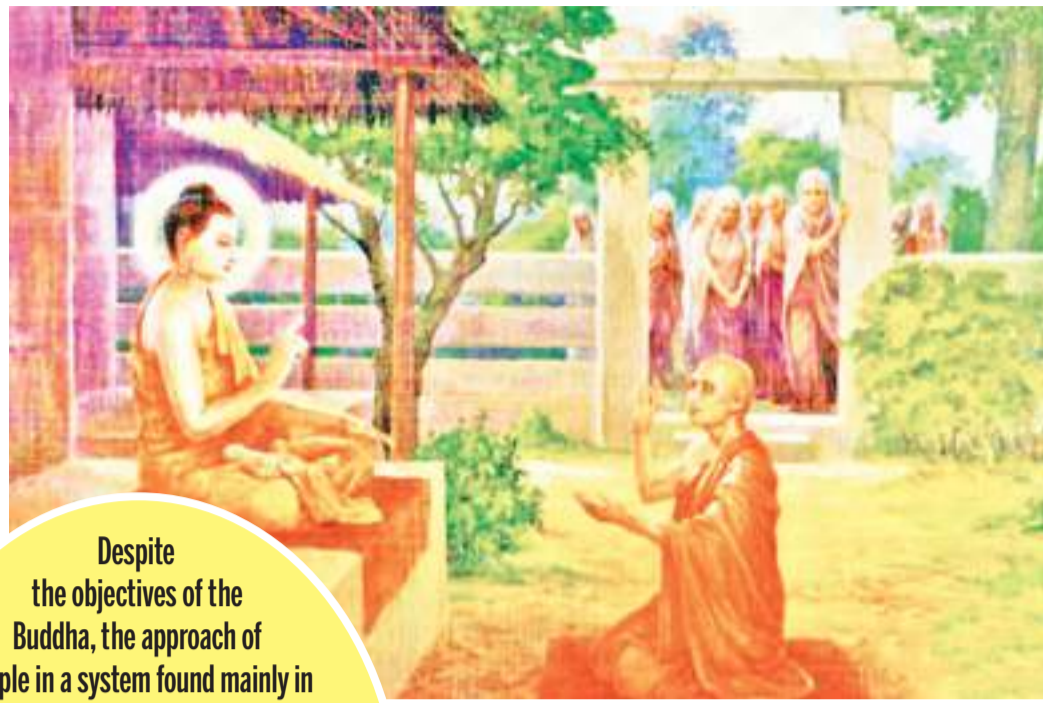
Despite the objectives of the Buddha, the approach of people in a system found mainly in Asia, in a male-dominated society, practically Mahayana sect of 'Buddhism' seems to have shaped a level of gender bias. The Buddha Dhamma as explained by Buddha himself is 'against the stream', which means that there is a natural debate between the Dharma-Vinaya and generally established concepts; the latter

always overriding the former. The Sangha has failed to conserve the precision of the teachings.

The so-called Garudhamma rules yet remain not fully examined and could be taken as the wrong perception of approval of women's inferior capability. The 'proclamation' that a woman cannot become a Buddha was possibly rather gentle in its original thinking, carrying no important effect on the prospect of women practitioners. The Mahayana view is even worse; that women possess an unequal capacity for development on the path to achieve awakening.

Hugh Boyd, a diplomat in Kandy Court, wrote in 1782: "The Cingalese women exhibit a striking contrast to those of all other Oriental Nations... that lazy apathy, insipid modesty and sour austerity of women throughout Asia, in every period of its history, in this island they possess that active sensibility, winning bashfulness and amicable ease... they are not merely the slaves and mistresses, but in many respects, the companions and friends of their husbands; The Cingalese neither keep their women in confinement nor impose on them any humiliating restraints."

The so-called garudhammas imposed on the Bhikkhunis stained Buddha's decision to



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permit the establishment of an order for women. Was these set of 'rules' incorporated in the Bhikkhuni Vinaya are mere ill-intended attachments by male

chauvinists? The eight rules are:

Bhikkhus to have precedence over Bhikkhunis in matters of salutation, irrespective of any other considerations like age and seniority.

Bhikkhunis could not observe the annual vassana in a district where there were no Bhikkhus.

Bhikkhus set the dates for Bhikkhuni Uposatha ceremonies. Confessing lapses by Bhikkhunis had to be done before the assembly of both Bhikkhus and Bhikkhunis.

Judicial processes in case of Bhikkhunis had to be undertaken by both the Sanghas.

Upasampada initiation of Bhikkhunis to be given by the Bhikkhu sangha as well.

A Bhikkhuni should never abuse a Bhikkhu.

Bhikkhus can admonish Bhikkhunis, but not vice versa

These rules are subordination of Nuns to male Bhikkhus. Rule 4 acknowledges the threats to which Bhikkhunis would be exposed to. They are a concession to male dominance. In practical terms, Rule 1 must have been the most infuriating and even embarrassing in a society where the observance to salutation was very strict. A Nun had always to pay respect to any Bhikkhu however junior the male may have been. It is not amazing

that it was from this tenet that Prajapati Gotami wanted exemption but was not granted according to subsequently added ideas to scriptures.

In Nun Sona's encounter with Mara- "What does womanhood matter at all, when the mind is concentrated well when knowledge flows on steadily as one sees correctly into Dhamma. One to whom it might occur, 'I am a woman' or 'I am a man' or 'I'm anything at all' is fit for Mara to address." -

The Buddha was unambiguous when he uttered that women have the same potential for awakening that men have. "Women, having gone forth are capable to realize stream-attainment or once-returning or of non-returning or arahantship."

The Garudhammas motivated Pali scholar, IB Horner to write a book titled, 'Women under Primitive Buddhism', in 1930.

Kundalakesi aka Bhadra

Bhadra was popularly known as Kundalakesi, "woman with Curls". She led a very secluded life. Her rich father was from Rajagaha. Bhadra falls in love with a thief while he was being led out to be executed, and wanted her father to save him. Strangely, the father pays a high price, weight in gold and 80 elephants to the State treasury and get the thief released for the daughter. They were married and one day she jokingly called him a thief. This anger plus his interest to her jewellery provoked the thief to kill the wife.

He persuaded her to wear on all her jewellery and join him to climb a hill saying that he had to fulfil a vow at a deity of the mountain because it was that deity who had saved his life. Kundalakesi obliged and travelled in a jungle path. Captivated by the splendour of the woods, waterfalls, the flora and fauna as they pass through jungle terrain, they sing songs with heart-warming lyrics and melodious rhythm;

Remember the scintillating song in the drama, Kundalakesi, "Anna balan sanda ran ketiyen ena seethe sunil dahara...hada sokha thevul nivana..."

Reaching the pinnacle, the rogue announced his idea- kill her by pushing her off the hill. Her begging was of no avail; the thief was adamant. Realising that she has to be vigilant and crafty if she wants to save her life, Kundalakesi asks for a final wish; as they only have a few moments left, she wanted to pay reverence to the husband for one last time by going around him three times before her death. He agrees and when she gets behind him, Kundalakesi shoves him off the cliff, taking him unaware and kill him.

Walking the length and breadth of Jambudweepa, she reaches Savatthi on a Binara poya day where she met with Arabant Sariputta, and beg him to teach her the Dhamma. She was ordained Theri Kundalakesi, who in a matter of few days achieved final emancipation.

May all beings be happy!

Our legacy of received opinions

Noted translator and author Steven D Goodman, deceased recently, extensively researched on the worldly attitudes in Buddhism. The following is extracted from 'Liberation and the Sacred' issue.

We are what we think, having become what we thought. —Dhammapada

STEVEN D GOODMAN

What can one do about worldly suffering? Many Buddhist writings speak of disgust for that which is "worldly." In much Buddhist parlance, things having to do with the world (Sanskrit: loka) are to be guarded against, avoided, turned away from and finally transcended, so that one can abide in a transworldly state (lokottara), at peace (shanti), in bliss (sukha), free from suffering (samsara), the painful flame of yearning (trishna) having been extinguished (nirvana).

From this perspective, the world is a place of perpetually out-of-control beings who, driven by desires gone wild, try to endure the ups and downs as best they can. In fact, the Buddhist name for this world of ours is "realm of endurance" (sahaloka). In Mexico City Blues (211th Chorus), Jack Kerouac, that Western student of Buddhism, sings samsara's sad song.

The wheel of the quivering meat conception
Turns in the void expelling human beings,

Pigs, turtles, frogs, insects, nits,

...
All the endless conception of living

beings,
Gnashing everywhere in Consciousness

...
Poor! I wish I was free

of that slaving meat wheel
and safe in heaven dead

It would seem that there is only one spiritual response to this mode of existence: to get out of worldly entanglements and to leave samsara.

But is this the whole story? Is this what Buddhism essentially teaches us about the world? Why has so much emphasis been put on repulsion toward worldly life? Why does Kerouac's depiction seem to ring so true?

I would suggest it is because we in the West carry, like a dormant attitudinal virus, the legacy of a medieval mindset, one accustomed to the Platonic denigration of the

"lower appetites" and to the many Biblical passages that speak of our plight as "of a few days, and full of trouble" (Job 13:28, 14:1) and the world as a fleeting show of vanities (Ecclesiastes). Worldly life is seen as sinful and contemptible. This contemptus mundi is amply attested to in the writings of many a medieval cleric.

Typical of the period is the lamentation of the monk Jean de Fécamp (d. 1078): "Miserable life, decrepit life, impure life sullied by humors, exhausted by grief, dried by heat, swollen by meats, mortified by fasts, dissolved by pranks, consumed by sadness, distressed by worries, blunted by security, bloated by riches, cast down by poverty...."

SIN AND GUILT

Our more recent humanist tradition, which sees the individual as the measure of all things, has not entirely eclipsed the view of life as a fearful enterprise laced with sin and guilt. The pervasive influence of this mindset as a dominant cultural legacy deserves more attention by Buddhist scholars and practitioners, for it is a bias we bring to both our study and our experience of the dharma. It is well documented in the work of the French social historian Jean Delumeau. (See his Sin and Fear: The Emergence of a Western Guilt Culture 13th-18th Centuries.) When we orient ourselves to Buddhist traditions, we bring the legacy with us. And that, I think, is why talk of disgust for the world and the yearning to "get out" seems so spiritually correct.

We are unmindfully viewing the wide variety of Buddhist spiritual traditions through the lens of a Christian, European heritage.

Repulsion, however, isn't the whole story. In the vast treasury of Buddhist traditions, there are other legacies, other attitudes and ways of talking about worldly life and spiritual work. The Buddhist path involves finding a suitable approach, one that honors our temperament and our potential for change.

One finds ways to wake up to the sufferings of the world and embrace them, never rejecting any aspect of daily life as if it were outside the project of spirit. All of creation is seen as the sacred ground for spiritual effort. This path is fed by the energetic stream that flows from the source of one's indwelling wakefulness, or buddhanature. The ever-widening stream of wakefulness overflows the limitations of ego—the holding patterns (atma-graha) that reify and hence alienate our intrinsically abiding spirit of going beyond (paramita) those limitations.

One presentation of this variety, popular in the Buddhist traditions that took root in the Himalayan regions, consists of three possible spiritual orientations. The world can be shunned, transformed, or experienced as perfect just as it is. Only the first approach regards worldly life and the drives that fuel it as lacking value. The attitude of renunciation attempts to avoid and reject all worldly tendencies. The

second approach, the attitude of transformation, regards worldly drives as worthy of spiritual engagement. Here one is encouraged to transform the worldly realm, which is seen to be constituted of both intellectual attitudes and emotional habits.

Whether one rejects or attempts to transform the world and its appetites, both perspectives suggest that life entails struggle. In psychological terms, the spiritual struggle with the world involves what Freud and, before him, Nietzsche, termed the sublimation of habitual drives. Nietzsche spoke of different methods of struggle with "the violence of a drive... Thus: dodging the opportunities [for its satisfaction], implanting regularity in the drive, generating oversaturation and disgust with it, and bringing about its association with an agonizing thought-like that of disgrace, evil consequences, or insulted pride—then the dislocation of forces, and finally general [self-] weakening and exhaustion—those are the six methods." (From Nietzsche's The Dawn of Day.)

From the Buddhist perspective, renunciation and transformation are seen not as contradictory but as befitting different orientations and circumstances. As such, both are deemed noble (arya), because they lead one away from the extremes of nihilistic despair and cynicism on the one hand and self-centered absolutism on the other.

RENUNCIATE AWARENESS

If one takes the approach that worldly life is a realm to be shunned, then the path of renunciation is appropriate. One trains oneself to guard the doors of perception, scanning for the arising of unwholesome tendencies so as to avoid them and thereby diminish their karmic residue. One practices calm and mindful avoidance in order to lessen upset and to let the subtle and luminous natural indwelling features of our being stabilize and, in time, become dominant.

Using those very same doors of perception, one can view the world and its ceaseless variety of circum-

stances as the fuel for transformation. On this path one trains to identify worldly entanglements and upsets so as to be able to select and apply a suitable "antidote" (pratipatti).

Through a kind of spiritual homeopathy, constricted emotional entanglement is released. This is done by dissolving egoic fixations in the universally beneficent solvents of love, compassion, joy and equanimity.

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Our capacity to meet and dissolve habits is awakened and sustained by applying active capacities to "go beyond"—generosity, ethical conduct, patient endurance, diligence, contemplative cultivation and discerning wisdom. Ultimately, every being and every problem is experienced as insubstantial-part of a magical display created by the mind and sustained by the power of karmic habits. As the Indian Buddhist philosopher Chandrakirti puts it: "The mind itself creates living beings, and the great variety of worlds where they live. It is also taught that all forms of life are produced from karma; but without the mind, there would be no karma." (From his Madhyamakavatara.)

The world, then, is experienced as either an impure realm of entanglement dominated by habitual and limited mind patterns or as a pure realm of bliss sustained by unlimited wakefulness. But when reified confusion is released into clarity through the transformative power of the wakeful mind, nirvana and samsara are not experienced as separate states.



How the Buddha dealt...

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Modern day application

Even though we know that responding to an insult could escalate the anger — it's extremely difficult to resist. We may rationally know that "the insulter owns the insult" if we don't accept it. In karmic terms, they own the bad karma. If we respond in kind, we own the bad karma. How do we avoid all of this, assuming we're not as rational and logical as Buddha when our emotions run high?

Well, for example, our boss is yelling at us for no reason, calling us stupid. Do we yell back? No, we smile, nod, and understand he or she's having a bad day. Or, our spouse is insulting us because we burned the toast? Do we snap back? No, the next morning we make the toast, perfect, just the way he/she likes it. A Facebook stranger insults our post. Do we respond in kind? No, probably we ignore the comment. We don't remove it, respond to it, or debate it. If we feel we have to respond, maybe we say, "I understand your point, and thank you for commenting. Personally, I see it this way, but I do understand what you're saying..."

Practicing Right Speech in negative situations

Dogen, in Moon in a Dewdrop, wrote, "Kind speech" means that when you see sentient beings you arouse the mind of compassion and offer words of loving care. It is contrary to cruel or violent speech.... You should be willing to practice it for this entire present life; do not give up, world after world, life after life. Kind speech is the basis for reconciling rulers and subduing enemies. ...You should know that kind speech arises from kind mind, and kind mind from the seed of compassionate mind.... kind speech is not just praising the merit of others; it has the power to turn the destiny of the nation."

Instead of responding with insults in kind, try a smile. Ultimately, if we respond negatively to an insult — even an unjust one — it is our attachment to our ego that is flaring up. If we follow the precept of "right speech" we will not fan the flames. If we listen to Buddha's advice in Akkosa Sutta, we will "not accept the insult." Or, since we are not Enlightened Buddhas, we could post the Akkosa Sutta as our reply to their comment.

Global COVID-19 cases top 25 million



INDIA: Global COVID-19 coronavirus infections soared past 25 million on Sunday, as countries around the world further tightened restrictions to try to stop the rampaging pandemic.

As at Monday evening, the number of COVID-19 cases globally stood at 25,391,204 with 850,637 deaths and 17,710,029 recoveries.

A million additional cases have been detected globally roughly every four days since mid-July, according to an AFP tally, with India on Sunday setting the record for the highest single-day rise in cases with 78,761.

The surge in India, home to 1.3 billion people, came as the government further eased lockdown restrictions over the weekend to help ease pressure on the reeling economy.

Even nations such as New Zealand and South Korea, which had previously brought their outbreaks largely under control, are now battling new clusters of infections.

On the other side of the world, Latin America – the worst-hit region – is still struggling with its first wave, with COVID-19 deaths in Brazil crossing 120,000, second only to the United States. Brazil's curve "has stabilised now, but at a very dangerous level: nearly 1,000 deaths and 40,000 cases per day," said Christovam Barcellos, a researcher at public health institute Fiocruz. "And Brazil still isn't past the peak."

Masks became mandatory from Monday on public transport and flights in New Zealand, which went more than 100 days without local

transmission before the current cluster emerged.

And tightened virus curbs kicked in on Sunday in South Korea, which is also battling fresh clusters – including in the greater Seoul region, home to half the country's population. In Iraq, thousands of Shiite pilgrims wearing gloves and masks flooded the holy city of Karbala to mark Ashura, in one of the largest Muslim gatherings since the pandemic began.

Typically, millions of Shiites from around the world flock to the shrine, but this year's commemoration was subdued with employees spraying disinfectant mist, checking temperatures and enforcing social distancing.



Despite the grim numbers, there has been steady opposition to lockdowns and social distancing measures in many parts of the world, often because of their crushing economic cost. - AFP

Australia's virus cases drop after lengthy Melbourne lockdown

AUSTRALIA: Australia reported fewer than 100 new coronavirus cases Monday, the lowest number in two months as authorities appeared to bring an outbreak in the country's second-largest city under control.

Victoria state, which has been battling a second wave of infections in Melbourne, recorded just 73 cases after peaking above 700 in late July, providing hope for a way out of a strict city-wide lockdown.

Melbourne residents are currently enduring a raft of restrictions including an over-

night curfew, while all non-essential businesses remain closed until at least September 13.

Under growing pressure to ease restrictions, Premier Daniel Andrews said he would release a "roadmap" next Sunday for reopening but warned any changes would be gradual. Flare-ups are persisting in neighbouring New South Wales state, which recorded 10 new cases Monday as community transmission in Sydney continues to trouble health officials.

Meanwhile, an outbreak at a youth detention centre in Brisbane has led the Queensland state government to put prisons into lockdown and cancel a huge annual school-leavers celebration on the nearby Gold Coast.

Australia has recorded almost 26,000 cases in total and 652 deaths from the virus to date.

The vast majority were detected in Victoria in recent months, after the country's initial success in containing the virus.

- AFP



Two Melburnians take a morning stroll after residents of Melbourne in Australia's Victoria State residents endured a raft of restrictions due to the COVID-19 outbreak. - AFP

German COVID-19 protesters fail to storm Reichstag



Police officers take a demonstrator from the square 'Platz der Republik' in front of the Reichstag building during a demonstration against the coronavirus measures in Berlin, Germany.

GERMANY: German leaders Sunday condemned the "unacceptable" attempt by protesters to storm the Reichstag parliament building during a mass rally against coronavirus restrictions.

Some of the protesters carried the flag of the former German Reich which was used until the end of the First World War. "Flags from the Reich and far-right profanity in front of the German Parliament are an unacceptable attack on the heart of our democracy," President Frank-Walter Steinmeier said on Instagram. "We will never accept this."

Police said some 38,000 people, double the number expected, had gathered in Berlin to protest restrictions imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus, such as the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Around 2,000 protesters gathered again not far from the Reichstag on Sunday although police said they were quickly dispersed after police carried out "several identity checks". Several hundred broke through barriers and

a police cordon to climb the steps leading to the entrance to the Reichstag.

They were narrowly prevented from entering the building by police, who used pepper spray and arrested several people.

Police initially appeared overwhelmed, as only a handful of officers were there to block the crowd.

The Reichstag, where German deputies meet, has a powerful symbolic role in the country.

The building, with its famous dome, was burnt down by the Nazis in 1933 in an act aimed at destroying what remained of German democracy between the two world wars.

At a press conference on Friday, German Chancellor Merkel said confronting the virus will become more challenging in the coming autumn and winter months.

Merkel and the leaders of Germany's 16 federal states on Thursday introduced tougher coronavirus restrictions to curb the pandemic, including a minimum 50 euro (\$59) fine for people caught not wearing face masks where one is compulsory. - AFP

Trump hails "golf buddy" Abe as Japan's best-ever PM

US: US President Donald Trump on Sunday praised outgoing Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as Japan's best head of government ever.

In a late night tweet Trump said he had just spoken with Abe, who is resigning for health reasons.



US President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe fist-pumping after a round of Golf at the Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach in April 2018.

"Shinzo will soon be recognized as the greatest Prime Minister in the history of Japan, whose relationship with the USA is the best it has ever been. Special man," Trump tweeted.

Abe announced last week he was ending his record-breaking tenure, kicking off a leadership race in the world's third-largest economy.

He said he was suffering a recurrence of the ulcerative colitis that forced him to cut short a first term in office, and that he no longer felt able to continue as prime minister.

He and Trump have met several times during the US president's term, and staffers have hailed the "unprecedented" relationship between Trump and his "golf buddy." Trump announced in September last year that the two allies had taken a major step towards sealing a new trade deal, after a year of negotiations between the global economic powers.

- AFP

Toddler survives terrifying kite flight

TAIWAN: A three-year-old girl in Taiwan survived being launched into the air for a terrifying half-minute flight after she was ensnared in the tail of a kite at a weekend festival.

Dramatic footage captured the girl's ordeal in Hsinchu city.

Initial excited gasps of excitement as the large pink kite took flight turned to screams of horror as onlookers realised the

toddler had become entangled in the tail, and taken along for the ride. Strong wind propelled the kite for a 31-second flight as the girl bobbed and weaved in the air.

The kite eventually came down and crowds were able to free the girl unharmed.

Hsinchu mayor Lin Chih-chien said the girl suffered some scratches to her face and was terrified by the ordeal, but

otherwise unharmed. "The city government expresses its deepest apologies to the girl and the public," he said on Facebook.

Footage of the incident quickly went viral.

"Everybody at the scene was almost scared to death. It really just happened in a blink of an eye," wrote one

blogger, who goes the name Via, in a Facebook post featuring a video of the accident

that had over 1.61 million viewings.

A 34-year-old man, identified by his family name Lin, told the Apple Daily that he helped reel the girl back to land when the kite's tail dipped low enough.

"At first I thought it's some kind of a stunt show... then I just thought (we) can't let the kid fall," he said.

- AFP



The three-year-old Taiwanese girl's ordeal.

Lower Malwathu Oya Reservoir Project headwork construction begins January

NIMAL WIJESINGHE,
Anuradhapura Additional District group Corr.

The Irrigation Ministry is making arrangements to commence the headwork construction of the Anuradhapura Lower Malwathu Oya Reservoir Project from January, next year.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, during a recent visit to Tantirimale, told Tantirimale Raja Maha Vihara Chief Incumbent Ven. Tanthirimale Chandrarathana Nayake Thera that the funds needed to start the project would be provided from

the budget of the new government.

The foundation stone for the proposed reservoir was laid by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa when he was President in 2012, and again in 2014 by then Irrigation Minister Nimal Siripala de Silva. In August, 2018, then Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, too, laid the foundation stone for the commencing of the headwork construction of the proposed Tantirimale Reservoir. However, the project saw no progress thereafter.

The proposed Lower Mal-

wathu Oya reservoir is to be constructed near the Tantirimale sacred city by erecting a huge 3.5-kilometre-long dam across the Malwathu Oya river flowing through Anuradhapura and Horowpothana to the Mannar sea. The capacity of the reservoir is estimated to be 169,000 acre-feet and will be the largest reservoir in the Anuradhapura District once it is complete. The cost estimated for the project in 2016 was Rs.16 billion.

According to Ven. Chandrarathana Nayake Thera, who pioneered to realize the reservoir

dream associated with farmers in Tantirimale and its surrounding areas, told the *Daily News* that around 5,000 acres would receive adequate irrigation water in the Tantirimale, Mahawilachchiya, and Oyamaduwala areas, including a 'lift irrigation system' under the reservoir.

Moreover, the major tanks in the Mannar District, including the Akathimuruppu and Viyadikulam tanks, will receive additional water to help irrigation activities under the Yala and Maha seasons, he said.

It is planned to develop the

Tantirimale sacred city while a new and modern township is emerging close to it to become a leading tourist destination, along with the Wilpattu National Park, which is located nearby, the Nayake Thera added.

"We are happy that already, the proposed Lower Malwathu Oya Reservoir Project has been published in the Gazette as a prioritized development scheme under the Irrigation Ministry under the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa," Ven. Chandrarathana Nayake Thera added.



The Malwathu Oya. Picture by Nimal Wijesinghe, Anuradhapura Additional District group Corr.

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1. SC.HC.CA. LA 425/14

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- HCCA 64/13

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Trump, Biden trade barbs after Portland shooting



US: A man was shot dead in the US city of Portland, police said Sunday, the latest violence to upend anti-racism protests as President Donald Trump presses an election message characterizing his Democratic opponent Joe Biden as weak on violent crime.

But hours after the gunfire Saturday during a pro-Trump rally in the Oregon city, Biden accused the President of fanning the flames of violence in a polarized and tense nation.

The shooting followed a week of country-wide protests – including the cancellation of numerous sporting events – over the police shooting in Kenosha, Wisconsin of African American Jacob Blake.

The violence in Portland erupted during a rally involving hundreds of vehicles “caravanning throughout downtown Portland,” police said. OregonLive reported “clashes” and “tense moments” between demonstrators and counter-protesters.

Photographs from the scene showed the victim wearing a hat with a logo for “Patriot Prayer,” described by local media as a far-right group at the center of multiple Portland demonstrations that have ended in violence.

The Portland clashes followed unrest in Kenosha, where prosecutors accused 17-year-old Kyle Rittenhouse of shooting dead two men and wounding another who were protesting against Blake’s shooting.

Trump was due to travel on Tuesday to the Midwestern city to meet law enforcement officials and view damage from unrest triggered by Blake’s shooting last weekend.

Wisconsin’s Governor Tony Evers sent the President a letter asking him to reconsider the visit as it “will only hinder our healing,” according to US media reports.

Violence connected to anti-racism protests has become a major issue in the campaign for November’s presidential election, with Trump presenting himself as the “law and order” choice and arguing that a Biden Presidency would allow left-wing mob rule.

Biden condemned the violence

and argued that Trump had played a role in spurring the clashes.

“He is recklessly encouraging violence,” the Democratic nominee said in a statement.

“He may believe tweeting about law and order makes him strong - but his failure to call on his supporters to stop seeking conflict shows just how weak he is.”

Trump spent Sunday morning tweeting and retweeting dozens of posts purporting to show violence in Democratic-run cities, and especially Portland.

The President has repeatedly threatened to send federal government forces into the west coast city if Mayor Ted Wheeler does not crack down. - AFP



Portland Police hold back a man who was with the victim of a fatal shooting as he reacts in minutes after the incident on Sunday in Portland, Oregon. Far left counter-protesters and pro-Trump supporters clashed as a parade of cars carrying right wing supporters made their way from nearby Clackamas to Portland. - AFP

Erdogan blasts French, Greek leaders over energy issue



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses a graduation ceremony at the National Defence University on Sunday.

TURKEY: Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan lashed out Sunday at leaders of France and Greece, calling them “greedy and incompetent” for challenging Turkish energy exploration in the eastern Mediterranean.

Erdogan’s charge came as the country celebrated a 1922 victory over Greek troops during Turkey’s war of independence.

Ankara and Athens now dispute major offshore gas fields and France’s support

for Greece has drawn it into a serious crisis for the NATO military alliance.

Cyprus is a third, albeit much smaller, nation vying for access to large energy deposits that have been discovered in the region.

Erdogan asked newly-commissioned officers in Ankara: “Do Greeks accept what could happen to them because of their greedy and incompetent leaders?”

“Do the French know the price they will pay because of their greedy and incompe-

tent leaders?” The crisis between putative NATO allies began on August 10 when the Turkish research vessel Oruc Reis entered Greek waters, after which both sides began to stage naval exercises.

French frigates and fighter jets joined the Greek side, and have shadowed Turkish vessels while Paris warned Erdogan not to overplay his hand. On Sunday, Paris denounced “escalating behaviour” on the part of Ankara. - AFP

Europe still divided over migrants

FRANCE: Since taking in more than a million people fleeing war and poverty in 2015, Europe has stepped up border controls but still falls short on common migration and asylum policies.

At the time, the migrant crisis “laid bare Europe’s structural flaws and political divisions,” said Marie De Somer, a migration specialist at the European Policy Centre.

Until 2015, the Dublin regulation had called for the first EU country where asylum seekers arrived to deal with their applications.

But the system “completely exploded” under the pressure that year, De Somer said.

Early on, images of columns of migrants trekking across Europe and the body of three-year-old Syrian boy Aylan Kurdi washed up on a Greek beach sparked sympathy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel set aside the rules in summer 2015 to allow 900,000 mostly Syrian asylum seekers in – soon followed by countries with less experience of mass arrivals like Austria and Sweden.

For lack of agreement, the Schengen free-movement zone was “significantly weakened, with controls reinstated on several frontiers” between members, a senior French official familiar with migration policy said on condition of anonymity.

Some migrants fell through gaps in the legal system, wandering from one EU country to another filing new asylum claims as previous ones



The Louise Michel named after a 19th-century French feminist anarchist, the MV Louise Michel as seen on Friday after it was rescued by the Italian Coast Guard.

were rejected. Meanwhile national governments tightened their own laws piecemeal, limiting refugee rights or raising the bar for granting asylum.

Paris “above all tried to speed up processing of requests to quickly reject the ones without merit,” the French official said.

Last year 612,000 people made initial asylum requests in Europe, according to statistics authority Eurostat – around half the numbers seen in 2015-16.

But the decline in arrivals was bought with “agreements with non-

EU countries at a significant cost for European values, and put the EU in a weak position,” said Matthieu Tardis at the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI).

An EU-Turkey deal struck in 2016 calls for Ankara to accept the return of migrants arriving in Greece, in exchange especially for financial aid.

Elsewhere in the Mediterranean, the EU has backed a controversial agreement for Italy to finance and train the coastguard in Libya, torn by anarchy and civil war since 2011.

The EU “has notched up very few successes beyond beefing up Frontex,” said the European Policy Centre’s De Somer.

By 2027, the Brussels agency is supposed to number 10,000 border and coast guards who can be sent to buttress struggling member states.

In July, Germany suggested the plan should include more preliminary triage of asylum seekers at the EU’s external borders and call for Frontex to deport those whose applications are denied. - AFP

BOSEMAN’S DEATH PUTS COLON CANCER IN SPOTLIGHT



‘Wakanda Forever’: Black Panther star Chadwick Boseman

US: Actor Chadwick Boseman’s death from colon cancer at the age of 43 has highlighted the growing rate of this disease among younger adults, who are often diagnosed at later stages.

According to Kimmie Ng, director of Dana-Farber’s Young-Onset Colorectal Cancer Center in Boston, it shows how important it is for more research into what is driving the rise, as well as greater awareness and screening.

“We are losing way too many young lives to this disease without a clear understanding of what the causes are,” she told AFP.

The suspicion is that environmental factors, such

as shifts in diets and lifestyle, could be behind the increase.

While studies are underway, US statistics are alarming, and the trend is similar in Europe.

Since 1994, US cases of young-onset colorectal cancer – defined as a diagnosis before the age of 50 – have increased by 50 percent.

Colorectal cancers will affect more than 140,000 Americans in 2020, with under-50s accounting for about 11 percent of colon cancers and 18 percent of rectal cancers.

By the year 2030 the rates among this age group are expected to double and quadruple, respectively.

As a result, the American

Cancer Society recently updated its advice, saying most people should get screened at 45, not 50.

Symptoms to watch for include changes to bowel habits that last more than a few days, such as diarrhea, constipation or narrow stool.

They also include feelings of having to pass stool that don’t go away by doing so, rectal bleeding or blood in the stool, abdominal pain, weakness, fatigue and weight loss.

Ng emphasized it is critical to catch growths early and to consider screening even earlier than 45 if there is family history of colon cancer or advanced polyps. African Americans like

Boseman are at higher risk than other groups, for reasons linked to disparities in access to care.

Colonoscopies are considered the gold standard of screening, but their invasive nature can discourage some people.

For this reason, Ng’s center is working on what it hopes will be the next generation of blood and stool tests that might catch growths sooner.

Ultimately though, “the best screening test is the screening test that gets done,” she said.

“If somebody is having symptoms concerning colon cancer, they need to seek medical attention,” she added. - AFP

Lady Gaga wins big at socially distanced VMAs

US: Lady Gaga cleaned up at MTV’s Video Music Awards Sunday, an unorthodox show that paid socially distanced homage to New York City as themes of voting and racial justice punctuated the night.

The 2020 VMAs – a show known more for ostentatious performances, made-for-Twitter moments and wild costumes than the actual awards – was scaled back due to the coronavirus pandemic, with performances held at outdoor spaces and many celebrities accepting prizes via video.

Host Keke Palmer, known for her role in last year’s film “Hustlers,” opened the show with an emotional cold-open paying tribute to actor Chadwick Boseman, who just died after cancer.

“We dedicate tonight’s show to a man whose spirit touched so many,” she said of the performer who portrayed James Brown and Jackie Robinson, and was the first Black superhero in “Black Panther.” Canadian R&B singer The Weeknd – whose wins included the coveted Video of the Year – then launched into a performance of the hit “Blinding Lights” atop a viewing deck protruding off a Manhattan skyscraper, 1,000 feet in the air.

Lady Gaga took home trophies including Artist of the Year and Song of the Year for “Rain on Me,” her collaboration with Ariana Grande.

The pair staged a futuristic performance atop the Empire State Building, both masked, with Gaga in a BDSM-esque corseted get-up, one of her many eccentric costumes of the night.

The 34-year-old – who famously wore a dress crafted of raw flank steak to the 2010 VMAs – also won the show’s inaugural “Tricon Award,” which recognizes an artist who is highly accomplished across three or more disciplines.

“This has not been an easy year for a lot of people, but what I see in



US singer-songwriter Lady Gaga performing during the 2020 MTV Video Music Awards, being held virtually amid the coronavirus pandemic, broadcast on August 30, 2020 in New York. - AFP

the world is a massive triumph of courage,” she said.

“Stay safe. Speak your mind and, I might sound like a broken record, but wear a mask. It’s a sign of respect.” The show also honoured healthcare workers with a tribute to doctors and nurses singing and dancing in crowd-sourced videos.

Miley Cyrus meanwhile performed “Midnight Sky” while swinging on a disco ball, recalling her “Wrecking Ball” music video.

Colombian singer Maluma won Best Latin for “Que Pena” featuring J Balvin, as R&B prodigy H.E.R. won MTV’s Video For Good, which honours work with a social message, for “I Can’t Breathe.” Rapper Megan Thee Stallion – currently basking in the glow of her recent success with Cardi B for their raunchy hit “WAP” – won Best Hip Hop for “Savage.” The star accepted her award from home, popping champagne wearing spandex shorts and a T-shirt. - AFP

Yannik Kumara clinches RCGC Club Championship

HERBERT PERERA

Yannik Kumara at 14 years and nine months became the second fourteen year old to annex the Royal Colombo Golf Club Championship after Amrith De Soysa did so in 2001 defeating the same opponent Rusi Captain 'Fourteen Time Club Champion' since 1992 who last won in 2018.

Yannik Kumara displayed maturity handling the pressure that comes with playing in a first final being 2 down after the 5th Hole and 2 down at the turn, the turning point of the Final happened when Rusi 4 putted on the 10th Hole to open the door for Yannik from which point

Yannik Kumara never looked back. He reeled off winning Hole after Hole and was 4 Up after the Morning 18 Holes. In the second Round Yannik kept applying the pressure and after 26 Holes had a commanding 7 Up lead. After 'lemons' at the '9th Hut' Yannik was on the green under 10 Feet from the Pin whilst Rusi was on the Green on the left a good 40 feet from the Pin which he holed-out and gave a glimmer of hope that he would stage a comeback!! Yannik missed the Birdie and the lead was now 6 Up to Yannik.

Yannik kept his cool and took the 10th and 11th in his stride to seal the 36 Hole Final 8

and 7, probably the biggest margin inflicted on Rusi Captain in his Nine losses in the Club Championship final as against the 14 wins as RCGC Club Champion.

In the RCGC Ladies Club Championship 17 year old Kayla Perera beat Anouk Chitty 2 & 1 in the Final, winning the Ladies RCGC Club Championship for the second time. Kayla Perera is a Junior Champion and along with Yannik Kumara are the future hopes for Sri Lanka Golf having being nurtured by the Junior Golf development programme under the close guidance of Jehan De Saram the RCGC Club Professional & Coach.



The Royal Colombo Golf Club Club Championship 2020 was held at RCGC on Sunday. Picture shows from (left to right) Ms. Kishani Vethavinayakam (Lady Captain), Kayla Perera winner RCGC Ladies Club Championship 2020, Yannik Kumara Men's RCGC Club Champion 2020 and the Captain RCGC Capt. Navin De Silva at the Awards Ceremony held at RCGC. (Picture by - Herbert Perera)

Illyas hopes to make rugby the best sport in the country

ALTHAF NAWAZ

A visionary leader, Rizly Illyas became the 67th President of Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) uncontested at their Annual General Meeting held at the Ramada Hotel in Colombo last Saturday with the highest number of participation of the members from the union.

Rizly took over the presidency from his outgoing colleague Lasitha Guneratne amidst well-wishes from the stakeholders like rugby coaches, rugby players, national players, old boys' unions, schools association, provincial unions and friends Rizly with an experience over three decades in the game as a player, club administrator while serving in several responsible posts in the Unions, started proceedings by honouring eleven former legends and administrators by granting them life membership for their services rendered for the betterment of the game, before he embarked on a vision of making the game the best sport in the country while reaching great heights.

One of the key priorities of Rizly is to find a way and means of resuming the tournaments on par with the health related guidelines which he called as "getting back to rugby".

He is scheduled to meet the concerned authorities this week to discuss the possibilities to resume the game both at schools and club levels. He has drafted a proposal with health related matters under discussion with Dr. Namith Sankalpana who is a World Rugby accredited doctor in the country. He hopes to conduct two workshops in Colombo and Kandy to educate all stakeholders in the game from the schools and the clubs arena.

However, it is of the view that the present tournament structure is too long which spans about 18 weeks and followed by the knock out tournament. He intends to curtail it to nine weeks followed by the knockout tournament. The main idea behind this is to get the players to play competitive rugby while maintaining their physique and remain injury free.



Rizly Illyas the incumbent Sri Lanka Rugby President with his new committee and the honorary life members



Rizly Illyas.

With the outbreak of the Covid-19 most clubs are struggling with their respective sponsors, who are reluctant to release funds as per the agreement, after the effects on their businesses due to the outcome of the pandemic.

While making efforts to resume the game, the most important other aspect in his agenda is finding sponsors. The debt ridden SLR which runs up to several million rupees, has to be rescued with an execution of a proper plan, for which Rizly is very optimistic of clearing the hurdles, which is listed and prioritized to be addressed in his plan.

With a young energetic rugby loving minister Namal Rajapaksa who himself is a former player along with his brothers, also playing the game will no doubt give their unstinted support for the growth of the game. Rizly with a

heap of agendas in his fold expects the stakeholders and media to support him in his endeavours to achieve the stipulated results in the game with his energetic young set of officials.

"I am delighted to have such a big gathering for this event with over 110 members from the rugby fraternity being present. I have been entrusted to rejuvenate the game in the country and internationally. My immediate priority is to look at the possibilities of resuming the game at schools and club rugby for which we have to have a proper plan. We are scheduled to meet the concerned authorities in the upcoming weeks with a health related plan drafted by Dr. Sankalpana. We are very confident that we could start playing rugby in the country as soon as possible," said Rizly.

"Getting finances is another herculean task in any sport. We can see the IT sector and some other sectors are ready to support sports. But they look at a well executed plan. We have drawn a lot of plans and proposals, which we will offer

them for accruing sponsorship. We will make amendments to the tournament structure which is too long. We look at productive schedules which will benefit all parties. By and large I hope to do my best with my team to revamp all formats of the games in my two year tenure in office," he concluded.

Rugby in Sri Lanka was inaugurated way back in 1879 when the game was played under the name of "Ceylon Rugby Football Union" in 1908.

The SLR Committee
President- Rizly Illyas,
Deputy President- Nazeem Mohamed, Vice President- Rear Admiral Deshapriya Hettiarachchi, Secretary- Dimithri Jude, Treasurer- Dinesh Perera.

The honorary life members are DIG (retired) Hafees Marso, Marshal of the Air Force Roshan Goonathilake, DIG (retired) Nimal Lewke Arjun Dharmadasa, Rear Admiral (retired) Harsha Mayadunne, Asanga Seneviratne, Priyantha Ekanayake, Kishin Butani, C.P.P. Abeygunawardena, Mohan Samarakoon, Cicero de Fonseka.

Janitha Shehan Leelaratne outstanding cricketer and athlete

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

The second year first eleven cricketer, right arm medium pace bowler who opens the attack, middle order bat and safe fielder in any position Janitha Shehan Leelaratne excelled as an all rounder for his Alma Mater Gurukula Vidyalaya, Kelaniya during the last season and he has another four years to represent his school.

He commenced his schooling at Bollagala Maha Vidyalaya, Kelaniya and during his early days there was only athletics in his school but his forte is cricket from his young-

er days. He participated in the school Annual Athletic Sports Meet in the under 14 and 16 age groups and he was a short distance athlete and in his first attempt at the under 14 he swept the board in 100, 200 metres and long jump and in the second year he became first in 100 metres and long jump and came second in 200 metres. Doing same events in the under 16 age group he became champion winning all three events.

In the mean time he attended a Cricket Academy at Bollagala and he came under Nishantha Edirisinghe and from there he shifted to Youth Cricket Academy, Kelaniya

under Lal Senaratne and Rithika Dinesh and noticing his talents Mr. Dinesh made arrangements with the Principal of Gurukula Vidyalaya, Kelaniya Anil Geethahal to admit Janitha to Gurukula and his dream came true to become a cricketer. In his first year it self he walked in to the under 15 team and scored 479 runs with a century against D. S. Senanayake Vidyalaya, Mirigama and got five fifties and also claimed 22 scalps as a seam bowler.

He got the opportunity to fit in to the first eleven team with the above performances under his belt and as an under 15 player he

scored 402 runs and captured eight wickets. He was selected to the Gampaha District Zone Two Team in the Prima Cup and he got an unbeaten 42 runs in a match. Then he played for the Western Province North Outer Team in the Provincial Tournament and subsequently played against Dambulla and Kalutara and scored 32 runs versus Kalutara. He was selected to the under 15 All Island Squad consisting of 60 players and later it was reduced to 20 players and he is in the pool.

He played for the under 20 day tournament match against the mighty Thomians in the pre quarters and they beat them but lost to Mahindians in the one day tournament. His captain and vice captain are Praveen Nimesh and Likshan Sasanga respectively and his Master in Charge of Cricket is Mr. Nishantha and the coach is Rithika Dinesh. He missed the opportunity of playing for the Big Match and One Dayer against their arch rivals Dharmaloka College, Kelaniya due to the prevailing situation of the country.

He had two tours to Bangalore and Kolkata with the NC Cricket Academy Kelaniya and playing in Bangalore in four matches he scored 238 runs with the top score of 82 runs in the finals and they lost. But he earned the Best Batsman's Award and in his second tour of Kolkata they played four matches and Janitha collected 234 runs with the top score of 64 runs and these two tours were a fine exposure for him.



Gurukula Vidyalaya, Kelaniya First Eleven Cricket Pool 2019/20 posed for a Group Photograph at Thomian Grounds Mount. Lavinia prior to their two day tournament match. Squatting L/R - Janitha Shehan, Vihanga Iranjana, Oshada Sanesh, Malshan Lakshitha, Neluka Heshan, Thushara Madushan, Abishek Jayawardene Back Row Standing L/R - Rithika Dinesh (Head Coach), Risitha Sankalpa, Sasitha Ashan, Kemira Nayanatharu, Dilshan Sasanga, Praveen Nimesh, Rashmika Mevan, Nuwantha Madushan, Sithija Chamod (Vice Captain), Dilip Chamara, Kaveesha Nadun (Asst. Coach), Buddhi Prasanna (Asst. Coach) (Picture by Dilwin Mendis Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)



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FFSL is doing its best to promote football - Saif Yusoof

ALTHAF NAWAZ
With the inaugural "Vantage FFSL President's Cup" soccer tournament has reached its final stage with Colombo Football Club taking on Blue Eagles Sports Club on Wednesday, Daily News decided to get the views and their feedbacks on this tournament from the respective chairmen of the clubs.

Saif Yusoof, the Chairman of Colombo FC said that this was a much-needed tournament to promote sport and football in Sri Lanka during the times of crisis. However, they have missed two years of Professional League Football due to various reasons. Nevertheless, they are happy to see at least during a Pandemic the Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) was able to execute a

wonderful invitation tournament in a short period of time.

He further stressed that Colombo FC had incurred the largest financial loss in their history and the worst that they didn't have anything to show for it, as they didn't even get to play league football. Football costs are very high and especially when Clubs are expected to maintain AFC status and Super League Requirements. With these expectations and constant requirements, we have had no financial assistance from anyone except the sponsors.

This tournament at least paid every club a round of funds so that they may sustain and play this tournament. This financial



Saif Yusoof, Chairman Colombo FC

benefit was welcomed on behalf of all clubs.

They think the Football Federation has done its best to conduct this tournament in the best possible manner in their capacity. Of course one must be mindful about the facilities and health requirements that need to be provided by the organizers in regards to Covid-19 as this disease spares no one.

They are grateful that the FFSL is doing what it can to promote football. "The all-important final match is going to be a tough one. Blue Eagles have defeated us many times including the last encounter. We will need to pull something special to turn this in our favour. God Willing!" said Saif Yusoof.

'Sports integral for country's socioeconomic status'

Muditha Mawattage, Chairman of Blue Eagles Sports Club said that sports are in demand to maintain the socio-economic status of a country. With the foundation backed up in stabilizing sports, the present government created a major environment, while controlling the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Thus this outbreak made havoc in the whole world disturbing all major sports tournaments which were scheduled and the sportsmen/women were stuck with their daily schedules as all human beings were staying at home with the pandemic of 2020.

Challenging the whole world, society and the Sri Lankan sports arena the Blue Eagles sports club made a huge



Muditha Mawattage, Chairman of Blue Eagles SC

The Blue Eagles SC holding all responsibilities, developing and maintaining the skills and talent definitely challenged the game. Totally abided by the law

of military, conducting and engaging with duties the players were able to stabilize the power of soccer and go for the finals of FFSL President's Cup 2020. Maintaining the strength, Stamina, and practices were the moral of the players to face struggling tournaments and to move forward for the finals. Of course, the Blue Eagles SC has given a message not only to the field of soccer in Sri Lanka but to the whole world, that striving for excellence is the spirit of team effort and mental power that stands with pride to achieve the goal of success.

Victoria continues to head Netball Federation

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Lakshmi Victoria was re-elected President of the Sri Lanka Netball Association uncontested at the AGM held at the Sports Ministry Auditorium yesterday. This was the third time Lakshmi Victoria was elected for the top post.

Victoria who is also the Vice President of the Asian Netball Federation said we wanted to get Netball to a high standard with the support of all and also plan to change our Constitution on legal advice. We have a very young Sports Minister and hope to discuss with my officials to point out the progress of the sport and future plans to devel-

op the game. I am happy the majority of the affiliated clubs supported me and my duty is to get their support to bring this sport to a higher level.

The Sports Minister already has spoken about the involvement of the youth for the sport and we already have plans to recruit youth players, coaches and referees we can't call all the players to Colombo but after one week's time we have an idea to meet our affiliated clubs at their places to promote their youth players. We have to recognize the talented players and give them proper guidance to go forward. I think my present administration team



Lakshmi Victoria Netball President

is very keen to do our job with transparency added the Netball Chief.

My personal view is one year period of administration is not enough for the Netball Federation it



Champa Gunawardena Netball Secretary

should be at least two years but all this have to be adjusted with Constitution. Especially we have a good team and represent most of the areas and I hope with the new constitution-

al changes more youth officials get a chance to come into administration added the Netball President.

We have our first International tournament Asian Indoor Games next March and already we are focusing on that. We have already started our National pool practices under the National coach Somitha de Alwis and Assistant coach P.D Prasadi. But still we have to do training under the medical regulations. However, we hope to increase the number of pool players by end of this year.

Meanwhile, Champa Gunawardena was re-elected Secretary while Padmini Horanage was elected

Treasurer respectively. The only contest was held for the Assistant Secretary post but Sumitra Wanasinghe was elected defeating Shayma Coorray with a clear lead. The 29 afflicted clubs were present for this AGM.

Following officials were elected for the Sri Lanka Netball Federation:

President - Lakshmi Victoria
Secretary - Champa Gunawardena
Vice President - T.M.P Kumarihamy
Treasurer - Padmini Horanage
Assistant Secretary - Sumitra Wanasinghe
Assistant Treasurer - Hiranthi Senanayake

England squads for Australia T20s and ODIs

MANCHESTER, MONDAY: England squads announced Monday for three Twenty20 and three one-day internationals against Australia:

Twenty20 squad:

Eoin Morgan (Middlesex, capt), Moeen Ali (Worcestershire), Jofra Archer (Sussex), Jonny Bairstow (Yorkshire), Tom Banton (Somerset), Sam Billings (Kent), Jos Buttler (Lancashire, wkt), Sam Curran (Surrey), Tom Curran (Surrey), Joe Denly (Kent), Chris Jordan (Sussex), Dawid Malan (Yorkshire), Adil Rashid (Yorkshire), Mark Wood (Durham)

Reserves: Liam Livingstone (Lancashire), Saqib Mahmood (Lancashire)

ODI squad:

Morgan (capt), Moeen, Archer, Bairstow, Banton, Billings, Buttler (wkt), Sam Curran, Tom Curran, Rashid, Joe Root (Yorkshire), Chris Woakes (Warwickshire), Wood

Reserves: Denly, Mahmood

Fixtures

Twenty20s (all at the Ageas Bowl, Southampton):

Sep 04: England v Australia, 1st T20 (10:30 PM IST)

Sep 06: England v Australia, 2nd T20 (6:45 PM IST)

Sep 08: England v Australia, 3rd T20 (10:30 PM IST)

One-Day Internationals (all at Emirates Old Trafford, Manchester):

Sep 11: England v Australia, 1st ODI (5:30 PM IST)

Sep 13: England v Australia, 2nd ODI (5:30 PM IST)

Sep 16: England v Australia, 3rd ODI (5:30 PM IST)



Eoin Morgan of England celebrates reaching fifty during the 2nd Vitality International Twenty20 match against Pakistan at Emirates Old Trafford on Sunday. - AFP

'Better than ever' Morgan stars as England beat Pakistan in second T20

MANCHESTER, SUNDAY:

England captain Eoin Morgan said he was playing "better than ever" as he led from the front in a five-wicket win over Pakistan in the second Twenty20 international at Old Trafford on Sunday.

Morgan came in on a hat-trick after leg-spinner Shadab Khan had reduced England, who were chasing a stiff victory target of 196, to 66-2.

But the Irishman made a blistering 66 off just 33 balls and with fellow left-hander Dawid Malan (54 not out) took the game away from Pakistan during a third-wicket stand of 112.

Victory, achieved with five balls to spare on a sunny afternoon, saw the 50-over world champions go 1-0 up in a three-match series following Friday's rain-marred no result in Manchester.

The 33-year-old Morgan considered his international future after leading England to World Cup glory with a dramatic Super Over win in last year's final at Lord's.

But it now looks as if he will lead England at the 2021 T20 World Cup in India.

Asked if he was playing better than ever, Morgan told Sky Sports: "I think I am and that is backed up by

SCORECARD

PAKISTAN		ENGLAND (TARGET: 196)	
Babar Azam	56	T. Banton	20
c Billings b Rashid	56	J. Bairstow	44
Fakhar Zaman	36	c Imad b Shadab	44
c Banton b Rashid	36	D. Malan	54
Mohammad Hafeez	69	not out	54
c Morgan b Curran	69	E. Morgan	66
Shoaib Malik	14	c sub (Khushdil) b Rauf	66
c Morgan b Jordan	14	Moeen Ali	1
Iftikhar Ahmed	8	c Babar b Shadab	1
not out	8	S. Billings	10
Shadab Khan	0	c Zaman b Rauf	10
not out	0	L. Gregory	0
Extras (lb6, nb2, w4)	12	not out	0
Total (4 wkts, 20 overs)	195	Extras (lb1, nb1, w2)	4
Did not bat: Mohammad Rizwan, Imad Wasim, Mohammad Amir, Shaheen Afridi, Haris Rauf		Total (5 wkts, 19.1 overs)	199
Fall of wickets: 1-72 (Zaman), 2-112 (Babar), 3-162 (Malik), 4-194 (Hafeez)		Did not bat: T. Curran, A. Rashid, C. Jordan, S. Mahmood	
Bowling: Mahmood 4-0-38-0 (1w); Moeen 1-0-10-0; Jordan 4-0-41-1 (1w); Curran 4-0-46-1 (2nb); Rashid 4-0-32-2; Gregory 3-0-22-0 (1w);		Fall of wickets: 1-66 (Bairstow), 2-66 (Banton), 3-178 (Morgan), 4-182 (Moeen), 5-195 (Billings)	
		Bowling: Imad 3-0-30-0; Afridi 3-1-0-44-0 (1nb, 1w); Amir 2-0-25-0; Shadab 4-0-34-3 (1w); Iftikhar 3-0-31-0; Rauf 4-0-34-2;	

stats over the last couple of years, they've been the most productive of my whole career which is great.

"If I can combine a little of that form with experience, then hopefully it will contribute to more wins," the player of the match added.

This was the highest successful chase against Pakistan in a Twenty20 international, surpassing Australia's 199-7 in a thrilling 2010 World Twenty20 semi-final in St Lucia.

Veteran batsman Mohammad Hafeez made 69 in Paki-

stan's 195-4 that also featured 56 from captain Babar Azam, the world's number one-ranked Twenty20 batsman.

"Our total was good but we didn't bowl well, we struggled with our bowling," said Babar. "Credit goes to Malan and Morgan for how well they played. "We'll learn a lot from this series. Under pressure, I need to handle the bowlers and tell them a few things," added the 25-year-old novice skipper.

Djokovic consolidates hold on ATP rankings as US Open starts

PARIS, MONDAY: Novak Djokovic sets out on his quest for an 18th Grand Slam title at the US Open with his world number one standing enhanced in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday.

Fresh from his success in the ATP Western & Southern Open final against Milos Raonic, the Serb headlines the opening day at Flushing Meadows where he faces Damir Dzumhur of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

He leads the ATP chart on 10860 points from Rafael Nadal who like fourth-ranked Roger Federer is skipping the rescheduled US Open being held under tight Covid-19 health restrictions.

While Djokovic heads an unchanged top 10, Raonic jumps 12 places to 18th on the back of his run to Saturday's decider in the US Open tune-up.

Latest ATP rankings

1. Novak Djokovic (SRB) 10860 pts

- Rafael Nadal (ESP) 9850
- Dominic Thiem (AUT) 7135
- Roger Federer (SUI) 6630
- Daniil Medvedev (RUS) 5890
- Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE) 5095
- Alexander Zverev (GER) 3630
- Matteo Berrettini (ITA) 2940
- Gael Monfils (FRA) 2860
- David Goffin (BEL) 2555
- Roberto Bautista (ESP) 2540 (+1)
- Fabio Fognini (ITA) 2400 (-1)
- Diego Schwartzman (ARG) 2265
- Andrey Rublev (RUS) 2234
- Stan Wawrinka (SUI) 2185
- Karen Khachanov (RUS) 2120
- Denis Shapovalov (CAN) 2075
- Milos Raonic (CAN) 1950 (+12)
- Christian Garin (CHI) 1900 (-1)
- Grigor Dimitrov (BUL) 1885 (-1)
- Selected
66. Marton Fucsovics (HUN) 787 (+18)

- AFP

Chennai Super Kings in trouble as Raina leaves and virus cases rise

DUBAI, SATURDAY: The Indian Premier League on Saturday confirmed that two players have tested positive for coronavirus before the start of the world's richest Twenty20 tournament and reports said they were from Chennai Super Kings.

The three-time champions also lost key batsman Suresh Raina for "personal reasons" and doubts are growing whether they will take part in the gala opening game on September 19.

The much-delayed IPL

has been moved to the United Arab Emirates because of the growth of the pandemic in India and teams are being kept in strict isolation bubbles.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India said two players and 11 other support staff and officials have Covid-19 but did not name the team involved.

"Thirteen personnel have tested positive of which two are players," said a BCCI statement.

"All the affected personnel as well as their close contacts are asymptomatic

and have been isolated from other team members," said the board, which added that about 2,000 tests had been carried out on players and staff since August 20.

Indian media reports said bowler Deepak Chahar, an Indian one-day international, was one of the two players while the other was a batsman, though not Raina.

The team now face questions over their decision to hold a training camp in their home city before heading to Dubai. - AFP

White House halts election security briefings to Congress

US: The White House has revealed it is to end in-person briefings to congressional intelligence committees about foreign election interference, sparking accusations Saturday that it was covering up Russian help for President Donald Trump's reelection.

The move comes two months ahead of the general election, with Trump playing down the threat of foreign interference and accusing Democrats of leaking sensitive information.

"Probably Shifty Schiff, but others also, LEAK information to the Fake News," the president tweeted Saturday, referring to House Intelligence Committee chairman Adam Schiff.

He offered no evidence for the claim, which he has made several times during his presidency.

"No matter what or who it is about, including China, these deranged lowlifes like the Russia, Russia, Russia narrative. Plays better for them," he added.

Congress will still have access to classified written reports, but lawmakers will no longer be able to question officials from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) about what they learn.

Democrats in Congress reacted with fury, describing the move as "shameful" and accusing Trump of covering up Russian interference.

"As usual, President Trump is



The tussle between Congress and the White House over ongoing Congressional investigations regarding a wide range of topics continues to escalate.

lying and projecting. Trump fired the last DNI for briefing Congress on Russian efforts to help his campaign," Schiff tweeted.

"Now he's ending briefings altogether. Trump doesn't want the American people to know about Russia's efforts to aid his re-election," Schiff and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called in a separate statement for the administration and intelligence community to resume the briefings.

"If they are unwilling to, we will consider the full range of

tools available to the House to compel compliance," they said.

DNI John Ratcliffe wrote to the top lawmakers from both parties in the House and Senate intelligence committees explaining the change, in a letter dated August 28, which was circulated in US media Saturday.

William Evanina, director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, warned earlier this month that China, Russia and Iran were all seeking to interfere, using online disinformation and other means.

The Republican-led Senate Intelligence Committee earlier in August released the most detailed report to date on Russian interference in 2016.

It accused the Trump campaign of welcoming Moscow's help, and set out new information on contacts between Russian intelligence officials and Trump's inner circle.

Trump has never criticized Russia over the issue and infamously sided with President Vladimir Putin over his own intelligence agencies at a 2018 summit in Helsinki. -AFP

UK Govt. slumps in polls amid coronavirus chaos

UK: Britain's Conservative government was on Sunday level with the Labour party in the polls for the first time in over a year amid a series of embarrassing U-turns and economic devastation wrought by the coronavirus pandemic.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson can expect little respite when parliament returns on Tuesday, with economic gloom and rows over school returns and efforts to get workers back to the office set to dominate the agenda.

The Tories and Labour are now both polling at 40 percent, according to an Opinium poll published in the Observer on Sunday, the first time they have been level since Johnson was elected leader last summer.

The Conservatives had a 26-point lead at the start of the coronavirus

crisis, but criticism over the government's handling of the outbreak, which has claimed over 41,000 lives in Britain, and the economic fallout from the resulting lockdown has seen their popularity plunge.

"This is the first time Labour have drawn level since July 2019 when both main parties were in freefall," said Adam Drummond of Opinium.

"Since Boris Johnson became prime minister the Tories typically had a double digit lead, peaking in March/April this year when they were seen to be handling the pandemic and lockdown fairly well while Labour changed leader." The latest polling drop comes after a damaging two weeks of U-turns over school exam results.

The government cancelled all exams for

school leavers due to the virus, and instead asked Ofqual, the non-ministerial government department in charge of testing, to estimate results based on teacher assessments and other factors, including the historic performance of schools.

But it was forced to accept the teachers' estimated grades after thousands of pupils had their results downgraded by Ofqual's algorithm, which particularly hit children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

It also backtracked on making pupils wear masks when they return to school next week.

Charles Walker, vice-chair of the influential 1922 committee of Conservative backbenchers, told the Observer that MPs were becoming restless.

-AFP



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson visits Year 7 school children on their first day back at school in Coalville, East Midlands last Wednesday.



A tour guide explains a point to visitors as social distancing and travel restrictions have cut down the number of people taking tours of London.

Coronavirus forces London tourist guides to adapt

UK: "I don't know if you're aware, but we're living through a pandemic right now," says Joel Robinson with a smile as he introduces his Jack the Ripper tour in London's East End.

Robinson, a trained actor and history buff who works for the tourist company London With A Local, goes on to explain social distancing best practice to his nine clients.

Although he doesn't wear them himself, he advises the tourists to wear masks and gloves before they set off through the once-gloomy alleyways of Victorian-era London.

Down darkened side streets and past shiny new buildings, Robinson recounts the tale of the still

unidentified serial killer of five women who stalked the streets of Whitechapel in 1888.

London's tourist guides are resuming their work slowly as lockdown restrictions are eased, and adapting to new health and safety rules to curb the spread of the virus. Numbers are currently limited but it's the background of the clients that has changed the most.

Where before Robinson and walking guides like him played mainly to foreign tourists, now customers are mainly British. Dwindling numbers of overseas clients are largely down to quarantine measures imposed by the British government on foreign visitors.

"We have far more Brit-

ons than we had," said Olivia Calvert, one of Robinson's colleagues. "It's a huge shift. They're expecting something else, something different." Among the home-grown tourists traipsing around the Ripper's old haunts are Anne and Nick Garner, a couple in their fifties from near Manchester, in northwest England.

"We would have been abroad but we decided to come to London," said Anne Garner after her insight into the bloodthirsty past of the city's East End.

The 90-minute Jack the Ripper tour is one of London's most popular, alongside the Harry Potter tour and another visiting the sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll hotspots of Soho. -AFP

Biden hopes for backing of former Republican staffers

US: Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden, striving to win over still-undecided voters who could swing the election against Donald Trump, is sparing no effort to broadcast one of his most potent weapons: endorsements from many of his former Republican opponents.

From handing Republican stalwarts prime-time speeches at the Democratic National Convention to welcoming endorsements from hundreds of former staffers to George W Bush, John McCain and Mitt Romney, the Presidential challenger is leveraging his bipartisan credentials high.

But will it work? Kari Walker, a 50-year-old Wisconsin resident who has backed Republican candidates for two decades, plans to vote for Democrat Biden on November 3.

Walker, who two weeks ago told AFP she could not bring herself to vote for Trump - "a worse president than I could have imagined" - felt reaffirmed by the stance of the former Republican staffers.

"I found the support of GOP stalwarts to be persuasive," said Walker, who



Supporters of Donald Trump and Joe Biden wave competing signs as the President's convoy arrived at a golf course in Sterling, Virginia in this August 23, 2020 file photo.

with her husband owns a tavern in the small town of Reedsburg, in a county that backed Trump in 2016 after twice voting for Democrat Barack Obama.

"I would be voting for Biden regardless, but I appreciate GOP influencers crossing over," she said in an email Friday, referring to the Grand Old Party, a traditional nickname for Republicans.

Walker is exactly the

type of voter that the former vice president's campaign hopes to lure by welcoming those from across the aisle.

While Obama's former number two continues to lead Trump in polling nationwide, the president has narrowed the gap in certain key states, those that regularly "swing" back and forth between Republicans and Democrats - and which can

therefore decide a close election.

The billionaire Republican has been courting them openly, warning against the "anarchy" he says a Biden presidency would bring, which he says could lead to the "destruction" of the nation's leafy - and mostly white - suburbs.

The Republican convention heard from some former Democrats, their

presence designed to underscore Trump's outreach to those crucial battleground states.

But Trump appears to be benefiting from less party-switching than Biden, who has worked to persuade voters disappointed, even disgusted, by Trump's style and stewardship, notably of the coronavirus pandemic that has claimed more than 180,000 American lives.

"This is not an easy decision for Republicans to make," wrote the former staffers for McCain, the late Republican senator and 2008 presidential candidate who had a mutually disdainful relationship with Trump.

"Given the incumbent president's lack of competent leadership, his efforts to aggravate rather than bridge divisions among Americans, and his failure to uphold American values, we believe the election of former Vice President Biden is clearly in the national interest," they wrote in an open letter.

The former Bush staff members sounded a similar tone.

-AFP

US parents hope 'Learning pods' will do the trick

US: As parents across the United States come to terms with remote learning this fall because of the coronavirus pandemic, many who can afford it are opting for so-called "learning pods" to help their kids - and themselves - get through the school year.

The pods, also known as "pandemic pods," are popping up all over the country and consist of small groupings of children typically living in the same neighborhood who meet at each other's homes to

learn together with a tutor or teacher.

For some students, the pods - held preferably outdoors or in a home garage - will be full-time and follow the school curriculum. For others, they will supplement virtual learning adopted by many school districts in states where the rate of Covid-19 infections remains high.

"These learning pods are occurring because many parents realize that their children are not doing well with online

learning," said Pedro Noguera, dean of the University of Southern California's School of Education.

Noguera, whose own eight-year-old daughter is in a learning pod full-time this fall instead of all-virtual schooling, said although this form of instruction is by no means ideal and can be quite expensive, it is a welcome solution for parents as they juggle childcare and work under COVID-19.

For students, especially

younger ones not always able to engage in online learning, the pods also provide much-needed socialization and a way to navigate the stress and uncertainty linked to the pandemic.

"This will serve a dual purpose for us," said Nicole Friedlander, an employment attorney in the Los Angeles area, whose two kids aged seven and 12 are in pods that will supplement their online education. "One is to help the kids with any addi-

tional academic support that they might need, and then to have that social aspect of getting together with other kids... and have a little sense of normalcy with a little in-person interaction." Naomi Leight-Giveon, the founder of PodSkool, a company in the Los Angeles area that assists parents looking to form pods, said the reaction to the concept has been overwhelming.

"We have had more than 400 families reach out to us so far, and we've

done no marketing," she told AFP. "And we have hundreds of teachers we have been vetting over the past month to match them with families." But while experts agree pods can be beneficial for both parent and child, they also acknowledge they are mainly accessible to the wealthy.

"What we're seeing is those with the wealth can invest in and pay teachers on their own, at good rates, even higher than the teachers might get work-



A Learning Pod

ing in schools," said Noguera, who is paying \$10,000 this semester for his daughter's pod. "But what we're also seeing is that poor children, middle-class children even, are left to fend for whatever the

schools can provide." Mira Rocca, who has three children in three separate pods intended to supplement their online education, said the classes are costing her about \$1,300 a month. -AFP

INDIA'S GYPSY DANCERS TAKE THEIR ART ONLINE



INDIA: As a blackout plunged her desert dwelling into darkness, Suwa Devi, a dancer belonging to India's Kalbeliya gypsy community, asked her neighbour to turn on his jeep's headlights so she could continue teaching her Zoom class, outside.

The coronavirus pandemic has forced many people to go online, but the largely nomadic, marginalised Kalbeliya face bigger challenges than most, with several living in mud huts or tents with patchy electricity and non-existent wifi.

"In the beginning, I had no idea how to make this work," dancer Aasha Sapera told AFP, describing her early forays into hosting classes on Zoom.

"We had so many internet problems. Lessons would often get cancelled because the connection was terrible," said Sapera, whose students span the globe from Japan to Brazil.

Virus restrictions wiped out the 26-year-old single mother's livelihood as a performer in tourism-dependent Rajasthan state. Like others in the



community, she has received no financial aid from the government. The struggle to survive is not new

to the Kalbeliya. Although they have not faced persecution and slaughter on the scale of Europe's Sinti and Roma gypsies, they have long been condemned to living on the fringes of Indian society.

British colonial rulers designated the group as a "criminal tribe" in the 1800s and they continue to be stigmatised as thieves and prostitutes in independent India.

A 1972 ban on snake charming - their traditional economic pursuit - pushed them to eke out a living as dancers, with many learning the art from

their mothers and grandmothers, as Sapera did.

The dance, which is meant to mimic the swaying movements of a serpent, with performers usually dressed in black, was classified as "intangible cultural heritage" by UNESCO in 2010 and has attracted a steady stream of global artists and researchers to Rajasthan. Such access to international collaborators played a key role in their evolution as digital entrepreneurs, said Sapera, who is one of 11 dancers on Kalbeliya World, an online platform offering classes for a \$10 fee that goes directly to the performers.

"They were very enthusiastic. They were also intimidated", said Belgian anthropologist Ayla Joncheere, one of the co-founders of Kalbeliya World, describing the dancers' initial response to the idea.

Joncheere and the group's other co-founders Aakansha Maheshwari and Christina Gomes set up a "buddy system", partnering each dancer with an overseas counterpart who could help navigate the administrative and technological challenges.

Since its launch in mid-May, some 600 students from 20 countries including Chile, Morocco, France and Finland have logged on to learn dance from the Kalbeliya.

The lessons, and the income they bring in, have been a lifesaver for the women, many of whom are the sole breadwinners for their large extended families.

The group's success has prompted other Kalbeliya dancers to follow in their footsteps, but with mixed results.

When Binu Sapera - members of the tribe often use the same last name meaning snake-charmer in Hindi - first ventured into the world of online classes, she hosted a few lessons on Instagram, inviting students to pay what they wanted.



The Kalbeliya dance, which is meant to mimic the swaying movements of a serpent was classified as 'intangible cultural heritage' by UNESCO in 2010.

None of the people who signed up contributed.

"It was so upsetting. I had spent so much money getting my mobile data recharged so I could host those lessons, and it was all for nothing," she told AFP.

A British backpacker friend then helped her set up classes on Zoom, where she now teaches a small pool of students and earns around 11,000 rupees (\$150) a month, barely half of what she used to make before the pandemic.

The loss of her livelihood coupled with a 20,000-rupee debt has left the 23-year-old mother-of-two, who lives in a mud hut with no electricity, deeply ambivalent about the Kalbeliya's future as rapid change comes to India.

"I desperately want my children to study and pursue other jobs, away from dance," she said.

"I used to love our way of life but now I feel that it's all just too difficult. You can't depend on it for anything."

Yet other Kalbeliya performers like Aasha Sapera believe dance may well be the key to empowering women and ending widespread discrimination against the community.

Dance gave Sapera the confidence to leave an unhappy marriage - divorce is a rarity in the conservative community - because she could easily out-earn her musician husband and raise their six-year-old daughter on her own.

Such financial freedom is a watershed for women in a community that high-profile dancer Gulabo Sapera says used to bury baby girls alive, reflecting India's longstanding gender bias in favour of men.

Gulabo, who has spoken of how she was rescued from such a fate, is one of a handful of dancers to enjoy international success - helping to further ease the stigma.

Online classes, and the global reach they offer, could expand those possibilities, with Kalbeliya World planning to continue hosting lessons long after pandemic restrictions are relaxed.

With so much uncertainty still in the air, her devotion to dance has kept Aasha Sapera going.

"Dance has given me an identity.... I never want it to fade away," she said.

"I want my daughter to finish school. But I also want her to learn how to dance." - AFP



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, YAKKALA

ROOF CONSTRUCTION WITH ROOF STRUCTURE FOR EXISTING FOUR STORIED ACADEMIC BUILDING (AC2) AT GAMPAHA WICKRAMARACHCHI AYURVEDA INSTITUTE

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Director Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala, now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Roof construction with roof structure for existing four storied building at Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute as described below and estimated to cost Rs. 9.0 Million excluding VAT (Nine Million excluding VAT).

The Work consists the Construction, Completion and Maintenance during Defect Liability period of the construction with roof structure of our storied building to accommodate the Existing Building at The Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala, with the facility of Roof Construction (Approx. Area of 280 m²) and related balance Concrete works, Plastering & Masonry works.

The Site is located at Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala,

The Time for Completion for the whole of Works shall be 90 Calendar Days from the Date of commencement of work.

- Bidding will be conducted through **National Competitive Bidding Procedure**.
- To be eligible for Contract award, the successful bidders shall not have been blacklisted and shall be registered with the **CIDA Grade C6 or above in the category of building construction**.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for Contract award include:
 - Average annual turnover of construction works performed in last Five (5) years shall be at least Rs. 56 Million. (Fifty-Six Million) excluding VAT.
 - Experience in the Construction of at least three (3) buildings (consisting of steel roof structure and roof covering) of similar nature, value and complexity equivalent to the proposed Roof Construction work (Approx. Area of 280 m²) and value at least Rs. 9.0 Million completed within 90 Calendar Days or higher value project within a proportionate period completed during the last Five (5) years. (to comply with this requirements, works cited should be at least 70% complete)
 - The minimum amount of liquid assets and/or credit facilities net of the contractual commitment and exclusive of any advance payment under this Contract shall not be less than Rs. 9 Million (Nine Million) only.
- Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** during working days from 09.00 hrs to 13.30 hrs from 4th September 2020 until 24th September 2020.
- A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala** on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 13.30 hrs. from 4th September 2020 until 24th September 2020, upon payment of a non refundable fee of **Rs. 4000.00 including VAT (Rupees Four Thousand) Only**. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Sealed Bids shall be deposited in duplicate in the tender box available at the office of the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**, or sent by registered post addressed to the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**, of the above address to reach him on or before 14.30hrs on 24th September 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing. Bidders or their representatives may attend the Bid opening.
- The Bid shall be valid up to 24th December 2020. (91 Days from the Bid Opening)
- Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security for **Rs 94,000.00 (Rupees Ninety-Four Thousand)** only obtained from a Licensed commercial bank in Sri Lanka acceptable to the Employer using the form of Bid Security (unconditional, irrevocable and on demand guarantee) included in Section 11 Standard Forms which shall be valid up to 21st January 2021 or in Cash (119 Days from the Bid Opening)
- The **pre-Bid meeting and site visit** will be held on 15th September 2020. At **site Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**. at 11.00 hrs.
- For further details, please contact the **Deputy Registrar, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya, Yakkala**. (Tel:- 0332226618/0332226027/033222740/033222748)

Director, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya.
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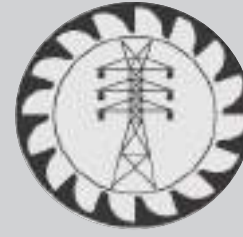
REHABILITATION OF AGRICULTURE ROADS UNDER VANNERIKULAM IRRIGATION SCHEME IN KILINCHCHI DISTRICT

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies equivalent to US\$ 125 Million towards the cost of the Climate Smart Agriculture Irrigated Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and it intends to apply portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the Contract of **Rehabilitation of Agriculture Roads under Vannerikulam Irrigation Scheme in Kilinochchi District**.
- Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee of Irrigation Department of Northern Province on behalf of the CSIA Project, Ministry of Agriculture now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified contractors for **Rehabilitation of Agriculture Roads under Vannerikulam Irrigation Scheme in Kilinochchi District**. Details are as follows.

Contract No	Description of Works	Estimated Civil Cost including VAT Rs (Mn)	Contract Period	Required Grade	Required Bid Security	
					Bid Security Amount Rs.	Validity Period
LK-MOA-182547-CW-RFB	Rehabilitation of Agriculture Roads under Vannerikulam Irrigation Scheme in Kilinochchi District	34.571	5 Months	C5 or Above In Highway Construction	500,000	26 th January 2021

- Bidders are allowed to quote for the above works with the Bid Security as above with the valid date until **29th September 2020** for above Package. One bidder is allowed to quote only one bid for a package. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field of **Highway Construction** for the grade mentioned in the table above with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) Procedure approved by the World Bank
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from **Provincial Director, Provincial Department of Irrigation Northern Province (T.P: 0212285445, Fax: 0212285440, Email:- irrigationnp@yahoo.com)** Also inspect the bidding documents at the same place of Procurement Committee on any working day from 0900 hrs. to 1400 hrs.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by eligible bidders on the submission of a written application to **Provincial Director, Provincial Department of Irrigation Northern Province, Coloney Veethy, A9 Road, Mankulam** during period from **2nd of September 2020 until 28th September 2020** from 0900 hrs. to 1400 hrs. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 7500.00 The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the Provincial Director, **Provincial Department of Irrigation Northern Province, Coloney Veethy, A9 Road, Mankulam** on or before **1430 hrs. on 29th September 2020**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the mentioned address at **14:30 hrs on 29th September 2020**
- Bids should be valid up to **29th December 2020**.
- Complete bids should be forwarded in two copies as the original and the duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as the 'Original' and 'Duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Both envelopes enclosed in a sealed single envelope and marked "**Rehabilitation of Agriculture Roads under Vannerikulam Irrigation Scheme in Kilinochchi District**" on the top-left hand corner of the envelope and should be sent to:

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee Irrigation Department Northern Province Coloney Veethy A9 Road Mankulam
Date 01.09.2020



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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

In pursuit of our objective of improving the quality of supply and service to the consumers, Ceylon Electricity Board intends to attend to construction, rehabilitation and maintenance works in the localities listed below. As a result, the electricity supply would be interrupted to those areas on the dates/times mentioned. We regret any inconvenience caused to the consumers in these areas as a result of these interruptions to our services. Ceylon Electricity Board would take all steps to restore the electricity supplies as soon as the planned works are completed.

Consumers are kindly informed that the Electricity supply to the following areas will be interrupted on the following days in order to carryout urgent Repair and Maintenance work.

POWER INTERRUPTION - WESTERN PROVINCE SOUTH 1

2020 SEPTEMBER 01ST TO 30TH

Date	Time	Affected Areas
DEHIWALA CHIEF ELECTRICAL ENGINEER'S AREA		
2020/09/05 Saturday	08.00 hrs to 17.30 hrs	Hospital Rd(From Galle Rd to Sunandarama Rd), Jayasinghe Mw (From Peiris Rd to Highlevel Rd), Sunethradevi Rd (From Mudali Mw to Malwatte Rd), Highlevel Rd(From Jumbugasmulla Rd to Anula Viddhiyalaya), Raymond Rd, Peter's Lane, Ekanayake Rd, Melder Pl, Ananda Rd, Nalandarama Rd, Green Path, Peiris Rd, Katawath Rd, Anderson Rd, Mudali Mw, Saranankara Place, Wijayaba Mw, Prathimbarama Rd, Hathbodi Mw, Asiri Mw, De Silva Cross Rd, Including all by Roads
2020/09/12	09.30 hrs. to 12.30 hrs.	Peter's Lane ,Including all by Roads
2020/09/14 Monday	09.30 hrs. to 14.30 hrs.	Vandervert Place , Including all by Roads
2020/09/15 Tuesday	08.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Galle Rd (From Mihindu Mw to Station Rd), Kawdana Broadway, Subodarama Rd, Kawdana Rd (From Sirisangabo Rd to Galle Rd), Pokuna Rd, Perera Place, Shantharama Road, Palliyadara Rd, Including all by Roads
	09.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Carron Place, Saranankara Rd, Bandaranayake Rd, Julian Place, Bodirukkarama Road, Wimalasara Rd, Pasal Mw, Alwis Mw, Sri Maha Vihara Rd, Including all by Roads
2020/09/17 Thursday	09.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Galvihara Lane, Including all by Roads
	08.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Attidiya Main Rd(Bellanwila Junction to Attidiya Bridge), Lake Rd (Kawdana Rd, Attidiya Main Rd), Nikape Rd (From the Nedimala Bodyiya to Bellanwila Rd Junction) Mayura Mw, Kawdana Rd, Ceylinco Housing Schem, Lake Crescent Housing Schem Including all by Roads
2020/09/22 Tuesday	08.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Old Quarry Rd, Samudrasana Rd, Galle Rd, Including all by Roads
2020/09/24 Thursday	09.00 hrs. to 17.30 hrs.	Allen Avenue, Galvihara Mw, Piyarathararama Rd, Dharmaraja Mw, Including all by Roads
	14.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs.	7 th Lane, 4 th Lane, Kawdana Broadway Kawdana Rd, Including all by Roads
2020/09/30 Wednesday	08.00 hrs to 17.30 hrs	Mt.Lavinia, Stataion Rd, (From Galle Rd to Vihara Mw) Liliyan Mw, Circular Rd, Including all by Roads
RATMALANA AREA		
09.09.2020 (Wednesday)	08:00 am to 05:00 pm	Ranaviru Arana & Surrounding Area.
13.09.2020 (Sunday)	08:30 am to 05:00 pm	Palagama, Baduwila Rd. Palagama, Metric Products, Seveco Cord Palagama, Sambodhi Mw., Weniwelkola, Halapitiya Diyakada Rd, Palagama new, Alpha Industries / Indu Lanka, Kahatuwawa Town S/s, Indu Lanka, Sadathanna, Kahatuwawa Interchange & Surrounding Area.
17.09.2020 (Thursday)	08:00 am to 05:00 pm	SOS I, SOS II, Halpita Kanattha, Newungama, Hillcrest Watta, Halpita Rd New, SOS Rd-Thoranawila & Surrounding Area
19.09.2020 (Saturday)	09:50 am to 05:00 pm	Edirisinghe H.Scheme, Ekamuthu Mw & Surrounding Area.
21.09.2020 (Monday)	09:00 am to 05:00 pm	Omega Engineering, Seepa, Jinadasa, J & D Poly Packing, Excel Apperal & Surrounding Area.
22.09.2020 (Tuesday)	08:30 am to 12:30 pm	Bandaranayaka Mw, Police Mt. Lavinia, Pirivena Junction, Indrajothi Road, St. Rita's Road, Hena Road, St. Marry's Road, Samudrasana Road, Seylan Bank, ABANS Galle Rd, Mount City, Abans Restaurant & Surrounding Area.
23.09.2020 (Wednesday)	08:00 am to 05:00 pm	Sewa Lanka, Weda Mw., Thumbowila Army Camp, Duwawatte & Surrounding Area.
27.09.2020 (Sunday)	09:00 am to 05:00 pm	Tolarams, Sethsiri Mw, Transmission Station, Air Force, Union Apperal, Sports Complex of SL Air Force , Bhatthiya Engineering & Surrounding Area.
28.09.2020 (Monday)	09:00 am to 05:00 pm	Getabuwana Road & Surrounding Area
28.09.2020 (Monday)	08:30 am to 01:00 pm	Kumarage (Makulduwa), Dolekanattha, Piniidiyagara watta, Galwelalanda Mw & Surrounding Area
KALUTARA AREA		
03.09.2020 (Thursday)	09.00 am to 05.30 pm	Malaboda junction, Atorawila, Sapugahawatta, Sapugahawatta junction, Godahenawatta, Pettiyagala Division, St. Peters watta, Abeythennawatta, Devalagama Junction, Hatangala Junction, Delgasgoda, Nehinna, Meegaspitiya, Sarananda mw, Alegoda, Thudugalawatta, Lindagahawatta, Wadugama Rd, Nehinna, Prime Land, Thudugala,
03.09.2020 (Thursday)	01.00 am to 05.00 pm	Pallegoda, Pallegodawatta
07.09.2020 (Monday)	09.00 a.m. to 05.30 pm	Hathathuduwa, Hijra Firm, Pinheena, Gurukanda, Pinhena
2020/09/10 Thursday	08.00 hrs to 17.30 hrs	Rajawatta, Fullerton Watta, Lagoswatta I, Kithulawa, Serupita, Koho, ana, Diaswatta, Gamagoda, Hambagedara, Ukwattha, Diaswatta Horana Rd, Malwatta Rd, Adirikele Rd, Kapuheena, Kandakurunduwatta, Dediawala School Rd, Dediawala Rd, Dediawala rd, Siril Mw, Kandapansala rd, Sanwardana rd, Talarukkarama rd, Ethanamadala rd, Wiwekagarama rd, Bonitick Watta, Moragahakanda Watta, Jawatta lower rd, Jawatta rd, Jawaththa Watta, Madugaha Junction, Wijerathna Watta, Nadungasheena, Sanhidapura, Land Sale, Tsunami House, Sanasum Wimana, Land Sale, Jawatta rd, Pusparama School rd, Rosawatta rd, Wijemanna Mw, Panapitiya Rd, Waskaduwa, Kethsiri Mw, Esuru Uyana, Tarunasewa Mw, Delduwa Estate, Wendesi Watta, Ariyagama, Kapthuru Sewana, Kopyiwatta, Nilketha, Land Sale, Taruna Sewa Mw, Ceylinco Prosperity Land Sale, Suriya Purawara, Kalapugama rd, Horana rd, Thibiriya, Bataheena rd, Palpola rd, Kajuwatta rd, Aluth watta rd, Pelpola rd, Kapumulla rd, Kopyiyawatta rd, Kandakade Junction, Bandaragama rd, Ranmuthu Uyana, Land Sale, Three of Land, Delduwa School rd, Nugagodawatta, Panapitiya rd, Nugagoda Junction, Bandaragama rd, Littleton watta, Samagipura rd, Naiduwa, Koboduwa rd, Wele pansala rd, Walawatta, Bandaragama rd, Kandawatta, Pusparama rd, Circula rd, Panapitiya rd, Katuwangoda, Gorakagaha Watta, Pothupitiya.

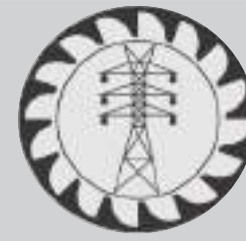
Date	Time	Affected Areas
11-09-2020 (Friday)	09.00 am to 05.30 pm	Galpotha Rd, Hirana Rd, Madaheena Watta, Ejantha Wanguwa, Samagi Mw, Moratuwatta, Prasanna Pedesa, Idigaha Rd, Sprin Field, Wendesi Watta, Tabili Uyana.
11-09-2020 (Friday)	08.30 am to 05.30 pm	Porawatta Rd, Cemetery Rd, Pinwala Rd, Waduramulla Watta, Kiriberiya Rd, Samagi Mw, Godallawatta Rd, Nisala Mw, Melwatta, Rohini Watta, Andaragaha Rd, Kiriberiya Rd, Eluwila Junction, Horana Rd,
13.09.2020 (Sunday)	08.00 am to 05.00 pm	Pembrook Watta, Herman Watta I, II, Ruwanmaga, Ganima, Pilaminawatta, Mulatiyana, Karadoluwa, Kadanagoda, Kajuduwwawatta, Thudugala, Rendapala, Rendapala Junction, Malaboda junction, Atorawila, Sapugahawatta, Sapugahawatta junction, Godahenawatta, Pettiyagala division, St. Peters watta, Pilaminawatta, Dolelanda, Looelamulla, Ambagahakumbura, Jawigoda Rd, Indrasara Nahimi Mw, Devananda Mawatha, Ambagahakumbura, Silverdalewatta, Pepiliyawatta, Weldream Park, Puhambugoda, Akkara 18, Dikheena junction, Pahanwatta, Peramunawatta, Wilpatha, Wijegunaratthagama, Delkada, Kiulawatta, Elhenkanda, Akkara 33, Bombuwala, Mankada, Dehigahawala, Walpita, Palayangoda
14.09.2020 (Monday)	09.00 am to 05.30 pm	Hatangala Watta, Piyanandagama, Thebuwana, Putupaulawatta, Wellatha
17.09.2020 (Thursday)	08.30 am to 05.00 pm	New City A,B,C, Sirilanda Watta, Pussalamulla, Badanagoda, Kalawilakanda, Badanagoda, Man Handiya, Digapatha, Kalawilakandagama
20.09.2020 (Sunday)	07.30 am to 5.00 pm	Nawuthuduwa, Aluthgamgoda, Henpita, Colombiawatta, Maddeggedara, Akadamulla, Katugahaheena, Palikkanda, Diyagala, Lewwanduwa Junction, Didduwa (Kohilawella) Pihibiheena Kukulegoda, Palukandaheena
21.09.2020 (Monday)	08.30 am to 2.30 pm	Miriswatta, Mandawala Rd, Old School Rd, Kiriberiya, Kaludewala Rd, Adarsha Mw, Miriswara Rd, Horana Rd, Uswatta, Ralahamigewatta, Madupitiya Rd, Urannagodawatta, Saiman Diyes Mw, Urangodawatta Tsunami House
25-09-2020 (Friday)	09.00 am to 05.00 pm	Galpotha Rd, Hirana Rd, Madaheena Watta, Ejantha Wanguwa, Samagi Mw, Moratuwatta, Prasanna Pedesa, Idigaha Rd, Sprin Field, Wendesi Watta, Tabili Uyana,
25-09-2020 (Friday)	08.00 am to 05.00 pm	Ukwattha, Diaswatta
28.09.2020 (Monday)	09.00 am to 05.30 pm	Ethanamadala rd, Wiwekagarama rd, Bonitick Watta, Moragahakanda Watta, Sanhidapura, Land Sale, Tsunami House, Jawatta lower Rd, Jawatta Rd, Jawaththa Watta, Jawatta Rd, Pusparama School Rd, Rosawatta Rd, Wijemanna Mw,
MATHUGAMA AREA		
2020/09/02 Wednesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Moragala, Polgampola Dewala Rd., Metal Crusser Kallumale, Palm Oil
2020/09/07 Monday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Sirikadhura Watekade, Sadasirigama, Sirikadura, Grip Paper, Dartonfield, Oliyakanda, Dolahena, Pinnagoda, Manabarana,
2020/09/08 Tuesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Weliketiyi, NinithigalaKele, Weliketiyi New
2020/09/09 Wednesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Tenkidola
2020/09/11 Friday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Boralugada
2020/09/12 Saturday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Girikola, Kudaligama, Delkith Estate, Weyangalla, Geekiyanakanda
2020/09/13 Sunday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Kalupahana (Horawala), Mahakalupahana, Kirillahendeniya, Makalanwatta, Kudakalupahana
2020/09/22 Wednesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Egodawatta, Bellana, Yakupitiya, Kerapotha, Lathpadura, Delkith Estate, Palanda, Thummodara, Thiriwanagoda, KudaAbegoda, Jinaloka MW., Morapitiya, Minikandala, Morapitiya New, Kothhena, Batahena, Morapitiya Jn., Mahawarakanda, Welegamgoda, Peleda, 50km Post, Athwellota, Kuburhena, Diganna, Diganna New, Wallaketiya, Rubber Fac. Bellana, Delkith Estate, Mahawakanda Tea
2020/09/21 Monday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Ranathungagoda, Vepella Rd., Makalawalla Ju.
2020/09/23 Wednesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Udumulla
2020/09/24 Thursday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Dodampapitiya, Ellakanda, Uragoda, Kiuladeniya, Uthungama Kithulgoda, Mahakalupahana, Kevitiyagala, Polgampola, Rathmale, Moragala, Kurupita, Malwachchigoda, Waralathpita, Kirillahendeniya, Dialog Sub, Punchchihenkanda, Harankapatha, Wedikanda, Makalanwatta, KudaKalupahana, Thundola, Diyapaththugama, Demodara, Meegahatenna Water Pump, Kalupahana (Horawala)
2020/09/28 Monday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Hedigalla Colony 1, Hedigalla Colony 2, Weerasinhekanda, Bolluna, Dikheena, Kirimetiawala, Ilukpotha, Polgahahena, Dikheena New
2020/09/29 Tuesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Pandola, Batahena
2020/09/30 Wednesday	09:00 am to 17:00 pm	Pimburawatta, Bataheepitiya, Omatte, Ihalagama, Atahaulheena, Piwakgahawitakanda, Halgahahena, Hidakaradolaheena



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NORTH WESTERN PROVINCE

SEPTEMBER - 2020

Kuliyapitiya Area

Kuliyapitiya C.S.C.

2020 September 02	08.30-16.30
Anukkane, R.P. Nisansala, Jayalath Rice Mill, Ariyaratna Rice Mill, Beminigalla Hiththaragama, Beminigalla Seeyawala, Wahumuwa, Rathawa, Kumbukkotuwa Watta, Hannowa Hiththaragama 2, Coaltech Industries, Tasty Biscuit, Kithalawa.	
2020 September 05,12	08.30-16.30
Ranjith Fiber Mill, Gaiyala Junction, Kirigahapitiya Fiber Mill, Wassaula New, Wassaula, CIC Paultry Farm, Ilukhena Beruwewa, Ilukhena Junction, Galpola – Kosshena.	
2020 September 06,13	08.30-16.30
Haggamuwa, Galahitiyawa New, Rathmale Watta Auction Land, Madarawatta, Pahala Inguruwatta Diyadora, Inguruwatta New.	
2020 September 13	08.30-17.00
Galahitiyawa, Dean Products, DC Mill, Subharathipura, Haggamuwa, Galahitiyawa New, Rathmale Watta Auction Land, Girakethikumbura, Pahala Inguruwatta New, Madarawatta, Pahala Inguruwatta Diyadora, Bohingamuwa, Bohingamuwa Fiber Mill, Yakarawatta Piduma, Pathirana Lands (Pvt) Ltd., English Training Centre – Yakarawatta, Narangalla Devala Rd, Koongolla, Narangalla Metal Crusher, Wadugedara, Koongolla, Sirigala Watta, Pallapitiya Fiber Mill, Pugalla Watta, Kithalawa 1, Barigoda, Ganangamuwa, Koduruwepola, Annaruwa, New Anthani's Farm, Henegedara, Ravi Beeders Farm.	
2020 September 20	08.30-17.00
Tissa Mawatha, Education Office, M.A.D.S. Diruk, City Palace, Kuliyapitiya Market, Ananda Mawatha, Ananda Mawatha New, Town, S.M. Mayadunna, People's Bank, Srath Building, A.S.B. Fashion, Town Madampe Rd, C.I.B. Shopping Complex, Sampath Bank, G.R.R.N. Sarath, Kadurugashena.	
2020 September 26,27	08.30-17.00
Ihala Annaruwa, Henegedara New, New Anthani's Farm, Ravi Beeders Farm.	

Panduwasnuwara C.S.C.

2020 September 05	10.00-15.00
Ganagama, Meegaswewa Elakanda.	
2020 September 07,14	08.30-16.30
Galathena Temple, Aselro Holding, Dematawa, Mayakadawara, Bogahakotuwa Dematawa, Nelibewa, Mawee Ela New, Hemachandra Fiber Mill, Gonnawa Welihewera, Udugampolagedara, Kirimatiyawa, Muwanhela Hospital, Adukkane Water Project, Thoranegedara, Mawee Ela, Damunawa, Kanogama, Ananda Metal Crusher, Radaliyagoda.	
2020 September 10,27	08.30-16.30
Doratiyagedara, Embogedara Doratiyagedara, Rathmulukanda Temple, Devinda Factory, Tekewa Tengodagedara.	
2020 September 13	08.30-17.00
Sunmic Food Bingiriya (Pvt) Ltd., Brahmanayagama, Maradanwila, Koshenagara, Tissogama, Siyambalawewa Watta, Tissogama Getulawa, Puwakgahakadawala, Puwakwetiya, Prasannagama.	
2020 September 17	08.30-17.00
Maneesha Fiber Mill, Maunawa Watta, Palugama, Rukattana Colony, Kadigamuwa New, Heenpannawa.	
2020 September 18	08.30-16.30
Arunaloka Fiber Mill, Koonkadawala, Uswewa New, Uswewa Ganegoda, Uswewa, Ranketha, Koonkadawala.	
2020 September 19	08.30-16.30
Tropicair Lanka, Othegama Water Supply, Detiyamulla, Mandapola, Nugawela Junction Metal Crusher, Meegaspitiya, Nugawela Junction, Unvers Clothing, Dorabawila, Pahalagama Nallur, Halmillakotuwa, Global Health Coconut Product Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Walpaluwa Mandapola, Kattapitiya, Getadiulwewa, Holambalewa, Koonwewa Hettipola.	
2020 September 21	08.30-17.00
Godayaya, Godayaya New, Ihala Koonkadawala, Korakahapokuna, Gurugoda, Sulanka Oil Mill, A.M.A. Akram.	
2020 September 24	08.30-17.00
Beliwewa, Nebadawewa, Thelehera Farm, Makeliyawa, Embalayagama Makeliyawa, Gopallawa Waduessa, Ganagama, Meegaswewa Elakanda, Kaluarachchigama New, Kaluarachchigama, Boraluwewa, Wetakoluwewa, Assedduma, Hathalawa, Willegama, Hathalawa Boraluwewa, Leekolawewa, Arpitec, Mahadanwila, Thimbiripokuna, Welpothuwwewa, Lenawa Industries, Welpothuwwewa New.	
2020 September 25	08.30-17.00
Munamaldeniya, Horombuwa Dahanekgedara, Ambogedara, Rittadeniya Fiber Mill, Coco Green U.K. Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Tekewa Kiriwellawa, Malagane, Niwasa 5 - Hettipola, Hettipola Bogolla Rd, Gorakadeniya.	

Pannala C.S.C.

20 September 03	09.00-17.00
Vergin Coconut Industry, Rolex Apperal, Kekillapitiya.	
2020 September 04,11	08.30-16.30
Thalammehera, Kohombapola.	
2020 September 22	09.00-17.00
Ceylon Aquatic, Jiffy Product (Pvt) Ltd.	
2020 September 23	08.30-17.00
Nabiriththankadawara Uthuruwella, Nabiriththankadawara Jayagama, Welpalla DC, Bamunugama Welpalla, Idiminna, Welpalla, Rawita North, Waguruwela Oil Mill, Kandanegegedara Akkara 30, Nagama Raddalana, Koralampoththa, Koralampoththa Church,	
Muthugalayagama Janahithagama, Wadamunnegedara, Kamburugoda, Yayamulla New, Canro Coco Feet, New Delmo Farm 2, Medelgamuwa, Leelarathna Oil Mill, Nedalagamuwa New, Sandamali Oil Mill, Nedalagamuwa Oil Mill, Nedalagamuwa, Skya Leaf Oil Mill – Nedalagamuwa, NDC Export (Pvt) Ltd., Yakwila Manawala, Dungalpitiya Wewagara.	
2020 September 29	09.00-17.00
Botni Coir Lanka.	

Chilaw Area

Chilaw C.S.C.

2020 September 03	08.30- 16.30
Gurumithenna Junction, Eliwitiya Water Pump, Kumarakatuwa, Eliwitiya, Kukkiniyagama, Eliwitiya Niwahalpura, Kumarakattuwa Mandalana, Vihena Agro Product, Tammana Podidelpotha, Mandalana Podidelpotha, Leef Privet limited, Mandalana Pallama, Yodhayake Ibbangamuwa.	

2020 September 06	09.00- 17.00
Selan Bank, Kurunegala Road.	
2020 September 11,20	09.00- 17.00
Penthakostal Mission, Mahawa Athuwana, Acva privet Limited, Kongasyaya kolani, Yodha Ela, Me Queen Estate, Karawitagara, Karawitagara 4, Karawitagara 3, Dabakele 1, Karawitagara New, Dabakele 3, Karawitagara 2, Dabakele 2, Dematapitiya, Kohobawatta B,	
2020 September 20	08.30- 17.00
Yellya, Office Of Education, Koraya Road, Super Market Paranawewa Road, 2 nd Cross Street, Aluth watta, Aluthwatta 1, Rest House, Egodawatta, Palliyawatta, Suduwella, Chilaw City Hotel.	
2020 September 20	08.30- 17.00
Medawatta Oil Mill, Senani Tile Mill, Bandarawatta, Kakkapalliya Management Cloth, Idigodawela, Jude Ice Factory, Jayawatta, Cargills Food City-colombo Road, Yayawatta New C.M.C.E Construction, Pirappankuliya, Colombo sea food, Shantha Anthoni Farm, J&R Shrimp Farm, Abakadawila 1, V.M.C Acva Clutcher, Palugasthenna, Maiyankulama Shrimp Farm, Iranawila, Abakadawila 3, Iranawila Samidugama, Cerolina Beach Hotel, senura Acva, Thushara frenando, Shrimp Farm 2, Nilsonya.	
2020 September 28	08.30- 17.00
Thabagalla Watta, Thabagalla Watta New.	

Madampe C.S.C.

2020 September 05,18	08.30- 17.00
Sprin Field Estate, German Estate, Chandradasa Oil Mill, Hettiyakotuwa, marakkala Mulla, Kowulwewa, Branad Shrimp Farm, Kebellagara, Horagasagara, New, Horagasagara, Madugasagara.	
2020 September 06	08.30- 16.30
Silvergate Action Land, Ligno sell Limited, Tharana Sahan uyana, Mugunuwatawana, Ashan Coir products, Mellawagara, Madampe Watre Supply, Gal amuna, Gal amuna Kadimulla, Kudawewa, Kudawewa New, NelumPokuna, Kudawewa D.C Mill, Nuwan Sea Food Privet Limited, Iranawila Fishing Village, Madampe Church, Tharanga Wood Mill, Thaniela dewalaya, Meddapitiya Molawatta, Kudawewa Maligawatta, Mahawewa Town, Bluemin Fashion, Thoduwwa Road Thissa Lean, Baradelpola, Mattakotuwa, Thoduwwa Road Old Ice Factory, Mahawewa Vihena, Vihena Farm, Watre Supply South Thoduwwa, North Thoduwwa Estuary, Service Station, Liver Brothers Shrimp Farm, Thoduwwa River Road, Baradel pola, , North Thoduwwa New 1, Thoduwwa River Road 1, Kumara Sea Food Privet limited, North Thoduwwa Thattawala, P.R.F Sea Food Privet limited, Temple Juntcion, Koswadiya, Mahawewa, Dilaks Home Privet limited, New Priyangika, Siwraja School, Thigolla koswadiya, Celon Glass Company.	
2020 September 08	08.30- 17.00
Service Station, Liver Brothers Shrimp Farm, Thoduwwa River Road 1, Thoduwwa River Road 2, Baradel pola, , North Thoduwwa New 1, Kumara Sea Food Privet limited, North Thoduwwa Estuary, North Thoduwwa Thattawala, P.R.F Sea Food Privet limited, North Thoduwwa New.	
2020 September 10	08.30- 16.30
Madampe Temple, Health Service, Madampe Telecom, Madampe Old, Senanayaka Shool, Madampe Cinema, Egodawatta, Lakma Fashion.	
2020 September 14,19	08.30- 17.00
Akmii Lanka, Thunthota, J.R Jayawardana School, Shiromani Oil Mill, Bulkanda Kolani, Yagamwela Coir Mill, Jasintha malani, Mandakondana, Kekunawala, kadayaya, Ethungahakotuwa, Yagamwela, Kathwa Lean, Diwurumpola, Ethungahakotuwa New.	

Kiriyankalliya C.S.C.

2020 September 03	09.00- 16.00
Bhaira Farm.	
2020 September 19	08.30-16.30
Multi Food Privet limited, Hornkwem lternational, Vinitha Farm, Farshana Oil Mill, Mandamanthiw.	
2020 September 22	09.30- 17.00
Golden Farm, Sengal Oya Bridge, Naladarankatuwa, Anawilundawa, Anawilundawa Mobitel Tower, Rathabala Oya Bridge, Baththulu oya church, Farshana Oil Mill, Baththulu D.C Mill, Baththulu Juntcion, Keeriyankalliya, Bandarahena, Sunila Diyadahara, Thambapanni cocoes Privet limited, Helaba Watawana, Maiyawa Water Supply, Suruwila, Muthupanthiyagama, Muthupanthiyagama 2, Muthupanthiyagama New, Karabakele Aththangane, Bogamuwa watta, Mahaeliya Korayawatta kolani, Wijaya Katupotha, Wijaya Katupotha Temple, Wijaya Katupotha New, Wijaya Katupotha 1, Pinkattiya, Rajamuni watta, Tharakudiwilluwa, Sigiri Roofing, Agunawila 1, Pudukudiruppuwa, Lanka Lakmali Shrimp Farm, Adimune Acvatic Limited, Kamalawansans Shrimp Farm, Puwakpitiya, Frenando Shrimp Farm, Udappuwa Shopping Mall, Udappuwa Kovil, Udappuwa Fishing Village, Udappuwa Hospital, Adimune New, Udappuwa Adimune, S.L.A.C 1, S.L.A.C 2, S.L.A.C 3, S.L.A.C 4, S.L.A.C 5, S.L.A.C 6, S.L.A.C 7.	
2020 September 22	09.00- 16.30
Penicula Shrimp Farm, Puwakpitiya, M.S.T.R Shrimp Farm, Frenando Shrimp Farm, Adhimune Acvatic Limited, Kamalawansans Shrimp Farm, Udappuwa Shopping Mall, Udappuwa Hospital, Adhimune New, Udappuwa Adhimune, Udappuwa Kovil, Udappuwa Fishing Village, Kassar Shrimp Farm, S.L.A.C Development 1, S.L.A.C Development 2, S.L.A.C Development 3, S.L.A.C Development 4, S.L.A.C Development 5, S.L.A.C Development 6, S.L.A.C Development 7.	
2020 September 24	09.00- 16.00
Palliwasal Padu Fishing Village, Pivithurugama, Kandathoduwwa, Mukkuthoduwwa.	

Madampe/Chilaw/Kiriyankalliya C.S.C.

2020 September 20	09.00- 14.00
Polwatta, Smith Food Privete Limited, Galwala, kurukkuwa Mdagama Road, Kurukkuwa New Town, Galahitiyawa New, Lihini Ice Factory Galahitiyawa, Pambala, Semairippuwa, M.N.S Frenando Maters Indastre, Ponnakanniya Kakkapalliya, Galahitiyawa Juntcion, Narasinghe Oil Mill, Asanka Tayer Center, N.P.K Mendis Rice Mill, Shiran Garment, Kurukkuwa School, Madampe Bank, Liver Brothers subfiled 1, Blue Lagune Farm, W.G.T Chaminda Irrattakulama, Ponnakanniya New, Wahalhena School Junction, Wahalhena Kinagaswala Coir Mill, Thabagalla, Thabagalla Oil Mill, Digaswela, Miriswatta, Nankadawara, Kohobawatta New, Senanayaka watta, Hettiwatta Thabagalla, Thabagalla Watta, Thabagalla Watta New, M.T.T Antena Site, Sawarana, Kurunegala Road, Water Board, Munneshwaram Dewalaya, Water Supply 2, VC Subfield, Kanuketiya Ilippadeniya, Kohobawatta Kolani B, Ilippadeniya, Water Supply, Munneshwaram Thisogama, Thiththakade Purle view Farm, Thiththakade, Manuwangamuwa, Manuwangamuwa New, Manuwangamuwa State Water Supply, Medawatta Oil Mill, Senani Bandarawatta, Kakkapalliya Powerloom, Idigodawela, Jude Ice Factory, Jayawatta Cargills Food City- Colombo Road, Jayawatta New, C.M.C.E. Construction, Pirappankuliya, Colombo Sea Food, Shantha Anthoni Farm, J&R Shrimp Farm, Abakadawila 1, V.M.C Acva Clucher, Palugasthenna, Maiyakulama Shrimp Farm, Iranawila, Abakadwila 3, Iranawila Samidugama, Kerolina Beach Hotel, Senura Acva Clutcher Project, W.P.R Thushara Frenando Iranawila, Shrimp Farm 2, Nilsonya Privet Limited, Hospital 1, Koraya watta, Hospital 2, HNB Bank, Sampath Bank Kurunegala Road, Health Cear Privet limited, Selan Bank, National Saving Bank, Chilaw Finance, New Perera&Sons Backers, Chilaw City, Koraya Lean, Super Market Paranawewa Road, Educaicon Office, Yellya Basar Street, second Cross Road Aluthwatta, The inn, Aluthwatta 1, Suduwella Area, Chilaw City Hottel-suduwella, Palliyawatta, Egodawatta, Chilaw Shopping mall, Wijerama Temple, Sky Line Service, praiwet Limited, CIB Shopping Mall, Dilshan Trade Center, Commercial Bank, Blooming Fashion,	

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Chilaw Town, Colombo Rd, Maradankulama, Bangadeniya, Ice Plant Bangadeniya, Chilaw DC Mill, Puttalam Rd, Weerakumandaluwa Junction, Chilaw DC Mill II, Sawsiri Uyana Action Land I, Sawsiri Uyana Action Land II, Jayabima, Water Bord, Weerakumandaluwa New, Agro Marine Ltd., Aqua (Pvt) Ltd., Prons (Pvt) Ltd., 6 Cross Road Jayabima, Wattakkaliya I, Kawatiyawatta, Wattakkaliya II, Wattakkaliya III, Telecom Old, C.T.B., Tecom, Aluthwatta New, Singhapura, Noise Rd, Food City, Sangattana, People's Bank, Union Asuarance, Puttalam Rd- Chilaw, JK Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd., Singhepura Action Land, Eltaro Roofing.

Wariyapola Area

Wariyapola C.S.C.

2020 September 03,17,19 **08.30-17.00**
Ranorawa, Kanaththewewa Gallehepitiya , Kolambagama, Kudagala Auction Land, Highcap Fiber (Pvt) Ltd., Hydro Coir (Pvt) Ltd., Maweehena New Kanaththewewa, Maweehena, Panakaduwa, Jayantha Rice Mill, Pubbowwa Pothuwewa, Nelumkanuwa.

2020 September 04 **08.30-16.30**

Nawinnagama, Nawinna.

2020 September 04 **08.30-17.00**

Nimal Rice Mill, Pallama Dampitiya, Pallama Dampitiya New, Dampitiya Water Pump, Wedanda Demataluwa, Demataluwa Embalawa, Katugaha Dampitiya, Ipalawa Ulpatha, Mirihanpitiya Ithanawatta, Thalagahamula Junction, Dampitiya, Wegama, Homathagama, Kanotuwa, Madawala, Madawala New, Gonawa Thalayaya, Mudunna Temple Road.

2020 September 05,19,24 **08.30-17.00**

Thalagahamula Junction, Dampitiya, Madagama, Homathagama, Kanotuwa, Madawala, Gonawa, Mudunna, Mudunna Temple Road.

2020 September 07,08,09 **08.30-17.00**

Kolambagama

2020 September 08 **08.30-16.30**

Kotuwewa Watta, Weralla New, Moragoda, Pothuwewa W/paluwa, Thambarawa Malagane, Naramanna.

2020 September 10,11,14,17,21,22,23,28,29 **08.30-17.00**

Piumgala New.

2020 September 12 **08.30-16.30**

Padeniya Temple, N.K.B.T.D. Jayasinghe, Kalawanegama Village, Wimalarathna Mawatha, Police Junction, Salitha Oil Mill, Wayamba Training Center, Agriculture Department, Pothuwewa, Kuranawa, Kuranawagama, Siyambalakele, Ihala Malagane, Kohanegama, Thambarawa, Nelna Farm, Wariyapola Town, Nawinna, Powloom Technical Collage, Ginipendegama, Malwana, Rambawewa Town, Dialog Telecom Center, Jayalatha Rajapaksha Timber Mill, Ambakadawara, Vicky Plantation, Rmbawana Oil Mill, Bio Grow, A.S.M. Mukthar, Hindagolla, Water Board, Wilakatupotha Aurweda Junction, Rasheema Garment, Wariyapola Kalugamuwa Rd, Wayamba Apperal, Cargills Lanka, Bus Stand, Bus Stand New, Peopl's Bank, Hoombawa Watta, Janahitha Water Tank, Wewagedara Watta Auction Land, Lakmal Uyana, Wariyapola Telecom, Piumgalla New, Ganewatta Rd, Wellagala, Eliwitigama, Sarananda Mawatha, Eliwitigama, Milan Rice Mill, Maguru Oya Water Supply, Ranabima Estate, Nisala Uyana Auction Land, Pahalagama Gonagama, Helawa, Rekawa Galagedara, Beddegama Gokatuwa, Megacity Ceylon Band House, Gonagama Wilagande Mw, Tisawa, Metiyagane, Nuwarakanda, Polgammana Watta, Netiya Amaraudagama, Growite Substrait, Amunugama Malasna, Werapola, Wewagedara Uyana, Eboni Holding, Wayamba Polimers, Kumbalporuwa Watta, Wasantha Timber Mill, Galagedara, T.C. Export (Pvt) Ltd., Galagedra Nelumwewa, Mahakeliya, Nikagolla Junction, Walpola, Wayamba Polimers, Pannawa Junction, Rio Coco Lanka Ltd., Bamunakotuwa, Rasoda Deris, Nidahas Junction, Clay Factory, Munamale School Junction, Debiliyadda, Wanduressapitiya, Randeni Ganthiriyawa, Mahakeliya Watta, Wattakka Watta.

2020 September 27 **08.30-16.30**

Kelimune School, Nathagane, Nawagatta, Rukkaththana, Muthuporuwa, Hanhamuna Junction, Rathkarawwa Oil Mill, Maspotha, Green Village, Ranmuddawala, Roof Mart (Pvt) Ltd. 11, Jathika Mw., Roof Mart (Pvt) Ltd. 1, Mel Watta Auction Land, Gunasiri Oil Mill, Badalawa Watta, Ambawatta Pellandeniya, C.R.S de Seram Watta, T.M.G. Thennakoon Keenagspitiya, Demataluwa Scheme, Pellandeniya New, Pellandeniya, Siyambalangamuwa Koggala Watta, Siyambalangamuwa.

2020 September 30,31 **08.30-16.30**

Kanotuwa.

Galgamuwa C.S.C.

2020 September 10,11,24,25 **08.30-17.00**

Ankendawa, Mailewa , Mailewa New, Punchi Aliyawetunuwewa, Walpaluwa, Kudagalkadawala, Aliyawetunuwewa, Thambuththa, Thimbiriwewa, Giribawa 1, Goda Kiralayaya, Iahala Giribawa, Giribawa 02, Lokuhettigama, Nirawiya, Paluwewa Junction, Rajanganaya Track 01, Orugala Pump House, Kaduruwewa, Thimbiripokuna, Saliya Asokapura, Rajanganaya Track 02, Thammita Damsopura, Saliya Ashokapura, Perakumpura 1, Perakumpura, Perakumpura, Jayanthipura Sole, Bambare, Damsopura Track 03, Damsopura Water Supply, Sangabopura, Rajanganaya Rice Mill, Track 08th Mile Post, Mahasn Govi Sanvidhanaya, Solewewa Track 05, Solewewa Track 05 Temple Junction, Abhayapura, Warawewa Sub 06, Warawewa Sub 09, Kiwulewewa New, Warawewa New, Hettiarachchigama.

2020 September 04 **08.30-17.00**

Koonwewa, Dewagiripura, Jusewaspura, Galgamuwa Hospital Water Project, Hospital, Irrigation Office, Galgamuwa Irrigation Training Centre Paddy Cultivation Board.

Nikaweratiya C.S.C.

2020 September 04 **08.30-16.30**

Danduwawa, Danduwawa Ranagolla, Kebellewa, Ekamuthu Water Project, Heelogama, Koongaswalayagama, Kadawalapitiya, Epita Diulwewa, Ambagammana, Singandaluwa, Nammuwawa, Polonthalawa, Korale Watta, Nammuwawa New, Kuravikulama, Kadigawa, Deduruoya, Kadigawa 1, Kadigawa 11, Kuravikulama New, Nawaloka Metal Crusher, R.T.B. Nikaweratiya, Thonigala Watta.

2020 September 05 **08.30-17.00**

Athawa.

2020 September 06,20 **08.30-17.00**

Nikaweratiya Post Office, Nikaweratiya, Pradeshiya Sabha, Water Pump House.

CTB sub, Wariyapola Sub Feeder 02.

2020 September 08,14,22 **08.30-17.00**

Hulugalla.

2020 September 11 **08.30-17.00**

Nebadawa, Hathigamma, Udahenegama, Delight Agro Ployamers (Pvt) Ltd., I.D.A.N. Ranaweera, Rambewa, Unagolla, Bairaha Farm Rasnayakepura, Thalokolawewa, Galwewa, Gurugoda, Rasnayakapura Pahala Mawathagama, Leekolapitiya, Ottukulama Scheme, Sinhala Ottukulama, Nalanchiya, Rasnayakepura Gurulupitigama, Nagansole Temple, Kolambawaththa, Rathambalawa Water Project.

Hiripitiya C.S.C.

2020 September 04,11 **09.00-17.00**

Ishak Rice Mill, Banneggama, Ehetugaswewa, Koombuwakanda, Dadapalagama, Ihala Waduwwa, Waduwwa, Kumbukgete Town, Kasagala Temple, Athaudagama, Near the Govijanaseva, Doraweruwa, Ranjith Watta, Palugahakanda, Hettigama Galwewa, Welgala, Nelliya, Nelliya 2.

2020 September 06,14 **09.00-17.00**

Gane Watta.

2020 September 15,16,25 **08.30-17.00**

Wellawa School

Mahawa C.S.C.

2020 September 03 ,08 **08.30-16.30**

Polpithigama Town, Bogollayaya, Kiribamunegama 11, Waulawa, Pallekele 1, Kiribamunegama, Medaulpotha, Rajakandayaya, Mahadambe, Rambawewa New, Pallekele 11, Kottawewa, Galpothuyaya, Pothuwila, Irudeniya, Polpithigama Police, Wewalayaya, Polpithigama Suntlet Tower, Rambawewa, Galtenwewa, Galtenwewa New, Kaduruwewa Thalpathwewa, Mobitel Tower, Wadupolayagama Niyadawanaya.

2020 September 08 **08.30-16.30**

Badalgama, Wasiwewa Hirindigala, Diwlegoda Ganewewa

2020 September 15 **08.30-16.30**

Balalla Daladagama, Kiyennem, Balalla, Mahawa CTB, Digana, Madapokuna, Digana New Telecom., Mahawa Town, Public Market, Pradeshiya Sabha, Janajayapura, Walaswewa Rekogama, Tisnampala Walaswewa, Tisnampalagama, Thalambuwa, Wadugama, Thimbiriyaagedara, Heelogama Weheragama, Hunnasgama, Heenukwewa Ambogama, Kadambawa New, Debinkanda II, Nagollagama, Nagollagama Palugaswewa, Thalagalla, Nagollagama ,Karuwalagaswewa Kekunawa, Mahawa Town New I, Mahawa Town New II, Moragolla Bakmeegahawatta, Malkaduwwa, Siyadagama, Kivul wewa, Hospital, Kaikawala, Yapahuwa, Pailigama, Dalupothagama, Kondadeniya Temple, Kondadeniya.

2020 September 15 **09.00-16.00**

Habaraththewa, Wilawa, Lenawaragedara Seerangoda, Badalgama, Wasiwewa, Diullegoda Ganewewa, Ambagaswewa Ridibandiella, Kirindigalla Ihalagama, Pahala Kirindigalla, Balalla Kumbukkweva, Balagollagama, Pannawa, Kadawala Paswewa' Moragolla Dewily, Wayamba Agro Export, Daduru Oya Pahalayaya, Daduru Oya Project, Gajanagma, Reedibadiella, Elapothuwewa, Katuwannawa, Walpaluwa, Thimbiriwewa.

Balalla Daladagama, Kiyennem, Balalla, Mahawa CTB, Digana, Madapokuna, Digana New Telecom., Mahawa Town, Public Market, Pradeshiya Sabha, Janajayapura, Walaswewa Rekogama, Tisnampala Walaswewa, Tisnampalagama, Thalambuwa, Wadugama, Thimbiriyaagedara, Heelogama Weheragama, Hunnasgama, Heenukwewa Ambogama, Kadambawa New, Debinkanda II, Nagollagama, Nagollagama Palugaswewa , Thalagalla, Nagollagama ,Karuwalagaswewa Kekunawa, Mahawa Town New I, Mahawa Town New II, Moragolla Bakmeegahawatta, Malkaduwwa, Siyadagama, Kivul wewa, Hospital, Kaikawala, Yapahuwa, Pailigama, Dalupothagama, Kondadeniya Temple, Kondadeniya.

2020 September 17 **08.30-16.30**

Thalawa New, Mapegamuwa Yaya 10, Bulnewa Pothana, Horowwewa, Hathigama, Moragollagama Siyambalangamuwa, Thalawa Siyambalangamuwa, Siyambalangamuwa Tank.

2020 September 18 **08.30-16.30**

Borawewa, Ambanpola Bakmeewewa, Crash Plant RDA Ambanpola, Fremix Plant

2020 September 25 **08.30-16.30**

Eramuduwwewa, Mampitigama, Kurundegama, Korowwegama, Ranowa, Mahadiulwewa, Wathukana.

2020 September 28 **08.30-16.30**

Balalla Daladagama, Kiyennem Sub, Balalla.

2020 September 29 **08.30-16.30**

Navik Rice Mill, Yaddegama Kirimatiyawa, Thambarayagama Kohombakadawala, Kohombakadawala, Bakmeegahawatta, Thalangedara, Ihalagama Pahalagama, Iribissa.

2020 September 30 **08.30-16.30**

Amunugama, Yaddessawa, Harasiyagama, Abakolawewa Meneriyaya, Abakolawewa, Abakolawewa 1,11, Mediyawa.

Wennappuwa Area

Wennappuwa C.S.C.

2020 September 07 **08.30-16.30**

Katuneriya Church, St.Antonnie's Building, Nakele, Ihala Katuneriya, Ginoya Rd, Katuneriya Jansa Rd, Calton, Oruwella, K.S. Perera, Tiserapura, Lihini Ice Factory, Pulungas Junction, Benkada Junction, Sooriya Watta, Lansigama, Little Rome, Prawn Ceylon, Ceylon Garden Coir, Rockland Company, Italian Gate, Sisisiyana Estate, Jayamadi, Marawila Hospital, Chutiduwa, Mudukatuwa Temple Junction, St. Meri Oil Mill, Wendaland Mill, Fathima Church, Nugawatta, Mudukatuwa, Godawela, Mallika Mudukatuwa, Garment Junction, Union Apperal 01, Union Apperal 01.

2020 September 09 **08.30-16.30**

Udasirigama Church, Sirigampola Church Lihini Steel, Rubber rex, Heliconia, St. Anapura Cemetry, Thewarapperuma Fiber Mill, Seenor Colony, Pradeepa Ground, Home Plant, Dhammikagama, A.C.R. Fernando, Dematapitiyagama, St. Anapura School, Antania Intimates.

2020 September 27 **08.00-17.00**

City Palace, Pettric Timber Mill, Barampola Tile Mill, Kamalapattu Co-operative, Shemrok Timber Mill, Shemrok Tile Mill, Adam Junction New, Galmal Pandura, Service Station, Metco Factory, Katuneriya Church, St.Antonnie's Building, Nakele, Ihala Katuneriya, Ginoya Rd, Katuneriya Jansa Rd, Calton, Oruwella, K.S. Perera, Tiserapura, Lihini Ice Factory, Pulungas Junction, Benkada Junction, Sooriya Watta, Lansigama, Little Rome, Prawn Ceylon, Ceylon Garden Coir, Rockland Company, Italian Gate, Sisisiyana Estate, Samarasinghe Brothers, E.a. Fernando, Keen Apperal, Kudamala, Pahala Peragas Junction, Vidyala Mw., Vidyala Mw. New, Suduwella, Martin de Forest Mawatha, Avendra Garden Hotel, Mangala Traiding, Borella, J.M.Printo, Janath Putha, Canro Export, Telecom, J.K.M.Perera Fiber Mill, Magalla Traiding.

Bolawatta C.S.C.

2020 September 06 **08.30-16.30**

Sigiri Tile Mill, Mirissankotuwa, St. Mery Fiber Mill, Kusalana Tile Mill, Lion Tile Mill, Lanka Mark Tile Mill, Cangaroo Tile Mill, Ginoya Lodge, Sooriya Resort, St. Odiliya Fiber Mill, Dolphin Hotel, Kesade Hotel, Caption Tile Mill, Dolphin Water Pump, Chandrika Tile Mill, Sumithra Tile Mill, Ranweli Hotel, Atlas Tile Mill, Janatha Tile Mill, Waikkala Church, Wickrama Tile Mill, Namala Tile Mill, Sindathriya, Aurweda Resort, Waikkala, Wijaya Tile Mill.

Suduwella Fiber mill Morakkulya, Randetha Tile Factory, Samagi Tile Mill, Samanalaya Tile Factory, Bankada Junction Godella, Samagi Tile Mill, Thambarawila Muwa Tile Mill, Thambarawila, , Prasara washing plant, Sahanagama, Union Apperal, Hupper & Company Industrial Building, Keen Apperal.

2020 September 07 **08.30-16.30**

Ihala Wewa Fiber Mill, Thulawala, Kahatawila Rubber State, Pothuwatatwana, Hundirapola, Mahayaya Watta.

2020 September 14 **08.30-16.30**

Kasade Hotel & Resort (Pvt) Ltd., Dolphin Hotel, Sooriya Resort, Gin Oya Lodge, st. Odiliya Farm.

2020 September 26 **08.30-16.30**

Spado, CRI Lunuwila, Maneesha Coco, Ivan Fernando Pearl, Island Bigbird Farm, L.C.B. Factory, Monticalo, Boralessa, A&C, Kiragara, Mirissankotuwa, Ginigalpole Junction, Sanhinda, Werellawatta, Kirimetiya Temple, Kahatawila Junction, Dabarera Watta, VC Rd 1,2.

Nattandiya C.S.C.

2020 September 04 **08.30-17.00**

Ammanamulla.

2020 September 05,26 **08.30-16.00**

Keen Apperals, E.A. Fernando, Samarasinghe Brothers, Union Apperal 01, Union Apperal 02, Mallika Mudukatuwa, Nugawatta Mudukatuwa, Fathima Church, Wenderland Mill, Sumanakusumgama, Pahala Mawila Church, St. Mery Oil Mill, Mudukatuwa Temple Junction, Chutiduwa, Marawila Hospital, Jayamadi, Sisiyana Watta, Italian Gate, Water Board, Janadhipathi School Lane, Menara Shopping Complex, Nattandiya Bridge, People's Bank, Shopping Complex, Nattandiya Town, Dhammissara Collage, Ceylon Glass Factory 01, 02, Weerahena Fiber Mill, Maranda Meda Nattandiya, Mawila, Venis Park, Luds Mawila, Maranda Star Fiber Mill, Halpanvila New, Marandawella, Elbat F. Pieris Mawatha, Marawila Farm, Telecom, Court Complex, Jaya Farm, Marawila Super Market, M.A.D.A Athula, Vocational Training Center, Cargills Ceylon, Orit Apperal, Sampath Bank, Horagolla Fernando Mw., Marawila Co-oparative, DC Mills, Thalawila Ice Factory, Haththiniya, St.Anthony Fiber Mill, Thalawila Junction, Priyangika Timber Mill, Halpanwila, Thalawila Church, Classic Terous, Bogaha rd, Thalawila Elamba, Club Farm Bey Hotel, Olenka Sun Shine Beach Hotel, Deshan Milroy Association, Modarawella, Omega Line Housing Project, Thalawila Wella, Weralugaha Rd, Dr. Anton, Pettric Loch Oil Mill, Kurusa Palliya, Marawila Town.

2020 September 06 **08.30-16.30**

Priss Village, Thamel Fiber Mill, Horakele Farm, Walahapitiya, Walahapitiya, New Nel Farm, Nel Far, 3, Nuran Estate, Nel Farm Feed, Sagaragama, Youth Ranger, Muttibendiwila, Ceylon Glass Company, Egodagaoda, Pilakatumulla, Jayasinghe brothers, Egodagoda watta, Mailewa.

2020 September 09 **08.30-16.30**

Kuddetiya, Kuddetiya New, Gallehemulla, Weliamuna, Kaliyawadana, Welpalla, Kaliyawadana, Yakdessa.

2020 September 10 **08.00-17.00**

Mutibendiwila, Youth Training Center.

2020 September 11 **08.00-16.30**

Kumbukgahamulla, Rathmalwala Sheen Lanka, U.S.S. Udawela New, Coco World, Wayamba Land, Melwatta, Nabiriththankadawala, C.I.C.

2020 September 14,24 **08.00-16.30**

Alhira Lean, Kotramulla, Morakele School, Uwais Rice Mill, Bhaira Farm New, Rismanwatta, Kemilco Indrastrees, Bhaira Farm, Bothalegama C.O.P, Senanayake Coir Mill.

2020 September 29 **08.00-17.00**

Ammanamulla.

Kurunegala Area

Kurunegala Town C.S.C.

2020 September 03,08 **09.00-16.30**

Saragama.

2020 September 12 **09.00-16.00**

Keels Super Market

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2020 September 13 **09.30-17.00**
Nishshanka Vidyalaya, Kandurugas Junction 1, Noyel Senevirathna Mw, Yasasiri Filling Station, Crown Building, Dialog Building, Ceylinco Insurance 1, Police Station, Janaka Bogollagama Building, Union Assurance, Y.M.B.A. New Building, Police Station New, Mihindu Mawatha, Wewagedara Mapegamuwa, G 6 Investment, Bodhiraja Mawatha Junction, Lake Studio, Waves Shopping Complex.

Filling Station Kadurugas Junction, A.N. Silva Commercial Building, Near Sathosa, Hospital Junction, Aberathna Building, Aurweda, Weherapura.

Selvaraj Bulding, Samudra Super market, Karunarathna Building, M.S.K.A. Nazar, Buddhipradeep, M.N. Wickramasinghe Commercial Building, G.K. Jayawansha Building, Thilakasiri Bulding, K.A.M.P. Jayasekara Commercial Building, A.W. Amaratunga Building, Jayawansha Building, Samudra Bookshop, YMBA Building, Bodhiraja Mw, HNB Building, Inland Revenue Department, A.W.M. Nazeer Perakumba Street, Shopping Complex Sub 1, K.A.M.P. Jayasekara, E Tilakasiri Building.

Navinna Bulding, Dishad Building, Ariyapala Buiding, Ransara Resturant, D.M.M.D.Dissanayake, Keels Super Market, Cardiology Hospital, Twin Hospital, Provincial Base Hospital, Cargills Food City, Asliya Printers, Seth Sevane Hospital, Real Asset Management, Samarasinhe Optical, Champika Group, Dilshad Trade Center, Commercial Building, Wehera, Co-operative Hospital, Wijewardhana Building, water Treatment Plant, Ranjith Electricals, Aurweda, Thilakasiri Building.

2020 September 14 **09.00-14.00**
Samudra Super Market.

2020 September 17,22 **09.00-16.30**
Sooriya Watta.

2020 September 20 **08.30-16.30**
Fisheries Co-operation, Udayara Mw., Theliyagonna, Kandy Road New.

Wathimi, Rajapihilla Mw. Sub, Kandy Rd. Gettuwana, Firsheries Co-operation, Udayar Mw., Theliyagonna, Kandy Rd New, Kumaratunga Mw., Malani Pathiran Building, PG Bakers Udawalpola.

Timber Co-operation, Polattapitiya, Polattapitiya New, J.M. Nazeem, Lakdas School, Millanium City 1,11, Muttettugala, Gettuwan Circular Rd, Pahala Gettuwana.

People's Bank, Wathimi, Water Treatment Plant, P.G. Chandrapala Building, Commercial Building, Provincial Council, Divisional Secretarial Office, Urban Council, Celynco Insurance 11, Anura Printers, Telecom, Kandian Reach Hotel, Petrolium Co-operation, NSB, New Pharmacy, Senkadagala Finance, High Court, District Labour Office, Janakala Foundation, S.H.K. Senanayake, Rathnasekara.

NWS & DB Polattapitiya, Miracal Health Hospital, Cargills Food City, Rural Co-operative Bank, Razeem Garment, Wayamba Govi Gedara.

Kurunegala / Mallawapitiya C.S.C.

2020 September 27 **08.30-16.30**
Wellawa Junction, Andagala Watta, Railway Station – Muttettugala.
E-Line Apperal, Jayampathi Lanka.

Sirikulam Watta, Hijra Mawatha, Alakoladeniya, Mehiella, Wadugedara Watta, Yaggapitiya, Greenway Agencies (Pvt) Ltd., Dimo Engineering, Onelta Real Estate, Samanpura, Badagamuwa CTB, Rolex Factory, Atamune, City Gate auction Land, Maraluwawa, Babar Watta, Meddegama, Wattegedara, Peella Watta, Mohothhawa, Agro Coco Tech (Pvt) Ltd., Hengawa, Moragolla, Thuruliyagama.

Gokarella C.S.C.

2020 September 02 **09.00-17.00**
Bus Stand – Melsiripura.

2020 September 03 **10.00-17.00**
Melsiripura, Karandagolla, Lenawa, Godarathmale, Ganegoda – Kumbukwewa, Pitapahamuwa, Food City – Melsiripura, M.S.M. Oil Mill.

2020 September 05,17,22,27 **10.00-17.00**
National Watta.

2020 September 06 **09.00-14.00**
Kumbalanga, Suramya Sevana, Salindapura Kumbalanga, Bathalagoda Farm, Thalahinna 11 Muruthawa, Mahamukalanyaya, Ihala Peddawa, Embalawa, Ibbagamuwa Town, Ibbagamuwa Town New, Rubi Plastic, Yakalla Ayesha Watta, Galeyaya Hangamuwa, Deduruoya Bridge, Udawela, Waguruwela, Pannala, Dehelgamuwa Walawwatta, Wadupola, Thalahinna.

Bathalagoda Farm, Rice Research Centre, Hangamuwa Watta, Pelma Plastic, Nippon Plastic 1, Nippon Plastic 2, Nippon Plastic 3, Bakmeegolla, Bakmeegolla Oil Mill, Water Treatment Plant, Fernimix (Pvt) Ltd. 1,11, Ibbagamuwa Pradeshiya Sabhawa, Kolongasaya watta, Blutex (Pvt) Ltd.,

2020 September 06,27 **09.00-17.00**
Maiwela, Ussawa, Nabeta New Sub, Madahapola Hapangamuwa, Madahapola New Sub, Thewella – Madahapola, Weherayaya-Madahapola, madahapola, Delmo Breeders Ltd, Diggala Watte, Siyabalangamuwa, Delmo Breeders Ltd., Dayatari Ltd.

2020 September 10,22,29 **08.30-16.30**
Gallindakotuwa Junction, Nindapella, Galapalayaya, Kattakaduwa, Mailamada, Pallama Lewgolla.

2020 September 15 **08.30-16.30**
15th pole, Paragaswewa Tempele, Koswatta, Meepitiya, Koswatta Wegama, Dodamgaslanda, Balawattala.

2020 September 19 **08.30-16.30**
Ganegoda Sub

2020 September 27 **08.30-16.30**
Maiwela, Ussawa, Nabeta New Sub, Madahapola Hapangamuwa, Madahapola New Sub, Thewella – Madahapola, Weherayaya-Madahapola, madahapola, Delmo Breeders Ltd, Diggala Watte, Siyabalangamuwa, Ditary (Pvt) Ltd.

Mallawapitiya C.S.C.

2020 September 05 **08.30-16.30**
2020 September 06 **03.30-17.30**
Severage Plant, Print Pack (PVT) Ltd., Nippon PVC Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., Timex 11, Industrial Park, Slim Line, Timex 1, Cashualine, Foundation Garment, Eco Aperl Ltd., Pergason Garment, United Tubeco Processing,

2020 September 06 **09.00-16.00**
Jayanthipura New, Wehera, Wanduragala, Wilbawa, Jayanthipura, Wehera Temple, Navinna Hospital, Rockway Watta, Koonpola Temple, Indulgoda, Hewapola, Hewapola New, Manel Oluwa, Doratiyawa, Henamulla, National Oil Mill, Mallawapitiya New, Mohomadiya Oil Mill, Indulgoda Werawella.

Hospital, New Hospital, Mala Building, Mallika Metal Crusher, United Motors Maga Engineering, Poly Lanka Plastic.

M.C. Oil Mill, Army Camp –Wehera, Edwad Watta, Manikkadeniya, Wendoruwa Water Project, Prime Land, Aselro Holding (Pvt) Ltd., Senarath Engineering, Maga Redimix.

2020 September 06 ,20 **09.00-17.00**
Pilikada Hope Motors.

2020 September 17 **08.30-16.30**
Siyambalangamuwa, Boyagoda, Akade Waraddana, Weuda, Paragahadeniya Filling Station, Malliyagoda, Halpantotuwa, Bandaragala watta, Paragahadeniya, Batagolla, Tharana Temple, Weuda 1.

ASB, Redimix Ltd.

2020 September 18 **08.30-16.30**
Rockway Watta, Koonpola Temple, Indulgoda, Hewapola New, Manel Oluwa, Doratiyawa, Indulgoda Werawella.

Edwad Watta, Manikadeniya, Aselro Holding (Pvt) Ltd., Senarath Engineering.

2020 September 19 **08.30-16.30**
Dunuke Watta, Pinnagolla Yakambe Colony, Pinnagolla Watta, Watarka Igaruwatta, Pahala Waragolla, Ketawala, Muwankanda, Meetenwala, Udagama, Pitiyakanda.

2020 September 19 **08.30-16.30**
Hospital, Ahasyanapitiya, New Hospital Walawwatta, Welikumbura, Mawathagama New, Ahasyanapitiya New, Saranawatta Housing Complex.

Plastic Industry, West Wood Export Ltd., Telecom, Pradeshiya Sabha.

2020 September 27 **09.00-17.00**
Mawathagama New

2020 September 28 **09.00-17.00**
Kospothu oya, Paragahamula, Kumbal Anga, Thalhengoda, Arampola Watta, Delgolla Watta, Makulana, Silverange, Ahasyanapitiya 1.

Pothuhera C.S.C.

2020 September 12 **09.00-17.00**
Doratiyawa Weherabenda, Ihalagama Wilbawa, Nelliya, Boyagane Bogamuwa Rd.

2020 September 12 **10.00-16.00**
Katupitiya.

2020 September 20 **09.00-16.30**
Metikumbura Junction, Wewala, Polpitiya, Galgammulla, Imbulgoda, Alawwa.

2020 September 22 **09.00-15.00**
Rathgalla, Halpara Ogodapola, Malpitiya Halpara, Richard Engineering, Thenuka Metal Crusher, Ceylon Buisct Ltd., Madithiyawala – Highway.

2020 September 26 **09.00-17.00**
Rathmale, Rathmal Uyana, Piduruwella.
N.M.K. Oil Mill.

2020 September 30 **08.30-16.30**
Walpolakanda, Indulgodakanda, Hadurukanda, Moratenna Watta, Katupitiya New.

Rideegama C.S.C.

2020 September 12 **08.30-16.30**
Rambakandana, Warakawehera, Dalukwatta, Bolela, Hagurankotuwa, Morathiha.

Abhimansala.

2020 September 21 **08.30-16.30**
Lihiniwehera Colony, Thelambugala, Jankure, Reddagoda Watta, Thelambugalla New.

Sandun Metal Crusher.

2020 September 23 **08.30-16.30**
Kandepola – Dalupotha, Gonadeniya, Kadiyagama, Kurumbawa, Hunupolakanda, Buluwala Kanda, Medakanda, Alawala, Kawisigamuwa, Alawala New.

2020 September 24,28,29 **09.00-17.00**
Ranketikanda.

2020 September 26 **09.00-16.00**
Rideegama - Kudaoya, Rideegama Town, Wijayapura, CTB, Ridee Viharaya, Devala Junction, Madithiyawa, Katupilagolla, Rambukandana, Rideegama New, Dambakanda.

Multi Purpose Building, Telecom.

Puttlam Area

Puttalam C. S. C.

2020 September 05 **08.30 – 17.00**
Kalladi Industrial Park, Lihini streeel, Supremo Petro Lanka, Lanka AAC.

2020 September 08,19 **09.00 – 17.00**
Wayamba Lanka, Crystal Aqva Farm, Thumsim Farm, DASP, Welcome Clutcher, Nallandaluwa Water Pump, M.A.A. Hafeel Coco Lanka, Kanamulla, Kanamula New, Mihirajapura, Sameeragama, Kadayamottai, Kadayamottai Coir Mill, Palasole, Palasole 04, Palasole 01, Palasole 02, Sargant Stors, Redbana, Mudaliara, Kachchimaduwa, Kiilamaduchena Water Pump, Sadal International, Daluwa, Marina Estate, Mukkuthoduwwa, Daluwa Kajuwatta.

2020 September 17 **09.00 – 17.00**
Kubukkadawala Road, Suwil Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Service Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Kirthisinagama, Nel Farm, Marichchikattuwa Church, Rathmalgaswewa, Mahakubukkadawala, Jayarajapura.

2020 September 19 **08.30-16.30**
Nallandaluwa Water Pump, Kanamulla, Mihirajapura, Sameeragama, Kadayamottai, Palasole, Kachchimaduwa, Redbana, Keelamaduchena, Marina Estate, Mukkuthoduwwa, Daluwa Kajuwatta.

Anamaduwa C. S. C.

2020 September 13 **08.30 – 16.30**
Kudawewa, Paramakanda, Lakshmiyawa, Periyankulama Estate, Kunthiyagama, Thalagaswewa, Kiwula Ela, Kedithhawa, Karabewa, Mahathamennawa, Kelegama, Gurupokunugama, Digannewa, Alankulama, Wattegedara, Senkadayagama, H7 Village, H6 Village, Koilandigama, Merumgoda, H8 Village, Mahauswewa, Anamaduwa town, Samagi Udagama, Thalakowewa, Kothalakemiyawa, Dharmapalaya.

2020 September 21 **08.30 – 16.30**
Detana, Diwulwewa, Welangoda, Korakahayaya, Walpaluwa, Kakupadiyawa, Pethigama, Wetiya, Pahalagamuwa, Wembuwewa, Wadawatta, Halmillewa, Kanuketiya, Dangaswewa, Kiwula, Thennakutiya, Sembukuliya, Kawayankulama.

Norochole C. S. C.

2020 September 27 **08.30 – 16.30**
Anawasal Janasawipura, Mohoththuwarema, Dewala Junction, Nara, Kalpiti Bus Stand, Musalpille Estate, Wellankanni Church Road, Kudawa, Eththale, Thigili, Thigili Water Pump, Andankanni, Ruwala Resort, Kalkudawa, Palakudawa, Kele Church, Kappaladi, Thalawila, Kajuwatta, Jubili Avenue, Erabukudella, Eththale New, Semmandaluwa, Kandakuda, Akkara 90, Nallanchiya, Musal pitiya, Palliwasalthurei, Sammattawadi, Welankare, Redbana, Akkara10, Kofanagar, Mudalappali, Thaladiya, Kuringhampitiya, Mohamadiyakulama, Almennar, U.M.U Juntcion, Kalpitiya C.E.B, Kalpitiya New, Wannimundalama, S.L.N.S Wijaya, Kalpiti Nery Camp, Pedyakurippu, Walampuriya Resort, Cool Man Ice Factory, Lihini Ice Factory, Fisharis Harbour, Kudawa Road, Kandakuliya Kudawa, Society Hall, Kite Beach Village, Pudukuduirippu, Nawaland Residents, Thethupitiya, Sethuwadiya, Echchankaduwa Fishing Village, Kandakuliya, Kandakuliya Water Pump, Kurakkanhena, S.M.P.M.L.A Khan Kandakuda, Buddhist Center, U.M.U Road.

2020 September 27 **08.30 – 17.00**
Dewala Juntion, Nara Anawasal Janasawipura.

2020 September 28 **08.30 – 16.30**
S.L.B.C Karabe, Ulukkupallama, Saparamaruwa Camp, Puladiwaii, F.N.F Estate, Byewatta, Wiruthode.

2020 September 28 **08.30 – 16.30**
Madenapura, Alankuda, Sembukulama.

2020 September 28 **08.30 – 16.30**
Koiyawadi Arfa Town, Samadhipura, Ilanthadiya Church.

2020 September 29 **08.30 – 16.30**
Nirmalapura, Mampuriya, Kajuwatta, Daluwa, R.E. Site Housing Camp.

2020 September 29 **08.30 – 16.30**
Nawakkaduwa, Minniya, 6 Kanuwa.

2020 September 29 **08.30 – 16.30**
Mampuriya Colony, Uhupura, Mampuriya Beach.

Narammala Area

Narammala C.S.C.

2020 September 03,10 **09.00-17.00**
Bomaluwa Watta Home Land.

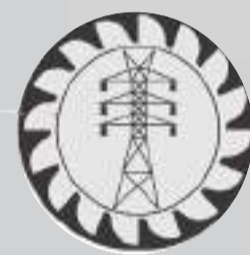
2020 September 07,14,21 **08.30-16.30**
Wathukana shylagiri Temple.

2020 September 17 **09.00-17.00**
Meewewa 9 Mile Post.

2020 September 26 **09.00-17.00**
Polwattegedara.

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2020 September 27 Cargills Food City.	09.00-17.00	2020 September 20	08.30-16.30
2020 September 27 Siyambalagaskotuwa, Kekunagolla 11 , Kekunagolla 1, Nithullagahapitiya, Thelwela Madahapola, Alahitiyawa Gallegama, Medelpola, Mavee- Ela Road, Sadaham Mawatha, Neththipolagedara Junction, Arakayala, Madalessa New, Dalupothgama, Wathukana Shailagiri Temple, Katupotha Town, Trendy Ware (PVT) LTD, Weudagama Junction.	09.00-17.00	Madalagama, People's Bank, Weherapitiya, Godawela, Bandawa Junction, Delgolla Watta, Thilak Rice Mill, Kollure, Dengamuwa, Godigamuwa, Walgama Junction, Sunilagama, Jayagama, Green Wood Estatem, Handloom Tex, A A E J Consumers Company, Kaikolayaya New, Udapola, Udapola watta, Hondeniya Wewa, Mawatta, Weeragolla, S M Rifas, Hathalispahuwa, Rupasinghe Rice Mill, Barahelagamuwa, Kaikolaya, Udapola Sapumalgama.	
2020 September 28 Kurikotuwa	09.00-17.00	2020 September 25	08.30-16.30
Alawwa C.S.C.		Udapola watta, Hondeniya wewa, Mawatta, Weeragolla.	
2020 September 03 Godigamuwa, Walgama Junction, Sunilagama, Jayagama.	08.30-16.30	Narammala / Alawwa C.S.C.	
2020 September 03,28 Wennoruwa, Dammehera, Ihala Wettewa, Wilgamuwa Watta, Morawalapitiya, Wennoruwa New.	08.30-16.30	2020 September 03	08.30-16.30
2020 September 05 Udapola, Udapolawatta Hondeniyawewa, Mawatta, Weeragolla.	11.00-14.00	Bio Fuel (Pvt) Ltd., Dampelessa, Kanuketiya New, Rajapaksha Land Sale, Kiulegedara, Darshana Granait & Marbal (Pvt) Ltd, Kiulegedara, Giranakanda Medagamuwa.	
2020 September 08 Boyawalana, Papolagashinna, Galadeniya, I.C.C. Engineerine (PVT) Ltd, Delmo Chicken Agro (PVT) Ltd., Othara, Bogahawatta, Galadeniya, Nawathalwatta Junction, I.P.C. Enginneering Agro (Pvt) Ltd., Udagankanda, Yaththalgoda, Bowala, Raththaranhena, Bujjomuwa New, Bujjomuwa Morugama, Kendahena.	08.30-16.30	Giriulla C.S.C.	
2020 September 12 Puhuriya Morugama, Galabadagama, Sudu Fiber Mill, Etisalat Lanka (Pvt) Ltd, Yogamuwakanda, Pradeshiya Sabha, Church, Water Treatment Plant, Telecom, New Colombo Road, Kuleepitiya School, People's Bank, Polgahawela Railway Station Rd, Oruliyadda, Puwakwatta, Puwakwatta Tri Star Apperal (Pvt) Ltd., Oruliyadda, Sakuni Rice Mill, J. V. Ihalagama, Micro Car, Industrial Park, BOI Polgahawela, Sumiththra Garment, Pidilight Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Cosmo Plastic, Nowood, Karandana Water Pump, Edella Estate, Thampana, Udapanneliya, Milk Board.	08.30-16.30	2020 September 02	08.30-16.30
2020 September 12 Galabadagama, Subu Fiber Mill.	08.30-16.30	Narangoda School, Kotikanda	
2020 September 13 Janaraja Mawatha, Hapugedara, Indumini Rice Mill, Galatharaya, Pambadeniya, Ihala Kalalipitiya, Hittarapola, Diulgahakotuwa, Kandegedara, Kosgahamada, Welikare, Galgamuwa, Maharachchimulla, Wennoruwa, Dambahera, Ihalala Wettewa, Wilgamuwa Watta, Morawalapitiya, Wennoruwa New.	12.00-17.00	2020 September 04	09.00-17.00
		Medawatta	
		2020 September 04, 15	09.00-17.00
		Dambadeniya Training School.	
		2020 September 08, 22	09.00-17.00
		Udawela Watta, Sirigala, Nimal Metal Crusher, Sirigala New, Sirigala Galkade Junction.	
		2020 September 15	09.30-17.00
		Palkada, Giriulla Oil Mill, Giriulla Oil Mill Area, Masnoruwa Othara, Coir Farm Industries, Marandagolla Becoline Factory, Weligama Textile, Rathnayake Textile, Blooming, Sampath Bank, Vidyandanda Vidyapitaya, L.B. Asoka, Telecom – Giriulla, Labbala Wellawa, Elhenkanda, Royal City, Bopitiya New, Bopitiya, Nem Construction, Othara Rd, Balawala – Katudeniya, Labbala, Pathahamulla Colony, Ihala Kotuwella, Labbala Peniweralugama, Coconet Development Bord, JB Metal Crusher, Balawala Temple, Delmo Chicken Agro (PVT) Ltd., Elibichchiya, JB Poultry, Merama Caters, Senarath Engineering, Pallegama, New Jane Lanka Health Care (Pvt) Ltd, Nahinigammana.	
		2020 September 26	09.00-17.00
		Dellamulla, Palkada New	



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