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ALL ROADS WILL BE REHABILITATED WITHIN FOUR YEARS - PRESIDENT

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa assured that all roads will be rehabilitated within the next four years.

The President requested the District Committee chairmen to actively contribute to build the national economy by finding solutions to various issues faced by the public in several districts.

The President made these remarks during a meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities of District Committee

chairmen held at the Presidential Secretariat on Monday (31).

The President said that the District Committee chairmen bear a great responsibility towards taking the country forward by making efficient use of state machinery and working together with Ministers and State Ministers.

The young Members of Parliament who were not made Ministers were appointed to chair District Development Committees with the aim of

devoting their entire time to development activities.

The Government has identified issues that are common as well as unique to several districts. Priority will be given to resolving problems such as shortage of drinking and irrigation water, rehabilitation of irrigation systems, intrusion of wild elephants into villages and to find swift solutions to address prevailing shortcomings in education and health sectors. District Development

Committee chairmen were appointed simultaneously with Cabinet and State Ministers to achieve these targets.

President Rajapaksa said the current situation in every district in the country will be constantly reviewed and a mechanism will be formulated to address existing problems immediately.

Work on several development programmes implemented by the then Government till 2015 has been stalled. **TO PAGE 06**



PRESIDENT INSPECTS ALTAIR PROJECT IN COLOMBO



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa inspected the Altair mixed development project which is being constructed in front of the Beira Lake in Colombo. The BOI registered project is valued at US\$ 250 million. The Urban Development Authority currently oversees its construction. About 70% of the construction of the building complex is complete and the President was informed that the rest of the construction work would be complete by January. The President said such constructions are a major tourist attraction and a boost to the country's image as an investor friendly country. (Pictures by President's Media)



President says 'no' to private functions

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has requested the public not to invite him for private functions, prize givings, weddings and other ceremonies.

He said his priority is to first fulfill expectations of the public and his national responsibility.

In a media communiqué the President's Media Division announced that he be not invited to private functions from here on. **TO PAGE 06**

Draft 20A proposal before Cabinet today

ASELA KURULUWANSHA and RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella confirmed that once the report of the committee mandated to prepare proposed amendments arising from the 19th Amendment to the Constitution is

received by Cabinet, it will be presented to the Attorney General's Department and drafted soon.

He added that a new Constitution will be introduced to the country within a few years after the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. **TO PAGE 05**

Presidential Pardon for 444 minor offence prisoners

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

The government will grant a Presidential Pardon to 444 inmates including 18 women sentenced to jail for various minor offences, the Prisons Department announced.

The decision to award a Presidential pardon was done to minimise congestion and overcrowding in prisons, Commissioner General of Prisons Thushara Upuldeniya said. **TO PAGE 05**

Job training for unskilled begins today

The programme to provide 100,000 employment opportunities for lower income unskilled youth will commence on today (2).

The objective of the programme is to empower those who live in absolute poverty with no formal education and skills through the Multi-Purpose Development Task Force established by the government.

Job recipients are selected



from unskilled workers who have no formal education or with education lower than the GCE Ordinary Level exam. **TO PAGE 06**

SLFP marks 69 years today

The 69th Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) will be celebrated today giving priority to religious events.

Multi-faith religious ceremonies will be held to mark the occasion and commemorate the SLFP leaders and members who have passed away, a Party spokesman said.

A special Bodhi Pooja will be held at the Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya at 6.00 pm today.

Islamic religious activities will be held at the Dewatagaha Jumma Masjid Mosque today at 10 am SLFP Colombo District Organizer Fawzan Anwar said.

Hindu religious ceremonies will be held at Nallur Kovil in Jaffna and the Vishnu Kovil in Dehiwela.

A Christian religious ceremony will be held at Holy Rosary Church in Slave Island. **TO PAGE 06**



Founders S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike and D.A. Rajapaksa

Welcome showers forecast, Sun over country

The Meteorology Department said the showery conditions over the island would continue today.

It predicted showers or thunder-showers over most places in Uva, Eastern, Central and Sabaragamuwa provinces. **TO PAGE 05**

Chinese bogies land drivers, commuters in soup



The recent derailment of the Yal Devi train in Galgamuwa.

LAHIRU FERNANDO

The Electric-Diesel Locomotive Shed (ELS) drivers' union refrained from driving trains attached with Chinese coaches from midnight Monday (31).

They claimed the brake system of these coaches is not fit for local rail tracks. Therefore they find it difficult to run the trains smoothly and there are frequent accidents. **TO PAGE 06**

Farmers to get new coupon for fertilizer relief

MAHINDA PLIYANAGE, Galle Central special correspondent

A new coupon will be introduced to all farmers for fertilizer relief from the next Maha Season, Regulation of Fertilizer Production and Supply, Use of Chemical Fertilizers and Pesticide State Minister Mohan P

De Silva said. Speaking to the media at Habaraduwa in Galle, he said during the next Maha Season, fertilizer will be distributed among farmers without a shortage for which a new system has been introduced by Agriculture Minister Mahindananda Aluthgamage. **TO PAGE 06**



CID obtains Interpol Red Notice for 14 wanted criminals

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Police have obtained Interpol Red Notices to arrest 14 wanted criminals currently residing overseas. The acting Police Spokesperson told the media yesterday that many of these individuals are wanted for grave crimes as well as drug trafficking. **TO PAGE 05**

Stringent strategies to combat campus ragging

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The Government has formulated a stringent seven pronged strategy to combat university ragging which has been a social menace for the last few decades.

The new strategies have been devised by the Edu-

cation Ministry and the University Grants Commission with the involvement of three former University Vice Chancellors due to their vast hands-on experience in university education and administration. **TO PAGE 06**

STF arrests another criminal in Colombo

Special Task Force officers yesterday arrested Mohammed Thajudeen Mohammed Shahul Hameed alias 'Sawanna', an underworld figure involved in organized crimes operating from Colombo.

The officers found 5.64 grams of heroin in his possession at the time of the arrest in Maligawatte. The arrest was made following intelligence reports received on his exact whereabouts. **TO PAGE 06**

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Cost of living will be reduced by adhering to policy decisions - President

Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on Cost of Living

Vegetables and coconuts directly to consumers...

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

The President made these remarks at the first Cabinet Sub Committee meeting on Cost of Living at the Presidential Secretariat on August 31.

Prices of several consumer goods, including turmeric, have risen with decisions made to uplift local agricultural industry and the farming community. President Rajapaksa said 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 public faced difficulties for a short time, measures that are taken to strengthen the rural economy and uplift the farming community cannot be reversed.

It was discussed in detail the impact of the rise in prices of several essential commodities on the economy of the urban middleclass.

"To earn a stable and strong income for the rural farmers who make up about 40 per cent 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," the President said.

The President said that without taking such measures, the rural communities cannot be encouraged to engage in the agricultural sector. He pointed out the difficulty of removing the import restrictions.

The President said that to control the foreign exchange parity rates and to get rid of high debt burden on farmers, imports should be restricted. Countries such as India and the United States have imposed import restrictions in the wake

of the COVID-19 epidemic, the President said. Programme to offer job opportunities to eradicate poverty will uplift the economy of the underprivileged. 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, the President said.

The President highlighted the need for proper procedures to address the issues faced by the middleclass in the suburbs because of the inflation.

Following the COVID 19

pandemic, the Government took steps to deliver the farm produce directly to the consumers at a subsidised price. The President said that continuing this practice will remove the middlemen and their exploitation and protect the farmer and the consumer.

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

To accomplish it and deliver farmer's produce straight to the consumers, using 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 implementing proper system to purchase farmer's produce was also taken into the consideration by the Cabinet Sub-committee on Cost of Living.

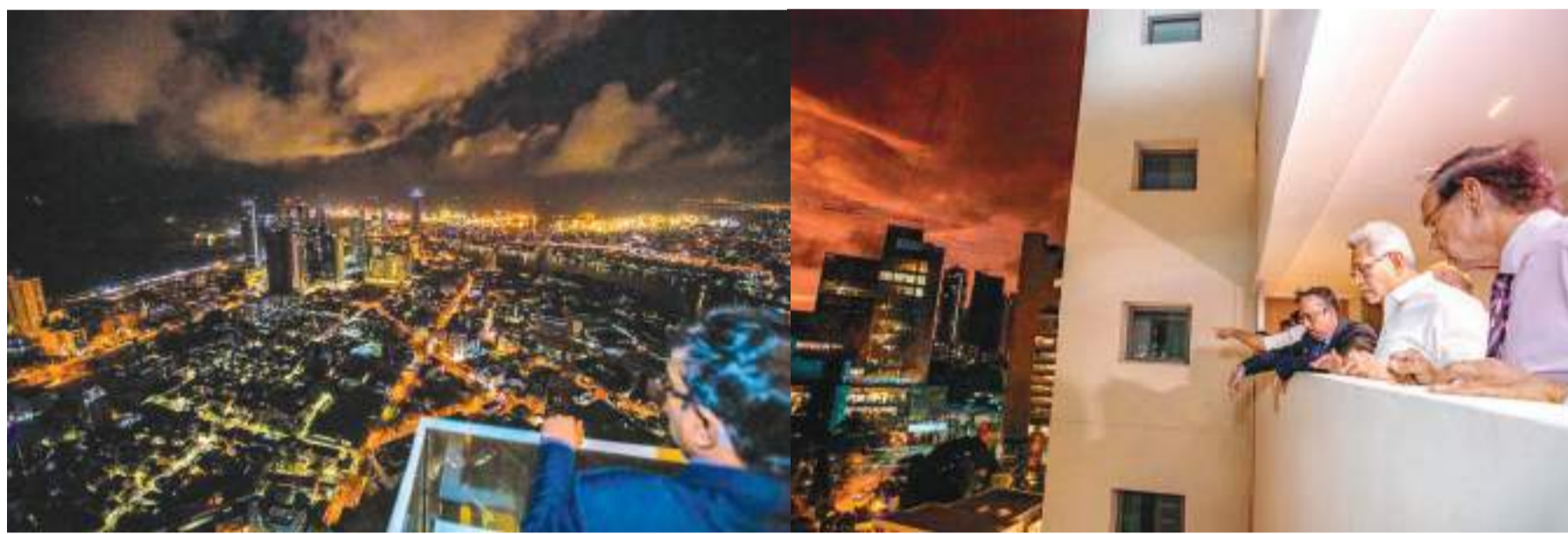
The President advised the officials to update him once a week on the market status.

Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa said that it was necessary to ascertain the amount of food consumed by an individual in the district and national level and added that the Divisional Secretariats

should promote home gardening and poultry farming in their jurisdiction.

The officials said that Cowpea, Undhu, Peanuts, Sesame, Kurakkan and Onions will not have to be imported in the future.

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, Ministers Bandula Gunawardane, 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.



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NWSDB warns of water shortage

The National Water Supply and Drainage Board (NWSDB) announced that water supply will have to be restricted in the coming days in the prevailing weather conditions.

Officials stated that the demand for water has been on the incline during the last few days, and while the board is supplying water, restrictions will be imposed to ensure a reserve.

"We request the public to use water sparingly. Those living close to the supply stations will receive water but those in higher elevations or interior areas are not receiving water," the officials said.

Sri Dalada Maligawa website restored

The official website of the Sri Dalada Maligawa (Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic) in Kandy, which was hacked yesterday, was restored swiftly, the officials of the Maligawa said.

Anti-corruption unit for Kalutara

Meegastenna Group Corr.

Senior DIG Deshabandu Tennakoon said that steps will be taken to set up an anti-corruption unit in the Kalutara District to curb drug related and other organized crimes in the District.

The unit will be set up at the request of Ports and Shipping Minister Rohitha Abeygunawardena.

Senior DIG Tennakoon made these observations while inspecting a building of the Aluthgama Police to set up the unit.

The DIG issued directives to renovate the building and set up the unit in a month. Kalutara SP Kapila Premadasa, SP Nishanda Silva and police officers were present.

Rs 72 million for botanical gardens development - Prasanna

Rs 72 million have been allocated to develop botanical gardens this year, Tourism Minister Prasanna Kanatunga said.

He was participating an inspection tour at the Mirijavila Botanical Gardens in Hambantota on Monday.

He said that the ongoing development work of five botanic gardens will be completed by the year end.

The Mirijavila Botanical Garden extends to about 300 acres and development work has been completed in 200 acres. He said Rs 8 million has been allocated to develop the land and road



network in the garden in the next three months.

The Minister said that an attractive publicity campaign has to be made for the garden as people are not aware of it that much. He gave the relevant instructions to the

Botanical Gardens Department Director General.

He said that money has been allocated to develop the Peradeniya, Seethawaka and Gampaha Botanical Gardens as well.

Sri Lankan HC to Maldives presents credentials

The High Commissioner-designates of Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka presented their credentials to Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih on Monday.

The separate ceremonies were held at the President's Office on Monday afternoon where President Solih welcomed the new diplomats.

Speaking to Rear Admiral Nazmul Hassan from Bangladesh, President Solih extended his gratitude to the Bangladeshi government's continued assistance to Maldives' socio-economic development, as well as the provision of food, medicine, equipment and medical personnel amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Acknowledging the contributions of Bangladeshi nationals which make up the majority of the expatriate workforce in the Maldives, the President also thanked the Bangladeshi Government's support to Maldives' worker regularization, and repatriation programme for undocumented workers. He conveyed gratitude to Bangladesh for ensuring the well-being of Maldivians residing in the country.

In his meeting with Vice Admiral Ather Mukhtar (Retd) from Pakistan, the President expressed thanks for the Pakistani Government's continued support in the fields of education, health and youth development in the Maldives.

He said that his recent telephone conversation with Pakistani Prime



Sri Lankan High Commissioner to Maldives Rohana Beddage presenting credentials to the Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih in Male

Minister Imran Khan where they discussed issues of mutual importance and the countries' experiences in facing the challenges posed by COVID-19. President Solih conveyed his condolences to everyone in Pakistan affected by the heavy monsoon rains.

Rohana Beddage from Sri Lanka extended greetings from Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and Foreign Minister Dinesh Gunawardena to the Government and people of the Maldives.

He declared his commitment to strengthening the cooperation

between the two South Asian neighbours in education, culture and health.

President Solih declared Sri Lanka as one of the closest development partners of the Maldives in socio-economic development. He thanked the Sri Lankan Government for its assistance to the Maldives during the pandemic, especially for the aid given to Maldivians in Sri Lanka.

President Solih congratulated the new High Commissioner-designates on their appointments, and expressed keenness to work closely with them to improve Maldives' bilateral relations with the three countries.

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Twenty two from Middle East test COVID 19 positive

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

The Department of Information yesterday reported that 22 persons arrived from the Middle East were tested Covid-19 positive.

With the new cases, the number of COVID 19 patients in Sri Lanka has increased to 3,071. Over

180 patients are under medical care and 54 persons are at hospitals under suspicion. Eleven persons have recovered yesterday (1), Health Ministry sources said. With them, 2,879 have recovered now. Only 12 patients had died.



State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal yesterday (31) received a delegation led by UN Resident Coordinator in Sri Lanka Hanaa Singer at the Finance Ministry. State Secretary R.M.A Rathnayake, UNDP Resident Representative in Sri Lanka Robert Juhkam, WFP Country Director Brenda Barton, UNDP Team Leader (Policy and Engagement) in Sri Lanka Fadhil Bakeer Markar, UN Senior Economist in Sri Lanka David Blackman, and UNDP Senior Economist in Sri Lanka Rajiv Wijeweera.



Buddhist devotees gathered in large numbers at various temples to pay homage to the Triple Gem yesterday - the Binara Poya Day. Picture by Sulochana Gamage

Jaffna students in Naval cruise

The Navy offered a cruise aboard a Navy ship in northern waters to 161 Advanced Level students in Jaffna Peninsula on August 30.

A fully-fledged whale watching passenger craft (A 543) carried the students along with their teachers and parents.

They were shown marine ecosystem and destruction caused by banned fishing methods.

The tour also gave them an insight into the marine resources of Sri Lankan territory and the significance of conserving the resources.



The students aboard the Naval ship.

Police hotlines 1917, 1997 lead to more arrests

RUKSHANA RIZWIE

Acting Police Spokesperson Ruwan Gunasekera said that the recently introduced police hotlines 1917 to obtain information on assets amassed by criminal gangs and 1997 set up to receive information on drug trafficking has led to arrest several individuals, while the CID has commenced investigations into 110 credible leads on criminal gangs and underworld figures who are evading arrest.

"In August alone, the 1917 hotline received 671 complaints, of which 110 are being investigated by the CID, while the others have been referred to the relevant police stations for further investigations," he said. "The 1997 hotline has received over 3,000 complaints and tip-offs, which have led to several raids and many arrests during the last two months," he said.

The Acting Spokesperson said that in the Western Province alone, in July and August, several special raids

were carried out and 12 properties were seized tallying 900 perches worth 4,000 million rupees. In addition to these 12 vehicles, seven three wheelers, four bikes were also seized.

He said that 102 bank accounts have been found to be linked to criminal gangs and gangsters tallying Rs. 2,600 million. "Ninety six million rupees have been frozen and measures are being taken to freeze the remaining," he said.

Over 600 Lankans stranded in ME return

Over 600 stranded Lankans in the Middle East due to the Covid-19 pandemic arrived yesterday (9) morning at the Bandaranaike International Airport (BIA), Katunayake.

Over 250 arrived from the United Arab Emirates around 8 am yesterday morning.

According to Airport Officials, about 100 Chinese had landed on Monday (31).

All those who arrived were subjected to PCR tests and later sent to quarantine centres.

SLFP will set up more Governments – Maithripala

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP), which was formed in 1951, will form several more governments, Maithripala Sirisena, its leader, stated issuing a statement for the 69th anniversary of the party.

Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who dedicated a lot to strengthen the party.

The SLFP was founded by the 4th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, late S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike in 1951, and since then, it has been one of the two largest parties in the Sri Lanka's politics.

Sirisena recalled all party members who dedi-

cate their lives for the party.

The SLFP has been doing a yeoman service for the country and its people during the seven decades since its inception while representing the leftist force.

The party never hesitates to take up responsibility of protecting national task and duty while always uplifting the patri-

otism, nationalism, the SLFP leader in his statement said.

When Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa was the party leader, the party wiped out the brutal terrorism from the motherland, he noted.

Maithripala thanked the voters for electing 14 SLFP candidates as MPs at the last General Election.

Customs seize 1,240 cartons of cigarettes

CHAMINDA PERERA

A stock of illegal cigarettes worth Rs. 17 million in 12 boxes with ready-made garments was seized by the Customs recently.

Customs Additional Director General Sunil Jayaratne said that the stock was consigned to a non-existing company in Avissawella.

He added that the customs officials initiated investigations as nobody had arrived at the Bandaranaike International Airport to claim the goods.

"A team of customs officers visited the address and found a house at the location. Its inmates were unaware of such an import," he said.

He said that 284,000 sticks were detected in 1,240 cartons and they had been imported from Dubai.

The contraband was made in Dubai under the brand name of Business Royal.

Jayaratne said that nobody has been arrested yet in this regard. Investigations are continuing, he said.



The stocks of illegal cigarettes.

Woman nabbed with 62.35 grams of heroin

ASELA KURULUWANSA

A woman (33) was nabbed yesterday by the Kandy Narcotic Bureau along with 62.35 grams of heroin worth over Rs. 750,000 and Rs. 50,820 in cash near the Kandy Hospital.

The suspect had been sentenced to death for carrying out a major drug cartel in Kandy, police said. She had been bailed out on an appeal that she submitted to court and carried out with the drug racket via the newly made connections while she was in prison, police said. The



The cash and the packet of heroin.

suspect had been previously sentenced to nine years in prison for killing a woman who had an affair with her partner. The sus-

pect had been released from the prison about eight months ago, police said.

Kandy police are investigating.

China assures support for education sector

DHARMA SRI ABEYRATNE

China has expressed its support to uplift the education sector of the country following a discussion between Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris and Acting Ambassador of the People's Republic of China Hu Wei at the Ministry

recently. Support will be provided to develop human resources in the secondary and vocational education.

"The vocational education paves the way for professional sector development. It is considered as human resource devel-

opment," Education Ministry sources said.

An Industrial and Investment Zone will be set up in the Hambantota District. Initially, pharmaceutical products and tyres will be manufactured at the zone, the sources said.



The discussion in progress.

Opposition Leader assumes duties today

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) and Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa will assume duties on September 2 as the Leader of Opposition at the Opposition Leader's Office at Marcus Fer-

nando Mawatha, Colombo 7.

Kurunegala District SJB Parliamentarian J.C. Alawathuwala said that the SJB MPs and leaders of other political parties who are SJB members will participate at the event.

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NATIONAL SECURITY ASPECTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

TODD BENSMAN

The Islamic jihadist bombings that killed more than 300 Sri Lankan Christians celebrating Easter in April 2019 had to have been on the forefront of US investigators' minds when they received word some months later that Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) authorities intercepted a Haitian sloop carrying 28 Sri Lankan migrants illegally headed for Miami.



Sri Lankan illegal migrants detained in Costa Rica



A dangerous river crossing used by migrants illegally entering the US



MV Ocean Lady and MV Sun Sea were used to transport illegal Sri Lankan migrants to Canada



The discovery led US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations – the group that hunts international human smuggling networks able to move Islamic terrorists – to open up a case and head for the British island territory northeast of Cuba to find out who was doing the smuggling from Sri Lanka and to shut it down.

By the time indictments were issued on August 19, Miami ICE-HSI had Canadian-Sri Lankan smuggler Sri Kajamukam 'Mohan' Chelliah in custody.

Once again, it turned out Chelliah's was a familiar face. In 2010, an FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force investigation found that Chelliah – the prior year, just after the Sri Lankan government militarily defeated the Tamil Tigers terrorist group – had started a transcontinental migrant-smuggling network based in India that, in fairly short order, illegally transported about 1,750 Sri Lankans into the United States through southern Florida, the 2011 FBI criminal complaint from the case states. He made international headlines in 2014 when five of his customers, who informed the FBI, were embroiled in a long, controversial deportation battle afterward.

After serving 18 months in a US prison on alien-smuggling charges, Chelliah emerged unreformed. He allegedly went back to work on his old sea route where he brought Sri Lankan clients after flying them to Dubai, Moscow, Cuba, Haiti, and The Bahamas on altered Canadian passports.

He is now in US custody under indictment for multiple counts of human smuggling, his Sri Lanka-Haiti-Bahamas-Florida route back in mothballs, at least under his management. Meanwhile, other publicly unknown Sri Lankan smugglers continue to move their countrymen into the United States through Latin America and Mexico, as I learned firsthand when I met and photographed nine Sri Lankan migrants en route during a December 2018 reporting trip to Panama and Costa Rica.

Nothing in the public court records on either case suggests that Chelliah knowingly transported dangerous Tamil Tiger terrorists or Islamic jihadist terrorists; neither is this explicitly ruled out. But even if court records don't mention the Easter 2019 attacks explicitly, American Homeland Security officials overseeing the case indicated high awareness of a national security aspect of the investigation.

How could they not? Just a year earlier, nine ISIS-pledging suicide bombers belonging to the Islamic jihadist National Thowheed Jamath (NTJ) group, or a new ISIS-connected hybrid of it called Willayath-As-Seylani, coordinated detonations in three churches and three luxury hotels around Sri Lanka while Chelliah was illegally transporting fellow citizens to the Florida coast for up to US\$ 65,000 each. Could not jihadist terrorists with cash on hand from Sri Lanka's ferment also land a berth on a Haitian sloop?

"Transnational Criminal Organizations use human smuggling as a means for profit while at the same time threatening the security of the



United States," ICE-HSI Miami's Special Agent in Charge Anthony Salisbury said in the indictment announcement.

Acting Assistant Attorney General Brian C. Rabbitt likewise noted that smugglers like Chelliah 'jeopardize our national security'.

The question as to how much of a national security threat is posed by smugglers of US-bound Sri Lankan migrants is a fair one since, obviously, smugglers could ferry in former Tamil Tiger and NTJ operatives just as easily as regular economic migrants.

Islamic jihadist suicide attacks have not afflicted Sri Lanka in a widespread way, certainly not to the extent that the non-Islamic Tamil Tigers carried them out in the two decades before their 2009 destruction. The Tigers are infamous for having perfected the art of suicide bombings all during the war.

Muslims make up about 10 percent of Sri Lanka's population, while ethnic Tamils represent 11 percent; Sinhalese are the majority at 75 percent, the CIA World Fact Book says.

Especially after they lost the war, Tamils became more frequent arrivals at the US southern border, often

claiming to be fleeing government reprisals and that they were merely passing through the United States to join large Tamil expatriate communities in Canada, which had long financially supported the cause back home.

Canada was so often the preferred destination for Tamil migrants and refugees that evacuation ships reputedly run by the Tigers, with names like the MV Sun Sea and the MV Ocean Lady, began showing up uninvited and filled with suspected Tiger terrorists at Canadian ports after the war.

Likewise, many of Chelliah's clients did not intend to stay in the United States; they just saw the country as a way station. The dual citizenship Canadian smuggler told his clients that once they'd made it ashore in Florida, a driver would pick them up and drive them to Buffalo, N.Y., for a Canadian crossing, the criminal complaint states.

But whether they planned to stay or pass through, plenty of Sri Lankans entered the country after smuggling excursions by way of Mexico and the US southern border, too. In 2007, Border Patrol apprehended only four Sri Lankans at the southern border, according

to Border Patrol apprehension statistics. That apprehension number leapt to 173 after the war in 2010, to 214 in 2011, and hit 465 in 2019.

Indeed, Chelliah flew one of his clients to Ecuador for the long overland route to the Mexican border, indicating he kept a route there in his portfolio, too.

Not all were ordinary migrants. In March 2012, for instance, one of three Canada-bound Sri Lankan nationals detained at the US-Mexico border admitted that he belonged to the Tigers. In February 2017, a Border Patrol agent arrested Tamil Tiger Vijayakumar Thuraissigiam after he crossed from Mexico, leading to an extended legal battle over his asylum claim.

While the Tigers were never known to aspire to attack the US homeland or Canada, their members have used the United States and Canada to illegally collect money for arms and otherwise break anti-terrorism laws.

Not a lot is known about the National Thowheed Jamath group, its Salafi-jihadist membership strength, or its foreign aims. ISIS is believed to have had a hand in directing the six coordinated attacks in Sri Lanka last year, and claimed full credit. The group apparently was relatively new to the Islamic jihad, splintering off from a more established larger one. After the bombings, Sri Lanka banned the three known Islamic jihadist groups operating in the country under the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA).

The Jamestown Foundation, a policy foundation with a staff of counterterrorism experts, reported that ISIS had covertly infiltrated Sri Lanka and recruited citizens in recent years.

Last summer, former Sri Lankan Army Commander Lt. Gen. Mahesh Senanayake testified to a Parliamentary Committee that the Islamist network had spread around the island and he could not assure an end to the problem "in six months or six years."

Whoever from Sri Lanka is boarding Florida-bound migrant boats in the Caribbean or making their way through Mexico, US Homeland Security successes like this one almost certainly reduce the chances that one or more of them might be bringing trouble the country doesn't need.

(Centre for Immigration Studies)

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World Coconut Day - 2020 Launching Ceremony will be held under the aegis of Hon. Minister of Plantation **Dr. Ramesh Pathirana** and the participation of Hon. State Minister of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification **Arundika Fernando** on 02nd September 2020 at Coconut Research Institute, Lunuwila.



Let's protect 'Tree of Life' (Kapruka) like life.

Increase the yield of your coconut tree by at least one or two nuts to overcome the dearth of coconuts in the country.

Water and fertilize on time – obtain an increased harvest.

Let's get used to consuming pure coconut oil



Avoid being prey to communicable diseases by getting used to consuming pure coconut oil unadulterated with other oils and certified by Coconut Development Authority. Several unhealthy issues are caused by consuming coconut oil adulterated with cheap oil unsuitable for consumption.

Export revenue of US \$ one billion through coconut industry by year 2023



Through activating the Long Term and Medium Term Coconut Development Plans for years 2021, 2022 and 2023 it is expected to increase the export revenue from coconut industry to 170 billion rupees (US \$ one billion) by end 2023.

New hybrid coconut variety



New hybrid coconut variety
 o Opening the "Business Incubation Facility" of the Coconut Processing Research Unit
 o Introducing new coconut variety CRISL 2020 bearing nuts within a short time of 3-4 years with high yields of 125-150 nuts per tree and with some resistance to mite infection.
 o Introducing new Red Beetle Repellent will be carried out on 02nd September 2020.

Let's minimize domestic coconut waste & get used to consuming coconut milk!



Let's prevent 40% coconut waste that occurs in domestic coconut consumption. Busy housewives, convenient for you – saving for the country
 Let's get used to consuming packed coconut milk instead of coconuts.



Message from Hon. Minister of Plantation

The coconut tree, identified for countless years as the 'Tree of life,' (Kapruka), has a written history going back to 150 B.C. Presently, the coconut industry contributes 0.7 to the Gross Domestic Product thereby contributing to the local economy. As local entrepreneurs invested in the coconut industry from the year 1840, Sri Lanka was occupying a special position as a foremost country that supplied coconut oil to the European Market at that time. The sphere of coconut industries that was developed as a Ministry from year 1978 to date has been commemorating the World Coconut Day from the year 1998. With the objective of developing coconut and coconut-related industries increasing productivity, methodical plans have been prepared to secure several victories in the coconut industry by the end of year 2023 through activating long term as well as medium term plans. The expectation through this is increasing the export revenue to US \$ 1.5 billion, generating direct and indirect employment opportunities and strengthening the national economy. I consider being able to commemorate the World Coconut Day with the expectation of strengthening the national economy as per the advice of the Hon. Prime Minister, realizing the 'Vistas of Prosperity & Splendour' of His Excellency the President with the prime objective of dawning a 'Golden Era' to Sri Lanka once again my great good fortune.

Dr. Ramesh Pathirana
 Hon. Minister of Plantation



Message from Hon. State Minister of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification

The amount of foreign exchange derived from the country's coconut industry that contributes 5% to the total export revenue of Sri Lanka, in the year 2019 was Rs. 109 billion. If Sri Lanka, facing strong competition from coconut producing countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia and India, is to secure its international market, the coconut industry and coconut cultivation has to be developed further. I propose that all of us Sri Lankans should be determined to uplift the livelihoods of millions of people employed in the coconut industry and coconut cultivation and further increase the foreign exchange derived through that. Furthermore, at this moment of time in commemorating the World Coconut Day, I pray that Sri Lanka will become the best coconut cultivator in the world and be able to reach sustainable development in the coconut sphere, making the His Excellency the President's Policy Statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" a reality.

Arundika Fernando
 Hon. State Minister of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification



Message from Secretary - Ministry of Plantation

In the plantations sphere of Sri Lanka, about 500,000 entrepreneurs in coconut cultivation and coconut industry contribute hugely to the country's economy. So, we must make priorities of developing the coconut cultivation of 440,450 hectares spread over the island and increase the national income. To achieve that, our objectives should be to uplift the productivity of the local coconut industry through reaching the targeted coconut yield of 4000 million coconuts by the year 2025 from 2020, industry modernization, product diversification, maintaining the local price of coconuts optimally and overcoming new trends in the export market thereby becoming the leader in the Gross National Product on the plantations sphere. Being dedicated to preparing policies, implementing and reviewing them to realistically establish the clear vision "Export-centric plantation industry utilizing modern technology" in the coconut sphere is expected from the Government Sector. I would like to mention at this moment of time of commemorating the World Coconut Day that our Ministry is dedicated to confer a new lease of life to the whole of the country's economy through the coconut tree named 'Kapruka' (Tree of Life) strongly bonded with the lives of Sri Lankans and uplift it as an expectation of the nation.

Raveendra Hewawitharana
 Secretary
 Ministry of Plantation



Message from Secretary, Ministry of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification

In the food consumption pattern of a Sri Lanka based on agro-economy, coconuts occupy a premier position. Fulfilling the whole coconut requirement for industries and household consumption through uplifting the productivity of coconut cultivation is of utmost importance. The local coconut yield is 2800-3000 million coconuts. Out of that, 1800 million nuts are consumed annually. The balance is used in the coconut industry. The total land area under coconut cultivation at present is 440,450 hectares. We have identified the responsibility of encouraging exports through increasing the productivity of coconut cultivation in the future. In order to utilize the World Coconut Day commemorated by the World Coconut Community for the uplifting of the coconut cultivation of Sri Lanka, arrangements have been made to hold coconut cultivation and industrial promotion programmes island-wide from 31st August 2020 to 06th September 2020 under the sponsorship of our State Ministry. I wish that all tasks, important for the national economy and people's lives of Sri Lanka, activated for the uplifting of the coconut cultivation commemorating the World Coconut Day, will be successful.

Thissa Hewavithana
 Secretary - Ministry of Coconut, Kithul, Palmyrah and Rubber Cultivation Promotion and Related Industrial Product Manufacturing & Export Diversification



Message from the Chairman, Coconut Development Authority, Coconut Cultivation Board, Coconut Research Institute

A massive contribution is given to increase the national economy through developing all products related to coconut industry. That is the main responsibility of the Coconut Development Authority, the Coconut Cultivation Board and the Coconut Research Institute. The World Coconut Day was established in the year 1998 with the foremost objective of drawing the attention of the Asia-Pacific community to the coconut industry and stabilizing and increasing the income of coconut cultivators through adding new investors to coconut cultivation and the coconut industry. I am happy to state that the ability will be acquired in the coming five years to fulfill the complete annual coconut production for people's consumption and industrial requirements and inject new life to the coconut industry and coconut cultivation of this country through strengthening the national economy by exporting coconut products to the international market while fulfilling the production targets. At this moment of time of commemorating the World Coconut Day 2020, I pray that the tasks scheduled be carried out in the future by our Ministry be successful, making the His Excellency the President's Policy Statement "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" a reality with the advice of the Hon. Prime Minister.

Jayantha Wickremasinghe
 Chairman, Coconut Development Authority, Coconut Cultivation Board, Coconut Research Institute



Message of the Executive Director of the International Coconut Community on 2020 World Coconut Day

At this moment of time of commemorating the World Coconut Day, I take this opportunity to convey my good wishes to all relevant parties endeavouring to promote international coconut cultivation and products related to coconuts. The theme of the World Coconut Day this year is "Invest on coconuts and rescue the world." This theme truly reflects the contribution of coconuts and coconut-related products to the protection of economy, health, culture and environment of a country, thereby the welfare of the whole world. The COVID Pandemic that enveloped the world at the beginning of this year directly and harmfully affected the health, economic, environmental and social growth of all human beings. This condition has become a huge challenge to coconuts and coconut-related industries. So, my foremost prayer is to see that we overcome the challenges that have sprung up through situation through a organized, methodical restructuring of the coconut community and getting together to uplift all sectors qualitatively, providing opportunities for abilities and inventions and increasing efficiency and productivity.

Mrs. Jelfina C. Alouw
 Executive Director of the International Coconut Community

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Coconut Development Authority Coconut Research Institute Coconut Cultivation Board

Facebook to 'save face' with new measures



DISNA MUDALIGE

Facebook yesterday announced that it would update its Terms of Service from October 1 to enable them to remove or restrict access to the users' content, services or information. Posting a Facebook notification to all users it said, "We also can remove or restrict access to your content, services or information if we determine that doing so is reasonably necessary to avoid or mitigate adverse legal or regulatory impacts to Facebook".

Facebook explaining what can be shared or done in its platform said, "We want people to use Facebook to express themselves and to share content that is important to them, but not at the expense of the safety and well-being of others or the integrity of our community". Facebook is the most popular social media network in Sri Lanka. As per the available statistics, there were 6.4 million Facebook users in Sri Lanka in January this year, and it was 30.6 per cent of the entire population.

The graduation of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language will take place at 9.00 am on September 17, and the graduates of Faculty of Management and Commerce will obtain their degrees during the afternoon session. Nine hundred and eighty-eight (988) graduates from five faculties will receive their bachelor degrees. Twenty-two postgraduate students will be awarded the degree of Master of Business Administration. Three postgraduate students will receive the Master of Arts degree.

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SEUSL convocation on September 16 and 17

AMPARA DISTRICT GROUP CORR.

The 13th Annual General Convocation of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka (SEUSL) will be held on September 16 and 17 at the Convocation Hall, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Oluvil, H. Abdul Saththar, Registrar of the University said.



The South Eastern University.

Graduates of the Faculty of Applied Sciences and Faculty of Engineering will be awarded their degrees during the morning session on September 16. During the afternoon session of

the same day, students of the Faculty of Arts and Culture will receive their degrees. The graduation of the Faculty of Islamic Studies and Arabic Language will take place at 9.00 am on September 17, and the graduates of Faculty of Management and Commerce will obtain their degrees during the afternoon session. Nine hundred and eighty-eight (988) graduates from five faculties will receive

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COVID disrupted essential health services - WHO Survey

The World Health Organization (WHO) today published a first indicative survey on the impact of COVID-19 on health systems based on 105 countries' reports. Data collected from five regions over the period from March to June 2020 illustrate that almost every country (90%) experienced disruption to its health services, with low- and middle-income countries reporting the greatest difficulties. Most countries reported that many routine and elective services have been suspended, while critical care - such as cancer screening and treatment and HIV therapy - has seen high-risk interruptions in low-income countries.

"The survey shines a light on the cracks in our health systems, but it also serves to inform new strategies to improve health-care provision during the pandemic and beyond," said Dr.Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. "COVID-19 should be a lesson to all countries that health is not an 'either-or' equation. We must better prepare for emergencies but also keep investing in health systems that fully respond to people's needs throughout the life course."

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Countries also reported disruptions in malaria diagnosis and treatment (46%), tuberculosis case detection and treatment (42%) and antiretroviral treatment (32%). While some areas of health care, such as dental care and rehabilitation, may have been deliberately suspended in line with government protocols, the disruption of many of the other services is expected to have harmful effects on population health in the short- medium- and long-term.

Potentially life-saving emergency services were disrupted in almost a quarter of responding countries. Disruptions to 24-hour emergency room services for example were affected in 22% of countries, urgent blood transfusions were disrupted in 23% of countries, emergency surgery was affected in 19% of the countries.

All roads will be... From page 01

Chairman of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa said all suspended constructions should be completed using the allocation of funds from the forthcoming budget.

Rajapaksa said plans have been made to rehabilitate all roads categorised as A,B,C and D before the end of the

tenure of the incumbent President. The President told District Committee chairmen that the trust of the public in politicians should be

strengthened by working in conjunction with Ministries and officials.

The chairmen of District Development Committees assured that they would be

fully committed to the development of the country by providing the support expected by the President.

Secretary to the President

Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary to the Finance Ministry S.R. Attygalle and Defence Secretary Major Gen. (Retd.) Kamal Gunaratne were present.

Stringent strategies... From page 01

They are Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris, himself a former Vice Chancellor of the Colombo University and former Professor of Law, Education Ministry Secretary Prof. Kapila Perera, (immediate past Vice Chancellor of the University of the Moratuwa and Professor of Mechanical Engineering) and Prof. Sampath Amararatunga (immediate past Vice Chancellor

of the Sri Jayawardenapura University and Chairman of the University Grants Commission).

UGC Chairman Prof. Sampath Amararatunga told the Daily News yesterday that the seven pronged strategy aimed at bringing university ranging to a total halt comprises discussions with the National Police Commission and getting them to implement the Anti-Ragging Laws to the fullest.

This has not been done up to now. What has been happening now, Prof. Amararatunga said, was that the ragging victims have been complaining to the nearest Police Station and the Police, without implementing the Anti-Ragging Laws to the fullest, have been directing the victims to Mediation Boards.

All Vice-Chancellors have been directed to send the complaints

about ragging incidents within a fortnight to the University Grants Commission. Discussions have been held with the Attorney General to find methods to combat this menace.

Vice-Chancellors have been directed to have courses for fresh students, warning them about the dangers of being subject to torture and creating a complaint mechanism. The security staff will

be directed to maintain stringent discipline and assistance have been sought from the State Intelligence Service to help identify those who disturb the lives of freshers.

There will be also a complaint mechanism which will be created for students who have also graduated to tell the authorities of what kind of torture took place during their student days.

Presidential Pardon... From page 01

Many of those who were released were serving jail time at the Welikada Prison in Colombo. Yesterday 40 male prisoners and 4 female prisoners were released from the Welikada prison. A total of 53 prisoners from Pallekelle prison, 35 from Kuruvita, 30 from Mahara and 28

from the Anuradhapura prison were also released. Some of those inmates who were released were individuals who were unable to pay fines. However, no inmates serving jail time for grave crimes or serious offenses were discharged, Upuldeniya asserted.

Job training... From page 01

Job seekers must be from in the age of between 18 and 40 and should be unemployed from a member of a family eligible to receive Samurdhi benefits but does not receive it, or being a member of a family receiving Samurdhi benefits but unemployed or being an unemployed member of a family with elderly, sick parents or disabled members and be a permanent resident of the area of application.

The training programme will be conducted at the Training Centers in the same area of the applicant's residence or at the nearby Training Centers. Following a successful training, the applicants will be employed in his or her area of residence or in nearby areas.

During six-month continuous training programme a monthly allowance of Rs 22,500 will be

paid. Following successful completion of the training programme trainees will have the opportunity to be appointed to an accepted permanent government position in his own residence area with a non-primary skilled salary of Rs. 35,000 and allowances.

After a satisfactory and uninterrupted career record of 10 years he or she will be eligible for pension.

Chinese bogies... From page 01

These Chinese coaches were imported to Sri Lanka in 2008. Since then, this issue has been discussed but no solution given by the authorities, the Daily News learns.

A driver from the ELS shed told Daily News that the Railways Department is ready to punish drivers when something happens. But, it is not taking any action to rectify this big mistake.

However, the Driver's Union had

not given any prior notice to the Railway General Manager until the last moment about their decision. Therefore, passengers with reserved tickets to long destinations like Jaffna had faced severe inconvenience on Monday as the optional trains run yesterday had no separate compartments for reserved ticket holders.

Railways General Manager Dilantha Fernando said the Drivers' Union had a discussion with him yesterday and agreed to work with the Chinese coaches for a short time period until a solution is provided.

He said the passengers who had reserved seats for the 'Observation saloon' and the Second Class will be refunded if a request is made by them. Sri Lanka Railways had imported 100 such compartments from China in 2008 and 99 of them are in running condition at present.

SLFP marks... From page 01

The late leaders of the SLFP such as the late Prime Ministers S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike, Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike and D.A. Rajapaksa, Anura Bandaranaike, Maithripala Senanayake, T.B. Tennakoon, Badurdeen Mohamed, S.M. Marikkar (Sinha-

la Marikkar), Alavi Moulana, Haleem Ishaq, Jeyaraj Fernandopulle, Alfred Duraipappah and all other leaders and members of the SLFP who passed away will be remembered.

The Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) was founded by S.W.R.D Bandaranaike in 1951 and, since then, has been one of the largest parties in the Sri Lankan political arena.

It first came to power in 1956 and since then has been the predominant party in government on a number of occasions.

The SLFP join hands

with the ruling SLPP at the last general election and also supported President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at the last Presidential election. Former President and Polonnaruwa district MP Maithripala Sirisena is the current leader of the Party.

Farmers to get... From page 01

The recommendations for coupons to eligible farmers will be through the respective Agriculture Research and Production Assistants. The fertilizer relief programme will be initiated through Agrarian Services Centres which will further strengthen in performance and service delivery. Under the new scheme the actual farming community will receive the fertilizer relief package.

Manure assistance will be given for paddy fields with an extent of two hectares or more and in respect of other cultivations and crops one hectare extent or more, the State Minister elaborated.

"Before formulating the new scheme of fertilizer relief we held discussions with the corresponding manure import firms. During the previous regime, fertilizer companies were permitted to

import only 10% of the country's requirement. But now we have increased their import quota up to 40%. However, some time frame is needed to fully rectify the issue," he observed.

The State Minister further assured that under the consolidation programme, all Agrarian Services Centres will be provided with required farming machinery and other research instruments.

Welcome showers... From page 01

"Heavy showers about 100mm are likely at some places. Fairly heavy showers over 75 mm are likely at some places in western, North-western and southern provinces.

Wind speed can increase up to 40 kmph at times over North-central and North-western provinces and in Hambantota district.

General public is kindly requested to take adequate precautions to minimize damages caused by lightning activity and localized strong winds

during thunder-showers," the Department said in its weather bulletin.

The Department also said the Sun is directly over the latitudes of Sri Lanka from August 28 to September 7 due to its apparent southward relative motion.

The nearest towns of Sri Lanka over which the sun is overhead today are Madurankuli, Talgasewwa, Hunugallewa, Mannampitiya and Kalkudah at about 12.09 noon.

The highest temperature of 37.6 Celsius degrees was recorded in Mat-

tala during the 24 hours ended at 8.30am yesterday.

The Department also requested naval and fishing communities to be vigilant over rough seas.

"The sea areas extending from Galle to Trincomalee via Hambantota and Batticaloa can be rough at times. The other sea areas around the island can be moderately rough at times. Temporarily strong gusty winds (up to 70-80 kmph) and very rough seas can be expected during thundershowers" its weather bulletin said.

Ayurvedic hospitals receive PPE

ADDALAI CHENAI CENTRAL CORR.

All ayurvedic hospitals coming under the purview of the Kalmunai Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS) have received personal protective equipment (PPE) from the office of the Regional Director of Health Services (RDHS), Kalmunai. Coordinator for Kalmunai Regional Ayurvedic Hospitals and Nintavur Ayurvedic District Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. M.A. Nafeel distributed the equipment to the medical officers in charge of ayurvedic hospitals. The handing over of the PPE was held at the Base Ayurvedic Hospital in Addalaichenai recently.

President says... From page 01

In addition to these private functions, he requests that he not be invited to gift-giving ceremonies, weddings and banquets. This media division stated that the President is occupied with inspection of ongoing development work and looking into grievances faced by the public.

Draft 20A proposal... From page 01

He was speaking to the media after religious observances at the Asgiriya Maha Viharaya Pirivena yesterday. He also said that it was important to bring the new Constitution into public discourse for sometime.

Meanwhile, Attorney General's Department sources confirmed that the draft of the proposed 20th Amendment was sent to the Attorney General's Department for observations and would be tabled before Cabinet today. Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said the country has not been able to move forward due to certain shortcomings in the 19th Amendment and 20th Amendment was to rectify all that. He said that decentralisation of resources was more important than decentralisation of power in the country and that it would bring about an economic revival in the North and East.

Obituaries

GUNAWARDENA - SHILUKA - Attorney-at-law - Beloved wife of Dr. Dan Malika Gunawardena, attorney-at-law, loving mother of Kushagree and Dunith, daughter of late Lakshman Gunawardena and Latha of Lakshman Saw Mills, Kaduwela, loving sister of Lakshika and Kasun, sister-in-law of Thusith Jayalath, Surakshi Gunawardena, Shyamali Somaratne, and Kishani Jayasinghe expired. Remains lie at No. 541/2, Jayawardenapura, D.P. Wijesinghe Mawatha, Pelawatta. Cortege leaves residence on Thursday 3rd September at 3.00 p.m. for cremation at General Cemetery, Kanatte, Borella at 5.00 p.m. 050720

PRASANKA - G.A. Sajith (formerly of Lankem Ceylon PLC). Dearly beloved husband of Deepa Bastiansz, father of Vishma, son of late G.A. Gardiyas and P.G. Lalitha. Cortege leaves **Jayarathne Funeral Parlour** at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd September for cremation at 3 p.m. at the General Cemetery Kanatte. 050734

RANASINGHE BANDARA - SUSILA (nee Abeykoon) - Beloved wife of Herbert Ranasinghe Bandara (late), mother of Samitha Chandrathilleke, Sidath (Australia) and Malinga, father-in-law of Dr. K. L. Chandratilleke, Thamara (Australia) and Dilini. Cortege leaves **Jayarathne Funeral Parlour, Elvitigala Mawatha, Colombo 08**, at 4.00 p.m. for cremation at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday 2nd September at Borella Cemetery Crematorium. 050724

WIKRAMARACHCHI - SHANTHA 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. 050677

28th Year Remembrance



Mr. A.H.A. Jayaweera

02nd September, 2020

Your loving wife Nolani and sons Sanjeeva and Heshan

He shall not grow old, as we that are left behind. Age shall not weary him, as the going down of the sun and rising of the dawn. We shall remember him

Remembering

Krishnasamy Kuhatheva

on his 83 rd Birthday



Beloved husband of Gwendoline devoted father of Krishan and Krishani Much loved Grandfather of Kavindra, Kavita and Karishma

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them.

Wisdom 3:1

Strong winds damage 20 houses in Ridimaliyadda



A damaged house.

HM RANJITH KARUNAWIRA,
Mapakadawewa Group Corr.

Strong winds damaged over 20 houses in Ridimaliyadda recently. Heavy showers lashed the area for the last two days.

Trees fell over power lines disrupting electricity supply. The Grama Niladhari of the Ridimaliyadda Divisional Secretariat were assessing the damages and visited from house to house to provide relief yesterday.

Rideemaliyadda Pradeshiya Sabha Chairman Nishantha Jayasundara said that he was acting on the instruction of the minister to provide relief.

Former Indian President Pranab Mukherjee passes away



Former President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee passed away in New Delhi on August 31. As a mark of respect to the departed dignitary, seven-day State Mourning is observed throughout India from August 31 to September 6.

A condolence book will be kept open at the High Commission of India at 36-38, Galle Road, Colombo 3 on September 2 and 3 from 10 am to 7 pm.

Shri Pranab Mukherjee served as the 13th President of India from July 25, 2012 to July 25, 2017.

Karu Jayasuriya ready to accept UNP leadership

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

Former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya told the media that he is ready to accept the position of the United National Party (UNP) leadership as he is one of the senior most members of the party.

"I am capable of rebuilding the UNP once again to its former dignified level. The UNP has come down to its lowest

due to the lack of confidence among its UNP members. Since 1996, I have been working hard to maintain the distinguished status of this political party. I have no intention to get the UNP leadership by force or in any undue manner. I have no idea to represent Parliament once again, but I am interested in re-building the UNP to its former best level in the next few years," he said.

Seminar on disaster management

M.A.PHAKURDEEN,
Addalaichenai Group Corr.

A one-day seminar for journalists of the Coastal area of the Ampara District on disaster management and how journalists should function at times of natural calamities organised by the Disaster Management Centre of Ampara was held at the Auditorium of the Akkaraipattu Divisional

Secretariat on Saturday under the chairmanship of Ampara DMC Assistant Director M.C.M.Riyas.

Prof. M.A.Ramees Abdullah, the main Resource Person at the Seminar, detailed how journalists should function at times of disaster and how best they could play their role to serve

those affected by disasters. Kalmunai Region Medical Officer in Charge of the Communicable Diseases Dr.Nagoor Ariff, Akkaraipattu Medical Officer of Health Dr. Farooza Nakfer, Akkaraipattu Assistant Divisional Secretary Robin Thaj held discussions with the journalists and explained their roles.

SLTB seeks drivers

S.M.WIJAYARATNE,
Kurunegala Daily News Corr.

The Sri Lanka Transport Board (SLTB) has faced a severe shortage of drivers. About 800 buses have no drivers, Kurunegala and Puttalam SLTB Depot Managers confirmed. The Transport Ministry,

therefore, has decided to recruit drivers and about 300 drivers in training will be absorbed to the service by the SLTB and they will be given appointments in the next two months. R.M.Sarath, a SLTB Asst. Depot Manager in Kurunegala, told the *Daily News*.

Navy make trash free coastal belt

Several beach cleaning campaigns launched by the Navy were completed this week.

The coastal belts of Neelakkaju, Kalmunai Point, Mankumban, Oththappanei, Kadeikadu, Perumkadu, Sambalithurei and Kankesanthurai harbour in the Northern Naval Command were cleaned. The beaches along the Galle Fort, Goyambokka in Tangalle and Hambantota fisheries harbour were also made free of plastic and polythene.

The campaigns had been conducted adhering to the guidelines declared by health authorities. A



Naval personnel cleaning the coast.

large number of naval personnel of the Northern and Southern Commands participated.

Southern coir industry in decline

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA,
Tissamaharamama Special Corr.

The coir industry, which has a history of over 150 years, is facing difficulties due to various reasons.

The traditional coir industrialists who have been in the industry for decades say they cannot meet even their daily expenses now.

The coir industry flourished in the coastal belt in the southern region earlier. They pro-

duced pots, baskets, carpets, brooms, wall hangings and brushes with coirs. They said that the industry urgently needs an infrastructure upgrading for its sustenance. They urge authorities to help them uplift their industry.

In loving memory of

Mr. N.B.H Pilapitiya

(Chairman New Vithanakande Tea Factory & Estate)
who passed away one year ago, September 2, 2019.

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"Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed, very dear."

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day. No longer in our life to share but in our hearts you are always there. In life you touched the hearts of many and in death you changed the lives of many.

May You Attain Supreme Bliss of Nibbana..!

Fondly remembered by *Nirmal, Ruwanthi, John, Elya & Sonya.*

Vasanthi, Lishan, Denisha & Sereena.

In loving memory of

MR. NAVARATNA PILAPITIYA

who passed away a year ago,
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Pila,

We will always miss you.

Your noble lifestyle, the sense of wit and empathy, of which we were always at the receiving end. Your company was such a joy. You gave of your best to all.

We could only wish the following for your journey through sansara until you attain the supreme bliss of nirvana.

*"Where ever you walk,
Cool gales shall fan the glade,
Trees where you sit,
Shall crowd into a shade,
Where ever you tread,
The blushing flowers shall rise,
And all things flourish,
Where ever you turn your eyes..."*

- Handel 1685 -

Fondly remembered by *Kanthi, Jaya Aluwihare & Family.*

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A worthy proposition

Sri Lanka is probably the only country where a wholesale market occupies prime real estate right in the heart of its main commercial city. We are of course referring to the Manning Market in the Pettah, a commodity wholesale and retail market that is a real eye sore, with rotting produce strewn everywhere.

Leading city planners have pointed out for decades that this should be removed from the city and relocated elsewhere. This being prime real estate with an astronomical value, it makes no sense to have such a facility instead of using it for a far more productive purpose such as a mixed-use development. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has turned his attention towards this vexed problem and in consultation with Prime Minister and Urban Development Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, decided to relocate the Manning Market to Peliyagoda, just a few kilometres away. Moreover, Peliyagoda will have easier access when the new Kelani bridge expansion and access road project is completed soon.

Afterwards, the two-acre land in the heart of Colombo where the Manning Market is now located will be used effectively for development projects, State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Community Cleanliness Dr. Nalaka Godahewa said. "Plans have already been drafted with regard to such projects," he said after making an observation visit to the Manning Market in Pettah.

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. In the meantime, 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 to 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 other facilities. Likewise, we recall that the St. John's fish market was also relocated to Peliyagoda to minimize the traffic, noise and effluent pollution there. It was later converted to a gold sales and appraisal centre.

One recalls the huge outcry raised by certain sections when plans were first revealed for the Tri Forces headquarters' to be shifted to the suburb of Pelawatte. However, there were a couple of main reasons behind this move. One was traffic management and the other was security – not only of the three establishments but also of the city of Colombo as a whole. Although the conflict in the North and the East was over by the time the relocation plans were realised, one shudders to think what would have happened in the Easter attacks, where some of the affected hotels were perilously close to premises formerly occupied by the Tri Forces. In hindsight, the relocation was a sound move.

But more needs to be done. There has been talk of removing the Magazine prison also from its present high-value location and using that space for mixed-use development. However, no progress has been made so far in this direction, although the authorities moved swiftly in the case of the Bogambara Prison in Kandy. Moreover, relocating the prison to a more remote location will also lessen the opportunities for smuggling in drugs and communications devices for the prisoners, which has become a major problem.

However, the real estate liberated from unproductive ventures should not always be used for building high rises or shopping malls. Colombo was once known as the Garden City of Asia and we need to revive that moniker. In this context, at least some of the newly available spaces can be used to create recreation parks, children's parks and "Green Lungs" modelled on the Vihara Maha Devi Park in Colombo 7. We are certain that President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who initiated most of the City beautification projects during his earlier tenure as Urban Development Secretary, would look favourably at this suggestion.

One of the main lessons that we learned from the Coronavirus pandemic is that the location does not really matter, as long as work gets done. Practically the whole world had to go online during the months-long lockdown and suddenly, it did not matter whether you were in Colombo or Girandurukotte. This is one legacy that will be left over from the pandemic, long after a vaccine becomes available and the world forgets COVID-19. Telecommuting will become more commonplace and the physical location will lose its importance. Thus it is critical that we use valuable real estate for projects that are really important for the digital economy and capable of generating additional revenue.

Rabble-rousers in Parliament

MIDWEEK POLITICS

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UNP Leader
Ranil WickremesingheFormer Speaker
Karu JayasuriyaFormer MP
Ruwan Wijewardene

Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena in the very first week of taking on his new mantle took a number of sensible decisions to protect the rights of the Parliamentarians and the dignity of the House.

The decisions and statements made at the Chair of the Speaker do not limit to that specific moment, but have far reaching impacts and set a precedent for many years to come. There have been ample instances where the House turned to the former Speakers' decisions when it was in doubt or having difficulty dealing with a situation.

Speaker Abeywardena stood firm for freedom of expression of the Members of Parliament (MPs) when he decided to accommodate the opinion stated by Tamil People's National Alliance MP C V Wigneswaran in the Hansard, though certain sections of that speech were apparently provocative.

"Every MP, in the Government or the Opposition, is entitled to their opinion. If you are not in agreement with what was said, you can contradict it and express your own stance," the Speaker said without giving way to the pressures of MPs to expunge the controversial remarks by Wigneswaran. The Speaker's words were a reminder of the oft-quoted phrase 'I agree to disagree'.

Wiggy stirs up hornet's nest

Making his maiden speech in Parliament, Wigneswaran referred to Tamil as "the language of the first indigenous inhabitants of this country", and added that the people living in the North and the East are "entitled to the right of self-determination in addition to their hereditary and traditional rights to be recognized as a nation".

Irrked by those comments on ethnic lines, Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) MP Manusha Nanayakkara requested the Speaker to remove it from the Hansard and Nalin Bandara, Field Marshal Sarath Fonseka, State Minister Sarath Weerasekara, SLFP MP Shantha Bandara and some others also took aim against Wigneswaran's speech.

It could be seen that the seniors of the Government and the Opposition were measured in their criticism not to add fuel to the fire. Sri Lanka Muslim Congress (SLMC) Leader MP Rauff Hakeem lauded the Speaker for standing by the MPs' privileges, observing that he took the right decision not to expunge Wigneswaran's speech.

Notably, Minister Wimal Weerawansa too embraced the opinion that ignoring Wigneswaran's comments, in the same way "how people ignore the behaviour of a drunken man at a wedding", would be more sensible than counter-arguing.

Not just this Parliament, but many Parliaments in the past have also been polarized on ethnic lines. This is because politicians, may they be in the North or the South, have increasingly made it a habit to pander to racist sentiments to bag more votes at elections. As scholars have repeatedly pointed out, one branch of extremism nourishes the other. A measured approach is necessary to defeat extremism and win hearts and minds of other communities.

Hardliners

When looking at personal information of octogenarian politician Wigneswaran, one can see that he has spent the better part of his life mingling with the Sinhala community in the South.

He was born in Colombo and was educated at several prominent schools in Kurunegala, Anuradhapura and Colombo. He is fluent in Sinhalese and in fact participates in talk shows and interviews conducted in that language. He practised law for more than 15 years and was a member of the judiciary for 25 years. His ethnicity had not been a problem for him to climb up the ladder to be a Supreme Court judge. It is a known fact that his son is married to the daughter of Minister Vasudeva Nanayakkara. Yet, when he stepped into politics after 2013, ethnicity has become a major concern for him to the extent of demanding self-determination to the North and the East. If this is not political expediency, what else could be?

In the meantime, All Ceylon Tamil Congress MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam, joining in the Parliamentary debate, openly accused the State for "committing heinous crimes" against the Tamils, and added that the "people in the North want international accountability".

MPs Wigneswaran and Ponnambalam are dissidents of the Tamil National Alliance (TNA), and they secured stakes in Parliament by leading two new political formations with hard-line views in the North. Their rabble-rousing speeches had stirred up controversy from time to time even in the past.

The country is faced with multiple challenges on the socio-economic fronts. Dividing on ethnic lines or wasting time on such arguments is the last thing the people want from the Legislature at this juncture.

The Government's reactions in the above instances show that it has already grasped that message and chosen to respond only when and where necessary.

PCoI summons

In a different turn of events, the Speaker once again defended the privileges of MPs when he said in no uncertain terms that no Presidential Commission of Inquiry (PCoI) could summon the Chairman or members of a Parliamentary Committee to question on an investigation conducted by such Committee.

National People's Power Leader Anura Kumara Dis-

Speaker
Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena

Premalal Jayasekara



MP C.V. Wigneswaran.



MP Gajendrakumar Ponnambalam.

sanayake brought the attention of the House that former COPE Chairman Sunil Handunnetti had been summoned before the PCoI probing the Easter Sunday attacks to question on a COPE investigation into the Batticaloa "Sharia" higher education institute.

Citing the Parliamentary Powers and Privileges Act, he pointed out the special permission of the Speaker or the House is required for such a move. The Speaker, agreeing to this fact, informed the Members that Parliament would write back to the PCoI.

AG's legal advice

Leading to another interesting development, the Attorney General announced on Monday that the Constitution disqualifies Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) MP-elect Premalal Jayasekara from taking oaths as an MP. The AG's legal opinion was sought by the Justice Ministry following a query by the

Prisons Department. Jayasekara, also known as 'Choka Malli', was sentenced to death along with two others by Ratnapura High Court on July 31 over a shooting incident where a political supporter of the then Common Candidate, former President Maithripala Sirisena was killed in Kahawatte during the Presidential Election in 2015.

Jayasekara has appealed against the verdict. Despite conviction, he polled the second highest preferential votes in Ratnapura at the last Election. The AG has pointed out that serving a death sentence is a disqualification to be an MP.

Sunny Rohana Kodithuwakku and Ranjith Bandara are next in the SLPP preferential vote list polling an equal number of votes. Election observers said Election Law provides for tossing a coin on rare occasions like this. However, the SLPP and the Election Commission will soon make their official positions known.

UNP's fate

Meanwhile, the leadership tussle of the United National Party (UNP) has reached a tipping point as a number of Party heavyweights have thrown their hats into the ring while the Working Committee, the apex decision making body of the Party, is to meet this week to make a final decision.

As at now, former MPs Ruwan Wijewardene, Arjuna Ranatunga, Vajira Abeywardena, Ravi Karunanayake and former Speaker Karu Jayasuriya have claimed their interest in succeeding Ranil Wickremesinghe as the UNP Leader. Will Wickremesinghe, who has clung on to the leadership post since 1994, let it go this time or will he stack the deck at the Working Committee to remain in the post or to enter Parliament from the National List backdoor?

It could be seen that the Party hierarchy was not welcoming Jayasuriya's bid for leadership and tried to block his entry stating that he was not a member of the UNP. Jayasuriya refusing to back down from the fight responded to the allegations with proof of his membership.

There was also speculation that Jayasuriya's interest in the post is to pass the mantle to his son-in-law Navin Dissanayake. The late Gamage Dissanayake's son Navin made a case for himself as the next UNP leader in the run up to the last Election.

On the other hand, there was also speculation that former State Minister Ruwan Wijewardene, who hails from Wijewardene and Senanayake political dynasty, was the Wickremesinghe's pick when he proposed that a 'young leader' should succeed him. According to the UNP, proposing a name for its solitary still-vacant National List seat would be done only after resolving the leadership crisis.

At the same time, the SJB has also extended a proposal for the merger of the two factions by handing over the UNP leadership to Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa. With all these developments, the coming week will be important in deciding the fate of the 'Grand Old Party' as it also marks its 74th Anniversary.

Incidentally, the SLFP, the other Grand Old Party of Sri Lankan politics, marks its 69th anniversary today. It too is down to only one directly elected seat (Angajan Ramanathan from Jaffna), although 13 SLFPers who contested from the SLPP also entered Parliament.

It seems surreal that after seven decades, the two major parties of Sri Lankan politics have virtually disappeared from the scene, paving the way for two new political entities to take the helm in Parliament and the general political discourse.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We should not let our cities become places where business goes on but where life is lost.
Hubert H. Humphrey

THE BACK TO BASICS ECONOMY IS NOTHING TO SCOFF AT



RAJPAL ABEYNAIKE

A sweeping reversal of Coca Colonization by the Gotabaya Rajapaksa Government is leading many 'Coca-marked' people to culture shock. Coca colonization was a term invented by the French to label the multi-national takeover of the French economy in the few decades after the advent of globalization.

The term came to generally signify the takeover, and often the takedown of self-sustaining economies through an infusion of international capital. Coca-colonization hit the small men first, but the urban sophisticates in societies that were afflicted didn't know they were being taken down as well. That's the nature of economic hit jobs. Sometimes the victims idolize the victimizer, and maybe it could be called the Stockholm syndrome in the godforsaken world of multi-national politics.

There is a nice ring to it when the President is talking at length to State officials about the exciting possibilities of export of palmyra products. Coca-colonized minds are feeling dizzy if not disoriented.

The President switched onto explaining the human elephant conflict which the Colombo conservationists look at as purely an 'usurper' issue where the humans are the villains. Villagers do not see it that way. Human settlements are to blame for disrupting elephant habitats, but try telling that to villagers, especially those attacked in territories they have occupied for generations while having their breadwinners killed by displaced elephants that seek alternate habitats through hitherto unused corridors.

But the Coca colonized minds do not see these things as being their problems; they see dumb human victims and even dumber animal victims that they look at as bemused 'exhibits.' Such as for instance, an elephant carcass as exhibit A in a Court case, for instance.

Sometimes, they literally see wildlife victims as exhibits and nothing else. The black leopard that was caught in a trap recently was stuffed in a taxidermy effort undertaken by the wildlife experts. The picture they



took with the huge stuffed cat is what's telling. Someone with a sense of humor quipped that the charismatic animal that was looking like John Cena ended up looking like John Amaratunga after the taxidermy job. I tend to agree, with all due apologies to that tired political grandee. As for the wildlife authorities in the picture, they looked on as if they were the cats that had caught the canaries.

CUSTOMERS

It's what we humans, the grand schemers do to our natural habitats. So when there is talk at length of palmyra export and tackling the human elephant conflict when a President addresses the public service, it seems someone collectively brought us back down to Earth, when we had been fantasizing for years on end about an economy on steroids.

The Central Bank staff feigns shock when they are asked to do something. They secretly invoke their right to independence and all that jazz. It took a pep talk on television by the President for the Central Bank officers to acknowledge at least up to an extent that they have to think of ways to keep the Covid-hit economy going. They had to extend that Banks were extended the contingency Central Bank facilities to enable easy term credit for Covid-hit customers.

The lesson though is that at the

macro-level the President is constantly met with roadblocks. There seems now to be an emphasis on back to basics enterprises with minimal external input, such as the palmyra and clay based industries to obviate these barriers that gatekeepers of the economy at the Central Bank and other institutions seem to insist on.

It's a good guess that this Government will be able to follow through with these plans, because sustainable industry means upsetting apple-carts and disrupting vested interests.

A case in point: the previous Government under the UNP leadership announced a total polythene ban and of course with the economy not facing any globally pervasive pandemic threat at that time, the rationale was totally environment based. But the polythene magnates rebelled.

The phasing out of all polythene wrapping products was abandoned. This time, the banning of products is more rationally thought out. Single use plastic sachets, yoghurt spoons, plastic water bottles etc are to be banned from 2021.

The news is that these bans will tie in with the attempt to create alternative products using local degradable raw materials. This writer is not aware of details but the push, apparently, is for clay and other such locally based produce to replace many of these single use plastic items.

Colombo based punditry is bound

to resist for the simple reason that the Colombo city voter base is incapable of thinking of the rural voter as a human being, period. If that observation sounds too catch-all and unfair, it isn't, because this insensitivity was apparent from all conversations this writer had with the hard core Colombo UNP voters before the two elections that were concluded this year and in 2019.

These hard coreright wing UNP voters used to tell me point blank that the rural voter will go with the SLPP, with the implication being that the enlightened Colombo voter will not be that stupid. There was an entreaty there as well — they were saying, if you do not want to be identified with the yokels who have no clue, vote with us.

DIEHARDS

But it is not really a case of seeing all rural locals as yokels. They just couldn't be bothered about the rural voters, and that's it. If they believed that the rural voters would vote SLPP, they would have at least in their hearts of hearts imagined that these voters as having a unique set of problems that only the SLPP would be able

to address. Among these would have been issues such as selling local produce at passable prices, or tackling the human elephant conflict. But these voters were not considered human enough for their concerns to matter. Their outlook towards life did not merit a passing thought on the part of the Colombo right wing diehards.

Today, post Covid, the rural producer seems to be the only redemption for an economy that has no expectation of securing foreign markets, or securing tourism revenue at economically meaningful levels. Even so, the rural voter is seen as not being good enough to be the engine of an economy, even when times are really bad.

That's why there are so many mocking sounds at the mention of a Ministry for clay based produce, or an effort to export palmyra based produce.

Nobody is saying that the big players in economic growth are being ignored. But can anyone say with any conviction that the tourism markets or the markets for luxury clothing etc are going to rebound anytime soon? One thing the voters were not taken in by was the banshee campaign screaming that the country will go

back to the 70s era of irrational import bans.

FRAMEWORK

Ranil Wickremasinghe now from his cosy stay at home political vista could ruminate on some of his election scare tactics. He said that helmets cannot be manufactured here, so motorcyclists would have to get around with a tin wrapped around their heads. He said something similarly bizarre about handphones.

The rural voter had plans, and they were tied to some faith in the nationalist credentials of the SLPP. A national-minded Government that was able to mount a sustained campaign to get rid of a blatantly anti-national Government, they figured, could get the economy to function within a nationally sustainable local framework. People saw that the Government was ready to take a chance with local produce. The price increase of tinned fish, almost counter intuitive in a time of hardship was an article of faith in this regard. But Colombo diehards would still be able to enjoy their smoked salmon in five star luxury if they really have to — and that's the beauty of it.



New Dimensions in Sri Lanka's Foreign Policy

SHAKTHI DE SILVA

A much-anticipated General Election in Sri Lanka last month ended with a resounding victory for the Sri Lanka People's Front (Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna), which was spearheaded by former president Mahinda Rajapaksa. The party secured 145 seats — obtaining a near two-thirds majority in Parliament. The result underlines the public's support for the presidency of Gotabaya Rajapaksa — the younger brother of Mahinda, elected to the top job in November last year — and as an endorsement of the measures that had been taken following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka. The overwhelming victory also displayed the public's desire to move away from the indecisive and hostile factionalism which characterised the Sirisena-Wickremesinghe administration of 2015–19.

The more pressing questions, however, relate to the nature and orientation of Sri Lanka's foreign policy under the new Rajapaksa regime. Will the island tilt towards China or India in the near future? What impact does the economic fallout from Covid-19, a crushing debt burden and the geopolitical competition underway in the Indian Ocean have on Sri Lanka's external ties? And most importantly, what signals has the Rajapaksa regime given in terms of its foreign policy direction?

One of the most interesting developments in the immediate aftermath of the election was the duties and functions ascribed to the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Relations. The Minister has been given "special responsibility" to reassess existing bilateral agreements and investigate whether any clauses or articles included therein may have a detrimental effect on the local economy. Such a responsibility was not previously assigned to the Foreign Minister in such explicit terms.

Another noteworthy development is the Government's decision to appoint Tharaka Balasuri-



Foreign Secretary Admiral **Jayanath Colombage**

ya, a comparatively young Member of Parliament, as the "State Minister for Regional Cooperation". A ministerial portfolio of this nature was absent in previous Governments. The decision to select Balasuriya is also important owing to the fact that his predominant concerns, judging from his speeches in Parliament, are on topics related to economics and finance. As the State Minister for Regional Cooperation, his duties include building strong economic and trade ties with Asian nations and strengthening Sri Lanka's bonds with South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries.

Another reshuffling of import is the appointment of retired admiral Jayanath Colombage as the Secretary to the Ministry of Foreign Relations — a post that tended to be held by career diplomats.

These developments are significant. It can be assumed there will be a reinvigorated emphasis on strengthening ties with India, China and other neighbouring Asian nations owing to the creation of a State Minister for Regional Coop-

eration portfolio. The congenial ties that exist between members of the Chinese Communist Party and Mahinda Rajapaksa — the new Prime Minister — will also feature. As will the efforts taken by Narendra Modi's Government in India to cultivate ties with Gotabaya and Mahinda Rajapaksa after 2015.

Yet mostly the emphasis placed by the Rajapaksa regime on strengthening relations with Asian partners (including members of the SAARC, BIMSTEC and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) will be driven by an effort to lift Sri Lanka's ailing economy.

These developments also point to an argument I outlined in a co-authored article that appeared on the Russian International Affairs Council. It delineated a foreign policy orientation defined as "concentric circles based hierarchical approach" of establishing friendly external relations, whereby geographical neighbours such as India and other Asian states would be the principal focus of policymakers in the formulation Sri Lanka's foreign policy.

Immediately after his appointment, Colombage sought to assuage fears of China's Naval presence in the Indian Ocean by stating that between "2009 and (August) 2020 more than 525 warships have visited Sri Lanka. Topping the list is India with 110 ... and way down the list is China with about 40 ships." Colombage went on to declare that "the President has made it very clear, in no uncertain terms, that as far as strategic security considerations go, it is an 'India first' approach. Which means Sri Lanka cannot be, should not be, and will not be a strategic security concern for India."

The need of the hour, however, is to reduce Sri Lanka's debt burden, spur investments and jump-start a lagging economy. Despite the Modi Government's attempts to develop ties with the Rajapaksa family, if New Delhi cannot deliver in terms of project implementation and investment, there is a distinct possibility that Sri



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with Indian PM Narendra Modi

Lanka may, once again, tilt towards China due to economic imperatives.

Although the resounding victory grants the SLPP greater leeway in terms of how it wishes to chart the country's foreign policy, it is increasingly likely that the personal chemistry between

foreign leaders and the Rajapaksa family, as well as the degree of investments and economic assistance (loans at concessional rates and aid) that can be provided in the short term, will be the biggest determinants of Sri Lanka's foreign policy in the next five years. (The Interpreter)



We hired a Morris Minor car to my grandparent's village. The Morris Minor was the trusted car in this province 50 years ago.

REMINISCING A NORTHERN RAILWAY JOURNEY



SHANTHINIE SAMUEL

This article was inspired by the article on the Railway's 'Three Sisters' published in the *Daily News* last week. It brought back some beautiful travel memories of railway journeys I made as a child more than 50 years ago, with my parents. Time changes everything. Colombo city of our childhood days was a very different city. There was not much traffic and getting about was easier. My grandparents were still living in Jaffna.

I remember my first visit by train in 1954 when I was just five years old. I understand now that this was the long 13-hour journey by night mail. I assume I didn't enjoy this long trip in the dark, with nothing to see out of the windows. The views from the window are what captivate a child on any journey. However, I clearly remember the waiter who came from the train's restaurant wagon. He was clad in white sarong and shirt. He served us sandwiches and tea. I don't recall much of the other details except that my parents took me to a beautiful house which had a spacious garden. There were many visitors who came to meet us and I received some gifts.

I took my second journey by train in 1959 when I was 10 years old. I remember my father telling us about a new express train called the Yal Devi, which had been launched three years ago. The new train was said to offer a much quicker ride to Jaffna. I remember going to the Fort Station in the morning with my parents. My dad had the habit of buying the *Daily News*, which was his routine for almost six decades. In those days, there was no internet or mobile news alerts, and everyone in Colombo pretty much depended on the *Daily News* published by Lake House. The station platform was full with other families and excited children.

Within a few minutes, a beautiful train engine cruised into the station. It was the first time I saw such a sleek engine, in comparison to the steam-powered black locomotives that had dominated the Railway Department. After we had settled in, I heard the Station Master blow his whistle, delivering three sharp bursts. When I peeped out of the window, I could see the train guard waving a green flag. The train's horn sounded twice, and she chugged out of the station. The Yal Devi Express was cruising to the land of the palmyrah trees. Within a few minutes, we realized the speed of this magnificent engine.

On this journey, Mother had brought many snacks including chocolates and biscuits. Father read the newspaper. I think the train stopped at Polgahawela Station, where some vendors got in. They had wicker baskets full of vadai and rolls. As the train got closer to Jaffna, the landscape changed to reveal an area dotted with clusters of palmyrah trees and green paddy fields. We reached Jaffna Station in the afternoon. We hired a Morris Minor car to my grandparent's village. The Morris Minor was the trusted car in this province 50 years ago. When we reached home, it was fun to be bathed at the well. My mother was always cautious at the well for although it had a safe cement wall and apron, it was quite deep. I remember on another visit how a group of hired men cleaned

the well. They used a flexible rope ladder and got down. Using ropes and buckets they drew out much of the water, and then scrubbed the interior wall. This is a common ritual done at least thrice a year.

Today there is much focus on the environment and sustainability. But as many people from our era know, the homes in the villages were truly built and operated on 'green practices' decades ago. Every house had a spacious garden full of trees, a bonus of village life I reckon.

An assortment of pets added to the natural aura of the house. I recall that Grandma had one cow and a few goats. There were some hens and ducks in the rear garden. At night, the hens would find shelter on one of the trees. In keeping with nature's cycle, the roosters cawed and crowed every morning. I fed the pigeons with paddy.

The breakfast table had a different menu in comparison to Colombo. The string hoppers, thosai and milk hoppers were all made at home. There was a bakery located a few miles away. I do remember going there on a bicycle one morning with my uncle. These bakeries which used large firewood based ovens are no more. During my holidays, I managed to learn the art of riding a bicycle. I did have one of two falls but then gained my confidence and balance.

By 10.00 am I often went to the village market with my grandmother, who was quite competent in striking a bargain. She purchased fish and vegetables. She carried a wicker basket with her. It was nice to see how she cooked on the open stove, at times assisted by a young village woman, who was paid for her help.

My grandfather was quite knowledgeable on ayurveda medicine. He used to have a few large and small bottles full of herbal oils. There were two men who would come to pound and extract these healing oils. During our school holiday visits to Jaffna, we went to other places like Keeri Malai which has a legendary pond of holistic water.

Jaffna town still had accents of colonial charm infused with native architecture. The nights were cool in the village with breeze from the mango and khomba trees. We did encounter the odd snakes, frogs and intrusive bandicoots. These visitors to our garden were certainly not welcome. The large house was illuminated by petromax lamps. There was no electricity in the province. One of my uncles used to scare us with his ghost stories.

I recall the bullock carts and majestic bulls. Policemen in shorts used to cycle about in the town. Since these childhood days, much has changed. After my wedding, I took my husband to Jaffna. He too read the *Daily News* on the train. Thankfully, there was electricity and ice cream by then.

The old house had somehow lost her pristine charm. Only a few hens were in the garden. Both my parents had since reached their eternal rest. After a pause of many years, at the age of 70, I took a ride on the modern Yal Devi train. This journey was very smooth and most of the stations looked different. The Railway Department must be commended for improving its train services. As we journey in life, we can only retain these golden memories.



The Northern railway line being repaired.



'As the train got closer to Jaffna, the landscape changed to reveal an area dotted with clusters of palmyrah trees and green paddy fields.'



The Jaffna station was destroyed during the war period.



Shanthinie Samuel as a child



After Shanthinie married, she took her husband to her hometown

Pahala Halmillewa tank to be renovated



The recent inspection of the Pahala Halmillewa irrigation tank by State Minister Siripala Gamlath. The tank is to be renovated in four months.

The Anuradhapura - Pahala Halmillewa irrigation tank in the Mahaweli area will be renovated to increase the cultivation of food crops in line with the Vision of Prosperity policy introduced by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa.

Work began at an auspicious time amid the blessings of the Maha Sangha under the patronage of Mahaweli Zones Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Minister Siripala Gamlath and several other ministers and MPs last week.

The Pahala Halmillewa irrigation tank will be rehabilitated at a cost of Rs.38 million. A total of 250 acres will be directly irrigated by the tank once its rehabilitation is completed and another 100 acres will receive water indirectly. Two-hundred-and-fifty families in the area will be benefitted by the project.

Several farmer families lost their means of livelihood after the tank bund burst due to the heavy rain in December 2019. Minister Gamlath instructed the Mahaweli Authority officials to complete the work within

four months. Lands Minister S.M. Chandrasena, Under-Utilised State Resources Development State Minister Shehan Semasinghe, former North Central Province Chief Minister S.M. Ranjith, Secretary of the Mahaweli Zones Canals and Settlement Infrastructure Development State Ministry Engineer W.B. Palugaswewa, Mahaweli Development Authority Director General Engineer Sunil S. Perera and Mahaweli H Zone Residential Business Manager Ubhaya Kalyana Kumara and several others participated.

D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo

First phase of multi-functional building opens today

The first phase of a multi-functional building at D.S. Senanayake College, Colombo, will be opened today.

The two upper floors of this multi-functional building will consist of classrooms and fully fledged laboratories for the Advanced Level section of the school.

The third floor will house a well-equipped modern library. The building will also have a state-of-the-art food court that serves Sri Lankan food.

The building will be powered by solar energy and the kitchens of the food court will use biogas produced by kitchen waste and sewage from toilets, making the building 100 percent self-sufficient and environment friendly.

This facility will help the student community to educate themselves and develop the skills required for the 21st century job market.

The college's Old Boys' Association (OBA) funded the first phase of the building at a cost of over Rs. 21 million. OBA past president Shiraj Nimankada was instrumental in starting the project in 2019.

The first phase of the building which houses the classrooms will be opened by past presidents of the OBA Winindra Weeraman, Susantha Dissanayaka and Rajiv Perera in the presence of the principal of the school and the president of the OBA.

The architectural consultancy was provided by the Architects' Guild of the OBA, while chartered structural engineers Aravinda Kalugadeniya and Ajith Vandebona and chartered quantity surveyor Sunanda Gnanasiri and QS Vishwa De Alwis rendered their professional services without payment for the project.

Cottage industry in the doldrums

A.A.L. DIAS
Matale District Group Corr.

During the last regime, almost all local industries collapsed due to the importation of goods which could be manufactured in the country and hundreds of families engaged in traditional industries in the Matale district bore the brunt of this downturn as their means of livelihood languished.

One such is the winnowing fan (*kulla*) manufacturing cottage industry. Decades ago, almost every household had an eco-friendly winnowing fan made of bamboo. But the item is now becoming an artifact. With the importation of

winnowing fans made with metal sheets and plastic instead of reeds, it is possible to get it at a cheaper price from the market.

Now, the winnowing fan manufacturing industry is confined to two or three families in remote villages. They said that due to the difficulty in finding the raw material as well as the invasion of cheap imported substitutes, this local industry has declined sharply.

Senavirathna Banda, a 53-year-old traditional winnowing fan maker from Diggala village in the Kandapalla Korale in Matale district says: From my childhood, I

used to make winnowing fans with my father. This is a job that my family has been doing for generations. At that time, many families in the village made winnowing fans. But later problems arose in this industry and many quit their jobs. Now, this is limited to two or three families.

Those days we bought a bamboo tube for Rs. 10. Today, it is Rs. 200, while the imported winnowing fans are very cheap. For this reason, our children do not like to take up this craft. So then, the day is not far off when this cottage industry will be buried with us."



Senavirathna Banda with the winnowing fans he made. Picture by A.A.L. DIAS



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Winning tickets are valid only for six months

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Colour: BLUE
MONDAY

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 38,637,031.50

Winning Numbers: **10 17 36 63**
English Letter: **Z**

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The Purple tickets will be valid for the next draw that takes place on Wednesday 02.09.2020. The winning tickets will be valid for 6 months.

Draw Number: 1202
Draw Date: 31.08.2020
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Winning English Letter and Numbers: **L 01 17 22 52**

Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 3,782,160/-

Next Super Jackpot
Rs. 53,624,220/-

Date: 31-08-2020
Draw Number: 2908 | Colour: Yellow

Super Jackpot
Rs. 2,342,628/-

Winning Numbers: **10 27 46 55**
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Total Value of Prizes
Rs. 9,843,100/-

The winning ticket will be valid for 6 months.

Venezuela's Maduro pardons opposition lawmakers



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Monday pardoned more than 100 lawmakers and associates of opposition leader Juan Guaido "in the interests of promoting national reconciliation," the government said.

Guaido's assistant Roberto Marrero and lawmakers Gilber Caro and Renzo Prieto were among the names read out by Communications Minister Jorge Rodriguez live on state television.

The presidential decree "comes into force from its publication" after which the courts "must implement immediate measures to liberate the persons mentioned," said Rodriguez.

Marrero was arrested in March 2019 and accused of being part of a "terrorist cell" planning attacks to destabilize the Maduro government.

Guido himself was not among those pardoned, though, despite several cases open against him.

Those on the list of 110 people included opposition lawmaker Freddy Guevara, who fled to the Chilean embassy in the capital Caracas in 2017 after leading anti-government protests that left 125 people dead.

The Supreme Court - which has been accused of pandering to the regime - ordered that he be denied the freedom to leave the country.

Also among the pardoned is Henry Ramos Allup, the head of the Democratic Action party which is the oldest in Venezuela.

In addition, the order includes people with outstanding judicial cases, including opposition lawmakers living in exile.

"Pardon or insult, Maduro is neither president, nor am I a



President Nicolas Maduro

criminal," wrote Americo De Grazia, a lawmaker living in exile.

"If you (Maduro) want to contribute to peace in Venezuela, pardon the country from the usurpation of power, quit the occupation that has resulted in a tragedy inflicted on our people

and maybe then we'll have something to thank you for." The opposition considers Maduro a usurper over his 2018 re-election in a poll widely seen as fraudulent.

In January 2019, Guaido launched a challenge to Maduro's authority by declaring him-

self acting president, quickly receiving the backing of more than 50 countries.

Quest for 'legitimacy'

The pardons announcement came a day after Maduro claimed to be supporting measures to bring "reconciliation" and "dialogue" to the deeply polarized South American country ahead of December legislative elections.

Guaido and leading opposition figures have already vowed to boycott that election over a lack of transparency after the Supreme Court appointed election officials - a role that should have been conducted by the opposition-controlled legislature.

The "number one aim" of the pardons is to "legitimize" the December elections, analyst Felix Seijas from pollsters Del-

phos, told AFP. Maduro "is giving in to one of the opposition's long-standing demands in negotiations," Seijas added.

For Rafael Alvarez Loscher, from the JURISCORP consultancy, Maduro is trying to "build bridges" with fundamental powers such as the European Union.

The idea is to give an air of "legitimacy" to the legislative elections so that he can take control of the National Assembly.

"Maduro needs to take decisions regarding the external debt, he needs capital, he needs loans, debt restructuring, Venezuela needs money," said Alvarez Loscher.

But that's not possible with Venezuela subject to international sanctions, led primarily by the United States.

Maduro needs legitimacy to

be able to push for sanctions relief.

Venezuela is sitting on the world's largest proven oil reserves but under Maduro's watch, the country has descended into crisis.

Poverty has soared, inflation is the highest in the world, the currency has become practically worthless, and oil production is down to its lowest level in 77 years, which experts blame on mismanagement and corruption.

There may be yet another plan behind the move.

"Maybe now, we will see the empowerment of some political leaders," said Seijas. The advantage for Maduro could be to "promote the participation of competing" political powers within the opposition.

(AFP)

President Alpha Conde to seek a third term in office



President Alpha Conde

Guinea's ruling party on Monday confirmed months of speculation that 82-year-old President Alpha Conde will seek a third term in office, a possibility that had already sparked deadly mass protests.

The news came after Conde pushed through a constitutional reform in March that critics had argued was designed to allow him to run for office again in the October 18 election.

"President Alpha Conde will indeed be our candidate in the presidential election," said the statement from the Rally of the Guinean People (RPG), read out on television. The party had

formally nominated him to run again back in August, but Conde had made no formal response.

He instead told delegates that the RPG must pledge to help women, the young and the poor before he would agree to stand for election.

Conde was elected president in 2010 and again in 2015. Under Guinea's constitution, presidents may only serve two terms. But according to analysts, the new constitution could reset the presidential term counter and enable him to run a third time - a view now confirmed by the RPG.

Opposition figures were at the forefront of a protest

movement against the constitutional referendum in March and unsuccessfully tried to organise a boycott.

Mass rallies have been held for nearly a year to oppose the possibility of Conde seeking a third mandate. Security forces in the former French colony repeatedly cracked down on the protests, killing several dozen civilians.

Conde is a former opposi-

tion figure who was jailed under previous regimes in Guinea, a country rich in minerals but plagued by entrenched poverty and a history of instability.

Hopes of a new political dawn flowered when Conde became Guinea's first democratically elected president in 2010, but critics say he has become increasingly authoritarian.

(AFP)

Pandemic not over yet - WHO

The World Health Organization on Monday urged countries to continue implementing safety measures to control the spread of the coronavirus, such as limiting public gatherings and protecting vulnerable groups as they try to reopen businesses and services.

"The more control countries have over the virus, the more they can open up. Opening up without having control is a recipe for disaster," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said at a virtual news briefing from the United Nations health agency's Geneva headquarters. "No country can just pretend the pandemic is over."

Tedros outlined "four essential things that all countries, communities and individuals must focus on to take control." He said countries should "prevent amplifying events," which he said many countries have linked to large gatherings at stadiums, nightclubs and places of worship. He added that countries and people can find "creative ways" to be social.

He added that countries should prevent deaths by protecting vulnerable people, including older people, people with underlying conditions and essential workers. This will help save lives and alleviate the burden on countries' health systems, he said.

Tedros also said "individuals must play their part" by wearing masks, social distancing and washing their hands frequently. He added that governments can avoid stay-at-home orders by implementing targeted responses to outbreaks through testing, contact tracing and isolating.

"If countries are serious about opening up, they must be serious about suppressing transmission and saving lives," he said. "This may seem like an impossible balance, but it's not. It can be done and it has been done." Tedros added that the WHO recently published guidance on how hotels, cargo ships and fishing vessels can safely resume opera-

tions as "part of our commitment to supporting every sector to reopen as safely as possible."

WHO officials said the so-called new normal will include at least some mitigation measures, such as social distancing and mask wearing. The organization has previously said that such measures will likely need to be followed in many countries even after a vaccine is eventually brought to market.

Dozens of vaccine manufacturers have launched trials for their coronavirus vaccine candidates, according to the WHO, and at least two have started large phase three trials. Dr. Stephen Hahn, commissioner of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said over the weekend that his agency would consider issuing an emergency use authorization for a vaccine before its phase three clinical trial is fully complete.

But Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, the WHO's chief scientist, warned Monday that authorizing a vaccine too early and with too little data could create a variety of problems.

"The risk of approving a vaccine prematurely for us is that, first of all, it will make it very difficult to continue with randomized clinical trials," she said. "And secondly, there's a risk of introducing a vaccine that's been inadequately studied and might turn out to have a low efficacy, thereby not doing the job of bringing an end to this pandemic or even worse, have a safety profile that's not acceptable."

She added that the emergency use of a vaccine should be done "with a great deal of seriousness," particularly because it could lead to adverse side effects in some parts of the population. She added that the decision should be made using as much safety and efficacy data as is possible.

"Scientists around the world are united in a call for agencies and for companies, and most companies have supported this stance, that the

approval of a vaccine must be based on data from phase three clinical trials," Swaminathan said.

Dr. Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO's health emergencies program, echoed Swaminathan in saying that collecting and monitoring vast amounts of data is crucial as nations start distributing vaccines to their general population. As the vaccine is introduced to larger and perhaps more diverse parts of the population, negative side effects could emerge, underscoring the importance of the collection of safety data.

"The difficulty and the challenge with the vaccine is, at the moment, we're moving from vaccinating tens or hundreds of people to now vaccinating thousands of people," he said. "We need to get the safety and efficacy data from those studies. Because if you move too quickly to vaccinating millions or hundreds of millions or billions of people, we may miss certain adverse events that you won't pick up with smaller numbers so you need to maintain monitoring."

Earlier this month, Russia announced that it would authorize a vaccine that it calls Sputnik V, named for the world's first satellite, launched in 1957, before phase three data was available. Medical professionals around the world criticized the move, saying it remains unclear whether the vaccine is safe and effective.

Ryan added that there are strict regulations around emergency use of vaccines and drugs in the European Union and the U.S. as well as in parts of Africa and India. It's crucial that governments are led by their regulatory agencies, he said.

"Each country has a sovereign right to define its policy for vaccination or any other therapeutic intervention in its population, but it must be guided by the highest possible ethical standards, the highest possible scientific standards," he said.

(CNBC)

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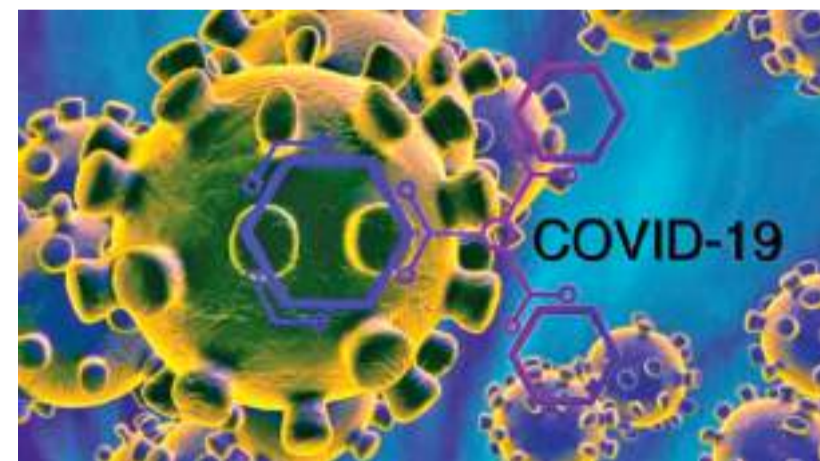
Herd immunity theory gets traction in US

On Monday, *The Washington Post* reported that Scott Atlas, a neurologist at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and one of President Donald Trump's top medical advisors, wants the United States to embrace a controversial herd immunity strategy against COVID-19.

The notion is that opening up businesses and lifting other social distancing restrictions would allow the virus to quickly infect a great number of people, leaving many of them with a resistance to the virus. When a threshold called herd immunity is reached, it means that enough people have protection against a pathogen that it can't easily hop through the population anymore. In the time it took to achieve herd immunity, there would be more protective steps taken to ensure vulnerable populations (like older adults in nursing homes) were safe from the rampant spread.

The strategy is similar in many ways to the way Sweden has handled the pandemic—keeping its economy open more so than any other country. However, critics argue that the costs are unacceptable. Sweden has one of the highest infection and death rates in the world, and taking a similar tack in America could lead to a huge uptick in fatalities and serious cases. Meanwhile, despite keeping much of its economy open, Sweden is still in deep economic hardship.

After *The Post's* story was published, the White House said that there is no current strategy in place



for achieving herd immunity in this manner, and that its COVID-19 task force is still focused on controlling the virus with a successful vaccine.

However, the President has previously praised a strategy that seems similar: "We are aggressively sheltering those at highest risk, especially the elderly, while allowing lower-risk Americans to safely return to work and to school, and we want to see so many of those great states be open," he said during the Republican National Convention. "We want them to be open. They have to be open. They have to get back to work."

Despite these proposals, there is still much researchers don't understand about the virus, like how strong long-term immunity actually is. It's likely that even recovered patients lose some of their protec-

tion against the virus over time, and it may even be possible to catch it multiple times. There's also increasing evidence that many of the young, healthy people who have only "mild" cases of COVID-19 can suffer long term effects—some of them debilitating—that we don't yet understand.

According to a recent story in *The Atlantic*, there's some research to suggest that talking quietly (or not at all) could be an effective way to control the spread of the novel coronavirus, especially in crowded and indoor spaces.

Research published back in March in the journal PNAS showed that normal speaking patterns could transmit SARS-CoV-2 to others in close proximity, and that talking more loudly could spread even more viral particles around. (MSN)

Two suspects arrested with rosewood logs

A.T.KAHANDUGODA, Weeraketiya Group Corr.

Tissamaharama Police arrested two persons were in Ranminithenna, Osuwinna, Tissamaharama yesterday for transporting a stock of rosewood from the Yala Forest Reserve by tractors.

Another stock of timber prepared for sale that was hidden in the jungle was also seized by interrogating the two persons, police said.

The two suspects were produced before the Tissamaharama Magistrate's Court.



Estate Housing and Infrastructure State Minister Jeevan Thondaman visited the Hatton Thondaman Vocational Training Centre and met its students recently. The Minister told them that their issues will be resolved soon. Picture by Gamini Bandara Illangantilake, Maskeliya Group Corr.



The Tower Hall Foundation inaugurated 'Preksha Rangakala' a stage drama programme at the Elphinstone Theater recently. Here Chief Guest Secretary to the Prime Minister Gamini Senarath lighting the oil lamp at the opening ceremony. Tower Hall Foundation Director General Douglas Siriwardene and Director Hassim Omar are present. Picture by Ruzaik Farook

Poacher, five youth with 1,800 kg of cannabis arrested

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE

Yakkalamulla Police arrested a person for keeping 8 kg of wild boar meat not suitable for human consumption for sale.

The suspect (32) year of Kalumada is a poacher, police said.

Five youth along with 1,800 mg of cannabis were also arrested by Yakkalamulla police recently in Elle-Ihala and Karagoda, Yakkalamulla. The suspects were to be produced before the Galle Magistrate yesterday. Investigations are continuing.



The Special Task Force (STF) held a memorial service to mark its 36th Ranaviru Celebration yesterday. Floral wreaths were laid at the monument, where the names of the war heroes who died during the war against the LTTE were inscribed. Picture by Renuka Maduhansa, Kalutara Group Corr.

Couple arrested with cannabis

S.G. WIJERATNE, Katugastota Group Corr.

The Anti-Corruption Unit of the Katugastota Police arrested a couple for selling cannabis in Mogodagama, Katugastota. They were produced before the Kandy Magistrate's Court, police said.

They have been selling the cannabis on a motorcycle with a child alongside, police said.

The suspects were arrested by Anti-Corruption Unit OIC Senarath and on the instructions of Katugastota Police OIC Uvindasiri.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara Annual Feast begins

PRIYAN DE SILVA

The 113th Annual Feast of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Matara commenced on August 31.

Administrator of the Shrine Rev. Fr. Michael Colin Nixon said that the festivities this year will be held on a low key in keeping with the health guidelines. He said that special transport and accommodation will not be provided for pilgrims this year.

COVID-19: Small gatherings a concern

Images of packed beaches, lakes and bars have made the rounds on traditional and social media for much of the summer, drawing scorn from those concerned about the coronavirus spreading among those crowds.

Less prominent but also troubling are the growing instances of case clusters arising from smaller gatherings.

Contact tracing yields information about the sources of infections as the USA, by far the world leader in total COVID-19 cases and deaths, grapples with how to keep its population safe while propping up a flagging economy. More than 182,000 Americans have been killed by the disease.

The hasty reopening of businesses across much of the nation after the spring shutdown was largely blamed for a summer surge in infections, but social functions of various sizes among relatives, friends and co-workers may have been a contributing factor as well.

Public health experts sound the alarm as the Labor Day weekend approaches.

"People don't think of it in the same way as the (President) Trump rally in Tulsa, a bunch of people on the beach or in the bars, but these small events add up to a lot. It's just invisible," said Dr. Peter Chin-Hong, a professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco who specializes in infectious diseases.

There's no generally accepted definition of what's a small gathering - it may range from five to 30 people - and the majority of these activities take place behind closed doors. That makes it difficult to garner hard data about them.

In late July, Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said contact tracing revealed 44% of those testing positive for the virus in the state reported attending a family activity and 23% a house party, but the size of the events was not specified. Plenty of anecdotal evidence supports the notion that getting together with people outside the immediate household, even in fairly limited numbers, can lead to a rash of infections. Chin-Hong said several of the COVID-19 patients he treated believe they caught the virus at barbecues.

Weddings have



been more troublesome, including a 100-guest event in San Francisco in early July that resulted in at least 10 people contracting the virus, among them the bride and groom.

"Small gatherings are a concern because there's so many of them. They may account for a much greater proportion of the cases than we think right now," said Dr.

George Rutherford, a colleague of Chin-Hong's at UCSF and the principal investigator for California's contact tracing program. Rutherford emphasized the need for those planning to attend or host functions on Labor Day weekend to practice social distancing and wear masks as much as possible, but he's even more wary of what may be in

store after Thanksgiving. Extended families traditionally convene on that holiday, often after traveling from far away, and sit around for long stretches, be it eating or watching NFL games on TV. The dinners are almost always held indoors, where limited ventilation makes it easier to contract the virus. "Everybody's going to be

there with their belts undone and the top button off their pants, snoring and laying without masks on watching football in some tiny little den," Rutherford said. "It's not a pretty picture. There could be a lot of transmission. And Christmas is going to be exactly the same. It's unfortunate, but this is not the year for family gatherings."

Given human nature, it's nearly impossible to prevent them. Matt Lambert, an emergency room physician based in Washington, D.C., said he would advise against any gatherings bigger than 25 people, small enough for the hosts to inquire about symptoms before the event.

Those seeking to congregate for special occasions could take extreme measures, like a couple Lambert heard of who held their wedding at a zoo, where the staff enforced distancing regulations.

Even then, it's hard to keep people apart.

"We're not made that way," Lambert said. "You get extended loved ones together, especially at a wedding, and there's going to be some hugging going on."

Lambert said he has treated patients who contracted the virus at a dinner with only eight participants, although he noted the party was held indoors and guests sat close to each other. (USA Today)

DRAW NUMBER : 4231 OFFICIAL RESULTS

MAHAJANA SAMPATHA

DATE: 31-08-2020

WINNING LETTER **F** WINNING NUMBERS **1 7 6 0 3 8**

Prize structure - from right to left

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize Money (Rs.)	No. of winners
1st Prize	1 7 6 0 3 8	2,000,000/-	01
2nd Prize	7 6 0 3 8	100,000/-	11
3rd Prize	6 0 3 8	10,000/-	107
4th Prize	0 3 8	1,000/-	1,092
5th Prize	3 8	100/-	10,886
6th Prize	8	20/-	108,122

Prize structure - from left to right

Prize	Winning Numbers	Prize Money (Rs.)	No. of winners
7th Prize	1 7 6 0 3	10,000/-	11
8th Prize	1 7 6 0	1,000/-	109
9th Prize	1 7 6	100/-	1,131
10th Prize	1 7	50/-	10,844
11th Prize	F	20/-	43,322

Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.10,253,780.00

Prizes of Rs.500,000 or over are liable to Govt. taxes. Winners must produce the National ID card and claim prizes. Winning tickets are valid for a period of six months from the date of the draw.

The Super Prize of next draw **Rs.30,622,732.00**

NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD
32, Deshamanya N. W. J. Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo - 01.
Tel: 0114 607 000, 0112 324 324 Fax: 0114 663 416

Vasana Sampatha
Official Results
Draw No. 1609
Date 2020.08.31

English Letter **A** ONCE A HERO
Winning Nos. **20 45 50 66**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money	No. of winners
01 Prize	Four Numbers are correct	1,000,000/-	01
02 Prize	Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	100,000/-	02
03 Prize	Family Five Numbers are correct	2,000/-	09
04 Prize	Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	500/-	104
05 Prize	Family Five Numbers are correct	100/-	4,035
06 Prize	Three Numbers and English Letter are correct	60/-	2,406
07 Prize	Family Five Numbers are correct	20/-	60,487
08 Prize	Family English Letter is correct	20/-	9,384

Total prize money won in this Draw **Rs. 3,367,280.00**

Next Super Prize **Rs. 23,221,560.90**

Mega Power
DRAW NUMBER : 598
OFFICIAL RESULTS
DATE 2020.08.31

English Letter **R** Super Number **24 23 38 44 74**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money (Rs.)	No. of winners
1st Prize	If all 4 Numbers are correct	1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	If only 3 Numbers with English Letter is correct	100,000.00	06
3rd Prize	If all 3 Numbers are correct	5,000.00	166
4th Prize	If only 2 Numbers with English Letter is correct	500.00	380
5th Prize	Only 2 Numbers are correct	100.00	6,847
6th Prize	If only 1 Number with English Letter is correct	40.00	6,613
7th Prize	Only 1 Number are correct	20.00	146,612
8th Prize	Only English Letter are correct	20.00	26,721

Biggest Prize NEXT MEGA SUPER PRIZE **Rs.231,908,744.35**

NEXT POWER SUPER PRIZE **Rs.13,012,379.20** NEXT GRAND SUPER PRIZE **Rs.12,135,190.40**

Total Prize Won in This Draw **Rs.6,846,880.00**

OFFICIAL RESULTS
DRAW DATE **31 / 08 / 2020** DRAW NUMBER **1531**

WINNING NUMBERS **07 09 18 55**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money (Rs.)	No. of winners
1 PRIZE	ALL 04 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 500,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 03 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 15,000.00	10
3 PRIZE	03 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	126
4 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 02 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 200.00	369
5 PRIZE	02 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	5290
6 PRIZE	SUPER NUMBER & 01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 60.00	4887
7 PRIZE	01 NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	66466
8 PRIZE	ONLY THE SUPER NUMBER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	16492

TOTAL PRIZES WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 2,831,180.00**

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

SUPER PRIZE OF THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 20,774,432.68**

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OFFICIAL RESULTS

DRAW NUMBER **2526** DRAW DATE **31.08.2020**

ENGLISH LETTER **Q** WINNING NUMBERS **08 15 43 47**

Prize	Prize Structure	Prize Money (Rs.)	No. of winners
1 PRIZE	IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	07
3 PRIZE	IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	199
4 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	433
5 PRIZE	IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	10,802
6 PRIZE	IF LETTER & ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 40.00	7,010
7 PRIZE	IF ANY NUMBER CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	177,563
8 PRIZE	IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	32,336

TOTAL WINNERS OF THIS DRAW **228,350**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY WON IN THIS DRAW **Rs. 7,089,580.00**

SUPER PRIZE FOR THE NEXT DRAW **Rs. 61,320,006.00**

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

31.08.2020 - TOTAL PRIZE WINNERS PRODUCED BY NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD **763,602**

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY DISTRIBUTED AMONG WINNERS **30,388,700.00**

Rs. 2,000,000.00 PRIZES **01** Rs. 1,000,000.00 PRIZES **02** Rs. 100,000.00 PRIZES **29**

A new map to track your town across millions of years

Want to know whether your hometown would have been submerged underwater millions of years ago? Want to know how close you live to some of the Earth's most historic geological events? Now you can.

A California-based paleontologist has created an interactive map that allows people to see how far their hometowns have drifted over 750 million years of continental drift. The designer of the map, Ian Webster,

included a range of features, such as historical data that helps users to learn more about the historical periods of our planet. Webster built his map as a web application that sits on top

of another map that visualizes geological models by geologist and paleogeographer Christopher Scotese. The original map details plate tectonic development over the last 750 million



years. "The history of Earth is longer than we can conceive, and the current arrangement of plate tectonics and continents is an accident of time," Webster explained to CNN. "It will be very different in the future, and Earth may outlast us all."

Webster's site also utilizes GPlates, a software that geologists use to visualize plate tectonic reconstructions.

The interactive map lets users enter their exact location and anchor that location into plate tectonic models.

Then, the users can see where their town or city location was hundreds of millions of years ago.

It's fascinating to see how "flexible" the Earth's landscape is over the course of millions of years.

Pinpointing London in the United Kingdom, for example, will let you see that its exact location was submerged underwater for many millions of years.

The map was built to illustrate complex and interesting scientific data in an interactive and user-friendly manner so that it can be used by teachers, professors, and anyone interested in the Earth's history, Webster explained.

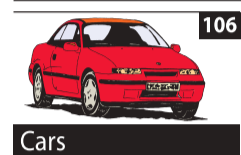
It is a fascinating look into the way our Earth has evolved since the time of the dinosaurs and beyond.

"It is meant to spark fascination and hopefully respect for the scientists that work every day to better understand our world and its past," he told CNN.

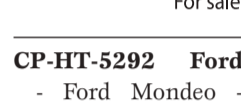
"It also contains fun surprises, for example how the US used to be split by a shallow sea, the Appalachians used to be very tall mountains comparable to the Himalayas, and that Florida used to be submerged."

(CNN)

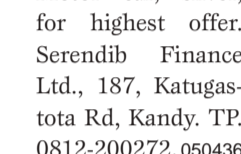
Daily News Classifieds



WP KT-5539 Suzuki Swift, 2010, car for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No.310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Tel: 0714542958, 0714515236. 049249



CP-HT-5292 Ford - Ford Mondeo - Motor car, silver, for highest offer. Serendib Finance Ltd., 187, Katugastota Rd, Kandy. TP. 0812-200272. 050436



M/Cycles & T/Wheelers



NC AAJ-5739 Bajaj, 2013, Three-wheel for highest offer. Vallibel Finance PLC, No.310, Galle Road, Colombo-03. Tel: 0711210810. 049245

National Gem and Jewellery Authority
New Ministry of Gems & Jewellery Related Industries
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Office Building on Rent / Lease at Matara
BID NO - NGA/JR/57/2020

The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Gem & Jewellery Authority invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Supply of a building with a space between 1250-1500sqft facing a main road or 200m close to the main road, at Matara city limits to be used as a Regional Office. Premises should be available with electricity, water supply and drainage facilities and parking space for about 03 vehicles.

Conditions:
Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NVCB) provisions.

Description of the Procurement	Price & Date
Applicable non-refundable document fee	Rs. 3,000.00+VAT
Value of the bid bond to be submitted	Rs. 12,000.00
Last date & time of accepting Bid Documents	23.09.2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Date & Time of Opening	23.09.2020 at 10:15 a.m.

(i) Bid Documents could be obtained from the Assistant Director (Enhancement & Regional Development), National Gem & Jewellery Authority, Regional Office, Bandaraawata Road, Paharana, Matara and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 3,000.00 + VAT on normal working days between 9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. from 02.09.2020 to 23.09.2020. The mode of payment will be in cash.

(ii) Only the owners of the premises shall submit their offers. All offers should (certified copies) include full details including expected lease / rent amount, terms and conditions with copies of the title deed, survey plan and building plan approved by the Municipal Council.

(iii) Bids must be sent to the National Gem & Jewellery Authority, Regional Office, Bandaraawata Road, Paharana, Matara under registered post or deposited in the Tender Box available at Regional Office, Matara not later than 10.00 a.m. on 23.09.2020. Please indicate "office building on Rent/Lease 2020" on the top left hand corner of the sealed envelope.

(iv) Permitted bid documents should be accompanied by bank guarantee / bid bond for the value (Rs. 12,000.00) relevant to the bid documents as indicated above and issued by a commercial bank and valid for a minimum period of 120 calendar days from the date of opening of bids (from 23.09.2020 to 23.01.2021).

(v) Bids will be opened at Regional Office at Matara 10.15 a.m. on 23.09.2020. The bids received after 10.00 a.m. will be rejected and returned unopened. The bidder or his representative may participate at the bid opening.

(vi) Need access facility for disabled.

Further details:
• Deputy Director (Address) 0713 - 30 25 25

The Chairman - Department Procurement Committee
National Gem and Jewellery Authority
No. 15 Galle Road, Three Storey (Colombo 03)
Tel: 011-2321205, 2327204, and 2396645 Fax: 011-2320735, 011-2331317
Web site: www.nga.gov.lk

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LAKE HOUSE

Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council
Municipal Engineering Department

Invitation for Quotations

Sealed quotations in duplicate (two copies) are invited for the following works.

Description/Name of the work	ICTAD Registration Grade	Bidding Document Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Tender Deposit (Rs.)	Contact person for further details
Construction of the Nedimala Ayurveda	C-7	2,000.00	26,906.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208
Construction of Security Boundary Fence around the playground at Attidiya	C-7	2,000.00	27,560.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208
Construction of a Multi-Purpose Building at Badowita (checking/ inspecting of meat, muster and separating of garbage/waste)	C-6	2,500.00	113,360.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208
Construction of upstairs of the official residence at the Dudley Senanayake Road	C-6	2,500.00	54,080.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208
Floor Tile laying and renovation of "Jananada" Reception Hall at Mihindu Mawatha	C-7	2,500.00	26,780.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208
Renovation of the places such as Health Muster, Physical Culture Centre (ground) and reading hall and children's playground at Dudley Senanayake Mawatha	C-8	2,000.00	22,360.00	Chief Municipal Engineer. Tel: 011-2727208

Closing Date and Time of Acceptance of Quotations :
Acceptance of quotations will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 23.09.2020. Late quotations received after the prescribed date and time will be rejected.

Issuance of Quotation Application Forms (Bidding Documents) :
Issued up to 3.00 p.m. on 22.09.2020 at the Municipal Engineer's Department at the Dehiwala Municipal Council Building, Dehiwala.

Place of where the Tender Box is kept :
At the office of the Municipal Commissioner, Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council, Dehiwala. Tenders duly completed should either be sent by post or hand delivered to the following address to receive before the closing time.

Other Terms and Conditions:

- To obtain Tender documents, the bidders should have to submit their valid Registration Certificate for the CIDA Grade of Registration for the authenticity of the certificates. (If relevant only).
- Quotations should be submitted only on the bidding documents/forms obtainable from this office.
- Quotation forms will be issued only upon a request on a business letterhead of the tenderer.
- Relevant quotation documents could be inspected free of charge at the Municipal Engineer's Department, Dehiwala.
- Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of tenders. In case if this date the published as a public holiday, quotations will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on the next working day, and quotations will be opened immediately thereafter.
- Tenderers or their accredited agents could be present at the opening of tenders.
- Dehiwala Mount Lavinia Municipal Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid/quotations or all the Bids.

W.T.A. Manel,
Dehiwala-Mount Lavinia Municipal Council,
Dehiwala.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - EASTERN PROVINCE

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Procurements are invited by the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee for the following items.

BID No.	DETAILS	UNIT	PROGRAMME
GOSL/EP/25/PRO/ Agriculture Machinery & Inputs/2020	Maize Seeds Extractor	297 Nos.	PSDG
	Grass Cutter Multi-Function Machine	297 Nos.	
	Tarpaulin	297 Nos.	
	Sprinkler 1/2 Ac	100 Nos.	

Bids should be submitted on forms obtainable from the Provincial Director, Department of Agriculture, Eastern Province, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee. Bid document will be issued from **02.09.2020 to 30.09.2020** between 09.00 a.m. and 03.00 p.m. on working days on payment of Rs. 1,000.00 to the Bank of Ceylon Main Branch Trincomalee (Branch No. 006) A/C No. 0005849161 as non-refundable document fee per Bid Document.

Sealed Bid may be dispatched either by Registered Post or hand delivered to the Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, Provincial Director, Department of Agriculture, Eastern Province, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee to receive before 10.00 a.m. on **02.10.2020**. Bid Number should be indicated on the left-corner of envelope.

Bids will be opened immediately after the closing at the Department of Agriculture, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee, Eastern Province. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening 10.00 a.m. on 02.10.2020 of the Bids.

Bid document may be inspected with free of charge at the Department of Agriculture, Eastern Province, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee.

Further details may be obtained from the Provincial Director, Department of Agriculture Building Complex, Kanniya Road, Varothayanagar, Trincomalee, during the normal office hours.

Telephone : 026-2222665, 026-2223077
Fax : 026-2222153, 026-2223077

Provincial Director
Chairman, Department Procurement Committee,
Department of Agriculture,
Kanniya Road,
Varothayanagar,
Trincomalee.

COMMENT
BY ELMO RODRIGOPULLE



England back in the shining spotlight

Let's thank small mercies. Rather than lock down cricket completely, at least we had England opening the doors to the two teams to round up a wonderful series with victories over the West Indies and Pakistan at home. Take a bow England

The series was played behind closed doors with no spectators allowed which to an extent dimmed the interest, and made it look like a funeral parlour, yet it could not be helped, because it was done in the interest and safety of all.

With the absence of the spectators the England and Wales Cricket Board were deprived of the all-important revenue which could not be helped.

The curse in the English cricket scene is the fickle weather, especially the cold and the intermittent showers that continue to plague the game. England players are quite at home in these conditions. Its the tourists from warmer countries who find it difficult to unwind and play their natural game and show their prowess.

The first foreign team to step out into the playing fields of England were the West Indies. They were not expected to trouble the home team who had the better players man for man and home conditions favoring them.

But after stunning England in the First of Three Tests where they turned the cricket world upside down, the Windies were no hoppers in the next Two Tests and succumbed meekly which would have had their former greats hiding their faces in shame.

But West Indies, from the time they stepped into the big league, have based cricket on the fact that the ball is there to be hit. And hit they will. And with no care whether it is a good or bad ball and not to be caressed like some damsel.

The mention of the word damsel brings to mind what Gary Sobers who was then the coach of the Sri Lanka team said at cocktail party when Abu Fuard introduced me to Sobers.

Sri Lanka were down to playing a Test in Asgiriya. I asked Gary what he would do first after reaching Asgiriya :whether he would have a look at the wicket. Promptly came the reply: 'No. I would first grab a damsel', to much laughter by Gamini Dissanayake who was then the cricket President and 'Killi' Rajmahedren who was Vice President. That was Sobers the greatest all rounder produced in the game for you.

Back to the topic and West Indies will never again produce the champion cricketers they produced in the early 1960s when Frank Worrell led the team to Australia for a Test series that rewrote the record books by playing the first ever tied Test in Brisbane. Australia was led by their great Richie Benaud.

That Windies team had Sobers, Kanhai, Hunte, Smith, Nurse, Hall, Watson, Griffith, Gibbs and Solomons who come to mind. It was Soloman who threw down the wicket to run out the Aussie last man to signal the first ever tied Test in the history of the game.

Then the Windies glorious years were the 1970s and '80s when Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards led them. The greats in those teams were Greenidge, Fredricks, Haynes, Lloyd, Richards, Gomes, Logie and the terror fast bowlers in Roberts, Holding, Garner, Croft, Marshall, Daniel and Boyce who were simply feared and unplayable.

West Indies cricket will never again see the likes of those greats who were great attractions where ever they played with their brilliance in their respective departments of the game.

With rain and bad light continuing to interrupt, the third and final Test between England and Pakistan ended in a draw and England pocketed their second series victory which should strengthen their claims to become the Test Champions of cricket. England will be savoring the sweet taste of success while Pakistan who visited with high hopes which were dashed.

In the drawn Third Test, England's Zak Crawley 267 and Jos Buttler 152 made the Pakistanis chase leather that took England to 583 for 8 dec. and left the Pakistani batsmen to sink or swim with odds favoring England for an innings win which would have been a reality had not rain and bad light curtailed play for most of the Test.

Pakistan managed 273 with classic knock of 141 by captain Azhar Ali and having the ignominy of following on were 187 for 4 when the adverse weather saved them from yet another big defeat.

Anyway Pakistani need not be disappointed with their series loss. They have some talented cricketers ably led by Azhar Ali and a great coaching staff comprising Misbah ul Haq, Waqar Younis pace bowling coach, Mshtaq Ahmed spin bowling coach and Younis Khan batting coach.

In the final Test England paceman James Anderson a hard working bowler richly deserved bagging his 600th Test wicket in a glittering career that is nearing its end.

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NSF resumes with marathon, cycling and race walk events

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sports Ministry is ready to conduct three events of the 46th National Sports Festival(NSF) Marathon, Cycling and Race Walking (men and women) on two days, October 10, 11 at Kataragama. The three events will be open events this time but from the next year back to the previous system of provincial basis. Race walk men and women will commence at 5.30am on October 10 while the men's cycling race will commence at 8am followed by the women's cycling race at 8.30am. The marathon both men and women will start at 5.30am on October 11.

Due to Covid 19 pandemic once again organisers will conduct this events as open events like the previous year. However athletes and cyclists have to apply for registration through the Provincial Sports Director. The closing date of the application is September 30 for these three events.

The winners of the marathon, cycling and walking races (men and women) will receive gold, silver and bronze for the first three places while cash awards of Rs 50, 000 to Rs. 8,000 up to first ten places. There are 30 sport events included for this 46th National Sports Festival

and so far only one event, Cross Country race both men and women was conducted at Nuwara Eliya before the Covid 19 pandemic on last February. However all the events scheduled to finish by third week of the December.

Meanwhile there is a possibility to prune down some events after discussions with the Sport Minister but it has not finalised yet said a senior official of the Sport Ministry. The final event is scheduled to held at the Sugathadasa Stadium Colombo after laps of eight years. Last year final event was held in Badulla.



Last year's race walk event in progress at Anuradhapura.

Kandy PSSC revive its annual calendar

Text & pic. by UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA
-Kandy Sports Special Corr.

Public Service Sports Club (PSSC) of Kandy which was inaugurated in the year 1946 by then Government Agent of Kandy, Sir Richard Aluwihare which was formed for the recreation of the Public Servants of Kandy is at present functioning very well under the General Secretary, Walter Ranasinghe. In the past the Club has been organizing Outdoor games as well as Indoor games annually and they have produced National level Billiard and Snooker players such as former D.I.G. G.B.Yatigammana, A.S.P. Ekanayake and T.M.K.Wijesinghe to name a few.

They have also produced Bridge players of the calibre of Vijaya Karunathillake, former Principal of Vidya Peetaya, Polgolla, Bennie Perera and T.M.K.Wijesinghe.

The Club had a Committee Meeting on 26th of August, '20 at 10.00 A.M. at the club House headed by the Secretary of the Club, Walter Ranasinghe. During the proceedings the members decided to organize its Annual Sports Programme including the Club Night by mid September, which was postponed due to Covid - 19 epidemic. The Senior Vice-



The group of the Committee members who attended the Meeting. Seated from left: N.Nishantha (Treasurer) D.D.Palihakkara (Senior Vice-President) Walter Ranasinghe (General Secretary). Standing from left: N.Chandrasekera (Sports Secretary) P.Manamperi (Assistant Secretary) Sunil Nillagoda, Thilak Dissanayake, and Sena Jayaratne.

President of the Club D.D. Palihakkara, former Assistant Post Master General attended the meeting with some of the other members and discussed the Sports events etc. and the other festivities to be organized on the day of the Sports Meet.

Ashhar Hameem to steer SLAS for next four years

Text and pictures by P D DE SILVA

Ashhar Hameem a founding member and a former President of the Southern Motor Sports Club was elected uncontested as President of Sri Lanka Automobile Sports (SLAS) the controlling body for Motor Sports in the country while Shehan de Tissera of the Colombo Motor Sports Club and Upulwan Serasinghe of the Negombo Motor Sports Club were elected as Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

The Annual General Meeting of SLAS was held at the auditorium of the Institute of Sports Medicine on Monday (31) evening. The election committee headed by Rtd Major General Mano Perera comprised Champa Gunawardena and Olga M.Gamage (Director of Sports, Education Department) did not have to go through the chores of counting votes as election to all the posts were uncontested.

In the run-up to the SLAS AGM four objections filed were rejected by the election committee while the Court of Appeal



Ashhar Hameem

turned down an application made by the Nuwara Eliya Motor Racing Club praying for an interim order to prevent the AGM being held.

Ashhar who hails from Matara is an old boy of Rahula College Matara and Royal College Colombo. He has been an active participant in the racing arena since the age of 16 and is an experienced driver who was the overall winner of the Ruhunu Rally for three consecutive years, the Negombo Rally 2002 and SLADAR 1000 in 2007. He represented the Southern Motor Sports Club on the SLAS committee and has also held the post of Vice President.

Motor sports in Sri Lanka has been placed in capable hands for the next four years as it's new President is an International Race Official and Administrator trained by FIA-CAMS Australia and British Automobile Racing Club who has officiated at the Formula 1 races in Australia, India and thrice in Singapore. He has two decades of experience as an organizer, race director and steward of many motor races and rallies held locally.

TTASL hopes Sports Minister will heed their grievances

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Table Tennis Associations of Sri Lanka (TTASL) has no own place to conduct practices and hope to fulfil this much needed requirement very soon. "Actually we have identified a place at Narenthipita which is a warehouse that is large enough to construct more than five areas with tables and space for spectators," said Secretary of the TTASL Chandana Srinath Wijetunga.

However with all this difficulties TTASL is hoping to resume their activities by conducting the Mayor's Cup in Kandy in October for leading players after a break of six months will followed by the National championship in November (Senior and Junior). TTASL held a Special General Meeting to discuss ways to resume their activities by conducting a few local tournaments.

The local tournaments always give big boost for the paddlers to take part at the international events. However due to lock down period paddlers had to practice at their own places with their personal coaches.

Meanwhile TTASL has to conduct trails to select the National pool focusing international events.

According to the TTASL Secretary, after the local ranking tournaments of Mayor's Cup in Kandy and National cham-



Chandana Srinath Wijetunga

pionships in November international events will commence with the South Asian Junior Championship in November in Bangladesh. The National players hope to ready for the international tournaments after get some match practice from the local tournaments. Actually in this year most of the ranking tournaments have been postponed due to Covid -19 epidemic and this was badly effect for the paddlers to improve their rankings.

TTAL Secretary further said that it is difficult to conduct practice sessions for National players without a venue. TTASL hopes that new Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa will help them address their grievances.

Meanwhile former Secretary of the TTASL Reza Lathif who was away in UAE for more than ten years is back home and once again is keen to associate with the sport. "We are second only to India at the South Asian region because they have many facilities and even sports schools to conduct training and raise the standard of their sportsmen. Sri Lankan paddlers have already won silver medals at SAG but now wanted to go ahead to win gold medals at the SAG region before reach the Asian level. Earlier TTAL also discussed with the Sport Ministry to get the services of a Chinese coach for the National players and hope to get a positive response from the Ministry.

Motor racing legend Priya remembered

HAFIZ MARIKAR

Kandy's motor sports community remembers, Priya Munasinghe who was a Sri Lankan Motor Racing champion, who dominated the regional Motor Sports scene of Sri Lanka and Malaysia from mid 1960s to 1977. A product of Ananda College where he excelled in cricket and long distance running, he held the public school 110 metre hurdles record for nine years. He died on 29 November 2001 (aged 60 years).

Priya Munasinghe functioned as the Secretary of Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports at the time of his death; he was a past President and Vice President of Sri Lanka Motor Cycle Club and Upcountry Motor Sports Club on several occasions throughout the last 18 years. After retiring from active participation in 1977, he worked in the administration side of Motor Sports. Priya Munasinghe was a founder member of Sri Lanka Association of Racing Drivers and

Riders in 1983. In 2008 the Annual Nuwara Eliya Road Races organized by the Sri Lanka Motor Cycle Club was held in association with the Nuwara Eliya Municipal Council. That year there was a trophy in memory of late Priya Munasinghe.. It must be recalled he was one of the best exponents in Mini racing in Sri Lanka and he thrilled the crowds in the nineteen sixties and seventies and later played a major role in organising motor racing events and also in an administrative capacity as the secretary of the Sri Lanka Association for Motor Sports.

The Mini racing in Sri Lanka began in 1964 when Priya Munasinghe raced a standard Mini 850 in Katukurunda. At the time it would have been a curiosity to see this diminutive car dwarfed by the Ford Anglias, Peugeot 203's, Fiat 1100 and Hansa Borgwards which were seen regularly on the race track at the time. Then, Priya made his Modified Production

Car debut in the Mini Cooper S in 1969 at the Asian Road Race, which by the way was the only time they had a race meet at Galle Face - before the Colombo Night Races.

This was the race where the little Mini comprehensively beat its competitors; despite it being airborne after clipping a sandbag in the final lap Priya Munasinghe became a household name in the 1293 cc Mini Cooper beating cars that were way much more powerful than the Mini. Many of Priya's challengers had cars with an engine capacity that was 2 or 3 times the engine capacity of the Mini. He was born in Negombo, and at one time was a resident of Kandy at Aniewatte, During that time he gave a big hand for Up-Country Motor Sports Club and Kandy Motor Sports Club, with this writer as his secretary. The other persons who gave a big hand were Maurice Perera., Ananda Krishnaratne, Donald Fernando, later Janaka Pathirane and few others gave good support.

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Vantage FFSL President's Cup final

Colombo FC out to bring Blue Eagles down to earth

Football's greatest finale between Colombo Football Club and Blue Eagles Sports Club for the inaugural 'Vantage FFSL President's Cup' will turn out to be a cliffhanger when they clash at Sugathadasa Stadium today, with kick-off scheduled at 6.30 p.m.

After over three weeks of intensely competitive football, the final hurdle has been reached, with two prominent teams in the soccer arena confronting each other for supremacy. This is the first tournament to kick off after the outbreak of the Covid-19 since March this year.

Blue Eagles SC have a superior record over their rivals, by being the only team in the competition to remain undefeated. They launched their campaign with a 2-1 win over Crystal Palace Football Club in the opener. They went on to down SLTB and their current rival Colombo FC 3-1 and 2-0 respectively. After being knocked out 0-3 in the quarter finals, the game was awarded to them when they lodged a protest against New Star SC for fielding an overage player. They were given a torrid time by Java Lane SC before edging through 4-3 in the penalty shootout, after a 2-all draw at the full-time whistle, to enter the final.

Blue Eagle SC had few injury concerns soon after their semi-final match, but some extraordinary care in the last few days by their doctors made them recover and fit to play. They are to field the same combination that started the game last Thursday. Three national poolist Ishan Kavindu, Subash Fernando and Ruwan Arunasiri will strengthen their side, which has turned out to be an unpredictable team. These three have turned out to



Blue Eagle SC team



Colombo FC team

be match winners for them. According to their General Secretary, Cheshan Rajapaksa they have had continuous practice sessions, including some video visuals of past matches of their

opponents, and had a brain storming session to motivate the boys mentally for the big occasion.

"We are fully geared up for this match. The boys are fit

after a few injury issues. The morale of the team is very high and I look forward to scoring a convincing win," said Cheshan Rajapaksa. Blue Eagles last major

achievement was way back in 2013 when they won the Super League, and they were the Defense Services Champions in 2017.

Meanwhile, Colombo FC is a side which cannot be underrated in any tournament. Even though they lost to their rivals in the league stage, they bounced back gallantly to win the quarter and the semi-final stage matches after some nerve tingling moments.

They crushed SLTB in the curtain raiser 3-0 and went on to trounce Crystal Palace 4-1, while going down 0-2 to Blue Eagles in the first-round matches. However, they ousted reigning FA Cup Champions Police SC 3-0, while notching up a close 5-4 win over Red Star SC after a 2-all draw at full time.

Colombo FC have an added advantage. They have a mix of eight national and former national players in their ranks like Charitha Rathnayake, Mohamed Fazal, Mohamed Aakib, Afeel Mohamed, Niran Kanishka, Shabeer Razooniya (all of whom are in the present national side), and Zarwan Johar and Mohamed Imran who



donned the national jersey previously.

Skipper Charith Rathnayake, a cool-headed player, has led them from the front to overcome stiff challenges. The rest of the players have contributed immensely by playing a pivotal role and winning matches for them.

They will retain the same eleven at the start-up line that played in the semi-finals. Speaking to Daily News their head coach Hassan Roomy said: "Even though we lost to them in the first round, we are a much better team. We have rectified our mistakes and will execute a better plan for today's match to win the game."

The Champions will receive Rs. 1.8 million with the Vantage FFSL President's Cup while the

The Vantage FFSL President's Cup final will be live telecast on Rupavahini Channel Eye from 6.30 p.m. A live commentary will be broadcast on air on SLBC sports sevice.

runner up will carry away Rs. 1.5 million. The most disciplined team of the tournament will receive Rs. 100,000 plus the Dinemore fair play trophy.

Sports Minister, Namal Rajapaksa will grace the occasion as the chief guest. Commander of Air force, D.L.S.Dias and Chief of Staff, Vice Air Marshal, S.K.Pathirana will also grace the occasion.

Blue Eagles SC:

DMDL Gunasingha (Capt.), DK Duminda, LHK Ishan, BSC Fernando, PAER Fernando, HMPR Arunasiri, KNH Fernando, PADUS Wijesena, PAJ Fernando, MMPCM Fernando, WN Malshan, DDMM Premachandra, WMA Fernando, UGRG Aththanayake, CK Danushka, HGC Pramantha, MSM Zimal, TD Dissanayake, DMAH Dissanayake, APC Mendis, DN Welagamage, LSWJ Zoysa, DMSC Dassanayake.

Colombo FC:

B.M.C.B. Rathnayake (Capt.), M. Rawme Mohideen, H. Niran Kanishka, M. Zarwan Johar, M.N.M. Rilwan, M. Nazeer Imran, M.N. Mohamed Fazal, M.N. Afeel Mohamed, N.A.M. Adhil, K.A. Buddhika Perera, A.R. Ahamed Shazny, M. Siraj Jain, M. Safran Sattar, M.F. Mohamed Aakib, M.S.M. Shakeer, Shabeer Razooniya, M. Haleem Rumban, M.I.M. Musharaf, S.N.M. Abdul Basith, K. Dinesh Suren, T.F. Bodric Dimitri, Y.S.J. Furic Momas, M. F. Ashim.

SLC plans future activities with health guidelines

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

The Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) is planning to host a T-10 tournament in December, with the participation of national and overseas players, said a senior official of the SLC. After the conclusion of the Lanka Premier League (LPL), which is scheduled to be played from November 14 to December 7, SLC is planning to conduct this T-10 tournament. "LPL will be concluded by the first week of December, the foreign players who will participate in the League will be in Sri Lanka. That's why we are planning to host the T-10 tournament with those same players, along with our national and domestic players," added the SLC official.

The LPL was originally scheduled from August 28. However, the health authorities' direction of following a 14-days quarantine period



Action from a Sri Lanka - Bangladesh Test match

forced SLC to reschedule it in November-December. Sri Lanka remains as one of the least affected country in the World from the deadly virus. The SLC has already successfully concluded Major League Tier 'A' domestic tournament. The country is considered as safest place to play international cricket. "Meanwhile Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) was awaiting

the 'go-ahead' from the Health Ministry and Sport Ministry for forthcoming Bangladesh cricket tour of Sri Lanka to take place from October 14 to November 13 after submitting letters to the respective Ministries," the SLC official further said.

The Bangladesh tour will comprise two parallel series - the National team playing Sri Lanka in a three-match

Test series, which is a part of the World Test Championship and the Development side taking on Sri Lanka Development side in another series of matches. Both series will take place concurrently. Test matches are already plan to play in Colombo and Pallekele. However due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there are strict health guidelines that need to be followed and there is a 14-day quarantine period for anyone traveling to the country from overseas. SLC is plan to conduct their future tournaments according to the health guidelines.

Bangladesh is expected to bring a squad of 65 comprising players of the National team, Development team and support staff and they are due to arrive 17 days ahead of the scheduled itinerary on September 27 in order to carry out their training sessions.

Mighty Warriors Sports Club cricket champs

Text and Pictures by: MOHAMED RIZAN, Addalalichenai Central Corr.

Mighty Warriors Sports Club, 6th Colony, Chavakade beat Osmaniya Sports Club, Sainthamaruthu to emerge champions of the limited 20 over's friendly cricket match conducted by Mighty Warriors Sports Club, 6th Colony, Savalakkade at the Al-Thajun school play grounds, 6th Colony in Chavakade recently.



The champions Mighty Warriors SC team with the guests.

This match was played to mark the introduction of a new jerseys to Mighty Warriors Sports Club. Mighty Warriors SC bat-

ting first scored 258 runs in their allocated 20 over's for the loss of four wickets. In reply Sainthamaruthu Osmaniya SC scored was

skittled out for 154 runs in 16.4 overs. Award ceremony was held under the chairmanship of Mighty Warriors Sports Club President M.H.M. Kabeer while Chavakade Police Station OIC Ramzin Pakeer, Singer Sri Lanka PLC, Sainthamaruthu branch Manager S.H.Jiffry, Sana Rice Mill Proprietor U.L.Farooq, Mighty Warriors SC Coach A.M.Janeez, Royal SC President A.M.Basheer were participated as guests.

Thehan and Oneli clinch U-18 Singles titles

CHANDRIKA FERNANDO

Top seed Thehan Wijemanne and Oneli Perera clinched the Boys' and Girls' Under-18 Singles title respectively in the Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path, Colombo yesterday.

Even then, fifth seed Oneli's success had a great amount of significance as she caused another major upset by overcoming the bottom seed Savini Jayasuriya in a thrilling final encounter.

In fact, Oneli the school-girl from Asian Interna-



Oneli Perera

tional School was down by a set after having conceded the opener 3-6 but displayed tremendous control thereafter and went on to win the remaining two



Thehan Wijemanne

sets 6-0 and 10-8 in a tie-breaker.

Meanwhile, Wijemanne of Royal College lived upto expectations as the hot favourite while overcom-

ing his schoolmate and the third seed Dhilvan Herath in straight sets 7-6, 6-2 after

an exciting contest. Earlier, top seed Hasali Gajaba of Visakha Vidyalaya defeated the sixth seed Ruvli Lewkebandara 6-2, 6-0 in one sided Girls' Under-14 Singles final encounter.

However, seventh seed Dinara de Silva of St. Bridget's Convent created a minor upset as she outplayed the more fancied fifth seed Onali de Silva in straight sets 6-0, 6-0 in the Girls' Under-12 Singles final.

18th 'DPGC' Challenge Trophy-MCA 'E' div. 25-Over League

Semifinals on September 5-6 at MCA

3DH International ended HSBC's dream run, when they inflicted the bankers first defeat after six wins on a trot, in the ongoing 18th 'DPGC' Challenge Trophy -MCA 'E' division 25 Over League Tournament 2020 continued with its quarterfinals recently.

3DH International's sensational 17 runs win over HSBC 'A' was fashioned by the sterling innings of Nilantha Wijekoon (65 in 32 balls, 6x4 & 4x8) and the useful, 42 not out by Milan Bhanuka. Wijekoon was associated in a match winning opening stand of 85 runs in 59 balls with Warun Ravimal (32).

Two superb batting performances by Dineth Thimodya (90 in 74 balls, inclusive of 04 sixes & 10 fours) and Nimesh Bandara (50) steered Eagle Logistics to an impressive 75 runs win UB Finance. Good batting by Krishan Godahewa (77 in 65 balls inclusive of 03 sixes & 08 fours) and a good spell of bowling by Geethaka Jayatillake (5-34-4) gave Commercial Leasing & Finance a fighting 16 runs win over Amana Bank. Notable per-

formances by veterans, Ranga Dias (47) and Charinda Fernando (36) and Sameera Fernando (3 for 19) guided Allianz Insurance to a comfortable 50 runs win over Akbar Bros.

The semifinals will be worked off this week-end at the MCA grounds, as follows.

Saturday, September 5: Commercial Leasing & Finance Vs. Eagle Logistics.

Sunday, September 6: Allianz Insurance Vs. 3DH International

Match Results /all quarter finals:

01st QF - Commercial Leasing Finance beat Amana Bank by 16 runs
Commercial Leasing & Finance - 163/8 (25) (Krishan Godahewa 77, Geethika Jayathilaka 25, Azlan Sam-sudeen 3/33)

Amana Bank - 147 (24.3) (Shamsul Muneer 38, Kevin Asoka 30, Geethika Jayathilaka 4/34, Arjuna Perera 2/24)

2nd QF - Eagle Logistics beat UB Finance by 75 runs

Eagle Logistics - 195/8 (25)

(Dineth Thimodya 90, Nimesh Bandara 50, Nihan Fernando 32, Andrew Parys 5/37, Piyumal Karunarathne 2/29)

U B Finance - 120 (24.2) (Damith Chaturanga 30 not out, Jayawickrama 18, Mohamed Faris 2/14, Prabudha Ranaweera 2/29)

3rd QF - Allianz Insurance beat Akbar Bros by 50 runs.

Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd - 169/7 (25) (Ranga Dias 47, Charinda Fernando 36, Damian De Byzer 20, Kusal Atapattu 3/45)

Akbar Brothers - 119 (23.4) (Sal-man Akbarally 53, Sudath Sanjeewa 20, Sameera Fernando 3/19, Mayura Ranasinghe 2/16)

04th QF - 3DH International beat HSBC 'A' by 17 runs

3DH International Group - 193/5 (25) (Nilantha Wijekoon 65, Milan Bhanuka 42*, Warun Ravimal 32, Ashail Kariyawasam 2/16)

HSBC - 176/9 (25) (Ashail Kariyawasam 63, Malinda Rukshan 44, Yohan Eranda 2/36, Dhenham Cra-man 2/29, Nilantha Wijekoon 2/20, Kolitha Nayananda 2/35)

'Stressed out' Djokovic brings intensity to atmosphere-free US Open

NEW YORK, TUESDAY: Novak Djokovic said his own "intensity" powered him into the second round of a crowdless US Open Monday as he started his bid for an 18th Grand Slam off with a straight-sets win.

The Serbian superstar defeated unheralded Damir Dzumhur of Bosnia-Herzegovina 6-1, 6-4, 6-1 in just under two hours at an eerily quiet Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York.

The world number one

took just 23 minutes to win the first set but labored to a narrow victory in the second before propelling himself into round two with a convincing third.

"I came out, played really well the first set. Second set

I lost my focus, kind of got stressed out a couple times, screamed," he told reporters.

"That's obviously still there, regardless of the empty stadium. But this is what I bring to the court. I bring a lot of intensity, ener-

gy. Sometimes my reactions may not be so positive, but I try to bounce back," he added.

Midway through the second set a clearly agitated Djokovic shouted in the direction of the stands at

members of his team. "Not the first time, probably not the last time," he said.

"I was frustrated with my game, with some of the shots that I was playing at that time. Just I guess channeled it out in that way.

"That's I guess not always the reaction that I want. As I said, that's kind of a game and kind of an intensity that I bring on the court. Sometimes these things happen."

Djokovic was also irked by a serve-clock rule that

appeared quicker than at last week's tournament at the same venue. "I was not aware of it. No one really brought it to my attention. The lack of communication is something that worries me once again," he moaned. **AFP**



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BOI approves US\$ 1.2 bn projects this year

US\$ 1 bn more investment in the pipeline for 2020

SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE

The Board of Investments has approved projects to the tune of USD 1.2 billion so far this year, Director General (DG) of BOI, Sanjaya Mohottala said.

Another USD billion is in the pipeline for 2020 and this number can be bettered next year, he opined. Sri Lanka also had seen a positive export trend from local and also BOI companies in July.

The geopolitical situation also helped in this regard.

He said that the political stability that was created after the government secured a 2/3 majority and the man-

agement method adopted to detect, eliminate and treat COVID 19 clusters and patients which is among the best in the world are major plus points to promote Sri Lanka not only as a destination for investment but also as a safe and secure country (health-wise) to invest.

Investors wanted a stable government and this has happened and now the investors want a corrupt-free country with a conducive environment for investments.

They also want to see the maintenance of unchanged policies. A hassle-free public service, adding of key infrastructure too are essential and

these will also help raise Sri Lanka's 'Ease of Doing Business Index.'

Sri Lanka should also look at more friendly 'long term visa offerings' to foreign investors and especially local expatriates who are doing well globally.

Sri Lanka is looking for a US\$ 1,000 million GDP. Sri Lanka also needs inclusive growth which in turn will help to reduce the disparity between have and have not.

The Director-General, however, said that these alone are not adequate to woo FDI to Sri Lanka and there are other components that are needed.

Firstly a multi-talented and hard-

working labor pool should be created and the present labor laws which are well accepted by intentional investors should be continued. He identified the manufacturer of Pharmaceuticals as a key sector to woo FDI. "Though Sri Lanka doesn't have the technological know-how we can build it by inviting global pharmaceutical giants to invest in Sri Lanka, manufacture (not Lanka's total requirement) using local skilled graduates and sell to the local market and for exports as well. This will create a billion-dollar vertical over the next decade.

"To pursue this we are planning to have a 200-acre pharmaceutical zone

in Hambantota and will get global pharmaceutical manufacturers to set up factories. We will also facilitate all clearance for their operations with local authorities."

Electronic components manufacturing especially for global aviation, motor, and even pharmaceutical sector could be done in Sri Lanka.

ICT is another vertical and already top global players such as HCL, London Stock Exchange and IFS are using a local talent pool and we must pursue more global technology companies to invest in Sri Lanka. Agriculture too would be another area for inclusive growth. **To page 19**



DG BOI Sanjaya Mohottala

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Central Bank continues to be flexible on online banking

DINESH PERERA

The Central Bank of Sri Lanka by circular dated 31 August continued to support the ease of use directives on digital banking brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. Accordingly, banks can continue to register customers digitally and waive off registration and initial annual fees for internet banking.

Banking applications using wallets can continue to use digital means of verification for opening. The Know Your Customer (KYC) details as laid out by the Financial Intelligence Unit of the Central Bank will be required to be verified within 30 days of opening.

The directive was signed by M R Wijewardena, the additional director for payments and settlements. The directive prevents fund deposits from digital wallets by over the counter methods. Under the Electronics Transaction Act Every ministry, department, institution, public corporation, or other similar body may accept or issue any document in the form of the data message, electronic record, electronic document, or other communication in electronic form.

The Central Bank is working on creating a shared KYC database to be accessible across the financial system and other parts of the economy. The Credit Information Bureau of Sri Lanka is also working on wider adoption of its credit score system.

Markets remain bullish due to local investors



RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The Local Stock Market has continued to remain bullish recording high levels of turnover post resumption of trading after remaining closed for a two-month period owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Local investors have played a key role, accounting for more than half the volumes recorded since reopen and continue to collect securities at low price points. The market has continued moving upward remaining resilient achieving post-pandemic levels.

The market which resumed for trading on May 11, has continued to remain resilient amidst foreigners exiting the market, which is not unique to the CSE but is that which is experienced by the markets around the world.

However, there has also been interest by foreign investors who have purchased Rs. 44 billion a year to date.

The Indexes which dropped to its lowest levels recorded in over a decade has recovered, recouping its losses and gaining ground. The Bench Mark All Share Price Index gained 205.07 points during the month of August to end the month at 5,329.33 points while the S&P SL20 index which represents the 20 largest, profitable and most liquid stocks on the exchange have also gained 180.10 points ending the month on 2,359.75 points.

The Consolidated turnover for the month of August was Rs.36.86 billion which accounts for a Rs. 1.84 billion daily average turnover during the month.

Export Development Council on the cards

LAKMI NANAYAKKARA

Steps will be taken to establish an Export Development Council in the near future, Minister of Trade Dr. Bandula Gunawardana told a special conference on Sri Lanka's Export Development outlook organized by the Export Development Board (EDB) on Saturday.

He said that the Export Development Council is a key component proposed in the Sri Lankan Export Development Act No 40 in 1979. Up to the present it was seen that the particular clause has not been attended to. "We can see that from the start the EDB has not worked according to the law," he said.

Thus the problem was addressed to the President during a Cabinet meeting and it was decided to establish an Export Development Council headed by the President consisting of Ministers in charge of the subjects of Trade, Shipping, Industries, Agriculture,

Plantation Industries, Textile Industries, Fisheries, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Planning, and Rural Industries.

The Export Development Council of Ministers will be subjected to any general or special directions given by the Cabinet of Ministers and be responsible for the formulation and implementation of national export development policies and programs.

"This makes it possible to attend to the difficulties and problems faced by the exporters of the country more efficiently with the respective ministries," he said.

He also said that with the recent discussions held with the European Council and the Ministry of Trade, the exporters could use the brand 'Sri Lanka when exporting cinnamon in the future and similar steps will be taken to gain the Sri Lanka brand to unique export products of the country.

To increase the exports of the country it is important to



Minister of Trade Dr. Bandula Gunawardana

diversify the products. New exporting products should be introduced deviating from the traditional exports of the country. Innovation thinking is vital to introduce new exporting products from the raw materials already available in the country. Another aspect is to diversify the worldwide markets. Apart from exporting to the European and the Western markets special consideration should be given to promote the Sri Lankan products in the African and the Asian markets.

With the advancement in technology, exports should be modernized to and steps should

be taken to export services such as Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The Minister also said that research proposals for new exporting products are accepted and steps will be introduced to develop them for mass production. With the outbreak of the COVID 19 pandemic the main sources of income for the country which are the Tourism industry and the remittance based income is predicted to provide negative results for the time being and it is required for the export industry to participate fully to fill the gap in the national economy.



State Minister Cabraal meets UN Resident Coordinator

State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal received a delegation led by Hanaa Singer, Resident Coordinator, UN Sri Lanka at the Finance Ministry last week. State Secretary R.M.A Rathnayake also participated at the meeting.

"Producers must eye goods with preferential market access"

INDUNIL HEWAGE

A webinar, organised by Sri Lanka Export Development Board under the theme, 'Finding an Overseas Buyer', highlighted the need for Sri Lankan exporters to identify potential overseas markets in commencing exports as selling into larger markets creates economies of scale which helps to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

Addressing the webinar, Charitha Yattogoda, Director of Commerce heading the Trade Promotion Division-Department of Commerce said in order to find right overseas buyers for Sri Lankan made products, local exporters need to analyze whether the identified product or products are having any preferential market access in foreign markets.

"Moreover, it is essential to select a product or prod-



Charitha Yattogoda

ucts of export interests, assess the export readiness, Assess whether the identified product or products could meet required quality standards stipulated in the identified potential overseas markets. Obtain required details related to local stakeholders and local requirements in relation to exporting the identified product or products and to reach out for potential buyers for the identified prod-

uct or products in the selected potential overseas markets in commencing exports," Yattogoda said.

Speaking on how to select a product or products of export interests, Yattogoda said main criteria for selection of product for export include trends in exports, product adaptability, trade restrictions, shifting spending patterns, production capacity and product availability, demand in potential export market, incentives and facilities offered by the government and quality and niche marketing.

He further said that the exporter has to identify imports in potential markets in particular tariff, para tariffs known as other duties and charges, non tariff measures, barriers such as Non tariff measures and Barriers such as sanitary

and phyto sanitary measures for protecting human, animal and plant health.

In addition, the exporters need to identify technical barriers to trade, especially measures related to environmental protection, public safety, National security etc, Yattogoda noted.

"It is also essential to check whether the identified products are qualified for preferential market access. To do that the exporter needs to check the list of eligible products under Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) as some arrangements have a positive list and concessions are granted for the products in the list while some arrangements have a negative list and concessions are granted for the products which are not in the list."

Port City attracts international service oriented brands

ANANDA KANNANGARA

The Colombo Port City (CPC) will mainly focus attention towards establishing worldwide Service-Oriented Brands after opening it for global investors. CHEC Port City Colombo, Public Relations Head Kassapa Senarath told the media session held to create awareness of Sri Lanka Press Association on the current progress of the Port City Colombo development project.

The Port City Project is being implemented under a tripartite agreement between the Ministry of Urban Development Authority and the China Communication Construction.

Senarath further said since the CPC is a service oriented project no opportunities are extended for investors to commence either industries or factories.

He said the Port City is mainly focusing on setting up International hotel chains, international financial services, Information technology services, International Insurance organizations, and many more international brands in order to

provide services from Sri Lanka to foreign countries.

"Our main objective is to set up the Regional Headquarters of all international brands in Sri Lanka so that it will not only help our country to become the hub of all international brands but also to provide a large number of employment opportunities to our youth", he said.

Senarath also highlighted that local traditional exports of tea, rubber, and coconut recorded the highest foreign exchange earner in the past and this situation drastically changed after introducing the service-providing sector in 2000.

He said after full operations of the Colombo Port City Project, Sri Lanka's service providing sector will further yield more fruitful results to uplift the Lankan economy.

Senarath said in addition to international service sectors foreign investors will also convey their willingness to set up a few shopping malls too, to attract local and foreign nationals visiting the Port City.

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Targets for future of coconut industry

Widely accepted as the pioneer of the coconut industry, the Coconut Development Authority was launched with the clear objective of enhancing the foreign exchange brought into the country through the export of coconut and coconut based products.

"The Sri Lankan coconut plantation is done encompassing approximately 1,100,000 acres of land area. This accounts for roughly 20% of the agricultural land of the country," said Director - Marketing Development & Research, Coconut Development Authority, Sampath Samarawickrema.

The coconut tree is closely connected with the socio-economic patterns of mankind and the product manufactured through different parts of the coconut tree has given birth to many lucrative industries. The coconut plantation of Sri Lanka has a rich and long history. It was noted that the harvest received during the past few decades accounts for a poultry average of approximately 3,109 million coconuts per annum.

Harvests of 4000 million or more coconuts are required for general consumption of the society and to cater to the demand of the various related industries.

However, the current yield of coconuts is recorded within the range of 2700 - 3000 million coconuts per annum (There are instances where this figure drops down to 2500 million in certain years). Sri Lanka constantly faces a shortage in coconuts given to the fact that there is a significant gap in the demand and supply for coconuts in the market.

A harvest of 3200 million coconuts (this is not the total demand) is required in order to give a fair price for the stocks held by coconut plantation owners engaged in the production of coconut based products, to prevent the industry from falling into a crisis and to make sure that the entire general public is able to purchase coconuts for a fair and reasonable price.



Sampath Samarawickrema, Director - Marketing Development & Research, Coconut Development Authority

Additionally it is important to retain the long-term international buyers who have vested interest in the local coconut exports by making sure the coconut based products sent into the international market are of high quality and is produced by following the best health and safety standards. This requires a stable annual coconut yield.

With that in mind, it will not be difficult to achieve these daunting targets if the industry strived to improve the harvest up to 3200 million coconuts based products, to prevent the industry from falling into a crisis and to make sure that the entire general public is able to purchase coconuts for a fair and reasonable price.

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Additionally, the domestic use of coconuts results in the inadvertent wastage of coconut shells, coconut peat, coconut water and coconut husk.

That means that the overall wastage of a coconut surpasses the afore mentioned 40%. However, these are raw materials which can be used within the coconut based products industry.

The Coconut Development Authority hopes to reduce the domestic coconut wastage by 30% by 2025.

The strategy to achieve this reduction is to discourage the use of coconuts and introduce housewives to the use of packaged coconut milk and coconut powder. The coconuts saved through this strategy will then in turn used within the aggregate coconut based product industry (coconut milk, coconut powder and pure coconut oil). This will significantly develop the exports of the coconut industry.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF COCONUT BASED PRODUCTS

It is important to make sure that the products which are sent into the international market are internationally competitive and is what the international market demands.

This means that the coconut based products exported should be adhering to internationally acclaimed health standards.

Fail to do so, Sri Lanka will have to take part in a heated competition with the likes of Philippines, India and Vietnam. This would only



increase the chances our products going unnoticed. Therefore, paying close attention to the standard of the products is crucial.

STEPPING INTO NEW INTERNATIONAL MARKETS

The Coconut Development authority constantly attempts to retain its existing international buyers at the same time seeks out new buyers by venturing into new markets with the hope of appreciating the price of the exported products. In similar fashion, the CDA plans to pay close attention to countries which are not currently dealing with Sri Lanka, getting into contact with foreign embassies and Constant General offices through the participation of international trade exhibitions, take part in B to B discussions and conventions, workshops, awareness programs and develop stringent measures to improve the export income generated by the coconut based product industry up to 1.5 billion USD by 2025.

FAIR OPPORTUNITIES CREATED FOR NEW COCONUT INDUSTRIES

The contenders within the coconut meat based industries need to improve if we are to realize the target of achieving an annual coconut yield of 3400 million coconuts by 2025. Furthermore, the existing industries need to upscale the volume of coconuts used within a year.

However, certain industries prefer to remain loyal to the traditional technologies.

They are restricted to their comfort zones since investing in new technologies request a considerable investment.

Fair and equal opportunities will be provided to these individuals if they are to step up as rigid industrialists and producers equipped with the required new technologies and craftsmanship, and are willing to pioneer new industries. Such a commitment would certainly simplify our journey towards achieve the targets mentioned through the discussion.

Time to create Sri Lankan global brand identity for coconut - Dr. Ajith Medis

Sri Lanka can easily increase the forex earnings from Coconut by creating an exclusive brand name for coconut similar to Tea said Senior Lecturer/Chairman- Center for Advance Marketing, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Ajith P. Medis

He said that this will create better brand awareness for Sri Lanka coconut which in turn helps to increase the prices of current exports. "A new global identity for Sri Lanka coconut will also help to secure more 'export orders' he said.

Medis said that firstly a fund should be set up which should be jointly managed by the government and private sector. The funds for this fund could be channeled through the government and also the private sector and a CESS similar to tea exports and Tourism too could be done.

He however said that simultaneously a mega coconut tea plantation program too should be done to 'up' the local supply.

Following is a Q and A with Dr. Ajith Medis.

Q: How is the current coconut market in the world?

A: Global coconut market continues to grow over the last decades. The total exports indicated resilient growth from 2007 to 2018: its volume increased at an average annual rate of +7.3% over the last eleven years. The demand for two coconut products namely coconut water and Virgin Coconut oil has sky rocketed during the last decade mainly due to their recently discovered health benefits.

The countries with the highest volumes of coconut production in 2018 were Indonesia, the Philippines, and India, together accounting for 73% of global production. These countries were followed by Sri Lanka, Brazil, Viet Nam, Papua New Guinea, and Mexico, which together accounted for a further 15%.

Indonesia was the largest exporter of coconuts in the world and Thailand took the second position in the ranking, followed by Viet Nam. All these countries together held near a 23% share of total exports. The following exporters - Cote d'Ivoire, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Mexico, Guyana, and India - together made up 17% of total exports.

In 2018, around 671K tonnes of coconuts were imported worldwide; surging by 26% against the previous year. In general, coconut imports continue to indicate a resilient increase.



Senior Lecturer/Chairman- Center for Advance Marketing, University of Kelaniya, Dr. Ajith P. Medis

Thailand and Malaysia were the largest importers of coconuts in 2018, reaching approx. 31% and 30% of total imports, respectively. China ranks next in terms of the total imports with a 9% share, followed by the U.S. (5.7%).

Q: Where is Sri Lanka in this market?

A: Sri Lankan agriculture sector has continuously performed as a key economic force in Sri Lanka, providing a significant contribution to the national economy. Sri Lanka exports a variety of agricultural products to the rest of the world.

Agriculture exports contributed 22% to the national exports in 2018. The principal crops are tea, rubber, coconut, and minor crops. The coconut sector is the third essential sector and one of the major plantation crops in Sri Lanka, which accounts for approximately 12% of all agricultural produce in Sri Lanka.

Sri Lanka has recorded a steady growth as an exporter and accounted for the fourth position as an overall coconut related product exporter in the world in 2018.

Q: Is Sri Lanka on the right path?

A: Individually, many companies have taken advantage of the increasing demand in the world market but I feel, the country needs a better approach to increase value-added products and especially developing brands.

We should make sure not to allow what took place to the Ceylon Tea

brand in the past where multinationals capitalized our true name and enjoyed larger profits whereas we fought with prices.

It is important to develop brands rather exporting coconut as a generic product as Dilmaha has done to tea. Otherwise, developed countries take higher profits from our products and we will fight for the lowest price with other exporters.

Some companies in Sri Lanka like NMK Holdings, Hayleys, etc. have established its own identity in the world but needs more work to be done with the support of the Government. The Government should play a more supporting and a vital role in terms of not just increasing the volume of coconut related exports, but deliberately supporting private companies to develop and establish more and more brands globally.

Q: What are the local trends in the market?

A: In terms of the local market, a lot of standards have been put in place but what I observe are poor awareness programs and monitoring mechanisms.

It is sad and hard for an ordinary consumer to buy good coconut oil for their day to day consumption. Even in the bottled market, the product is misleading like selling coconut oil based on color and aroma.

Q: What should be the role of the new government towards the development of the coconut industry?

A: The government should play a large role in educating and implementing many things in order to make sure that the Sri Lankan consumer gets quality oil at the end of the day.

The Ministry of Coconut development should also look at creating hybrid coconut plants and look at new areas outside the traditional coconut triangle to grow coconut.

Increasing of subsidy for new plantations and also existing plantations too should be increased to entice more plants being grown.

Another area that should be perused to increase coconut revenue is to have more local base value addition, especially in coconut fiber.

Seeking foreign expertise as well as the assistance of Coconut Institutes and Universities in this regard too should be done.

Importance of coconut and coconut-based substrate exports

Sri Lanka should do more value addition for coco peat

Sri Lanka should do more to do value addition for coco peat rather than discarding them.

Since it is a leftover substance, the coco peat poses a considerable threat to the environment. Instead of discarding these harmful leftovers into the environment, the local producers and importers of coco peat have thrived in the highly competitive industry by earning foreign exchange in for over 3 decades. These industrial experts were able to transform the traditional technologies and techniques used within the fiber industry to fit better contemporarily in the modern age to remain competitive within the international market.

As an important element in the coconut and coconut-based substrate industry, the coco peat related product exports have sustained a consistent 6% growth within the past 5 years. These efforts effort earned the country an export income of 150mn USD for the year 2019. The goal is to bring these earnings up to 300mn USD within the upcoming years.

There is a significant gap within the demand and supply for these products within the global market. This



acts as a formidable threat for the Sri Lankan importers. The effect of this is as such. When there is excess demand, and the suppliers are unable to effectively cater to it, reckless measures are taken to produce and import low-quality products. Giving prominence to quantity rather than quality acts detrimental for the coco peat suppliers. The sacrifice of the quality by not maintaining the proper production process puts the entire craft in a crisis.

As industrialists, another key challenge that we noticed is the entrance of amateur, inexperienced self-

proclaimed industrialists who lack the necessary know-how to operate within the market. These individuals follow questionable production standards, pricing mechanisms, and how they deal with the international market at times brings disgrace to the entire country. This kind of action blemishes the entire image of the Sri Lankan representation within the global market.

If this is to continue, it will be difficult to maintain the consistent and sustained 6% growth within the coco peat and coconut-based substrate exports industry. The industry would have to face an unavoidable crisis if this situation is to continue. The government should remain attentive to these producers and importers and intervene by formulating stringent policies and regulations. This is the ultimate contribution that can be given to stabilize the predicament and ensure the continuation of consistent and sustained economic growth.

Additionally, we believe the proper measures need to be taken to create a change in the perception of the unemployed ladies and gentlemen. These individuals show reluctance to engage within the industry since the same perception that the industry uses traditional means and technologies remains unchanged. Meas-

ures need to be taken to make them aware that such measures have been upgraded to fit the modern age and that the technologies are significantly superior to how they are perceived. Introducing these individuals to the modernized factories and creating employment opportunities to permit them to get a feel of the industry will create a spike in the interest levels.

The coir extracted by coconuts within a year for Sri Lanka is currently recorded as 3 billion. Only 33% of this coir is effectively used within the coir based production industry. If the amount of coir that is effectively used is improved by up to 60%, we will be able to realize an annual export income of 300 million USD shortly. The industry shall have a bright and prosperous future if the necessary coordination and support is given by the state authorities.

The Coconut and Coconut Related Substrate Exporters Association President extend his heartfelt concern regarding the betterment of the industry during the World Coconut Day which falls on September 2, 2020.

This article was written by Secretary, Exporter Association of Coconut Based Substrates Randheer Mallawarachchi.



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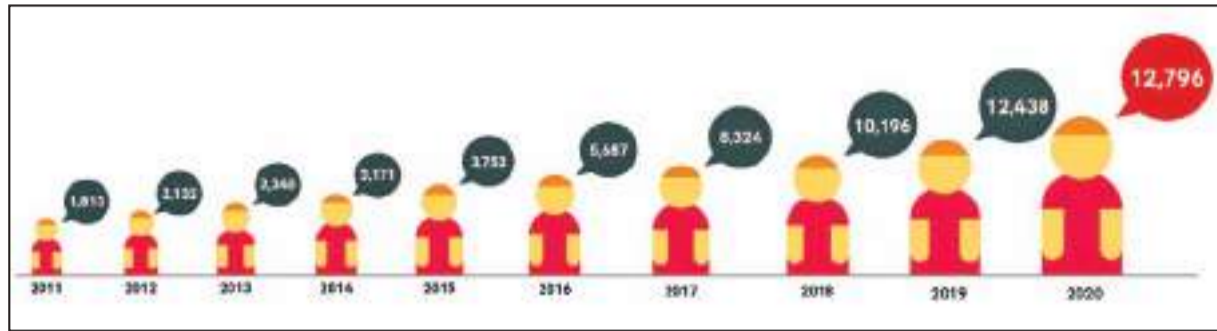
AIA Group Limited the largest independent publicly listed pan-Asian life insurance group announced the historic achievement of becoming the only multinational company in the world to have achieved the largest number of Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) members for six consecutive years.

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Lee Yuan Siong, Group Chief Executive and President of AIA Group said, "I am extremely proud of our agents and the outstanding work they do every day as trusted partners to our customers. AIA's Number One



MDRT growth over the years

position in the world for MDRT qualifiers reflects the enormous quality and depth of our agency force,

representing a key competitive advantage for our Company. We shall continue to ensure that our agents

are fully equipped to help our millions of customers live Healthier, Longer, Better, Lives."

Bill Lisle, Regional Chief Executive and Group Chief Distribution Officer of AIA Group said, "I am

truly delighted that AIA's superb agents have achieved this amazing result, particularly in 2020 as the world grapples with the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Being Number One in the world in MDRT for the sixth consecutive year reflects AIA's long-standing investment in our agency force and we remain deeply committed to continuing to provide our agents with the best technology, training, and career development opportunities in the industry."

CEO and Chief Agency Officer Upul Wijesinghe noted, "as part of AIA Group, AIA Sri Lanka too upholds the highest standards for Wealth Planners. Proud to note that in Sri Lanka too, AIA had the highest number of MDRT qualifiers for 5 consecutive years which is a testament to the high caliber of our team."

AIA Group Limited and its subsidiaries (collectively "AIA" or the "Group") comprise the largest independent publicly listed pan-Asian life insurance group.

London Pain Management Centre opens today

DIRESH JAYASURIYA

For the first time in Sri Lanka a state-of-the-art London Pain Management Centre will commence services from today (2) in Horton Place Colombo 7 with an investment of over Rs 10 million under the supervision of Consultant of Pain Medicine, Dr. Namal Senasinghe.

"The specialty of my center is that foreign and local patients can directly come to the center from the airport or we could provide airport pickups and drops any given time and date and this center is supervised twenty-four-seven. We do provide residential facilities with eight rooms with en-suite and air conditioning for overseas and outstation patients. We also provide physiotherapy services to meet international standards and we have a professional team of physiotherapists," Dr. Senasinghe said.

"I treat patients who are suffering from back pain, musculoskeletal pain, neuralgic pain, joint pain, and Interventions," he said.

"Pain is poorly managed due to lack

of expertise lack of medication etc. Doctor Senasinghe's mission is to introduce a proper pain management service to Sri Lanka where no Sri Lankan should suffer from pain. He believes that pain relief is a fundamental right of every human being. But this is challenging due to lack of resources and due to lack of support from the ministry of health. Sri Lanka has to be assertive to develop new fields in medicine or any other profession."

Dr. Senasinghe said that his mission was to introduce a proper pain management service to Sri Lanka where no Sri Lankan should suffer with pain.

The center would also treat armed forces personnel free of charge and Sri Lankan sportsmen and sportswomen from less privileged backgrounds will be treated free of charge.

Dr. Senasinghe specializes in pain medicine in England and has come back to his motherland to serve his people. He has been in the UK for 25 years and practiced Pain Management in the UK for 17 years as a Consultant.



Dr. Senasinghe

Dr. Senasinghe graduated from the North Colombo Medical College with an MBBS and migrated to England for higher studies. He underwent training in anesthesia, intensive care, and pain medicine at the London School of



Staff at the centre

Anesthesia at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

Dr. Senasinghe became a Consultant in Pain Medicine in 2003 at East Kent University NHS Trust and assisted by his long-term friend Dinesh Perera who has given a part of his building for the worthy cause. "It was a tremendous gesture by Dinesh to help the Sri Lankan public to give them relief from pain," Dr. Senasinghe added.



Treatment session

Uswatte factory celebrates 5th anniversary

PRİYADARSHANI KAHAWALA
Ingiriya Central Group Corr.

Uswatte Confectionery Works (Pvt) Ltd, in Raminika, Millaniya, Bandaragama which has made a significant name for itself not only in Sri Lanka but also abroad in the field of confectionery, celebrated the 5th anniversary of its Millaniya factory recently.

This new factory was established as a dream that comes true of the founder of Uswatte Company, Cristy Perera who had been dreaming of providing high-quality biscuits to the local consumers for a long time.

Uswatte has been moving in a strategic direction under the visionary leadership of Mr. Quintus Perera who is the current Chairman / Managing Director of the company and now it is one of the leading companies in the field of high-quality healthy confectionery and snacks in Sri



Chairman/Managing Director Sunil Quintus Perera

Lanka. Uswatte has won the trust of the people of this country as well as abroad with several products such as Tipitip, Biscuits, Glucose, Peppermint, Jelly, Marshmallows, Glucose. Uswatte products are made from raw materials imported from leading companies in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Netherlands, and it is especially commendable to take steps to uplift the education of school children by providing factory visits that are not provided



Millaniya factory

by the other factory owners.

The factory, which has been in operation for five years now in Millaniya, has provided direct employment to hundreds of people in the area and Uswatte has been working closely with the community during national festivals, contributing to the upliftment of schools in the area and engaging in several social activities with the people of the area.

Uswatte Golden Bis-

cuits, which opened at its new factory in Millaniya, has been able to invade the market in a very short period and it was also able to add a new experience to the Sri Lankan consumer community.

By its proud fifth anniversary recently celebrated, the company is well on its way to employing more than 600 employees and it is amazing that all of Uswatte products have now become the first and most popular choice for all ages.



Manufacturing biscuits using modern technology



Female empowerment

BOI approves US\$ 1.2 bn projects... from pg 17

Rubber exports only yield around USD 900 million revenue and increasing this by two folds will help to increase cash flow to rubber tappers and other minor staff. Avenues should be explored to increase production by way of replanting hybrid trees.

"We will also soon announce two special zones for rubber and Agri processing. In a bid to source fabric for the

apparel industry, a 250 acre Fabric Park would be set up in Eravur."

He identified the next vertical as hospitality and high-end tourism, wellness, and MICE which will be aggressively promoted with the Ministry of Tourism after the pandemic subsides.

The proposed highway extension to Arugam Bay will increase more demand for Mattala airport and the Deep South

tourism will also receive a major boost. Since Sri Lanka is an island, the fisheries sector could also be a major source of income to Sri Lanka and promoting this segment will help fishermen to get better prices.

"We also have very fruitful discussions with Ambassadors from the UK and Korea and after the pandemic settle we expect positive developments."

He said that Sri Lanka

should execute FTA's with countries like China, Japan, Korea and some European countries which are Sri Lanka's key export destinations where we have huge access for exports. "If you take Vietnam they have 26 as against Sri Lanka's hand-hold which gives them key market access."

Sri Lanka is looking for a USD 1,000 GDP and this is to be achieved with inclusive growth.

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Special data unit to gather and analyze logistics sector data

The Department of Census and Statistics (DCS) and the Export Development Board (EDB); along with technical input from the EDB's Advisory Committee on Logistics will establish a special data unit at the DCS to gather and analyze logistics sector data, with the prospect of determining the economic contribution of logistics to Sri Lanka's economy.

Contemporary industry data can also raise the possibility of positively influencing the Logistics Performance Index (LPI). The LPI is a tool widely used in global logistics research for country benchmarking, comparison, and as a mechanism for analyzing intra-country logistics performance. Sri Lanka currently ranks at 94, among 160 nations.

In a highly competitive industry, logistics market giants confront stiff competition on pricing and speed. As



such, industry leads traditionally guard their fleet data from the prying eyes of competitors. Given this backdrop of data sharing insecurity, a state-led national initiative spearheaded by the DCS and EDB is bridging a gap to foster a collaborative atmosphere of transparent data sharing; between the industry and government institutes. The value additions of this project will undoubtedly spill over to the private sector.

When the macroeconomic broad

stroke is canvassed service providers will be capacitated to pursue more data-driven decisions.

The proposed data unit – endorsed by the NES Logistics Sector Strategy – is steered with technical guidance from the EDB's Advisory Committee on Logistics. Members of the Advisory Committee recently met with senior officials and statisticians from the DCS to provide technical insight on fine tuning the data collection methodology. Given its institutional

forte in managing socio-economic data, the DCS will produce a range of logistics industry-related economic indicators; i.e. the logistics contribution to GDP. Collaboratively the stakeholders have agreed on a range of the deep-dive data parameters, which include (but not limited to) services such as warehousing, clearing, freight forwarding, air cargo, 3PL, port operators, and terminal operators. Preliminary discussions have also been ongoing to assess the possibility of leveraging the data management skills of the University of Moratuwa, Department of Transport and Logistics Management to produce actionable insights from raw data.

On finalizing the data parameters, the DCS will reach out to logistics service providers and industry associations to facilitate the data collection exercise.



SLIM President Roshan Fernando and the CEO/ Executive Director Sanath Senanayake handing over the revamped Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management book to Prof. Sampath Amarathunga, the Chairman of the University of Grants Commission of Sri Lanka and Prof. Arosha S. Adikaram, an academic of the Human Resource Management Faculty at the University of Colombo.

SLIM revamps Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management

The Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing (SLIM) has recently upgraded the course structure of the Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing, adding novel topics and subject areas such as Digital Marketing, AI in Marketing and Services Marketing, to develop the desired skills needed to respond to international marketing challenges.

SLIM has also renamed the programme as the "Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management".

The new 18-month programme consists of 4 levels; Diploma in Marketing Management, Higher Diploma in Marketing Management, Graduate Diploma in Marketing Management and Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing Management.

While the duration of the first stage to the third stage will be 4 months each, the final stage will last for 6 months.

The revamping of the programme was initiated and executed by the Educa-

tion Reforms Committee of SLIM headed by Prof. Arosha S. Adikaram, who is currently an academic of the Human Resource Management Faculty at the University of Colombo. The structural change of the course was implemented upon the approval of the institute's Board of Study lead by Prof. Sampath Amarathunga, who is currently serving as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission.

Following the revamp, SLIM expects to add more value to the industry by igniting the potential of budding marketers, who one day will steer the corporates towards greater heights.

Commenting on the course upgrade, Roshan Fernando, President, SLIM

stated, "As the national body for marketing, SLIM is dedicated to elevate the marketing profession in the country. The SLIM PGDIP one of the most sought-after marketing qualifications in Sri Lanka, was

revamped to suit the modern-day requirements."

"This is the most-preferred marketing qualification looked for by employers when it comes to recruiting the top talent to their organisations. The PGDIP holders are pursuing successful careers not only in Sri Lanka but also beyond our shores as well. While SLIM students are trained and mentored by industry experts, they also get an opportunity to take part in various national events conducted by SLIM such as SLIM-NASCO, SLIM Brands Excellence, SLIM Peoples Awards, SLIM Marketers' Ball, EFFIES, and the opportunity to join SLIM Toastmasters' said Nuwan Gamage, Vice President, SLIM.

Sharing his opinions about the programme, Sanath Senanayake, Chief Executive Officer, Executive Director, SLIM said, "SLIM PGDIP is the most recognised professional qualification in marketing in Sri Lanka."

HNB Assurance recognizes 75 MDRT qualifiers of 2019

HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) produced 75 qualifiers for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table Conference (MDRT) in the United States of America, including 1 Top of the Table qualifier (TOT) and 3 Court of the Table (COT) qualifiers. The achievement holds great significance as this is the highest number of MDRT and COT achievers the Company has produced.

Commending the winners, Chief Executive Officer of HNBA and HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI), Mr. Prasantha Fernando stated, "This inspiring team of individuals have set a benchmark in the industry today, also showcasing great



resolve in the act of broadening one's professional career development. I believe that career-shaping achievements of this nature not only strengthens the Company's Sales Force, but

also sets an excellent example for our youthful beginners to stay true to their values and goals in life. Whilst congratulating all the winners, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude

towards all who made this possible". Chief Operating Officer and Principal Officer of HNBA, Lasitha Wimalaratne expressed his words of appreciation stating,

"These qualifiers have taken an uphill battle, demonstrating exceptional professional skills, product knowledge and ethical conduct in the run up to achieving the MDRT recognition.

KPMG joins CMI as Knowledge Partner

Steering towards a timeline when the "new norm" is no longer new, businesses and individuals have adopted and are currently improvising in this post COVID-19 era. Tech disruption is continuing to play a significant role than ever, remote working and social distancing is being maintained while the world is recovering from the aftereffects of the pandemic.

In a period of uncertainty, it is critical that professional organizations contribute towards the various turnaround strategies to aid companies and individuals to overcome challenges caused by the pandemic. As an initiation, CMI Sri Lanka and KPMG in Sri Lanka signed a two-year memorandum of understanding (MOU) on the 25th of August at the KPMG premises, to support the aspiring professionals and organizations in the corporate sector.

The CMI – Sri Lanka Branch and KPMG in Sri Lanka will collaborate towards developing and



Left to right: Ramesh Dassanayake (Asst. Treasurer – CMI Sri Lanka), Rohitha Amarapala (2nd Vice President – CMI Sri Lanka), Sajith De Silva (1st Vice President – CMI Sri Lanka), Kaushal Rajapakse (President – CMI Sri Lanka), Reyaz Mihular (Managing Partner – KPMG in Sri Lanka), Kamaya Perera (Partner, Head of Management Consulting – KPMG in Sri Lanka), Chaya Ranaweera (Committee Member – CMI Sri Lanka) and Rishantha Mendis (Committee Member – CMI Sri Lanka) at the event

enhancing the knowledge of individuals and organizations to groom and elevate collective performances that contribute towards Sri Lanka's innovation and economic acceleration.

Combining the expertise of CMI Sri Lanka and KPMG in Sri Lanka, the partnership will leverage its global network to build on joint initiatives that will help

to grow the national economy by driving SMEs and other private entities to nourish strategy and implementation. The collaboration will bring together many networking initiatives, panel discussions and other corporate events that enable innovation and perseverance of individuals and organizations. As the knowledge partner, KPMG in Sri Lanka

will provide its expertise, maintain quality and professional standards on engagements of CMI Sri Lanka. Furthermore, KPMG in Sri Lanka will be working together with CMI Sri Lanka in terms of conducting, planning, criteria setting and organizing events/projects with national emphasis to revive the economy in this post COVID-19 era.

People's Bank ties up with GMOA for special loan scheme

People's Bank has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Government Medical Officers' Association (GMOA), one of the premier professional body in the country, with a view to granting personal loan facilities for its membership base comprising over 18,000 members island wide. In the light of their professionalism and utmost professionalism to uplift the health sector in the country, the Bank has taken necessary steps to introduce this special loan scheme under more relaxed terms and conditions.

Through this special loan scheme, all GMOA members will be entitled to obtain personal loans up to Rs. 15 million without the need for guarantors. A fixed concessionary interest rate will be applicable along with an extending repay-



A ceremony to sign the MoU with People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse, Chief Executive Officer / General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku, Deputy General Manager (Retail Banking and Process Management) Renuka Jayasinghe, Chief Manager (Retail Banking) Champa Gamage, Colombo South Regional Manager N.K. Wimalasiri, Manager (Retail Banking) Ravi Perera, Union Place Branch Manager Amali Isiwari and other officials together with several GMOA members including President Dr. P.S.M.A.B. Padeniya, Asst. President Dr. Chandana Dharmaratne, Welfare Coordinator/General Committee Member Dr. Prabath Sugathadasa, Secretary Dr. M.A.J. Fernando and General Committee Member Dr. Nishantha Sugunapala.

ment period of 10 years with no early settlement charges. Moreover, having considered the busy schedules of Medical Officers, People's Bank has been prepared to render an efficient customer service as well.

This latest collaboration with a premier professional

body in Sri Lanka is marked as a continuation of People Bank's ongoing effort to provide professionals in the State sector with innovative financial solutions. The Bank has already provided similar loan schemes for staff members of all universities coming under the pur-

view of University Grants Commission (UGC).

Arrangements have been in place to facilitate this special loan scheme through People's Bank island wide branch network. Further information in this regard can be obtained from the nearest People's Bank.

Richard Pieris Finance and Arpico Insurance join forces

With a reputation for being the most innovative Life Insurance provider in the country, Arpico Insurance PLC stepped up to create an exclusive policy that provides a life cover of up to Rs. 1,000,000 to customers of Richard Pieris Finance Ltd. The MOU in this regard was signed on the 27th of August 2020 in the presence of senior officials of both companies.

Richard Pieris Finance boasts an asset base of Rs. 18 billion with fixed deposits totaling to Rs. 8 billion, both monumental achievements having forayed into the industry only seven years ago.

Lohika Fonseka, CEO of Richard Pieris Finance Ltd, said 'We continuously seek ways to add value to our customers in everything we do. The signing of this MOU marks a very important milestone to us. With this initiative in place, we look forward to further strengthen

our relationship with Arpico Insurance PLC and work more closely on a number of shared goals that is sure to give our customers the best of both worlds.'

Both companies are backed by the strength and stability of its parent entity Richard Pieris & Company PLC, which is one of Sri Lanka's most successful and respected conglomerates and a name that has an outstanding reputation for championing the hearts of Sri Lankans for over eighty five years.

'This agreement accurately reflects our business philosophy and the shared values of our parent company. Being in existence for less than a decade, we are immensely proud to be one of Sri Lanka's fastest growing and most trusted Life Insurance companies today,' said Harsha De Alwis, CEO of Arpico Insurance PLC.



CEO of Arpico Insurance PLC Harsha De Alwis (centre) exchanging the MOU with CEO of Richard Pieris Finance Ltd Lohika Fonseka. Also present are (L-R) Nelushan Gunewardena, Head of Marketing; Sawan Rodrigo, AGM; Toni Kitchilan, GM; Melanga Doolwala, GM from Arpico Insurance; and Ajith Ranasinghe, CFO; Imruz Kamil, AGM; Randil Keerthipala from Richard Pieris Finance Ltd.

Amana Takaful appoints Shehan Feisal, CEO

Amana Takaful PLC (ATPLC) has announced the appointment of Shehan Feisal as the new CEO with effect from 20 July 2020.

As the new CEO, Shehan Feisal's vision for ATPLC encompasses improving customer service, value chain and introducing a 360-degree approach for stakeholders. He will also focus on aligning ATPLC's brand portfolio to meet customer requirements which is an increasingly important aspect especially given the challenging economic landscape in the country following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Feisal has gained a reputation as a result-oriented, growth-driven leader with over 25 years of extensive technical and managerial experience in the insurance industry, having worked for both local and



Shehan Feisal - CEO - Amana Takaful

multinational companies. During his longstanding career, he has specialised in several areas including underwriting of property and casualty, medical, marine, motor and miscellaneous classes of insurance including claims and reinsurance.

Feisal was also a team member of Amāna Takaful for over 9 years where he was a key member of setting up the Company during its inception back in 1999. In the recent past, Feisal has held the position of Head of Commercial (Technical P&C)/Chief Underwriting Officer for Allianz Insurance Lanka Ltd. where he was reporting directly to the CEO as well as the regional office in Singapore. Prior to his stint at Allianz Insurance Lanka, he was the AGM-Technical at Janashakthi General Insurance.

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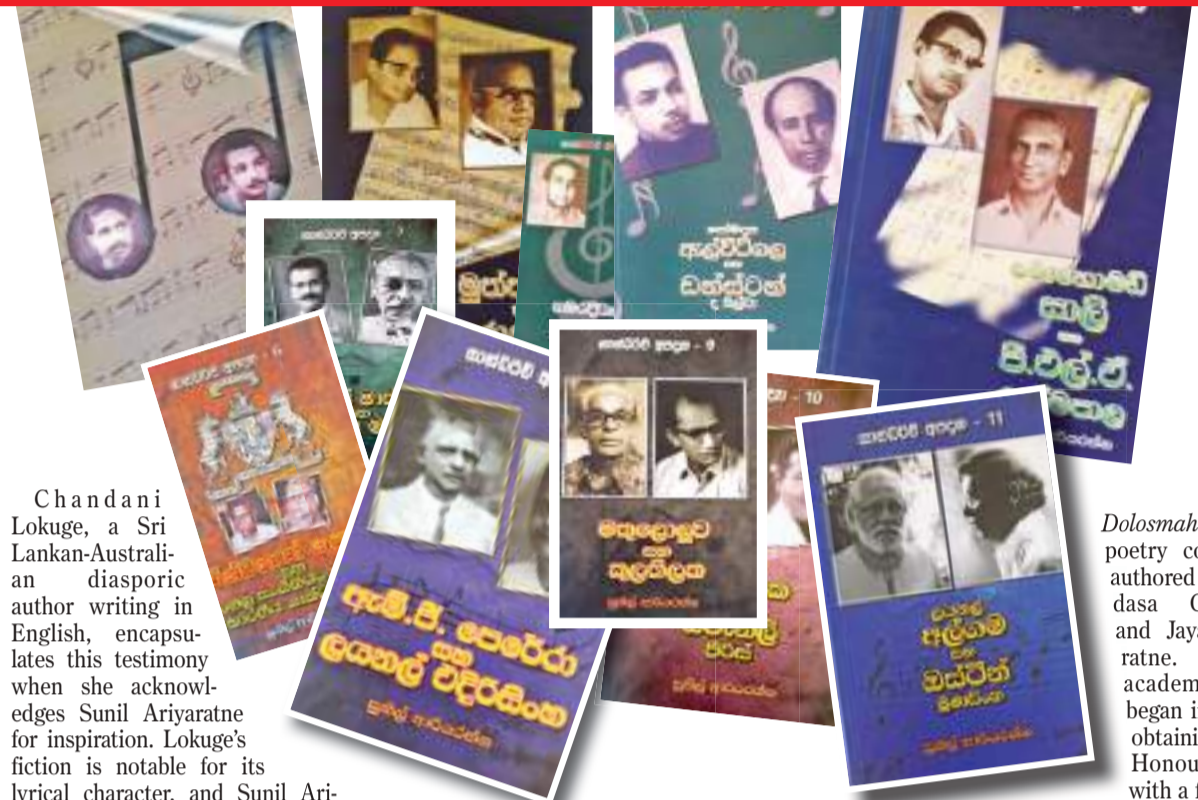
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A Song for thought

SACHITRA MAHENDRA

Inspiration knows no language. If we are to take Henry Wadsworth Longfellow serious for his claim that *music is the universal language of mankind*, we need to add that inspiration shall be its sole proprietor. If we are to take William Shakespeare serious for what he wrote in *Twelfth Night* that *if music be the food of love, play on, give me excess of it*, let us add that inspiration holds the sole recipe. The gravity of inspiration is such.



Chandani Lokuge, a Sri Lankan-Australian diasporic author writing in English, encapsulates this testimony when she acknowledges Sunil Ariyaratne for inspiration. Lokuge's fiction is notable for its lyrical character, and Sunil Ariyaratne is widely acclaimed in this land for his contribution to Sinhala literature. How does Sinhalese song-writing inspire an English fiction writer? It is a phenomenon out of the ordinary.

But that's where we need to agree, wholeheartedly, that inspiration needs no language.

Sunil Ariyaratne, in that sense, has inspired a whole generation with a halo as a lyricist, filmmaker and academic. This, in addition to his miscellaneous contributions. Plus, it is no exaggeration to see Professor Sunil Ariyaratne as the topmost lyricist who has walked the beat in a wide range of subjects from the macro sphere of social conflict across the microsphere of romance to the stratosphere of metaphysical human nature.

This brief essay is written in awe of Professor Sunil Ariyaratne who celebrated his 71st birthday just recently. Ariyaratne is a definite presence in cultural functions that matter. He would deliver a talk on a chosen subject – witty, light-hearted, yet very much encyclopaedic. At times, he decorates a ceremony as an awardee. Yet, what is conspicuous is the absence of his name before coveted government positions. This writer has never heard his name mentioned as a chairman of some corporation, board or some committee. Perhaps on policy, or he must be shying away from such positions in order to devote more time to his forte. That's exactly where Sunil Ariyaratne shines and is among the very few academics who can be genuinely called illustrious and iconic.

Illustrious and iconic are but mere terms if used without proper justification. Sri Lanka is not short of lyricists. Nor filmmakers. And, of course, we meet artistes versed in both fields. It is simply a matter of a bit of adroitness, as both genres come under one umbrella, creativity. Though very much in the limelight for his lyrics and films, Ariyaratne has never been the one to leave his ivory tower of academia. The creative spirit and academic sense hardly go hand in hand. But fortunately, Sri Lanka has produced quite a few. We see Ariyaratne taking a firm hold in this revered crowd as we enter Godage Bookshop. That's where an entire shelf is reserved for Professor Ariyaratne's books. Interestingly, all his

works – academic, creative and miscellaneous – have been published by Godage Publishers.

Some of them include research on Baila Kapirigngna (1985), Grammar phone music (1986), Kerol Pasam Kantharu (1987) Mahinda Prabanda (1987), Manawasinghe Geetha prabanda (1991), Purana Sinhala Nadagam copyediting (1996) and Gandarwa Apadana (1997). As an oriental scholar, Ariyaratne has compiled classical works of yore into anthologies. These compilations open with Ariyaratne's signature introductions: lengthy and comprehensive, in the truest sense of academic spirit.

Following his journey undertaken to Madras in 1989, Ariyaratne produced his magnum opus on the history of Tamil literature. That was later to be followed by interesting subject areas such as Tamil Buddhists, Tamil folklore, Ramayana, Tamil Sinhala alphabet and Tamil idioms.

GENESIS OF THE GENIUS

While retaining admiration for Ariyaratne's academic contribution, let us take a brief journey to his creativity. It began when he was only 12 years. *Ahinsakayo*, it was titled as far back as in 1961. This writer's father recalls the young lad coming to the then Radio Ceylon with the collection of short stories. That personal narrative aside; Ariyaratne then published a series in the 1960s. They include *Api Okkoma* a poetry collection in 1963, *Alakeshwara*, a historical novel in 1964 and *Siyothunta Rekawal*, a poetic tale in 1965.

In a note of tribute written to Ariyaratne, Professor Sampath Amarantunga relates the following:

"His interest for drama runs to his childhood. He contributed to a play named *Amal Biso*, in his writing when he was 11 years old. He had joined his neighbours and peers in producing plays as well. He wrote a script for Kumaratunga Munidasa's *Magul Kema* while still being a student at St. Jones College. He also produced the play *Deyyo* written by his elder brother Thilakarathne Kuruwita Bandara, also while being a student."

During his undergraduate days, Ariyaratne authored a novel titled *Jeeewithaya Geethayak Wewa*. In 1971, he published

Dolosmahe Pahana, a poetry collection co-authored with Buddadasa Galappaththi and Jayalath Manaratne. Ariyaratne's academic sprint began in 1971 upon obtaining a Sinhala Honours degree with a first class.

Sunil Ariyaratne shares an idyllic experience with the readership through poetry. He explores the treasures buried years – if not centuries – ago in classical works. Scholars with such spirit and sense are rare and sadly are becoming the vanishing tribe in this land. Ariyaratne, despite whatever public role he plays, seems obsessed with his true passion. He never abandons his scholarship for the radiance of public life. At times, hypnotic, and mostly mythic, Ariyaratne brilliantly conveys the sublime and terrible beauty of love and its twin – love or romance.

Almost every lyricist dwells in Sunil Ariyaratne. For instance, Mahagamasekara's simple prose-like philosophy is evident in some of the Ariyaratne songs. In another instance, Ariyaratne takes on Manawasinghe's knack for manipulating the language. If a research is to be done on Sinhalese songs on love, perhaps Sunil Ariyaratne is the most crucial factor; he has dealt with this much-touched concept in diverse angles.

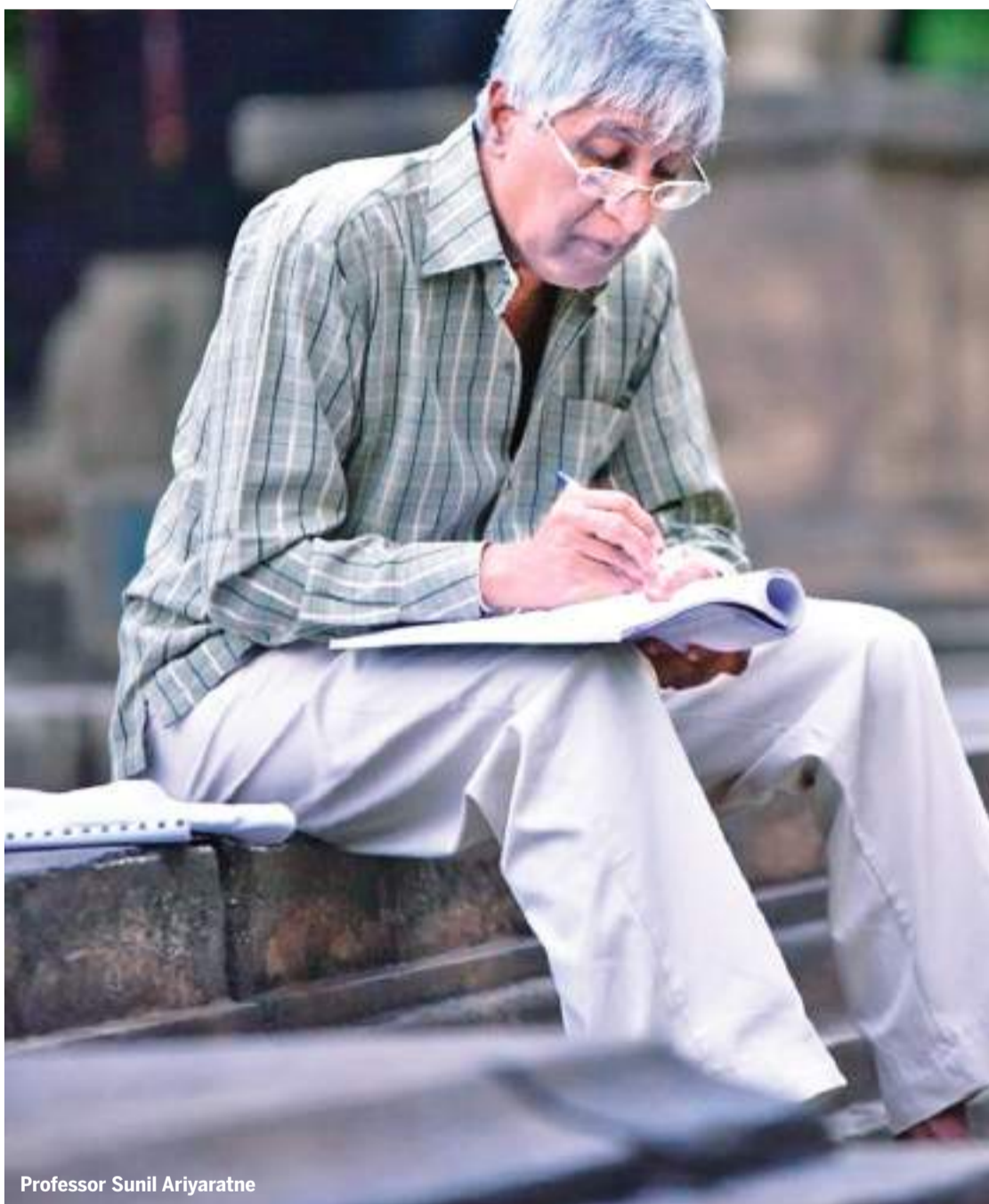
Unlike most developed countries, there is yet another area where Sri Lanka lags. The country badly needs lexicographers and database compilers. For instance, most culture-related databases have emerged as a result of individual efforts, albeit the necessity of organised labour. Sunil Ariyaratne is a quintessential in this instance as he has undertaken that project himself. The output is a dozen of books added to his already-vast corpus.

CLASSICAL HISTORY

It is the latest academic endeavour undertaken by Professor Sunil Ariyaratne. The Sri Lankan readership can now gain information about the musicians Sri Lanka has produced over the past few decades. The creative spirit in Sunil Ariyaratne is widely known. However, his academic effort of compiling and preserving classical history by way of contemporary scholarship is yet to be unearthed.

Inspiration knows no language. Let me add if you don't mind: language knows no barriers. The saga of 71-year old Professor Sunil Ariyaratne bears testimony to that, simply and amply.

It is a crowning achievement that cannot be thrown down into dust.



Professor Sunil Ariyaratne

Trials of Brian De Palma



Brian De Palma



MADAPATHA CHINTAKA

but it's an apt take on a career that's fascinated so many, since, in the words of one of those detractors, Richard Brody (of the *New Yorker*), *De Palma* is often seen as a director more fascinating than great. Here's a director who's borrowed, in a way lent, and in more

ways than one influenced, and that with more than 30 movies over more than 40 years.

There was a time, somewhere in the late 1960s, when the Americans, influenced by the French New Wave of the early part of the decade, took to filmmaking through 15

to 30 minute indie shorts. When they later became makers of feature-length movies, they were adulated in the same terms on which the *Nouvelle Vague* directors – Godard, Truffaut, Chabrol, and Rohmer – had been, venerated as cinematic geniuses, whiz kids.

Brian De Palma was arguably the first in this generation, after whom came the rest: Coppola, Scorsese, Altman, and Spielberg. And yet he has never encountered that adulation on quite the same terms the others have. That's because De Palma has been a director seen to be more concerned with style over substance. Even in a conventional product like *The Untouchables*, there are sequences in which you gasp at the technical mastery while foregoing on the more important task of understanding what the story is all about.

It took a long time for that way of making movies to be accepted by critics and, to a certain extent, by popular audiences, because his work was accused of being

something or the other: violent, sadistic, egoistic, and misogynistic. Diminished somewhat, De Palma kept on returning, hoping for a bigger comeback, a hit, but he never really joined the ranks of the Spielbergs and the Scorseses; he was more at home with Coppola, who also "went down" in the 1980s, never to resurface or to regain the halo he had lost.

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At the end of *De Palma* (2015), the American director Brian De Palma, reflecting on his career, the trials he had to undergo, and the compromises he had to make, one after another, walks away from the set, a hunched, overweight, somewhat defeated figure. It's a fitting end to a long awaited documentary. *De Palma* doesn't try making believers out of his detrac-



Scarface (1983)



Obsession (1976)



Mission Impossible (1996)

POETRY CORNER



The miracle of TV

The ethereal sceneries
As if in a paradise
Sylph-like women
Never seen even tears
Luxurious lifestyles

Unaware of even sighs
All in one scene
In front of our eyes
Though far from real lives

Isuru Lakpriya

The unseen enemy

Never before in the annals in the world over
Had there been a fright felt so **stronger**
A ruthless enemy emerged
Wuhan China corner
Whence it started spreading every nook and **corner**
No one thus far has it seen
Visible but in micro **screen**
Ruthless dragon named the keen
Although blossomed not being **seen**
Sneezing head-ache running nose with **fever**
Symptoms obvious when it catches a weaker
If not demolish at proper the **quarter**
Rhythmic breathing seems almost over
Being a parasite crosses the **border**
Clinging on to tourists' finger
Closing the border an option **wiser**
That does cause the spreading weaker
Europe and U.S got severe **blaming**
The enemy found there plain sailing
Many a country hit the ceiling
Little done for its ruthless slaying
Being closer invites spreading **rapid**
Being distant could help avoid this ruthless enemy **19 COVID**
Wish the world would soon be devoid

Fighting demons

Demons! Who are they?
Won't they scare us if ever we met them!
As dark as coal, with unruly hair,
Two sets of big grimy protruding teeth,
Red googly eyes and a snake-like tongue
Hanging out of its blood-stained mouth.
Worse demons live inside our hearts
Disrupting our lives if provoked or roused.

Wild and ferocious, they could easily act
If not kept under lock and key.
Jealousy, cruelty and many other sins
Craving being the worst, and the root of all.
Feed them all with a strong sleeping dose
Make them sleep, they cannot use their force.

Lalitha Somathilaka

Moral

God's fear - base
For behaviour
Atheism' - unholy
Materialism
Should live in a fine environment
Chastity is common - for Men and women
Female' characteristics are
Fear humility shyness and modesty
The decent dressing is moral
Men imitating women is
Abominable
Against public morals
Good conduct' formed by education - But
Learning and moral are
Twin sides of a coin
When 'unqualified' gather
Then they fight each other
Moral corruption

Brought down
'Powerful' and powers - from
Rock top to
Rock bottom
From zenith - to
Nadir
Let's be moral private
Let's be moral public
Truth and lies
Are evident
By sheer utterances
Body-mind and soul
Should observe moral
One word advice'
Enough for a
Goodman
Moral brings
Honours
Let's cherish
Chastity

Fahim Latiff

MARMADUKE



"King Tut gets real jealous of Marmaduke."

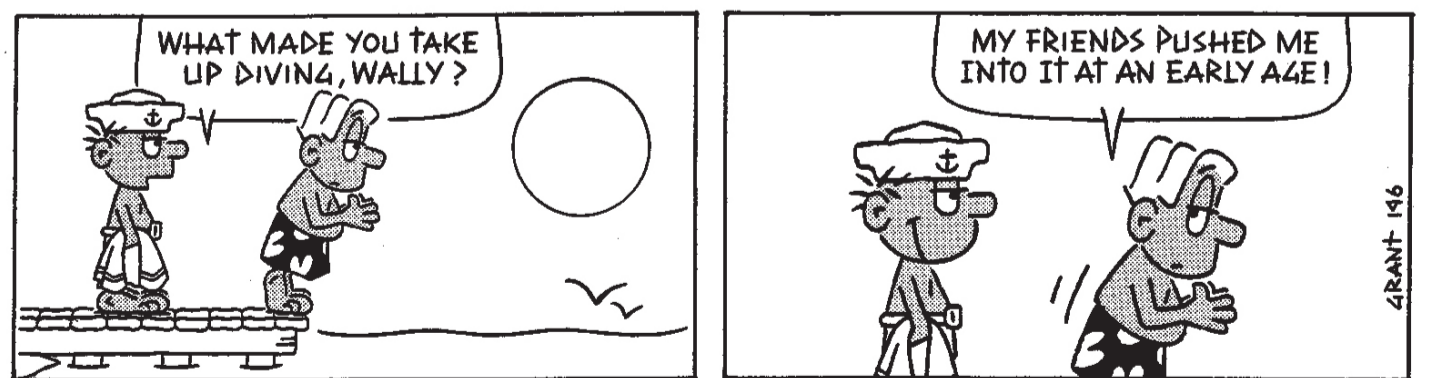
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FISH TALES



UP & RUNNING



Dance in Polonnaruwa period stone slabs



DR SUBASHINI PATHMANATHAN

Dance is a human activity which is deeply imbued with numerous other aspects and factors of culture. No doubt that the living dance tradition is depicted in various other fine art forms, especially in the other visual arts of paintings and sculptures. Dance is a human activity which is deeply imbued with numerous other aspects and factors of culture. No doubt that the living dance tradition is depicted in various other fine art forms, especially in the other visual arts of paintings and sculptures. The historical approach of dance mentions that dance originated before the origin of any other art forms. The dance sculptures are embodied in the form of living human bodies. In other words, it could be explained that the impact of dance embodies in the sculptural assemblages. Dance became a sculpture and also a form of the visual image. For the dance sculptural research, the body becomes an objective and sculpture becomes subjective.

Dance poses

At the Sri Lankan archaeological sites, some of the beautiful slabs have been excavated. On these stone slabs, dance figures have been excellently carved. The dance poses beautifully resemble the typical Thandava Karana poses of the dance. According to Hindu mythology, dance was created by Lord

Siva. Yet each Thandava Karana of the Lord is associated with certain dance poses which have certain philosophical meanings behind them. Many of the Thandava Karana poses resemble the excellent gymnastic and acrobatic body positions.

All the carved sculptures might have been done by ancient sculptors of Sri Lanka. The carved dance figures reveal the typical Indian influence. Especially the decorations of the carved dance figures reveal the Indian culture, traditional and customary impact on the local sculptors while carving the sculptor should take meticulous care to avoid the cracks on the slabs. These excellent carved dance figure slabs were excavated near Polonnaruwa area, belonged to the Polonnaruwa period.

According to Indian traditional dance history, a mystic figure named

Bharatha Muni, who wrote the Natya Sastra. It consists of 36-chapters dealing with important aspects and technique of dance and drama. The fourth chapter is allocated for ThandavaLakshana. According to Bharatha Muni, 'Karana' means a body position which coordinates with one hand and one leg position called Shari. Each Thandava Karana of Lord Siva has its deep meaning.

Stone carvings

In dance, 108 ThandavaKaranas are fundamental dance poses to depict Lord Siva. All the Karanas are well preserved in the stone carvings and temple pillars in South India. In the Chidambaram temple, all the 108 ThandavaKaranas are depicted well. The Chidambaram temple has four Gopuras or four temple towers. Four

Gopuras are facing four different directions. Each Gopura was built during different periods. In the tower pillars, 108 Thandava of Lord Siva is depicted well.

In Chidambaram temple, The Karanas were arranged one below another. Each Karana figure is depicted with musicians, mainly women singers and women drummers and women striking the cymbals. On the entire temple tower wall pillars, the Karanas are depicted, but these do not seem to follow any sequence or order. As compared to northern and southern towers, western and eastern towers, the builders paid special attention to arrange the Karanas according to Bharaha'sNatya Sastra order. Under each Karana, Sanskrit verses of Natya Sastra related to such Karanas were embossed.

In the Bragatheeswarar temple of Thanjavur, one could see 81 Thandava-Karanas. Here, in these Karanas depict Lord Shiva performing.

The sculptural Karanas have four arms at least and two hands with weapons. Even the size of the figure is bigger than that of the Chidambaram temple.

Fortunately, Chidambaram Temple is the only temple where the 108 ThandavaKaranas with appropriate slokams from Natya Sastra are seen. Even now, we can see the Karanas in various temples such as Kumbakonam, Kanchipuram, Maduri, Perur and Virdachalam.

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De Palma's mixed legacy has withstood the test of time. Even today, movies like *Dressed to Kill* and *Blow Out* and, probably the most notorious of them all, *Body Double*, hailed as the classics of moviemaking as they are, nevertheless also receive tepid reviews. "A vile misogynist... A fraudulent work" is how one person puts it. "Fraudulent" here refers to another De Palma trademark: the fact that much of his work seems to be borrowed from Hitchcock. His films teem with references to the works of other directors – something which can be said of many of his contemporaries, including Peter Bogdanovich and William Friedkin – like Howard Hawks and Michelangelo Antonioni. What results from all that is a cinema of lifelessness.

And yet, I enjoy them. There's something about these early movies that excite your senses in ways that most commercial movies from that era could not.

The 1970s presented a conundrum for the American cinema, just as the 1960s had: the Oscar baiters and the star-studded casts seemed to belong to the world of the cliché, melodramatic romances (*Airport*, *Love Story*, *The Towering Inferno*) and adventure epics (*Patton*) on the one hand, while on the other the works of independent visionaries (*M*A*S*H*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *American Graffiti*) seemed to be on the rise. Which group would predominate?

The Godfather resolved this impasse in favour of the latter group; it proved that art and commerce could coexist and were no longer polar opposites to be shoved aside at the whims of a studio. Such movies were a treat visually because they gave something new, while borrowing from the old. They related to the future, while relating to the past.

De Palma stood firmly within this conjuncture, though his work had a certain unique touch: in his work, that act of borrowing and paying homage seemed to transcend itself so much that it transcended his own careless attempts at coming up with a coherent plot. In other words, he seemed more bothered with showing the world the debt he owed the past than with actually parsing his storylines and narratives. The past had literally got inside him.

The man didn't take a long time to get to that level. From 1968 to 1974, he directed eight indie flicks which received wildly oscillating responses. *Obsession*, made in 1976, was a swirling mass of nothingness; it borrowed its plot entirely from *Vertigo*; even the score, by Bernard Herrmann (who had composed the music for *Vertigo*) seemed derivative.

Obsession belongs right up there with *Carrie* (1976), *The Fury* (1978), and *Home Movies* (1980), to a career phase where he tried to keep a balance between the demands of the studio and the demands of his craft. *Carrie* and *The Fury* are enduring testaments to how well he kept this balance, though he never particularly relished directing the latter.

His next phase began with *Dressed to Kill* (1980). From *Dressed to Kill* to *Casualties of War* (1989), we come across De Palma's best work. In these movies, his interest in the past graduates from that of an independent artist to that of a serious cinephile. There is an almost childlike, Catholic devotion to the past in a film like *Blow Out*, with its mishmash of *Rear Window* and *Vertigo* and *Dial M for Murder* and soft-core pornography.

It's almost as though he's bothered by the present only in terms of its relation to the past. In *Blow Out*, which brings together the great Michelangelo Antonioni's *Blow Out* and De Palma's second film, *Greetings*, he perfects his techniques – notably, the use of the split screen – to such an extent, it becomes his in a way that none of his previous work, with the exception of *Dressed to Kill*, could match. He would never again reach that level.

But there's a rift in these films. It's a rift even a critic like Pauline Kael (whose name is evoked twice or thrice rather warmly by De Palma in the documentary), willingly overlooked. Despite the childlike and religious devotion, despite the idealism, De Palma's movies, especially from this era, thrive on a mechanistic worldview.

Even in the delivery of the lines of their characters, you sense that something's not right. The rhythms are never spontaneous: they are almost zombie-like. Perhaps the best way to sum up this paradox is by considering that *Dressed to Kill*,

nominated at the Golden Globes and the New York Film Critics' Circle Awards, was also nominated in three categories – Worst Director, Worst Actor, and Worst Actress – at the Golden Raspberry Awards. Unresolved, unaddressed, this rift worsens towards the latter part of this phase, especially in *The Untouchables*.

With a director like Scorsese or Spielberg, there's a payoff in the end no matter how cynical the endings are. With De Palma, all we have are the tools and tricks of his trade – the techniques, the carefully rehearsed performances (Kael: "De Palma has been accused of being a puppeteer, and doing the actors' work for them") – which never transcend that mechanistic, zombie-like quality. Depending on how you see this (and Kael saw it differently), this is either a strength or weakness, but as the years went by it became more of a weakness.

No rift between technique and style on the one hand and narrative power on the other can ever add up to an enduring if not acclaimed work of art. This is why none of De Palma's movies after *Casualties of War* (which, in my opinion, is one of the great critiques of US involvement in Vietnam ever filmed) impresses me, with the exception of the only work of his made as a big studio production around that time, *Mission: Impossible* (1996).

Mission: Impossible is De Palma in patches, but the De Palma touch is there: the expectation that the IMF team will feature throughout the story, "cruelly dashed" when they are all killed just 20 minutes in; the sequence of Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and his superior Kittridge (Henry Czerny) talking with each other at a restaurant in Prague; and a brief relapse into the De Palma dioptré shot within a conversation between Kittridge and his aide that unfolds right after Hunt steals a list of names from the CIA Headquarters in Langley. As Roger Ebert put it in his review, *Mission: Impossible* was apt in its selection of De Palma as its director, because the film, like the director, was style over substance, technology over plot, sense over sensibility.

And in the end, as I put it before, it all depends on how you look at it: a strength on the director's part, or a weakness. In any case, I enjoyed watching *De Palma*.

WILLING MINDS TELLING TALES

PROFESSOR SUNANDA MAHENDRA

Nadine Gordimer, the Nobel Recipient in 1991, is the author of 13 novels, 10 short story collections and several non-fiction collections, all translated into many languages. The anthology of 21 short stories, edited by her, titled *Telling Tales* (2004). First published in Great Britain, this work brought her not only fame as an editor but also as a social reformation activist, as it triggered off into a campaign called Treatment Action Campaign (TAC). The campaign paved the way for the profits of the publication intended to go for worldwide healthcare to HIV/AIDS preventive education and for medical treatment for people living with more suffering than pandemic infection brings to the contemporary world.

As such, when the collection of stories is brought the buyer has two purposes. First, to enjoy a good collection of stories, and secondly a gift to combat the plague of our new millennium. At a glance, the reader comes to know some of the most brilliant storytellers in the world including Chinua Achebe from Nigeria, Margaret Atwood from the UK, Gabriel Garcia Marquez from Columbia, Gunter Grass from Germany, Arthur Miller from the USA and others such as Paul Theroux, John Updike and Susan Sontag around the globe.

Surrealistic tales

As a reader, I entered the cultural lives of the creative writers present in their respective works. While depicting the picture of their culture, the reader too gets the chance of knowing the types of expressions, genres and techniques utilized in storytelling.

They include parables, fantasies, anecdotes, comic tales, human interest narratives, tales packed with more dialogue than commentaries, historical, adventure tales and surrealistic tales. These, in several ways, provide the path to the study of comparative creative communication, a subject discipline that has come to stay linked to various other disciplines like anthropology and philosophy.

I felt that rarely have world creative writers of such variety and distinction appeared together in the same anthology. As the editor, Gordimer points out that their creative process captures the range of emotions and situations of the human universe, tragedy, comedy, fantasy, satire, dramas of sexual love and warfare, in different continents and cultures. The reader gets the chance to learn about others as well as others in different social contexts. Thus, the grand intention is fulfilled as the works are arranged in the alphabetical order.

The collection opens with a story by Arthur Miller titled *Bull Dog*. The central experience revolves around the experience gathered by a young lad who loves dogs. He gets the chance of buying a rare kind of puppy that he brings home. But the puppy, in turn, gives way to a rare trouble to his mother who prepares a chocolate cake. The mother and the son are panic-stricken when they find that the little puppy has eaten up the whole chocolate cake. They are so frightened that they wonder what they should do.

Power of expression

They try to contact the veterinary surgeon and tries to take advice. Then they try to get the advice of other people who matter. But everything ends up or reaches a climax as they are disillusioned over the rare kind of dogs or the little bull dog.

It is a pleasing little tale that could be enjoyed by all types of readers despite age differences. The power of expression is the mainstay in the narrative. In many ways this is a story that could enliven any reader in any culture bringing goodwill to the disaster-filled world.

Miller is more known as a dramatist. But this reveals his skill as a narratologist.

Then the reader comes across a fascinating tale by José de Sousa Saramago titled *The Centaur*. Saramago is lesser known as a fiction writer though he is the recipient of the Nobel Award in Literature in 1998. He is cited as born in Portugal in 1922. Though living in Spain, he had been tutored in higher education in various seats of learning in literature. He has been a mechanic, a draughtsman, a publisher's reader and editor cum translator.

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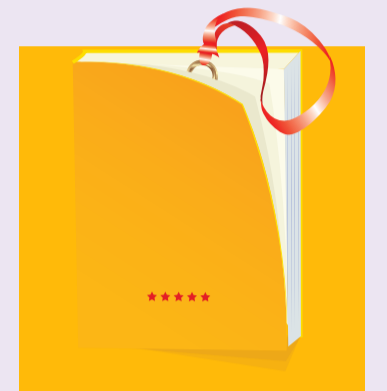
He has written volumes of plays, essays, short stories of varying types, ten novels and has received several honours. The present story revolves around a horseman, who finds that his horse is no longer a mere animal but a divine being who transforms itself into a super horse in divinity and mythology called Centaur.

Resourceful reading

In many ways, the narrative is surrealistic. Next in the line of selection for the anthology comes Es'kia Mphahlele, a storyteller from Pretoria. The story is titled *Down the Quiet Street*, a narrative that revolves around a silent street in a semi suburban area in small town gradually disturbed by the various upheavals brought about caused by the trivial conflicts among the human dwellers. Everybody as dwellers and settlers in the area anticipate a peaceful climate of living, but they themselves fail to gauge where the fault lies. Most people who exhibit themselves as peace-loving individuals fail to maintain their dignity in silence.

The protagonist in the narrative loves silence, but he is surprised as to how it is disturbed. By and large, it is fascinating and resourceful reading of the four narrators namely Salman Rushdie, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, Margaret Atwood and Gunter Grass. Their contributions, *The Firebird's Nest*, *Death Constant Beyond Love*, *The Age of Lead* and *Witness of an Era* respectively need sensitive interpretation from several points of view. They are representative tales of the changing aspects of both the narrative techniques as well as the human existence. It is observed that these four stalwarts are creators par excellence, bearing insights to living conditions as well as predictions of human living.

The 21 stories are written in different voices vividly individual patterns, as unusual.



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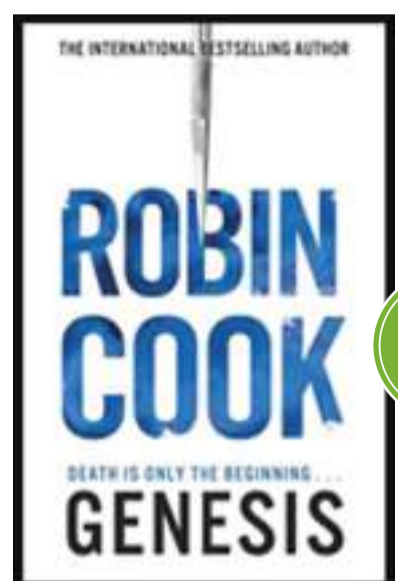
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AUTHOR: SG MacLean

Captain Damian Seeker has gone north. Charged with preparing the way for the rule of the major-generals, he is now under the command of Colonel Robert Lilburne at York. But when Lilburne orders him to a small village on the North York moors with details of the stringent new anti-Royalist laws, Seeker finds that what should be a routine visit will reveal a plot to rival anything in scheming London.

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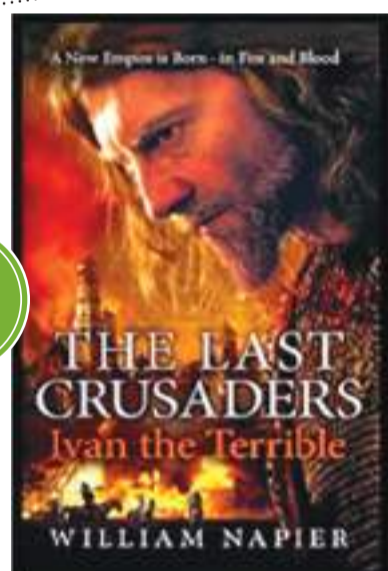
When the body of twenty-nine-year-old social worker Gloria Montoya, seven weeks pregnant with her first child, shows up on Chief New York City Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery's autopsy table, she's baffled to find no apparent causes of death. With no clues to go on, Laurie enlists the help of Dr Tricia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

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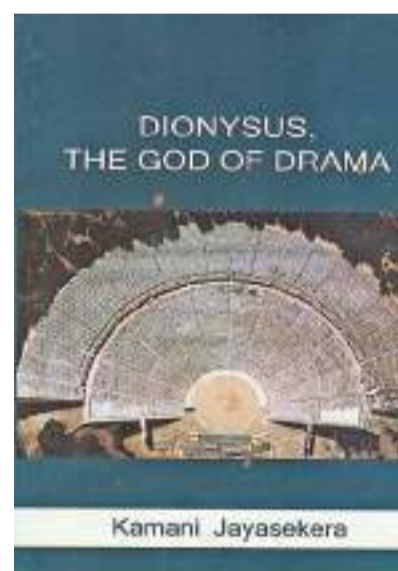
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AUTHOR: William Napier

After the final defeat of the Ottoman Empire at the great naval battle of Lepanto, it seems that Europe is safe. But one day Nicholas Ingoldsby is summoned to London for an audience with the Queen herself. He is to go on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople, the heart of the old enemy - and then onward, to a little-known but rising power called Muscovy.

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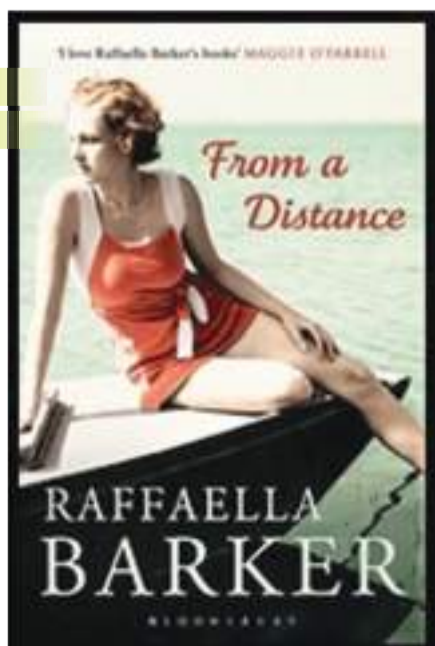
He is also known as Bacchus, the name adopted by the Romans; the frenzy he induces is bakkheia. Another name used by the Romans is Liber meaning "free", due to his association with wine and the Bacchanalia and other rites, and the freedom associated with it. His thyrsus, sometimes wound with ivy and dripping with honey, is both a beneficent wand and a weapon used to destroy those who oppose his cult and the freedoms he represents.

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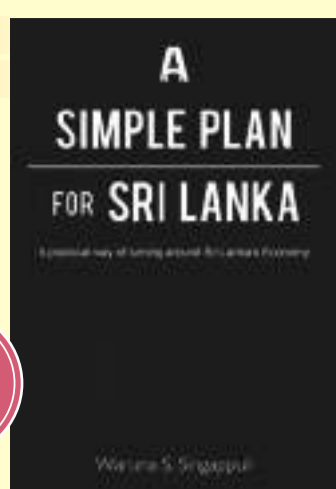
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AUTHOR: Waruna. S. Singappuli

In this book, the author gives the Nine-point challenge for the next President and Parliament. These are admittedly difficult yet achievable targets over a period of five years. Rather than focusing on hundreds of minor issues, if the focus is on these nine matters and significant progress is made, the country would be in a far better position economically in five years.

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AUTHOR: Pradip Kumar Malik

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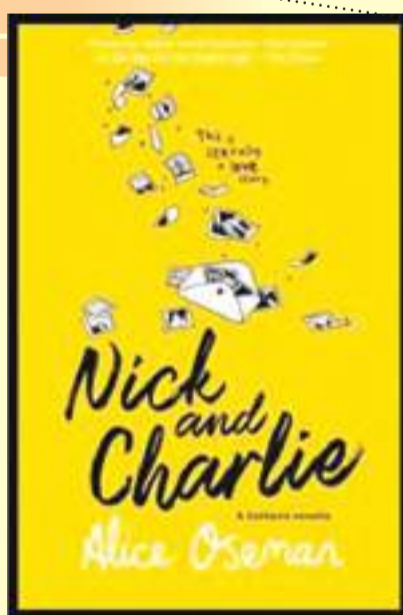
The unforgettable tale of an orphan in Victorian London, based on the boy whose plight inspired Dr Barnardo to found his famous children's homes. When his mother dies, Jim Jarvis is left all alone in London. He is sent to the workhouse but quickly escapes, choosing a hard life on the streets of the city over the confines of the workhouse walls. Struggling to survive, Jim finally finds some friends... only to be snatched away and made to work for the remorselessly cruel Grimy Nick, constantly guarded by his vicious dog, Snipe.

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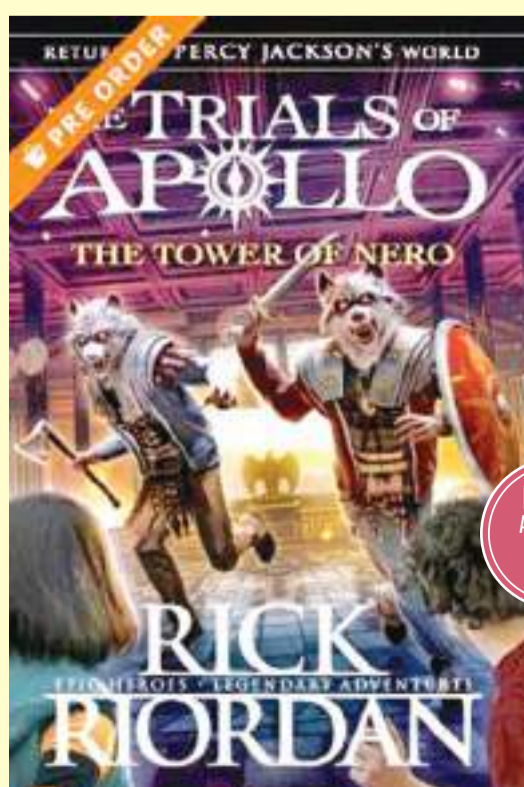
TITLE: Nick and Charlie
AUTHOR: Alice Oseman

Everyone knows that Nick and Charlie are the perfect couple - that they're inseparable. But now Nick is leaving for university, and Charlie will be left behind at Sixth Form. Everyone's asking if they're staying together, which is a stupid question - they're 'Nick and Charlie', for God's sake!

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TITLE: Tower of Nero
AUTHOR: Riordan Rick



The battle for Camp Jupiter is over. New Rome is safe. Tarquin and his army of the undead have been defeated. Somehow Apollo has made it out alive, with a little bit of help from the Hunters of Artemis. But though the battle may have been won, the war is far from over. Now Apollo and Meg must get ready for the final - and, let's face it, probably fatal - adventure. They must face the last emperor, the terrifying Nero, and destroy him once and for all. Can Apollo find his godly form again? Will Meg be able to face up to her troubled past? Destiny awaits.

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AUTHOR: Eva Mozes Kor, Lisa Rojany Buccieri

In the summer of 1944, Eva Mozes Kor and her family arrived at Auschwitz. Within thirty minutes, they were separated. Her parents and two older sisters were taken to the gas chambers, while Eva and her twin, Miriam, were herded into the care of the man who became known as the Angel of Death: Dr Josef Mengele. They were 10 years old.

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TITLE: Think Like a Monk
AUTHOR: Jay Shetty

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TITLE: Thus, she grew
AUTHOR: MTL Ebell

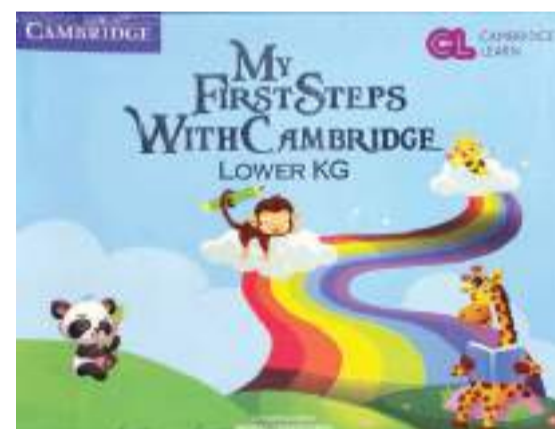
After years of writing short stories and humorous columns to the newspapers, M.T.L. Ebell published her first book entitled "Short & Verse" in 2007. This book won the award for the best English short stories published in 2007 at the Sri Lanka State Literary Awards 2008. The author now presents a biographical novel, "Thus, She Grew". This book won the award for the best English short stories published in 2007 at the Sri Lanka State Literary Awards 2008.

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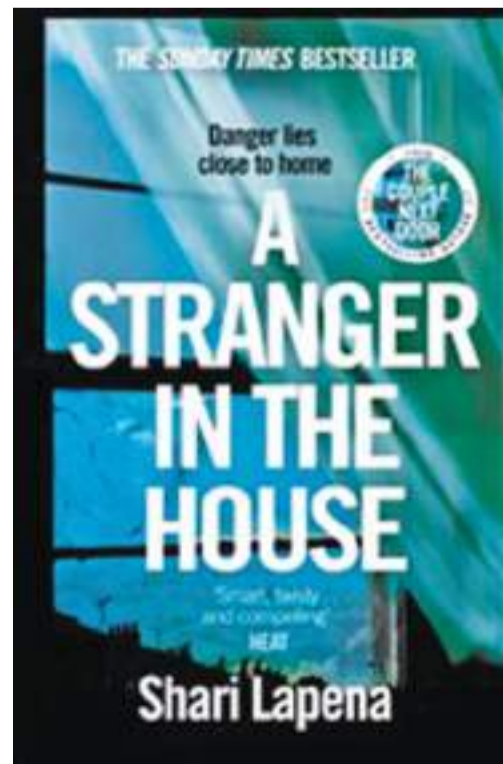
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TITLE: A Stranger in the House
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National Insurance Day



Message from Chairman, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka



The Insurance Regulatory Commission is pleased that the National Insurance Day and Month are being commemorated this year as well. It is important that the industry sustains itself and contributes to the economic development. By enabling risk transformation, the insurance industry is playing a major role, not only in the economy of the country but also enhancing the welfare of the society.

The benefit of insurance comes when one invests in it with proper awareness and knowledge. Transparency and integrity from both insurer and policy holder is therefore paramount, and this is a major opportunity to increase the awareness of insurance and how one benefits from it.

The government has been very supportive of the National Insurance Day. It has granted the impetus that the industry needs in creating greater awareness among people.

The unity among the insurance companies, aided by the IASL, makes regulatory plans and decisions less complicated and we see the National Insurance Month based activities as one of the key initiatives that builds this harmony. We wish the Marketing and Sales Forum of the IASL the very best for yet another successful National Insurance Day, and month long activities that will truly take the message to the public.

Razik Zarook P.C.

Chairman
Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

Message from Director General, Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka



The National Insurance Day, celebrated on the 1st of September is a significant annual event of the insurance industry in Sri Lanka from its declaration in year 2017. Insurance awareness creation activities carried out island wide extensively during the insurance month of September have largely contributed to the development of the sector, as people become more aware of the sector and the benefits that derive from insurance. The gross written premium for both Life and General Insurance has shown significant increases throughout past years, while profitability yielding positive results. Despite calamities faced economically and socially, in 2019 and 2020, the industry has sustained remarkably safeguarding policyholders through claim payments and affording relief on payment of insurance premium.

The Insurance Regulator has continued to maintain a healthy relationship with the insurance industry to uphold professionalism, transparency and commitment to policyholders. The role and responsibility of the Insurance Regulator has grown exponentially in the eyes of the public as we evidence increased participation. However, in my view, increased public awareness and change in perception on insurance are two main components that need attention for the further development of the industry. Accordingly, activities planned for the National Insurance Day and Insurance Month are crucial in achieving this objective.

We congratulate the Marketing and Sales Forum and the Insurance Association of Sri Lanka for continuing with its efforts in celebrating the National Insurance Day and Insurance Month this year as well, amidst the socio economic situation in the country and world at present. We hope this year too, the industry will be successful in terms of reaching out to the masses and spreading the message about insurance far and wide.

Damayanthi Fernando, Director General
Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka

Message from the President - Insurance Association of Sri Lanka



At the event of celebrating yet another Insurance Day, the Insurance Association of Sri Lanka recognizes the impact that the general public is experiencing at the face of a global pandemic. Hence, it is important to us that as an industry, we make this Insurance Day and the Insurance Month that follows it, a special commemoration where we reiterate the importance of being prepared at the advent of different kinds of adversity. More than ever before, we see the need for protection that can be fulfilled by insurance, and we will continue to actively educate the people on this.

The Insurance Day activities see all the insurance service providers, in both Life and General insurance sectors, come together in sharing awareness and knowledge. The IASL is keen on promoting this comradery that also benefits those employed in the industry as adding value to their professionalism.

The Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka as the regulatory body of the insurance industry has continued to support us through the many ventures, and has been an immense reinforcement towards the betterment of the companies and the industry as a whole.

On behalf of the IASL, I extend my gratitude towards the Government of Sri Lanka, the IRCSL, and all the insurance service providers for persisting in this endeavor to raise awareness on the importance of insurance.

Gehan Rajapakse, President
Insurance Association of Sri Lanka

Message from Chairman, Marketing and Sales Forum, IASL



The celebration of the National Insurance Day is significant to the industry and the Insurance Association, and more so to the Marketing and Sales Forum of IASL. This is due to the fact that the National Insurance Day on 1 September, and the continuing commemoration of the Insurance month throughout September, is the key event for the MSF to reach its vision of spreading awareness about insurance.

This day brings together all stakeholders of the industry from the regulators, representative bodies and service providers. As the MSF, we are encouraged to see all companies working together to achieve a common goal.

Insurance should not be seen as a mere fall back plan when faced with adversity, but as a proactive measure to keep one's self, family and valuable assets protected. Awareness of this fact is a key message that we need to take to the masses. At the same time, we are adding value to the role of the insurance sales person, to be perceived as a harbinger of solutions for care and protection.

Whilst we traverse these turbulent times with hope for a tranquil tomorrow, we always need to remember that calamities strike when least expected, unequivocally underscoring the importance of providing the protection for one's self, family and assets.

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Insurance Regulator's thoughts for the Insurance Day

BY JAI SUNTHUSH ABEYWARDENE

“When you go to a bank to apply for a loan the usual tendency is to blindly fill all the forms without paying much attention to read and understand the small printed terms and conditions, as you want to obtain the facility/loan as quickly as possible. Hence, you get what you expect when all formalities are completed & thereafter it is your responsibility to pay the loan. But applying to be an insurance policyholder and purchasing an insurance product is quite a different experience from the customary bank loan application procedure, as an insurance application, commonly known as a proposal form demands that you read every single question carefully and responds accurately as the acceptance of your risk is based on the information provided by you in good faith, insurance principle of “utmost good faith”, understand the terms and

conditions of the insurance cover thoroughly prior to entering into the insurance contract. You can get advice on the insurance cover from the insurance company or its agents or by an insurance broker. Further, all life policyholders have a cooling off period of 21 days from receipt of insurance policy to examine the cover for the second time and make a decision. Therefore, if you enter into a contract blindly, without understanding much about the insurance cover, at the point of policy maturity stage or in an event occurring the payment of claim, you may get disappointed, as your expectation was otherwise, said Damayanthi Fernando, Director General of the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka to Daily News Supplements Desk.

The DG beckoned the Writer, Colleague and Manager to make them comfortable and continued with an hour long dialogue that was both inspiring and engaging. Read it and be on the know about Insurance.

Q. Why is insurance so very important for your security, comfort and happiness and in short for everybody's wellbeing?

A. All of us wish to achieve financial freedom at some point in our life, and when it comes to doing that, we tend to believe that savings are enough to be financially stable for you and your dependents. But, if you look at life from a practical perspective, you would understand that savings alone are not enough to achieve financial freedom. Consider a situation when you have to wipe off all that you've saved all your life, just to pay for a hospital bill or a building destroyed by fire or your sudden demise has left your beneficiaries not knowing how to continue their education and live a life only with the savings you had left them.

Buying insurance could therefore be key to unlocking doors to peace of mind in a scenario as this for it ensures you and your family's financial burdens are lessened to the extent of the insurance cover. Insurance ensures financial security, transfer your risk to an insurance company, provide protection to you and your family.

Simply said, insurance is a contract that you transfer your risk of financial loss to an insurance company on a payment of what is called insurance premium.

Q. What are your views about the history and development of insurance in Sri Lanka?

A. Insurance business in Sri Lanka commenced with the advent of the coffee and tea industry and the primary entrants were the agency houses that managed plantations and were acting as agents of overseas insurance principals

handling mainly their in-house plantation businesses.

Insurance industry became localized with the Companies Act of 1938 that gave birth to Ceylon Insurance Company followed by a wave of many other insurance companies. The Motor Traffic Act of 1938 slowly made the people to get to know more about insurance however there was no specific legislative framework to authorize, supervise or control the insurance business in Sri Lanka.

Nationalization of the insurance industry took place in 1961 when it was proliferated and almost dominated by foreign insurance companies and agency houses. The Insurance Corporation Act No.2 of 1961 made the Insurance Corporation of Sri Lanka come into being as the sole insurer authorized to transact life insurance in the country. Control of Insurance Act No.25 of 1962 provided the state the power of regulating and controlling the activities of the insurance companies.

In 1980 another player joined the fray; National Insurance Corporation was incorporated with the objective of creating competition after 18 years of monopoly by the ICSL. In 1986 the Control of Insurance Act No. 25 of 1962 was amended opening the doors for the private sector to play a predominant role in Insurance.

Q. What is the role played by the Insurance Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka and how does its regulatory mechanism benefit the industry and a policy holder?

A. IRCSL is the regulator of Sri Lanka's insurance industry established by the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act, No. 43 of 2000 to develop, supervise and regulate Sri Lanka's insurance industry. The object and responsibility

of the Commission is to ensure that insurance business in Sri Lanka is transacted with integrity and in a professional and a prudent manner with a view to safeguarding the interests of the policyholders and potential policyholders.

All insurance companies, insurance brokers and loss adjusters as described in the Act and operating in Sri Lanka fall under the regulatory purview of the IRCSL. However, following entities have been exempted: The Agricultural and Agrarian Insurance Board, The Sri Lanka Export Credit Insurance Corporation and The Social Security Board.

Principal functions of this august body is multifaceted – license persons as insurers, register persons as insurance brokers; and as loss adjusters; advise the Government on the development and regulation of the insurance industry; implement the policies and programmes of the Government with respect to the insurance industry; enter into any bi-lateral or multi-lateral memorandum of understanding pertaining to the sharing of information, with any local or foreign person; employ such officers and servants as may be necessary for the purpose of exercising, performing and discharging the powers, duties and functions of the Commission; acquire and hold any property, movable or immovable and sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise dispose of the same; enter into all such contracts as may be necessary for the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions; do all such other acts as may be necessary for the due exercise, discharge and performance of its powers, duties and functions under the Act.

Q. What was the most important step you initiated to mitigate the adverse impact of Corona

epidemic on the insurance policy holder?

A. The most important step we've observed and implemented was to relieve the financial burden heaped on the policy holder by extending the premium payback period to 3 months from the premium payment due date for life and non-life insurance policy holders.

Q. What is the importance of the Insurance Day and Insurance Month?

A. We wish to create awareness amongst the general public about why and how Insurance becomes part of life. In 2017 the insurance industry players requested the Commission to spearhead this movement as the apex body capable of making this mindset a reality amongst the general populace of the country.

We have so far successfully implemented awareness programmes, TV, radio programmes, Art Competitions amongst school children during the awareness month of September 2019.

We take the credit of making the Government of Sri Lanka declare September First as the Insurance Day in Sri Lanka.

Q. We would like to know your future plans?

A. We have quite a few revolutionary plans in the pipeline and to list a few – The Government funded project to upgrade the regulatory and supervisory framework in Sri Lanka in line with the best practices adopted by other insurance regulators, being a member of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors; Fully automate the insurance regulatory and supervisory process in Sri Lanka and make everybody do business with ease; The ultimate objective is to enhance policyholder protection.

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Insurance industry expected to record increase in penetration

BY LALIN FERNANDOPULLE

The insurance industry which is yet at its early stages in its lifecycle is expected to record an increase in penetration from the current level of around 1.3 percent to around 2 percent in the next five years, a top official of the industry said during a discussion on this year's National Insurance Day which is marked each year on September 1.

"We are confident the current penetration level in both Life and General insurance will grow to a satisfactory level in the coming years as people have realised the importance of insurance with the out-break of the global pandemic that has wreaked havoc to economies across the globe increasing the risk to life," said Amana Takaful Life CEO Gehan Rajapakse.

The global insurance landscape is expected to change due to the current global health crisis resulting in an upside effect on the industry which is yet to bloom fully in the world.

The expansion in technology is said to have a positive impact on insurance penetration as in most industries which will stand to benefit from technological advancements.

Despite the gloom and doom in the global economy with a trickle-down effect on all industries the insurance industry in Sri Lanka reported a recovery faster than expected in June and July this year.

"We did not expect a turn around so quickly which could be attributed to the need for protection and risk mitigation from health hazards," Rajapakse said.

The industry offered moratoriums for premiums during the global pandemic to support policy holders.

Industry experts said the National Insurance Day since its inaugural year in 2017 has helped raise and increase awareness on the importance of insurance in life as a means of protection and risk mitigation.

However, the question of how could the industry increase insurance penetration has been a recurrent issue.

The lingering problem has been do people have enough insurance policies and do they have a proper comprehensive cover which will provide the bread-winner and his or her dependents the compensation they expected?

The lack of an adequate cover due to the income level and affordability of people has created an insurance gap which the industry will need bridge with more convenient and innovative products that will suit the earning capacity of insurance policy seekers.

"The industry will come up with new strategies to increase penetration among the low income segment with new distribution models," Rajapakse said.

This year's Insurance Day which is to be held for the fourth consecutive year will be a virtual event to raise insurance awareness.

"In the past we have been conducting on ground activations to propagate the concept of insurance on life and general organised by the Marketing and Sales Forum (MSF) with the participation of all industry players," Rajapakse said adding that this year the industry will not be conducting on-ground promotions organised by the MSF due to restriction of gathering crowds.

However he said each company will have its own activities that will be carried

out throughout the month of September. Public Relations (PR) and digital tools will be used to create awareness.

The Government declared September 1 as the National Insurance Day in 2017. Since then the day has been marked each year with a series of events across the country organized by the MSF.

Activations in the past years took place in Colombo, Kandy, Kurunegala, Jaffna, Ratnapura, Anuradhapura and Matara hosted by the insurance industry players.

The day's events were marked also with the presence of insurance advisors of companies who helped in raising awareness.

The declaration of 1 September as National

Insurance Day, which took place in 2017, was a significant milestone for the industry.

The National Insurance Day has helped reduce dependency on the Government to provide relief and compensation to victims of natural catastrophes.

The declaration is expected to help increase the sector's contribution to the GDP of the country.

Insurance sector representatives have been emphasizing the need to provide


comprehensive protection for all lives and assets. Industry experts note the current increase in life expectancy shows us that people are becoming more health conscious.

However, insurance penetration which is reflected by the insurance premium as a percentage of GDP amounted to 1.26 percent in 2018.

Level of disposable income and negative perceptions on insurance and social security benefits have negatively impacted the growth of the insurance sector over the years.



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Sri Lanka Insurance Brokers Association and the role it plays in the Industry

The Sri Lanka Insurance brokers Association (SLIBA) was formed in 1987 immediately after the government amended the Control of Insurance Act no. 25 of 1962 opening the doors for the private sector to venture into Insurance as Insurers in 1986.

The insurance industry is regulated and supervised in terms of the provisions of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act No. 43 of 2000 which was enacted by the Parliament in August 2000 and came into operation with effect from 1st March 2001. The Insurance Board of Sri Lanka (IBSL) was established under this Act and IBSL was granted the regulatory function of the insurance industry from the Controller of Insurance at the



Sri Lanka Insurance Brokers Association President Nalin Dharmasinghe

Ministry of Finance who regulated the insurance industry in terms of the Control of Insurance Act No. 25 of 1962 which was repealed with the enforcement of the new legislation.

Within six months of formation of IBSL, in October 2001 granted the approval to SLIBA to function as an approved association of insurance Brokers in terms of section 79 of the Regulation of Insurance Industry Act 43 of 2000 recognizing the contribution SLIBA had made to the industry and the fact that all the insurance brokers who were eligible to register under the new Act had the membership already with SLIBA.

Since then IBSL/IRCSL continued to recognize the above status granted to SLIBA by publishing a statement under Administration/General review of all their Annual Reports that:

"Sri Lanka Insurance Brokers' Association is the only association of insurance brokers that has been approved by IBSL and all insurance brokers are members of this Association. In terms of Section 79 of the RII Act, it is mandatory that all the registered

insurance brokers and all applicants seeking registration are required to be members of this Association"

Today, SLIBA boasts a relatively large membership with a robust and effective inter-phasing with insurers in Sri Lanka and overseas. Many large international brokers such as Marsh & McLennan, AON, Willis and Arthur J Gallagher supported by leading International underwriters are represented through Sri Lankan brokers for retail and wholesale insurance broking services in the island. SLIBA members are therefore able to link global access with local knowhow in offering professional solutions to risk transfer mechanisms.

The Sri Lanka Insurance Brokers Association (SLIBA) is the central organization for all registered insurance brokers in Sri Lanka. SLIBA is involved with elevating the status of its membership, safeguarding and advancing their interests whilst enhancing their general efficiency, technical knowledge and professional conduct. The association aims to foster a class of insurance intermediaries who are technically

competent, professional in their outlook and conduct, which the insuring public can depend on in accessing truly dependent and expert insurance services and advice.

Currently the SLIBA has a membership numbering 65 Brokers of which around 75% of them have license to transact Both Life & General Insurance business but most of them focus mainly on General Insurance Business and their main functions are as follows:

- Understand the client's business, associated risks and insurance needs through a risk management process
- Design the most appropriate insurance cover, explaining the options and the reasons for their advice.
- Execute the client's instructions in an efficient manner including the negotiation with the insurance market,
- Placement of the business with an insurer who offers the widest, cost efficient cover with acceptable security.
- Explain the needs of and the behaviour of the market to clients.
- Maintain effective relationships with the market – local and international.
- Assistance in the process/negotiation of claims.
- Provide continuous service and advice.

Accordingly the professional services rendered by the insurance brokers will help the insuring public to get the maximum benefit from the insurance covers afforded and to mitigate the risks involved which will enable the customer to concentrate on their core business.

It is very important to note that appointing an Insurance broker will not result in any additional cost or a fee that are over and above the costs payable to insurance companies as the Insurance brokers provide unbiased services to clients and there is always possibility of a cost reduction in view of their expert negotiation skills.

What will the new normal be for insurance companies?

With face-to-face physical sales becoming challenging, there will be a significant rise in demand for purchasing insurance digitally. Besides, this is the perfect time for insurance carriers to leverage digital solutions to survive and in the post-pandemic new normal. Consumers, too, on the other side, are getting prepared to think differently. When the pandemic is over, its impact will be visible in the consumer attitude and behavior and their newfound interests.

Covid-19 has placed a plethora of challenges on insurers, not only in how they work, but also on how they interact with consumers

In the face of pandemic-related restrictions, consumers have adapted to meet social, personal, and essential needs. The increase in digital media such as video conferencing apps provides just one example of such, low-touch, distance-less adaptation. Likewise, shopping habits have changed to emphasize digital channels for purchase and after-sales service, not only for products, such as food and clothing, but for insurance, as well. Insurance companies are re-evaluating their business models, turning profits back to loyal customers in the form of rebates and investing in new customer-friendly products and digital channels

Before COVID, companies generally planned for disasters by shifting workloads to different locations or offices. Work-from-home (WFH) scenarios were not foreseen. Setting up widespread, home-based work environments to accommodate for a lack of systems, equipment, IT support staff, software and security had never been considered before. The technical challenges were most acutely felt as companies tried to stabilise their operations. While stabilisation periods varied by company, the fact that many were able to adjust in weeks instead of years is most commendable.

Digitally mature insurers clearly demonstrated greater resiliency and ability to serve customers than their counterparts who lagged in technology adoption. The pandemic pushed consumers to accept digital options for raising service requests and communicating with agents. It also proved advantageous for companies equipped with digitally advanced products, such as big-data-enabled underwriting, automated claims processing and voice- and chat-enabled customer service channels.

In short, organizations that learn from the crisis, and embrace it as an opportunity for overall reinvention, will meet the new normal with confidence and enjoy greater success moving forward than their counterparts.

Moving on from COVID-19, new insurance operating models will need to be resilient, agile, distance independent, paperless, and transparent.

As organisations define what the permanent shift from dedicated office space to "my workspace" will look like, striking the right balance between physical and contactless interaction will involve carefully considering the learnings from COVID-19.

Having learned from the shortcomings of provisioning a fully remote workforce, the insurance industry would do well to fix the missing and dysfunctional pieces of their IT Infrastructure and enhance their overall network capabilities. New configurations would need continuous review for single points-of-failure, access controls and exceptions, and remote login credentials. Adequate IT support staff would be needed to ensure helpdesk capacity, with contingencies for key staff unavailability and alternate admin access to critical systems.

Investment would be required for all aspects of collaboration, remote-tooling, agent assistance/guidance, right-skilling, and workflow to ensure a stable, agile, engaged, and high-performing remote taskforce.

As supervision and control lessens in a WFH setup, real-time monitoring of workforce productivity via SLA/performance dashboards would be required. Operations management would also require enhanced process quality checks to highlight deviations from agreed thresholds and ensure the right mix of staff working remotely vs. in existing office spaces.

Early COVID-19 contract modification models suggest the need for simpler, modular clauses to enhance operational agility. As remote working becomes widespread, the industry must anticipate new regulatory restrictions and data security guidelines. Any new security/privacy contract clauses would need to be reviewed for their commercial impact on the sustainable hybrid model and be ready for quick turnaround.

Companies should emphasise tightening security protocols, maintaining strong cybersecurity practices and building a resilient working model. This will require improving

identity management, network connectivity and endpoint security tools that can help prevent and minimize security breaches. Insurers must detect areas of unacceptable risk, monitor, and curb the usage of non-approved technology.

Going ahead, insurance companies would do well to enhance self-service capabilities and digital document management, improve information security and compliance, deploy smart workflow management tools, automate repetitive non-core tasks and invest in quick-to-market product platforms as part of their technology modernization.

Companies should also consider automation and digitalization as a means for additional revenue gains and not a mere cost reduction exercise; their absence can often result in loss of business, and any time saved can be applied to new business activities.

The use of AI and intelligent automation, alongside IoT and big data technologies, would allow insurers to streamline and enhance processes, such as:

Voice bots, chat bots and assisted live-chat providing personalized customer experiences, while minimizing labor-intensive, face-to-face interactions and manned calls

Real-time, dynamic, behavioral pricing models and via digital data intake, auto classification and indexing, robust, rules-driven workflow and enhanced data-driven decision support for risk assessment will speed up and improve underwriting efficiency.

Augment First Notification of Loss (FNOL) and claims, surveys using virtual technology with advanced photo/video capture capabilities, along with advanced claims triaging and IoT-based, connected systems for advance risk detection and predict fraud patterns with advanced forensic capabilities to analyze data

Most insurers have lingered in use of cloud services, deterred by data security concerns or uncertainty over variable consumption costs of cloud-based services vs. fixed costs of on-premise servers. However, having systems in the cloud offers higher capacity and bandwidth, along with faster and responsive access from anywhere.

Insurers need to invest in digital platforms to bring together workforce, customers, brokers, and plan administrators, using technologies such as electronic placement platforms for brokers, modular agile product build solutions and integrated workflow tools.

Timely and accurate projections have cascading effects and material impacts on reserves, renewal premiums and terms and conditions. Hence, insurers who invest in big data analytics tools can showcase their ability to pay future claims and demonstrate the capacity to effectively underwrite risk.

Despite having access to large datasets, the industry still struggles to incorporate data insights into its business strategies, instead relying heavily on experience over data. Hence, the need to fix data silos, poor system integrations and outdated technologies becomes more eminent. As the industry enters the post-COVID-19 phase, it must address its general, "data rich, information poor" status.

As digital operations expand industry-wide, insurance companies must perform rapid assessments to remove avoidable human work, redeploying workers to higher-value activities, and zero-base their physical footprint. Operations re-design, with an overall shift to minimizing fixed costs, would drive core/non-core task prioritization to enable right-shoring models via managed services providers. As well, quickly building a digital ecosystem across geographically diverse teams will help fast-track the change.

Organizations should focus on reassessing and consolidating operations and claims adjusting partners, third-party supplier networks and other vendors based on capabilities.

Still, human touch remains valuable when people need help. Therefore, agents, underwriters and customer-facing staff will require skills training to deal with the more complex customer needs that fall to their desks. However, human intervention should be integrated into the digital experience, rather than requiring a separate phone call.



Wasantha Warnasuriya

More than ever, insurers need to sharpen their value proposition, focus on product simplification and policy wording reviews, and accelerate risk-restructuring for new and modified insurance.

Insurance companies will need to shift more towards social media and content marketing, SEO, and influencer-led campaigns, as well as webinars, to reach new customers for more targeted engagement. The benefits and opportunities these digital channels demonstrated recently will make them essential to any long-term marketing plan. Marketers need to keep a closer watch on their accounts, search keywords and site analytics to identify shifts in customer needs. Marketing strategies should leverage email strategically, remain sensitive in messaging, and balance critical information with helpful articles and top-of-mind brand awareness content.

As physical interactions become more infrequent, client-centricity will become critical for sustaining and enhancing customer experiences. Simple digital customer journeys, informed by moments-of-truth, and key customer interaction touchpoints, along with a 360-degree customer view across different data sources, would be key to a seamless omnichannel customer experience.

Digital technology will play a pivotal role in the "new normal," some of the key areas that companies need to address when they begin their transformation journey are:

- Defining organization's vision and key digital goals,
 - Identifying key focus areas
 - Assessing the current state against industry benchmarks
 - Bring together all the various stakeholders and manage the change
 - Assessing Future Readiness
- Business processes and technology capabilities have been stress-tested during COVID-19. Using the learnings from this experience, insurers must assess their digital maturity and future readiness regarding:
- WFH Enablement
 - Business Management
 - Operations Management
 - Digital Assets, Data and Analytics
 - Product Simplification

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Union Assurance Writes a New Chapter in Education Protection

In joining hands with the industry this National Insurance Month to educate the public on the benefits of insurance, Union Assurance introduces an education protection plan-Sisumaga+ to help parents plan for a sound investment that provides good returns to cushion against the sudden shock of the cost of

higher education or an untimely demise. Sisumaga+ is the ideal education protection plan a parent can gift their children to secure their future.

Sisumaga+ ensures uninterrupted education from childhood through to university. In the current context it is evident that the future is more unpredictable, more uncertain, and more unfamiliar. The global pandemic has only confirmed that we need to be prepared for uncertainty. The impact of the pandemic on education was unprecedented, disrupting education continuity and forcing digital adaptation propelling children to new ways of learning. The pandemic in essence has only reinforced that uncertainty is a certainty.

In planning their children's education, at a micro level, Sri Lankan parents play a role of devotion and sacrifice to ensure that children

fulfil their dreams and aspirations. While much commitment goes into building strong foundations to secure a child's future at a young age, most parents fail to make the right financial plans early enough to comfortably protect the higher education aspirations of their children. Further exacerbating the issue are rising costs of tuition, stationery, textbooks, boarding fees and transport, making it more important than ever to start planning a child's future from a very young age.

Sisumaga+ offers a fund build-up for continuous growth of the fund and an additional 15% Loyalty Benefit paid upon completion of all due premiums of the policy term. In the event of a demise of a parent, Sisumaga+ offers all-round protection by providing an immediate payment of 5 times of the basic annual premium and a consistent monthly income to take care of

education expenses up to the maturity of the policy, while assuring the growth of the education fund with continuous premium settlements made by Union Assurance.

Education Protection is a relatively new concept in Sri Lanka with Union Assurance being a forerunner in establishing such a protection plan. Through a combination of savings and investment, this plan will provide essential support for children to actively pursue their ambitions for higher education while providing a buffer against the continuing escalation in associated costs.

Union Assurance is one of the largest Life Insurance solutions providers in Sri Lanka and has been in the business of protecting lives and empowering people to achieve their dreams. As a responsible Insurance solution provider Union Assurance has taken an enormous step

towards empowering the dreams of the future of this country by introducing Sisumaga+ a protection-based education plan where parents can invest and secure their child's future.

Union Assurance is one of the most awarded Life Insurance companies in Sri Lanka, completing over three decades of success with a market capitalization of Rs. 18 Bn, a Life Fund of Rs. 38 Bn and a Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) of 455% as at July 2020. Set to empower the Sri Lankan Dream, Union Assurance offers Life Insurance solutions that cover education, health, retirement, and investment needs of Sri Lankans. With 76 branches and an over 3000-strong workforce, Union Assurance continues to invest in people, products and processes to remain agile and responsive to emerging changes in the Life Insurance industry.

The following illustrations show examples of how you could structure your own customized education solutions to suit your needs and your child's dreams

If you wish to build approximately a **Rs.1.5 million Education Fund at maturity** (assuming a 10% dividend declaration):

Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
35	10	525,000	10,000	9,800
45	10	540,000	10,000	10,600
Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
35	15	265,000	10,000	5,200
45	15	275,000	10,000	5,900

If you wish to build approximately a **Rs.5 million Education Fund at maturity** (assuming a 10% dividend declaration):

Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
35	10	1,750,000	50,000	32,800
45	10	1,800,000	50,000	35,800
Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
35	15	985,000	50,000	17,400
45	15	915,000	50,000	20,500

If you wish to build approximately a **Rs.10 million Education Fund at maturity** (assuming a 10% dividend declaration):

Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
35	10	3,500,000	100,000	65,600
45	10	3,600,000	100,000	71,400
Age	Policy Term	Basic Sum Assured - Death Benefit	Monthly Education Assistance Fee	Monthly Premium
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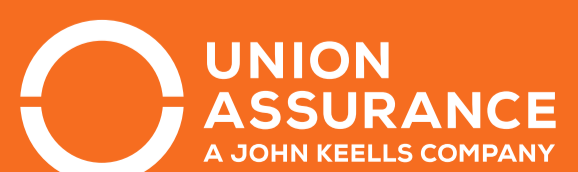


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HNB Assurance Recognizes its 75 MDRT Qualifiers of 2019

HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) produced 75 qualifiers for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table Conference (MDRT) in the United States of America, including 1 Top of the Table qualifier (TOT) and 3 Court of the Table (COT) qualifiers. The achievement holds great significance as this is the highest number of MDRT and COT achievers the Company has produced.

Commending the winners, Chief Executive Officer of HNBA and HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI), Mr. Prasantha Fernando stated, "This inspiring team of individuals have set a benchmark in the industry today, also showcasing great resolve in the act of broadening one's professional career

development. I believe that career-shaping achievements of this nature not only strengthens the Company's Sales Force, but also sets an excellent example for our youthful beginners to stay true to their values and goals in life. Whilst congratulating all the winners, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude towards all who made this possible".

Chief Operating Officer and Principal Officer of HNBA, Mr. Lasitha Wimalaratne expressed his words of appreciation stating, "These qualifiers have taken an uphill battle, demonstrating exceptional professional skills, product knowledge and ethical conduct in the run up to achieving the MDRT recognition. I'm indeed thankful

for the support of the Distribution Management Team, Training Team and especially the Bancassurance team for their great efforts that set course for this great win".

HNB Assurance PLC (HNBA) is one of the fastest growing Insurance Companies in Sri Lanka with a network of 63 branches. HNBA is a

Life Insurance company with a rating of A (Ika) by Fitch Ratings Lanka and especially the Bancassurance team for 'National Insurer Financial Strength Rating'. Following the introduction of the segregation rules by the Insurance Regulator, HNB General Insurance Limited (HNBGI) was created and commenced its operations in January 2015; HNBGI continues to specialize

in motor, non-motor and Takaful insurance solutions and is a fully owned subsidiary of HNB Assurance PLC. HNB General Insurance has been assigned a 'National Insurer Financial Strength Rating' of 'A' (Ika) by Fitch Ratings Lanka Limited. HNBA is rated within the Top 100 brands and Top 100 companies in Sri Lanka by LMD and HNB Assurance has won international awards for Brand Excellence, Digital Marketing and HR Excellence including the Great Place to Work® Certification, and won many awards for its Annual Reports at award ceremonies organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.



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Mr. Prasantha Fernando, CEO of HNB Assurance PLC and its fully owned subsidiary HNB General Insurance Limited said "HNB Assurance is a company that has always been at the forefront of understanding and satisfying customers' protection needs in a manner that best suits them individually. I see this new addition that we have launched in the market as a testament to our resolve in this regard enabling one to bring the very best protection for one's self and family. This rider gives an individual the opportunity of selecting a health insurance solution that would facilitate access to the best medical services both here and overseas. The world we live in today, as well as our ever increasing sedentary lifestyle makes us more prone to non-communicable diseases and other ailments, making it necessary to be able to deal with those situations. As an insurance provider as much as we propagate the concept of healthy living, our focus is always to offer our customers the confidence and solace that should the need arise, they have access to the best health service providers to ensure that their lives return to its equilibrium and normalcy as quickly as possible. I am very thankful to the team that was behind this product and it is with much pride and confidence that I invite customers to join us and secure their future".

Mr. Lasitha Wimalaratne, Chief Operating Officer and Principal Officer of HNBA expressed views on SupremeHealth



HNBA and HNBGI, Chief Executive Officer, Prasantha Fernando



HNBA, Chief Operating Officer and Principal Officer, Lasitha Wimalaratne

Max stating, "As yet another revolutionary product by HNBA, SupremeHealth Max offers almost special benefits making way for a worry-free life. This includes a Worldwide Hospitalisation Cover of up to LKR 50 Million Annually for Individuals and Families, Worldwide Cashless Claim Settlement, No Claim Bonus of up to 100%, Pre & Post Hospitalisation Expenses Benefit and a Restore Benefit entitling the Policyholder to a 100% of Sum Assured even in the event that he or she has already claimed the entire Sum Assured during a year due to hospitalisation, provided that the subsequent hospitalisation is not related to the reasons of hospitalisation before".

Mr. Wimalaratne added, "In addition, further features include, Optical Benefit that provides coverage for vision related expenses, Dental Benefit, Maternity Benefit, Surgical Benefit, Health Screening Benefit, Cash Benefit for hospitalisation in Government Hospitals, OPD Cover inclusive of coverage for Ayurvedic treatment expenses, reimbursement for costs that are incurred for day care treatment and ambulance charges. HNBA SupremeHealth Max also covers expenses related to Chemotherapy, Dialysis and Radiology treatments within the cover limit, whilst covering costs of Prosthesis and Implants, and Organ Donor Expenses.

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AIA recognised Sri Lanka's Best Life Insurance Company

AIA Sri Lanka is proud to be recognised as Sri Lanka's Best Life Insurance Company in 2019, by the internationally acclaimed Global Banking and Finance Review. This prestigious recognition followed a detailed assessment of key performance indicators by the UK-based media powerhouse that analyses the financial industry and the global economy. The award is testimony to the significant contribution made by AIA Sri Lanka to the life insurance industry in terms of outstanding products and services, enhancing customer experience and serving local communities.

AIA Sri Lanka has always remained strong and maintained financial strength and stability. The recent COVID19 pandemic proved that AIA Sri Lanka has indeed been built strong and built to last. With the highest Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) in Sri Lanka's life insurance industry (of more than 600% and 5 times the required CAR by the regulator), AIA Sri Lanka has an unmatched ability to absorb risks and withstand crisis. This is supported by the company's prudent investment strategy and high quality of investments.

AIA Sri Lanka's focus is always on delighting the customer. With a track-record of paying better than promised policyholder dividends for the past 30 years, the company is constantly evolving to meet customer expectations. The company's pioneering digitalisation efforts and focus on ease-of-doing business has strengthened its reputation of being a truly customer focused insurer.

AIA Sri Lanka was the first and only insurer to win the LIMRA International Quality Award (IQA) for Growth in the world (2018) and also boasts IQA qualifiers for 2019- not to forget topping the number of MDRT qualifiers in Sri Lanka for 5 consecutive years, to date.

(MDRT is internationally recognised as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business.) This is a fitting acknowledgement of the relentless commitment and high level of professionalism shown by the company's advisors in both the Agency Distribution and Bancassurance channels.

The company has also been recognised as a Great Place to Work® in Sri Lanka for eight consecutive years, in addition to being

recognised as one of the 'Best Workplaces for Women' in Sri Lanka, in the inaugural awards presented by GPTW® Sri Lanka. These accolades demonstrate the company's great workplace culture which encompasses equality, inclusivity and opportunity to grow.

Be it a donation to the Sri Lanka Heart Association, a partnership with the Sri Lanka Cancer Society, renovating underprivileged schools and hospitals around the island, saving lives during Poson or providing higher education scholarships, AIA Sri Lanka is a company with a big heart and giving back to the community has always been a priority. During the COVID pandemic, the company sprung to action in donating much needed PPE equipment to a hospital treating COVID patients, not to forget, providing free life insurance cover to all staff at three main hospitals dealing with the disease. The pandemic saw AIA Sri Lanka being the first insurer in the country to offer free COVID cover to all customers while also providing free telemedicine services to all customers during the curfew.

AIA Sri Lanka pursues its mission of helping people live healthier, longer, better lives through proactive efforts to promote health and wellness to all Sri Lankans, mainly through the AIA Vitality programme. This includes pioneering initiatives such as 'Sri Lanka's Healthiest Workplace Survey' which aids workplace wellness.

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Ceylinco Life reports 6-month income of Rs 17.1 billion

- Premium income grows 13% to Rs 9.9 billion
- Investment & other income up 17.4% to Rs 7.2 billion
- Net claims & benefits paid increase by 17.8% to Rs 5.9 billion

Ceylinco Life has reported gross income of Rs 17.1 billion for the first half of 2020, an improvement of 14.9 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, demonstrating the Company's ability to grow volumes even in challenging conditions through a focus on its core business and on astute investment management.



Chairman R. Renganathan and Managing Director CEO Thushara Ranasinghe

Both gross written premium (GWP) and investments and other income contributed to top line growth in the six months ending 30th June 2020, increasing by 13 per cent to Rs 9.9 billion and by 17.4 per cent to Rs 7.2 billion respectively, the Company disclosed.

Ceylinco Life paid Rs 5.9 billion in net claims and benefits to policyholders in the period under review – an increase of 17.8 per cent over the first half of 2019, transferred Rs 4.4 billion to its Life Fund, and made a transfer of Rs 1.95 billion to the shareholder fund, growing the latter by 9.2 per cent to Rs 34.4 billion.

Consequently, profit before tax was recorded at Rs 3.5 billion for the six months, reflecting a decline of 6.7 per cent over the first half of 2019, while profit after tax reduced by 4.6 per cent to Rs 2.7 billion, the Company reported.

The Company's Life Fund achieved a milestone in the second quarter of the year, surpassing Rs 100 billion to stand at Rs 101.6 billion as at 30th June 2020, and becoming the fastest life fund to reach Rs 100 billion in Sri Lanka's life insurance sector.

"The second quarter of the year was a period of turbulence for most businesses worldwide as a result of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and profit growth

was predictably affected," Ceylinco Life Managing Director Thushara Ranasinghe said. "We expect the effects of the pandemic to continue to exert pressure on the Company's performance in the quarters ahead, but remain confident that Ceylinco Life has the inherent financial strength and stability as well as the managerial prowess to minimise the adverse impacts and provide our policyholders and shareholders the best returns possible in the conditions that prevail," he continued.

Total assets of Ceylinco Life grew by Rs 24.6 billion or 18.5 per cent since 31st December 2019 to Rs 157.8 billion as at 30th June 2020, while the Company's investment portfolio increased by Rs 23.4

billion or 20 per cent over the six months to reach Rs 140.3 billion at the end of the first half of the year.

Ceylinco Life ended 2019 on a characteristically strong note as well, with consolidated income of Rs 32.1 billion for the financial year, reflecting top line growth of 9.9 per cent. The Company reported gross written premium income of Rs 18.7 billion, retaining its status as the market leader for life insurance in Sri Lanka for the 16th consecutive year.

Sri Lanka's leading life insurer for the second half of the 32 years it has been in existence, Ceylinco Life was ranked the Most Valuable Life Insurance Brand in Sri Lanka by Brand Finance this year and declared the 'Peoples Life Insurance Service Provider of the Year' for the 14th consecutive year at the 2020 SLIM-Nielsen Peoples Awards. The Company was ranked among the 10 'Most Admired Companies' in the country by the International Chamber of Commerce, Sri Lanka (ICCSL) in 2019 and in the same year was named the 'Best Life Insurer in Sri Lanka' for the sixth consecutive year by World Finance, and ranked sixth overall in the Business Today ranking of the country's top 30 companies.

Ceylinco Life has close to a million lives covered by active policies and is acknowledged as a benchmark in the local insurance industry for innovation, product research and development, customer service, professional development and corporate social responsibility.

What will the new normal...

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Based on an assessment of these key transformation pillars, companies should pursue any needed interventions to reach their desired target state. Prioritizing these interventions, by evaluating their business value against their implementation complexity, will result in an implementation roadmap aligned with target milestones.

With the target state and roadmap established, effective change management will ensure a smooth transition. Consider these key change management principles moving forward:

- Leadership vision and continued executive support, driving change from the top
- Employee engagement and re-skilling
- Ability to work effectively virtually, including physical and mental fitness
- Adaptation skills to acclimate and adjust to changing job tasks and environments
- Digital competence
- Digital conflict management
- Access to online training resources and services, including articles, whitepapers and webinars
- Effective and continuous communication on the future state, with an eye on potential concerns
- Designated change agents across each line of business to communicate the mission and vision
- A Digital Center of Excellence: Executing the Vision through a Cross-Functional Transformation Team

Designing an end-to-end organisational view of business and operations is vital to enabling a reliable and sustainable transformation model. A Center of Excellence can serve as the governing body, managing demands across multiple lines of business, in step with larger organizational goals, and prioritizing projects along the transformation journey.

As customers become used to digital interactions as the new norm, there will be a changing level of expectation in how they are communicated with from now on. Life will not go back to normal – there will be a new level of expectation around digital-first communications. This is actually some much-needed good news. The changes made now will last long into the future – providing customers the digital-first experience they've desired can be achieved by embracing a modern cloud-based solution.

Prior pandemics and economic depressions have shown that companies that learn fast and demonstrate a willingness to disrupt their own business models will adapt to the changing environment and come out stronger. The current scenario is no different. Adapting to the new normal is the only option to succeed. Companies that avoid stagnation during a temporary downturn and continue to focus on the big picture, eventually drive exponential growth compared to competitors who merely focus on tactics.

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COVID-19 insurance operations challenges

Insurance is a highly complex business involving multiple processes to administer existing policies, price new business, sell new business, renew policies, address customer inquiries, and process claims. Adding to this complexity is the highly intricate interplay between insurers themselves and their external networks; e.g., brokers and agents.

insurance. Service and call centers associated with retirement products are also getting significant inquiries ranging from understanding their account balance changes to options for withdrawal as customers are facing increasing financial hardship.

However, other products such as motor have become much quieter - with a 20 percent or more drop in motor claims over the last few weeks.

These issues necessitate a number of reactions. Firstly, insurers need to insist that customers contact them by phone with only the most urgent of inquiries; everything else needs to be routed online. It also means that insurers need to look at their internal resources and how they are configured - potentially moving as many people into claims as possible, even if that is not their usual job. They need to adjust their specialist teams too - such as transferring staff out of areas like motor claims and into hotspots like travel. This more agile way of working, some are calling 'volume shifting' could be one of the new ways of working coming out of this situation.

Digitized is optimized

Certainly, those insurers with more advanced digital underwriting, claims, and administrative processes are in a much stronger position than others, even if processing time is slower now than in normal conditions. Those who do not have these capabilities or who rely on cruder technology workflows are likely to be struggling more. There is a risk of losing customers to more digitally-enabled competitors moving forward, particularly in personal lines where many customers' patience with non-digitized processes these days is low.

Alongside the explosion in customer contacts, insurers have a related worry that their own staff numbers may drop if more employees fall sick with the virus (or are less productive working due to caring responsibilities). There have been estimates that in badly affected countries, available workforces could shrink by 30-40 percent in a worst-case scenario. Some insurers are actively investigating contingencies, such as in Germany where certain carriers are talking to third party service providers about assisting them with claims queries and handling if needed.

To ease the pressure and to provide optimum levels of customer support, many insurers are facilitating the claims process by waiving certain requirements and simplifying the paperwork needed. However, it remains a challenge to deal with complex and/or high value claims where evaluating the physical evidence and obtaining expert reports in-person is frequently a key part of the process. There are no simple answers here in an unfolding situation - but we may see increasing use of drone or imaging technology to assist loss adjusters who are unable to conduct site visits.

There is also a broader policy perspective that comes into play: instances of country regulations impeding digital working. For example, in Hong Kong physical signatures (often called "wet" signatures) rather than e-signatures are still required for most agreements, and this is by law. In the US, over a dozen states do not allow virtual notaries. Insurers can relax their own internal procedures to cater for extraordinary times, but they can't change national or federal laws or regulation. This just makes a difficult situation even harder.

Fraud risk mounting

All of these factors raise another prevalent issue: mitigating against the potential for fraud. We are already hearing of a growth in fraudulent claim attempts, for example around travel claims where customers, having been turned away by their travel agent or airline for cancelled travel, come to their insurer and fabricate an illness or other condition to try to secure compensation.

The fraud risk is by no means confined to customer claims, however. The remote working that is currently so widespread is likely to prompt a rise in hacking attempts by bad actors seeking to exploit vulnerabilities for various purposes - to obtain customer data, siphon off financial information, or disrupt services. Employees should be given clear guidelines over remote

connectivity protocols and best practice, including around file-sharing and data distribution. It is vital to ensure that cyber and forensic teams work daily, minute by minute if needed, with IT teams as systems stresses increase, monitoring for any issues and scanning for unusual activity.

Offshore centers - weak links in the chain?

Another key issue that is rapidly coming into focus is the risk that some insurers are exposed to in their use of offshore service centers. There are at least five main locations commonly used across the industry for aspects of administrative processes such as back office underwriting, claims processing and policy administration: India, Philippines, Eastern Europe, Republic of Ireland and China.

Cracks in the system are already beginning to show. India has gone into a complete lockdown that is set to last for several weeks. Many employees in shared service centers simply don't have the equipment or connectivity needed to work from home yet. In addition, questions could also be raised about the security around data-sharing. Overall, the activities performed by the centers have therefore been very severely disrupted in some instances. Insurers need to find urgent workarounds and solutions for this, to minimize the breakdown. They also need to urgently assess the likelihood of other offshore locations going into lockdown, the likely timescales for this, and the extent to which their activities would be disabled as a result.

Keeping the distribution channels working

Another key operational area is insurers' interactions with brokers and intermediaries. Some brokers that lack IT infrastructure are having more difficulty providing administrative services - in the US, for example, we have heard of instances of unstaffed call centers not forwarding calls to Customer Service Representatives at home to provide support or issue Certificates of Insurance. Obtaining renewal information - including information around exposures - is challenging. Insurers need to look for ways of reducing the amount of information needed from brokers for renewals, for example by applying data assumptions and maximizing the use of publicly available information. Insurers should review the ways in which their operations support teams can work with



some of their products. This business is largely sold face-to-face, even if there is some technology enablement. These agents will likely be facing a liquidity crunch in the coming months as new business slows due to their inability to visit with their clients. The severity depends on the length of curfews but for now at least, April and May are likely to be tough for them in the US and Europe. We've seen insurers change compensation rules, give credit or advance payments to their agents and support them in obtaining government assistance as they want to secure distribution capacity for the future.

Social responsibility is on the rise

China was early in terms of being impacted by this virus and we see insurers stepping up to help their policyholders in new and different ways. For example, some are providing more flexibility in grace periods for premium payments, waivers for certain parts of their claims processing to expedite payments, reducing the needs for multiple documents, etc. We see this trend in other insurers all over the world. All of this will require operational processes to adjust and adapt with the times at a pace that was likely not imagined before COVID-19.

The insurance industry has arguably lagged other industries in terms of its digital journey. A 11

of this has led to an acceleration of customer expectations from a digital perspective which is challenging insurers from a readiness standpoint. The Digital Insurer (TDI) recently released a paper discussing this phenomenon as the "digital tipping point 1".

Ten key changes we could see...

Looking forward, this situation is likely to result in a number of long-lasting shifts:

1. Remote working will become much more widespread, with insurers investing more in connectivity networks, collaboration tools, virtual team protocols, and reviewing the amount of real estate they actually need; moving to the Cloud will further support remote working quality and application providers are investing to expand the range of functions (for communication, sharing documents, admin tasks) to further optimize home working.
2. Digitized systems and processes, cloud-based services, automation including the use of robotics and AI - these will likely accelerate and become standard tools for all insurers; move to full automation, the lack of end-to-end automation currently restricts full online customer and staff experience and will be a key driver to further invest in digital technologies for all steps in the processes.
3. Capacity plays will be made - as efficiencies are realized rapidly due to the current state of affairs, insurers will see opportunities to shift capacity and create a more agile volume-shifting workforce in the future.
4. Platforms becoming more mainstream especially within the health prevention market. This has enabled telehealth to grow rapidly and health insurers are changing with the times to accommodate these innovations; platforms are also growing to enable more remote working and ease of facilitation, this trend is absolutely here to stay.
5. Regulation vs digitization will come into focus - where rules and regulations conflict with the digital agenda in different jurisdictions around the world, there will be expedited focus on finding practical, modern world

solutions and pressure for regulations and laws to change.

6. Offshore service center strategy will be reviewed - to mitigate against concentration risk, insurers may look at spreading their operations across a higher number of locations and perhaps bringing more work back onshore as well.
7. Scenario planning becomes more complex - recognizing that even developing the baseline may be challenging, careful scenario planning around potential challenges like IT failure, additional staff reductions, further spikes in demand and second waves are all considerations for careful planning and developing mitigation strategies.
8. Exposure management reimagined - understanding potential exposures will help insurers get ahead and plan for what claims come in to provide a better service to their customers and allow payments to flow more quickly; equally this can help insurers with their value proposition to customers, brokers and agents, and other external stakeholders.
9. Broker and distribution models may be reviewed in some markets, especially in the SME (small and medium enterprise) and mid-market segments - with more contact now taking place directly with customers as brokers struggle, some insurers may decide to do more business with customers directly themselves in the future, perhaps through digital channels, which in turn could impact how customized these products are in the future.
10. Business continuity and resiliency planning will become a critical focus - this is something that regulators will press insurers on in any case. There will be multiple lessons to be drawn and a deeper penetration of plans in areas like offshore centers.

So far, the sector is holding up well but, understandably, pain points are showing. How much worse these become will depend both on the efficacy of the actions insurers take to address them and on the severity of the pandemic from here.

Whatever the unknowns, the insurance sector is working at pace and with huge commitment to give their employees, customers, distribution channels, external stakeholders and societies the support and service they need.

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Dealing with channel overload

One of the biggest challenges is that all of this is happening at the same time as a huge spike in customer contacts. Whether it's about travel insurance, critical illness, health cover, business interruption, or another issue, customers are deluging insurers with queries over what they may or may not be covered for or to actually make a claim. In the UK, for example, one insurer has shared with us that they have seen a staggering 1000 percent increase in customer inquiries, claims and complaints relating to their travel

brokers to help keep business flowing.

Brokers - and sometimes customers directly - have also begun to ask insurers in the US to review the rate basis for their cover and to potentially make downward rapid adjustments. For example, a hotel whose cover is based on the number of occupied rooms may now ask for it to be based on revenue, given the dramatic drop-off in occupancy. This applies to many sectors significantly affected by the situation, such as hospitality, travel, manufacturing and logistics. Insurers may need actuarial consulting support to cope with the operational challenge of quickly adjusting pricing models in a fast-changing market.

Numerous countries still sell business primarily through tied agents for all or





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Insurance trends 2020

Moving from resilience to reinvention will help insurers succeed in uncertain times...

In the face of gathering economic headwinds, tech disruption and geopolitical uncertainty, PwC's 23rd Annual Global CEO Survey shows that although most insurers acknowledge challenges over the next 12 months, they're confident in their own long-term resilience. The front-runners, in fact, want to go beyond simply surviving by using these challenges to their advantage.

This attitude reflects what insurers have been learning over the past two years, as they've responded to disruption on multiple fronts, including regulation, new technology and shifting customer expectations. The industry has increased its pace on transformation. As a result, insurers have become leaner and more adept at delivering more for less. Customer experience in key moments that matter, such as policy origination and claims settlement, is becoming faster, more intuitive and more user-friendly. And innovations are coming out of the lab and into the market in areas from real-time risk pricing to movement into adjacent ecosystems such as automotive, agriculture and health.

With the heavy lifting on transformation well underway, insurers are much more confident than they used to be that they can deal with disruption. They still have concerns about regulation and technological change, but survey responses show those concerns are less severe than in the past.

The competitive front lines

So, how do insurers build on this foundation? First and foremost, customer experience is what CEOs have identified as their top opportunity in the coming 12 months, significantly ahead of the second-most popular choice, core tech transformation. CEOs also say that having a clear vision of how to create value for customers is the most important enabler for realising strategic goals.

But with opportunities come significant challenges. As PwC's 2019 fintech survey underlined, customers now expect far more than just efficiency and speed — they're demanding 'wow' factors, such as personalisation, flexible all-channel engagement and solutions that cut across traditional industry boundaries. The bar will only keep rising, and those outside the insurance industry are the ones who will continue to set it. The leading insurers are rising to this challenge.

Talent is as important as technology in keeping pace. No amount of systems investment can equip a business to compete if its workforce is stuck in analogue. Are insurers up to speed? Most are making headway in digital upskilling, but less than 25% report significant progress in defining the skills that will drive their future growth strategy and improving workers' and leaders' know-how. They see a lack of resources and difficulties defining future skills as the biggest hurdles. Articulating a vision of the functional skills of the future is critical to making upskilling of the workforce more than just tech enablement.

Sustainability at the centre of the agenda

When insurance CEOs ask world leaders where they need help, the answer is consistently health, climate and financial inclusion, three topics on which the insurance industry has deep knowledge and capability. But the barrier to capitalising on this opportunity and to increased public-private partnership is trust. PwC's survey shows that insurance CEOs are increasingly concerned about public trust. Without winning this trust, it will be

difficult for insurers to bring their expertise to bear. Focusing on sustainability is an opportunity to demonstrate the value of insurance and strengthen public credibility, but it's only achievable if businesses act with care and integrity in all other aspects of their operations. How insurers respond in moments that matter, particularly the claims experience, dictates public perception.

Looking specifically at climate change, the CEO survey shows that, although it's moving up the boardroom agenda within the insurance industry, CEOs still primarily see it as a reputational issue rather than as a strategic opportunity or a source of closer government engagement. There's an opportunity for visionary insurance leaders to be distinctive.

Marking out the front-runners

In our view, the defining characteristic of the insurers that are pulling ahead of the pack is their ability to respond to unfolding opportunities. They're forging the culture of innovation, agile operating platforms and collaborative ecosystems that will enable them to spot openings and quickly capitalise on them. These openings might be in untapped markets or in forging new business models in mobility services or environmental management. Many of these leaders are based in fast-evolving markets, such as Asia, where the absence of legacy infrastructure offers a blank page for invention and reinvention.

What must CEOs do to join this leading cohort? Although market circumstances and unfolding opportunities naturally vary, we believe there are three must-haves for getting ahead:

1. A deeply rooted culture of cost-effectiveness, productivity and operational excellence
 Organisational resilience and agility will be key to success in the face of tomorrow's uncertainties and challenges. In addition to eliminating unnecessary efforts and driving down costs, organisations need to align their operating model, workforce, digital labour, culture and ways of working in the most agile, productive and customer-attuned way possible.
2. Ability to innovate at scale
 Insurers are increasingly comfortable with experimentation and developing partnerships with tech start-ups to innovate their businesses. But success requires scale. This is a matter not just of resources or market reach but also of creating the agile operating platforms and ability to work with multiple partners that will enable quick movement from pilot to market.
3. Execution capability as a competitive advantage
 Insurers need to combine a strong ability to execute strategy with relentless leadership focus, appropriate decision-making processes, meaningful investments in resources and capabilities, readiness to challenge convention, and incentives to generate and explore new ideas. This includes embracing a private equity-activist mindset and support structure to transform the way they execute their biggest priorities.

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Building on the foundations of transformation, insurance is open to new ideas and competitive reinvention. The hallmarks of success include the core essentials of skills, scale and productivity, with the execution capabilities to bring innovations to market at pace, as well as the ability to create solutions for the challenges facing modern society.

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Questions raised & the answers given at a discussion Daily News Supplements had with the Sri Lankan Insurance Ombudsman...

- With whom is a complaint to be lodged?
Insurance Policy holders who wish to apply to the Insurance Ombudsman for relief are advised to consult the website, which has been prepared by the Ombudsman's office for the benefit of the public. It contains useful information to those wishing to complain or apply to the Ombudsman and also sets out general information about the Ombudsman scheme. The Insurance Ombudsman's website is www.insuranceombudsman.lk. There are two main steps you have to consider when seeking any relief from the Insurance Ombudsman.
Step 1
Ask yourself whether you have contacted the insurance company that sold you the policy about your complaint. For example, your car has met with an accident and the insurance company is refusing or not paying the entire repair bill claimed by you. Have you written or spoken to a responsible officer of the insurer about it? Has the insurer failed to respond or failed to attend to your complaint to your satisfaction? It is only at this stage that you should complain to the Insurance Ombudsman. You must not complain to the Insurance Ombudsman without first attempting to resolve your dispute with the insurer.
Step 2
Let us assume you have tried to contact the insurance company but; (i) you either had no response or (ii) the insurance company was unwilling or unable to satisfy your complaint and you still feel that you have a grievance that needs to be redressed, then you can apply to the Insurance Ombudsman.
- Does Insurance Ombudsman operate in any territorial jurisdiction?
Territorial Jurisdiction of the Insurance Ombudsman depends on the type of policy taken. For example, a motor insurance policy will usually cover any accident occurring within Sri Lanka. A travel insurance policy applies in the case of an eventuality covered, occurring overseas.
- Who can approach Ombudsman?
Any Insurance policyholder who has a grievance against the Insurance Company issuing the policy can approach the Ombudsman.
- What are the complaints that are entertained by the Ombudsman?
A complaint on any one of the following grounds alleging deficiency in respect of general insurance or long-term insurance service, may be lodged with the Ombudsman.
 - Non-settlement or delay in the settlement of claims.
 - Inequitable interpretation or application of the terms and conditions of the insurance policy with regard to the following:
 - Claims including maturities of long-term insurance policies and (b) Premium payable and premium refunds,
 - Unpaid benefits payable in terms of the insurance policy.
 - Any matter referred to the Ombudsman by the Consumer Affairs Authority of Sri Lanka (CAA)
- How is the complaint to be lodged?
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- Is there any time limit to approach the Ombudsman?
Your complaint to the Ombudsman must normally be made within twelve months/one year after the cause of action or ground for the complaint had arisen. The one year period will be counted to the date of your first complaint to the insurance institution. This requirement of complaining to the Ombudsman within one year is to prevent belated/stale complaints being made. If the facts justify, exceptions can be made and the one year rule will not be enforced.
- Is there any maximum limit for the amount under dispute that can be entertained by the Ombudsman?
The jurisdiction of the Insurance Ombudsman is limited to claims below Rs. 2.5 million
- Can a complainant who has already approached Consumer Forum/Court on the same subject, approach the Ombudsman?
You cannot make a complaint to the Ombudsman if:
 - You have previously made a complaint and the matter was investigated by the Ombudsman and a decision given.
 - Your complaint is already the subject matter of proceedings before any Court of Law/Tribunal/Arbitration etc. - unless both the insurer and you agree to the Ombudsman's intervention.
- What are the pre-requisite conditions in short, for lodging a complaint?
When the Ombudsman's Office receives a written complaint, it first satisfies itself that the complaint is within the Ombudsman's Terms of Reference. For example (i) whether the complaint is signed (ii) whether the complaint is belated or relates to a matter that arose several years ago (iii) whether the complainant has gone for Arbitration or Litigation, in which case the Ombudsman has no power to inquire into it or (iv) the complaint relates to a matter which is clearly outside the Ombudsman's jurisdiction, as for example where an employee or agent of an insurance company is complaining of wrongful dismissal or termination of service etc.
The particulars that should be given when complaining to the Ombudsman
There are no formal/special application forms to fill up. All that one need do is to briefly write out the complaint in any language (English / Sinhala / Tamil) of your choice but giving your name / address / Telephone number and also stating the name of the insurance company and the insurance policy number. If the complaint refers to a motor vehicle, the vehicle registration number should be given. Only written/signed complaints will be entertained. Do not send any documents. The Ombudsman's office will only call for documents if necessary. The Ombudsman normally, gets the insurance company to supply the required documents and provide details of the claim and why it was rejected or not settled etc.
- Should a complainant approach the Ombudsman through a lawyer?
You do not need to get the assistance of lawyers to come before the Ombudsman. You are not prohibited from getting a lawyer to draft your complaint. But the general practice in Ombudsman Schemes is that no lawyers are permitted to appear before the Ombudsman. Nor is the Ombudsman bound by legal rules and procedures which apply to Courts of Law.
- Within what time shall the Ombudsman dispose off the complaint?
Usually a complaint is inquired into and disposed of within 30-45 days.
- Can the Ombudsman award ex-gratia payment?
An ex-gratia payment to the insured can be made to the insured, after discussion with and consent of the insurer.
- Are there any fees / charges payable for lodging a complaint?
Since its establishment, the Ombudsman has made the Ombudsman Scheme a very simple/user friendly one, where insurance policyholders are not expected or required to spend any money or incur expenses in seeking relief. The Insurance Ombudsman Scheme is free and there are no fees/charges of any kind payable when making a complaint.
- Does the Ombudsman conduct hearings of the parties?
The Insurance Ombudsman's Office is a transparent friendly and hassle free service. It is a forum which affords complainants an opportunity to air their grievances personally. The Insurance Ombudsman brings the insurer's staff to the Ombudsman's Office and the insured will not be at the mercy of the insurer's office!
Most claims have been mediated and settlements arrived at and some relief granted. Even a small increase of payment to the amount earlier agreed to by the insurer is gratifying, because unlike in litigation, there is no financial cost to the Complainant.
- If so, can the hearings be conducted outside headquarters?
There are no facilities to conduct hearings into disputes regarding claims outside the premises of the Insurance Ombudsman's office.
- Can a complaint be lodged against a Private Insurer?
In terms of Section 13 of the RII Act, a company interested in commencing an Insurance business in Sri Lanka must incorporate a public company under the Companies Act No 7 of 2007 and obtain registration (a licence) from the IRCSL as an insurer under the Act, after having fulfilled other statutory requirements. The Insurance Ombudsman has jurisdiction over only those companies which have fulfilled the above conditions and are members of the IASL.
- Can Partnership Firms/Corporate Clients/Co-operative Societies/ Associations/Trusts approach Ombudsman?
Yes, if they are Insurance Policy Holders. See answer to question 3.
- Is there any appeal against a decision given by the Ombudsman?
The Insurance Ombudsman does not give a decision but makes an Award/Recommendation, from which there is no right of appeal.
- Are copies of complaints or queries and correspondence related thereto required to be forwarded to the Office of the Governing Body of Insurance Council?
Yes.
- There is no provision to forward any documents referred to, to the IRCSL.
Most of the answers given above were prepared based on the text of DrWicremaWeerasooria's work on the subject titled Law Governing Insurance Negligence Damages and Third Party Moto Claims.



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PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SUPPLY OF LPG DOMESTIC COMPACT REGULATORS, DOMESTIC RUBBER HOSES AND COMPLETE ACCESSORY PACKS FOR THE YEAR 2021
PROCUREMENT No: LGLL/MKT/ 100/ICB/2020

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB)

The Chairman Department Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of Litro Gas Lanka Limited invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the "Supply of LPG Domestic Compact Regulators, Domestic Rubber Hoses and Complete Accessory Packs for the year 2021" as detailed below:

Lot No	Description	Required Quantity
01	LP Gas Domestic Compact Regulators	110,000 Nos
02	LP Gas Domestic Rubber Hose	640 Coils
03	Complete Accessory Packs	140,000 Nos

To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and not have any conflicts of interest in the business of Litro Gas Lanka Limited or its associated companies. (Further details are mentioned in the bid document).

The bids should be submitted by reputed manufacturers, or their registered local agents who have had previous recent experience of at least two years in the supply of similar goods.

The Bidder shall furnish as part of its bid, a Bid Security in the form of a Bank Guarantee from a recognized commercial bank registered in Sri Lanka.

The value of the bid security is **United States Dollars 10,800 or LKR 2,000,000.00** and it should be valid up to **10th February 2021**.

The bid document will be issued only to eligible prospective bidders at the payment of a non-refundable fee of **LKR 20,000.00** on any working day (Mon-Fri) between 9.30 am – 3.00 pm from **02nd September 2020 up to 13th October 2020 (both days included)**.

The duly completed Tender Documents shall be submitted to the Litro Gas Lanka Limited Head Office 03rd Floor, No 267, Union Place, Colombo 02, Sri Lanka on or before **3:00 pm on 14th October 2020**. Opening of bids will be soon after the bid closing at the 4th Floor auditorium in the same building. The bidder or his representative may participate at the opening of bids



The Chairman
 Department Procurement Committee
 Litro Gas Lanka Limited
 267, Union Place
 Colombo 02
 Sri Lanka
 T.P. - 011 2327714
 Fax - 011 2327698



Provincial Engineering Organization
Western Province

Divisional Engineers' Office, Negombo

INVITATION FOR BIDS

01. Sealed bids are invited by the Procurement Committee of Divisional Engineer, Negombo on behalf of Western Province Deputy Chief Secretary (Engineering) from eligible and suitable bidders for construction of Projects mentioned below:

Name of Project	Estimated cost for constructions without VAT (Direct Construction Cost) (Rs.)	Non-refundable Bid Document Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Days)	Minimum ICTAD Registration Required
Construction of Negombo Divisional Engineer's Office New Building Stage II	12,663,335.00	4,000.00	200,000.00	90	C06

02. Bidding will be conducted according to National Competitive Bidding Procedure.

03. The successful bidders for award of contracts should not have been blacklisted and should fulfill the requirements mentioned below.

Should Possess ICTAD registration as shown below

Specialty - Building

Grade - In grade as shown in the above schedule or registration at a higher grade

Business registration in the Western Province is mandatory.

04. Bidders who are interested in this matter could obtain further details from the Divisional Engineers Office, No. 75, Lewis Place, Negombo and bid documents could be inspected at this office during office hours.

05. A non-refundable documents fee (as mentioned in the above schedule) should be paid to the Divisional Engineers Office on any working day from 02.09.2020 up to 15.09.2020 between 09.00 hours and 15.00 hours and thereafter the bidders or his / her authorized representative could collect a complete set of bid documents after submitting a written application to the Divisional Engineer, Negombo.

06. Bids should be prepared as original and duplicate, inserted in two separate envelopes and sealed and the name of the project should be marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelopes and could be handed over to the Negombo Divisional Engineers Office to be received at or before 10.30 a.m. on 16.09.2020 or could be sent by registered post to the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Divisional Engineers Office, No. 75, Lewis Place, Negombo. Bids received late will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of accepting bids in the presence of bidders, representatives who wish to be present.

07. Bidders should attach the Bid Security (The Bank accepted by Government) to these bids before submitting.

Chairman,
 A.K.R. Alawatta,
 Procurement Committee of the Divisional Engineer,
 Divisional Engineer's Office,
 No. 75, Lewis Place,
 Negombo.
 Telephone: 031-2232357, 031-2222357 Fax: 031-2222357

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA

SUPPLY OF LABOUR FOR CLEANING SERVICES
YEAR 2020/2021

Sealed bids are invited by the Secretary, Provincial Ministry of Health / Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Health, North Central Provincial Council, for the selection of suitable suppliers for the supply of labour for the Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital, Anuradhapura and Base Ayurvedic Hospital, Minneriya that are under the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda.

Ser. No.	Institution	Required Service	Fees and Documents to be Submitted		
			Value of the Unconditional Bid Bond valid for 91 days 23.09.2020 (up to 22.12.2020) obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank to be submitted with the bid	Assets Certificate as per Form General 170 (Rs.)	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
01	Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital, Anuradhapura and Circuit Resort	Supply of Labour for Cleaning Services	Rs. 50,000.00	200,000.00	1,000.00
02	Base Ayurvedic Hospital, Minneriya and Panchakarma Centre	Supply of Labour for Cleaning Services	Rs. 40,000.00	150,000.00	1,000.00

2. If an Assets Certificate (Form General 170) is not submitted an equivalent amount should be deposited with the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda in cash.

3. Bid documents may be obtained by qualified suppliers for the above supplies between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 02.09.2020 until 22.09.2020 upon payment of the non refundable bid fee as mentioned in the table above to the Accountant of the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda. During the above said period, there is a possibility of inspecting the bid documents and instructions free of charge and further details, if required may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 025-2225397.

4. Duly perfected bids in duplicate inserted in separate covers separately for each institution, and both envelopes reinserted in a single cover, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary / Chairman, Ministry Procurement Board, Provincial Ministry of Health, 3rd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, Anuradhapura" or deposited in the Bid Box kept in the official room of the Secretary of the Provincial Ministry of Health to receive at or before 10.30 a.m. on 23.09.2020. Institution for which the service is offered and the service should be clearly mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Separate bid securities for each institution as mentioned in the table above should be submitted and they should be drawn in favour of the Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda and be valid for 91 days from the opening date of bids.

5. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids. Late bids will not be accepted and the bidder or his nominated representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

6. Decision of the Procurement Committee of the North Central Provincial Ministry of Health will be final with regard to this procurement.

Secretary/Chairman
 Provincial Ministry of Health Procurement Committee
 Provincial Ministry of Health
 3rd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex
 Harischandra Mawatha
 Anuradhapura
 02.09.2020

NORTH CENTRAL PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA
PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Supply of Cooked Meals – Year 2020/2021

Sealed bids are invited by me as the Secretary, Provincial Ministry of Health / Chairman, Procurement Committee, Ministry of Health, North Central Provincial Council, for the selection of suitable suppliers for the supply of cooked meals for the hospitals under the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda.

Ser. No.		Value of the Unconditional Bid Bond valid for 91 days 23.09.2020 (up to 22.12.2020) obtained from a commercial bank recognized by the Central Bank to be submitted with the bid	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)
01	Supply of Cooked Meals		
	1. Provincial Ayurvedic Hospital, Anuradhapura	56,000.00	1,000.00
	2. Base Ayurvedic Hospital, Minneriya	56,000.00	1,000.00
	3. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Tambuttegama	12,000.00	1,000.00
	4. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Galadivulwewa	9,000.00	1,000.00
	5. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Padaviya	8,000.00	1,000.00
	6. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Manampitiya	11,000.00	1,000.00
	7. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Welikanda	4,000.00	1,000.00
	8. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Siripura	14,000.00	1,000.00
	9. Rural Ayurvedic Hospital, Elahara	18,000.00	1,000.00

02. Bid documents may be obtained by the qualified suppliers for the above supplies between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 02.09.2020 until 22.09.2020 upon payment of the non refundable bid fee as mentioned in the table above to the Accountant of the North Central Provincial Department of Ayurveda. During the above said period, there is a possibility of inspecting the bid documents and instructions free of charge and further details, if required may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 025-2225397.

03. Duly perfected bids in duplicate inserted in separate covers separately for each institution, and both envelopes should be reinserted in a single cover, sealed and may either be sent by registered post addressed to "Secretary / Chairman, Ministry Procurement Board, Provincial Ministry of Health, 3rd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex, Harischandra Mawatha, North Central Province, Anuradhapura" or deposited in the Bid Box kept in the official room of the Secretary of the Provincial Ministry of Health to receive at or before 10.30 a.m. on 23.09.2020. Institution for the service is offered and the service should be clearly mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope containing the bid. Separate bid securities for each institution as mentioned in the table above should be submitted and they should be drawn in favour of the Provincial Commissioner of Ayurveda and be valid for 91 days from the opening date of bids.

04. Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids. Late bids will not be accepted and the bidder or his nominated representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

05. Decision of the Procurement Committee of the North Central Provincial Ministry of Health will be final with regard to this procurement.

Secretary/Chairman
 Provincial Ministry of Health Procurement Committee
 Provincial Ministry of Health
 3rd Floor, Provincial Council Office Complex
 Harischandra Mawatha
 Anuradhapura
 02.09.2020



INVITATION FOR BIDS KURUNEGALA PLANTATIONS LIMITED

(Ministry of Plantation)

PURCHASE OF FIVE, FOUR WHEEL TRACTORS

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of Kurunegala Plantations Limited which operates under the purview of Ministry of Plantation invites sealed bids for purchase of five numbers of Four Wheel Tractors.

Closing date of bid : 22nd September 2020, Time: 2.00 p.m.
Opening date of bid : 22nd September 2020, Time: 2.30 p.m.
Venue of bid opening : Kurunegala Plantations Limited,
No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala.

A complete set of bidding documents in English language will be issued from 02.09.2020 to 21.09.2020 to bidders on payment of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2,000/= . Refundable deposit of Rs. 100,000/= (to be paid in cash / bank or insurance bond).

You or your authorized representative can be present at the bid opening.

Instructions for the bidders.

The top left hand corner of the envelope should be marked as "Bid for Five Tractors" and should be sent to the below mentioned address.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee,
Kurunegala Plantations Limited,
No. 80, Dambulla Road, Kurunegala.**

T.P. : 037-2223133
Fax : 037-2229618

Notice under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 1964

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No.
11/3/31/24/B

Land Ministry's Ref. No.
LD/05/2010/MV/93

It is intended to acquire the land described in the Schedule below for the State purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extraordinary No. 2185/65 dated 23.07.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's
Division : Laggala-Pallegama
Grama Niladhari's
Division : E 402 F Kaluganga
Name of Village : Kaluganga
(According to the Preliminary Plan)
Name of Land : As per the above Numbered Extraordinary Gazette Notice
Plan No. : Topo PP 20, Supplementary 104, Sheet No. 174
Extent : 5.7121 Hectares
Lot Nos. : 5963, 5971, 5972, 5973, 5976, 5997, 6006, 6011, 6022
S. Vijayakumar
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala.

Divisional Secretariat, Laggala.

Date : 25.08.2020

MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION CENTRAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY BUREAU

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Obtaining House on Rent / Lease Basis

Contract No. CB/PO/SQ/2020/23

Sealed bids are invited to obtain three houses on rent / lease basis. One building for an office (for 02 years) and two houses (for 01 year) for accommodation facilities are required. Building and the houses should fulfill the following requirements and facilities.

- Should be situated in the main city of Anuradhapura or very close to it and should have pipe borne water, electricity, sanitary facilities of highest standards and a sewerage system.
- For office there should be a floor area of minimum 200 sq. metres and for accommodation a floor area of minimum 150 sq. metres.
- House should contain at least 03 rooms and should have parking facilities.
- Office building should be provided with aircondition facilities.
- This bid will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Relevant monthly rent should include all government taxes.
- Furniture as mentioned in the bid document should be provided.

Bid documents required for the office building and houses that fulfill the above said requirements may be obtained from the Procurement Officer at the Head Office of the Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau by calling over between 8.30 hrs and 16.15 hrs from 02.09.2020 until 16.09.2020 and further details required may be obtained by calling on Tel. No. 011-2668821. A bidder may submit bids either for a house or building or for all three houses.

Duly perfected bids may either be sent to the address given below or deposited in the Tender Box kept in this office to receive before 14.00 hrs on 17.09.2020. The caption "CB/PO/SQ/2020/23A - Quotation for Obtaining an Office Building on Rent / Lease" and "CB/PO/SQ/2020/23B - Quotation for Obtaining two houses for accommodation on Rent / Lease" should be mentioned on the left hand top corner of the envelope as relevant.

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee - Major
Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau
No. 415, Baudhaloka Mawatha, Colombo 07
Telephone: 0112668800
Fax:011-2668963**

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT PLC

INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PURCHASE OF SHARES OF KOLADENIYA HYDROPOWER (PVT) LTD

KOLADENIYA HYDRO POWER PLANT - 1200 kW

Introduction

Property Development PLC (PDL), a subsidiary of Bank of Ceylon, is listed on the Main Board of the Colombo Stock Exchange and is the sole shareholder of Koladeniya Hydropower (Pvt) Ltd (KHP). KHP owns the Koladeniya Hydropower Plant of 1200 kW capacity located at Koladeniya Village, Udabulathgama, Agara Oya, Ginigathhena.

PDL has been requested to dispose the shares held by PDL in KHP in line with the Bank of Ceylon operational policy. The necessary approvals from the relevant authorities have been obtained.

The Power Plant was commissioned on 25 April 2012 and the Standardised Power Purchase Agreement (3 tier) ends on 24 April 2032.

Objective

PDL wishes to invite eligible bidders to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the purchase of 21,700,000 Ordinary Shares held by PDL in KHP. The stated capital of KHP is LKR 217,000,000 and the proposed transaction therefore envisages sale of a 100% shareholding in KHP.

Eligibility Criteria

PDL has decided to adopt a two-stage bidding process and intends to pre-qualify suitable applicants during the end of the first stage which is the pre-qualification stage, and the pre-qualified applicants will then be eligible for participation in the second stage which is the bid stage.

In order to be eligible for the purposes hereof, a bidder may be a company incorporated in Sri Lanka or overseas, a registered partnership, a citizen of Sri Lanka or overseas resident in Sri Lanka or overseas, legal entities such as co-operative societies, or societies.

Each bidder is required to provide documentary evidence acceptable to PDL on its Financial Strength and ability to purchase the said shares.

Procedure for submitting Expression of Interest (EOI)

An EOI should be submitted as per the instructions enumerated in the "Invitation to Submit Expression of Interest" document, which is available for collection on or before 3.00 pm on 06 October 2020 from the Manager (HR & Admin.), Property Development PLC, Floor 19, BOC Headquarters Building, BOC Square, No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka. This document may also be obtained on or before the 06th day of October 2020 via e-mail by a request made to the Manager (HR & Admin.) at the address pdlhrm@sltnet.lk with copies to pdlceo@sltnet.lk and propertydevplc@outlook.com.

Each EOI must be deposited in the Tender Box provided for such purpose at the office of the Manager (Human Resources & Administration) - PDL, at the address given below or dispatched by courier to reach the following address by **3.00 pm on or before 07 October 2020.**

**Manager (Human Resources & Administration)
Property Development PLC
Floor 19, BOC Headquarters Building, BOC Square
No. 01, Bank of Ceylon Mawatha, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.**

SRI LANKA RAILWAYS

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

3,850 CUBES OF TRACK BALLAST TO LOWER DISTRICT

Procurement No: SRS/F.7739

01. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major), Sri Lanka Railways, will receive sealed bids from the suppliers for the supply of Track Ballast to the following places on National Competitive Bidding Basis. These bids will be evaluated and awarded separately for each item mentioned below:

Item No.	Place	Cubes	Delivery Period (Months)
1.	Kalutara South	500	04
2.	Train Halt No. 01	1,000	06
3.	20M. 35Ch. - 20M. 40Ch. (Between Pinwatte & Wadduwa Railway Stations)	500	04
4.	Pinwatte (18M. 60Ch)	200	02
5.	Panadura (near Railway Bridge)	200	02
6.	Moratuwa Railway Yard	200	02
7.	Angulana railway Station, Colombo End	200	02
8.	Ratmalana Railway Station	250	03
9.	Nawinna Railway Station (Kelani Valley Line)	300	03
10.	Malapalla (Kelani Valley Line)	200	02
11.	Watareka (Kelani Valley Line)	100	01
12.	Liyanwala (Kelani Valley Line)	200	02

02. Bids shall be submitted only on the forms obtainable from the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores, up to **3.00 p.m.** on **23.09.2020** on payment of a non-refundable document fee of **Rs. 7,000/-** only.

03. Bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on **24.09.2020.**

04. The bidders shall furnish a bid security amounting **Rs. 300,000.00** (Sri Lankan Rupees Three Hundred Thousand) only as part of their bid.

05. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing time at the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of bids.

06. Sealed Bids shall be dispatched either by registered post or hand delivered to:

The Chairman,
Department Procurement Committee (Major),
Sri Lanka Railways,
Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores,
Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10.

07. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores.

Telephone Nos: 2438078 / 2436818
Fax No. 2432044
E-mail: srs.slr@gmail.com
Website: www.railway.gov.lk

**The Chairman
Department Procurement Committee (Major)
Sri Lanka Railways**

Ref. No. SRS/F.7739

Notice Under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No. 11/3/3/1/13F

Land Ministry's Ref. No. LD/05/2009/MV/177

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for the State, Purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2187/19 and dated 2020.08.06 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala
Grama Niladhari's Division : E 397 E - Guruwela
Name of Village : Guruwela (According to the Preliminary Plan)
Name of Land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette Notice
Plan No. : Topo PP 13, Supplementary No. 133, Sheet No. 298
Extent : 16.1125 Hectares
Lot Nos. : 10760, 10761, 10762, 10763, 10764, 10765, 10766, 10767, 10768, 10769, 10770, 10772, 10773, 10774, 10776, 10777, 10778, 10779, 10781, 10782, 10784, 10785, 10789, 10791, 10792, 10794, 10795, 10800, 10801, 10802, 10803, 10804, 10805, 10806, 10809, 10811, 10812, 10814, 10816, 10819, 10821, 10823, 10826, 10828, 10830, 10832, 10835, 10837, 10838, 10840, 10841, 10842, 10845, 10846, 10848, 10851, 10852, 10853, 10854, 10855, 10856, 10859, 10860, 10861, 10862, 10863, 10864, 10865, 10866, 10867, 10871, 10872, 10875, 10876

S. Vijayakumar
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala.

Date: 28.08.2020
Divisional Secretariat, Laggala

Notice Under Section 7 of the Land Acquisition (Chapter 460) as amended by the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Act No. 28 of 1964

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No. 11/3/3/1/24C

Land Ministry's Ref. No. LD/05/2010/MV/93A

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for the State purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2185/65 and dated 2020.07.23 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala
Grama Niladhari's Division : Kaluganga E 402 F
Name of Village : Kaluganga (According to the Preliminary Plan)
Name of Land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette Notice
Plan No. : Topo PP 20, Supplementary No. 181, Sheet No. 247
Extent : 0.3664 Hectares
Lot Nos. : 9140, 9141, 9142
Plan No. : Topo PP 20, Supplementary No. 147, Sheet No. 246
Extent : 75.0881 Hectares
Lot Nos. : 8884, 8885, 8886, 8887, 8888, 8889, 8890, 8893, 8894, 8895, 8896, 8897, 8898, 8899, 8900, 8901, 8902, 8903, 89004, 8905, 8906, 8907, 8908, 8909, 8910, 8911, 8912, 8913, 8914, 8915, 8916, 8917, 8918, 8919, 8920, 8921, 8922, 8923, 8924, 8925, 8926, 8927, 8928, 8929, 8930, 8931, 8932, 8933, 8934, 8935, 8936, 8937, 8938, 8939, 8940, 8941, 8942, 8943, 8944, 8945, 8946, 8947, 8948, 8949, 8950, 8951, 8952, 8953, 8954, 8955, 8956, 8957, 8958, 8959, 8960, 8968, 8972, 8973, 8979, 8980, 8981, 8982, 8983, 8984, 8985, 8986, 8987, 8988, 8989, 8990, 8991, 8992, 8993, 8994, 8995, 8996, 9026, 9027, 9028, 9029, 9030, 9031, 9032, 9033, 9034, 9035, 9036, 9037, 9038, 9039, 9040, 9041, 9042, 9043, 9044, 9045, 9046, 9047, 9048, 9049, 9050, 9051, 9052, 9053, 9054, 9055, 9056, 9057, 9058, 9059, 9060, 9061, 9062, 9063, 9074, 9084, 9089, 9093, 9100.

S. Vijayakumar
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala.

Date 25.08.2020
Divisional Secretariat, Laggala

INVITATION FOR BIDS



PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES FOR THE SRI LANKA AIR FORCE ON ANNUAL CONTRACT BASIS FOR THE YEAR 2021

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee of the Sri Lanka Air Force invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the under mentioned goods/services for the year 2021 on Rate Running Contract basis:

S/ No.	Tender Identification Number	Description	Date of Bid Issuing	Date and time of Bid closing / opening	Non Refundable Fee (RS.)
1	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1001	Paints	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
2	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1002	Wire Nail, Screw Nail, J' & L' Hooks and Pop rivets	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
3	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1003	Building Materials	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
4	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1004	Rib Steel & Mild Steel Rods	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
5	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1005	Chemicals and Water Proofing Materials	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
6	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1006	GI Pipes	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
7	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1007	Road Tar	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
8	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1008	Sanitary Fittings	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
9	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1009	Asbestos	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
10	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1010	GI / Aluminium / Colour Bonded Sheets	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
11	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1011	Timber	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
12	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1012	Miscellaneous items	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
13	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1013	Aluminium Extrusions	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
14	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1014	Angle/Flat Iron/Box Iron, "C" Channel & MS Plate	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
15	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1015	Plywood Sheets and Plywood Doors	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
16	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1016	Plumbing Items	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
17	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1017	Auto Paint Items	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
18	AHQ/20/PUB/B&CE/1018	Melamine Boards and Accessories	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
19	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1001	Fans	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
20	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1002	GI Accessories	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
21	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1003	Air Conditioner Spare Parts	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
22	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1004	Welding Rods	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
23	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1005	Conduit Items	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
24	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1006	Electrical Items	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
25	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1007	Wires and Cables	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
26	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1008	Electrical Items (Switch Gears)	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
27	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1009	Electrical Items (Switches)	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
28	AHQ/20/PUB/M&E/1010	Lamps and Lamp Fittings	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
29	AHQ/20/PUB/D/1001	Oil and Lubricants	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
30	AHQ/20/PUB/D/1002	Floor Polish and Wax	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
31	AHQ/20/PUB/D/1003	Cleaning Materials	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
32	AHQ/20/PUB/D/1004	Fabric Material	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
33	AHQ/20/PUB/BRK/1004	Curtain Materials and Accessories	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
34	AHQ/20/PUB/BRK/1005	Floor Carpet (Loop Pile/ Cut Pile) and Accessories	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
35	AHQ/20/PUB/MIS/1003	Washing and Dry Cleaning of Uniforms and Barrack Linen	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
36	AHQ/20/PUB/MIS/1004	Horse Food	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
37	AHQ/20/PUB/MIS/1005	Dog Food	03 September 2020	23 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
38	AHQ/20/PUB/MIS/1006	Obtaining of Full Janitorial Services for SLAF Hospital Colombo & Diyathalawa	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
39	AHQ/20/PUB/ST/1001	Printing Materials	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
40	AHQ/20/PUB/ST/1002	Stationary items	11 September 2020	01 October 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
41	AHQ/20/PUB/MT/1003	Vehicle Tyres/Tubes and Tyre Collars	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
42	AHQ/20/PUB/E/1005	Vehicle Batteries	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
43	AHQ/20/PUB/E/1006	Industrial, Medical and Balloon Gases	04 September 2020	24 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
44	AHQ/20/PUB/DEN/1001	Dental Materials	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
45	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1001	Insecticides	07 September 2020	28 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
46	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1002	Surgical Items	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
47	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1005	Drugs and Medical items	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
48	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1006	Spectacle Lenses	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
49	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1007	Laboratory Items	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
50	AHQ/20/PUB/MT/1001	Engine overhaul Repair of Vehicles	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	6,000.00
51	AHQ/20/PUB/MT/1002	Engine Rework Repair of Vehicles	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00
52	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1003	Hiring of Medical Instruments required to perform orthopaedic Surgeries	09 September 2020	29 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
53	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1004	Perform CT and Coronary Angiogram service	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	2,000.00
54	AHQ/20/PUB/MED/1008	Obtaining Medical Investigations Facility from Private Sector Hospitals	10 September 2020	30 September 2020 at 1030 Hrs	3,500.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure and tender mentioned in above para 01 from Ser No 50 to 54 are subjected to two envelop method.
- Complete set of bidding documents in English language could be inspected by interested bidders from the Sri Lanka Air Force website www.airforce.lk. Further Bidding documents may purchase from 1000 hrs and 1300 hrs on every working day from the Procurement Division before the closing date of the respective procurement upon payment of a non-refundable fee to the Shroff at Sri Lanka Air Force Station Colombo. Deadline for the payment and document collection will be the closing date of the respective procurement. The offers submitted without the payment will not be accepted and the receipt for the payment shall be attached to the offer at the time of submitting.
- The sealed bids shall be submitted in duplicate and be addressed to the "Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee". The sealed bids may be either dispatched by registered post to the address mentioned below or deposited in the Tender Box at the Main Guard Room well before the closing time. Bids will be opened soon after closing the bids and late bids will not be accepted. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the opening of the bids, upon presentation of their National Identity Card and letters of authorization from their employers. No bidder or his representative will be permitted to attend the bid opening after the bid closing time.
- The special conditions for the procurement and required goods/services are listed in the each bidding document. The applicable rates of goods/services shall be indicated separately for each item/service only in the "price Schedule". The rates quoted by each bidder in the Price Schedule shall be valid till 31st December 2021 and shall not be subjected to variation on any account.
- The delivery of goods/services with regard to Dry Cleaning and Laundering, Industrial Gases, Building Materials, Dog Food and Horse Food shall be made to Bases/Stations listed below and each delivery considered as a separate procurement. The details of the Base/Station to which the bid is submitted, shall be clearly marked on the sealed envelop and the bid. The delivery for all other procurements shall be made to Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake. The prospective bidders shall be aware that they shall include all their expenses with all taxes including VAT and other levies in the quotations submitted.

Building Materials - Sri Lanka Air Force Academy Chinabay, Sri Lanka Air Force Bases Katunayake, Ratmalana, Anuradhapura, Vavuniya, Hingurakgoda, Sri Lanka Air Force Stations Colombo, Katukurunda, Palaly, Mirigama, Sigiriya, Koggala, Diyathalawa, Pidurutalagala, Weerawila, Ampara, Batticaloa, Morawewa, Iranamadu, Mullaitivu, Palavi (Puttalam), Trade Training School - Ekala, Bandaranayake International Airport - Katunayake, Regiment Training School Vanni and Defence Services Command and Staff College - Batalanda.

Washing and Dry Cleaning of Uniforms and Barrack Linen - Sri Lanka Air Force Academy Chinabay, Sri Lanka Air Force Bases Katunayake, Ratmalana, Anuradhapura, Hingurakgoda, Sri Lanka Air Force Stations Colombo, Palaly, Ampara, Morawewa, Weerawila, Sigiriya, Koggala, Katukurunda, Batticaloa, Palavi (Puttalam), Mirigama, Iranamadu, Mullaitivu, Bandaranayake International Airport - Katunayake, Regiment Training School Vanni and Trade Training School - Ekala.

Industrial Gases - Sri Lanka Air Force Academy Chinabay, Ratmalana, Anuradhapura, Hingurakgoda.

Dog Food - Sri Lanka Air Force Base Katunayake

Horse Food - Combat Training School - Diyathalawa

- Interested and eligible bidders may obtain further information from the Chief Procurement Officer (Tel. 011-2325468) or Procurement Officer Tenders (Tel. 011-2441553 or 011-2441044 Extension 23569 Fax: 011-2441553 and 011-2347694).
- The address referred to above is:

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Bid Closing Time & Date	1430 Hrs. - 16 September 2020

2. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge and collected by producing a letter of request made on a business letterhead.
3. For further details, you may contact Senior Assistant Director/IT - Tel: 0112477124 or Senior Assistant Secretary/Procurement - Tel 0112398754

The Secretary - Central Bank of Sri Lanka
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- Should have sharp eyesight sufficient to trace printing errors.

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NOTICE FOR RECRUITMENT OF EXPERTS - CONSULTANTS



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UNESCO CATEGORY 2, SOUTH ASIAN CENTRE FOR TEACHER DEVELOPMENT (SACTD), MEEPE, SRI LANKA

IN THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL "No Education System can rise above the quality of its Teachers"

With a view to improving the delivery of quality education in Sri Lanka and in South Asia, the Government of Sri Lanka, in collaboration with UNESCO, is working towards the setting up of the South Asian Centre for Teacher Development(SACTD) in Meepe, Sri Lanka, the concept of which has gained international acceptance by the UNESCO Member states. The SACTD is expected to be in operation by 2020 under the auspices of UNESCO.

The ultimate aim is for Sri Lanka to become a Regional Hub for Teacher Development, upgrading the competencies of the teaching fraternity in the country and in the South Asian region. This is expected to be achieved by building the capacities of the upper echelons of the teaching fraternity i.e. **Teacher Educators, Advisers, Counselors, and Mentors**, who could, in turn, cascade and trickle down their knowledge to the larger groups of the teaching cadres, given that the scope and size of the effort are too large for an institute alone to carry out programs for school level teachers.

Consequently, as per the agreement signed with UNESCO, the SACTD is expected to provide for;

• **Continuous Professional Development**

This shall cover courses on Teaching methodologies, Leadership Development, Soft Skills, Transferable Skills (universal values and emotional, communication, presentation, problem solving, critical thinking & scientific skills etc.), Roles of Teachers, Learner-centered attitudes for teaching, Education for Peace and Sustainable Development, Inclusive Education, Balancing content/exam orientation and life skills, Formation of Working Groups, Peer Reviews, Peer Mentoring, etc.,

• **Curriculum & Text Books/Support Material Development**

This shall address curriculum policy, philosophy and practice for specific levels, (primary, secondary teacher education, and development), trends in curriculum theory, practice orientation, avoidance of curriculum overload and preparation of students for the world of work, design for assessments and evaluations covering the main competencies and attitudes that are underpinned by values.

• **Research on Teacher Development and Training**

This shall include courses of Research on teaching strategies and practices in the classroom on Soft Skills and Rising Skills for 21st century such as AI, Big Data & Cloud Computing, Comprehensive assessments and evaluation methods, peer reviews, reflective practices, pedagogy, and education psychology, collaborative research among Teacher Educators, Research and Monitoring of Teacher Educators performances, Active exchanges with researchers, universities, international experts and similar institutions in other countries.

• **Open Distance Learning & Repository of Services**

This shall address the courses on the functionalities of the latest cost-effective learner-friendly digital infrastructures, digital learning content, instructional methods, delivery modes (Synchronous/Asynchronous applications - F2F, Video conferencing, Telecasting, e-learning, Print) and tools. Also, the ODL and Knowledge Repository services required for Continuous Professional Development, Curriculum Development & Text Books/Support Material Writing, and Research on Teacher Development and Training, student Management systems, and setting up of the systems(software/hardware) for the same.

This advertisement is to invite applications from qualified and experienced Educational Experts/ Consultants in the concerned fields to set up the four faculties, namely;

- Faculty for Professional Development
- Faculty for Curriculum Development & Text Books Writing
- Faculty for Research on Teacher Development and Training
- Faculty for Open Distance Learning and Repository

The applicants should possess a minimum of 15 years of post-qualifying educational/training experience particularly proven results in the related area, with a strong background in international relations and the ability to communicate in the English language, both spoken and written and have proficiency in IT applications.

The selected consultants will be expected to discharge the services as per the guidelines set out by the Board of Management and Governing Committee of the Centre, under the authority of the Secretary of Education and the direction of the Executive Director, SACTD and ensure the setting up of the relevant faculties.

The work shall comprise of the identification of the strategic focus of SACTD, the staff positions required and support to the process of establishing the operations of the respective faculties and the learning programs to be disseminated attracting participants from South Asian countries, together with the appropriate methods, delivery modes(F2F, on/off-line, etc.), tools, models and course units leading to recognized post-graduate Certificate & Diploma and Master's degree programs aligning with Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF).

Consultants are expected to set up regional and international networks to bring out evidence-based state-of-the-art learning programs system with a view to enhance the competencies of **Teacher Educators, Counselors, Advisers, and Mentors** enabling them to prepare teachers ensuring the creation of the future generations for the world of work and to become good citizens of the world.

It is planned to commence the consultant's work with effect from 01st October 2020 and to deliver the output within three months.

Please submit the applications indicating the preferred consultancy area to The Secretary - General, Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO, "Isurupaya" Battaramulla. or to slncu@slt.lk on or before 15th September 2020.

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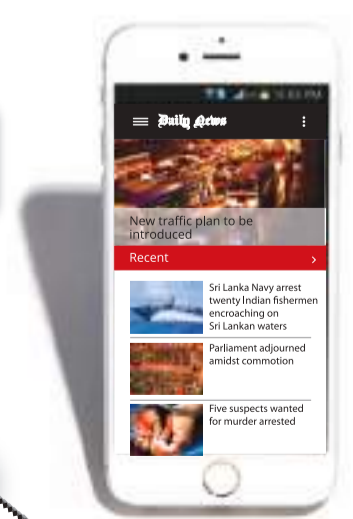
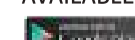
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CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

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.

NORTHERN PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of **September - 2020**

Date	Effectuated Area
Jaffna Area	
03.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Mankumbaan, Mankumbaan Hotel, National Water supply and Drainage Board Mankumbaan, Allaiippiddy, Venpuravinagar, Poompukar, Mandaitheevu Navy camp
05.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Nallur Area, Kachcheri Nallur Road, Nayanmarkaddu Area, Kanagaratnam Junction to Nallur Chetty Street, Ilanthaikulam, Punkankulam, Mullai, Poompukar, Navalady, Ariyalai East, Kalviyankadhu Junction, Killikadai Junction, Nallur Poonkanichchoolai, Ramalingam Junction, Thirunelvely Adiyapatham Road, Raja Veethy to Kopay Police Station, Saddanathar Veethy, Part of Nallur Temple Road, Part of Sivan Amman Veethy, Municipal Council Office, Ministry Of Education (NP), Carlton Sports Network (CSN), SOS Children Villages, Diesel and Motor Engineering PLC Ariyalai, KKS Police Station, Cement Cooperation, Kankesanthurai, Mayiliddy, Thaiyiddy, Varuththalaivilan, Palaly Area, KKS Navy camp, KKS North Navy camp, KKS SLNS Uththara, Army Camp Head Quarters Palaly, 5th Engineering Service Regiment Army Camp Mayiliddy, Sri Lanka Air Force Palaly, Service K.K.S New Mayiliddy, Mayiliddy Harbor, Air Force Holiday Hotel Palaly, Palaly Airport, Navalady Viyaaparimoolai Area
06.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Mulli, Mavady, Vaddu Hindu College, Siththankerny Junction
08.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Uduppidy, Polikandy, Vallai, Thonadamanaru, Valveddithurai, Akkarai, Valalai,
10.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Thavasikulam Area
12.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Mallakam Junction to Alaveddy, Mallakam Courts Complex, Malusanthy, Alvaai, Naavalady, Viyaapaarimoolai, Inparuddy, Kaanthiyoor, Manthikai, Base Hospital Manthikai, Marine Wealth Ice Factory, Sri Lanka Telecom Karaveddy, Vempirai, Kanakampuliyadi, Sarasalai, Kalvayal, Madduvil, Puthur Road (Madduvil)
13.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Sampantharkadayadi, Karaveddy, Samiyanarasady, Nalliyadi Kodikamam Road, Kilavithoddam, Inthiramankovilady, Thamarakulaththady, Kalikai, Velikanthoddam, Thunnalai, Yarkkaru, Nunavil to Arasady, Chavakachcheri Railway Station, Chavakachcheri Town, Chavakachcheri Hospital, Chankathanai, Chavakachcheri Courts Complex, Palaly road Vampadi Junction to Mulavai Junction, Railway Station Road, Martin Road, Jaffna 1st, 2nd 3rd 4th Cross Street, Convent School, Pastiyam Junction, Madam Road, Part of the Vampadi Junction, Part of the Martin Road, Odakkarai Road, David Road, St.Patrick's Road, Mounkamal Road, Green Grass Hotel, Sri Lanka Railway, DAN TV Station, Hotel North Gate,
16.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Columbuthurai Road, AV Road, Thundi, Nedunkulam, Maniyanthooddam, Kelan thooddam, Uthayapuram, Infentas Ice Solutions Pvt Ltd.
17.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Uduppidy, Polikandy, Vallai, Thonadamanaru, Valveddithurai, Akkarai, Valalai,
19.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Periyavilan, Illavalai, Mareesankoodal, Senthankulam, Meikandan, Alady, Kaithady North Area, Navapuram, Chunnakam Power Station Area, Urumpirai Area, Anna farm, Anglilppay, Annankai Area, Kumarakoddam Area, Kondavil CTB Area,
20.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Jaffna university Arts Faculty, Palaly Road (Thirunelvely Junction to Vempadi Junction), Thirunelvely, Pannikar Lane, Thinnai Hotel, Thalankaavil Pillayar Kovil Area, Commercial Bank Thirunelvely, Post office Junction, Kantharmadam, Iluppaiyady Junction, Sivan Amman Road, Annasaththira Lane, Ariyakulam Junction, From Navalar Road Railway Crossing to Ampalavanar Veethy Aththiyady, Veeramakali Amman Kovil, Form Ariyakulam Junction to Rasavin Thoddam Junction, Campus Lane, Thirunelvely Property Developers, University of Jaffna, Northern Central Hospital (Pvt) Ltd, Bright Inn, Avnor (Pvt) Ltd., DAMRO Industries (Pvt) Ltd Palaly Road, IBC Tamil. BCCAS, Sivthas Complex
21.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Senthankulam, Illavalai, Meikanddan, Alady
23.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Madaththuvelu, Irupiddy, Keraitheevu, Pungudutheevu Arasady Junction, Naduvukurichchi, Kurikadduvan, Alady Junction, Pungudutheevu, Vallan, Navy Camp Pungudutheevu
26.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Upayakathirkamam, Mulli, Vallipuram, National Water supply and Drainage Board Vallipuram, Periyavilan, Illavalai, Mareesankoodal, Senthankulam, Meikandan, Alady

Date	Effectuated Area
Jaffna Area	
27.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Nunavil to Arasady, Chavakachcheri Railway Station, Chavakachcheri Town, Chankathanai, Chavakachcheri Hospital, Chavakachcheri Courts Complex
29.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Metro Housing Construction (PVT) Ltd Navatkuli, Sanken Construction
Kilinochchi Area	
04.09.2020	(09.30 – 13.00) Paranthan, Umaiyalpuram, Elephantpass, Elephantpass salten
12.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Muththaiyankadu Kanakaradnapuram, Panikankulam, New Clooney, Mankulam, Mankulam Courts
16.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Part of Mulliyavalai
19.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Muththaiyankadu Kanakaradnapuram
20.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Tharmapuram, Puliyampokkanai, Kalmadhunagar, Visuvamadhu, Kallaru, Kannakinagar, Thoddiyadi, Part of Theravil, Visuvamadhu Farmers MPSC
23.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Veravil, Valaippadhu, Kiranchi
24.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Veravil, Valaippadhu, Kiranchi
26.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Visuvamadhu, Thoddijadi
27.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Tharmapuram, Puliyampokkanai, Kalmadhunagar, Visuvamadhu, Kallaru, Kannakinagar, Thoddiyadi, Part of Theravil, Visuvamadhu Farmers MPSC
30.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Ambakamam, Pulimechchinathikulam
Vavuniya Area	
02.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Poovarasankulam
03.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Thandikulam to Keerisuddan, Marakarampalai to Manipuram, Eraniyiluppiakulam to Sinnavalayankaddu, Northern Farm, Water Supply Puthukulam, Varan Rice Mill Samayapuram, ICT Marakarampalai, Thandikulam Water Board, New Bus Stand, Poovarasankulam to Varikuddoor, Poovarasankulam, Andiyapuliyanakulam
04.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Pampaimadhu to Kurukkalputtukulam, Poovarasankulam to Senkatapadi, Air force Army Camp Velankulam, Pampaimadhu Campus, Vavuniya Campus, Andiyapuliyanakulam, Nithiyanager
05.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Poovarasankulam, Varikuddoor, Andiyapuliyanakulam, Nithiyanager,
07.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Poovarasankulam, Andiyapuliyanakulam
08.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Varikuddoor, Pampaimadhu to Kurukkalputtukulam, Poovarasankulam to Senkatapadi, Air force Army Camp Velankulam, Pampaimadhu Campus, Vavuniya Campus, Nithiyanager
09.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Varikuddoor, Poovarasankulam, Nithiyanager, Kappachi
10.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Thandikulam to Keerisuddan, Marakarampalai to Manipuram, Eraniyiluppiakulam to Sinnavalayankaddu, Northern Farm, Water Supply Puthukulam, Varan Rice Mill Samayapuram, ICT Marakarampalai, Thandikulam Water Board, New Bus Stand, Nithiyanager, Pampaimadhu to Kurukkalputtukulam, Poovarasankulam to Senkatapadi, Air force Army Camp Velankulam, Pampaimadhu Campus, Vavuniya Campus

Date	Effectuated Area
Vavuniya Area	
11.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Andiyapuliyanakulam, Poovarasankulam to Varikuddoor
12.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Joshep Army Camp, Moonrumurippu Village, SFHQ Vanni Army Camp, Airforce Army Camp, Airforce Radar Vavuniya, Nithiyanager
13.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Part of Vavuniya Town, Bazeer Street, 1 st Cross street, 2 nd Cross street, Iluppaiyadi, Soosaiyilayarkulam, Horawapoththana Road, Rambaikulam, Oviya Hotel, S.V.R Rice Mill, Rani Rice Mill, Lanka Rice Mill
14.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Nelukulam to Rajenthirakulam, Nithiyanager
15.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Nithiyanager, Pampaimadhu to Kurukkalputtukulam, Poovarasankulam to Senkatapadi, Air force Army Camp Velankulam, Pampaimadhu Campus, Vavuniya Campus
16.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Pulithariththapuliyanakulam, Chekkadipulavu
17.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Nelukulam to Ulukkulam, Varikuddoor, Nithiyanager
19.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Nithiyanager, Varikuddoor
24.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Thavasikulam Village
26.09.2020	(08.30 – 17.00) Joshep Army Camp, Moonrumurippu Village, SFHQ Vanni Army Camp, Airforce Army Camp, Airforce Radar Vavuniya
27.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Vavuniya Town (A9 Road) to Moonrumurippu, Mathavavaiythakulam, Gargils Food City, Mandarin Garment, Air force Camp
29.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Pulithariththapuliyanakulam, Chekkadipulavu, Rajenthirakulam to Ulukkulam
Mannar Area	
03.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Kokkupadayan, Kondachchi, Marichchukaddi, Mullikulam, Karadikuli, Palaikuli, Mullikulam Navy Camp
07.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Katkidanthakulam,
08.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Mullikulam, Karadikuli, Kokkupadayan, Kondachchi, Musali, Silawathurai Navy Camp, Mullikulam Navy Camp
09.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Eluthoor to Thalaimannar, Thalaimannar Navy Camp, Timex Garment, Youth Training Centre, Thalaimannar Palmarah House, Cool men Ice Factory, Anthonipillai Ice Factory, Pesalai Ice Factory, Vankalaipadu Ice Factory, Palmarah House Karaisal, Timex Garments, Thalaimannar Hospital, Katkidanthakulam, New Silk Road Aquatic Company
11.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Katkidanthakulam, Thalladi, Kadalari Veethy, Santhipuram South bar, Tharavankoddai, Thalladi Dialog Tower, Thalladi Army Camp, Manthai Salt Factory
13.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Eluthoor to Thalaimannar, Thalaimannar Navy Camp, Timex Garment, Youth Training Centre, Thalaimannar Palmarah House, Cool men Ice Factory, Anthonipillai Ice Factory, Pesalai Ice Factory, Vankalaipadu Ice Factory, Palmarah House Karaisal, Timex Garments, Thalaimannar Hospital, New Silk Road Aquatic Company
17.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Katkidanthakulam,
19.09.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Katkidanthakulam
26.08.2020	(08.00 – 17.00) Uyilankulam, Kallikaddaikadhu, Muthalikuddi, Vaddupithanmadhu, Puthukkamam, Kamalampikai Rice Mill
27.09.2020	(09.00 – 17.00) Mullikulam, Karadikuli, Kokkupadayan, Kondachchi, Musali, Silawathurai Navy Camp, Mullikulam Navy Camp.



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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **Senevirathne Wijekoon Ajith Susantha Jayawickrema** (NIC No. 632861109V) of No. 1/1, Kinigama, Bandarawela, do hereby inform the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the general public that with effect from the date stated hereof, the Power of Attorney No. 1815, dated 14th November, 2016, attested by Mr. L.A.M. Nimal Abeysinghe, Attorney at Law and Notary Public and conferred on Kalaha Liyanage Sudantha Ratnayake (N.I.C. No. 690141965V) of Udumulla Watta, Nugathalawa, Welimada, stands revoked and cancelled and cease to have any legal effect, thereinafter.
Dated - 26th August, 2020.

Senevirathne Wijekoon Ajith Susantha Jayawickrema.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the effect that this company has changed its name in accordance with Section 8(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007
Former name of the Company: P L Com Technologies Lanka (Private) Limited
No. of the Company: PV 00204570
Address: 93/1A, 1/1, Manning Place, Wellawatte, Colombo 06.
Present name of the company: Upright Global Investments (Pvt) Ltd.,
Date of Change: 22nd July 2020.
Board of Director

State Ministry of Rural Housing and Construction & Building Materials Industries Promotion



STATE ENGINEERING CORPORATION OF SRI LANKA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

SUPPLY OF HIGH TENSILE STEEL WIRE 5mm - 20MT FOR PRECAST YARD - EKALA

Tender No. SDSO/2020/146/S-2/27

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Supply of **High Tensile Steel Wire** for precast yard - Ekala.
- To be eligible for tender award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and three years experience in supplying High Tensile Steel Wire in Sri Lanka is required.
- A complete set of Bid documents in English language can be obtained from the Supplies Division between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on working days on payment of non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 by cash to the Finance Division at 7th floor of below mentioned address.
- Bids will be closed on **17.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.** Bids must be delivered to the below mentioned address on or before the time of closing.
- For further details, please contact Chief Procurement Officer, State Engineering Corporation. Tel No. 0112434485.

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, State Engineering Corporation of Sri Lanka, No. 130, W.A.D. Ramanayake Mawatha, Colombo 02.

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Bids will be received from qualified bidders who are registered at the Sustainable Energy Authority of Sri Lanka, for installation of a 40 (kVA) capacity solar panel system at the office of the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha.

Tender forms will be issued up to 20th September, 2020 and can obtain the relevant bid documents from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on weekly working days, by calling over at the Akuressa Pradeshiya Sabha office on payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1000.00

Chairman, Pradeshiya Sabha, Akuressa.

041-2283275 akuressapradeshiyasabha@gmail.com

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Provincial Engineering Organization of Western Province Provincial Council Selection of Maintenance Contractors

- The Chairman, Director Building, Procurement Committee on behalf of the Provincial Engineering Organization invites sealed bids from eligible qualified bidders for selection of a maintenance contractor based on rate quotation for Western Province Provincial Council New Building Complex and old Building Western Provincial Council or any other building decided by Deputy Chief Secretary Engineering with the consent of the contractor, (maintenance, improvements and/or refurbishment work) for the year 2020 /2021)
- The eligible bidders (individual, firm or Joint venture) shall comply with the following qualification requirements and shall not have been blacklisted.
 - Having CIDA registration of Grade C7 or above in building construction.
 - Contractors having a business registration within the Western Province are eligible to apply.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Engineer Headquarters, the Provincial Engineering Organization of Western Provincial Council, 5th Floor, No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, (Tel: 0112092526 Fax: 0112092505)
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Chief Accountant at the address below, from 04th September 2020 until 23rd September 2020 from 09.00 hrs. to 1500 hrs on any working day on payment of a nonrefundable fee of Rs 2,500/- in cash.
- Bids shall be valid up to 91 days from the date of closing of the Bid.
- Sealed completed bids in duplicate shall be deposited into the Tender box made available at the Office of the Chief Accountant, Western Provincial Council, 5th Floor, No 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla or sent by registered post addressed to the Chairman, Director Buildings Procurement Committee, Western Provincial Council 5th Floor, No: 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla to reach on or before 10.00 am on 24th September 2020. Late bids shall be rejected (Bids will be opened soon after closing of the bid in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives).
- The quoted rates should be workable for a period of 12 months from the date of award of contract and price escalation shall not be paid for this contract.
- Bidders are advised to quote (indicate a percentage in Form of bid) "**approved Building Schedule of Rates**" (BSR-2020) which will be the basis in the preparation of estimates for maintenance, improvements and/or for refurbishments work.

Chairman, Director Buildings Procurement Committee Provincial Engineering Organization, Western Provincial Council, 5th Floor, No. 204, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla.
Tel. : 011 2092526
Fax : 0112092505

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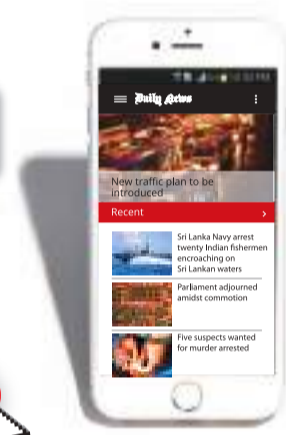


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RECRUITMENT OF SALES REPRESENTATIVES

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Basic Qualifications:

- Should provide a Bank Security for Rs. 05 lakhs.
- Should possess either a lorry or a van for sales work.

Having experience and ability as a Sales Representative will be considered as added qualification.

All applications should be sent to the undermentioned address to be received at or before 15th September, 2020.

Chairman, Sri Lanka State Plantations Corporation, No. 21, BCC Premises, Miraniya Street, Colombo 12.

Inquiries : Pradeep Vithana: 011-5921464 : 011-5882494

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REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, **SEPALI RAMYALATHA SRI NAMMUNI** (Holder of N.I.C No 467254715V) of Lot No. 01 (Piduruthalagala), Under Bank, Nuwara-eliya do hereby inform the Government of Sri Lanka and General Public that I have revoked and cancelled from today, the Power of Attorney dated 05th July, 2018 attested by M.T.H. Ayesha Peiris, Notary Public, Colombo nominated constituted and appointed **CHETHIYA SRI NAMMUNI** (Holder of N.I.C. No. 470502797V) of Lot No. 01 (Piduruthalagala), under bank, Nuwaraeliya as my true and lawful Attorney. Hence I shall not hold myself liable and/or responsible for any matter legal or otherwise done by my said Attorney hereafter acting by the said Special Power of Attorney.

SEPALI RAMYALATHA SRI NAMMUNI
29.08.2020

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE GOLD ARTICLES

Gold Articles pawned from 01.05.2018 up to 30.06.2019 at the Rural Bank Branches of the Ja-Ela Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Limited, Pawning Agents for the Sri Lanka Cooperative Rural Banks Federation Limited, namely,

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| 1. Ja-Ela | 2. Kandana |
| 3. Kapuwatta | 4. Dandugama |
| 5. Mahawatta | 6. Ekala |
| 7. Niwandama | 8. Indiminna |
| 9. Batuwatta | 10. Dambuwa |
| 11. Ragama | 12. Walpola |
| 13. Peralanda | 14. Batagama South |
| 15. Jositawatta | 16. Rilaula |
| 17. Polpittimukal-ana | 18. Kalaeliya |

and though time has lapsed, not renewed by payment of interest and not redeemed up to 10.12.2020 will be sold by Public Auction on 10 Saturday October 2020 at the Auditorium of Ja-Ela Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Head Office.

General Manager Ja-Ela Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Limited
No. 123, Negombo Road, Rilaula, Kandana.

Tel. Nos. 0112236296, 0112237552



GOVERNMENT OF SRI LANKA MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Credit No.: Cr. 5685-lk

BID NOTICE

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a credit from the International Development Agency of World Bank towards the cost of Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project and it is intended that part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contracts given below.
- The Chairman, Procurement Committee now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for projects described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements (Rs)	Eligibility Requirements	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
Project Procurement Committee (Major)					
Works Tenders					
Supply & Delivery of DI/GI/ Pipes, Fittings, Valves & Accessories for Rehabilitation Schemes Batch-01 in Ratnapura District. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/DSU-Ratnapura/DI/GI Pipes & Fittings /2018/97	Rs.3,500/-	Bill 01 to Bill 37 : Rs.221,800/- Bill 01 and Bill 38: Rs.36,300/- All Bills: Rs.258,100/-	Pre-qualified manufacturers by NWS&DB for Supply and Delivery of DI Pipes, Fittings, Valves and Accessories and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	23rd September 2020 10.00 hours
Supply & Delivery of PE, uPVC Pipes, Fittings & Accessories for Rehabilitation Schemes Batch-01 in Ratnapura District. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/DSU-Ratnapura/uPVC Pipes-Batch 01/2019/04	Rs.3,500/-	Bill 01 to Bill 41 : Rs.303,500/- Bill 01 and Bill 42: Rs.51,700/- All Bills: Rs.355,200/-	Pre-qualified manufacturers by NWS&DB for Supply and Delivery of uPVC Pipes, Fittings and Accessories and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract.	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	23rd September 2020 14.00 hours
Rehabilitation of Kuruwamba, Badullagamaana and Associated Rural Water Supply Schemes in Monaragala District. Contract No: MWS/WaSSIP/Monaragala/Kuruwamba,Badullagamaana/RE/Group 15/2018/13	Rs.3,500/-	Rs.250,800/-	Registration with CIDA (ICTAD) in the field of Electrical and Mechanical Services EM3 or above and certificate of Registration of the contract as per the Act No 3 of 1987 with the Registrar of Public Contract	Project Management Unit, Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project, No. 230, E. W. Perera Mawatha, Jubilee Post, Nugegoda Tel/Fax: 011-2890943/ 011-2890941	30th September 2020 12.00 hours

- Bidding documents will be issued on submission of a written application on the applicant's letterhead to the office of Project Director.
- Bidding documents can be collected between 09.30 hours and 15.30 hours on normal working days up to the closing date.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project and inspect the bidding documents free of charge at the place of issuing documents during normal working hours. .
- Bids shall be either hand delivered or dispatched by registered post or courier to the address given above.
- All Bids will be opened at the same address soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. Late bids will be returned unopened.

Project Director, Water Supply & Sanitation Improvement Project

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No. 11/3/31/35
Land Ministry's Ref. No. 4/3/9/2016/MV/150

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for the State purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2187/19 and dated 06.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala
Grama Niladari Division : E402C, Weliwaranagolla
Name of Village : Weliwaranagolla (According to the Preliminary plan)
Name of the land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette notice.
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 150, Sheet No. 253
Extent : 1.3057 hectares
Lot Nos. : 9200, 9201, 9202, 9204, 9206, 9207, 9208, 9209, 9210, 9212
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 184, Sheet No. 252
Extent : 0.3859 hectares
Lot No. : 9197

S. Vijayakumar,
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala

Divisional Secretariat,
Laggala.

28th of August 2020

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SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala
Grama Niladari Division : E 402 E Moratenna
Name of Village : Moratenna (According to the Preliminary plan)
Name of the land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette notice.
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 182, Sheet No. 248
Extent : 0.0566 hectares
Lot Nos. : 9157, 9158
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 148, Sheet No. 249
Extent : 0.7435 hectares
Lot No. : 9161, 9162, 9163, 9164, 9165, 9166, 9167, 0168, 9169, 9170, 9171, 9174, 9176, 9178, 9179, 9180, 9182.

S. Vijayakumar,
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala

Divisional Secretariat,
Laggala.

28th of August 2020

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SCHEDULE

District : Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division : Laggala
Grama Niladari Division : E 402 E Weliewela
Name of Village : Weliewela (According to the Preliminary plan)
Name of the land : As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette notice.
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 183, Sheet No. 250
Extent : 0.3067 hectares
Lot Nos. : 9185, 9189
Plan No. : Topo PP20, Supplementary No. 149, Sheet No. 251
Extent : 0.0076 hectares
Lot Nos. : 9193, 9194.

S. Vijayakumar,
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala

Divisional Secretariat,
Laggala.

28th of August 2020



DEVELOPMENT LOTTERIES BOARD

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

INVITING BIDS FOR FABRICATION, SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION OF A MODERN LOTTERY STALL - 6'-0" x 6'-0" x 8'-0"

Bid No : - DLB/PRO/2020/48

Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Development Lotteries Board invites sealed bids from Interested eligible bidders for Fabrication, supplying and installation, of a modern lottery stall at the Makubura Multimodel Center Kottawa

- A complete set of Bidding documents could be inspected and purchased upon submission of the written request by the supplier in the Procurement Division of below mentioned address from 02/09/2020 to 16/09/2020 (during working days) between 09.00 am and 03.00 p.m. upon payment of the non-refundable document fee of Rs 1,000.00. The method of payment will be in cash.
- Bids shall be delivered in duplicate with marked as top left hand corner of the envelopes "FABRICATION, SUPPLYING AND INSTALLATION, OF A MODERN LOTTERY STALL" to reach the Chairman, Minor Procurement Committee, Development Lotteries Board, 356, Dr. Colvin R. De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 2., Sri Lanka, not later than 02.30 p.m on 17/09/2020 and no bids will be accepted thereafter.
- Bids should be forwarded by registered post or deposited in the Box provided at Procurement Division of the Development Lotteries Board, at the above address. Bids will be closed at 02.30 p.m on 17/09/2020 and bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of bidders' representatives

Chairman,
Minor Procurement Committee,
Development Lotteries Board,
356, Dr. Colvin R De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 02.
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31.08.2020



State Ministry of Skills Development, Vocational Education, Research & Innovation



National Institute of Fundamental Studies Sri Lanka

INVITATION FOR BIDS

- The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee (DPC) of NIFS invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the following :

	Particulars	Bid Security	Non-Refundable Fee
01	Supply and Installation of Digital PABX System	Rs. 22,000/=	Rs. 2500.00

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Administration Division on submission of a written application to the above Office and upon payment of a non-refundable fee as given above from 02.09.2020 to 22.09.2020 from 9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs on working days.
- Sealed Bids must be delivered to the **Chairman, Department Procurement Committee, National Institute of Fundamental Studies or deposited in the Official Tender Box No. 02 kept in the Director's Committee Room** on or before 11.00 a.m. on 23.09.2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' authorized representatives at 11.00 a.m. on 23.09.2020 at the **Director's Committee Room of the NIFS, Hantana Road, Kandy.** Bid envelopes should show the Project Name on the left-hand corner of the bidding envelope.
- Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as mentioned above, valid for 90 days from the tender opening date. The Bid Security should be forwarded from a **commercial bank** approved by the Central Bank Sri Lanka, in favour of **The Director, National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Hantana Road, Kandy.**

Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (DPC)

**National Institute of Fundamental Studies,
Hantana Road,
Kandy.**

**Telephone No : 081-2232002
Fax : 081-2232131**



MUNICIPAL COUNCIL - KURUNEGALA

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Quotations will be received by the Municipal Commissioner of the Kurunegala Municipal Council, for the procurement of the following work.

- Quotations will be received for the leasing - out of the fixing of Digital Boards and ownership for a period of one year, inside the Bus Stand Complex stated in the schedule below, belonging to the Kurunegala Municipal Council. Sealed quotations could either be sent by registered post addressed to Municipal Commissioner, Municipal Council, Kurunegala or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Municipal Commissioner's Office, to be received at or before 2.00 p.m. on 22.09.2020. Acceptance of bids will be closed at 2.00 p.m. Opening of tenders received will be done at 2.00 p.m. on 22.09.2020 at the Municipal Council Committee Meeting Hall and tenderers or one of their authorized representatives can be present at the opening of bids.
- Relevant tender forms can be obtained from 03.09.2020, upto 21.09.2020 during office hours, on payment of a non-refundable fee and a security deposit as stated below. Further, a bid security worth 1% of the bid price should be submitted with the bid.

Place	Tender Form Fee + VAT -Rs-	Non-refundable Tender Deposit + VAT -Rs-	Minimum Lease Amount (Minimum Bid) + VAT -Rs-
Fixing of 8'x5' Digital Boards on the wall of the Police Office	1000.00	1500.00	500000.00
Fixing of 8'x5' Digital Boards on the wall, facing the Passenger Halt, of the Toilet facing Perakumba Road near the Bodhi	1000.00	15000.00	500000.00
Fixing of 8'x5' Digital Boards on the wall adjoining flight of steps at the Kandy bus departure place.	1000.00	1500.00	500000.00
Fixing of 8'x5' Digital Boards either on the wall at the start of the Tunnel or on the Beam above.	1000.00	1500.00	500000.00
Fixing of 8'x5' Digital Boards on the wall of the office of the Road Passenger Transport Authority near the Anuradhapura Bus Stand	1000.00	1500.00	500000.00

For further details, contact on 037-2228136

**Municipal Commissioner,
Municipal Council,**



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CENTRAL PROVINCE



PROCUREMENT OF PRINTING & DELIVERY OF SELF LEARNING KITS (FOR STUDENTS) FOR PERFORMANCE UPGRADING IN G.C.E. (O/L) 2020

CP/EDU/F/08/13/20/01-06

The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee, Department of Education (Central Province) now invites sealed Bids for the Procurement of Printing & Delivery (15 Zonal Education Offices) of Self Learning Kits (for Students) for Performance Upgrading in G.C.E. (O/L) 2020 from eligible and qualified Bidders.

Package No. 01				
No.	Subject	Number of Copies		
		Lot No. 01	Lot No. 02	Lot No. 03
		Sinhala medium	Tamil medium	English medium
01	Buddhism	28,050	-	-
02	Catholic	375	875	-
03	Christianity	100	350	-
04	Sinhala / Tamil Language & Literature	29,400	12,600	-
05	Mathematics	27,500	12,800	1,700
06	History	28,600	13,400	-
07	Science	27,500	12,800	1,700
08	Music	5,550	1,400	200
09	Dancing	7,800	450	-
10	Appreciation of Sinhala / Tamil Literacy	2,525	5,400	-
11	Drama & Theatre	3,800	400	-
12	Business & Accounting Studies	5,250	2,400	275
13	Geography	10,275	5,250	350
14	Civic Education	10,700	3,075	100
15	Second Language	2,400	1,050	-
16	Information & Communication Technology	3,900	1,250	1,000
17	Arts & Craft	500	-	-
18	Home Economic	3,500	2,150	-
19	Health & Physical Education	12,300	7,250	600
20	Communication & Media Studies	575	150	-
21	Design & Construction Technology	325	75	-
22	Design & Mechanical Technology	600	-	-
23	Design, Electrical & Electronic Technology	150	-	-
24	Saivaneri	-	8,400	-
25	Islamic	-	3,850	-
26	Art	-	5,450	-
27	Agriculture & Food Technology	5,950	2,050	-
28	English Language	-	-	42,000
Value of Bid Bond (LKR)		90,000.00	60,000.00	30,000.00
Package No. 02				
01	Printing of "Let's Master Grammar Teachers' Guide" for performance upgrading at English subject	No. of Copies 1580	Value of Bid Bond (LKR) 3,000.00	

- The Bidder can quote for one or more Self Learning Kits in each lot, lots or package Each Self Learning Kits will be evaluated separately.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB).
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Additional Director of Education (Finance), Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy. Tele/Fax : 081-2223343.
- Qualification requirements include :
 - The minimum average turnover of the printing during the last three years (2017-2019) should be 3.5 Million.
 - Minimum of 5 years of past experience for printing.
 - Bidder should have a workshop with technically qualified and competent crew.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the Provincial Director of Education, Central Province, Kandy and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of One Thousand Rupees (Rs. 1000/=) for one package to Provincial Director of Education (C.P.) from 2nd September 2020 to 21st September 2020 during the Office hours on working days (09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs). The method of payment will be in cash.
A Pre Bid Meeting will be held on 16th September 2020 at 10.00 hrs at Provincial Department of Education, Kandy.
- Sealed Bids marked as "Printing & Delivery of Self Learning Kits (for Students) for Performance Upgrading in G.C.E. (O/L) 2020" on top left hand corner of the envelope & bids must be delivered under registered cover in duplicate to the **Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Education, Central Province, Kandy** or deposited in the "Tender Box" provided for the purpose, at the Chief Accountant's Office on or before 10.00 hrs on 22nd September 2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the Bidders or their representatives who choose to attend in person at the Chief Accountant's Office at the Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy. All Bids must be accompanied by "Bid Security", as mentioned above.

E.P.T.K. Ekanayake

Chairman,
Departmental Procurement Committee,
Provincial Department of Education (Central Province), Kandy.

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Date : 26th August 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.

CENTRAL PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of **September - 2020 (Part I)**

Date & Time	Effected Area	Date & Time	Effected Area	Date & Time	Effected Area
PERADENIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA					
Yatinuwara Electricity Consumer Service Center					
02 (Wednesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Giragama Telecom, Giragama Tea Factory, New Band Saw Mill	Wattegama Electricity Consumer Service Center			
03 (Thursday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Giragama Telecom, Giragama Tea Factory, New Band Saw Mill, Pepolangama, Gorakadeniya, Giragama Estate		Puwakgahadeniya, Doragamuwa, Puwakgahadeniya Walpaldeniya (No Transformer), Odilowa, Galambalama, Wasanakanda	15 (Tuesday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Mount Jean Watta, Galaboda - II, Galaboda - I
07 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Kaladurukotuwa, Wijethunga Mw.	Akurana Electricity Consumer Service Center			
10 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 10:00 a.m	Giragama Tea Factory, Band Saw Mill, Kalandurukotuwa	10 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Bollagoda, Janaka Saw mill, Kalugala Junction, Venture Garment, Megodagama - i, Akkara 22, Megodagama - ii (Pathigiya), Lankaputhra Rubber Industries, Central Saw Mill, 4th mile post (Ambathenna), Kulugammana Water Pump, Kahalla - i, Kahalla - ii, Balanagala Water Supply (Educa. Office-Kat.), Katugastota Saw mill (Ranawana Rd.), Ranawana - i (Janaraja Vidyalaya), Ranawana ii (Near Bokkawala junction), Uduwawala - i (Polwatta), Uduwawala - ii, Ambatenna New (near UDF Ambathenna), Megodagama, Auto Miraj Service, Mag City (Pvt) Ltd.,	Hatton Electricity Consumer Service Center	
MAWANELLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA					
Dippitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center					
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 a.m	Levellon Group	03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 a.m	Erapodupitiya Kalugala, Debatthama Kalugala	Maskeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 10:00 a.m	Erine Estate	04 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came / Tea Factory, Ambalakanda - Hulankapolla	03 (Thursday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Telecom Rockwood, Glentilt Estate Maskeliya Hospital, Maskeliya Estate, Brunswick Pump House, Maskeliya Town - 01, Kudamaskeliya
03 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 10:00 a.m	Bopitiya Tea Factory	05,12 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Polambegoda, Alupotha	KUNDASALE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
04 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Jesmin Garden Resort, Revendell Hotel - Gurudeniya, Talapiyannawa (Makulwatta), Dambawela, Pichchamal watta, Gurudeniya, Gurudeniya Water Pump	09 (Wednesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 a.m	Ganthuna Udabage, Horeweala, Deiyaniwela	Ududumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
08 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Jesmin Garden Resort, Revendell Hotel - Gurudeniya, Talapiyannawa (Makulwatta), Dambawela, Pichchamal watta, Gurudeniya, Gurudeniya Water Pump, Victori aBreez, Maligathenne, Daya Construction	15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 13:00 p.m	Dippitiya RE, Ambalakanda, Balungala Sangaramale, Mount Came/Tea Factory, Ambalakanda Hulankapolla, Aranayake, Horewela, Deiyaniwela	03 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Pallewatta - i, Kotika polalanda, Pallewatta II (47 Ela), Bulathwelkandura, Paragahamukalana, Weragama, Weragantota, SD & CC, Batuwatta, Morayaya, 34 Galewaththa RE, Galeyaya, Rambukkella 29th Ela Scheme, 2nd Mile Post, Kapuwatta, Kapuwatta 25th Ela, Hadagannawa R.E, 5th Mile Post, Udayagala, 6th Mile Post (Ambagahapellessa), Minpe 12 Ela, 7th Mile post (Ambagahapellessa), Thnnakotuwa, Kolonyaya, Mahawli Pump House Randenigala, Mahaweli Buliding Site Randenigala, N.C.C Camp Rantambe, C.E.B Camp Rantmbe, Bamiya, 9th Mile Post Ambagaha Pellessa, New Ududumbara Rice Mill, Randenigala Dam Site (Not Energized),
15 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Daluggolla (Ampitiya Ratemulla Rd.), Semaneri Water Board (Pump), Berrawats School, Meekanuwa, Ranasinghe Building - Ampitiya, Ilukmodara, Thannekumbura New, Galpithilla, Ampitiya Banquet Hall with Mini Hotel, JMC International, Ampitiya Water Board, Ampitiya 3rd Mile Post, Dolomite, Ketawala Social (Vocational Training), Talapiyannawa (Makulwatta), Dambawela, Pichchamalwatta, Ketawala Temple, Gurudeniya, Gurudeniya Water Pump, Maligathenna, Daya Construction, Monarangala - Kings wood Tea Fac., Kossinna, Thalatuoya, Thalatuoya P/L (Pinnagolla), Thalatuoya Telecom, Hippola, Haragama Power Loom, Sinharagama, Intake pump House, Purification Plant Haragama, Maligathenna (Royal Park - 2), Victoriya View - Anuragama, Royal Park - 03 (Pubudugama), Raja Vimana, Anuragama (Maoyawatta), Haragama Farm, Smart Shirt (New), Victoriya Breeze, Finance II (Udarata Sadalla), Mahaweli Breeze, Mudunakade, Navy Camp (Grayline), Dulmure Kapulyadda, Pradesiya sabawa Thalathuoya, Ice Plant - Ampitiya, Jesmin Garden Resort - Ampitiya, Revendell Hotel - Gurudeniya, New sub at Mihidumthenna,	Mawanella Electricity Consumer Service Center			
Eriyagama Electricity Consumer Service Center					
14 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kiribathkumbura, Kehelwela, Kiribathkumura New, nanuoya, Mlesna tea Center	05,12 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Nadeniya, Beligammana - i, Jayasiri Windscreen, AL Mubaris (Pvt) Ltd., Food City Mawanella, Thakiya Rd. Mawanella, Marawa, Mawanella Town, Mawanella Hospital, Nayawela New, Rubber Factory Mawanella, Block Rubber Factory, Thakiya Rd. Mawanella New, Sapumal Industry (Not Energized), Muruthawela, Marawa Rd. - Mawanella, Food City Mawanella New, Kappagoda Water Supply, Venus Hall (Hemarathagama Rd), Post Office Sub - Mawanella 03,	05 (Saturday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Mediwaka Gangoda, Kaluntenna, Mahawela, Udayawatta, Palle Pitawala, Hapukanda, Dewahandiya, Matiwalatenna, Kalalgamuwa, Galapitagama Miniwanganuwa, Madugalle, Airtel Tower Galapitagama - Madugalla, Madugalle New, Kalawala, Ududumbara - Kalawella,
17 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 10:00 a.m	China Sri Lanka Joint Research, Shahid Brother, Mount Franion Tea Factory	06 (Sunday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Anwarama, New Sub at near Ishan Hotel, Bulugollawatta Land - Heendeniya, Kondeniya, Danagama Colony, Athauda Metal Crusher Mawanella, Ilukgoda - ii (new), Ilukgoda - i, Renaketugama Mellakele, Ilukgoda Metal Crusher	Dumbara Electricity Consumer Service Center	
KATUGASTHOTA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA					
Wattegama Electricity Consumer Service Center					
17 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Udugunnepana, Ceylinco Sassex Collage - Polgolla, Pallegunnepana, Mahaweli College Of Education, Pallegunnepana Co-op, Dialog Base Station Pahala Gunnepana, Lewella Sirimalwatta, Virus Lab Polgolla, Mahaweli Dam Polgolla, Watter Board High Lift Polgolla, NICD Polgolla, Water Board Low Lift Polgolla, Doragamuwa Junction, Royal Kingdom, CTB Wattegama, Asian Rice Mill (Victoria, Walaramba, Viyanamulla, Udathalawinna Dialog Base ST., Meegammana North, Meegammana Power Loom, Pentium 2000 Stat -To (No Transformer), Bangalagedara, Madawala Mosque, Dunkolawatta, Wattegedara, Udathalawinna New, Bulding Of NICD, Polgolla Town, Pallethalawinna Germent (Penguin), Sarwodaya, Galadeniya, Thunkandura, 1st Mile Post	07 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 a.m	Molligoda Water Supply, Uda Molligoda RE, Warakapane new, Kahawandala Weliwathura, Ruwanpura, Heenatipona	04 (Friday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Open Prison Camp, Water Works Kundasale, New Jeewa Polwatta, Agriculture Pumping Station Polwatta, Priyani Mills (Alahakoon), Plenty Foods Pvt.Ltd processing unit, Milk collecting center (power loom), Rameeza Rice Mill, Ruhunu, Dumbara Super Mall, Gihan Sub., Card Board Factory, Sun Match, Nathasha Printers, Earls Regency, Peralanda, Kandos, Luky Land, Nesto- ii (New), Nesto- i (Old), Kalapuraya, Galmaduwa Watte, Nattarampotha Arangala Junc. Polgaswela, Nattarampotha Watter Supply, Yagahapitiya, Sirimalwatta, Babarawatta, Royal Classic, Police Hospital, S.L. Institute of Tourism & mgt., Himalaya Biscuits, New town Kundasale, Alahakoon new, Farm School, R.C.D.C Work shop, Mahameuna Asapuwa, Mahawatta - i, Mahawatta - ii, New Prisons Complex - Pallekele New - i, New Prisons Complex - Pallekele Old, Mahaweli thannagama
GINIGATHHENA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA					
Norton Electricity Consumer Service Center					
03 (Thursday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Kolhena, Hagarapitiya RE, Waggama RE, Kottallena RE	11 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 a.m	Batawala Mobitel, Wijitha Group-Batawala, Hinguloya Tea Factory, Makadawara Uduwewa New, Kodithuwakku Metal Crusher, Winsland Reality Farm, Water Board Pahala Kadugannawa, New Sub at Hingula, Mawela, Pahala Kadugannawa - Watawanguwa, Pahala Kadugannawa, Molligoda Water Supply, Uda Molligoda RE, Kahawandala Weliwatura, Ruwanpura, Heenatipona, Aluthnuwara, Idampitiya, Dehimaduwa, Kandewattanew, Ambulugala, Aththanagoda Kandadeniya Scheme, Aththanagoda	05 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Asian Finance, Amila Enterprises, Gomagoda Elamalpotha, Orutota Chalets, Orutota
08 (Tuesday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	New Laxapana Valve House, Bulathwatta Estate, Theberton Watta, Kottallena Galamuduna RE,	Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Center			
10 (Thursday) From 10:00 am to 16:00 p.m	Laxapana Power Station, 6th Mile Post, Laxapana Building Site, Laxapana Mahabagekanda, Old Laxapana Surge Chamber, Pathanahenagama MHP, Kiriwaneliya MHP	15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 13:00 p.m	Waduawala, Ginihappitiya, Hijragama, Hemmathagama Town (Thalgaspiya Rd), Dambuluwawa Jc. (Muslimgama), Unique Garment, Thalgaspiya, Bakulwela Thalagaspiya, Mediliya, Mediliya New, Thel - Eka, Boowelikada, Salawagama, Buthmallawa, Rahala Sub, Thalgaspiya Habalakahawa, Poona Pokuna,	02 (Wednesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	4 Ela, 5th Ela Scheme, 7 Ela Welagala, 8th - Ela Scheme, 10 Ela Ulpathgama, Mahayaya, Kudugalayaya Mahayaya North, 12th Ela Gange Yaya, 14 Ela Ambagolla, 17 Ela, Udattawa (Diyabeduma), Udattawa Scheme, Udattawa Nelumwala, Meegahamada, Pamunupura Govigammanaya & Kandeyaya, Pamunupura Kollapitiya Scheme (Stage ii), Udawela, 25th Ela Kumbula Ela, Ihala Kumbula Ela, Sri Piyadassi Mw. 7Ela, Dabepitiya Temple Road, Near Pamunupura Junior School,
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Date & Time	Effected Area
Hasalaka Electricity Consumer Service Center	
08,15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dewagiriya, Dewagiriya Egodagama, Abenayaka Metal Crusher, Bogaswewa No.02 Scheme, Damith Metal Crusher - Guruwelayaya, Guruwelayaya Scheme, Bogahawewa (Malgamma), Maraka, Maraka Gangeyaya, Raddunuwewa Scheme, Kumbukandana Wasama, Dunuwala pitiya Gangeyaya, Water Intake - Dunuwalapitiya, Medakanda, Palupitiya, Thuniriya, Wasgamuwa Santchury, Handagamuwa (3Ela), Water Treatment Plant Viharagama,
12 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hettipola Town, Peoples Bank - Hettipola, Hettipola Telecom, New Sub Hettipola Town - I, New Sub Hettipola Town - ii, Goda Ulpotha Scheme
13 (Sunday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	34 Galewaththa RE, Galeyaya, Rambukkella 29th Ela Scheme, 2nd Mile Post, Kapuwatta, Kapuwatta 25th Ela, Hadagannawa R.E, 5th Mile Post, Udayagala, 6th Mile Post (Ambagahapellessa), Minpe 12 Ela, 7th Mile post (Ambagahapellessa), Thnnakotuwa, Kolonyaya, Mahawli Pump House Randenigala, Mahaweli Buliding Site Randenigala, N.C.C Camp Rantambe, C.E.B Camp Rantambe, Bamiya, 9th Mile Post Ambagaha Pellessa, New Ududumbara Rice Mill, Randenigala Dam Site (Not Energized),
Karaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Teldeniya C.T.B.Gangasiripura Madapola, New Town Karaliyadda, Teldeniya Hospital, Euro Fashion (Enjoy Fashion), Teldeniya (Power Loom) Christal pack, Christal Pack - ii, Rambukkella, Pahurugolla (Rambukkella), Siri Digana, Watapana, Putuhapuwa, Udumulla, Udipattuwa Town - ii, Udipattuwa - i, Ranmulla, Iskolamudana, Poddalgoda, Heel Oya Watagala Kotasa, Eaden Grove, Kandekumbura retiyagama, Near Indra Manel Hotel,
11 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Victoriyatunnel Office, Kohombagane - II, Victoriya Power station, Victoriya Search Chamber, Kohobagane
KEGALLE ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Thulhiriya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03,10 (Thursday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Godawela, Algamawatta, Puhulegama & Pandeniya off Algamawatta, Puhulegama & Pandeniya Stage - I, Algama Bambaragala
05 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Row Lanka Industries, Nelundeniya R.E. - 01, 02, Assalla Kanda R.E., Ihalagama, Mobitel Tower Manpita, Batapotella, Nelundeniya R.E.Clean Polly Packing (Pvt) Ltd, Yattogoda Junction, Yattogoda Govijanasewa, Galigamuwa Garment, V.T.A. - Yattogoda, IT Center - AGA Office
07 (Monday) 15 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gasnawa Udakotasa, Udukumbura Junction, Tholangamuwa, Udukumbura, Burunnawa, Peelakumbura, Imbulowita, Watakoluwawa, Ihala Morawaka, Row Lanka Industries, Nelundeniya R.E. - 01,02, Assalla Kanda R.E., Ihalagama, Mobitel Tower Manpita, Batapotella, Mobitel Tower - Tholangamuwa, Udadelgamuwa, Gasnawa Yournawatta, Nelundeniya R.E.
07 (Monday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gasnawa Udakotasa, Udukumbura Junction, Tholangamuwa, Udukumbura, Burunnawa, Peelakumbura, Imbulowita, Watakoluwawa, Ihala Morawaka, Row Lanka Industries, Nelundeniya R.E.- 01,02, Assalla Kanda R.E., Ihalagama Mobitel Tower Manpita, Batapotella, Mobitel Tower - Tholangamuwa, Udadelgamuwa, Gasnawa Yournawatta, Nelundeniya R.E.,
09 (Wednesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ballapana R.E., Kobbewala R.E., Dammala R.E., Ridikotuwa, New S/S at Gurugawaththe, IT Center - AGA Office, New S/S at Galigamuwa, Hathagoda - Paragahalayadda - 02,
12 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	H.M.L. Bandara Building, Methmunigama, Mahena Colony, New Substation at Mahena, Mahena, Delgamuwa, Elipangamuwa, Tholangamuwa Ambalama, Ambepussa New, Dewala Junction,
13 (Sunday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Warakapola Town Stage - I (Galepansala), Warakapola Base Hospital, Super Market Warakapola, SLT Tower at Mahenawatta - Dadigama, Warakapola Town Stage - ii (Kovila), Jayadewa Traders, Babul Hasan Vidyalaya, Unilack, Ganithapura Dodandeniya, Udawatta Hotel - Warakapola, Additional Sub at Warakapola Town, Warakapola Hospital Sub - I, Warakapola Hospital Sub - II, Dummaladeniya R.E., Dummaladeniya From WPN, Dialog Tower at Kalukanda Danowita, Etnawala Rubber Factory, Flying Star Lighting (PVT)Ltd., Penihela Watta (W.S & D.Board), Godawela, Algamawatta, Algama Bambaragala, Algama R.E, Kandedgama, Paranatala, Uduwaka, Warakapola Technical College, Madeniyaawatta, Hettiyawatta, W.S & D. Board, Mainoluwa R.E.,
15 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Gallidamulla, Thulhiriya Housing Scheme, Thulhiriya Housing Gate, Thulhiriya Parakramagama, Nangalla, Dialog Tower at Nangalla, Karadana Colony, Hunuwala (Mangedara), Anura Perera Mawatha, Udawalpola RE, Prison - Ambepussa, Wijesiri Saw Mill, Methliya Training Center, MAS Fabric Park, Handehettiya - Paththouduwa,
Rambukkana Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	DimbulgamuwaRE, Dimbulgamuwa watta, Puwakdeniya New S/S, Randeniya RE, Sleek Hotel Keglle, Gurumudunawatta, Amunugama, Kalugala new, Dialog Tower - Hiriwadunna, Diyagama
07 (Monday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Water Board Hiriwadunna, Dunukewela -02, Pinnawala T/F - 01, Pinnawala T/F - 02, Pinnawala T/F - 03, Wagolla RE, Graseline Janapadaya, Pitiyegama, Dunukewela, Walgolla, Pinnawala Town, Elephant Bay Hotel - Pinnawala, Mahalandawatta,
09 (Wednesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Elephant Health Center, Elephant Ophanage, Pinnalanda Group Hotel, Kiriwandeniya, Walikanda, Kapurukade Junction, Halpitiya RE, Eraminigolla, Ravi Export (Pvt.) Ltd., Naranbadda, Malakariya Kottanawatta,

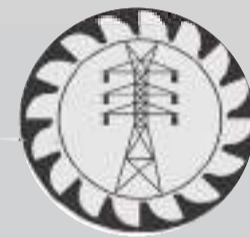
Date & Time	Effected Area
11 (Friday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Weligamuwa Power Loom, Weligamuwa RE, Kotawella, Gabbela RE, Gabbala Medagama, Deliwala, Compost Factory, Hewadiwela RE, Hewadiwela Vidyalaya, Alugolla, Siyabalangamuwa, Sudath Lime, Hansawela Weligamuwa - Walpola, New S/S at Nathambura, Mahagama Hewadiwela,
12 (Saturday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Hasthipura, Pinnawala School, Halpitiya RE, P.T.K.Garment, Rambukkana Oil Mill, Champika Madawala, Dialog Tower / Madawala, Regent, Town Rambukkana, Pradeshiya Saba - Rambukkana, Hospital Road, CTB Depot, Hureemaluwa, Walgama Kurunagala Rd, New S/S at Mattappuliya, Cargills Food City, Prajasalawa, AGA Office, Wahawa
14 (Monday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Deliwala, Hewadiwela RE, Alugolla, Siyabalangamuwa, Dombemada (Sillugala), Seruwagala (Dobemada), Moragahawela, Rathnagiri Metal Crusher, Dambulla, Meeduma Temple, Kudagama Junction, Walgama RE, Wawetenna RE, Hansawela Weligamuwa - Walpola, New S/S at Nathambura, Compost Factory, Mahagama Hewadiwela, Hewadiwela School, Dialog Axiata Mobitel Tower,
Moronotha Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Plywood - Meedeniya, Hettimulla Juction, Udumagama Village, Pandeniya, Wadupola Janapadaya,
Kegalle Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kumarage Mawatha, Saranapala Mawatha, Ambanpitiya watta - 2
Mathale Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Halangoda (Udupihilla), Udupihilla (New Udupihilla), 2nd Mile Post Thenna, Koobiyangoda, Kotuwagedara
04 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ukuwela Alkaduwa Rd., Aladin Industries (PVT) Ltd., Katudeniya Water Project, Galoya R.E, Udathenna Water Pump, Ukuwela Water Treatment Plant, Ratwatta Tea Factory, Ransilu Products - Udathenna - Mathale, Nawaratnagoda
14 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Water Purification, Water Intake, Owala MHP, Banford MHP
Weragama Electricity Consumer Service Center	
12 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Kauda Gammanaya, Weniwalgolla, Polwaththakanda - i, Polwaththakanda - ii, Dikkumbura - Madakumbura, Pattakkare, Madakumbura-Udathanna, Welangawathththa, Horagolla, Maussagala estate, Weralugasthanna, Nikal Oya, Dankanda Dambagolla, Bambaragaswatta, Midland Estate, Riverston Micro Wave, Rathninda, Pitawala, Mahalakotuwa, Illukkumbura, Puwakpitiya, Dammantenna Scheme, Dialog Tower Elagala,
14 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Cermic Corporation, Viharagama
NAWALAPITIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Nawalapitiya Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Saturday) 06 (Sunday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Moragolla CEB Projects
06 (Sunday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mapakande - II, Inguruoya - II, Inguruoya - I, Inguruoya New Colony, Bar Caple MHP
15 (Tuesday) From 08:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Tilton, Pathanapitiya
Gampola Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Melforte Estate, Kaloogalla Estate
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mulgamwatta RE, Lorawatte RE, Ayurwedha (Pvt) Ltd, Panvilatanna Crysbo Farm
14 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Ilangawatte (Bothalapatiya Stage - ii), Bothalapatiya - i, Blue Mountain Land Sale - Welkandahena, Kawdupitiya, Alexander Garment - Gampola, Diva plastic - Gampola, RDA Inguruwatta, RDA Baching Plant, Naranvita, Paradize Hotel - Gampola, Wewatanna, Orayan, Kahawatte, Castle Milk, Millagahamula, Amunumulla Janapadaya, Pussetenna, Udalgamdeniya, Panvilatanna, Sanitary Project at Lagundeniya, Pambadeniya, Dunukeulla, Orangefield Factory - Gampola, Mulgamwatta R.E., Lorawatte R.E., Panvilatanna Crysbo Farm, Baeament Estate, Rajatalawa, Doluwa R.E., Pupuressa, Pupuressa Upper Division Levalan Estate,
DAMBULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Naula Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 10:00 am to 14:00 a.m	Wewalgolla, Walmoruwa, Walmoruwa Additional Sub, Moragaspitiya, Homapola (Kohona), Army Camp Koholanwala, SF- Regimental Center - Madawala Ulpatha, Pitakanda Telecom Tower - Nalanda, Hapugasaya, Nalanda RE, Nalanda Pump House, Bogasbobella, Meegolla Mudunapita, Meegolla, Hingurana Agro (Pvt) Ltd. - 1, Hingurana Agro (Pvt) Ltd. - 2,
08 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m day	Koongahawela Garment, Rajawala, Moragolla, Galaboda, Koongahawela Hospital, Pubbiliya, Moragahakanda - ii, Moragahakanda Meterial Processing Plant, Moragahakanda Office & Staff Camp, Halabagahawatte, Madaphilla, Elagamuwa, Kabarawa, Polgahaheenyaya, Thalagoda - ii, Thalagoda - i, Moragahakanda Head Work Project, Moragahakanda Project Thalagoda Junction, Moragahakanda - i,

Date & Time	Effected Area
09 (Wednesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m day	Galwadukumbura Walliwela, Peldspor Plant - Kaudupelella, Kaudupelella, Hapugahalanda - Ankanda, North Matala - I, North Matala - II Scheme, Dibulgamuwa, Madawala Ulpotha, Image Industries (Pvt.) Ltd., Rajamal Uyana, Moragahamada, Dekidawaththe, Hathamunagala Estate Moragahamada, Hathamunagala, ESCPS Ankanda (Pvt.) Ltd., Haira Farm Ankanda, Ketawala, Rajjammana Water Supply, Thalagahakotuwa (Rajjammana), Kubaloluwa Jc. Andawala (Mukalanyaya), Andawela Lihinipitiya, Akarahaduwa, Akarahaduwa Stage - II, Andawala, Nagala Colony, Narangamuwa water Project, Diana Biscuit, Karmanthapura, Nalandawatte, Nalanda Industrial Park Service Station, Golden Chain Garment Factory (EAM Maliban), Hingurana Dairy Farm (Pvt)Ltd, Oak ray - Madawala Ulpotha, atismale, Ankanda new, Booster Pumping Station, Water Pumping Station, Water Treatment plant - Rajjammana, Intake Pump House - Madawala, Pure Herbs Inventions, Puwakpitiya Pump House, Ankanda MHP, Rajjammana MHP, Dewadarapola, Ceyquarts MBI (Pvt), Sugiyama, Ambana, Junction, Polgahaheeriya, Rajjammana MHP, Ankanda MHP
10 (Thursday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m day	Kiriya, Ma Oya Re-settlement Project, Kandepitawala New Settelement, Gomahandiya, Thorapitiya - i, Thorapitiya - ii, Thorapitiya - iii, Thorapitiya Houlet - i, Stage-02, Dasgiriya, Ma Oya Hamlet, Kapuyaya Atambagolla, Kaluganga, Kaluganga Project Town Center - i, Kaluganga Project Town Center - ii, Guruwela to Hirati Oya, Moragahakanda Kaluganga Dev./ Pro. - 1, olice Station - Laggala, Moragahakanda Reservoir Head Works Pro., Guruwela Village Moragahakanda, Guruwela Model Farm, Moragahakanda Kaluganga Dev./ Pro. - 2, Head Works for Kaluganga Reservoir, Kaluganga Reservoir Head Works Project, Leloya - Akarahediya, Kaluganga (Guruwela), Leloya - New, Laggala Hospital,
Pallepola Electricity Consumer Service Center	
05 (Saturday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Beligamuwa Farm, Beligamuwa, Dualagaskotuwa, Kanadana, Ranwediyawa, Galewela Pathkolagolla - 1, Bambawa, Galewela Fair, Dambagolla, Food City - Galewela, New Substation at Galewela Town, Kalahakele CBO, Puwakpitiya RE, Galewela Town New, Galewela Town (Pathkolagolla Rd), Galewela Town (Near peoples bank), Divisional Secretariate, Galewela Town (Near private Bus Stand),
07 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Lakshmi Fashion, Kirulagama (Actiware Garment), Palapathwala (Hela Clothing), Silani Colony, Roswatta, Palapathwala, Udugama, Kalu Palama, Hilton Colony, Koottegoduwa, Owala Coconut Estate, Co-operative Palapathwala new, Udugama, Kalu Palama, Hilton Colony
09 (Wednesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Dombawela Water Project, Pathingigaskotuwa, Deewilla, Deewilla Hunukotuwa, Gammulla, Walawela, Galaudahena (Batahirawatta), Batahirawatta (Asgiriya), Dorakumbura, Atipola Dullewa, Unawerawa, Ratninda, Matalapitiya, Atipallawa, Kawatayamuna, Alokagama RE, Ambanpola, Idamgama, Yatawatta - i (Hospital), Yatawatta - iii (School), Nikagolla, Selagama Garment Factory, Selagama Watta, Selagama, Selagama Kenehene Praja Moola Organization, Walpola, Maligatanna, Etisalat Tower Maduragoda,
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Dialog Tower Lenawala
14 (Monday) From 08:30 am to 11:30 a.m	Ebbawala MHP
15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Wahakotte New, Ilagolla, Aluthgama Mananwatta, Kabala Kosgasyaya
NUWARAELIYA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
Walapane Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Udapussellawa Hospital, Waldemar Estate, Amherst Estate, Gorden Factory, Alanwick Estate, St. Margret's Estate, Dearick, Udapussellawa Town, Rappahanock, Kurupanawela RE - ii, Kurupanawela RE - i, Meepanawa, Blairlmond Estate (Uva Paranagama CSC), Tangamale Division (Uva Paranagama CSC), Morahela, Suriyagahapathana, Rupaha Pinnapitiya Wawela, Rockland Estate, Ambaliyadda RE, Rupaha Pallewela, Rupaha Elagetenna, Kotemba, Pandithayakumbura, Pallegama Rupaha, Demata Arawa, Madulla, Kandayaya Warathenna, Kandayaya, Thunhiyawa Yatimadura, Walapane Yatimadura Meegolla, Yatimadura near Primary School, Maliyadda MHP,
05 (Saturday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Goradiyagolla
08 (Monday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Liddesdale Estate, Ragala Town - iii, Ragala Town - ii, Stafford Factory, Mantreethanna, Ragala Town - i, Ragala Factory - i, Pump House - Ragala, Brookside Estate (To E.C.S.C. Rikillagaskada), St. Leonards Estate, Samagipura, Halgranoya, Delmar Estate, Dickson Corner, Medawatta Town,
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Wewekele, Deliwala Kalaputuwawa RE, Kumbalgamuwa, Naranthalawa Riti Ella Near Keerthi Bandara School Scheme, Walapane Dialog Tower, Mulhalkele, Watumulla, Walapane Water Board, Kirikanda, Mahauva Estate, Ketakandura, Walapane Batagollagama Scheme, Kumbalgamuwa Kanda Colony, Egodakanda, Water Board Werella, Werellapathana, Ruppe Nayakele, Meeriyabedda, Kalaganwatta, Miriswaththa, Theripaha Galkandawala, Welihinda, Walahinda Imbulapathana Scheme, Mallagama, Teripaha (Near Hospital), Bolagandawala, Nilandahinna, Goradiyagolla, Tea Factory, Dambare, Ambanella, Wewatenna, Udamadura, Harasbedda, Nelugaha, Valliapuwa, Diyanilla
15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Wewekele, Deliwala Kalaputuwawa RE, Kumbalgamuwa, Naranthalawa Riti Ella Near Keerthi Bandara School Scheme, Walapane Dialog Tower, Mulhalkele, Watumulla, Walapane Water Board, Kirikanda, Mahauva Estate, Ketakandura, Walapane Batagollagama Scheme, Kumbalgamuwa Kanda Colony,
Rikillagaskada Electricity Consumer Service Center	
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Mul Oya, Mul oya new
10 (Thursday) 15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Wewekele, Pannala, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - i, Naaranthalawa Malapattawa - ii, Keerthibandarapura, Vira fashion Garment, Keerthibandarapura Dimbalawa, Ceylon National Industries (Sithara Garment), Sarasunthanna Lamasooriya, Serupitiya, Salt Village Pannala,

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Date & Time	Effected Area	Date & Time	Effected Area	Date & Time	Effected Area
Nuwaraeliya Electricity Consumer Service Center					
03 (Thursday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	General House, Hill Club, Grand Hotel, Central Bank, Nuwara Eliya Police, Technical College - i, Technical College - ii, Bash Complex AACL, Bale Bazaar, Shopping Complex of Urban Development, Sri Lanka Telecom, Prime Minister House,	15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Harrow Upper Division, Harrow Factory, Hewanwva Estate, Pundaluoya Telecom, Pundaluoya Upper, Milk Center Pundaluoya, North Pundaluoya, North Pundaluoya Upper, North Pundaluoya Oya Comeron Colony, Mascon Agrotech, Pundaluoya Weerasekarapedesa, Sheen Estate, Sheen Upper, Dunsinane, Kosgahapathana, Wawahena, Kumbaloluwa Factory, Wawahena - ii, Nugatota, Kalapitiya, Methgama Maldeniya, Dombagastalawa, Weerasekarapura, Kottunugoda, Methgama, Halpola, Belton Colony Beramana Scheme, Rawanagoda, Wijayabahukanda, Akkaramale, Kumbaloluwa, Choicy Estate, Eetan Estate, Niyangandara Intake - ii (Disconnect), Niyangandara, Arussella, Hadunuwewa, Wataddara, Punchiwatte, Star Garment, Sangilipalama, Malhewa, Kotmale New Town, Kotmale Food Product,	15 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Jantop Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., Dialog Base Station Halloluwa - Harispattuwa Halloluwa (Janaraja Mawatha Wegiriya, Gohagoda (Polwatta), Thekkawatta, Great Water Supply Project - Gohagoda. In., Ketapidalla, Gohagoda (Near School) Gohagoda Bogahawela Udamulla)
08 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Ramboda Estate, Palagolla, Wedamulla Estate, Kementenna Wedamulla, Ramboda New Division, Labukele Estate, Labukelle Upper Division, Kuda oya, Kikiliyama RE, Nuwara Eliya Estate, Nuwara Eliya Office, Westwood Estate, Ranmalu Fashion, Sanasa,	GALAGEDARA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA			
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Vocational Training Centre, Lady Macculum Road - ii, Muninisipal Council, Bus Stand, Court Complex, District Secretariat, Kachcheri Sub, Vocational Training Centre, Lady Macculum Road - ii, Muninisipal Council, Bus Stand, Court Complex, District Secretariat, Kachcheri Sub, Hill Side Hotel	Hatharaliyadda Electricity Consumer Service Center			
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Fisheries Station Bambarakele, EAP Network - Kikiliyama, Hiru FM, Derana TV, Police VHF Station Kikiliyama, Bambarakele RE, Kalapura Shanthipura, Oliphant Estate, Oliphant Upper Division, MTV Station, Water Pump Kalapura, Single Tree, Selwaraj, Kalukele, Kelegala, Sri Lanka Air Force - Nuwara Eliya, Serani Villa Hotel,	04 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Weththewa, Elotuwa Watta, Minigamuwa, Tennewala Minigamuwa, Bogashinna, Sangarajapura, Welivita Pahalagama, Siurupitiya, Kithuldora Deulwaththa Sangarajapura, Kolugala, Udabogawa,	POOJAPITIYA ELECTRICITY CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER	
Thawalanthenna Electricity Consumer Service Center					
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Cultural Center, Karagastalawa Glenloch, Delunthalamada, Helbodagama, Helboda Milk Center, Stellenberg Upper Division, Weedon, Stellenberg Factory, Delta Estate Ruwanpura, Delta North, Helboda Estate North, Protoft Meymale, Eyrie Meryhill, Froft Rush Brook, Protoft, Kothmalgama, Raja Ela, Maswela Morape, Mawela Maswela, Monaragala YRC, Nawakadadora, Delta Gemunupura, Delta South, Roths Child YRC - i, Rothschild - ii, Pussellawa Town, Puseellawagama, Pussellawa New (Police), Pussella Town - 02,	BADULLA ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA			
08 (Tuesday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Tawalantenna Exchange, Wawendon Estate, Rambodagama, Ishini Ramboda, Ramboda Falls, Ramboda Resort, Metal Cresher Scheme Near Ramboda, RDA Ramboda, Green Gold Housing Project,	Mahiyanganaya Electricity Consumer Service Center			
Nugawela Electricity Consumer Service Center					
03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Thibbotta Junction, Gonigoda Palkumbura - Water Supply Scheme., Medawela, Shoping Complex - Medawala, Gonigoda	DIYATHALAWA ELECTRICITY CONSUMER SERVICE CENTER			
04 (Friday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Palkumbura, Palkumbura Water Supply Scheme, Bolagala (B/S), Pallekotuwa	03 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 12:00 p.m	Menwakomath Sub	KANDY CITY ELECTRICAL ENGINEER AREA	
10 (Thursday) From 09:00 am to 17:00 p.m	Wegiriya, Gohagoda (Polwatta), Thekkawatta, Great Water Supply Project - Gohagoda. In.	15 (Tuesday) From 08:30 am to 17:00 p.m	Thennekumbura Sub	Mahiyanganaya AGA Office	
CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD					



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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7
OF THE LAND ACQUISITION
(CHAPTER 460)
AS AMENDED BY THE LAND
ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT)
ACT NO. 28 OF 1964**

Laggala Divisional Secretary's Ref. No. 11/3/3/1/35
Land Ministry's Ref. No. 4/3/9/2016/MV/150

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below for the State purpose of Moragahakanda and Kaluganga Development Project. For further particulars see Gazette Extra Ordinary No. 2187/19 and dated 06.08.2020 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

SCHEDULE

District	: Matale
Divisional Secretary's Division	: Laggala
Grama Niladari Division	: E396 Leloya
Name of Village	: Leloya (According to the Preliminary plan)
Name of the land	: As per the above number Extra Ordinary Gazette notice.
Plan No.	: Topo PP13, Supplementary No. 127, Sheet No. 292
Extent	: 2.4078 hectares
Lot Nos.	: 10608, 10610, 10611, 10612, 10614, 10615, 10617, 10620, 10621, 10622, 10625, 10626, 10628, 10630, 10632, 10635, 10636, 10637, 10639, 10640, 0645, 10646, 10658, 10659, 10660.
Plan No.	: Topo PP13, Supplementary No. 275, Sheet No. 291
Extent	: 3.6743 hectares
Lot No.	: 10578, 10579, 10580, 10581, 10582, 10583, 10584, 10585, 10586, 10587, 10588, 10589, 10590, 10591, 10592, 0594, 10595, 10596, 10597, 10598, 10599, 10600, 10601, 10602, 10603, 10604, 10605.

S. Vijayakumar,
Divisional Secretary,
Laggala

Divisional Secretariat,
Laggala.

28th of August 2020

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

**Purchasing of 26275kg of
Maize Hybrid Seeds
for 2020/21 Maha Season Cultivation in
CSIAP Area
No 288, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Rajagiriya**

The Chairman of the Project Procurement Committee (PPC) on behalf of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Purchasing of 26275kg of Maize Hybrid seeds for 2020/21 Maha season Cultivation in CSIAP area.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information up to 1430 hrs. of 23rd September 2020 from the Project Director, Procurement Specialist, Project Management Unit of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project, 2nd Floor, No. 288, DPJ Building, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Rajagiriya and inspect Bidding Documents at the address given above.
- A complete set of Bidding Document in English language could be inspected and purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the Project Director, 2nd Floor, No. 288, DPJ Tower, Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha, Rajagiriya upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs.10,000.00** by cash to Project Management Unit from **2nd September 2020 until 22nd September 2020 from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs.**
- Completed bids with two copies as original and duplicate should be marked as "**Purchasing of 26275kg of Maize hybrid seeds for 2020/21 Maha season cultivation in CSIAP area**" on the top left-hand corner and should be delivered to the address given above on or before **1430 hrs. on 23 September 2020**. Late bids will not be accepted. Accepted bids will be opened in the presence of bidder or bidders' representatives at the above address on **23rd September 2020 at 1430 hrs.**
- Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rs.500,000.00** obtained from a Commercial Bank registered under Central Bank of Sri Lanka and valid up to **18th February 2021**.
- Bids should be valid up to **20th January 2021**.
- Pre bid meeting in this regard will be held on **15th September 2020 at 10.30 a.m.** at the below mentioned address.

**Chairman - Project Procurement Committee/Project Director
Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project
2nd Floor, No. 288, DPJ Tower,
Sri Jayawardanapura Mawatha,
Rajagiriya.**

02.09.2020



**TENDER NOTICE
SRI LANKA RUPAVAHINI
CORPORATION**

TENDER NO. 84 / 24.09.2020

**PROCUREMENT OF 05 NOS. OF MODULAR CARDS
(SNELL RMPS 966GMA1Y/ SAADZ966GMA2Y)
FOR SNELL KAHUNA FLARE VISION MIXER IN
OB-2 BUS**

Sealed Tenders are invited by the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka, for the procurement of 05 Nos of Modular Cards (SNELL RMPS 966GMA1Y/ SAADZ966GMA2Y) for Snell Kahuna Flare Vision Mixer in OB-2 Bus of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.

The invitation is open to manufacturers, accredited agents, authorised distributors and dealers of the High Quality Broadcasting equipment. Those who are interested may obtain a set of Tender documents from the Assistant Director (Procurement) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Independence Square, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka, after submission of a written request to him on or before **23.09.2020**. A non-refundable Tender fee of Rs. 2,000.00 (Rupees Two Thousand) is payable to the Chief Accountant of the Corporation to issue a set of Tender documents. Tender documents could be collected from the Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation during office days (Monday to Friday, except mercantile holidays) from **9.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on or before 23.09.2020**. The Tender documents may be inspected free of charge at the office of the Assistant Director (Procurement) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation.

All tenders should be accompanied by a Bid Bond (Bank Guarantee) as specified in the tender document.

Agents, authorized distributors and dealers are required to submit a Letter of Accreditation/ Power of Attorney issued by the Principals, authorizing them to participate in this tender on behalf of the manufacturers.

The amount of agency commission, if any, included in the FOB price should be indicated separately.

Tenders will be closed at the office of the Chairman Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, Independence Square, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka at **3.00 p.m. on 24.09.2020** and opened immediately thereafter.

Further details (if required), could be obtained from the Deputy Director General (Engineering) of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (Tel +94 112 580 136 / Fax +94 112 500373)

**Chairman,
Procurement Committee
Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation
Independence Square,
Colombo 07
Sri Lanka.**

(SLRC Website: <http://www.rupavahini.lk>)



MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE BOARD

BID NOTICE

The Chairman, Procurement Committee on behalf of the National Water Supply & Drainage Board now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the Works/Supplies as described below.

Name of Contract & Contract No.	Non Refundable Fee (Rs)	Bid Security Requirements	Eligibility Requirements	Estimated Cost (Rs.) Excluding VAT	Place of Issuing of Documents & Contact Person	Closing Date and Time
CIVIL TENDERS						
01) Construction of 225 m ³ Capacity Ground Reservoir at Upper Hanthana University of Peradeniya Contract No: RSC-C(P&D)/CIVIL/RECH(UOP)/UNIVERSITY/2018/18RR	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 350,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C5 or C4 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	31.01 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	23/09/2020 10.00 hours
02) Construction of Intake for Divulapitiya Water Treatment Plant Contract No: RSC(WN)/P&D/CIVIL/RH(GAM)/2020/15	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 600,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C5 or C4 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	37.9 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	23/09/2020 10.00 hours
03) Laying of DI /uPVC Pipes, Fittings, Specials DI Valves & Accessories for Distribution Lines in Ranna Angunakolapelessa Wetiya Road, at Angunakolapelessa WSS Contract No:RSC(S)/P&C/LAYING/A'PELESSA/RECHARGEABLE (EXPRESSWAY)/2020/04	12,500/- + VAT **	Rs. 342,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C6 or C5 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	22.8 million	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885	25/09/2020 10.00 hours
04) Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Plant at Bimpokuna Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RWS/NC/DGM/BIMPOKUNA/2020/165	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 120,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	8.27 million	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609	16/09/2020 14.00 hours
05) Rehabilitation of Waste Water Treatment Plant at Hanthana Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC-C/CS/CIVIL/REH/HANTHANA/2020/208	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 72,000/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	7.2 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Pre bid meeting on 14/09/2020 @ 10.00 at M (Central South)	16/09/2020 14.00 hours
06) Trial Pit Investigation for University of Peradeniya Waste Water Collection System for Kandy City Wastewater Management Project Contract No:RSC-C/KCWMP/CIVIL/RECH/UOP/2020/199	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 58,200/-	Registration with CIDA in the field of Water Supply and Sewerage C7 or C6 and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	5.8 million	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027	16/09/2020 14.00 hours
M&E TENDERS						
07) Supply & Installation of Electrical Fence for Manampitiya & Dibulagala Water Treatment Plant Contract No: RH/DGM (NC)/SUP/POL/2020/060	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 41,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent	RSC (NC), Godage Mawatha, Anuradhapura Tele : 025-2235993 Fax: 025-2225609		16/09/2020 14.00 hours
08) Supply & Installation of Borehole Type Submersible Water Pumping Sets and Accessories for army camp Bore Hole in Buttala Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/LBF(20B)/BUTTALA/2020/118	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 48,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla Tele: 055 2230934 Fax: 055 2230974		16/09/2020 14.00 hours
SUPPLY TENDERS						
09) Supply & Delivery of Water Leak Detection Equipment for Kandy North Pathadumbara Integrated Water Supply Project Contract No:KNPIWSP/SUPPLY/PC-2/2019-62	6,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 48,000/-	Manufacturers or their local accredited agent and Registration of the contract as per the Act. No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	KNPIWSP, NWSDB, Pahala Kondadeniya, Katugastota Tele: 081-2492287 Fax: 081-2492286		23/09/2020 14.00 hours
HIRING VEHICLE						
10) Hiring of 02 Nos. Crew Cabs for OIC (Wadduwa) & 02 Nos. Crew Cabs for OIC (Kalutara) & OIC (Mathugama) Contract No:W-S/P&C/H(12)/KAL/ O&M/2020/68	2,000/- + VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	Relevant Vehicle Owners	RSC (WS), NWSDB, No.07, Angulana Station Road, Angulana, Moratuwa Tele/Fax: 0112730341, 0112224888		17/09/2020 10.00 hours
11) Hiring of 02 Nos. Vans (Dual A/C) for RSCW-S(P&C) Section & RSC W-S (Special Investigation Unit) Contract No:W-S/P&C/H(13)/DGM/O&M/2020/69	2,000/- + VAT	Rs: 5,000/-	Relevant Vehicle Owners	RSC (WS), NWSDB, No.07, Angulana Station Road, Angulana, Moratuwa Tele/Fax: 011 2730341, 0112224888		17/09/2020 10.00 hours
SERVICE TENDERS						
12) Provision of Service Contract for Supplying Unskilled Workmen for Dehiwala&Moratuwa OIC Areas in Dehiwala Region Contract No: RSC/W-S/P&C/LABOUR(02)/DEHI/O&M/2020/42	20,000/- + VAT **	Rs.1,142,000/-	Minimum Two years experience in Providing Unskilled workmen services and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885 Pre bid meeting on 15/09/2020 at 10.00 am at M(Dehiwala)		24/09/2020 10.00 hours
13) Hiring of Service Provider for Provision of Service Contract in Gampaha Region Contract No: RSC (W/N)/SS/LS/GAM (O&M)/2020/56	20,000/- + VAT **	Rs. 697,000/-	As per the Document and Registration of the contract as per the Act.No.3 of 1987 with the registrar of public contract	Tenders & Contracts Section, NWS&DB, Galle Road, Ratmalana. Tele: 011-2605328 Fax: 011-2635885		25/09/2020 10.00 hours
14) Cleaning & Maintenance services of Treatment Plants & Office Premises in Hatton Water Supply Scheme Contract No:RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/HATTON/2020/172	2,000/- + VAT	Rs. 28,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Pre bid meeting on 14/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at DE (N'Eliya) office		16/09/2020 14.00 hours
15) Operation of Intake Booster Pumps, Water Treatment Plant, High List Pumps, Maligatenna Pump, Cleaning of WTP Site, Reservoir Lands, Tanks and Other O&M Works Contract No:RSC-C/CE/SER/O&M/T'KUBURA, HARAGAMA/ 2020/138	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 73,000/-	As per the Document	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027 Pre bid meeting on 14/09/2020 at 10.00 hrs. at M (Central East) office		16/09/2020 14.00 hours
JANITORIAL SERVICE						
16) Provision of Janitorial Service for District Engineer's Office, Bandarapura and Eladaluwa Treatment Plants at Badulla Water Supply Scheme Contract No: RSC(UVA)/DGM(UVA)/O&M/BADULLA/2020/84	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 25,000/-	As per the Document	Tender Section, NWSDB, Mediriya Road, Badulla Tele: 0552230934 Fax: 0552230974		16/09/2020 14.00 hours
WEBSITE DEVELOPING & MOBILE APPS						
17) Developing a Professional Website and the Mobile Apps for the China Sri Lanka Joint Research and Demonstration Centre for Water Technology (JRDC) Contract No: RSC-C/CIVIL/CSLRGP/2020/212	4,000/- + VAT	Rs. 45,500/-	SLASSCOM (Sri Lanka Association for Software and Services Companies)	RSC (Central), Gatambe, Peradeniya Tele : 081-2386068 Fax: 081-2388027		16/09/2020 14.00 hours

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