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## Parliament to convene from September 8 to 11

Parliament will convene from September 8 to 11, as decided by the Committee on Parliamentary Business, chaired by Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena, yesterday morning.

The annual report of the Central Bank, the performance report of the Ministry of Finance and the mid-year fiscal report will be taken up for debate as an Adjournment Debate on September 8 as per the proposals made by the Government during the meeting.

Parliament will convene on September 8 from 1.00 to 6.30 pm. Nine regulations under the Excise (Special Provisions Act) and 10 notifications under the Excise Ordinance will be debated on September 9. On September 10, Six notifications under the Ports and Airport Development Levy Act, 03 regulations and 06 resolutions under the Customs Ordinance will be taken up for debate.

Parliament will convene on September 9 from 1.00 pm to 7.30 pm and on September 10 from 10.30 am to 7.30 pm. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



The Daily News Online Edition marks 25 years today. See Page 2 and 8 for details.

## 20th Amendment proposes Parliamentary Council

The draft 20th Amendment to the Constitution has been gazetted by the Justice Ministry. The gazette notice was printed and published yesterday after it had received Cabinet approval, the Government said.

A number of key provisions in the 19th Amendment to the Constitution have been repealed through the proposed new Amendment.

The 20th Amendment to the Constitution has proposed a Parliamentary Council comprising the Prime Minister, Speaker, Leader of the opposition and a nominee from the Speaker and Leader of the opposition, replacing the present Constitutional Council. These nominees should also be sitting MPs. No non-MPs can represent the Parliamentary Council. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Ranil to appear at PCoI today

UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe is to appear before the Presidential Commission (PCoI) investigating into political victimization today.

The UNP Leader is expected to appear before the Commission based on a complaint made by former Economic Development Ministry Secretary and Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation Chairman Dr. Nihal Jayathilake. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Biyagama PS wants Ruwan as UNP leader

MAHANAMA VITHANAGE and PUBUDU KEERTHI

The Biyagama Pradeshiya Sabha yesterday passed a resolution requesting the UNP to appoint Deputy General Secretary Ruwan Wijewardene as the leader of the party. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

# NAVY, AIR FORCE HELP DISTRESSED CRUDE OIL TANKER

MEPA ON HIGH ALERT OVER POSSIBLE OIL SPILL

22 CREW MEMBERS RESCUED, ONE MISSING

CAMELIA NATHANIEL AND DISNA MUDALIGE

Twenty two crew members out of 23 on board an ill-fated oil tanker chartered by Indian Oil Corp (IOC) which caught fire 38 nautical miles off the Sangamankanda coast have been rescued.

Navy Spokesman Captain Indika De Silva said one crew member was reported missing. The Indian vessel New Diamond, which is a Very Large Crude Carrier (VLCC), was heading to the port of Paradip in India. It had sailed from Mina-Al-Ahmadi in Kuwait. The fire had erupted in the engine room of the vessel and was raging by last

evening. An injured seaman aboard the crude oil tanker was rescued by the Sri Lanka Navy and brought ashore, said the Navy Spokesman.

The remaining 19 members of the crew have been rescued by a passing merchant vessel and are being accommodated aboard the ship, the Navy said.

The Navy had rescued three of the crew members aboard the ill-fated vessel.

Meanwhile, two Russian war ships which had anchored at the Hambantota Harbour for fuelling also rushed to assist in dousing the fire on board the Indian oil tanker. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



The Navy rescued crew members on board the tanker. Navy and SLAF Media pictures.

## Minor crop cultivators will be protected ensuring stable prices - President

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa emphasized that cultivators of minor crops including turmeric and pepper would be protected by ensuring stable prices for them.

The importation of turmeric and pepper was completely suspended to protect local producers of these crops. The President highlighted the importance of creating an environment to earn the highest possible

income by harnessing more international markets. President Rajapaksa made these remarks during a meeting to discuss future activities of the Sugarcane, Maize, Cashew, Pepper, Cinnamon, Cloves, Betel Production Development and Promotion of Allied Products and Export State Ministry of held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday (3). **▶ TO PAGE 03**



## SC rejects motions calling for PCoI evidence into Easter Sunday attacks

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The motions filed by two petitioners seeking an order calling for the evidence elicited during the Presidential Commission probing the Easter Sunday attacks, to be perused by Supreme Court under confidential cover, was yesterday rejected by the Supreme Court.

In two motions filed before the Supreme Court, the petitioners who filed a Fundamental Rights petitions

over the Easter Sunday attacks sought an order directing the Secretary of the Presidential Commission (PCoI) to probe into matters relating to the Easter Sunday bomb attacks, to make all fresh evidence available to the Supreme Court before the arguments are begun.

However, Additional Solicitor General Farzana Jameel PC appearing for the Attorney General raised objections against **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Education system based on practical learning mooted

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA



Co-cabinet Spokesman Energy Minister Udaya Prabh Gammanpila yesterday stressed the importance of introducing a new education system based on practical learning.

Speaking at the media conference held yesterday at the Government Information Department to inform decisions taken at this week's Cabinet meeting, Minister Gammanpila said a Cabinet Paper was submitted by Education Minister Prof.G.L.Pieris seeking approval to introduce an Education System based on practical learning.

"Since the topic of the new education system is a very sensitive one, the Cabinet of Ministers cannot approve it as soon as it is submitted. So it is scheduled to discuss the proposal deeply at the next meeting," said the minister. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Nine member Expert Committee to draft new Constitution

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA



The Cabinet of Ministers decided to appoint a nine member Expert Committee to prepare the preliminary drafts for a new Constitution, Co-cabinet Spokesman, Energy Minister Udaya Gammanpila said.

He was speaking at the weekly Cabinet media briefing held at the Government Information Department yesterday.

Accordingly President's Counsel Romesh de Silva has been appointed to head the committee.

President's Counsel Gamini Marapana, President's Counsel Manohara De Silva, President's Counsel Sanjeewa Jayawardena, Prof. Nazeema Kamardeen, Dr. A. Sarveswaran, President's Counsel Samantha Ratwatte, Prof. Wasantha Senevirathne and Prof. G.H. Peiris

are the other members of the committee.

As a short-term measure to address the anomalies and shortcomings caused by the 19th Amendment to the Constitution in 2015, the Cabinet of Ministers decided on August 19 to advise the Legal Draftsman to draft the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## AG concludes 2,480 drug cases in 15 months

DILSHAN THARAKA

The Attorney General's Department has concluded action in a total number of 2,480 drug cases within the last 15 months. Attorney General's Coordinating officer, State Counsel Nishara Jayaratne said the Attorney General also forwarded 2,000 indictments over drugs related offences to the High Court within the period. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Appeals to be filed before September 17

## Graduate appointments ongoing upto September 7

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Graduates who have not received their letters of appointment can file their appeal till September 17 with the Public Services, Provincial Councils and Local Government Ministry or the Presidential Secretariat.

Co-cabinet Spokesman, Mass Media Minister Keheliya Rambukwella said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had handed over letters of appointment to a selected group of gradu-

ates symbolising the recruitment of graduates to the public sector fulfilling the pledge made in "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour" policy statement.

The Minister told the weekly Cabinet media briefing held yesterday at the Government Information Department that appointment letters for the rest of the selected graduates will be distributed from September 2 to 7. **▶ TO PAGE 03**



## President all powerful under 20A - SJB

SHIVANTHI FERNANDO

SJB MP Mujibar Rahman yesterday said that the Government was trying to entrust enormous powers with the President through the 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

He said that the government is treading on the path of despotic rule by attempting to do away with clauses that prevent dual citizenship holders to become the members of the Legislature.

Addressing a press conference in Colombo, Rahman said he has received information that the President is to be given powers to appoint members of all Commissions through the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. **▶ TO PAGE 03**

## Sampayo's petition to CA fixed for November 25

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

The writ application filed by former Negombo Prison Superintendent Anurudha Sampayo was yesterday fixed for November 25 by the Court of Appeal.

Sampayo is seeking an order to stay the arrest warrant issued against



him by the Negombo Magistrate's Court.

The Court was informed that Sampayo has been

released on bail by Negombo Magistrate's Court when the issue came up before the Court of Appeal two-judge-bench comprising **▶ TO PAGE 03**

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# Daily News: 25 years on the Information Superhighway

PANDUKA SENANAYAKE

Having been forced onetime, under threat of withholding salary increments, to abandon an old, trusty and robust 'Olympia' typewriter for a computer, I still struggle to understand how the editorship of Sri Lanka's first online newspaper was thrust upon me.

Whether due to, 'old school ties' - the then newly appointed benign and soft spoken Chairman Lakshman Jayawardena was an old and senior Thurstanite-(which could be discounted due to my avoidance of anyone wielding power irrespective of whether they used it or not) , or due to the then Production Manager and present General Manager, Abhyaya Amaradasa's ability to talk even the hind leg off a horse or due to some unknown force, the challenge of editing the online edition of the *Daily News* fell upon me, though strictly speaking I was a member of the *Sunday Observer* staff back then.

It indeed was a great challenge at the time. WWW or the World Wide Web, http (Hypertext Transfer Protocol), html and other new terminology seemed out of this world to me at least. With one week of training before its launch in 1995, my diffidence dissolved under the guidance of technicians such as D.N. Wijesinghe and T.A.L. Ratnayake. They put me through the paces and burnt the midnight oil assisting in the search for a reader friendly format for the new addition to the Lake House flagship. Blearly eyes greet-



ed a new day with the final selection of the format comprising sections for Business, Features, Editorial, Security, Politics, World, Letters, Sports, Archives and Obituaries, which by and large have survived to this day. They with the all important 'In Brief' section would cover the gamut of the newspaper's contents.

Following the launch at the Galle Face Hotel, the Internet Edition of the flagship was steered by a few dedicated journalists and technicians. Operating from a backroom on the top floor of Lake House overlooking the railway lines leading to and from the Fort Railway Station to the island's South, they put their shoulders to the wheel with determination.

Starting in the afternoon, all page proofs of the print edition would be accessed, perused, stories selected, sometimes followed up and updated, edited or re-written to cater to a readership of

locals, expatriate Sri Lankans and foreigners. Pramod de Silva and Dinesh Weerawansa, who now happen to be the Editors of the *Daily News* and the *Sunday Observer* respectively, were among the first young journalists selected to the team. Riza Rawdin of the *Daily News*, who is now domiciled overseas, came on board a bit later.

Technicians Ratnayake, Jagath Dharmaratna, Nalaka de Silva (the only duo who still work for the Internet section from the original team) and Gerald Nadesan strove to ensure that the publication went ahead without glitches. Punctuality in uploading was paramount to prevent competitors accessing any exclusive stories through the online edition. Theirs was the more onerous job.

Much was achieved by the small team in a small room that became known as the 'Internet' and soon the *Sunday Observer* too went

online. It was a moment to be proud of. There was positive and negative feedback. Staffers from a diplomatic mission of an East Asian country, being denied direct access to news from their homeland were profuse with their thanks. Appreciative e-mails (itself fairly new at the time) from around the world including from far off Iceland drove the team to perform at peak as did broken links which failed to mirror stories and sometimes the whole edition. A couple of awards also came their way during the first three months.

Negative feedback mainly related to political stories. They were passed with straight faces on to the then editors of the print editions. A couple of unsuccessful individual attempts were made to divert blame as we strove to maintain credibility. Challenges were accepted and surmounted.

The invaluable assistance rendered by individuals from several departments including the staff of the adjacent Visual Display Terminal (VDT) and Production Department made the venture a success.

They were called upon to and did more than their job. It is a saga that began on a small note, but one that laid the foundation for today's vast operation that encompasses everything from the E-paper to Facebook and Twitter feeds.

I am indeed proud to have been a member of the original team that made it all possible.

## State Minister Lanza says 19th Amendment led to chaos

IRANGIKA RANGE

Rural Roads and Other Infrastructure State Minister Nimal Lanza yesterday said that the Government will abolish the 19th amendment, which led the country into chaos and bring a whole new Constitution to fulfill the wishes of the people who gave a two-third majority to the Government at the previous General Election.

He said that the 19th Amendment to the Constitution has many ambiguities and uncertainties, resulting in confusion. "As the people have given us the mandate, we wanted for a constitutional amendment, our first task

will be to remove the 19th Amendment. It is a timely need to bring a new Constitution for the country," he added.

"Although many governments were facing a severe economic crisis due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Government is running the country effectively leading it to an economically powerful position while protecting people despite the number of challenges posed by COVID 19. The Opposition expected that the second wave of the COVID 19 to affect the country and the entire country in a chaotic situation. But that did not happen due to the foresighted plans and work of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the commitment of the health and security officials," the State Minister said.

"Today the country is gradually returning to normalcy. Under the leadership of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the country will march towards prosperity while safeguarding the people and protecting the sovereignty without succumbing to any forces," he said.



## Indonesian support to develop transport service

IRANGIKA RANGE

Indonesian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Gusti Ngunah Ardiyasa said that the Indonesian Government will provide its assistance to develop a qualitative, cost-effective, and safe integrated transport system in Sri Lanka.

The Ambassador had a discussion with

Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge at the ministry yesterday.

The Ambassador highlighted the possibility of improving quality and comfortable transport service in Sri Lanka through Indonesian investments.

The envoy congratulated the Minister for successfully controlling COVID 19 in Sri Lanka.



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Wednesday arrived at the Indian High Commissioner's official residence in Colombo and signed the condolence book over the death of former Indian President Pranab Mukerjee.

## Namal's Ministry from WTC to Sugathadasa Sports Complex

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

The Youth Affairs Ministry at the World Trade Centre will soon shift to the Sugathadasa Sports Complex in Colombo following a decision by Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Namal Rajapaksa.

The Minister shared his decision on Twitter yesterday. The Ministry had rented the premises at Rs 3 million per month.

The Minister will not renew the contract, which ends in March 2021, and the decision to relocate the Ministry will save Rs. 46.8 million annually.



Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge receiving Indonesian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Gusti Ngunah Ardiyasa.



Sri Lanka Freedom Party (SLFP) Chairman and former President Maithripala Sirisena, State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera and party stalwarts Ranjith Siyabalapitiya, Gamini Thilakasiri, Hector Bethmage and Jeevan Kumaranunga participated in religious observances at the Bellanwila Rajamaha Viharaya to mark the SLFP 69th anniversary. Picture by Dushmantha Mayadunne

## Ruwanpura Highway construction expedited



IRANGIKA RANGE

Highways Minister Johnston Fernando yesterday instructed officials of the Highways Ministry and the Road Development Authority to expedite the construction work of the Ruwanpura Highway, which was halted by the previous government.

The Minister was participating in a Progress Review Meeting on the road development projects held with the RDA officials at the Ministry yesterday.

He said that expediting the Ruwanpura Highway construction was vital.

The Minister said that the proposed Ruwanpura Highway will connect with the Southern Highway and the Central Expressway.

The Ruwanpura Highway will stretch over 73 km from the Kahatuduwa Interchange up to Pelmadulla.

The highway from Kahatuduwa to Pelmadulla via Ratnapura (73.9 km) has been divided into three sections. Section 1 runs from Kahatuduwa to Ingiriya (24.3 km), Section 2 from Ingiriya to Ratnapura (21 km), and Section 3 from Ratnapura to Pelmadulla (28.6 km). The project will complete in three years. The first stage will cost Rs.80 billion.

The selection of contractors to construct the first stage was carried out yesterday.

## Eighty nine COVID 19 infected detected within 72 hours

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Army Commander Lieutenant General Shavendra Silva yesterday warned that within a 72-hour period until last evening, 89 Covid-19 cases had been identified, while all of them are those who had returned to the country from overseas.

He said that the threat of COVID-19 remained as long as other countries faced the pandemic and expressed disappointment that a majority of people in Sri Lanka

had begun to defy the health guidelines.

He said that 1,197 of the total number of infections were those returning from overseas. Of them, 42 are foreign nationals and 1,155 are Sri Lankans.

The Army Commander noted that since April 30, Sri Lanka has not reported any community infections, commending the efforts taken by the health services and tri-forces personnel for their efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus in the country.

He urged the public to adhere to health guidelines and wear face masks and regularly wash hands and maintain social distancing.

With schools reopening and students attending classes, he urged the school authorities and teachers to guide the students to follow the health guidelines and to educate the children on the importance of maintaining social distancing and following hygienic practices and the implications of not doing so.

## Two suspects nabbed with 4.7 grams of heroin

CAMELIA NATHANIEL

Two suspects were arrested in Uduwa with 4.750 grams of heroin on Wednesday night by Moragahena Police on a tip off. A husband and wife were arrested last morning in Pinnaduwa they were while travelling on a motorcycle. According to the Police, the couple had 500.650 grams of heroin hidden inside five coconuts. The 28-years-old man and the 23-year-old woman are residents of Daddella, Galle. Another female suspect in Akmeemana was also arrested after interrogating the couple.

The woman had Rs. 140,000 and a mobile phone. She is an 18-year-old resident of Rajagaha-Uyana, Akmeemana.

Detention orders will be obtained by the police for three suspects to carry out further investigation, police said.

## Cabinet Sub-Committee to promote investment

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved a proposal by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to appoint a Cabinet Sub-Committee on investment promotion, Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

He was addressing the weekly Cabinet media briefing at the Government Information Department yesterday.

Dr Pathirana said that the Government has prioritised the expansion of local and foreign investment facilities for an export and import substitution manufacturing economy that will benefit all parties while

eradicating poverty through the National Development Programme in the Policy Framework "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour".

The Cabinet Sub-Committee on investment Promotion will be chaired by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksha, Fisheries Min-

ister Douglas Dewananda, Transport Minister Gamini Lokuge, Trade Minister Bandula Gunawardane, Power Minister Dullas Alahapperuma, Highways Minister Johnston Fernando, Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa and Environment Minister Mahinda Amaraweera are the other members.



# Recent appointments will not be changed –President

Pressure is being mounted against certain appointments recently made by the President and the Government.

These appointments were made with the utmost consideration of our country's sovereignty,

national security and implementation of 'Saubhagayya Dekma' policy statement.

The President said that such appointments have been made after careful scrutiny of loyalty to the nation, qualifications and

background of these individuals, so that policies of the Government can move forward successfully.

The President said that he has no intention of changing such appointments made after deep thinking or to replace them

with different persons in the face of pressure. The President, therefore, politely requests everyone not to pressure him or the Government to change the appointments.

The President is of the view that expressing opin-

ions against these appointments will not only make the appointees unable to carry out their duties and responsibilities properly, but it will also weaken the Government's process by underestimating them in society.

## 'Public Day only to resolve public issues'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, at this week's Cabinet meeting, informed all Cabinet Ministers, State Ministers and Ministry Secretaries to allocate the public day only for solving public issues.

Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana made this observation speaking at the weekly Cabinet media briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department. A special circular will be issued in this regard, the Minister said.

## 'Committee to formulate national trade policy'

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved a proposal by Trade Minister Dr. Bandula Gunawardane to appoint an expert committee to formulate a National Trade Policy. Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

He was speaking at the Cabinet media briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department.

The National Trade Policy approved by the Cabinet on August 1, 2017 has not been formulated properly in consultation with all relevant parties, he said.

## Writ petition requesting to arrest Kurunegala mayor fixed for Oct.9

LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA

A writ petition filed by former Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) Parliamentarian Namal Karunaratne seeking an order directing the Police to arrest Kurunegala mayor over the demolition of the King's Court of King Buvanekabahu II was yesterday fixed for October 9 by the Court of Appeal.

It was revealed that the Court of Appeal has already issued an Interim Order staying the operation of arrest warrants issued by Kurunegala Magistrate's Court against the mayor and four others over the incident.

Court of Appeal two-judge-bench comprising Justice (President) A.H.M.D. Nawaz and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna directed the petitioner to file an amended petition before September 30.

Filing this petition through counsel Sunil Watagala, the petitioner had named Acting IGP C.D. Wickramaratne, Headquarters Police Station OIC in Kurunegala Kapila Adikari, Director General of Archaeology Prof. Senarath Dissanayake, Kurunegala mayor Thushara Sanjeeva, the Kurunegala Municipal Council and the Attorney General as respondents in the petition.

The petitioner stated that in the middle of Kurunegala, there was an ancient King's Court (Raja Sabhawa) said to have been

built by King Buvanekabahu II, who reigned the Kurunegala Kingdom from 1293-1302.

The petitioner stated that to the best of his knowledge, the premises where the King's Court lies had been leased to a private hotel, and due to public continuous agitation, the Department of Archaeology had identified the King's Court as an ancient monument which needs to be preserved.

The petitioner stated that any monument lying or being found in Sri Lanka which dates or may reasonably be believed to date prior to March 2, 1815 is an ancient monument within the meaning of the Antiquities Ordinance.

He stated that on or about July 14, 2020, the fourth respondent, Kurunegala mayor, has demolished a part of the King's Court, which is an ancient monument and antiquity within the meaning of the Antiquities Ordinance.

The petitioner stated that he had made a written complaint with Headquarters Police Station of Kurunegala that the Kurunegala mayor has committed an offence punishable under the Antiquities Ordinance. He complained that the police have failed to take any meaningful action regarding his complaint.

## Norwegian envoy calls on Speaker



Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Trine Jørnli Eskedal in discussion with Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena.

Norwegian Ambassador to Sri Lanka Trine Jørnli Eskedal called on the Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena at Parliament yesterday morning.

She congratulated him on being elected as the Speaker of the 9th Parliament and discussed the importance of parliamentary diplomacy.

Ambassador Eskedal and the Speaker also exchanged their views on potential exchanges between parliamentarians in future.

The Norwegian envoy said that previously, as part of a programme by the Oslo Centre, a group of Sri Lankan MPs visited the Norwegian Parliament and met representatives from various political parties to identify valuable and parallel les-

sons from the Norwegian context in consensus and coalition building.

She underscored the importance to learn from practical experiences of various countries and to get exposure to addressing challenges faced in different parliaments and expressed Norway's willingness to share learning from their parliamentary experience. They also discussed economic development, the maritime sector, female representation in parliament, and ways to further the bilateral ties between Sri Lanka and Norway.

Deputy Head of Mission of the Norwegian Embassy Hilde Berg-Hansen, Secretary General of Parliament Dhammika Dasanayaka and senior officials from Parliament were present.

## Krishna Jayanthi at Sri Radhakrishna Temple

Poojas, bhajans and prayers will be carried out at the Kotahena Sri Radhakrishna Temple from morning to evening on September 9 to celebrate the Krishna Jayanthi Day.

The Sri Krishna Jayanthi festival celebrates lord Krishna's birth.

Devotees fast on this day and take Prasadam (Food for the lord) after the Abhisekam (pouring water and other sacred substances) on the deity in the night to gain happiness, wealth and wellness.

The food offered to the god Krishna will be distributed among the devotees at 8.00 pm.

## Six suspects arrested for abusing schoolchildren

ASELA KURULUWANSA

Kandy police arrested six persons for allegedly attempting to abuse schoolchildren in a public lavatory at the Kandy public market.

The suspects were arrested following a complaint made by a group of students from tuition classes in the city.

The students had complained to Kandy SSP Sudath Masinghe that they were abused whenever they went to the toilet.

Following the complaint, a group of police officers in civvies had been sent along with the students to the toilet and the six persons were arrested when the schoolchildren were in danger of sexual abuse, police said.

The suspects had been reprimanded and released as the students were reluctant to take legal action against them, police said.

## Rs. 25 billion debentures approved for public, private housing project

ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

The Cabinet approved the proposal by Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa in his capacity as the Urban Development and Housing Minister to issue Rs. 25 billion debentures valid for five years to

obtain the initial capital to set up a housing project for middleclass earners in the public and private sector, Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

He was addressing the weekly

Cabinet media briefing yesterday at the Government Information Department. Minister Pathirana said that the Cabinet approval was granted in May to set up the housing project.

The Cabinet approval was also

granted to settle the debenture using the proceeds from the sale of houses under the project and to provide housing loans from State Banks at 25-30 years concessionary loan interest rates to the purchasers.

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# ENDING THE DRUG MENACE



**CAMELIA NATHANIEL**

**P**resident Gotabaya Rajapaksa having assumed duties as the President made a firm pledge to eradicate the drug menace from this country, while the Defence Secretary too vowed to do the same, irrespective of the challenges they may have to face in achieving this goal.

The Defence Secretary's declaration comes on the heels of several other actions by the government to arrest the threat posed by the drug racketeers in the country. Also, it comes on the heels of some apparent aggressive measures taken by the law enforcement authorities against the drug racketeers, drug users and the officials who had been assisting the drug mafia while being paid by the state to uphold the law and prevent such illegal activities.

In the past too, many successive governments had pledged to eradicate the drug menace but failed in their attempts due to members of these governments being involved with these drug rackets.

Hence, these were all temporary proclamations made by state leaders and law enforcement authorities either for political mileage or other personal gains. However, this time several officials who had been tasked to fight this menace – the officials of the Police Narcotics Bureau (PNB) – have been apprehended for the first time for being hand-in-glove with the criminals.

The Army, Navy, Police, STF, Customs and PNB have all been on their toes over the recent past and many drug and underworld racketeers, including some with prominent connections, have been arrested and many successful drug busts have been made as a result of these combined efforts and the will of the government.

While the ground forces are engaged in raids and arresting these racketeers and seizing large stocks of drugs and raiding illicit drug and liquor dens, the Sri Lanka Air Force (SLAF) has also been silently doing their part.

Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Air Force intelligence operatives together with troops from the Sri Lanka Police Special Task Force conducted raids on eight identified cannabis cultivation sites within the Udawalawe Forest Reserve on August 20.

Acting on the directives of the Head of the Presidential Task Force to rid the country of the drug scourge, Major General (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne and under the guidance of the Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias and with the coordination of the STF Commandant Deputy Inspector General of Police Waruna Jayasundara, the raids were carried out on August 20 within the Udawalawe Reserve.

The sites were identified and confirmed by observations made by the Beach King aircraft of the SLAF. Two SLAF helicopters – a Bell 212 and an MI-17 – were utilized to infiltrate the selected sites by air. The Sri Lanka Police STF troops were airlifted and dropped at the locations by these helicopters and these infiltrations were followed by SLAF and STF troop also raiding the locations from the ground as well.

The cannabis plants grown in these sites amounted to approximately 160,000 which were all destroyed during this operation.

Many of these cannabis cultivations are carried out in heavily forested areas making it impossible for ground troops to locate them. These illegal cultivations have thrived as a result. However, with the deployment of the Air Force for surveillance operations by air, many of these cultivations had been spotted and having recorded the coordinates of these locations, the ground troops could easily be directed to these locations to destroy these cultivations. The Sri Lanka Air Force thus has been silently rendering huge support to the ground troops in such operations. The Air Force ground troops too have been rendering notable support to the Army, police and STF during ground operations.

Apart from locating cannabis cultivations, the Air Force has also been able to identify illegal breweries operating in heavily wooded areas. These operations have been functioning for a long period undetected as they are carried out in thickly forested areas which serve to conceal their operations.

However, with the deployment of Air Force helicopters for surveillance operations, many of these illegal liquor operations have also been identified from the air and measures have been taken to destroy these operations and arrest those engaged in such illegal activities.

In one such operation, a large-scale illegal liquor production operation which

was observed by aerial reconnaissance operations conducted by the SLAF and ground reconnaissance of the SL Police STF SWAT Teams was destroyed on August 28. This illegal operation was located within the Muthurajawela Forest Reserve.

According to the Air Force, the Presidential Task Force to build a Secure Nation, Disciplined, Virtuous and Lawful Society was enacted by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa with the intension of curbing illegal activities such as the distribution of drugs and also large scale production of illegal liquor. With these intentions in mind and the instructions of the Head of the Presidential Task Force Major General (Retd) Kamal Gunaratne, the SLAF together with the SL Police STF SWAT Teams located a large-scale illegal liquor production operation.

Having identified this location and handing over the coordinates of this location to the relevant authorities, the SL Navy Special Boat Squadron Troops and Special Task Force Troops from the Sri Lanka Police launched a raid on the identified location which was within the Muthurajawela Forest Reserve. A Bell 212 Helicopter from the No 7 Squadron was utilized for this special operation to transport and drop the STF troops by air. The SL Navy SBS troops infiltrated the location by boat using the waterways of the forest reserve. The illegal brewery was successfully destroyed as a result of this joint effort.

It is notable to mention the efforts and contribution of the Air Force in the success of this operation as without their aerial surveillance and contribution by air, locating this illegal operation would not have been possible.

Further, with the assistance of the Sri Lanka Air Force intelligence surveillance wing, eight annabis cultivations were identified in the Udawalawe reserve and destroyed. This operation was carried out by the Air Force Special Forces and the STF under the directives of the Defence Secretary and the Air Force Commander.

On the directives of the Air Force Commander, intensified reconnaissance missions are also being carried out at the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) to monitor illegal drug trafficking operations and illegal migration through sea routes due to the increased COVID-19 pandemic situation in South East Asia. Accordingly, SLAF conducts a considerable number of intensified reconnaissance missions per week which are carried out during the daytime and also at night.

For these missions, the SLAF utilizes aerial platforms such as Y-12, Beach King aircraft from the No 8 Light Transport Squadron and No 3 Maritime Squadron respectively and also Bell 212 Helicopters from the No 7 Helicopter Squadron. In addition to these missions, additional reconnaissance missions are also carried out by the SLAF on requests made by the SL Navy and other stakeholders with respect to the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) of Sri Lanka.

The Air Force not only contributes to eradicating the drug menace from the country, but with the clear intentions of the government to eradicate the use and spread of dangerous drugs in Sri Lanka, the Sri Lanka Air Force rendered valuable assistance in apprehending a suspect together with 50kgs of Kerala cannabis.

The raid was conducted by members of the Police Special Branch at Kilinochchi together with intelligence operatives from the Air Force in early August. The suspect was arrested by the Police Team and taken in to their custody.

Amplly supporting the efforts of the government in eradicating the drug menace from the country, the Air Force has also taken steps to ensure that the Air Force personnel conform to these standards. Accordingly, the Sri Lanka Air Force also launched a comprehensive awareness programme for all SLAF personnel. With a clear 'zero-tolerance' policy for dangerous drugs within the SLAF, all personnel were made aware of the dangers and consequences.

This special three-day programme was initiated on the instructions of the Air Force Commander Air Marshal Sumangala Dias. The Commander addressed the entire Sri Lanka Air Force via a live stream which was transmitted by the Air Force Headquarters in early August. The Commander stressed on the dangers of using dangerous drugs not only to the SLAF, but also how it would adversely affect our loved ones at home as well.

With the address by the Commander, an island-wide awareness programme was launched covering all service personnel and civilians serving within the entire Sri Lanka Air Force. The three-day programme included special discussions, speeches, informative dramas, screening of short documentaries and even guest lectures by experts in the field.



# Restaurant explosion in Abu Dhabi injures two Lankans, one dies - Embassy

The Sri Lankan embassy in United Arab Emirates yesterday confirmed that one Sri Lankan had died and another is under treatment in the ICU of a hospital

following an explosion at a restaurant in Abu Dhabi on August 31.

The embassy in a statement said that embassy officials are in contact with the

authorities and the hospital to provide any required assistance.

The Statement: An explosion had occurred at a restaurant in Abu Dhabi

on August 31 Monday and two Sri Lankans were injured. The Sri Lanka Embassy officials visited the hospital to verify and confirm information regard-

ing the Sri Lankans. One of the Sri Lankans had died and the other is receiving treatment in the ICU at the hospital. The Embassy in Abu Dhabi

and the Foreign Ministry are in contact with the UAE law enforcement and the hospital authorities to provide necessary assistance.

## Obtaining allocations from General Treasury for Recurrent Expenditure of Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation (SLRC), Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation (SLBC) and Independent Television Network (ITN)

With the Covid-19 outbreak, the income of SLRC, SLBC and ITN has been decreasing, and they have been unable to cover the salaries and essential expenses of the institutions.

Therefore, the Cabinet approved the proposal by the Mass Media and Information Minister to obtain the provisions for essential recurrent expenditure of those institutions from the General Treasury for four months from September to December 2020.

It was also decided that strategic plans should be prepared to increase the income of these institutions and those plans should be implemented expeditiously with the concurrence of the Treasury.

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## Allocating lands from regional industrial zones to set up industries.

The Industries Ministry implements the 'Regional Industrial Zones Development Programme' to promote the industries at regional level.

The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Industries Minister to allocate lands on tenancy from the industrial zones of Ratmalana, Kalutara, Millewa, Nalanda, Ulapone, Makandura, Uva Par-

anagama and Batticaloa for nine investors for 35 years to inaugurate industries subject to the recommendations by the relevant regional industrial services committees.

## National policy on natural gases

A decision was made on February 12, 2020 at the Cabinet meeting to appoint a committee comprising intellectuals to inspect and table the required amendments to the draft national policy on the natural gases in Sri Lanka.

The amended 'national poli-

cy on natural gases in Sri Lanka' prepared by a committee of 17 intellectuals as members appointed for the purpose was submitted by the Energy Ministry to which the Cabinet decided to grant policy approval.

## Procurement/purchase of coal required under fugitive purchases for coal power plant in Puttlam.

The proposal by the Power Minister to obtain the covering approval for awarding the procurement of 300,000 metric tonnes of coal under fugi-

tive purchases for the coal power plant in Puttlam to M/s Swiss Singapore Overseas Enterprises (Pvt.) Limited was approved by the Cabinet for an amount of USD 16.18 million subject to the recommendation of the special standing procurement committee appointed by the Cabinet.

## Procurement, construction and operation of three oil storing tanks in Kolonnawa oil storing complex.

The Cabinet approved the proposal by the Energy Minister to award the contract of procurement, construction and operation of three oil storing tanks in the Kolonnawa oil storing complex to the Indo-East Engineering and Construction (Lanka) (Pvt.) Limited for Rs. 942.47 million (excluding VAT) subject to the recommendation of the Cabinet appointed procurement committee.



## Minister Lokuge accelerates Kesbewa development

### IRANGIKA RANGE

Transport Minister Gani Lokuge yesterday directed officials to set up fast infrastructure development plans for Piliyandala, Kesbewa and Boralesgamuwa and explore ways to boost the economy and to improve the people's livelihoods.

The Minister held a discussion with the representatives of Road Development Authority, Kesbewa Urban Council and Kesbewa Divisional Secretariat yesterday at the Ministry.

The Minister said that the Government will provide all assistance to develop the areas.

The officials informed the Minister about the development plans and highlighted the obstacles in implementing the development plans.



## Discarded state vehicles to be repaired for use

### ISHARA MUDUGAMUWA

Cabinet approval has been granted to use discarded vehicles in running condition at the government institutions after renovating them, Co-cabinet Spokesman Plantation Minister Dr. Ramesh Pathirana said.

He was speaking at the Cabinet media briefing at the Government Information Department yesterday.

Minister Pathirana said that a considerable number of vehicles of Government institutions



have not been used. Therefore, the number of vehicles that can be used after renovating them has been calculated and identified as 4,116 while

the number of vehicles that can be discarded amounts to 5,588.

The Cabinet, therefore, approved the proposal by the Finance Minister to allocate provisions from the Department of National Budget to repair the vehicles for transferring the vehicles so repaired through the Comptroller General's office under the Finance Ministry to the state institutions and to discard the irreparable vehicles subject to the formal methodology.

## Indian Prime Minister's Twitter account hacked

Twitter has said that an account for the personal website of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been hacked.

A series of tweets were sent from the account asking followers to donate cryptocurrency to a relief fund.

Twitter said it was aware of the activity and had taken steps to secure the compromised account.

This is the latest high-profile Twitter security breach after similar attacks in July on US presidential hopeful Joe Biden and Tesla founder Elon Musk.

The account, with more than 2.5m followers, is the official Twitter handle for Modi's personal website.

His personal Twitter account, which was unaffected by this incident, has more than 61m followers.

"We are actively investigating the situation. At this time, we are not aware of additional accounts being impacted," a Twitter spokeswoman told the BBC in an emailed statement.

The tweets, which have now been taken down, asked followers to donate cryptocurrency to the PM National

Relief Fund. Less than two months ago, Twitter said 130 accounts had been targeted in a major cyber-attack of celebrity accounts. But only a "small subset" of those 130 accounts had control seized by the attacker.

The security breach saw accounts including those of Barack Obama, Elon Musk, Kanye West and Bill Gates tweet a Bitcoin scam to millions of followers.

- BBC

## Four suspects arrested with 696 grams of ICE

### RAHUL SAMANTHA HETTIARACHCHI, Ambalanthota Group Corr.

The Navy along with the Kataragama Police carried out an operation in Pannegamuwa and Debarawewa, Tissamaharama on September 2 and arrested four suspects with 696 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine (ICE).

During the operation, two suspects had been searched and about 9 grams of drugs had been found with them. Thereafter, another suspect with 6 grams of ICE was arrested. Yet another suspect who was transferring 681 grams of ICE for sale on a motorcycle in Debarawewa, Tissamaharama was also arrested. Altogether, 696 grams of Crystal Methamphetamine, four suspects and a motorcycle had been held. The suspects have been identified as residents of the area.

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# Ajith Prasanna's Contempt case trial from November 16

DILSHAN THARAKA

The case filed against retired Army Major and Attorney Ajith Prasanna remanded over contemptuous statements slandering to the judiciary was yesterday fixed for day-to-day trial by the Colombo High Court.

The case was taken up before the High Court Judge Dhammika Ganepola and he fixed the case to be heard on a day-to-day basis from November 16.

At a previous occasion, accused Ajith Prasanna was ordered to released under strict bail conditions and following his counsel's undertaking that his client would not make any contemptuous remarks regarding the judiciary by the Colombo High Court.

Prasanna was remanded following an inquiry over contemptuous statements made by him criticising Colombo High Court Judge Gihan Kulathunga regarding the judiciary at a press conference in respect of an ongoing court case filed against former Magistrate Thilina Gamage on January 12, 2020.

The Attorney General filed an indictment comprising two charges under Section 18 of the Judicature Act against attorney-at-law Ajith Prasanna over a contemptuous statement slandering to the judiciary.

# Sri Lanka second in online search for 'Sex'

MENAKA INDRAKUMAR

In a recent survey conducted by a popular online search engine, Sri Lanka is ranked second as the nation that had most searched for the word 'Sex', while the East African nation Ethiopia is leading first in the survey.

Several Asian and African countries have followed in the survey after Sri Lanka, countries such as Bangla-

desh, Nepal, India, Vietnam, Pakistan, Myanmar, Zambia and Uruguay.

This is not the first time Sri Lanka has been leading in the list of online sex activities, last year it made it top five nations.

According to Google reports in 2012, cities in the Western Province, such as Colombo, Nugegoda and Homagama have searched for the

word 'sex', while in 2020 the North Central Province ranks first.

Sex education in Sri Lanka is considered a stigma due to the cultural barriers and sexual interaction been repressed at large, which has led to this viewing online. In the recent past, the country has faced various incidents of child sex abuse and violence.



# Minor crop cultivators will be protected...

The possibility of meeting demand for turmeric and pepper locally, exporting minor crops as value added products and formulating proper planning were discussed in length.

The annual demand for maize in the country is 500,000 metric tonnes. The area to be cultivated to yield this harvest is one hundred and ten thousand hectares. At present 80,000 hectares of land is

cultivated with maize and the government aims to increase it to 110,000

hectares of land by the end of next year.

Plans are underway to cultivate turmeric and ginger in 100 villages and it is planned to establish an Export Zone in the Kurundugahatakma area. The President pointed out the importance of popularizing consumption of pepper among the people instead of chilli consumption.

Pakistan is the major importer of Sri Lankan betel. Exports declined owing to flight

restrictions during the coronavirus outbreak. President Rajapaksa instructed the officials to discuss with the airlines and find a solution this issue.

The President also emphasized the need for universities to expand research on value added products related to minor export crops.

During this meeting it was discussed in detail regarding the promotion of sugarcane industry and cashew cultivation.

# Biyagama PS wants Ruwan...

This resolution was presented at the Pradeshiya Sabha's monthly meeting held at the Pradeshiya Sabha yesterday. This resolution was submitted by Opposition leader of the PS Prasanna Sampath (UNP).

The meeting was presided over by PS Chairman Ananda Ganepola (SLPP). The UNP members of the council speaking at the meeting

stressed the importance of appointing a leader who can steer the party to the victory at the 2025 General Election.

The PS Opposition leader said that there will be divisions within the party if a person is appointed to lead the party temporarily. Many PS members of the both UNP and SLPP spoke in support of Ruwan Wijew-

ardene and they said that he should be appointed to the post as he had won the blessings of Maha Sangha too.

Chairman Ananda Ganepola of SLPP speaking on the occasion wished Wijewardene success, if he is appointed to the post. The resolution was seconded by Mali Maduwanthi Algama of UNP

# President all powerful...

"The Commission members were appointed by Parliament earlier. This move will help make these Commissions redundant," he said. He was of

the view that these Commissions will act on the whims and fancies of the President through this Constitutional Amendment.

# Ranil to appear...

The complaint has made the member of the anti-corruption committee appointed by the Yahapalana government as respondents and UNP leader Wickremesinghe has been the chair-

man of this anti-corruption committee. The former Prime Minister arrived at the police unit of the Presidential Commission investigating into the Easter Sunday attacks earlier.

# Nine member Expert...

The Bill prepared by the Legal Draftsman was presented to the Cabinet by the Justice Minister.

The Cabinet of Ministers paid its attention to the opinion of the Attorney General that the Bill was not incompatible with the 13th Amendment to the Constitution and that it could be passed by a vote of not less than 213 in Parlia-

ment in terms of Article 82 (5) of the Constitution.

Accordingly, approval of the Cabinet of Ministers was granted to publish the Bill in the Government Gazette and then to tabled in Parliament for approval.

Committee head Romesh de Silva, PC.

# 20th Amendment proposes...

Under the 20th Amendment, the President would be empowered to appoint members of Independent Commissions, Superior Court Judges, Attorney General, Auditor General, Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsman) and Secretary-General of Parliament after seeking observations from the Parliamentary Council.

These appointments were earlier made by the Constitutional Council. Among the Independent Commissions are: Election Commission, Public Service Commission, National Police Com-

mission, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption, Finance Commission and Delimitation Commission.

According to the 20th Amendment, the President shall, from time to time, in consultation with the Prime Minister, where he considers such consultation are necessary- (a) determine the number of Ministers of the Cabinet of Ministers and the Ministries and the assignment of subjects and functions to such Ministers; and (b) appoint from among the Members of Parliament,

# Education system...

He further said that the prevailing education system was introduced by the British rulers to produce more and more clerks and even in England; they have changed their old education system.

"Today's education system lacks practical skills necessary to excel in the working world and it is important to change this system to prevent the issue of unemployed degree holders," he added.

# AG concludes 2,480 drug...

She further said 235 pending cases are currently held under the Narcotics Division of the Attorney General's Department.

# Navy, Air Force help distressed...

The Sri Lanka Air Force had deployed a Beech King 200 aircraft and Mi-17 helicopter for assistance while the Sri Lanka Navy had deployed three vessels. The Navy said the Panamanian registered tanker was 38 nautical miles off Sangamankanda point and it carried around 270,000 metric tonnes of crude oil at the time of the accident. The tanker was heading to India.

The Navy dispatched a surveillance aircraft to monitor the vessel and to assess the damage. The Indian Coast Guard said that it diverted 'Shaurya, Sarang, and Samudra Paheredar' ships and Dornier

aircraft as immediate fire fighting assistance was sought by the Navy. Two Russian Navy ships also joined the rescue operation.

A Marine Environment Protection Authority (MEPA) spokesman said it was on high alert over the possibility of an oil spill since the fire had happened in the engine room below. The fire had begun around 7.45 am and the cause of the fire was suspected to be an engine fault. The vessel was built in 2000. The distressed Panamanian registered tanker sen 38 nautical miles off Sangamankanda point captured by the Sri Lanka Air Force hovercraft.

The crude oil carrier on fire. Pictures courtesy Sri Lanka Air Force. "ICG

ships Shaurya, Sarang, Samudra Paheredar and Dornier aircraft have been diverted for fire fighting on oil tanker 'MT New Diamond' 37 nautical miles east off Sri Lanka coast," the Indian Coast Guard said in a tweet.

Based on the most recent update shared by ICG at about 5 pm, ICG ships Shaurya, Sarang, Samudra Paheredar and Dornier aircraft were carrying out the operation. Meanwhile Spokesperson of the Indian Navy in a tweet said that the special operation to douse the fire on board the ship and execute search and rescue operations was successfully carried out with the assistance of the Sri Lankan Navy and the Air Force.

# Sampayo's petition to CA fixed...

Justice A.H.M.D. Nawaz (President) and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna. Petitioner Sampayo is seeking an order to quash the arrest warrant issued by Negombo Magistrate's Court on July 22.

In his petition, the former Negombo Prison Superintendent stated that the CID is preparing to arrest him following an incident where a cell equipped with luxury utilities were discovered inside the

Negombo prison. The former Negombo Prison Superintendent stated that the CID conducting investigations into the incident has already filed a 'B' Report against him at the Negombo Magistrate's Court and measures are being taken to obtain a warrant for his arrest in an arbitrary manner contrary to the laws.

The petitioner stated that there are provisions in the Prison Ordinance to provide required items

including electronic equipment to the inmates after taking into consideration their requirements.

The petitioner has cited Negombo Magistrate, Commissioner General of Prison, CID Director, Justice Ministry Secretary, Attorney General and several others as respondents. President's Counsel Upul Jayasuriya appeared for Sampayo. Senior Deputy Solicitor General Milinda Gunatilleke appeared for the Attorney General.

# Graduate appointments ongoing...

Even though applications were initially called to recruit 50,000 graduates, the government later decided to recruit 60,000 on the directives of the President.

Accordingly 50,177 graduates have already been recruited. Out of this, 38,760 are female graduates and the number of employed Arts graduates is 31,172. According to the graduate classification, 29,156 internal graduates and 20,322 external graduates

have been recruited. Appointments were also given to 1,000 monks.

Among other graduates, 1,839 are from the Commerce stream, 7,278 are from Management, 4,494 from Science, 143 from Indigenous Medicine and 161 from Allied Health Science, 989 from Computer Technology, 233 from Engineering and Law and 1,906 from Diploma in Accounting.

The job recipients will be directed

to a leadership, skills and attitude development training programme. At the end of the one year training period appointees will be employed in institutions directly related to the rural sector such as Rural and Estate Schools, Department of Agrarian Services, Regional Irrigation Offices, Department of Wildlife, government Ayurvedic hospitals, Rural Hospitals, Dispensary and Department of Minor Export Crops.

# SC rejects motions calling...

the motions citing there is no legal basis to allow these applications. The Additional Solicitor General stated that there is no provision in the Commission of Inquiry Act to provide materials pertaining to an ongoing inquiry to an outsider since it obliged to tender its final report to the President.

President's Counsel Manohara de Silva appearing for petitioner Attorney-at-Law Moditha Ekanayake informed the Supreme Court that the Presidential Commission of inquiry had found a considerable amount of fresh evidence that can be used against the State and some of the respondents.

Manohara de Silva PC stated that new evidence found and matters transpired at the Presidential Commission

have a paramount importance to this Fundamental Rights petition.

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena appearing for another petitioner told court that the evidence transpired in the Presidential Commission is important to identify the persons and organizations that are directly or indirectly connected with the terrorist attacks. He sought an order calling for the materials at the Presidential Commission for perusal of the Supreme Court.

Taking into consideration the facts, the Supreme Court seven-judge-Bench comprising Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya, Justice Buwaneka Aluwihare, Justice Sisira de Abrew, Justice Priyantha Jayawardena, Justice L.T.B. Dehideniya, Justice Murdu Fernando

and Justice Preethi Padman Surasena decided to reject the two motions.

President's Counsel Sanjeeva Jayawardena, Manohara de Silva PC, Shamil Perera PC, Senior Counsel Gamini Perera, Darshana Weraduwage appeared for the petitioners.

Additional Solicitor General Farzana Jameel with Senior Deputy Solicitor General Nerin Pulle, Deputy Solicitor General Dileepa Peiris, State Counsel Induni Punchedi appeared for the Attorney General. Senior Counsel Viran Corea appeared for the former IGP. President's Counsel Faizer Mustapha appeared for the former President Maithripala Sirisena. Counsel Suren Fernando appeared for former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe.

# Parliament to convene from...

The Vote of Condolences on the late Arumugam Thondaman, Leader of the Ceylon Workers' Congress and former Minister will be presented on September 11. The vote of condolence will be taken up from 10.30 am to 6.30 pm. Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa and many Ministers and

MPs will present their condolences on late Thondaman.

Leader of the House Dinesh Gunawardena, Chief Government Whip Johnston Fernando, Chief Opposition Whip Lakshman Kiriella, Chamal Rajapaksa, Nimal Siripala de Silva, Prof. G.L. Peiris, Douglas

Devananda, Wimal Weerawansa, Mahinda Amaraweera, Prasanna

Ranatunga, Mahinda Samarasinghe, Gayantha Karunatilake, Rauff Hakeem, Dilan Perera, R.M. Ranjith Maddumabandara and Mano Ganesan were present.

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# Govt. provides drying facilities at Upuldeniya granary

NIMAL WIJESINGHE

The government has taken measures to provide facilities for drying crops to farmers in the Anuradhapura district, which was a long-felt need. The government as an initial step has taken action to provide the drying facilities at the granary in Upuldeniya in the Galenbidunuwewa DS Division. There are plans to set up 20

technologically advanced drying machines at the Upuldeniya granary at a cost of Rs. 90 million. One unit was recently inaugurated by Minister Wimal Weerawansa. The Central Bank in collaboration with a private commercial enterprise sponsors the project. The Upuldeniya granary consists of a storage capacity of

10,000 metric tons of crops such as paddy, maize, unthru, soya, kurakkan and gingelly. The warehouse management headed by Anuradhapura Government Agent R.M. Wanninayake allows farmers to store their harvest at the granary and helps them to market their harvest at a higher price in the off-season. Wanninayake said that the

district needed three more granaries to assist farmers. Farmer organizations in Anuradhapura whose lands are irrigated by 13 major tanks, have been urging the Anuradhapura Government Agent the District Agriculture Committee and the Paddy Marketing Board (P.M.B.) to provide public threshing ground facilities to overcome the acute prob-

lem of crop drying facilities. It is reported that farmers are unable to sell their paddy harvest to the government through the P.M.B. due to high moisture rate exceeding 14 percent and are compelled to sell their harvest at a low price to unscrupulous paddy dealers owing to scarcity of drying space and the need to pay off their debts.

# Philanthropist gifts house



Somaratne with Tikiribanda and his family in front of their new house. Picture by M.A.R. Manukulasooriya

M.A.R. MANUKULASOORIYA

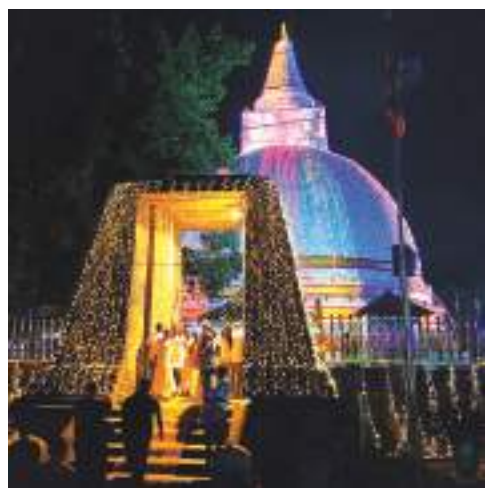
H.M. Tikiribanda (84), a kidney patient in Galatabendiwewa in the Polpithigama D.S. division, who had lived in a wattle and daub hut with his family was granted a newly constructed house by a philanthropist. The philanthropist H. M. Somaratne is President of the Pansiyagama SANASA society and President of the Dayaka Sabha of the Na Uyana Monastery in Pansiyagama.

Somaratne has previously constructed several houses at his own expense for several low-income families who lived in wattle and daub huts.

His recent donation was to H.M. Tikiribanda, who lived in a wattle and daub hut with his family including nine grandchildren. The cost of the house is nearly Rs.1,400,000.

Earlier, this philanthropist had donated four newly built houses to low-income families and had completed work on six partially-built houses in the area.

"I am not a wealthy person," Karunaratne said. "But I have well realised the sufferings of the poor. We live only for a short period. As the late Prime Minister S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike said, the paramount duty of man is to serve man. Some of my friends too have contributed to this worthy cause. I get satisfaction by these meritorious deeds."



The illuminated Dagoba of the Seruvila Mangala Raja Maha Viharaya in Trincomalee in which the sacred Lalata relics (forehead section of the skull) of Lord Buddha is enshrined during the Pinkama series.

# Annual Nikini Pinkama series concludes

A.T.M. GUNANANDA  
Trincomalee Special Corr.

The annual sacred Lalata relics Nikini Pinkama series came to an end on Wednesday night (2) with the participation of devotees at the Seruvila Mangala Raja Maha Viharaya in Trincomalee. The 96th annual festival was organized under the instructions and the guidance of Chief Incumbent of the Raja Maha Viharaya Ven. Munhene Meththarama Thera. The Nikini Maha Perahera

(procession) was confined only to traditional customs this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic as it was compulsory to follow the required health guidelines. During the Pinkama series, a Pirith was chanted during a whole week and alms were offered to the Lalata relics enshrined in the Seruvila Chaithya (Dagoba) and to the Ven. Maha Sangha. On the last day of the Pinkama series, Trincomalee district Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) Parliamentarian Kapila Nuwan Athukorala carrying a casket containing the sacred relics of Lord Buddha.



Trincomalee district Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna Parliamentarian Kapila Nuwan Athukorala carrying a casket containing the sacred relics of Lord Buddha. chanting on the last day was done by the Ven. Theras attached to the Vilgamvehera Mahamewuna Meditation Centre.

# English language training for teachers

S.M. WIJAYARATNE  
Kurunegala Corr.

Government schoolteachers countrywide whose English language skills are not up to the required level are to receive training to upgrade their skills in this language under a programme to be implemented by the Education Ministry, Kurunegala District senior Education Director W.M. Balasooriya said. This teacher training programme is to be designed

under the instructions of Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris to help students in remote government schools to master this international language for their future benefit. According to the statistics of the Examinations Department, 38 percent of students who appeared for the G.C.E. (O/L) Examination in 2019 failed the English language examination. A recent survey conducted by the Education Ministry

has revealed that about 55 percent of teachers who are in service in remote government schools do not having the required English language skills. The same statistics also revealed that out of teachers in urban government schools, 29 percent do not have the required level of English language skills. The Cabinet has already approved the project proposed by the Education Minister, Balasooriya said.

# Rural tanks to be renovated

KURUNEGALA CORR.

The Irrigation Ministry has made arrangements to renovate 14,000 rural tanks countrywide during this month. A task force would be formed to implement this project under the instructions of Irrigation Minister Chamal Rajapaksa. Kurunegala District Assistant Director of Agriculture A.M. Jayawardena said that the Irrigation Minister has directed his top officials to utilize the services of officials attached to the Mahaweli Development Ministry to make this programme a reality. Jayawardena gave these instructions at a meeting of paddy farmers of the Kurunegala district held yesterday at the Bingiriya Agrarian Services Centre in Kurunegala. He said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed the Agriculture Ministry to take early measures to restore all usable abandoned village tanks to increase paddy production in order to make the country self-sufficient in rice within a year. He added that a sum of Rs. 5,500 million would be invested to implement this special project.

# Reservoir needs repair

NAVARATNA BANDARA  
Mahaweli Systems Group Corr.

The Kalugamuwa Wewa reservoir in Gampahawatte, off Maspenna, Uva Paranagama, which is of benefit to a community of about 3,000 families needs urgent renovation. Residents say the Kalugamuwa Wewa is thickly overgrown with aquatic plants. Alluvial deposits have also made it shallow. Water has also been leaking out of the reservoir, while the sluice gates also need repair. Urgent renovation of this reservoir is needed as the area is an agriculture-dependent one.



BOOK LAUNCH: The book titled Nil Nadee Diyaniya (Daughter of the Nilwala River) written by Matara Divisional Secretary Deepika K. Gunaratne was launched at the Matara Divisional Secretariat on August 21. The veteran writer Gamini Kumara Vithana and Matara District Secretary Pradeep Rathnayake also participated in the event. Here, the author presents a copy of the book to Brigadier Keerthi Kottewatte.

# Bride's relatives attack groom's kin at 'home coming'

MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE  
Galle Central Spl. Corr.

Four persons were arrested by Thelikada Police for allegedly assaulting the groom and his parents at a 'home coming'. The persons arrested are relatives of the bride. About three days ago, a function had been held at the bridegroom's residence following the wedding. While consuming liquor, a dispute had occurred between the bride's and bride

groom's parties. In the clash, relatives of bridegroom's group had assaulted the relatives of the bride's side. The groom and his father and mother were injured in the scuffle. The groom's mother has been admitted to the Karapitiya Teaching Hospital. Eight relatives of the bride were involved in the brawl. Four suspects were arrested and they were to be produced before court following the completion of investigations.

# No fear of COVID-19

M. NELSON PIYARATNE  
Kataragama Group Corr.

Hambantota District Health Services Director Dr. Deepika Patabandige quashed fears of residents of Mahasenpura and Akurugoda in Tissamaharama about a possible spread of COVID-19 as two hotels situated near Tissamaharama are being used as quarantine centres. Travellers disembarking at Mattala international airport are sent to these quarantine

centres. These inmates undergoing quarantine are under the supervision of the Army and the health authorities. PCR tests and other required health guidelines at these centres are strictly adhered to. Dr. Patabandige reiterated that there is no risk of Covid-19 being spread from these centres. If COVID-19 patients were identified, they will be directed to the old Hambantota hospital, which has prepared for this purpose, she said.

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## A giant leap, online

Exactly 25 years ago this day, the Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited, publisher of the *Daily News*, took a revolutionary step that would have far reaching implications on how news is consumed in this country. The newspaper you are reading now, the *Daily News*, launched its web edition on this day, becoming the first-ever newspaper published locally and indeed South Asia, to reach this technological milestone. It was launched by a small team of journalists and technicians, including the present editor of this newspaper. The World Wide Web itself was only three-four years old around this time and even newspapers in advanced economies such as the UK had not yet entered the Web. The *Sunday Observer*, the flagship weekly of ANCL, followed suit over that weekend.

The *Daily News*, now in its 102nd year, has always been ahead of its time in terms of technology and innovation. It was always a step ahead as far as printing technology was concerned, be it off-set or colour. It was therefore only natural for the *Daily News* to break free of its physical limitations and embrace the infinite possibilities of cyberspace long before others even thought of taking that course. Back in 1995, it was an instant success as Sri Lankan expats living all over the world flocked to the site to read the latest news from back home. Today, the *Daily News* and its sister newspaper the *Sunday Observer* continue to be the trailblazers in e-journalism, with up to date content available free of charge not just on the web ([www.dailynews.lk](http://www.dailynews.lk), [www.sundayobserver.lk](http://www.sundayobserver.lk)) but also on e-paper (a digital facsimile of the printed newspaper), Apple and Android Smartphone apps, Facebook, Twitter and a variety of other digital platforms. And 25 years later, practically all the vernacular and English publications of ANCL are also available on the web.

It was this affinity for digital platforms that saw the *Daily News* and the *Sunday Observer* adapt very rapidly to the lockdown conditions imposed as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic. With a strict curfew shutting down the printing presses and transport links, it was no longer possible to produce physical editions of the newspapers. The ANCL shifted virtually overnight to an all-e-paper model, that saw editors, reporters, photographers and the technical staff all working from home virtually 24/7 to produce digital versions of the newspapers. Granted, there were some hiccups at the beginning, but these were quickly addressed out and the ANCL newspapers became the number one source of news and views for Sri Lankans here and abroad. These e-papers continue to thrive in the age of the New Normal, with even many traditional print advertisers too scrambling to get on board the e-editions.

The pandemic period gave us a tantalizing, yet somewhat ominous, glimpse of a world without the physically printed word. There is a raging debate on this issue. One cannot gloss over the fact that the print newspaper is at the receiving end of new developments in the world of media. With everyone having a smartphone or two, there is constant access to the latest newsfeeds from around the world as well from your friends and relatives. It is no secret that many people now depend on Facebook and other social media to get their news fix. All media are now converging on the smartphone and tablet, at the expense of traditional mainstream media including newspapers. Worldwide, many newspapers and magazines have had to downsize or even cease publication altogether as readers and advertisers move over to new media. In fact, the printed newspaper has been the hardest hit by this trend, as advertisers spend more dollars on the web and to some extent on the electronic media.

Herein lies the challenge for traditional media including the newspaper. Social/new media and the electronic media offer only a fleeting glimpse of developing events. And because anyone can post virtually anything to social media, they are replete with fake news, alternative facts, post-truths and even deep-fake videos where people apparently say things which they have never even said. In this age of misinformation, conspiracy theories and outright lies (as seen from the social media posts on the pandemic itself), the printed newspaper and their Web versions have a major role to play to separate the fact from fiction, the truth from lies.

Thus people still look to the printed newspapers to analyse local and global issues in-depth. Moreover, in this age of depressing news flashes, readers also look to good news and lifestyle news that can lift their spirits. Indeed, there is ample room and scope for high quality reportage and journalism regardless of whether a newspaper is print or digital. A newspaper that gets this formula right can thrive on the Web and on the presses. As we look ahead to the next 25 years in print and online, the *Daily News* will pledge to stay true to the fundamental tenets of good journalism in a rapidly changing media landscape.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whatever the device you use for getting your information, it should be the same information.  
Tim Berners-Lee



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa presenting an appointment letter to a graduate at the Presidential Secretariat on Wednesday. Pictures by President's Media Division.

# A Giant Leap in Poverty Alleviation

SUGEESWARA SENADHIRA

This week's commencement of the most significant social development programme in the country failed to attract its deserving media attention because the main focus shifted to the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

A member each from 100,000 poorest families in the country commenced their training programme this week to fortify their skills to join the public sector. This is the most significant step taken to uplift the poorest of the poor families in the country. Under this scheme the unemployed youths without any skills were handpicked from 100,000 poor families in the most underdeveloped regions in the country. This employment scheme was gazetted within two months of assuming office by the President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and the selection of youths was completed in the first quarter of this year. However the granting of appointments were delayed due to the restrictions imposed by the Commissioner of Elections and the process was resumed after the completion of general elections on August 5, 2020.

The newly recruited persons will be assigned to public sector offices to fill the existing vacancies of unskilled workers after completion of the training period. Thus 100,000 poorest of the poor families will be assured of a monthly income henceforth, uplifting them to a higher step on the social ladder. At the same time, the unskilled youths will be given an opportunity to learn skills so they would be equipped with capabilities for upward mobility.

Simultaneously, under the graduate employment scheme under which 50,000 unemployed graduates were selected earlier were given employment this week. When the applications were called from unemployed graduates, more than 50,000 applications were received as many graduates who were working in the private sector and those who were in the category of under-employment have also opted to join the public sector. Initially, only those who were unemployed for a period of one year were given appointments. They commenced their training period this week at different public sector offices, schools and other institutions.

Last month, those graduates who failed to get public sector employment because they were underemployed or had worked on temporary jobs and contributed to ETF and Provident Fund, appealed that their applications should be reconsidered. According to the request, another cabinet paper was approved to grant employment to another 10,000 graduates, taking the total to 60,000.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa



A cross section of the graduates at the Presidential Secretariat after the presentation ceremony.

urged the graduates newly recruited to the public sector to do their utmost for the country's development to create a culture of 'Rata Wenuwen Weda' (Work for the country) as envisaged in the policy statement, "Vistas of Prosperity and Splendour." The President stated this after handing over letters of appointment to a selected group of graduates symbolizing the recruitment of 60,000 graduates to the Public Service. A simple ceremony in this connection was held at the Presidential Secretariat.

The President emphasized that newly appointed employees should do justice to the salaries they earn and avoid being a burden to those who are engaged in agriculture and fisheries sectors who earn money to pay salaries of the public sector.

The President highlighted that the responsibility lies with the newly recruited to enhance their knowledge in the selected field and to pursue post-graduate studies and computer training for the furtherance of their careers. The number of graduates joining the public service yesterday was 50,177. Out of this, 38,760 are women. The number of employed art graduates is 31,172. According to the

graduate classification, 29,156 internal graduates and 20,322 external graduates have been recruited. Appointments were also given to 1000 monks.

The selection of 100,000 from the Samurthi beneficiary families were done through Multi-Purpose Development Task Force established by President Rajapaksa immediately after assuming office. The objective of the Task Force was to empower the poorest families. The Task Force decided to restrict the employment scheme to those families.

Unskilled individuals without any formal education or of lower level of education were selected under the programme. During the first phase, 100,000 jobs were provided, covering the entire island. "Between 300 to 350 persons from each Divisional Secretariat were recruited. They will be seconded to fill the vacancies which do not require any specific educational qualifications existing at schools, hospitals, and other State institutions. Measures will be taken to absorb the candidates to sectors such as masonry, carpentry, agriculture, fisheries, forest conservation, following provision of training according to the needs of the

area," the Task Force stated. The selection was done through the Grama Niladharis to identify the poorest of the families of which none of the members had regular employment. The military and police intelligence was used to double check the financial status of those families.

President Rajapaksa, while pointing out that this initiative is an idea that emerged during the presidential election campaign, highlighted the importance of implementing the program efficiently and effectively. The President said this project will be instrumental in liberating families from poverty, and empowering them economically.

The newly recruited unskilled workers will also make their contribution to various activities, such as assisting the government officials to maintain State properties and other civil activities, prevention of diseases including COVID19, dengue, natural disasters, uplifting rural infrastructure facilities, and coast conservation.

The recruits, while employing as unskilled workers, will also get opportunities to train for various selected skills enabling them upward movement in employment. Under another phase, it is also expected to provide foreign employment opportunities based on their capabilities and skills. It has been planned to link them to a pension scheme upon completion of 10 years of service.

Adviser to the President Lalith Weeraratunga pointed out that this will pave the way to rectify the long-term political error of recruiting educated people for jobs that do not require a qualification. Another advantage to the new recruits is that they will be given employment opportunities within proximity of their residence.

During the training period they will be paid 22,500 rupees as a training allowance. Based upon available job opportunities in proximity to the applicant's residence and his choice of field for training, his/her vocational program was decided.

The training program will be conducted at the Training Centers in the same area of the applicant's residence or at the nearby Training Centers. Following successful completion of the training program 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/she will be eligible for pension.

President Rajapaksa said the program will be helpful those poorest of the Samurthi beneficiary families who now get only a monthly dole of Rs. 3,500 to raise their income Rs. 35,000 plus other allowances entitle by new public sector employees. This is the most remarkable programme ever launched to achieve the vision of poverty eradication.



Graduates at the presentation ceremony.



## ANTONIO GUTERRES

The COVID-19 pandemic has in the past six months turned our world upside down. Beyond the virus itself, the response has had a disproportionate and devastating social and economic impact on women and girls.

COVID-19 is deepening existing inequalities, including gender inequality. Already we are seeing a reversal in decades of limited and fragile progress on gender equality and women's rights. And without a concerned response, we risk losing a generation or more of gains.

Since the start, women have been on the frontlines of the response, as healthcare workers, teachers, essential staff and as carers in their families and communities.

Between 70 and 90 per cent of healthcare workers are women, but their salaries and conditions often fail to reflect the lifesaving roles they occupy. Personal Protective Equipment is often made to fit a standard man, which means women care workers may be at greater risk of infection, and fewer than 30 percent of decision-making roles in the health sector are occupied by women. 70 to 90 percent of healthcare workers doing the work, with only 30 percent in decision-making roles.

In the broader economy, the majority of women around the world are employed informally. Many have been thrown into financial insecurity by the pandemic, without regular income and lacking any social safety net.

The pandemic has exposed the crisis in unpaid care work, which has increased exponentially as a result of school closures and the needs of older people and falls disproportionately on women. Before the start of the pandemic it was clear that care work – unpaid in the home and underpaid in the formal economy – has long been a contributing factor to gender inequality.

Now, the pandemic has exposed the extent of its impact on physical and mental health, education and labour force participation.

There are also disturbing reports from around the world of skyrocketing levels of gender-based violence, as many women are effectively confined with their abusers, while resources and support services are redirected.

In short, the pandemic is exposing and exacerbating the considerable hurdles women face in achieving their rights and fulfilling their potential.

Progress lost may take years, even generations, to recover. We know from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa that when teenage girls leave school, they may never return.

Today, millions of teenage girls around the world are out of school, and there are alarming reports of an increase in teenage pregnancies in some countries. Each of these issues is a crisis within a crisis.

Protecting the rights of women and girls during this time is a top priority for the United Nations. We issued a policy brief in early April, calling on governments to take concrete action to put women and girls – their inclusion, representation, rights, social and economic outcomes and protection – at the centre of all



## Empowering women in the post-pandemic era



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres efforts to tackle and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first phase is the health response.

While statistics indicate that women and girls are at lower risk from the COVID-19 virus itself, they are suffering because of the redirection of health funding and services. It is simply counter-productive, for example, to deprioritize maternal and reproductive health services. Governments must take a holistic view of the health impact of this pandemic. All women have a right to quality, affordable sexual and reproductive health services. Governments have a responsibility to make sure women and girls can access these services, even during a crisis.

In the longer term, we need health systems that meet the needs and realities of all, including women and girls. This means prioritizing and

funding primary health care and Universal Health Coverage.

We are also urging governments to prioritize protecting women from gender-based violence in their national COVID-19 plans. At the start of the pandemic, after my call for a global ceasefire, I issued an appeal for an end to all violence everywhere – from war zones to people's homes – so that we can face this pandemic together, in solidarity.

I was heartened by the response; more than 140 governments committed to taking action to designate women's shelters as essential, and to continue and expand online services. The United Nations stands ready to support these efforts around the world. The second phase of the response is mitigating the social and economic impact of the crisis. That starts with putting money into the hands of women who work in both the formal and informal economies. Cash transfers, credits and loans should be targeted at women, to mitigate the immediate impact of job losses and increased caring responsibilities.

As governments inject stimulus and other funds to get their economies back to work, they must expand social safety nets and recognize the value of invisible and unpaid care work. This will address the vulnerabilities women experience, ensure women's central role in economic life and in the long term, contribute to

sustainable development and more inclusive and resilient economies.

The third phase of the response is building a better future.

The pandemic is only demonstrating what we all know: that millennia of patriarchy have resulted in a male-dominated world with a male-dominated culture which damages everyone – women, men, girls and boys.

It is clear that we cannot go back to the failed policies that have resulted in the fragility we see around us – in healthcare systems, in social protection, in access to justice. This is the time to rebuild more equal, inclusive, and resilient societies. Our

roadmap is the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The pandemic has shown us who is doing the work that really matters:

nurses, teachers, care workers. As we recover, we need to remember this. It is time to end the inequities of unpaid care work and create new economic models that work for everyone.

Benefits like health insurance, paid sick leave, paid child and family care and paid parental leave are not luxuries; they are vital to the functioning of our societies. Extending those inevitably has a gender dimension, because so much of the work women do is underpaid and undervalued.



## You have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable

Some speeches have afterlives. They live, nourish and inspire people long after the speech-writer or speech-maker is gone. They are found in books with titles such as 'The Greatest Speeches Ever Made.' Typically such collections feature people who are already well known. The speeches of the unknown don't even make it to the footnotes. Much like the stories of insult and humiliation suffered by people at the wrong end of skewed systems.

And that's why a couple of speeches made by two 17 year olds are that much more precious.

Here's the backstory in brief. People all over the USA took to the streets protesting racism and police brutality following the murder of George Floyd on May 25, 2020. Three months later they are still protesting, demanding systemic change.

Among the protestors in Philadelphia were some students attending Lower Merion High School. They were out there in the streets with banners and placards. They screamed their slogans. They were tear gassed. They didn't let up. They went out, day after day.

At one point they decided that protest is a necessary 'first step' and as such must be followed by on-the-ground efforts to change. They didn't wait for parents, school, city, state or Washington DC. So they organized a march ('Public School Solidarity') from Cynwyd Station Park to Tustin Playground. This was what it was about: 'Lower Merion students stand with fellow students at Overbrook High School to address racial injustice in public school funding.'

The why of it was explained beautifully by 17 year old Kisara Freeman: 'You can't own a cause from your armchair. You have to get out into the streets and become just another person adding your strength to fight. You have to get comfortable with being uncomfortable.'

Kids from Lower Merion make it to the Ivy League universities. Those in Overbrook rarely do. How did we become so wildly talented? Kisara asked and answered her own question.



'We have round-the-lock access to school counselors, college counselors, mental health specialists, psychologists and social workers, and when the SAT gets canceled because of COVID, we hold our own. Lower Merion High School has clean air and ventilation, Overbrook High School has 62 reports of asbestos. Lower Merion offers electives ranging from ceramics all the way to oceanography, Overbrook offers 5 electives. We pride ourselves on our high athletic achievements. But it's easy to excel with our 4 fields, two basketball courts, an olympic size swimming pool and a regulation track. How can Overbrook even begin to compete?'

'Our accomplishments which measure us as being "better than" others can only be proved

if they are earned on a level playing field. And the field is tilted entirely in our favor.

'Today we students at Lower Merion demand that our parents, teachers, and administrators, PRACTICE the equality that they preach in our homes and in our classrooms.'

She got what others don't get or are uncomfortable about getting.

'Don't ignore the work and daily activism and courage of the youth in this country then tell us that the only thing that will change anything is the vote. We've technically had the vote for 55 YEARS and voted many different people into office but George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, John Crawford, John Africa, Michael Brown, Dante Parker, Tanisha Anderson and thousands of others are still dead. Their lives did not matter, because we did not do the work to dismantle a system that insists that black lives do not matter. A system that teaches us in a hundred different ways how very little black lives matter.'

Her friend and fellow protestor, Caitlin 'Catie' McGinty, was as eloquent and demonstrated exemplary understanding of 'systems.'

'Every level of our country, beginning with our educational system, is built to profit off and exploit us, particularly historically marginalized people. The SAT [Scholastic Aptitude Test] is the most significant and perfect example because it is the capstone achievement of a deeply racist system that all of us have permitted to stand. Today marks the beginning of a long overdue commitment to no longer support this.'

And so she stated that the protest was actually the launch of a nationwide petition to abolish the SAT from every school 'not because you want to be "progressive" not because you want to make "allowances for COVID issues and test cancellations," but because it is shameful to normalize standardized tests before we've normalized standard education to all students.'

And they were out there for reasons they've obviously put a lot of thought into:

'WE are here today because we recognize that a select type of student is offered more from the get go. WE are here because we are committed to no longer blaming the student for their shortcomings. WE are here because we refuse to participate in a system that favors us and neglects our friends across the street. WE are here because for too long we knowingly and unknowingly reinforced a socio-political system that divides urban and suburban schools. WE are here today because we are committing ourselves to putting an end to this once and for all.'

She spoke for all who were there, those people who had decided to be comfortable with discomfort, who realized that tokenism is a cop-out and that a sign, an instagram post, a

like, a share, a tattoo etc., means nothing if they do not see what's happening on the uncomfortable side of the street. And for those who were uncomfortable about being, well, uncomfortable.

Catie had a clear message to parents, teachers and administrators: 'stand with us or move out of the way because this is just the beginning.'

These young people are on the move. Agitation has tempered them. Steeled them. Made them so much tender and for this reason alone so much more formidable than they were and others are.

The speeches are all recorded. The media, as Kisara's older sister Hasadri observed in a sharp critique of a particular report, will either not get it or will twist it.

Some words are lost in translation. Some are made to be lost in translation. Some will light fires, move the immovable, squeeze out water from pebbles. When that happens it will not matter what the word was or who spoke it.

I listened to a recording of Kisara's speech. I read the transcript of Catie's speech. The world got just a little bit safer, I feel.

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Pictures by Hasadri Freeman



# FOR THE LOVE OF THE ENVIRONMENT

## SUSTAINABLE BIODEGRADABLE MESH COVERS



**“The current packaging of lots of these items causes harm to the environment. The chemicals that are used to make polythene are harmful and after one use, polythene is discarded. Whereas sustainable packaging doesn’t have all these negative attributes.”**



**MENAKA INDRAKUMAR**

**P**rotecting the environment and preserving it for the next generation is what Udaya Gunaratna and his partners do. Gunaratna, together with partners Shehan Corea and Priyadharshika Corea, Managing Director and Director of The Eco Biz Packaging, has been developing a sustainable packaging product that's environment friendly and cost-effective

Speaking to the *Daily News*, Gunaratna who was mulling over the idea for almost two years, said he had decided to implement the innovation during the Covid-19 lockdown. “I had researched this for almost two years and decided it's about time to let it out to the world. I called it 'sustainable packing',” he said.

Running through the packaging products made out of partly recycled paper, Gunaratna together with his team has spent days not only on packaging for food, vegetables and fruits, but also for other goods like ceramic plates, glassware and other breakable items.

“The current packaging of lots of these items causes harm to the environment. The chemicals that are used to make polythene are harmful and after one use, polythene is discarded. Sustainable packaging doesn't have all these negative attributes. It is made out of recycled paper and can be reused again. Besides, the packing perfectly fits whatever it is used for. I am a lover of the environment, and now more than ever I feel the environment needs a lot of attention,” Gunaratna explained.

It was not easy for Gunaratna, as many were dismayed by the idea at initial stages, and he had to find partners to support the venture financially on a long-term basis. That's when he met Shehan and Priyadharshika Corea, the duo behind Eco Biz Packaging, who already had a packaging company that provides packaging for leading brands. The *Daily News* posed the following questions to Gunaratna:

**What does biodegradable sustainable packing do?**

One, it's environmentally-friendly. I invented this keeping in mind the environment. Two, it absorbs the moisture but takes to any shape or size of the fruit or vegetable, holding it without letting it slip. It was only last week that the product had obtained the patent rights for the design, which is stretchable and biodegradable.

**What are the benefits?**



**Udaya Gunaratna**

This saves trees, water and electricity. The packaging is not made out of 100 percent virgin paper, and cannot be found in Sri Lanka as I have innovated it. I have received more 6,000 orders from various fruit and vegetable suppliers. I am happy that in a small way, the change is happening and as time goes on, it will catch on.

**Any other related benefits for the economy?**

This project can provide job opportunities to many, as a lot of companies locally and abroad are moving out of plastic, rigifoam and polythene. Those at home and retired persons can do this on a part-time basis, as the demand will increase in the coming days.

Gunaratna had joined the business sector at a young age, after engaging in various fields. “I am an inventor and I want this product to reach recognition, and I seek assistance from the public and the government to market the product locally and globally.

We are hoping to get recycled paper from a local mill in Valaichchenai, rather than importing it. This will create opportunities for the locals. This biodegradable mesh cover can be a benefit in many ways to the export and import sectors.”

# Artisans market enlivens Arugambay

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Addalaichenai Group Corr.

**D**ream Garden Resort in Whisky Point, Urani, Arugambay, held an artisans market a few days ago which was widely applauded by tourists staying in the area.

These tourists have had to have an extended stay in the country owing to the Covid-19 pandemic as there are no return flights back to their home countries.

When health guidelines were relaxed, many of them started coming to Arugambay which is blessed with sandy beaches and clear blue waters and is also one of the best surfing points in the world.

They had the opportunity of witnessing the colourful artisans' market held under the patronage of Dream Garden's Managing Directors Christa Schoen and Andrea Capuccini who are nationals of Switzerland.

There were more than 13 stalls of handlooms and handicrafts and paintings. Free transport was provided by Sasanka Dilshan of Panama Sasanka Safari Services to and from Arugambay, Ulle and Panama to the Urani Whisky Point for the convenience of tourists.

Local food and drinks and the swimming pool added to the colour of the event.

In keeping with Covid-19 related guidelines, social distancing was maintained. A limited number of tourists from the United Kingdom, the United States, Russia, Germany, Australia, China and Japan were allowed enter and they made use of the artisans' market to purchase their requirements at reasonable prices.



**A tourist attired in sarong.**



**Painting the hand with henna**



**Macrame**



**Local handlooms**



Right of reply

# Five-year Action Plan on National Child Protection Policy on the cards

The National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) in a response to a *Daily News* lead story on August 19 titled "NCPA failed to resolve 53% of child abuse cases" said the news item has been based on the special audit report on the National Child Protection Authority.

NCPA Chairman Professor Muditha Vidanapathirana said the Authority under his command has taken tremendous measures to rectify drawbacks during the short stint of nine months since assuming duties.

Professor Vidanapathirana said he and his deputy assumed duties on January 1, 2020 and a massive amount of work has been conducted to regularize the services rendered by the NCPA.

"Special attention was paid to rectify the drawbacks that occurred during the past nine years up to September 30, 2019, a period before the appointment of the new management," he said.

The NCPA Chairman said that the Cabinet of Ministers on October 20, 2019 has approved the National Policy on Child Protection and a five-year action plan from 2020 to 2025 is being prepared based on this national policy.

The full statement:

Based on the right to reply and equal rights to publish, the Board of Directors of the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) decided to send a reply for the statements in the above article. This news item was based on the special audit report on the National Child Protection Authority (NCPA) from January 1, 2011 to September 30, 2019.

The newly appointed Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson assumed duties on January 1, 2020. During the past seven months, a massive amount of work has been conducted to regularize the services carried out by the NCPA and special attention was paid to rectify the drawbacks that occurred during past nine years up to September 30, 2019, a period before the appointment of the new management. During this short period in office, the Authority has been able to fulfil most of those drawbacks.

The said report mentioned that NCPA failed to prepare a national child protection policy. However, the NCPA wishes to state that on

October 29, 2019, the Cabinet had approved the National Policy on Child Protection.

Based on that, a five-year action plan for the National Child Protection Policy from 2020 to 2025 is being prepared and will be completed by September 2020 to create awareness among the public on child protection, to prevent child abuse and to protect and rehabilitate the innocent victims.

Also, an annual action plan aimed at children, families, schools, child development and care centres, professionals, voluntary organizations, the community and society is being carried out through our district and divisional officers.

Another point highlighted in the audit report was the shortage of staff in the NCPA. However, special attention has been given to recruit staff by the newly appointed Chairman and the Deputy. Out of the 534 cadre positions, 186 have fallen vacant in the past nine years. Fifty-two existing staff members who fulfilled the criteria of recruitment were utilized to make up the duties. Further, the approval of the Board of Directors was obtained and action has been taken to recruit new staff.

The new Chairman paid attention to solving the existing human resource management issues. By January 1, 2020, only 30 employees were permanent out of 358 who were in service. During the past seven months, an additional 105 employees were made permanent. Efficiency bar exams which were not conducted in time for promotions were held and the remaining eligible employees will also be made permanent in due course.

Lapsed annual increments of the employees for the past four years were updated and all justifiable transfers requested were made.

During past seven months, 60 percent of child abuse cases which were not solved during the past 10 years were completed and the remaining 40 percent are under observation at present. Almost all cases reported in 2020 are being investigated, coordinated and monitored, and action is being taken to arrest the suspects.

For the first time in the history of the NCPA, a digital 'NCPA Complaint Update and Management System' (NCPA CUMS) was implemented

to monitor the complaints received by the Authority.

Police stations islandwide send 'First reports' of child abuse cases to the NCPA within 24 hours of the complaint. For the first time, a digital 'Police Complaint Update and Management System' (Police CUMS) was implemented to monitor those complaints.

During the Covid-19 period, a special programme named "Sith Saviya - National Child-centered Psycho-Social Support Service (NCPS)" was established and offered counselling and psycho-social services to children and their families and currently it has become a service to the nation.

The toll free trilingual child-friendly telephone service was kept alive even during the 'work from home' period of Covid-19, by using call forwarding and hunting facilities of SLT. Further, during the lockdown period, 19 family reunions were made for the children who were separated from their families.

Recording of the video-evidence is a unique service of the Authority and 60 recordings were performed in 2020. Such video recording centres will be started in all nine provinces in the near future. Nine "Lama Piyasa" centres will be built for victimized children in paediatric units of each province and a separate "infant receiving centre" will also be developed in each such unit.

In future, every district will have a special court for children. The Authority will take special effort to include age appropriate sex education into the school curriculum.

Another responsibility of the NCPA is to develop the minimum standards and the monitoring of the child care institutions and the criminal justice system of children. However, the Authority has monitored only 400 centres for child development for the past nine years and now we have extended monitoring up to 50,000.

Examples, Monitoring and Establishment of Minimum Standards of (1) Child Development Centres (400), (2) Government Receiving Homes, (3) Remand Homes (4) Certified Schools, (5) Child Day Care Centres (12,000), (6) Early Childhood Development Centres/Montessori's (19,600), (7) School Child Protection

Committees (5,000), (8) Compulsory Education Committees headed by Grama Niladhari (14,022), (9) Children under the custody of fit persons and (10) Student Hostels.

During the past seven months, the newly appointed management of the NCPA has

achieved solutions for most of the issues highlighted in the audit report for the period of past nine years and the Authority can ensure the President's vision for a prosperous nation by creating a happy family, disciplined society and a prosperous nation.

## DEPARTMENT OF TEXTILE INDUSTRY

### ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS TO THE TEXTILE TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

Applications are invited from applicants who have fulfilled the qualifications for the under-mentioned training courses conducted free of charge that are to be commenced on 02nd November 2020 at the Textile Training Schools of the Department of Textile Industry.

- Name of the Course conducted and the duration
    - Handloom Textile Industry Basic Training Course - 06 Months  
(It will be a 6 month full time course that provides the basic knowledge with regard to engaging in handloom textile industry)
    - Handloom Textile Industry Final Certificate Course - 12 Months  
(It will be a 12 month full time course and Textile Final Certificates will be awarded to students who pass the examination conducted at the end of the course.)
  - Qualification for Enrolment:
    - Basic Training Course
      - Should have received education up to Grade Eight
      - Age should be above 16 years
    - Final Certificate Course
      - Should have passed the G.C.E. (Ordinary Level) Examination in six subjects including Sinhala / Tamil and Mathematics
      - Age should not be less than 18 years and not more than 35 years.
- \*\*\* Benefits received by following the course
- Opportunity to be a self employed in handloom industry (Facilities for starting the industry will be provided to students)
  - Your contribution to the local industrial development
  - An opportunity to be appointed to the post of Textile Advisor (Should have fulfilled the qualification and will be recruited through a competitive examination)
  - Improving the English knowledge and Personality Building skills
- A daily allowance of Rs. 100.00 and School uniform will be provided during the course period.
  - Free hostel facilities will be provided to students who enter the schools with hostel facilities (Except Food expenses)

	Name and Address of the Textile Training School	District	Hostel Facilities Available/Not Available	Medium
1	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, 280/1, Galle Road, Katubedda, Moratuwa	Colombo	Available	Sinhala
2	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Hakmana Road, Matara	Matara	Available	Sinhala
3	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Kirama	Hambantota	Available	Sinhala
4	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Aruppala Road, Bandarawela, Kandy	Kandy	Available	Sinhala
5	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Getambe, Peradeniya	Kandy	Available	Sinhala
6	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Kinigama, Watarawela	Badulla	Available	Sinhala
7	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Kongahamula, Palapathwala, Matale	Matale	Available	Sinhala
8	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Boyagane, Kurunegala	Kurunegala	Available	Sinhala
9	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Kottala, Veyangoda	Gampaha	Available	Sinhala
10	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Mihirigama, Talawa, Anuradhapura	Anuradhapura	Available	Sinhala
11	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Pinnawala, Rambukkana	Kegalle	Not Available	Sinhala
12	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Kalegana Road, Ginthota, Galle	Galle	Not Available	Sinhala
13	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, Sammanthurai	Ampara	Not Available	Sinhala Tamil
14	Pehekam Sip Piyasa, 194, Point Pedro Road, Nallur, Jaffna	Jaffna	Not Available	Tamil

Self prepared applications as per the specimen given below may be perfected and sent by registered post along with photo copies of Certificate of Birth, G.C.E. (O/L) and G.C.E. (A/L) (If available) Certificates, to be received before 05.10.2020.

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### SPECIMEN APPLICATION FORM ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS TO TEXTILE TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

- Name in Full :
- Personal Address :
- Telephone No. :
- District of Residence :
- Date of Birth :
- National Identity Card No. :
- Gender : Male/Female :
- Marital Status :
- Educational Qualifications :
- Anticipating School for Enrolment :
- Anticipating Course :

Basic	
Final Certificate Course	

12. Hostel Facilities : Required / Not Required

I hereby certify that the information given above is correct.

Date:..... Signature of Applicant

## India- Sri Lanka mark Binara Poya day

To celebrate Binara Full Moon Poya day, the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre (SVCC), High Commission of India, organized an online workshop titled "Buddhist Heritage Management and Conservation: From Mountains to Oceans" on 31st August, 2020. Six internationally renowned scholars from Sri Lanka and India, working in the fields of art, architecture, archaeology, and heritage management delivered participated in the workshop.

On the occasion, Consulate General of India in Hambantota also organized a Photo Exhibition, "India through Sri Lankan Eyes" at the Hiththathiya Raja Maha Viharaya, Matara, on September 1 2020. The exhibition displayed photographs of famous Buddhist temples in India (Dambadiva).

The Sri Lankan and Indian scholars participating in the online workshop discussed the significance of Buddhist Heritage of Sri Lanka and India and emphasized upon the need to conserve and manage them as cultural legacy of the world. The scholars stressed upon the need for a holistic approach towards heritage management, involving religious institutions, such as the Sangha, the academia, and the state.

The scholars discussed the contemporary context of preservation of Buddhist Heritage, and used case studies to elucidate strategies that could be adopted to address the challenges in this regard. The workshop highlighted the role of scientific studies done by archaeological bodies such as the Archaeological Survey of India, and stressed upon the need to involve the local community in heritage management and conservation, as is being successfully done in Ladakh.

The scholars from Sri Lanka participating in the workshop included Prof. Indrika Rajapaksha, Department of

Architecture, University of Moratuwa; Senior Prof. Anura Manathunga, Director of the Centre for Heritage Studies, University of Kelaniya; and Dr. Nilan Cooray, chartered architect and heritage conservationist with more than 30 years of experience in managing and conserving cultural heritage in South Asia, particularly Sri Lanka and India, as well as in South East Asia and Africa. The panelists from India were Dr. Sonam Wangchok, Founder, Himalaya Cultural Heritage Foun-

dation, Ladakh; Dr. Tejas Garge, Director of the Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Maharashtra; and Mr. Sanjay Dhar, a well-known wall painting conservator and heritage manager from Delhi.

Dr. Rewant Vikram Singh, Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo, delivered the welcome remarks and moderated the workshop. The workshop was webcast live on the Facebook page of Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre, Colombo. The work-

shop was organized as a part of the series of initiatives undertaken by the High Commission of India to strengthen the age-old cultural and spiritual ties between India and Sri Lanka. Earlier, in June 2020, the High Commission of India marked Poson Poya by creating 'Poson Pavura' - an art exhibition by Sri Lankan artists on the walls of the High Commission of India premises. In July, 2020, the High Commission of India commemorated Esala Poya by organizing an

online interaction between Buddhist scholars from Sri Lanka and India. The topic of the interaction was "Dhamma for Global Well-Being" with special reference to Lord Buddha's message of "Sabbe Satta Bhavantu Sukhitatta" - may all beings be happy, may all beings be free from suffering.

On August 2, 2020, the High Commission of India marked Nikini Poya by organizing a workshop for children on "Mindfulness in Everyday Life".

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Since April 2020, the United Nations in Sri Lanka has been collecting human interest stories showing how everyday heroes persevere against the backdrop of the COVID-19 lockdown. These stories focus on first-person accounts about the work they do. The stories seek to find room for hope despite socio-economic fallout from COVID-19, focusing on people's aspiration to succeed despite the mounting challenges. Stories are gathered in the field by the United Nations.

Each story is shared in all three national languages of Sri Lanka and posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram under the hashtag #HumansOfHopeSL.

# EVERYDAY HEROES spreading solidarity amid pandemic



## SATHYANI'S story

Dr. Sathyani Wevita is a young medical researcher working at the Infectious Diseases Hospital in Sri Lanka. She is still carrying out her work in the frontlines, facilitating COVID-19 research with the Government and WHO.

"Before the COVID-19 outbreak, I was focused on research related to Dengue and Tuberculosis. When the first COVID-19 patient in Sri Lanka, who was a Chinese national, was discovered I was able to support my fellow medical officers due to my ability to converse in Chinese. As more cases of the disease were discovered in the country, I shifted my focus to understanding the virus better: especially its asymptomatic nature.

Today, I am supporting the collection of COVID-19 samples and facilitating the research between several Institutions.

As a young medical professional, I am proud to be on the frontlines of Sri Lanka's COVID-19 response.

This virus has an impact on all our lives, regardless of any religion or culture. To defeat it, we all need to work together."



## CHANDRAN'S story

A vegetable vendor at one of Sri Lanka's busiest economic centres, Chandran kept his shop going even during the lockdown per the government's requirement. Despite various challenges, he believes in the role he must play to keep the economy flowing. He currently supports a family of eight with his small business.

"I've had this small shop at the Narahenpita Economic Centre for over eight years. It's how I support my mother, sister and her children. Even during the lockdown, the Centre stayed open for the sake of the consumers and the farmers.

The livelihoods of many depend on the sales we make. We were lucky because there was no shortage in produce supply. My family is worried because I'm working in such a busy environment during COVID-19. We adhere to all the health guidelines. This is something I am especially careful about.

"We are in the food business: whether there is a pandemic or not, we must be responsible for the produce we sell because it has a direct impact on people's health. I always handpick the items I sell and ensure that they are safe for consumption."



## MADHURA'S story

Madhura started to cultivate exotic vegetables with the support of the Agribusiness Partnership Programme sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development. Despite challenges related to the COVID-19 lockdown, he kept on farming and participating in the market. Following the lockdown, he has made great profits by adapting new strategies in his agribusiness.

"Though my parents were into traditional agriculture, I always knew that we could improve on what we had. That is why I started to cultivate more exotic vegetables with the support of the Agribusiness Partnership Programme. I needed to become not just a farmer but a young entrepreneur.

With the support of the programme I drafted business proposals, obtained loans and got the technical know-how to improve my business. My first crop of salad cucumbers was a great success.

Later, I moved on to cultivating other vegetables such as bell peppers. Since November 2019, in less than a year, my business became quite successful. When the markets dropped due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I knew I had to remain courageous and not lose faith. Today my persistence has been rewarded, the demand for bell peppers have shot up and my crop is selling at almost double its previous value. I believe young people like me should not shy away from agribusiness; we can think outside the box and change our country for the better."



## IROSHINI'S story

Iroshini Seneviratne Manike is an agrarian officer, who works closely with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization on several agriculture development projects.

When Sri Lanka went in to lockdown in March, the Government was determined to keep the food production going. She was among the field officers who ensured that the farmers had the necessary support to keep producing goods despite the nationwide lockdown. Her work especially focused on promoting home gardening.

"There was not a single day that I spent at home. Agrarian Service officers were categorized as essential service workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although visits to the farming communities I serve were initially limited, I stayed in constant contact with them over the phone to provide advice. We had to support the local production of crops such as mung-beans, cow pea, groundnut, maize, chilies, big onions and turmeric.

As Agrarian Service officers or Agriculture Extension officers, who work in the field and interact with people, there is a risk to our health. However, we cannot abandon our farmers who are driving the food production of the country.

Many of these farm families are poor. They grapple with a myriad of problems like keeping their farmlands and home gardens safe from pests or wild animals, and economic instability while ensuring the health and wellbeing of their families.

We have to stand with them, encourage them and help them through the sharing of sound technical knowledge, now more than ever. The future food security of our country depends on it."

# India is doing well in the region

PROF. HARSH V PANT

In a telling statement, Sri Lanka's new Foreign Secretary Jayanath Colombage has said that Colombo will have an "India first" strategic policy outlook. Arguing that while the Rajapaksa Government has adopted a posture of neutrality in its dealings with major regional and global powers, he was categorical in underlining that "the President [Gotabaya Rajapaksa] has stated that we have a strategic security-wise 'India first' policy because we cannot be, we should not be, we can't afford to be a strategic security threat for India, period." These are powerful words indeed, and along with Colombage's acknowledgement that the decision to give Hambantota port on a 99-year lease to China was a "mistake", it underscored the pitfalls of a rather infantile debate in this country about India's neighbourhood policy in recent months.

There has been a barrage of criticism that India is "losing" its neighbourhood as border tensions with Nepal have grown and China has continued to spread its tentacles in India's vicinity.

That Indian and Chinese forces are squaring off at the border has reinforced this plaintive cry that New Delhi is getting marginalised in the neighbourhood. Even foreign secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla's visit to Bangladesh, his first outside India since the Covid-19 lockdown, got mired in needless debates about rising Chinese clout in Dhaka.

By all accounts, Shringla's visit to Dhaka was a successful one and it managed to convey Bangladesh's privileged position in Indian foreign policy matrix. Against the backdrop of the two nations celebrating "Mujib Borsho", and the 50th year of the liberation of Bangladesh as well as the establishment of diplomatic relations next year, this visit was key to setting the tone for a busy calendar of events ahead and a number of high-level bilateral visits. From expediting and conceptualising major connectivity projects to diversifying bilateral engagement, the two nations are getting serious about their priorities.

What is key here is the role played by top leadership in both nations. Both Narendra Modi and



Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina with Indian PM Narendra Modi

Sheikh Hasina, despite some domestic scepticism, understand the importance of cultivating strong bilateral relations. For Modi, the development of India's East and Northeast is a top priority and a strategic imperative for New Delhi.

And that region can only achieve its full potential if it's better integrated with Bangladesh, thereby ensuring that India-Bangladesh connectivity projects will continue to be at the top of the agenda. It is important to recognise that this connectivity push is being shaped by a politician like Narendra Modi who has been forthright about the challenges posed by illegal immigration. The fact that by next year India and Bangladesh are likely to have nine rail links is an indicator of how fast priorities in New Delhi are evolving.

There is also a growing desire on the part of the

two nations to look beyond the Bengali-Bengali narrative and shape the engagement by bringing in new stakeholders more in sync with 21st century realities. There is a sizeable Tamil and Telugu population in Bangladesh in the textile industry and tech space, and a growing number of Bangladeshi students and medical tourists are now visiting South India, thereby changing the very complexion of this engagement.

It is, therefore, quite curious to suggest that India might be losing ground in Bangladesh. Of course, the all-pervasive China factor has to be reckoned with. In most of India's neighbours, China has a seeming advantage that, unlike India, it is not part of the domestic political calculus. But, unlike India, it also does not have a long-term stake in the South Asian region.

It can afford to ignore the region, which it does,

when its interests are not served. New Delhi doesn't have that luxury. For good or bad, India's future and that of its neighbours remain intertwined. So while China's financial commitments to various countries in the region are much talked about, given their size, they are largely declaratory. Even in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, China's actual spending has been quite limited, compared to the US\$ 62 billion amount which is often advertised. India's declared loan commitments might be small, but when it comes to actual delivery, India is not far behind. Its loan terms and payment conditionalities are much better too.

For all the hue and cry about India "losing" the neighbourhood, the ground reality is quite different. With Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, New Delhi's relations are robust and progressing well. Bhutan remains as close as ever and even in the case of Nepal, it was Prime Minister KP Oli who recently reached out to his Indian counterpart.

Afghanistan is passing through a difficult phase, but both the Afghan Government and the Taliban leadership recognise India's critical role in shaping their nation's future trajectory. And all this has happened when India has been able to successfully marginalise Pakistan, regionally and globally. To view India's neighbourhood policy through the lens of "wins" and "losses" is to miss the structural imperatives that shape the outcome. A region shaped by two major powers will never have a linear trajectory. And such a narrative also does a great disservice to smaller nations in the region, which have their own agency in shaping their engagements with these powers.

Finally, there has never been a golden period of foreign policy when New Delhi's ties with its neighbours were seamless. Going by India's historical record, Delhi's regional outreach today is quite promising. Indian discourse today seems more driven by domestic political imperatives than by the empirical realities on the ground. (*Hindustan Times*)

Prof. Harsh V. Pant is Head of the Strategic Studies Programme at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi.



# UN laments 'blatant' violations of Libya arms embargo



The interim UN envoy for Libya, Stephanie Williams, on Wednesday denounced what she called "blatant" ongoing violations of the arms embargo in effect on the war-wracked country.

Since UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres last briefed the Security Council on July 8, "some 70 resupply flights landed in eastern airports" in support of strongman Khalifa Haftar, Williams said.

Another 30 such flights were sent to western Libya to help forces loyal to the UN-recognized Government of National Accord (GNA), she added.

Nine cargo ships docked in western Libya, while three others reportedly arrived in the east of the country. She also accused foreign powers of "fortifying their assets" on both sides.

Turkey and Qatar have backed the GNA, while the United Arab Emirates, Egypt and Russia support Haftar, who is also suspected of receiving French backing.

"The arms embargo remains totally ineffective," according to an interim report from UN experts, who added that the violations are "extensive, blatant and with complete disregard for the sanctions".

Williams said the activity "constitutes an alarming breach of Libya's sovereignty, a blatant violation of the UN arms embargo." The UN mission in Libya, whose mandate is up for renewal in mid-September, "continues to receive reports of large-scale presence of foreign mercenaries and operatives," she said.

Williams added that their presence complicates "chances of a future settlement." Russia's UN envoy, Vassily Nebenzia, rejected any accusation of Russian interference.

"Not a single Russian serviceman is currently in Libya," he said, while his US counterpart Kelly Craft slammed the presence of Russian mercenaries linked to the Kremlin.

"There is no place for foreign mercenaries or proxy forces in Libya,

including the Russian Ministry of Defense proxy Wagner Group, which is fighting alongside" Haftar, she said.

France's UN ambassador Nicolas de Riviere called for a reinforcement of the world body's mission in Libya, so that it can help shepherd an eventual ceasefire and ensure that the arms embargo is respected.

Several Council members called for a quick nomination of a permanent UN special envoy for Libya.

Ghassan Salame stepped down in March for health reasons, and bickering between the United States and its partners on how the role should be defined has stalled naming a successor.

Libya has endured almost a decade of violent chaos since the 2011 NATO-backed uprising that toppled and killed veteran dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

The GNA and a Haftar-backed eastern administration are now vying for power against a backdrop of dozens of local conflicts. (AFP)

## Nine troops killed in Jihadist attack in Nigeria

At least nine Nigerian troops were killed in an offensive by jihadists in northeast Borno state, two security sources said Wednesday.

Fighters from the so-called Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in 10 trucks fitted with machine guns overran a military position in the town of Magumeri late on Tuesday, killing nine troops, they said.

"The terrorists took over the (military) post around 4:00 pm (1500 GMT) and dispersed the troops, killing nine," the first source told AFP.

The militants burnt three vehicles at the base, including an armoured tank and an excavator used in digging fortifications to



stave off jihadist incursions, said the second source who gave the same toll. A military reinforcement from the regional capital Maiduguri engaged the retreating attackers in a fight and killed 20 insurgents, the sources said. In a statement late Wednesday, ISWAP claimed

responsibility for the Magumeri attack where it said 10 soldiers were killed, with weapons and vehicles seized.

The militants also claimed to have killed a similar number in another offensive against Nigerian troops near the fishing town of Baga on the Lake

Chad area, according to the statement.

ISWAP have repeatedly attacked Magumeri in recent days, burning a clinic and local administration building as well as robbing residents of phones, money and personal effects.

Troops have been deployed to protect the town after residents began to flee to escape the insurgents. The decade-old conflict which started in 2009 has killed 36,000 people and displaced around two million from their homes. The violence has spread to neighbouring Niger, Chad and Cameroon, prompting the formation of a regional military coalition to fight the jihadists. (AFP)



Typhoon Maysak forecast path.

## Typhoon Maysak drenches North and South Korea

At least one person was killed and more than 2,000 people evacuated to temporary shelters in South Korea as a powerful typhoon churned across the peninsula, authorities said Thursday.

Typhoon Maysak - named after the Cambodian word for a type of tree - made landfall early Thursday in Busan on the southern coast, knocking down traffic lights and trees and flooding streets.

A woman was killed after a strong gust shattered her apartment window in Busan, while a man in his 60s was injured when the wind toppled an outdoor refrigerator, crushing him.

More than 2,200 people evacuated to temporary shelters and around 120,000 homes left without power throughout the night across south-

ern parts of the country and on Jeju Island.

Maysak was making its way up the eastern side of the peninsula into the Sea of Japan, known as the East Sea in Korea, packing gusts of up to 140 kilometres per hour (87 miles per hour).

"The typhoon's influence on our country will gradually weaken," South Korea's Meteorological Administration said, forecasting heavy downpours and strong winds in eastern areas.

Maysak was forecast to make landfall again at around 0300 GMT at Kimchaek, North Hamgyong province. Natural disasters tend to have a greater impact in the North due to its creaking infrastructure, and the country is vulnerable to flooding as many mountains and

hills have long been deforested. Pyongyang's state media was on high alert, carrying live broadcasts of the situation.

"The trait of this typhoon is that it has brought heavy precipitation," said a news reporter for Korean Central Television in its early morning newscast, standing in an inundated street in the eastern port of Wonsan.

"The total precipitation from 21:00 on September 2 to 6:00 on September 3 is 200 millimetres (around eight inches)," he added.

Maysak is the second typhoon in a week to hit the peninsula.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un last week visited a farming region hit by Typhoon Bavi and expressed relief the damage was "smaller than expected". (AFP)

## Greek ministers self-quarantine after investor meeting

Three Greek ministers on Thursday said they were self-quarantining after meeting an investor who has tested positive for the novel coronavirus.

Development Minister Adonis Georgiadis and his deputy Nikos Papathanassis said they had gone home pending tests, cancelling plans to travel with Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis to port city Thessaloniki later Thursday.

Their ministry was closed for disinfection and will reopen Monday, state agency ANA said.

Shipping minister Ioannis Plakiotakis also said he was self-quarantining after meeting the investor, whom he identified as Israeli, on Wednesday.

"All precautions were taken during the meeting,



The Greek Parliament building at Syntagma Square.

we had masks and kept a safe distance, but you never know," he told news site newstix. With 273 deaths from Covid-19, Greece has suffered less from the virus

than other European countries. But the infection rate accelerated in August, with more than half of Greece's 10,500 cases being recorded in that month alone.

Authorities have blamed the spike in infections on the flouting of social distancing rules in restaurants, bars and public gatherings. (AFP)

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**Govisetha OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DRAW NUMBER: 2528 DRAW DATE: 02.09.2020

ENGLISH LETTER: **E** WINNING NUMBERS: **33 49 55 66**

COMBINATION	PRIZE	NO. OF WINNERS
1 PRZ IF ALL 4 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2 PRZ IF LETTER & ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100,000.00	05
3 PRZ IF ANY 3 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 2,000.00	187
4 PRZ IF LETTER & ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 1,000.00	352
5 PRZ IF ANY 2 NUMBERS CORRECT	Rs. 100.00	9843
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8 PRZ IF ONLY THE LETTER IS CORRECT	Rs. 20.00	29199

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Draw No: 1051 Date: 2020.09.02

Winning Letter: **K**

Winning Numbers: **6 4 8 3 9 6**

Prize	Amount	Prizes
01 Prize	Rs. 2,000,000.00	1
02 Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	2
03 Prize	Rs. 10,000.00	29
04 Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	295
05 Prize	Rs. 50.00	2,989
06 Prize	Rs. 20.00	28,702

**Total Prizes Won In This Draw Rs. 4,040,320.00**

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

**Next SATURDAY Super Prize Rs. 12,382,416.00**

**MAHAJANA SAMPATHA OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DATE: 02-09-2020

WINNING LETTER: **K** WINNING NUMBERS: **6 5 9 5 1 0**

Prize	Amount	Prizes
1st Prize	Rs. 2,000,000.00	02
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	11
3rd Prize	Rs. 10,000.00	102
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	1,004
5th Prize	Rs. 100.00	10,061
6th Prize	Rs. 20.00	99,771

**Value of prizes won in this draw - Rs.11,717,040.00**

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**SEVANA OFFICIAL RESULTS**

Date: 2020/09/02

Draw Number: 292

English Letter: **D** Winning Number: **26 49 55 66**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	01
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	04
3rd Prize	Rs. 10,000.00	82
4th Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	153
5th Prize	Rs. 100.00	3,043
6th Prize	Rs. 50.00	2,218
7th Prize	Rs. 20.00	54,292
8th Prize	Rs. 10.00	8,354

**Next Draw Super Prize 14,000,000.00**

**Total Prizes Won in this Draw 3,260,720.00**

**MEGA POWER OFFICIAL RESULTS**

DATE 2020.09.02

Draw Number: 600

English Letter: **0** Winning Numbers: **02 23 30 51 67**

Prize	Amount	No. of winners
1st Prize	Rs. 1,000,000.00	-
2nd Prize	Rs. 100,000.00	80
3rd Prize	Rs. 1,000.00	100
4th Prize	Rs. 100.00	104
5th Prize	Rs. 50.00	104
6th Prize	Rs. 20.00	5,281
7th Prize	Rs. 10.00	104,043
8th Prize	Rs. 5.00	54,708

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Documents to prove the undermentioned qualifications and the receipt obtained upon payment of a non refundable bid fee of Rs. 5000.00 to the Director, Teaching Hospital, Anuradhapura should be submitted to obtain bid documents. Further details may be obtained by calling the Tel. Nos. 025-2222261, 025-2222262 Ext. 105 or 107.

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The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Storage Terminals Limited (CPSTL), Kolonnawa, Wellampitiya, Sri Lanka hereby invites sealed Bids from Manufacturers or their Accredited Export Agents abroad or Qualified Companies in Sri Lanka or Accredited Local Agents in Sri Lanka for the "Supply, Installation and Maintenance of 14 Nos. Single Product, Single Nozzle, Heavy Duty Fuel Dispensing Pump with Electronic Registers".

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**Bids will be closed at 1400 hrs. Sri Lanka local time (GMT + 5.30) on 24.09.2020** and will be opened immediately thereafter at the Office of Manager Procurement, in the presence of the authorized representatives of the Bidders who choose to attend.

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# Kishin Butani - rugby promoter par excellence

ALTHAF NAWAZ

In any success story irrespective of any field there has to be a person behind it. In Rugby during the 1980's and 1990's which can be called the "Golden Era of Rugby" there was one person who became the cynosure of all eyes. He was none other than Kishin Ramchand Butani well known as "Kishin" who played a pivotal role in developing the game, spending his time and wealth to make it one of the best sports in the country, which earned him an honorary life membership at the recently concluded Sri Lanka Rugby (SLR) AGM.

Kishin a proud product of St. Thomas College, Gurutalawa embarked on his rugby career way back in 1965. He was the head prefect of College in 1966 and Captained the College Rugby team along with his team mates Prithiviraj De Silva, Sohan Weerasinghe. Kishin who was enthusiastic had a love for this game and after leaving school, he started to promote rugby in the Nuwara Eliya district from 1968 to 1970. In 1971 due to the insurgency all this came to an end and Kishin came to Colombo in 1972 and joined CH and FC. In the year 1978/1979 he was chosen to serve on the sports committee. He was appointed as the Rugby Secretary of CH and FC in 1982 when CH won the 'A' Division League Rugby Title under N.H. Karunasena as Captain and Y.C.Chang as the coach. Two years later he opted to finance the game, and was the first to sponsor the Clif-

ford Cup Knockout Tournament held in Kandy. He was also the Patron of Mercantile Rugby Football Association and was a pillar of strength co-sponsoring the event for many years. His company Butani Marketing won the Mercantile Rugby Sevens three times under his leadership.

It was Elmo Rajasooriya and Y.C. Chang who introduced Kishin to CH rugby in 1982 and he continued as rugby secretary until 1986. After a one year break, he came back in 1988 to revive CH Rugby by recruiting School boys from Isipathana, Ananda, Zahira, St. Joseph's, St. Anthony's, Katugastota and Thurstan. He was also instrumental in becoming the first school rugby sponsor in history by sponsoring Isipathana College in 1989 and continued until 1992, which paved the way for a majority of Isipathana Rugby players of 1989 and 1990 joining CH like Bimal Perera, Chanka Jayaweera, Ruwan Dananjaya, Parakrama Ratnayake, Frank Abeyasinghe, Miyuru Yuganatha, Kimal Mustapha, Sudesh Abeyasinghe, Champika Nishantha to name a few.

He then played a key role in organizing the inaugural under 20 tournament among all school leavers in 1989/1990 season for the Ziyah Saheed Trophy. In 1985 Kishin was involved in bringing Chandrasan Perera and Simon Hunter to represent CH in Rugby.

In 1991 SLR constitution was changed to the Provincial model proposed by Jeff Matheson a former New Zealander. This led to the for-



The president of Sri Lanka Rugby Rizly Illyas (on left) presenting a memento to Kishin Butani in appreciation of his services in promoting rugby.

mation of Western Province, Southern Province, North Western Province, Uva Province, Sabaragamuwa Province, North Central Province except for the Eastern Province and the Northern Province. With this formation Rugby in the country was spread to these seven Provinces where Kishin Butani promoted rugby coaching clinics there.

Soon after the New Sports Minister, S.B Dissanayake took office in 1994 he, appointed Kishin to the Sri Lanka Sports Council to serve as its

member until 1998. During this period, he organized a Junior Schools Rugby Tournament with present Highways Minister Johnston Fernando involving more than 2500 schoolboys from North Western Province at the Maliyadeva Grounds, Kurunegala. He supported St. Annes, Kurunegala to revive rugby. In 1995 Kurunegala Rugby was sponsored by Kishin along with Hassan Sinhawansa and Johnston Fernando who was the KRFC President. KRFC team emerged 'B' Division Club Champions in 1995. In 1996 KRFC was Promoted to the 'A' division for the first time in their rugby history, Kishin got Apisai Nagata, Hisham Abdeen and most of his CH players to represent KRFC including former Fiji Vice Captain Savanacia Aria the Centre three Quarter. Rugby was played in Kurunegala at the Welagedara Stadium where all the 'A' division club matches were conducted at the home ground of KRFC.

In 1996 Kishin along with Hassan joined Kandy Sports club with Nimal Lewke as the Head Coach. Kandy tasted their first triple crown win in 1997 under Lasantha Wijesooriya as Captain with Siva Subaramanium as Rugby Chairman of Kandy. With inclusion of two Fijians by Kishin in 1996, Etonia Qoro and Meli Nakuta the two exciting world class centres and continued with more Fijian flavour in 1997 with Opethi Turuwa, Manasa Qoro, Ameniya Kurinova and Apisai Nagata too playing for Kandy which won the Triple Crown.

Kishin was also CH Representative at the SLR during the period 1982 to 1986 and was included in the Organizing committee of the R. Premadasa Trophy Knockout Tournament in 1984/85/86 along with Y.C.Chang, Kishin Butani was the Chairman Joint Sports of Gymkhana Club in 1988 and 1989 and became Chairman Gymkhana Club from 1990 to 1993 ushering in the golden era of CH and FC rugby.

## Sampath Bank win MCA Masters 'Sixes' title



The victorious Sampath Bank team with officials

Sampath Bank led by Swarni Madanayake, strengthened by their new recruits, Rangana Herath (42), Charitha Buddhika (40), Suboda Jayawardena (40) and Chamara Zoysa (42) clinched the 2nd Maliban - MCA Masters 'Sixes' 2020 title, as they comfortably beat HNB 'B', in the final at the MCA Grounds recently.

The tournament which was participated by 12 teams in four groups was sponsored by Maliban Biscuits Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd for the second successive year.

Sampath Bank entered the final beating Sri Lanka Telecom, HNB 'A' and Allianz Insurance (Semi Finals). The matches were played at the D.S. Sennanayake College grounds.

HNB 'B' entered the final beating Singer Sri Lanka, John Keells and Fairfirst Insurance (Semi finals). The matches were played at the MCA grounds.

In the final HNB 'B' batting first was restricted to 55 for 03 in 05 overs with some exceptional fielding by Sampath Bank players. A brilliant catch taken by Chamara Zoysa in the deep that dismissed Nimesh Perera

(20) and the direct hit made by Rangana Herath that dismissed Sajeewa de Silva (21) were the turning points for the winners.

Sampath Bank reached their target with five deliveries to spare (57 for 2), helped by an opening stand of 42 runs in 19 balls by Shantha Kalavittigoda (25 with 05 fours) and Charitha Buddhika (18 with 03 fours)

**Chief Scores**  
HNB 'B' - 55/3 (5) Nimesh Perera 20, Sajeewa de Silva 21, Charitha Buddhika 1/14, Rangana Herath 1/13

**Sampath Bank** - 57/2 (4.1) (Shantha Kalavittigoda 25, Charitha Buddhika 18, Anush Perera 2/11)

**Special Awards:**  
**Best Bowler** - Anush Perera / HNB "B" (4-1-30-5)

**Best Batsman:** Shantha Kalavittigoda / Sampath Bank (04 innings 86 runs with 02 not outs)

**Most Number of Sixes:** seven hit by Charinda Fernando/Allianz Finance

**Man of the Final:** Charitha Buddhika/Sampath Bank (1/13 & 18 runs)

**Most Senior Player:** Sujith Sirimanne/Singer Sri Lanka (54 years) (Y.K.)

## D.H de Silva an outstanding tennis and cricket coach

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA

Kandy Sports Special Correspondent

D.H.de Silva, (popularly known as DH), a veteran cricketer and tennis coach who was attached to the Kandy Municipality as the Municipal Commissioner started training the young boys and girls in Kandy City in Tennis in his leisure time in addition to coaching cricket. Mostly it was the Under 12 children and the prominent youngsters in his tennis team were Sangakkara Brothers - Vemindra & Kumar and some other boys. They had their initial training from D.H.de Silva at the Garden Club Tennis courts, Kandy. At Trinity College, Kumar San-

gakkara started playing Cricket under the guidance of this writer in the under 13 level and after that veteran coaches like Sunil Fernando, Berty Wijesinghe and Bernard Perera did the cricket coaching. Kumar Sangakkara was also coached by D.H.de Silva and Sangakkara became a Sri Lanka Test Cricket Captain and a World class player and at present he is the President of MCC as a non Britisher.

D.H. coached Tennis to the children every Sunday morning and gave them 100 shots each till they were thorough in the Basics. He arranged some tennis classes for Junior Girls at the Garden

Club, Kandy who later became National Tennis Champions. Saranga Sangakkara became the National Champion as a student of Mahamaya Girls College after the coaching of D.H. The others who were coached by him were Duleeka Bandaranayake, Tasmin and Vishaka Jayasundera who became National Level players.

D.H.de Silva was the Cricket Captain of the University team and he was a National Player who represented the Cricket Board



D.H.de Silva

Eleven. He was the Charity Commissioner of the Colombo Municipality and led the Nomads Cricket team.

His eldest son, Mahinda became National Table Tennis Champion when he was a Student at St. Anthony's College, Katugastota and his daughter, Gayani was a National level Tennis Player who represented Sri Lanka at many International Tennis tournaments as a student of Mahamaya Girls College, Kandy. His brother D.S. de Silva captained Sri Lanka Test Cricket

team while his other brother D.P.de Silva represented Sri Lanka in Cricket before getting Test Status. DH passed away in Melbourne, Australia a few years back.

## Ashan Dilhara prolific run getter for St. John's

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Corr.

The sixth year colourman, all rounder, captain of the first eleven cricket team, left hand bat, left arm medium pace bowler who opens the attack, safe fielder, Premier tournament player and Sri Lanka under 19 cricketer Balchandra Arachchige Don Ashan Dilhara bid adieu to his Alma Mater in grand style after bringing honour and glory to his Alma Mater St. John's College, Panadura. Also he joined the select band of Panadura Johnians to pass the magical one thousand runs in the 2019/20 inter school cricket season. He became the second Johnian to achieve this rare feat after Jude Asoka and then third one thousand run maker was Reshan Malith Fernando.

Ashan commenced his schooling at Junior School, Hirana, Panadura joined St. John's College, Panadura for the Grade Six Class. From



Ashan Dilhara

his smaller days his forte was cricket and he played cricket with his neighbouring friends. He attended under 13 cricket practices under former Cambrian cricketer Eranga Gunaratne and got selected for the team and playing for three successive years he scored 410 runs and claimed 48 wickets and as an under 15 player playing for three consecutive years he collected 615 runs and captured 61 scalps and in the under 17 he scored 490 runs in two years and bagged 39 wickets. He was selected for the first



St. John's College, Panadura First Eleven Cricket Team 2019/2020 Seated L/R - Manoj Niroshan (Asst. Coach), Dilsha Prasanna, Sasitha Manupriya (Vice Captain), Ashan Dilhara (Captain), Reshan Malith Fernando, Abishek Sanju, Chathuranga Nalaka (Head Coach) Back Row Standing L/R - Ravindu Yasas, Dinushka Madushan, Niran Viranga, Sachin Dananjaya, Maneesha Madumina, Lashen Kavinda, Lakshina Sasindu, Chathushka Shamod, Nimesh Dilshan, Sanjaya Ravishan, Yasiru Sandeepa, Sumudu Udara, Heshan Kavishka (Picture by Dilwin Mendis, Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

eleven cricket team when he was under 13 and he was the Baby of the Side and scored 4426 runs including 274 wickets through out his school cricket career in all four formats and it may be a all time record for his College and he has led the school in all these four categories.

His best year was 2019/20 cricket season and he amassed 1101 runs including five cen-

turies and two fifties and has topped the averages with 57.7. During his cricket career he got the opportunity to play in three big matches and two limited over matches and in 2017/18 limited over match against their arch rivals Royal College, Panadura he scored 153 runs which is a record for both schools and won the Man of the Match Award. He missed several matches due to his commit-

ments in the under 15 and 19 Sri Lankan Cricket Tournaments and he was in these squads. He was in the 30 member squad for under 15 Malaysian tour and he played against the visiting England under 19 schools team in two matches and earned the Man of the Match Award once. He was a member of the Bangladesh Tour of Sri Lanka and he was in the 15 member squad.

## Old Trinitians and Peterites share OTSC Trophy

HAFIZ MARIKAR

For the first time a game of football was played over here at the Pallekille grounds, between Old boys of Trinity College and St. Peter's College. This game was played for the Old Trinitians Sports Club challenge trophy. Both teams played good football in all departments of the game. Both teams richly deserved the accolades for putting up a gritty show and for not allowing each other to make a goal scoring game.

Both teams scored a goal each in each half. So, the trophy offered by the OTSC was shared by both teams, so this is going to be an annual affair.

Both teams started with attacking play, with Old Peterites led by M. Nazeem started off well and S. Hiran found him wide open for aside-footed shot into the net. In the following minutes Old Trinitians tried to respond but their attacks did not pay dividends due to superb goal keeping by D.Dulan. In the first half the Old Peterites gave a good display where they were excellent in ball controlling and displayed top class football.

In the second half Old Trinitians forwards challenged the opponents with some good run and pass football, Old Peterites came close to scoring again, but the Old Trinitians led by Sanoj

Srinath gave a good display and guided his team to play excellent football which helped Tharka Liyanage to net a superb goal to make the score one all. Old Peterites goal keeper D. Dulan who was excellent between the posts was selected Man of the Match, Old Peterite Niran Fernando who played a good game was the best player and from the Old Trinitians the best players award went to Taraka Liyanage.

The match was played under the patronage of OTSC secretary D. Indika Ratnathilake, Manjula Gunasekara refereed and AR 1 was M. Jamldeen and AR 2 S. Ravi and AR 3 J. Jeevanatha.



Old Peterites skipper M. Nazeem (on right) and Old Trinitian skipper Sanoj Srinath with the trophy

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# Vantage FFSL President's Cup helped to unearth hidden talent, says Amir Alagic



Sri Lanka Football coach, Amir Alagic

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**  
The inaugural Vantage FFSL President's Cup ended on a high note with Colombo Football Club emerging Champions drubbing Blue Eagles Sports Club by 4 goals to nil to clinch the title. The main man who initiated this tournament was Amir Alagic, the Technical Director of the Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL), whose advice was sought in formulating this tournament, which ultimately turned out to be a kick start event for the game of Football in the country, with the approval of Anura de Silva,

FFSL, President. Daily News spoke to Amir to get his views and how this tournament has assisted him to unearth the hidden talents for future teams, while also improving the standards of players with the outcome of this tournament.  
The FFSL was struggling to conduct their regular calendar of events due to various obstacles including the Easter Sunday attacks, inclement weather conditions followed by the Covid-19 pandemic since last March. With a vision of "Getting back to Football" the FFSL decided to launch a

tournament involving 20 teams by supporting them with financial assistance, with a grant from the World Governing body FIFA.  
They conducted this tournament with three first round matches dividing these 20 teams into five groups, slating four teams in a group. A higher level of competition was witnessed with some new players being scouted, with a panel headed by Amir with an intention of picking the 24 players for testing, which will be pruned down to 19 players. The main idea is to form a squad in line to

prepare for the remaining World Cup qualifying round matches next March, coinciding with selecting players for the under-23 youth squad, which will serve as a backup side for the senior national team.  
"I wanted to see the reality of the playing and coaching situation in Sri Lanka. Before the commencement of this tournament, I formed an under 20 and 23 squads to be the base for the next World Cup national team. For the time being this tournament helped us to spot the best players in the country.

With these players along with the overseas players who are eligible to represent the country will be included for the next year World Cup qualifiers and the SAG games in Pakistan." Said Amir Alagic.  
Amir is to conduct a coaching workshop for elite coaches in Sri Lanka on September 5 and 6 followed by a testing of players which include physical, medical, mental and tactical tests by the experts and coaching staff, on September 7 and 8.  
After this testing 19 players will undergo training with Amir for three weeks.



## Hasali and Dinara claim junior tennis titles

**CHANDRIKA FERNANDO**  
Top seed Hasali Gajaba and seventh seed Dinara de Silva won the Girls' Under-14 and Girls' Under-12 Singles title respectively at the Clay Court Tennis Nationals, which continued at the SLTA Courts in Green Path, Colombo yesterday.



Hasali Gajaba



Dinara de Silva

Hasali, the promising schoolgirl from Visakha Vidyalaya lived up to expectations as the favourite and went on to demolish the sixth seed Ruvi Lewkebandara in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

another step closer towards the title while outplaying the number 11, Methvan Wijemanne 6-0, 6-2.

latter overcame the fourth seed Manesh Kajan 6-2, 6-1. In the Boys' Under-12 Singles, the top seed Ganuka Fernando pulled off a hard fought 6-1, 4-6, 10-6 win over the seventh seed Kenuka Geeganage and set up a semi-final showdown with the ninth seed Rehan Gunawardhana who beat the unseeded Kavish Maddumage 6-1, 7-6.

In contrast, Dinara of St. Bridget's Convent had the satisfaction of causing a minor upset as she whitewashed the more fancied fifth seed Onali de Silva 6-0, 6-0.  
Meanwhile, the semi-final line-up in the Boys' Under-12 and Boys' Under-14 Singles have also been completed with all favourites reaching the last eight.

He would meet Thisanda Bellanaarachchi in the first semi-final after the eighth seed had edged-out the number 16, Dhanushka Dias 6-4, 7-5 in the quarter-finals.

In addition, the bottom seed Jamal Sabry trounced the number 12 Mayanka Perera 6-1, 6-0 while the third seed Gehash Tissera outplayed the number 10, Kavidu Sawmya 6-1, 6-0.

In the Boys' Under-14 Singles quarter-finals the top seed Thilina Dissanayake took

Meanwhile, the second semi-final would be between the bottom seed Ransath Peiris and the fifth seed Matheesha Nettasinghe. The former, had the better of the sixth seed Sandaru Guruge 6-1, 6-2 while the

## Dialog Axiata team wins chess championship

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
The leading mobile partner Dialog Axiata team emerged Champions at the Sri Lanka Mercantile/ Government Service Chess Championship 2020 conducted by the Chess Federation of Sri Lanka recently at Sataru Hall, Maharagama after a tie breaker. This event saw a tough fight from the beginning.



The Champion Dialog Axiata Chess team receiving the trophy from Chess Federation President Luxman Wijesuriya

Dialog Axiata and Sri Lanka Army tied with a total of 14 points. Dialog Team led by Ayodhya Liyanagedara a former Sri Lanka Womens player with Massoran Rameez and H.G Sahana Sachintha fought very strongly at this event and they scored 4.5 points each with the support of their 4th player B.V.R.M.T Jayaratne (4.5 points) to win the title.

team was placed third with Akila Rathnayake, Ranura Dissanayake and Deepthi Deepamal scoring 12 points.

Sri Lanka Army team with Dimuthu Abeywardena (5.5 points), T.A Tharanga (4.5 points) and I.N.T Dassanayake (4 points) also showed their strength to tie with the winner by obtaining 14 points but, their number 4 player was just a half a point behind to the winners team number 4 which decided the Championship. Virtusa

Meanwhile C.M.S Praneeth Kumara of 99X Technology team won the individual Championship with 6.5 points. He led the event from the start and beat Dimuthu Abeywardena of Sri Lanka Army to bag the Sri Lanka Mercantile/ Government Service Chess Champion 2020 title with the trophy, Gold Medal and 40,000 rupees cash Award. He also maintained unbeat-

Abeywardena (SL Army), Niranga Kandeerachchi (SL Customs), I.L.K Tennakoon (SL Customs) and Tharaka Alahakoon (Weligama Pradeshiya Sabha) tied for the third place with 5.5 points and Dimuthu won the Bronze Medal with the better tie breaker.

Sri Lanka Mercantile/ Government Service Chess Championship 2020 was conducted by the Chess Federation. The event was a seven round Swiss System event where the result of best three players counted for the team Chess Championship. Though the participation was little less due to the prohibition of participation in sports by some of the leading companies eighty six players from 25 organizations took part in the event.

Nipuna Ekanayake (Road Passenger Transport Authority) won the rating category of under 1600 and R.M.N.K Rathnayake of SL Army won the unrated category.

The newly elected CFSL resident Luxman Wijesuriya, deputy president and other officials distributed awards to the winners at the awards ceremony which was conducted soon after the event.

## Richmond-Kingswood old boys clash on Sept 6

Richmond College Old Boys will battle with Kingswood College Old Boys in their third annual T-20 cricket encounter at St Anthony's College ground Katugastota on September 6. This encounter is played to foster build up unity and friendship among the past cricketers of the two brother schools.



Dilshan Amarasinghe Richmond Old boys captain



Suwanji Madanayaka Kingswood Old boys captain

Dilshan Amarasinghe will lead the Richmond Old boys team while Suwanji Madanayake the experienced all rounder will lead the Kingswood Old boys team. Richmond side comprises former skippers Manohara Kudagodage and Samantha Lorensuhewa while Buddhika Ekanayake, Dhanushka Gamage and Dharshana Kalansuriya are the key players of Kingswood Old boys team.

expected to participate in the over 50 old boys game. Champaka Ramanayake the first test cricketer of Richmond and later National fast bowling coach who presently works as head of the High Performances Centre in Bangladesh will play for the Richmond over 50 old boys side while Rohan Raj Perera and Lalith Wijeratne (an outstanding Rugby, Hockey and Soccer player) will turn out for Kingswood.

**The teams**  
**Richmond Old Boys:** Dilshan Amarasinghe (Capt), Manohara Kudagodage (V. Capt/WK), Thushan Jayawardena, S.T.R. Jayasekera, Samanthe Lorensuhewa, Upul Yatawara, Chamil Perera, Subodha Gunawardena, Chamath Siriwardena, Sanjaya de Silva, Amila de Silva.

**Richmond Over 50:** Lasatha de Silva, Champaka Ramanayake, P.A. Gunawardena, Prasad

Abeywardena, Nishantha Mendis, Thushara de Silva, Shehan Seneviratne, Prasanna Ramanayake, Anura Mahendra, C.K. Hewamanna, Asoka Sirimanne.

**Kingswood Old Boys:** Suwanji Madanayake (Capt), Dharshana Kalansuriya, Demintha Dahanayake, Danushka Gamage, Manjula Pihilianga, Malith Mallawarachchi, Muditha Abeykoon, Thushara Samarakoon, Buddhika Ekanayake, Chathura Kumarasiri, Udayanga Nanayakkara, Saluka Walisundara, Samindu Wijesinghe, Ruwantha Hathurusinghe, Subodha Lakmal, Gayan Fernando (Manager)

**Kingswood Over 50:** Tissa Wijeratne, Rohan Raj Perera, Lalith Wijeratne, Upul Sumanasekara, Mangala Dharmaprema, Sujewa Fernando, T.A. Miskin, T.Gamage, N. Sawall, L. Kankanange, U.B. Seneviratne, S. Wickramanayake, N. Cooray, S. Seneviratne, N. Kulatunga, N. Sarifoodeen. - DR

## Pattinson to replace Malinga at IPL

**DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA**  
The defending champions Mumbai Indians have signed Australian speedster James Pattinson as a replacement for Lasith Malinga for the Dream 11 IPL 2020 season.



Lasith Malinga



James Pattinson

Lasith Malinga has said he is unavailable for the season due to personal reasons and to be with his family back home in Sri Lanka. Malinga's father is ill and may require surgery in the coming weeks. Malinga wants to be with his father at home in Sri Lanka. IPL tournament will run from September 19 to November 10.

Meanwhile Mumbai Indians owner Akash Ambani was quoted as saying by the franchise's website 'Lasith is a legend and a pillar of Mumbai Indian's strength. There is no denying the fact that we will miss Lasith's cricketing acumen this season. However, we fully understand Lasith's need to be in Sri Lanka with his family during this time. Ambani also stated Australian

paceman James Pattinson is the right choice for us and adds to our pace attack options, especially for the conditions we will play in this season. Mumbai have Jasprit Bumrah and New Zealand's Trent Boult to lead the pace attack. However 30 year old Pattinson is yet to make his IPL debut although he has been part of the Kolkata Knight Riders franchise in the past. In all, he

has played only 39 T20 games, taking 47 wickets at an average of 24.12 and an economy rate of 8.25. James Pattinson will join the Mumbai Indians currently based in Abu Dhabi this weekend.

All rounder Isuru Udana is the only Sri Lankan player to take part in this IPL. Udana will play for Royal Challengers Bangalore team.

## Djokovic through as Pliskova crashes out of US Open

**NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY:** Novak Djokovic overcame an early scare to move into the third round of the US Open Wednesday but top women's seed Karolina Pliskova crashed out in the tournament's first shock.

Djokovic extended an undefeated run in 2020 to 25 matches as France's Caroline Garcia, the world number 50.

World number one Djokovic dropped the first against Britain's Kyle Edmund but rallied to progress 6-7 (5/7), 6-3, 6-4,

6-2 inside a subdued, spectator-free Arthur Ashe Stadium at Flushing Meadows.

"I'm really glad having an early kind of tough match because it kind of serves me better I think for the rest of the tournament," said Djokovic.

The Serbian superstar is looking to close the gap on Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, both absent from Flushing Meadows, in the race for the all-time men's Slam singles title record.

The 33-year-old - who won an eighth Australian Open title in February - is on 17, with

Nadal on 19 and Federer on 20.

Pliskova - the 28-year-old world number three from the Czech Republic - suffered a miserable 1-6, 6-7 exit to a confident Garcia who rushed to a 5-0 lead in the first set.

Pliskova said her defeat was nothing to do with being elevated to the top of the draw after a host of high-ranking withdrawals over coronavirus fears.

"No, zero pressure from this for me. This is nothing to do with my loss today," she sniffed.

Elsewhere in the men's draw Wednesday, fifth seed Alexander Zverev defeated American wildcard Brandon Nakashima in a far from smooth 7-5, 6-7 (8/10), 6-3, 6-1 win.

The world number seven traded 24 aces with 10 double faults against a player ranked 223 inside an empty but and humid Louis Armstrong Stadium to move into round three.

"I was sweating through my shoes, which is unusual," said Zverev, explaining a footwear change during the match. "I needed to go from the dry tires to the wet tires a little bit."

Belgian seventh seed David Goffin also progressed as the top seeds continue to dominate at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center.

In other early matches, women's sixth seed Petra Kvitová vanquished Kateryna Kozlova of Ukraine 7-6 (7/3), 6-2.

Germany's Angelique Kerber beat compatriot Anna-Lena Friedsam in straight sets.

The 17th seed won 6-3, 7-6 (8/6) in one hour 40 minutes inside Louis Armstrong Stadium.

Also in the women's draw,



Caroline Garcia. AFP





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## President wants Eravur in 2021 Budget

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has directed the state agencies dealing with infrastructure to inform the expenditure needed for the infrastructure of the planned Eravur Investment Zone to be included in the 2021 Budget.

This is where the President has asked Government heads in state agencies such as the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Ceylon Electricity Board, Sri Lanka Telecom, the Road Development Authority to provide him with a expenditure from et al which would be presented to Parliament in November to be included in the 2021 Budget.

The background to this stems from the reality that Sri Lanka gets lesser concessions from the European Union when it comes to General Systems of Preferences Plus by virtue of this country being a Middle

Income Country vis a vis countries such as Bangladesh which are considered to be least developed countries, JAAF Secretary General Tuli Cooray told *Daily News Finance* yesterday.

This will also mean that the more raw materials that Sri Lanka manufactures for the apparel industry within the country such as the fabric and accessories, the higher the benefits which it will get from the EU, he said.

He also said that Sri Lanka also purchased US \$ 881 million worth of fabric and accessories from the domestic market from the seven fabric factories which are in situated in Sri Lanka and that there was a dire need for increasing the production of the raw material basis within Sri Lanka itself. Sri Lanka, although eligible to export all apparel products on a duty free basis to the EU under the GSP+ provided by the country of origin rules, and also due



Tuli Cooray

to the products that are exported from Sri Lanka not having the ability to meet the country of origin rules, only 47% of the products are getting the duty free facility for the importers in those countries.

The remainder is being manufactured with fabric from other sources and when they enter the EU markets, the importer is liable to pay import duties. It is in that context that the Eravur

## JAAF upbeat on solved Eravur IPZ water issues

RAVI LADDUWAHETTY

The Joint Apparel Association Forum (JAAF) yesterday sounded upbeat on the upcoming Eravur Investment Promotion Zone as one of the major issues to the Zone, which was the supply of water, saw some drawbacks which have been solved.

"This too was solved with Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa meeting with Board of Investment Chair-

man Susantha Ratnayake last Friday, where the former assured water supply to the zone from the Valachchenai Paper Mill premises, JAAF Secretary General Tuli Cooray told *Daily News Finance* yesterday.

He also expressed his thanks to the Minister Weerawansa and BOI Chief Susantha Ratnayake for solving what was the most complicated issue. "We are confident that the Eravur Investment Promotion

Zone will be a reality very soon with President Gotabaya Rajapaksa pushing officials to have the expenditure heads under the 2021 Budget and also with Minister of Industries Wimal Weerawansa personally being the Cabinet Minister in charge of the Eravur IPZ and it will be him who will be personally presenting the Cabinet Papers and handling all the documentation as well, Cooray said.

Meanwhile, JAAF President

Arumugampillai Sukumaran was quoted in the *Daily News Finance* Lead Story of May 27 that JAAF was going to promote the Eravur Investment Promotion Zone among Indian and Chinese investors and that he would be hopeful that there would be around five investors of fabric mills who will bring between US\$ 25-40 Million.

They would be able to manufacture 300 tonnes of fabric on a daily basis, he said.

Investment Zone is important, which is aimed at increasing the local raw material base.

"In addition to enhancing the GSP+ base, the availability of such a fabric base will also min-

imize the inventory cost improve the Just In Time (JIT) delivery and flexibility in meeting the colour trends," he remarked.

Meanwhile, in a move which

is seen as positive to boost the local textile and apparel manufacturing industry, President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has issued a special circular banning the import of garments, State Min-

ister of Batik and Handloom Textiles Dayasiri Jayasekara said.

The local manufacture of garments should be empowered, he added.

## Car battery powered by nanotechnology for export



The Institute of Nanotechnology has manufactured a car battery powered by nanotechnology targeting the export market adding another product to Sri Lanka's export catalogue. Here inventor, Senior Research Scientist - CEO at Hybrid Technologies and consultant-Nanotechnology, Manju Gunawardena presents the new battery to Minister of Trade Bandula Gunawardena and High Commissioner of Canada for Sri Lanka and the Maldives David Mckinnon. Picture by Sudath Nishantha

## Huge demand for CIFC in region

### Accounting better studied as a global standard

DINESH PERERA

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) Global Vice President Melanie Janine Kanaka opined that students were better off choosing global as opposed to local qualifications for accounting.

Kanaka was recently appointed CIMA Global Vice President and is the first Sri Lankan based in Sri Lanka to be appointed to that position. CIMA has joined with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) to become the world's largest accounting body by the metric of membership.

Country Manager at CIMA Zahara Ansary said, "CIMA is a global pass-

port. It lets you succeed globally. That kind of opportunity you won't get from a local body."

Ansary noted that 2 of the presidents of the local bodies were members of the CIMA fraternity.

CIMA representatives were speaking on Septem-

ber 2 at the Hatch Co-Working space on the announcement of their career skills fair to be held in the coming weeks.

CEO Tresync Imran Furkan said that with the economic downturn due to COVID-19 there was a renewed demand for tech-

nical accounting knowledge to uncover fraud. Furkan suggested that in economically favorable environments there was a tendency for failure to be hidden and this could change because of the downturn.

Furkan was very confident that the Colombo

International Financial City (CIFC) in Port City would be successful.

There is no large financial center in between Dubai and Singapore for the region and CIFC was well placed to serve that demand. Hong Kong is currently facing political issues linked to China increasing the scope for CIFC to succeed.

Furkan noted the relevance of local accounting bodies but reiterated the usefulness of a global qualification as there was a convergence of taxation regimes and accounting standards globally. Furkan said that there was a large scope for business process outsourcing to happen in Sri Lanka.



Zahara Ansary, Melanie Janine Kanaka, and Imran Furkan

## Tea industry adjusts to online auction

The Colombo Tea Auction (CTA) existed as an open-cry trading floor for 126 years, until coronavirus shut it down. The auction, which is the oldest operational and largest single-origin tea auction in the world, successfully transitioned.

"The idea to digitize the auction has been on the table for a long time. But the pandemic put us in a situation where we just had to get it done," said Jayantha Karunaratne, Chairman of the Colombo Tea Traders Association (CTTA). The first digital auction was conducted in April. "Everyone is now used to the online system," said, Karunaratne, adding,

"I don't think we will ever go back to holding the auction the old way."

Auction prices have stabilized, and the focus has returned to strategic planning. Parliamentary elections August 5 gave the ruling party a two-thirds majority.

The election has helped settle nine months of uncertainty calmed by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, who described his vision for the country in a major address last week.

US Ambassador to Sri Lanka, Alaina B. Teplitz, praised the country for its efforts to control the pandemic without sending the economy into recession. Ambassador Teplitz com-

mented that the US is the number one destination for Sri Lankan exports.

Bilateral trade is heavily weighted in Sri Lanka's favour: The United States imports around \$2.9 billion worth of Sri Lankan products, mainly garments. Sri Lanka imports around \$390 million in US goods. The new government will emphasize exports, according to press accounts.

The island nation's total exports declined to \$277 million in April but increased to \$906 million in June. In July, revenue from tea exports rose to Rs 24.3 billion (\$130 million), an increase of Rs 4.8 billion (\$26 million) compared to June.

## Port City attracts int'l 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 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 fac-



ilities. 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.

## Measures to diversify exports to Australia

Being the largest market in the Oceania region, Australia has been recognized as an economically important country for Sri Lankan exporters to discover new opportunities in product sectors as well as in service sectors.

Continuing healthy trade relations between two countries, David Holly, the High Commissioner, Australia and Chairman of Export Development Board, Prabhash Subasinghe met at the Australia House to discuss on the way forward in increasing bilat-

eral trade relations aligning under the vision of the new government. The post COVID situation and actions being taken to propel the economy was discussed in detail at the outset.

Australia is an important market for Sri Lanka with 6% average growth during the last five years. It is the 13th export destination of Sri Lanka. And it possesses a large ethnic market for Sri Lankan products.

Chairman of EDB highlighted the initiatives carried out by the EDB to



David Holly, the High Commissioner, Australia and Chairman of Export Development Board, Prabhash Subasinghe

promote exports in the recent past and the untapped opportunities available in Australia. During the discussion, it was revealed that based



on a proposals submitted by the EDB, aBusiness Forum & B2B meeting sessions for Seafood sector have been considered to organize by the Aus-

tralian Trade Commission (AUSTRADE) considering the mutual benefits for both the countries. Opportunities to promote Sri Lanka as a logistic hub for Australian manufacturing companies was highlighted in the discussion with the possibility of organizing a meeting with Australian businesspersons for Sri Lankan Commercial hub operators.

The ICT/BPM sector is recognized as one of the most important sectors in the export services category to promote in Aus-

tralian market highlighting the need for further promotion to strive for full potential.

Continuing the discussion, the High Commissioner explained the TIFA initiatives between the two countries and current status of the activities. Chairman, EDB requested to expedite the regulatory requirement process in the Australia market for selected Sri Lankan fresh products such as Moringa, Mango and Herbal products.

Citing the Australian investments already in Sri

Lanka in Apparel, ICT, Rubber sectors, it was proposed to identify mutually benefiting other export sectors that could be value added in Sri Lanka and export to other markets taking advantage of the existing FTAs.

The High Commissioner agreed to share the information on Australia Awards opportunities for capacity building/training for the Sri Lankan entrepreneurs and the officials to build their capacity to diversify and increase exports to Australian market.

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Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)	Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
<b>Main Board</b>															
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	4,859	18.80	19.00	19.00	18.60	18.80	0.00	VALLIBEL FINANCE	11,773	56.90	56.90	57.50	56.00	57.00	0.10
ABANS	1,572	94.00	94.00	94.00	90.00	90.50	(3.50)	VIDULLANKA	79,796	5.30	5.40	5.50	5.30	5.40	0.10
ACCESS ENG SL	818,904	22.70	22.60	22.90	22.50	22.70	0.00	WATAWALA	36,728	29.80	29.60	30.30	29.60	30.00	0.20
ACL	1,048,294	47.70	47.10	47.10	46.00	46.30	(1.40)	YORK ARCADE	50	75.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	75.00	0.00
ACL PLASTICS	2,319	165.20	167.00	167.00	160.10	162.00	(3.20)	<b>SECOND BOARD</b>							
ACME	24,500	4.20	4.10	4.20	4.10	4.20	0.00	ABANS FINANCIAL	1,020	18.50	19.00	19.00	18.80	18.80	0.30
AGALAWATTE	2,361	16.00	16.00	16.70	15.90	16.30	0.30	ARPICO	1	120.20	132.00	132.00	132.00	120.20	0.00
AHOT PROPERTIES	200	35.60	35.90	35.90	35.90	35.90	0.30	ASIA CAPITAL	27,124	5.80	5.90	5.90	5.80	5.80	0.00
AITKEN SPENCE	5,121	35.00	35.20	35.40	35.20	35.20	0.20	COMM LEASE & FIN	3	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.20	0.00
ALLIANCE	15,489	39.50	41.00	41.00	39.00	40.00	0.50	DIALOG FINANCE	2	38.30	40.90	40.90	37.90	38.30	0.00
AMANA BANK	19,486	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.30	2.40	0.00	DISTILLERIES	218,391	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.60	15.60	(0.20)
AMAYA LEISURE	1,322	30.00	33.90	33.90	30.00	30.30	0.30	LOLC DEV FINANCE	95	32.20	36.00	36.00	36.00	32.20	0.00
ASIA ASSET	1	7.70	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.70	0.00	MADULSIMA	34,605	3.60	3.50	3.60	3.50	3.60	0.00
ASIRI	9,200	20.30	20.00	20.30	20.00	20.30	0.00	ODEL PLC	726	19.40	19.20	19.20	19.20	19.20	(0.20)
ASIRI SURG	14,414	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	PDL	333	150.00	141.30	141.30	141.30	141.30	(8.70)
AUTODROME	510	72.50	74.40	74.40	70.40	70.40	(2.10)	SINGER SRI LANKA	21,663	33.50	33.60	33.90	33.60	33.80	0.30
BAIRAHÀ FARMS	36,621	90.40	91.00	92.50	90.00	92.50	2.10	TRADE FINANCE	27	46.90	46.00	46.00	46.00	46.90	0.00
BALANGODA	64,222	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.50	0.50	DIRI SAVI BOARD							
BUKIT DARAH	2,611	167.00	175.00	175.00	170.00	175.00	8.00	AGSTAR PLC	21,342	4.90	5.00	5.00	4.80	4.90	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	2,841	60.00	59.90	61.40	58.50	61.40	1.40	ALUMEX PLC	123,130	12.90	12.90	13.10	12.80	13.00	0.10
C T HOLDINGS	10	150.00	147.20	147.20	147.20	150.00	0.00	AMANA TAKAFUL	30,647	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	0.00
CARGILLS XD	10	182.80	186.00	186.00	186.00	182.80	0.00	AMBEON HOLDINGS	24,021	13.00	12.80	13.00	12.50	12.90	(0.10)
CARGO BOAT	16,701	42.00	43.20	43.80	43.20	43.70	1.70	ANILANA HOTELS	13	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.00
CARSONS	25	197.00	182.00	195.00	182.00	197.00	0.00	ARPICO INSURANCE	656	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	0.00
CDB [CDB.X0000]	8,414	60.70	60.70	60.70	56.00	57.40	(3.30)	ASIA SIYAKA XD	117,529	2.80	2.70	2.90	2.70	2.80	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE XC	36,721	75.20	76.00	76.00	75.00	75.10	(0.10)	BANSEI RESORTS XD	18	8.00	8.00	8.40	8.00	8.00	0.00
CENTRAL IND.	1,180,511	56.60	57.00	58.30	56.40	56.50	(0.10)	BERUWALA RESORTS	185,508	0.80	0.80	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.00
CEYLINCO INS.	300	1,850.30	1,860.00	1,860.00	1,650.00	1,664.20	(186.10)	BIMPUTH FINANCE	104,431	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.00	11.00	(0.80)
CEYLINCO INS. [CINS.X0000]	145	776.20	782.00	800.00	780.00	789.90	13.70	BOGALA GRAPHITE	41,215	15.00	14.90	15.30	14.90	15.30	0.30
CEYLON GUARDIAN	200	78.00	78.90	78.90	78.00	78.00	0.00	BOGAWANTALAWA	35,300	12.50	13.10	13.20	13.10	13.20	0.70
CEYLON INV.	11,182	45.00	46.00	46.00	43.70	44.00	(1.00)	BPPL HOLDINGS	69,393	11.40	11.70	11.70	11.40	11.40	0.00
CEYLON TOBACCO	80	977.80	978.00	978.00	976.90	977.80	0.00	BROWNS	356	67.20	66.00	66.00	65.10	65.20	(2.00)
CHEMANEX	74	57.50	57.50	57.50	57.40	57.50	0.00	BROWNS INVSTMTS	17,969,518	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.40	2.50	0.00
CHEVRON	10,581	77.60	77.50	77.80	77.30	77.50	(0.10)	C T LAND	3,327	27.80	26.90	28.00	26.80	27.70	(0.10)
CIC XD	11,500	76.70	77.80	79.50	75.80	78.30	1.60	C.W.MACKIE	5,904	41.00	40.20	40.30	40.00	40.00	(1.00)
CIC [CIC.X0000] XD	330,163	54.00	54.40	55.90	53.00	55.10	1.10	CEYLON TEA BRKRS XD	13,944	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.10
CITRUS LEISURE	84,773	10.00	10.00	10.30	10.00	10.00	0.00	CFI	201	60.00	60.10	62.00	60.10	60.60	0.60
COLD STORES XD	830	670.00	679.90	679.90	660.00	669.90	(0.10)	CITRUS HIKKADUWA	16,983	5.70	5.90	5.90	5.60	5.60	(0.10)
COLOMBO CITY	331	726.00	735.00	735.00	730.00	730.10	4.10	CITRUS WASKADUWA	220,780	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	(0.20)
COLOMBO LAND	8,374	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	0.00	COM.CREDIT	3,727	21.80	22.20	22.20	21.90	22.00	0.20
COMMERCIAL BANK	302,656	80.00	80.00	80.00	79.50	79.60	(0.40)	COMMERCIAL DEV.	7,274	75.00	75.60	78.90	75.60	78.30	3.30
COMMERCIAL BANK [COMB.X0000]	102,994	67.30	67.30	67.60	66.90	67.00	(0.30)	DILMATH CEYLON	20	666.80	668.00	668.00	668.00	666.80	0.00
CONVENIENCE FOOD	665	635.20	635.00	635.00	625.00	630.80	(4.40)	E. CHANNELLING	1,890	5.10	5.20	5.20	5.00	5.00	(0.10)
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	46,545	7.50	7.70	7.70	7.40	7.60	0.10	DIRI SAVI BOARD							
DFCC BANK PLC	1,219,230	68.30	68.30	68.50	66.80	67.00	(1.30)	ELPITIYA	205,216	25.70	25.70	26.60	25.70	26.10	0.40
DIALOG	882,049	11.00	11.00	11.10	11.00	11.00	0.00	FORTRESS RESORTS	1,000	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	0.50
DIMO	667	285.10	285.00	295.90	285.00	285.70	0.60	GALADARI	382	7.60	7.50	7.60	7.50	7.60	0.00
DIPPED PRODUCTS	41,813	182.90	181.00	182.00	179.50	179.90	(3.00)	GUARDIAN CAPITAL	2,349	26.40	25.00	26.30	25.00	26.30	(0.10)
DOCKYARD	102,290	60.90	61.50	63.50	61.50	62.60	1.70	HAPUGASTENNE	10,960	15.90	16.00	16.70	16.00	16.50	0.60
DOLPHIN HOTELS	77,422	21.20	21.80	22.00	20.60	21.60	0.40	HATTON	195,658	8.00	8.00	8.30	8.00	8.10	0.10
DURDANS XD	854	90.00	90.00	91.00	90.00	90.00	0.00	HVA FOODS	610,196	3.90	4.00	4.30	3.90	4.10	0.20
DURDANS [CHL.X0000] XD	450	78.00	78.90	78.90	75.60	77.90	(0.10)	JETWING SYMPHONY	4,634	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	0.00
EAST WEST	44,277	12.30	12.20	12.40	12.10	12.30	0.00	JOHN KEELLS	265	46.00	47.50	47.50	46.00	46.10	0.10
EASTERN MERCHANT	1	5.10	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.10	0.00	KEELLS FOOD	6,353	100.00	99.60	100.00	99.50	100.00	0.00
EXPOLANKA	19,446,641	5.50	5.60	6.00	5.60	5.90	0.40	KEELLS HOTELS	10,500	7.90	7.80	8.00	7.80	7.80	(0.10)
FIRST CAPITAL	29,846	62.80	63.00	63.00	61.50	61.60	(1.20)	LANKA CERAMIC	1	89.80	94.20	94.20	94.20	89.80	0.00
FORT LAND	24,898	9.90	10.20	10.20	9.80	9.90	(0.10)	LAUGFS POWER	47,112	4.30	4.20	4.40	4.10	4.20	(0.10)
GRAIN ELEVATORS	6,460	59.20	59.90	59.90	59.20	59.30	0.10	LAUGFS POWER [LPL-X-0000]	16,244	3.30	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.20	(0.10)
HAYCARB	28,232	291.60	294.00	294.00	290.00	291.90	0.30	LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL	1	29.80	27.40	27.40	27.40	29.80	0.00
HAYLEYS	5,525	190.20	193.00	193.00	189.00	189.60	(0.60)	LOTUS HYDRO	47,556	6.50	6.60	6.70	6.50	6.60	0.10
HAYLEYS FABRIC	311,496	15.50	15.70	15.70	15.30	15.40	(0.10)	MACKWOODS ENERGY	18,010	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	1.60	0.00
HAYLEYS FIBRE	2,710	111.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	0.00	MAHAWELI COCONUT	27,771	29.40	29.30	29.30	27.20	28.60	(0.80)
HDFC	7,540	31.20	30.00	30.00	29.90	30.00	(1.20)	MAHAWELI REACH	701	13.40	12.80	13.00	12.70	13.00	(0.40)
HEMAS HOLDINGS	166,609	60.20	60.30	60.50	59.90	60.00	(0.20)	MARAWILA RESORTS	8,330	1.50	1.60	1.60	1.50	1.60	0.10
HNB	2,721,892	120.00	121.00	121.00	118.50	119.00	(1.00)	MASKELIYA	208,807	12.10	12.10	12.70	12.10	12.70	0.60
HNB ASSURANCE	116	135.00	135.00	135.00	134.00	134.10	(0.90)	MILLENNIUM HOUSE	14,273	5.80	5.60	5.90	5.60	5.80	0.00
HNB [HNB.X0000]	89,077	87.60	88.50	90.00	88.00	89.00	1.40	ON'ALLY	30	26.40	28.00	28.00	28.00	26.40	0.00
HORANA	2,826	21.20	21.00	21.10											



## People's Bank launches 'Made in Sri Lanka' loans programme in Matara

People's Bank, together with the Industrial Development Board (IDB), launched the "Made in Sri Lanka" Loans Programme in keeping with the Government's "Vistas of Prosperity" National Policy Framework which aims to support all those involved in the agri, plantations, fisheries, clay, batik, brass, gem and jewelry and other local industries.

The launch ceremony was held at the Provincial Council Stadium in Matara and was graced by the presence of People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse and Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku.

During the event, under the Made in Sri Lanka Loans Programme which is a timely boost to the local economy, entrepreneurs were presented with Aswenna, Vanitha Saviya, Business Power and COVID-19 capital loans. Additionally, an exhibition was made by the entrepreneurs of the People's Bank Microfinance Village comprising Polathugoda, Pathungama, Batuwita, Kahagala South and Kahagala

la. A corporate social responsibility project of the Bank which involved the handing over of books to the library of the Kahagala South Microfinance Village took place while the event was lit up by the children of the entrepreneurs who entertained the audience through their various song and dance routines.

Central Bank of Sri Lanka Matara Regional Manager W.H. Mahesh Kumara, Industrial Development Board's Director General P.L.U. Rathnamalala and Deputy Director (Matara) O.G.S. Perera, People's Bank Deputy General Manager (Enterprise Banking) Krishani Narangoda, AGM (SME) Wickrama Narayana, Regional Manager-Matara I.K. Indika, Senior Manager (Regional Loans Division) Nilmini Gunawardena, Assistant Regional Manager Sujith Kumarasinghe, Senior Legal Officer T.N. Rupasinghe, Kamburupitiya Branch Manager, R. Gayan Padma and Hakmana Branch Manager W.B.M.R. Weeraratne, together with bank officials, government officials and a large number of entrepreneurs

took part in the event. The Made in Sri Lanka Loans Programme has been launched to boost the development of local industries, promote export-oriented industries, promote import substitute industries, enhance quality of local products, increase self-employment opportunities for locals and drive regional development. IDB will provide these projects with the necessary technical and managerial support while People's Bank will provide specialised financial support to ensure sustainability of their businesses.



People's Bank Chairman Sujeewa Rajapakse and Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku enjoying the creative presentations by the entrepreneurs



Chief Executive Officer/General Manager Ranjith Kodituwakku presents a loan to a female entrepreneur

## Dilshara elevated to Chief Creative Officer at MullenLowe Group



Amer Jaleel



Dilshara Jayamanna

MullenLowe Group Sri Lanka announced the appointment of Dilshara Jayamanna as the Group's Chief Creative Officer (CCO) with effect from September 1, 2020.

Dilshara began his career in the creative industry at Young Asia Television in 2000. He was recruited into MullenLowe, then Lowe LDB, as a Creative Group Head in early 2006 by the agency's legendary founder Lilamani Dias Benson. Learning and growing under Lilamani's mentorship, he rose steadily within the agency, taking on greater responsibilities. Prior to this appointment, he served as Senior Vice President and Executive Creative Director (ECD) at MullenLowe Sri Lanka.

Over the years, he has built and nurtured some of the country's most loved brands across a wide range of industries including FMCG, Telecommunications, Banking, Insurance, FinTech, Food and Beverage, Hospitality, Automobiles and more. The agency continues to help its brands rise above the clutter and effectively engage with their audiences across mediums, winning several awards and accolades in the process.

Commenting on Dilshara Jayamanna's appointment Thayanan Bartlett, Chief Executive Officer, MullenLowe Group Sri Lanka said, "I am extremely delighted to appoint Dilshara as MullenLowe Group's Chief Creative Officer, a position he has earned by producing consistently outstanding work and for giving the agency the creative supremacy it is recognised for in the industry. His appointment makes him one of the youngest C-Suite level creative leaders before the age of 40 which speaks volumes for his capacity and tenacity. With this appointment I have no doubt that Dilshara will reset the bar for creative standards."

With his elevation Dilshara will also report to Amer Jaleel, Group Chairman and Chief Creative Officer, MullenLowe Lintas Group, India. "Our teams in Sri Lanka have continued to create outstanding work that nurtures brand love and delivers business results. Leading the charge on the agency's creative product, Dilshara has been instrumental in driving its stellar rise in the market. It gives me great pleasure to see him take on the role of CCO," said Amer.

Sharing his thoughts on taking on the new role, Dilshara Jayamanna, Chief Creative Officer, MullenLowe Group Sri Lanka said "Creativity is in a state of flux all over the world. New, exciting methods of serving up creative ideas are emerging with exhilarating regularity. I look forward to harnessing these newer facets of creativity to generate greater returns for our clients and continue the MullenLowe Group's legacy of creating Sri Lanka's best loved and most effective advertising."

MullenLowe Sri Lanka was established as LDB Lintas in 1993, and thereafter referred to as Lowe LDB, the agency comes from a powerful creative lineage.

## National Chamber hosts workshop on 'Export Procedures and Documentation'

A full day Workshop on Export Procedures and Documentation will be held on Thursday, 17 September 2020 from 8.30a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the National Chamber Auditorium, D R Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

The course provides a perfect understanding of exports for new staff, and a comprehensive revision to experienced staff to get updated with latest procedures and understanding of day to day work related



to exports. The Resource Person will be T Raviendrarajah, former Director of Customs (Over 37 years of experience at the Sri Lanka Customs in various departments) will speak on: Introduction to Export; Export Planning;



Introduction to International Trading; Source of Export; Determining Export Requirements; Export Restrictions; Terms of Sale; Incoterms 2010- A review of the main ones; Introduction to Incoterms 2020, Classifi-



cation of Export Documents; Role of Freight Forwarders in Exports; Logistics and Physical Distribution Activities; Customs Export Procedures; Port Procedures; Customs - Privileged Facilities; Special atten-

tion on "WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) - Publications & Sri Lanka Trade Information Portal (SLTIP).

The target audience will be Supervisors, Managers, all staff who are involved in exports and an ideal refresher course.

A Certificate will be issued to each participant and more details could be obtained from the National Chamber or from email nishanthi@nationalchamber.lk or sect@nationalchamber.lk



Prasad Indika Assistant General Manager IT, Lahiru Dayananda Assistant General Manager Sales and Marketing, Hirantha Tennakoon Assistant General Manager, Recoveries, Dhanushka Fonseka Chief Operating Officer and Non-Executive Director, Gerard Ondaatje MD Mercantile Investments, Shashika Senerath Chief Marketing Officer, Mobitel, Isuru Dissanayake Senior General Manager Marketing, Rishani Gunaratne Manager Mobile Financial Services, Shehan Perera - Assistant Manager Mobile Financial Services.

## Mercantile Investments partners mCash to offer loan repayment via mCash

Expanding its rapidly-growing base of strategic partners, mCash recently welcomed Mercantile Investments onboard with its advanced mobile money platform.

Under the terms of this partnership, Mercantile Investments customers can enjoy the sheer convenience of making their loan repayments via mCash, the revolutionary mobile money platform which is transforming the country's electronic payments landscape.

mCash works in partnership with leading corporates across various sectors in order to make its mobile payment platform available for enhanced convenience and speed in conducting financial transactions.

Mercantile Investments has been at the forefront of Sri Lanka's financial services industry for over 55 years, a trail-blazer in the financial services industry specializing in a wide range of innovative financial solutions including Vehicle Financing, Leasing Facilities, Deposits & Savings, Micro-Finance Solutions, Business Loans, Personal Loans, Mortgage-backed Loans as well as Pledge-loan Facilities.

In addition to extending financial inclusion, mCash has redefined the way consumers carry out transactions with the use of a mobile phone.

mCash has experienced immense growth over the last few years with a large clientele and growing cus-

tomers base that continues to expand countrywide. Mobitel's mCash has transformed the mobile money concept in Sri Lanka by introducing innovative features, and constantly creating ways in which mCash can be more inclusive and adapted to customer lifestyles.

mCash offers services such as Sending & Receiving Money, Mobile Reloads & Bill Payments, Utility, Insurance, Finance & Leasing payments, Online, In-store Shopping Payments via QR which has been developed to LankaQR standards of Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Bank Deposits and Digital Loans where Customer could apply & get a Loan from the mobile via mCash.

## FITIS Education and Training Chapter to focus on digital education

The Federation of Information Technology Industry Sri Lanka (FITIS), the apex body of the ICT industry, appointed Vajira Karunaratne, an industry expert to head the Education and Training Chapter at the virtual AGM recently.

The newly appointed Exco members of the FITIS Education and Training Chapter Executive committee 2020/21 comprise President Vajira Karunaratne (IIT), Vice President Amila Bandara (ESOFT), Secretary Kamishka Manchanayake (Aim College), Treasurer Siyamala Sumanthiram (AAT), Assistant Secretary Sunimal Wickramasinghe (ACBT), Assistant Treasurer Sajeewa Ranasinghe (Gateway), Immediate Past President S.P. Romesh

(Asian Business School) and Advisors Past Chairman FITIS and Past President E&T Chapter (Aims College) Dr. Kithsiri Manchanayake, Past President E&T Chapter (Metrix Institute) Dr. Viraj Pinto, Past President, E&T Chapter, Upul Dassanayake and Exco Committee: ICBT, VTA, Amazon College and Infinity.

Karunaratne who plays a vital role to improve the standards and the quality of IT education in Sri Lanka said he aims at improving communication between the IT industry and IT educators to create quality IT professionals for the industry which will help minimize the shortage of skilled workers in the industry.



Vajira Karunaratne

"The irony is that in the present job market there are plenty of IT certificate holders without proper skill levels to match global needs. It is important to include six monthsto one-year internship to the diplomas and degrees offered by institutes to fine tune and enhance the

skills of job seekers," Karunaratne said.

The Education and Training Chapter has over 30 reputed educational institutes in Sri Lanka as FITIS certified members.

Karunaratne said that digital technology is developing fast and there is a high demand for IT professionals locally and internationally with high salary scales. All industries in the world are using IT digital technology to carry out their businesses.

"But we have noticed that many students, teachers and parents do not have a clear understanding of the importance, opportunities and career paths in the IT industry. We conduct IT career guidance seminars, workshops and webinars

with the Ministry of Education, ICTA and other professional IT bodies to educate youth of the importance of ICT and to encourage them to choose the ICT field as their career path.

The FITIS Youth Club is a brainchild of Karunaratne to build a platform for youth to obtain exposure to the ICT industry.

"Students and youth who are interested in IT can join the FITIS Youth Club and avail many benefits offered to them," he said, adding that the Club conducts workshops, webinars to educate students. Youth Club members could join the volunteer club to work in FITIS initiated projects. The FITIS Youth Club is in the process of introducing a job portal.

## Asia Securities clarifies company name confusion

The shareholders and management of the Asia Securities group of companies ("Asia Securities") which includes Asia Securities (Pvt) Ltd, Asia Securities Wealth Management (Pvt) Ltd, and Asia Securities Advisors (Pvt) Ltd, would like to unequivocally state that Asia Securities is not related to nor affiliated with Asia Capital PLC.

This clarification follows a newspaper article published earlier this week in which reference was made to certain allegations made against Asia Capital PLC by some of its shareholders. Asia Securities was acquired by its current shareholders from Asia Capital PLC in January 2015. Since then, there has been no affiliation between

the two companies nor any common shareholdings, directors, management nor staff.

Asia Securities always has and will continue to place Integrity at the center of its business conduct, both internally and with our stakeholders.

Most of the Group's business activities are also regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE).

Asia Securities is a leading investment firm in Sri Lanka providing Investment Banking, Research, Equities, and Wealth Management services to local and international corporate, institutional, and individual clients.



## JCI Sri Lanka, CPM Sri Lanka sign MoU

Junior Chamber International Sri Lanka (JCI) and Chartered Professional Managers of Sri Lanka (CPM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) during the visit of the JCI World President to Sri Lanka.

The World President of JCI is Marc Brian Lim from Philippines. The MoU was signed by Charitha Bandara National President JCI Sri Lanka and Prof. Lakshman R. Watawala

Founder & President CPM Sri Lanka.

The World President of JCI Hennyayaka Bandara Governing Council Member CPM Sri Lanka, Safraz Saleem Immediate Past National President JCI Sri Lanka, Kosala Dissanayake Governing Council Member CPM Sri Lanka and Dr. Dilhan Sampath Jayatilake Treasurer JCI Sri Lanka and Governing Council Member CPM Sri Lanka attended the occasion.

## LAUGFS Supermarkets begins 'LAUGFS Super Family' campaign

LAUGFS Supermarkets has recently initiated a new campaign titled 'LAUGFS Super Family'. The campaign is exclusively for LAUGFS One loyalty card members and will allow members to gain even more benefits from their LAUGFS One loyalty card through entry into a raffle draw for a range of exciting prizes in collaboration with Crimson Bakeries and JADE Restaurants.

The LAUGFS Super Family campaign is active across all 38 LAUGFS Supermarket outlets island-wide and customers will need to shop using their LAUGFS One loyalty card, during their time of purchase and have at least one Crimson bakery

item included in their bill. Customers that meet all three of these requirements will be drafted into the campaign raffle and 38 winners will be selected with one winner from each outlet.

Every selected winner will receive shopping vouchers for LAUGFS Supermarkets with the option for doorstep deliv-

ery. Winners will also receive a scrumptious assortment of baked goods from Crimson Bakeries and will receive dinner vouchers for JADE Restaurants.

LAUGFS One loyalty card members receive exclusive discounts and rewards for shopping at any LAUGFS Supermarkets outlet with their

LAUGFS One loyalty cards. Crimson Bakeries produces the freshest baked goods and their products can be found in every LAUGFS Supermarkets outlet, island-wide. JADE Restaurant serves authentic Chinese delicacies prepared by expert chefs, with locations at both Maharagama and Jubilee Post, Nugegoda.

The Company's flagship brands, LAUGFS Super and LAUGFS SuperMart, cater to over 800,000 shoppers monthly. The supermarket chain also features its very own Crimson Bakeries and Medz Pharmacies, while catering to a broad spectrum of everyday customer needs such as utility bill payment facilities, providing continued convenience to its customers.





# MALAYSIA'S SIGNATURE GROUP

## To introduce world's leading Kitchen solutions to Sri Lanka

Singer has partnered with Signature Group, Malaysia's largest Kitchen Cabinet and Wardrobe manufacturer.

With this new partnership, Singer aims to begin manufacturing Signature Kitchen systems and products in Sri Lanka. This collaboration is expected to reinforce Signature brand's presence in Sri Lanka which treats the local consumers to a blend of Europeanness, elegance, style and products that are manufactured with high quality materials.

To showcase the new partnership, Singer will also be displaying Signature's innovative product portfolio in Sri Lanka for the first time at Singer Homes, Rathmalana and will expand to 30 more outlets in phase 1.

Singer will manufacture Signature Kitchen systems at the state of the art Singer Factory complex and will unleash innovative ideas to expand cuisine capacities of Sri Lankan homes backed by Signature Kitchen. Malaysia's Signature Group has been awarded the FORBES ASIA Best Under a Billion commendation, 2016 MSWG-ASEAN Corporate Governance Excellence Award and even collected many other awards in previous



Signature Kitchen by Singer



Signature Kitchen designs

years. Mahesh Wijewardene, CEO of Singer Sri Lanka PLC said, "We are extremely delighted of this partnership with Signature which allows us to bring world-class kitchen solutions to the door-steps of Sri Lankans. As a widely known household brand in Sri Lanka, Singer is well equipped to enter into Kitchen manufacturing with acclaimed Signature brand."

Malaysia's Signature Kitchen is renowned for staying abreast with innovative and contemporary European designs in kitchens and wardrobes with over 25 years of expertise and a strong presence in 15 countries. Signature Kitchen is a leader in supplying kitchen systems and solutions to the Asian market and continues its great run in retail segments as well. Quality,

functionality, design and style are well preserved at Signature Kitchen which focuses on provision of customer-driven, fully customizable solutions with innovation as its core driver.

"Singer's island-wide presence in Sri Lanka and strength in manufacturing has made it a strong candidate to this partnership. We are honored to work with a brand of the

caliber of Singer and are looking forward to this partnership which opens the opportunity for Sri Lankans to an international experience in kitchen systems. Signature team is working hand in hand with Singer (Sri Lanka) to share industry's best practices, coupled with innovation and creativity" said Tan Kee Choong, Group Managing Director of Signature International, Berhad.

## AIA Partners Ninewells Hospitals to offer Free Insurance Cover to new parents



AIA CEO Nikhil Advani and Ninewells Chief Operating Officer and Medical Director Dr. Vibash Wijeratne hand over the first complimentary AIA Life Cover to a new parent at Ninewells.

Welcoming a newborn baby to your family is one of life's greatest pleasures. All parents want nothing but the best for their children and bringing a newborn in to the world brings with it a significant responsibility of ensuring protection and wellbeing for them, for years to come.

As a company devoted to helping people live healthier, longer, better lives, AIA appreciates this monumental moment of joy intertwined with a vast sense of responsibility. And while we can't help in the many things that new parents have to deal with as they plan out a safe and fulfilling life for their babies, there is one thing we can help with. Being in the business of life insurance, we can offer new parents the peace of mind in knowing that they are financially protected in the event they need it. In doing so, AIA has partnered Ninewells to provide financial protection and security to families that step into parenthood by way of providing an Rs 1 million worth of Worldwide Personal Accidental Life Insurance cover free of charge.

AIA's Chief Executive Officer Nikhil Advani said, "As a parent, I know, having a baby is the most amazing moment for a couple, bringing great joy and a lifetime of happiness. We want these new parents to know that they can count on AIA to be there for them throughout their life journey together. We are happy to partner Ninewells which is one of the country's best maternity hospitals to add value to their customers by giving them free insurance coverage at a time when it becomes most meaningful to them. AIA's role surpasses that of an insurance payer to a life partner and that is why we want to be there for people in life's most wonderful times, just like we are there for them when things get tough." Ninewells Chief Operating Officer and Medical Director Dr. Vibash Wijeratne said, "Adding a new member to the family is the most joyful experience but it comes with it a huge responsibility and while we do our best to ensure the best medical attention and care, it is great to have a partner such as AIA on board to offer financial peace of mind and protection."

The Director Marketing Nilantha Rathnayake added "Ninewells is the market leader in women and childcare in Sri Lanka and provides a wide spectrum of treatments for women and children. As a hospital committed to adding value to our customers, we are delighted to have AIA onboard to offer our new parents a gift that will truly make a difference to their lives while guiding them towards financial protection at this significant milestone of their lives."

# Kelani Saviya Alumni Association formed



Kelani Cables Plc Senior Manager Channa Jayasinghe, Director, CEO Mahinda Saranapala, G. M. Marketing Dr. Anil Munasinghe, AGM Marketing Davinda Lorensuhewa, Co-founder and coordinator of the Kelani Saviya CSR, Jayantha Wijesinghe with the newly formed Kelani Saviya Alumni Association members

With the blessings of Director, CEO Kelani Cables Plc Mahinda Saranapala and G. M. Marketing Dr. Anil Munasinghe, the alumni association was formed for the Kelani Saviya certificate holders of the University of Peradeniya (UoP) from the period 2007.

There were nearly 400 students who have successfully completed the Kelani Saviya One year program at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering, UoP will be awarded the alumni association membership.

The first steering committee meeting was held on August 28 at the Kelani Cables Auditorium. Chaired by Director /CEO Mahinda Saranapala. Dr. Anil Munasinghe, GM Marketing, Senior Manager Channa Jayasinghe and AGM Marketing Davinda Lorensuhewa

were present at the occasion. Dr. Anil Munasinghe who delivered the keynote address emphasized the need to share the expertise, knowledge to save lives and the property of the public where electricians make serious mistakes due to lack of knowledge while using electricity in their day to day life. He pointed out that during the past few years there were alarming deaths reported due to electrocution

in the country. He added that Kelani Cables Plc always carries its tag line of Safety Forever which is vital to secure the lives of the people. The company is keen to address the issue of deaths which occur due to electrocution by initiating awareness programs, especially among schoolchildren of the country through the Kelani Saviya Alumni Association membership in future.

Saranapala also said that Kelani Cables Plc will look forward to position the Kelani Saviya Alumni Association as one of the best organizations with expert electricians who have obtained the national university certificate to offer most reliable services to the public with a guarantee.

Co-founder and coordinator of the Kelani Saviya CSR, Jayantha Wijesinghe coordinated the event.

## BCAS Kalmunai Campus hosts blood donation camp



A Health Department official and donor at the blood donation camp

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A blood donation camp for the 3rd consecutive time jointly organized by BCAS Kalmunai Campus and AJM Brothers, in collaboration with the Kalmunai Ashraff Memorial Base Hospital (AMH) under the title 'Give Blood Save Life' recently.

The event was held at the BCAS Kalmunai Campus Auditorium from 9 a.m to 1 p.m. It has been reported that more than 40 staff, student and well-wishers donors had participated in the programme. The Kalmunai Ashraff Memorial Base Hospital (AMH), blood bank doctors, nursing officers, other hospital staff, the BCAS Kalmunai Campus staff and students participated.

The Kalmunai Ashraff Memorial Base Hospital's (AMH) Blood Bank Dr. M. T. N. Sifaya expressed her gratitude to BCAS for organizing such an event when it's high time for the need of blood due to the fact that there were few blood donation camps were held in recent past due to

the impact of COVID 19. The BCAS Kalmunai Campus Manager N. T. Hameed Ali said the blood donation had been arranged, in order to support the Kalmunai Ashraff Memorial Base Hospital's blood bank. As emphasized at the 1st ever blood donation camp organized by BCAS Kalmunai Campus in 2018 to continue this as one of the annual events of BCAS, the event was the 3rd consecutive one in its line as part of its CSR activity, he said.

BCAS Kalmunai Campus is looking forward to work closely with similar institutions in the future too to contribute to the public through its CSR activities.

## Raja Jewellers offers mesmerizing range of discounts

Raja Jewellers is offering a range of mesmerizing and tantalizing discounts for its esteemed customers. Customers who visit the Raja Jewellers showrooms located in Bambalapitiya, Negombo and Kandy can now avail themselves of amazing discounts.

This amazing offer is made all the more attractive with customers being able to purchase jewellery through credit cards and cash payments. With the price of gold reaching unprecedented levels, purchasing beautiful and timeless jewellery at incredibly attractive prices is not only a wise decision, but one that customers should take advantage of and not miss out on

such an alluring offer. Customers can now avail themselves of the opportunity to look elegant, adorned in exquisite, finely-crafted gold jewellery and also in the latest designs through this unforgettable offer provided by Raja Jewellers.

Customers are invited to visit Raja Jewellers without delay and purchase the jewellery of their dreams.

The antecedents of Raja Jewellers dates back to 1928 when E.A. Fernando established E.A. Fernando Jewellers in Chatham Street, Pettah. Following a successful journey, his son, Raja Fernando renamed the business as Raja Jewellers in 1962.

The third generation of the family, Ashoka Eliyapura and Athula Eliyapura registered the company as a Limited Liability Company. Raja Jewellers has been adorned with a train of awards throughout for their high-quality standards.

The latest additions to their award collection were the four Presidential Gold Awards awarded by the national gem and jewellery authority of Sri Lanka which were presented for the Best Jewellery Manufacturer, the Jewellery Organization with the highest quality standards, Best Gold Jewellery item and the Most Experienced Gem Cutter.



## Lanka Hospitals holds first virtual AGM



Lanka Hospitals' virtual Annual General Meeting

Lanka Hospitals became the first private hospital to hold a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) recently.

The AGM was held in the presence of Lanka Hospitals' Board of Directors led by Chairman, Dr. Bandula Wijesiriwardena and Senior Management at the hospital auditorium. Lanka Hospitals' shareholders for the first time participated in the AGM by connecting online via ZOOM. The virtual AGM is the first to be held by a private hospital in Sri Lanka.

"The virtual AGM was held this year for the first time due to COVID-19 and to prevent any possible spread of infection. Ensuring the safety and well-being of

our patients, visitors and staff at Lanka Hospitals is our utmost priority and therefore we chose to conduct the AGM virtually to practice safe social distancing measures," Lanka Hospitals' Group Chief Executive Officer, Deepthi Lokurachchi said.

Lanka Hospitals is a publicly listed company with a majority stake owned by the government. It is a 270-bed multi-specialty tertiary care hospital complete with state-of-the-art features that are complemented by cutting-edge technology and staffed by a well-experienced and trained team, including some of the best specialists and doctors in Sri Lanka. The

hospital also provides a complete range of the latest diagnostic and high-end medical technology. Lanka Hospitals is the first hospital in Sri Lanka to be awarded with some of the most prestigious accreditations in the world for its healthcare service standards including the Joint Commission International (JCI) accreditation 6th edition and the world-respected Medical Tourism Certification from the Medical Travel Quality Alliance (MTQA). Furthermore, Lanka Hospitals Diagnostics (LHD) is the only Sri Lankan laboratory to be accredited by the prestigious laboratory accreditation body, The College of American Pathologists (CAP).



Lanka Hospitals' Group Chairman, Dr. Bandula Wijesiriwardena addressing the virtual AGM

## Nithyakalyani Jewellery cleans up Wellawatte Beach



Wellawatte Nithyakalyani Jewellery, for the fourth time, carried out its signature social service project cleaning up the Wellawatte beach stretch recently.

The event organized by Wellawatte Nithyakalyani Jewellery with the support of Wellawatte Police witnessed the staff and customers of Nithyakalyani and the general public collaborate for this project.

The beach clean-up was carried out on August 16 from 6 am onwards, and it was a sight to behold when the beach that had been littered with garbage transformed into a beautiful stretch of pristine sand, thanks to this social service project. Participating in the event, CEO of Wellawatte Nithyakalyani Jewellery, A. P. Jayarajah stated that the beach cleaning campaign is a key component of their CSR calendar and that the organization is delighted to be part of this worthy cause.

"Our beaches are our responsibility. We should join hands to protect our beautiful beaches constantly through programs such as these," added Dhivakar Balasubramaniam, Associate Partner of Wellawatte Nithyakalyani Jewellery.



# TWC

To re-ignite the passions of town & country folk

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Tea plucking is therapeutic and great way to destress the mind

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## THE GOLDEN VALLEY'S TEA OF LIFE



Tea artists take to the streets



Talawakele lion soul and need to protect the island from evil with the devil dancing mask to help the country rise up



St Mary's hand painted glass



Cameron commissioned the glass makers



Destroying nature has to stop!

**S**ir Arthur Conan Doyle the writer of Sherlock Holmes said: "The tea fields of Ceylon are as great a monument to courage as the plains of Waterloo."

Tourism trends show that the future is making the most of the great outdoors, from Street art on village walls to ancient trails through tea estates, where social distancing is easier than the crowded cities and in a way more in line with the first pioneers who first visited the country. Norwood is a stunning place to unplug and reboot ones mind, being a stunning area with only a small village in the Central Province, known as 'The Golden Valley of Tea'; a place you can try your hand at picking tea, only to realise it takes both talent, experience and dextrous speed, to keep up with the Norwood plucking ladies who have been doing this for generations. If you want to disconnect yourself from the outside world then this is the place to do it, walking along ancient tea trails. To learn about the rich culture of the people living in the area, it is worth studying the most significant 19th century female British photographer, Julia Margaret Cameron, who was totally bewitched by Sri Lankan plantation life and the incredible medicinal knowledge of the local people. Leaving Norwood Ceylon Tea Trails Bungalow behind you, with its fine views of the eastern end of the Bogawantalawa valley, head along the trail to the next valley to find St Mary's church, where Julia Margaret Cameron is actually buried, not Tiensin as many people suggest named after the Chinese village that the original tea seedlings came from. It is here that this famous photographer of the people of the coffee and later tea country was buried in 1879, at the age of 63, having spent six years producing wholly original portraits of the islanders way of life. Cameron originally went to Sri Lanka, then Ceylon, to help manage the family coffee plantation, which was badly damaged by the blight, but was soon mesmerised by the strength and



St Mary's last resting place of Photographer Julia Magaret Cameron

extraordinarily powerful spirit and knowledge of the people of the hills.

Her black and white photographs, already well known in London society, showed a new level of respect for these hardy characters of the hills, unmatched even to this day by other portrait photographers. Always supported by her coffee farming husband, Cameron wrote: "My husband, from first to last, has watched every picture with delight, and it is my daily habit to run to him with every glass photographic plate upon which a fresh glory is newly stamped, and to listen to his enthusiastic applause."

Her obsession, to capture the beautiful people of the hills as she walked through the plantations daily learning about everything from family traditions to festival ways of life. Cameron's dramatically lit pictures, with soft focus and angles that looked up at those she captured uniquely caught the inner strength of these inspirational people whose descendants still live in these remote pockets; copies can be seen in Tiensin Bungalow. With this in mind, Bogawantalawa, The Long Valley is a serene spot, unchanged for centuries, full of eccentric characters who are considered the pioneering spirits of Ceylon Tea. The Long Valley is a place that is so picturesque and old world one can see why stories hark back to a time when the planters would travel on horse back or walk through the tea fields and forests, collecting the freshest tips so they continually refine tea was made. Today many of the roads that lead to these more remote areas are covered in Street art communicating a modern message about the lives of the people in this fascinating area.

I learn as I walk each day how over hundreds of years, people from different religions have intermarried and this has brought deep harmony to the area, as through this, they have come to understand each others' differences, which they respect through working alongside each other, on one of the country's biggest foreign currency earners - tea. 'Cultural mixation', does not allow space for conflict, as the people of the hills understand and learn that there are many different approaches to solving a problem and living a good life. This mixation leads to excellent community teamwork, and self development, which should really be the model for the world to learn from. A common goal, now, is to work for higher economic and sustainable development, of the tea industry, which they hope will spread to all other areas of working practices. The most important resources in any country, after all, are the humans and their wellbeing. As I head past a kovil and a chapel side by side, with the mosque a short distance away, one realises with only a back pack with food and clothing that "Everyone has a job and purpose here. There are no time wasters like in the West, owing to family and work responsibilities, and social respect, reinforced by the highly respected elders, that connects one generation to the next and is embedded in everything they do." Knowledge and ethics are always good for communication and, in particular, the social development and wellbeing of its community in the long term, as sometimes, you need to be reminded that what you do is special and helps the country to thrive and share its natural gifts from the gods, with the outside world. Tea has always given people a chance to sit down and take stock of any situation and make a plan. Now it is an excellent solution for a social distancing break in the tea country, that will not only get you fit, but also allow you to enjoy centuries of natural wisdom in places where pioneers have always led the way. So mask up and head for the hills for a truly holistic holiday.



Are we all self-serving prisoners to the machine?



Norwood Town: a place rich in religion and Tamil culture



# Journey to The East!



Hiran Cooray



The East Coast is a region where tourism booms during this time of year, however there is much to discover on the journey towards the coastal towns and Hiran Cooray, Chairman of Jetwing Symphony is ready to show guests a unique perspective of the less explored gems of our island. The tour named "Journey to the East", is the second instalment of his tours across the country and is a 5-day guided tour with Hiran from September

22 to 26 and will take guests on exciting excursions through Pottuvil and Wellaway. "There's so much we have yet to discover that will make us appreciate our home and heritage even more. I'm excited to introduce my Sri Lankan friends to these unexplored parts of our island," said Hiran Cooray. The tour will consist of visits to ancient ruins, national parks and river safaris, with luxury accommodation and delicious meals at Jetwing Surf and Jetwing Kaduruketha along with return transport from Colombo

for a reasonable price per person on double sharing basis. Jetwing Surf is a divine eco luxury resort in Pottuvil, from cabanas fitted with plush king-sized beds to an infinity pool by the sea with a pool bar under swaying coconut trees. Nestled in the midst of rolling hills, Jetwing Kaduruketha in Wellaway has been designed to resemble a traditional village with rustic dwellings among lush paddy fields. Hiran Cooray, a trailblazer in the Sri Lankan tourism industry, has visited nearly 100 countries and has been an avid nature lover

since childhood. It was his passion to showcase Sri Lanka's best that saw hospitality expand to destinations such as Wellaway and Pottuvil. Join Hiran, as he invites you on a journey to some of the most wondrous yet unexplored destinations around the island, from exciting safaris, visits to archaeological sites, to immaculate beaches and lush paddy fields that span for miles, this is an exclusive adventure not to be missed! For inquiries and reservations contact Hafi on +94 707 347048 or Asangka on +94 70795 4986

## MARMADUKE



"Fantastic! This has been the most peaceful walk ever!"

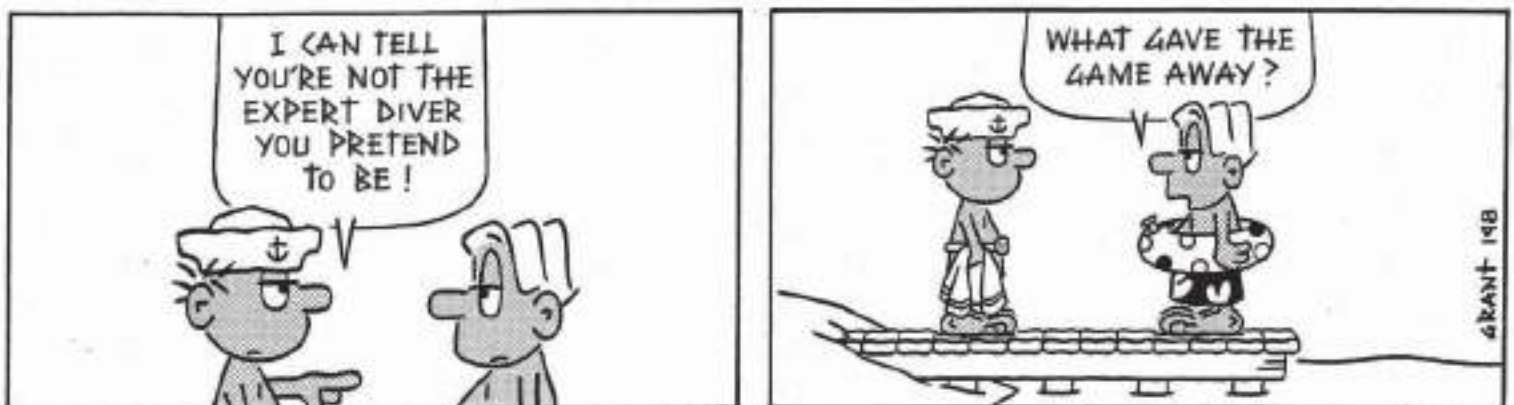
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## UP & RUNNING





# Holistic planning approach

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Principal Architect of Russell Dandeniya Chartered Architects, Director of RDC Architects (Pvt) Ltd, Archt. Russell Dandeniya says his image of Colombo is medium rise three to four storied buildings in a city with a fusion of colonial historic building fabric with modern cozy public spaces. ArchWorld features Dandeniya who points out to mix development as the way forward for Colombo.

"If we want to make Colombo more vibrant, we have to extend the night life. We are a nation who is living happily, enjoying, celebrating and retaining close family ties and bonds with the extended families and friends. Therefore, I don't like *Friday fever* in Sri Lanka. If anyone wants to create a night life, there should be designated pockets, spaces and regions. If the focus is on office buildings in Colombo, then we will have a dead city in the night. Therefore, correct mix of development accommodation, residential, office, retail commercial and entertainment of functional entities should be there. It should simply be an Asian brand of night life based on family life, as example *Jayasalmi* in India-rooftop night life which is a family-based night life, where they use mostly folk music. Some great cities of the world are dead in the night. It should be a vibrant and awakened city if we continue mix development, I am sure we will be the 'Wonder of Asia' with more control and a holistic planning approach," said Dandeniya.

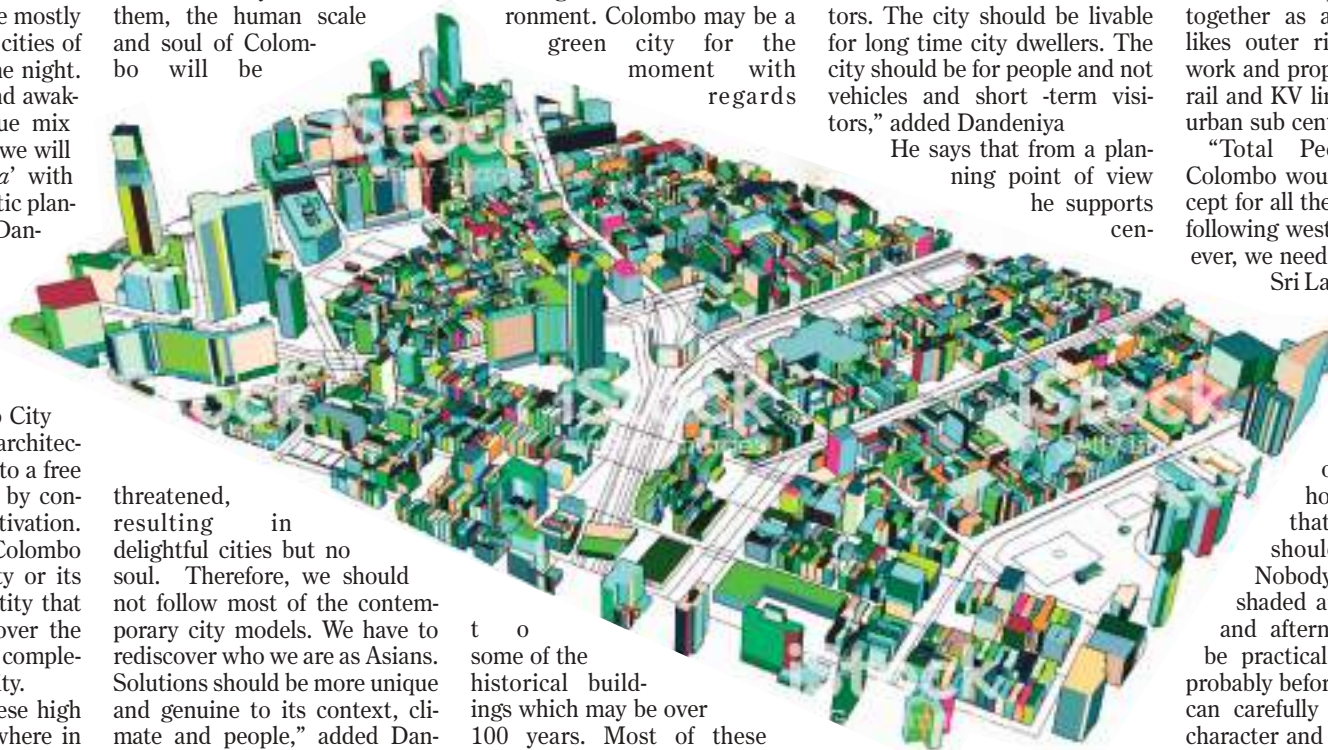
Dandeniya pointed out that what we see in Colombo - places like Marino Mall, Shangri-La, One Galle Face and Colombo City Center is more than an architectural trend - it responds to a free market economy driven by consumerism and profit motivation. However, he says that Colombo should retain its identity or its 'poetic rhythm', an identity that Colombo has built up over the years. Changes should complement the image of the city.

"I can see most of these high rises can be found anywhere in the consumerist world. I have seen many countries that have



Russell Dandeniya

developed three-dimensional scale city models where one can simply fit it in to the collage of the city. I proposed several times to UDA to prepare 3D model for Colombo and Kandy incorporating all the buildings coming up, so the design will suit the local context. For me, Colombo is still today, a mostly green, historical layered simple city. Now, it is experiencing an unprecedented development boom. But development should focus on the human layer and human scale. I am confused about some of these developments. Why are we following these so-called developed cities such as New York, Kowloon, Shanghai, down town LA? If we try and imitate them, the human scale and soul of Colombo will be



3D model city

threatened, resulting in delightful cities but no soul. Therefore, we should not follow most of the contemporary city models. We have to rediscover who we are as Asians. Solutions should be more unique and genuine to its context, climate and people," added Dandeniya.

When it comes to Port City,

income generation global financial players will be attracted to this location. In that scenario, its success or failure will be decided by the global economy and political situation. As an architect it is premature for them to make predictions about the financial success or growth potential of Port City. But the exposure our younger generation will have in terms of capacity development, knowledge transfer and expose to modern techniques and technology is important. It involves collaboration by a team of experts, working collectively towards a most current state of the art city planning.

Dandeniya says that for him, it is an expert proposal which is totally international and surely not national. There is no local feel or pulse embedded into this international development, only the enormous exploring of business opportunities. Infrastructure, in terms of transport, electricity, main land interface and connection will be so crucial since Colombo city is even struggling when it comes to supporting itself.

He points out that it is not difficult to make Colombo a green city. Green has different meanings in terms of built environment. Colombo may be a green city for the moment with regards

to some of the historical buildings which may be over 100 years. Most of these buildings are really green buildings. Vegetation and streetscapes



are really important. In most parts of Colombo, we can see most of the roads on either side have huge trees merging their canopies. Most of the plots in Colombo are fairly large where lots of gardens are still maintained.

"I think maintaining the existing green and enhancing it with sustainable energy plans are important. Equally important is increasing the national forest cover that can reduce the urban carbon foot print. High rise buildings are coming right up to the road edge or building line because there are no proper regulatory measures. Take Venice, Siena, or Florence, see how cleverly they fuse the historical layers along with the landscape to create real green cities. We have to reinstate the soul of Colombo by introducing more green with the current development. Also, we need to follow a policy, which does not cater for one-time visitors. The city should be livable for long time city dwellers. The city should be for people and not vehicles and short-term visitors," added Dandeniya.

He says that from a planning point of view he supports cen-



Green shaded pathways

tralization, but due to the scale of the city, decentralization and suburbanization would be ideal. This is because concentrated development caters to only a selected segment of the population. Decentralization should be done in a holistic manner taking into account the attitudes of the people. Decentralization could work one day gaining the good will of the people. But it needs to have that magnetic attraction. If we are decentralizing it could be considerable distances like Kalutara, Homagama, Kaduwela and Wattala. These sub centers should be self-oriented and self-sustained entities. Similarly, Dandeniya feels that we should link these peripheral cities together as a ring, saying he likes outer ring, highway network and proposed light, mono-rail and KV lines which support urban sub centers.

"Total Pedestrianizing of Colombo would be a great concept for all the planners who are following western models. However, we need to remember that Sri Lanka is very humid. Pedestrianizing is possible in Sri Lanka, only if we are willing to change our office and school hours. But I know that our attitudes should also change. Nobody will walk along a shaded arcade in day time and afternoons. This could be practical after 6 pm and probably before 10 am. But if we can carefully analyze our own character and design a city with wind corridors, wind harnessing, green shaded pathways and

improve on our urban foliage cover that would be an answer. Also, we need to organize our transport system," pointed out Dandeniya.

Dandeniya suggested that we have to regulate the parking regulations in Colombo. With the limited road width and booming of high-rise developments, the roads become busy and congested. We have to think about parking. Everywhere where there are public amenities and spaces, we need to provide ample parking. We have to go for more concentrated parking layouts and proper planning for distribution.

"The evolution or the growth of the field of architecture relies on the architects' ability to feel the pulse of the socio cultural, socio religious, socio economic, socio political, awareness of people. Technology is only one part of the equation. The Architect fraternity of Sri Lanka are fully equipped and ready to undertake any of the developments or mod-

ern technological usages. Some of us have been exposed to foreign cultures. If we get an equal playing field, I am sure we Sri Lankan Architects can do wonders. It is truly a process with tremendous opportunities to learn and practice. As Architects we need to expand on our knowledge and horizons. Many of our Sri Lankan Architects have engaged in international projects and many Sri Lankan Architects have won international awards for their work," explained Dandeniya.

He pointed out that Solar power and other renewable energy sources could be an answer for Architects who aim to devise architectural strategies to cut down on energy consumption and who aim at sustainability. Some designs may have their own strong technical justification, because we are in a matrix of market driven society and the paradigm shift is from local to global.



Parking spaces.

## Green Architecture: What makes a structure a 'Living Building'?

SILVIA OMBELLINI

According to the Scientific American, a "living building" as approved by the United States Green Building Council is the new construction ideal in the United States. According to Euronews, another important web source, the world population is bound to turn 68% green by 2050, with an increased number of individuals striving to meet the criteria of turning working and home facilities into "green" or "living" buildings. With so many constant changes occurring in our environment and a clearer shift in human consciousness, we predict that there is a high chance of interest, and thus investments in such structures will boost by 2040. So, it would be helpful to check out the criteria for qualifying as a green building, wouldn't it? This is exactly why we are here for. Let's explore these concepts together.

According to researcher Joseph Allen at Harvard University, "sick" buildings exist, and they pollute the environment. They are, therefore, toxic and unfit for the changes that will unfold, at least from an environmental perspective. In the end, a green building promotes healthy construction behaviors and a desirable environment. Moreover, these buildings should meet the following



criteria:

- They should use energy and water efficiently and productively, but most importantly, sustainably.

- Solar energy should be one of the main goals.

- Green building aerial surroundings should be kept clean of any damaging substances.

- The materials used for construction should not be under any way toxic or damaging, let alone non-sustainable.

- The people occupying the building should be satisfied with the sustainable conditions imposed by the building manager. Their quality of life should be high and rising.

### Construction and design

A green building should take on a design that easily adapts to the changing environment without hesitation. That means, the design must be sustainable so, according to the World Commission on the Environment and Development, it should meet each generational need. To build up such a schema, you must ask yourself the following questions:

- Does your building promise a long life-time?

- Is it beneficial for the environment?

- How about the building's energy use?

- Would your project damage the environment in any way?

- Can the elements that were used for construction be recycled and renewed? If not, could they be replaced without damaging its whole structural design?

- Does the building contribute or could possibly contribute to the waste stream?

### Europe vs. United States

Some countries in Europe are way more developed than extended areas of buildings in the United States. That is because Europe has been putting in a constant effort throughout the years to keep its buildings green and thus, sustainable. Some of the most developed countries include Germany, The Netherlands, and France. Europe is closely followed by Asia in the green building progression industry, with Japan having built almost 80% of its urban structure in a "green" way. The projects are

usually implemented by the government and thus, must be respected, turning these countries into hubs of beautiful landscapes and healthy living environments.

The United States should follow the example of the European and Asian countries in this aspect. The United States Green Buildings Council announced in 2013 that the country's efforts to move towards a more sustainable "green building" environment are put in place. The markets for "living buildings" have therefore grown in the last years, turning the US into an advocate and strong supporter of eradicating climate change. According to the same source, investments in the "greenfield" are encouraged, with the market expecting water and material waste industries to decrease by at least -20% for the years to come.

### How can we help?

There are many ways in which you can make a difference in our environment, whether or not green building construction is your thing. Here are some quick ideas for you, my dear friend:

- Waste as little as possible by maximizing reusable and natural materials

- Engage in recycling, also when you are furnishing your home or garden;

- Minimize your personal energy consumption of the home, for example by choosing LEDs and low consumption light bulbs;

- Reduce water consumption, for example by installing flow reducers in taps, and avoid waste;

- Plant trees and grow an organic garden. If you don't have an open space, choose plants that can help in purifying the air in your home.

- Promote health and the environment's well-being as much as you can, whenever you can!

### Conclusion

While it's true that sick buildings have been around for a while, the world is slowly changing into a more sustainable one. So, make sure you put in the efforts to make our Planet healthier and less prone to disease and illness. We all know what can happen if we don't pay enough attention.

- www.ecobnb.com

## Inspirational Architecture Quotes

"To provide meaningful architecture is not to parody history but to articulate it." - Daniel Libeskind  
"Action is the foundational key to all success." - Pablo Picasso

"A great building must begin with the immeasurable, must go through measurable means when it is being designed, and in the end must be unmeasured." - Louis Kahn

"In reality some images or drawings have a greater impact than many buildings that are built." - Emilio Ambasz

"Form ever follows function." - Louis Henry Sullivan

"A museum is a place where one should lose one's head." - Renzo Piano

"Architecture should speak of its time and place, but yearn for timelessness." - Frank Gehry

"Very often the opinion of the clients must be disregarded in their own interest." - John M. Johansen  
"I would like my architecture to inspire people to use their own resources, to move into the future." - Tadao Ando

"It is not easy to do something good, but it is extremely difficult to do something bad." - Charles Eames

"Architects spend an entire life with this unreasonable idea that you can fight against gravity." - Renzo Piano

"To create, one must first question everything." - Eileen Gray

"Architecture is basically a container of something. I hope they will enjoy not so much the teacup, but the tea." - Yoshio Taniguchi

"Any work of architecture which does not express serenity is a mistake." - Luis Barragán

"When we build, let us think that we build for ever." - John Ruskin

"Less is more." - Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

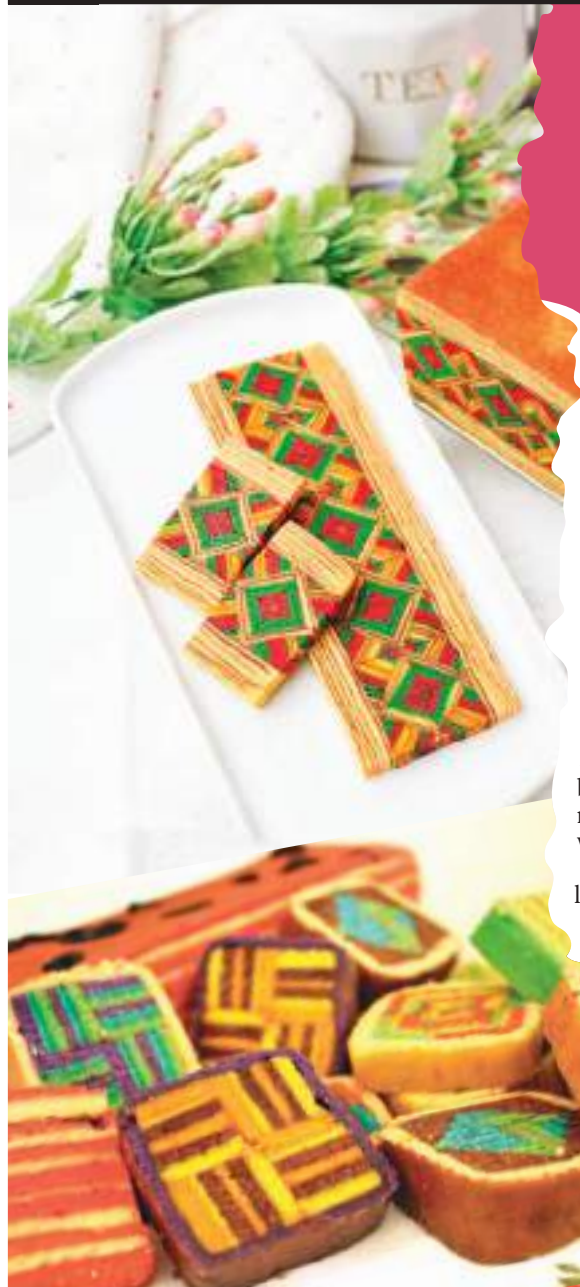
"When I'm working on a problem, I never think about beauty. But when I've finished, if the solution is not beautiful I know it's wrong." - Buckminster Fuller

"As an architect you design for the present, with an awareness of the past, for a future which is essentially unknown." - Norman Foster





# COMPLEXITY IN EVERY SLICE!



**F**estive cakes can make any occasion special, and the Malaysian delicacy called kek lapis Sarawak is so beautiful that no other table centerpiece is needed. First baked in the 1970s, layer cakes from Indonesia originally inspired bakers in the state of Sarawak to develop their own version with complex designs comprising thin, naturally flavored layers.

The confections were initially crafted for special holidays, but the popular dessert has become a source of regional pride and is now sold year-round from master bakers who have spent years perfecting their skills.

The construction of kek lapis Sarawak is labor-intensive; one cake can take up to eight hours to complete. It's thanks to the geometric designs that help give the dessert its

name. ("Lapis" means layers in Bahasa Malaysia, the official language of Malaysia.) To create these motifs, the batter must be baked in large pans, adding a new thin layer of color every 10 minutes. The cakes are then strategically cut based on a sketch designed by the baker. They are then reassembled, using condensed milk or jam as a binding agent, and their kaleidoscopic beauty appears as cross-sections that are revealed with each slice. Baking kek lapis Sarawak requires years of skill and practice - just ask Jennifer Chen. She first baked the delicacy in 1980 at the request of a friend who missed her own mother's recipe. Through experimentation with flavors, Chen built a successful business. Although she retired from professional baking in 2003, Chen has said that while her decades of practice allow her to easily bake kek lapis Sarawak, "For a learner...I don't think they can

pick it up so soon. It's very confusing." Kek lapis Sarawak became a passion for Chen and her family. Chen's daughter, Karen Chai, continues her legacy with her business Kitchen Confidante. Chai builds off her mother's expertise and knowledge with her own background as an engineer and her training at Le Cordon Bleu, the legendary cooking school in Paris. In an email to My Modern Met, Chai reflects on how her kek lapis Sarawak has evolved, writing, "The designs are much more complex, and the taste is refined from the continuous exploration of better-quality ingredients and micro changes in the baking process that can significantly influence the outcome."

My Modern Met



## DELIGHTFUL 'ICE CREAM TULIPS'



**T**he tulip is one of the world's most popular flowers thanks to their bright, showy petals that are an iconic symbol of springtime. And just when you thought that tulips couldn't get any more delightful, they've combined with one of the world's favourite sweet treats to make something extra special.

The ice cream tulip is a unique variety with a white cone emerging from pink petals. The white petals, which resemble a peony, don't fully open, making them look like a delicious

ice cream cone sitting in a vibrant pink bowl. These perennial bulbs are best planted in the fall and grow up to 16 inches tall. They do well in hardiness zones three to eight, which covers a good part of the United States and Europe.

Once planted, these tulips bloom in late spring and are certainly eye-catching whether they're in the garden or used in cut flower arrangements. Given their unique appearance, ice cream tulips have become quite popular. They're featured in famous tulip gardens around the world, including the iconic Keukenhof in Holland. My Modern Met



## World's most expensive sheep



**A** Texel lamb named Double Diamond and described by many as "genetically perfect" recently became the world's most expensive sheep, commanding a price of 350,000 guineas (\$490,000) at a Scottish auction. Texel sheep, originating from the tiny island of Texel, just off the coast of the Netherlands, routinely command five-figure prices at auctions, thanks to their lean meat and wool used for hosiery yarns, but a particularly special specimen just made other Texels look cheap. Double Diamond, an outstanding lamb featuring the best genetics, had sheep breeders in the whole of the UK up in arms trying to somehow get their hands on him. Even before the Scottish National Texel sale in Lanark had started, some breeders had already partnered up to bid a higher price for Double Diamond.

"It was more nerve-racking than excitement," Jeff Aiken, one of three breeders who allied to bid for Double Diamond, said. "We knew it was going to be something really special. He was just an outstanding animal, backed up by all the best genetics. There was about seven or eight people who really wanted him and that's what led to the price."

Before the auction, Aiken and another breeder had decided to bid for the lamb together, but as competition became stiffer, a third breeder joined the partnership. Thus the trio managed to outbid everyone else, offering a whopping 350,000 guineas (\$490,000) for Double Diamond. The previous record for a sheep sold at auction stood at just over \$307,000, set in 2009.

"Don't get me wrong, it is an obscene amount of money to pay for a sheep, and it definitely should not be a reflection on the farming community," Aiken pointed out.

So what's next for Double Diamond, the new world's most expensive sheep? Well, his three owners will be sharing him on their farms, pairing him off with dams for a premium price, and as he gets older, his sperm will be collected for artificial insemination, so he can continue passing on his exceptional genetics. One thing is for sure, Double Diamond will have a lot of work to do to justify his price tag. *Oddity Central*

**T**he Covid-19 pandemic is forcing tourism businesses to think outside the box in order to stay afloat. Case in point, a Kerala hotel and spa that turned its pristine swimming pool into a fish farm.

The Aveda Resort and Spa in Kumarakom, Kerala had to shut down operations in March, as part of a nationwide coronavirus lockdown, and hasn't been able to open since. To make sure that its employees have some activity and that the property generates some income to hopefully pay basic bills so it can survive until tourism opens again, management decided to repurpose a 7.5-million-litre swimming pool as a fish pond.

"We have had zero revenues, so in June, we put around 16,000 2-month-old pearl spot fish in the pool," Aveda's general manager, Jyotish Surendran, told AFP. "We plan to harvest by November and will export to the Middle East."

Surendran estimates that Aveda will be able to harvest around four million tonnes of pearl fish from the makeshift pond, which they plan to sell for around \$40,000 in the Middle East. That's hardly enough to cover the losses sustained by the business during the lockdown, but at least it keeps the staff busy and should help pay maintenance bills.

The rectangular pool is 150 metres in length and 50 metres in width, with

## LUXURY SWIMMING POOL TURNED FISH POND



even depth which is ideal for aquaculture. We started fish farming on June 1, which would give sufficient time for harvest by Christmas," the manager added. "After consultations with the experts, we decided to go for pearl spots since they are endemic to this region. So we emptied the pool and pumped in fresh water from the Vembanad Lake to provide an ideal environment for the 16,000 seedlings we purchased from four sources."

Now that they've had a taste of fish farming, the hotel staff don't want to let it go even when tourism eventually opens again, and the Aveda Resort and Spa management is already planning to continue fish farming in some other location nearby, so it can at least source fresh pearl fish for guests. *Oddity Central*

## RECORD-BREAKING MARRIAGE



**J**ulio Mora and Waldramina Quinteros have been married longer than most people have been alive. He is aged 110 and she is 104 - and they've just been awarded the Guinness World Record for the world's oldest married couple.

Mr Mora was born on 10 March 1910 and Ms Quinteros on 16 October 1915. Combined, the Ecuadorian couple have lived just shy of 215 years. There are longer marriages that the Guinness World Records is aware of, but none between people so old.

The pair married in 1941 in the first church built by the Spanish in Quito: La Iglesia de El Belen. Julio secretly slipped away from his parents to wed his lover as neither of their families approved. Advertisement "We never divorced, never something similar. We didn't think about that," Ms Quinteros said.

Both are retired teachers and live in the north-central part of Quito, Ecuador's capital. *Sky News*





## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, MAHARAGAMA

### TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the National Institute of Education, from qualified Suppliers in Sri Lanka, for the Supply and Installation of Media Equipment.

	Tender File No.	Item	Non-refundable Bid Fee - Rs. -	Bid Security Amount - Rs. -
01	NIE/LP/2020/38	Media Equipment	2,950.00	94,500.00

Tender Forms and all other details can be obtained on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of the receipt to the Procurement Officer, which is received on payment of the non-refundable fee, made to the Account No. 607628 of the Director General at the Bank of Ceylon, Maharagama.

Issuance of Tender Forms will be closed at 3.00 p.m. on **28.09.2020**.

Completed Tender Forms could either be sent by Registered Post addressed to **Chairman, Procurement Committee, National Institute of Education, High Level Road, Maharagama** or placed in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Deputy Director General (Administration, Finance and Support Services) to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020**. The cover containing the tender should be marked, the relevant Tender File Number at the left-side top corner. Tenders received will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020**.

The decision of the Director General of the National Institute of Education in this regard shall be the final.

For further details in this regard can be obtained on Telephone Nos. **0117601797, 0117601799**.

**Director General,  
National Institute of Education,  
Maharagama.**

04.09.2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF APOLOGY

I, **Mohomed Siddique Mohamed Rifkhan** of No. 69, Satham Road, Pattiyadippity, Akkaraipattu do hereby state that while was working at the New Medi Care situated at No.56/1, Amparai Road, I was found guilty that I stored and sold drugs which were don't have proper licence, and a case was filed against me at the magistrate's court of Akkaraipattu under case No.58230/FDI/2020. I confessed and a fine of Rs 40,000/= imposed on me on 30.07.2020. I hereby seek the apology from the general public of Sri Lanka and I pledge that I shall not commit any such offences in the future.

### Procurement Notice

#### Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha

Quotations are invited for the purchase of compost containers, garbage bins and hume pipes required for the Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha. Specifications with details could be obtained by calling over at the head office of Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha. Further details could be obtained through Telephone 037-2252075.

**K. Wilbert Kulathunga,  
Chairman,  
Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Rideegama.**



## SRI LANKA PORTS AUTHORITY

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

1. The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the Sri Lanka Ports Authority now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the items given below.

Tender No.	Name of the Tender	Bid Security Amount (Rs.)	Document Fee (Inclusive of VAT)	Closing Date & Time
CES/FP/03/PT/6069(MAR)	02 Nos. Tooth Rings for Wartsila 8L26 Engines of M/T Nandimithra	30,000.00	1,000.00	29.09.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/06/PT/6078 (Trinco)	Supply of 200M Fence Oil Boom	60,000.00	1,000.00	29.09.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6090(MP)	Spares for Kobelco RK 250-3 Mobile Crane	70,000.00	1,000.00	29.09.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6095(EL)	Spreader Cable for STS Cranes	30,000.00	1,000.00	06.10.2020 10.00 hrs
CES/FP/03/PT/6105(EL)	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 350 KVA Prime Rated Generator	80,000.00	1,000.00	06.10.2020 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/01/055	Supply of Overall - 5000 Nos. for Year 2021	170,000.00	3,500.00	24.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/02/57	Lubricants (42840 Litres Diesel Engine Oil SAE 15W - 40 CI)	140,000.00	3,500.00	24.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/003	Deep Discharge Type Batteries for Solar System at Beruwala Light House Premises	30,000.00	1,000.00	24.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/07/055	Supplying of 4000 Tons of 3.5-6.5 Ton Rock Boulders for Rehabilitation of Existing Breakwater at the Port of Galle	75,000.00	1,000.00	25.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/20/020	22 Nos. Laptop Computer	46,000.00	1,000.00	25.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/08/011	20 KW Solar System for Galle VIP Circuit Bungalow	50,000.00	1,000.00	25.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/18/PT/17/055	7600 Nos. T-Shirt (Colour with Logo)	60,000.00	1,000.00	28.09.2020 13.30 hrs Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time 16.09.2020 10.00 hrs
CMS/LP/20/PT/15/051	Supply of Drive Sprocket Wheel Rs. 200 Z-12 (1T 971605-35) 06 - Nos.	17,500.00	1,000.00	28.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/07/028	02 Nos. DIA. 600MM Flexible Floating Hoses 12M Length Set	70,000.00	1,000.00	29.09.2020 13.30 hrs
CMS/LP/19/PT/17/055	8000 Nos. T-Shirt (Colour with Logo) Year 2020	60,000.00	1,000.00	29.09.2020 13.30 hrs Pre Bid Meeting Date & Time 16.09.2020 10.00 hrs

- Bidders are hereby informed that the provisions of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 are applicable for Tenders exceeding Rs. 5 million. Accordingly, all parties involved in each aforementioned Tenders are required to strictly abide by the said act throughout the duration of contract. Furthermore, any Bidder who wishes to act as an Agent, Sub-Agent, a Representative or a Nominee for and on behalf of any foreign Manufacturer or a Supplier is required to register himself with the Registrar of Public Contracts and submit the duly completed Registration Certificate along with his Bid Documents.
- The Bidders should have been in the business of supplying similar goods given above at least during the last three (3) years.
- Interested Bidders may obtain further information from The Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested Bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee indicated in Column 4 from 04th September, 2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on working days, up to day prior to the closing date. The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before closing time. Late Bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend in person at the address below at closing time. All Bids must be accompanied by the amount of abovementioned Bid Security.

**Chief Manager (Supplies & Material Management),  
Supplies Division,  
Sri Lanka Ports Authority,  
No. 45, Leyden Bastian Road, Colombo 01.**

Telephone Nos : 2482231, 2483338, 2482499, 2482832, 2482409, 2482652, 2482638, 2483024  
Fax Nos : 2381652, 2470443



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA  
Ministry of Highways  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY



### INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Chairman, RDA Procurement Committee, on behalf of the Road Development Authority invites Sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the following project.

S.No	Contract No	Project Name	Province	Engineer's Estimate w/o contingencies (Mn)	Eligibility Grade In Highways/ Bridge Speciality	Bid Security (Rs.)	Contract Period (Calendar days)
01	RDA/MM/CP/ GOSL(EM)/ 2020/23	Construction of retaining walls at 7/6 - 7/7, 9/1 - 9/2, 10km post -11/1,13/4,-,13/5,13/6, and 14/2 on Kandy -Jaffna - Road	CP	49.60	C4 & above	850,000.00	180

- The work consists of construction of retaining wall and gabion wall.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall be currently registered with the highway/Bridges speciality Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) as given in the above table.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from, and inspect the bidding documents at, the following Offices, during office hours free of charge.
  - Director (MM), Road Development Authority, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, 'Maganeguma Mahamedura', No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla, Tel: 011-2882196; Fax: 011-2882195
  - Provincial Director (Central Province), Road Development Authority, Kandy. Tel: 081-2226150 Fax: 081-2237931.
- The Pre-Bid meeting will be arranged on 15/09/2020 at 10.00 a.m. at the Provincial Director's Office, Road Development Authority, Kandy
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application along with the copy of the registration from registrar of Public Contracts, to the Director General, Road Development Authority, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 'Maganeguma Mahamedura', No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla or to the relevant Provincial Director, Road Development Authority, from 04/09/2020 until 24/09/2020 during 9:00 hrs to 15:00 hrs upon payment of non-refundable fee of **Rs. 12,500.00** (Exclusive VAT).
- Bids, with the contract name marked at the top left hand corner of the envelope, shall be delivered in duplicate to the address given below, on or before **14:00 hrs on 25/09/2020**. **Non submission of the copy of the registration from registrar of public contract obtained via www.ero.gov.lk** and late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidder or representative who chooses to attend.
- Each Bid shall be accompanied by a Bid- Security as per the format given in the bid document for an amount indicated in the above table. Bid - Security shall be valid up to **22/01/2021**.

**The Chairman,  
Road Development Authority Procurement Committee  
C/o. Director General  
Road Development Authority  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 'Maganeguma Mahamedura',  
No. 216, Denzil Kobbekaduwa Mawatha, Battaramulla**



### Invitation for Bids

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of a Bob Cat Machine to Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha.

**Bob Cat Machine required :**

- 01. Rated Operating Capacity - not less than 700 kg
- 02. Tipping Load - should be not less than 1450 kg
- 03. Operating Weight - should be not less than 2600 kg
- 04. Travel Speed - should be more than 11.5 kmph

A complete set of Bidding Documents should be obtained on or before 25.09.2020 from the office upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00, during office hours (between 9.00 a.m. & 3.00 p.m.) to the Shroff Counter.

Duly perfected Bids in original and duplicate, inserted in a single cover mentioning "Tender for Supply of Bob Cat Machine" on the left-hand corner and sent by Registered Post, addressed to the **Chairman, Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya** before 10.00 a.m. on 25.09.2020 or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Main Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya. Bidders or their authorized representatives could be present at the bid opening on 25.09.2020 at 10.30 a.m. at the Main Office of the Pradeshiya Sabha, Ampitiya.

The Tender Committee reserves all such powers to accept or reject Tenders.

Telephone : **0812241222.**

**Chairman,  
Kandy Four Gravets and Gangawata Korale Pradeshiya Sabha,  
Ampitiya.**

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CAP. 460) AS AMENDED BY LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

Reference No. KMB/LAN/ACQUI/02/75  
Land Ministry's No. 4/3/6/2014/HW/159

It is intended to acquire the land described in the schedule below. For further particulars, please see Government Gazette Extraordinary No. 2183/50 dated 10th July 2020.

**SCHEDULE**

Province : Southern  
District : Matara  
Divisional Secretary's Division : Kamburupitiya  
Grama Niladhari Division : 330 B, Magamure  
Name of Village : Magamure  
Names of the lands : Baduwatta, Agarawalakoruwa, Porapodiyawatta, Uda Ambaghamulla, Kongahakoruwa, Kongahakoruwa alias Porapodiyawatta, Merenchigewatta, Katuwanmulla, Children Park, Udumulla, Kongalakoruwa alias Kongalagewatta, Ellegodawatta, Beddewatta, Diwelwatta.  
Plan No. : FVP 514 Sup No. 23 Sheet No. 20  
Lot Nos. : 148 - 249

**Chinthaka Abeywikrama  
Divisional Secretary,  
Kamburupitiya.**

31st of August 2020



### Examination for Registration to Practice Medicine (ERPM) PART - A and Part - D : 2020

#### Postponement of the Closing Date

The Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) has postponed the closure of applications to the above examination until further notice.

Please visit the SLMC website for further information : **www.mc.lk**

By order of the Council.

**Registrar,  
Sri Lanka Medical Council,  
31, Norris Canal Rd., Colombo 10.**

02.09.2020

## PEOPLE'S BANK

### Liberty Plaza Branch

#### RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 29 D OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY THE ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank, under Section 29 D of the **People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961** as amended by the **Act No.32 of 1986** at their meeting held on **24/01/2020**.

Whereas, **BLUE OCEAN REALITY (PVT) LTD "OBLIGOR COMPANY"** duly incorporated under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 and registered under **PV 95018** having its registered office at **No. 32, 2nd Floor Galle Road, Dehiwala** in the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has made default in payment due on **Mortgage Bond No.639 dated 27.09.2018 attested by M A D Muditha Peiris, Notary Public of Colombo**, and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of **Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Five Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four and Cents Eighty Two Only (Rs. 225,750,724.82)** on the said Bonds.

The Board of Directors of the People's Bank under the power vested in them by the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said Bank by the said Mortgage Bond No. 639 be sold by Public Auction by **Mrs. E.S. Ramanayaka, Licensed Auctioneer of Colombo** for recovery of the sum of **Rupees Two Hundred Twenty Five Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four and Cents Eighty Two Only (Rs. 225,750,724.82)** and together with further interest on **Rupees Two Hundred And Twenty Million Five Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty and Cents Eighty Two (220,593,620.82)** at **17.76% per annum** from dated **20.11.2019** to date of sale with costs and other charges of sale less payments (if any) since received and other charges.

**THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:**

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked **Lot 1** depicted in Plan **No. 13247** dated **02.04.2018 (Surveyed on 16th January, 2018)** made by **Gamini Dodanwela**, of the land called "**MAHAWELLAWATTE**" and bearing **Assessment No. 35, Ramakrishna Road** situated at Wellawatte in Ward No.47, Wellawatta South, within the Grama Niladhari Division of Wellawatte South in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Thimbirigasyaya within the Municipality and District of Colombo Western Province and which said **Lot 1** is bounded on the **NORTH** by Ramakrishna Road and Lot 1 in PP A739, on the **EAST** by Lot 1 in PP A 739 and Municipal Drain, on the **SOUTH** by Lots F1DC and F1DB and on the **WEST** by Road (Lot F1D1) and containing in extent **THIRTY SEVEN DECIMAL THREE NAUGHT PERCHES (A0 R0 P37.30) or 0.0943 Hectares**, together with buildings, plantations and everything else standing thereon.

The above said land being a resurvey of land morefully described below:-

All that divided and defined allotment of Land marked **Lot F1DA** depicted in Plan **No. 1000** dated **28.08.1978** made by **A.P.S.Gunawardena**, Licensed Surveyor, of the land called **MAHAWELLAWATTE** and bearing **Assessment No.35, Ramakrishna Road** being a subdivision of Lot FID in Registered Plan No.2 (Wellawatte) registered in Volume 43 Folio 89 to Volume 71 Folio 281 situated at Wellawatte within the Grama Niladhari Division of Wellawatte South in the Divisional Secretary's Division of Thimbirigasyaya within the Municipality and District of Colombo Western Province and which said Lot F1DA is bounded on the **NORTH** by Ramakrishna Road, on the **EAST** by P.P.A.739/1 and Municipal Drain, on the **SOUTH** by Lots F1DC and F1DB and on the **WEST** by Lot F1D1 and containing in extent **THIRTY SEVEN DECIMAL THREE NAUGHT PERCHES (A0 R0 P37.30)**, together with buildings, plantations and everything else standing thereon, and Registered under title **Volume/Folio A SPE 106/84** and now **SPE 139/138** at the **Colombo Land Registry**.

Together with the Right of way over and along the following land

All that divided and defined allotment of Land being a reservation for Road 30 feet wide marked **Lot F1D1** depicted in Plan **No. 216** dated **15.09.1940** made by **H.H. Martensz**, Licensed Surveyor of the land called "**MAHAWELLAWATTE**" and bearing **Assessment No.35, Ramakrishna Road** being a subdivision of Lot FID situated at Wellawatte aforesaid and which said Lot F1D1 is bounded on the **NORTH** by Ramakrishna Road, on the **EAST** by Lot FID on the **SOUTH** by Lots FIE (Roadway 20 feet wide) and on the **WEST** by Lot F1C and containing in extent **FOURTEEN DECIMAL FOUR NAUGHT PERCHES (A0 R0 P14.40)**, together with buildings, plantations and everything else standing thereon, and **Registered under title Volume/Folio SPE 122/88** at the **Colombo Land Registry**.

By Order of The Board Of Directors,  
**Regional Manager,  
(Colombo South)**

**People's Bank  
Zonal Head Office - (Western Zone-01)  
No. 11, Duke Street,  
Colombo 01.**

## PEOPLE'S BANK - KURUNEGALA 012

#### Resolution under Section 29 D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 As Amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986.

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed on 12. 03. 2019 by the Board of Directors of People's Bank under Section 29 D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986.

Where as Mr. Karunanayaka Mudiyanseelage Gnanapriya Nihal Karunanayaka has made default in payment due on the Bond No. 14095 dated 07.07.2017, Bond No. 13049 dated 02.06.2016 and Bond No. 14754 dated 31.08.2018, attested by Mrs. Padmakula Sooriyage Padmini Kumarihami Attanayake, Notary Public of Kurunegala in favour of the People's Bank and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of Rupees Two Million One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Three and Cents Thirty Five Only (Rs.2,166,433.35). Rupees One Million (Rs.1,000,000/=) and Rupees One Crore Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six and Cents Eighty Three Only (Rs.14,997,376.83) and on the said Bond the Board of Directors of People's Bank under powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said Bank by the said Bond No. 14095 dated 07.07.2017, Bond No. 13049 dated 02.06.2016 and Bond No. 14754 dated 31.08.2018, be sold by the Public Auction by Mr. W.M.I Gallella, Licensed Auctioneer of Kurunegala for recovery of the said sum of Rupees Two Million One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Three and Cents Thirty Five Only (Rs. 2,166,433.35), Rupees One Million (Rs.1,000,000/=) and Rupees One Crore Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six and Cents Eighty Three Only (Rs.14,997,376.83) and with further interest on Rupees Two Million One Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Three and Cents Thirty Five Only (Rs. 7,166,433.35), Rupees One Million (Rs. 1,000,000/= ) and Rupees One Crore Four Million Nine Hundred Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Six and Cents Eighty Three Only (Rs. 14,997,376.83) at Twenty Eight per centum (28%) per annum from 31.08.2018 to date of the sale and cost and money recoverable under Section 29 of the said People's Bank Act les payment (if any) since received.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY/PROPERTIES MORTGAGED**

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot No. 01 depicted in Plan No. 1708 dated 21.04.2017, made by Mr. W.M Ariyaratna, Licensed Surveyor of the Land called 'Welangolla Watta' situated in the Village of Yanthampalawa, within the Grama Niladhari Division No. 831 of Kurunegala North, within the Municipal Limit of Kurunegala, within the Divisional Secretary Division of Kurunegala, in the Thiragandahaya Korale, Weuda Willi Hathpattuwa, in the District of Kurunegala North Western Province and which said Lot No. 01 is bounded on the

- North :- by Lot No. 02
- East :- by Lot No. 60 (Road) depicted in Plan No. 1003
- South :- by Lot No. 60 (20 Feet Width Road) depicted in Plan No. 1003
- West :- by Lot No. 23 depicted in Plan No. 1003.

Containing in extent of Twenty Five decimal Eight Perches ( A.00, R.00, P. 25.8) together with Trees, Plantation, Buildings and everything standing thereon. Right of way over the all roads depicted in Plan No. 1708. The above land was resurveyed from below mentioned lands.

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot No. 24 depicted in Plan No. 1003 dated 17.08.1970 made by Mr. J.H.R. Perinbanayagama, Licensed Surveyor of the Land called Welangolla Watta situated in the Village of Yanthampalawa, within the Grama Niladhari Division No. 831 of Kurunegala North, within the Municipal Limits of Kurunegala, within the Divisional Secretary Division of Kurunegala, in the Thiragandahaya Korale, Weuda Willi Hathpattuwa, in the District of Kurunegala, North Western Province and which said Lot No. 24 is bounded on

- North :- by Velangolla Road
- East :- by Lot No. 60
- South :- by Lot No. 60
- West :- by Lot No. 23

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By Order of the Board of Directors  
**Regional Manager  
Regional Head Office**

**People's Bank,  
Regional Head Office,  
No. 03, Wathhimi Road,  
Kurunegala.  
19. 12. 2018**

### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (CHAPTER 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (AMENDMENT) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964

D.S. Ref. No.: ATU/LAD/DO45

Land Ministry's Ref No.:  
4-3/2/05/2016/HA90

The Government intends to acquire the land described in the schedule below. The Government has acquired the land described in the Schedule below. For further particulars please see the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 2189/37 Dated on 20.08.2020 the Democratic Socialist of Sri Lanka.

**SCHEDULE**

District : Matara  
Divisional Secretariat : Athuraliya  
G.S. Division : Hawpe  
Name of the Village : Hawpe  
Name of the Land : Galketiya goda, Yakdeliowita, Heenagamage-yaddeliyagewatta  
Plan No. : Final Village Plan No. 73  
Lot No. : 42

**Nirosha S. Gamage  
Divisional Secretary  
Athuraliya.**

Divisional Secretary's Office, Athuraliya.  
28th day of August 2020

### EXTENSION NOTICE

MINISTRY OF ENERGY

#### CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION Design & Construction of a Building for Plant and Stores (with Mezzanine Floor Portion) for Agrochemical Manufacturing Plant and Warehouse at Muthurajawela.

B/35/2020

Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) hereby invites the attention of prospective bidders who have already collected the bidding documents with reference to the advertisement appeared in this paper under the above heading, The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation announces the following amendment to the previous advertisement.

The deadline for submission of bid which was determined to close at 1400 hrs. on 04.09.2020 has now been extended to 1400 hrs. on 11.09.2020.

Accordingly last date of issuing of the Bidding Document will be at 1500 hrs. on 10.09.2020 and the bid security has to be valid for 121 days from the date of closing of bids (i.e. 09.01.2021).

All the other conditions appeared in the previous News Paper advertisement remain unchanged.

CPC apologizes for any inconvenience that might have caused.

**Chairman,  
Departmental Procurement Committee,  
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),  
Procurement & Stores Function,  
1st Floor, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation,  
No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha,  
Colombo 09.  
Tel: 0094 11 5455331  
Fax : 0094 11 5455424**

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Ministry of Finance

### Invitation for Bids (IFB)

#### Obtaining a Building on Rent Basis for a Branch Office of the Excise Department of Sri Lanka

- Sealed quotations are hereby invited for Obtaining an Office Building with following facilities on rent basis for a period of 03 years, situated outside the Municipality Limits of Colombo in the suburbs of Colombo, i.e. Nugegoda, Maharagama and Kottawa areas with floor area of between 4000 sq.ft. to 5000 sq.ft. for the use as a Branch Office of the Excise Department of Sri Lanka
  - The Building should have parking space for 06 motor vehicles within the premises of the Building.
  - There should be minimum of 03 internal wash rooms.
  - The building should be situated on a Main Road or within a distance of minimum 500 metres from a Main Road.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents could be obtained from the Accounts Division of the Department on production of the receipt of the payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/= per set, made to the Shroff of this Department on working days of the week between 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. up to 17.09.2020.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of Bids at 2.00 p.m. on 18.09.2020. The Bidder or his representative could be present on this occasion.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Excise Department of Sri Lanka,  
No. 353, Kotte Road, Rajagiriya.**

## PEOPLE'S BANK

#### RESOLUTION UNDER SECTION 29 D OF THE PEOPLE'S BANK ACT NO. 29 OF 1961 AS AMENDED BY THE ACT NO. 32 OF 1986

It is hereby notified that the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors of the People's Bank, under Section 29D of the People's Bank Act No. 29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No.32 of 1986 at their meeting held on 11/06/2020.

Whereas Colombo Chain Manufacturers (Private) Limited company duly incorporated under the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, bearing Registration No. PV 00212675 and having its Registered Office at No. 12/1A, Ananda Balika Mawatha, Pagoda Road, Pitakotte has made default in payment due on the Mortgage Bonds bearing Nos. 1140 and 1142 both dated 14th October 2019 both attested by Devika S. Mahawatta, Notary Public of Colombo and there is now due and owing to the People's Bank a sum of Rupees Fifty One Million Nine Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven and Cents Thirty Three Only (Rs. 51,974,677.33) together with the interest on the said bonds.

The Board of Directors of the People's Bank under the powers vested in them by the People's Bank Act No.29 of 1961 as amended by the Act No. 32 of 1986 do hereby resolve that the property and premises mortgaged to the said Bank by aforesaid Mortgage Bonds bearing Nos. 1140 and 1142 both dated 14th October 2019 both attested by Devika S. Mahawatta, Notary Public of Colombo and morefully described in the schedule hereto, be sold by Public Auction by Dallas Kelaart, Licensed Auctioneer of No. 146/3, Caldera Gardens, Off Dutugemunu Street, Kohuwela for the recovery of aforesaid sum of Rupees Fifty One Million Nine Hundred and Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Seven and Cents Thirty Three Only (Rs. 51,974,677.33) together with further interest at the rate of Nineteen per centum per annum (19.0% p.a.) on the sum of Rupees Forty Eight Million Two Hundred and Forty Five Thousand only (Rs. 48,245,000.00) from 20.05.2020 up to the date of sale and costs and moneys recoverable under Section (29L) of the said People's Bank Act less payment (if any) since received.

#### THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO

All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1C depicted in Survey Plan No. 3146 dated 30.07.2005 made by M.L.N Perera, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BILIBANAKANATTAWATTA, situated at Battaramulla within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kaduwela in the Municipal Council Limits of Kaduwela, Grama Niladhari Division, Battaramulla South No. 492A, Divisional Secretariat Division of Kaduwela in the Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo Western Province, and which said Lot 1C is bounded on the NORTH by Lot 1F (15 feet wide Road) on the EAST by Lot 1D, on the SOUTH by Land of Saraneri Perera and on the WEST by Lot 1B and Lot 1F (Road 10 feet wide) and containing in extent of Ten Perches (A0-R0-P10) or 0.0253 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 3146 together with buildings, plantations and everything standing thereon, and registered under Volume/Folio B 323/44 at the Land Registry of Homagama.

Together with the right of way over following allotments of lands:-

- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot 1F (Reservation for Road) depicted in Survey Plan No. 3146 dated 30.07.2005 made by M.L.N. Perera, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BILIBANAKANATTAWATTA, situated at Battaramulla aforesaid which said Lot 1F is bounded on the NORTH by Lands of B.S. Chandrasena, G.G.N. De Silva on the EAST by Road (Lot C2 in Plan No. 3082 and Lot 1C), on the SOUTH by Lots 1E, 1D, 1C, 1B and 1A and on the WEST by Lot 1A and containing in extent of Nine Decimal Five Seven Perches (A0.R0.P9.57) or 0.0242 Hectares according to the said Plan No. 3146, together with buildings, plantations and everything standing thereon and registered under Volume/Folio B323/45 at the Land Registry of Homagama.
- All that divided and defined allotment of land marked Lot C2 (Reservation for Road) depicted in Survey Plan No. 3082 dated 12.06.1982 made by H. Anil Peris, Licensed Surveyor of the land called BILIBANAKANATTAWATTA situated at Pannipitiya Road, Battaramulla within the Pradeshiya Sabha Limits of Kaduwela (now in the Municipal Council Limits of Kaduwela) in the Palle Pattu of Hewagam Korale in the District of Colombo, Western Province, and which said Lot C2 is bounded on the NORTH by property of Edwin Munasinghe, on the EAST by former Main Road, Battaramulla to Pannipitiya, on the SOUTH by Lot C3 and on the WEST by Lot C1 and containing in extent Three Decimal Five Nought Perches (A0.R0.P3.50) according to the said Plan No.3082 and Registered in Division Volume/Folio G1563/205 at the Homagama Land Registry.

**By Order of Board of Directors  
Actg. Assistant General Manager  
(Recoveries)**

**People's Bank,  
Recoveries Department,  
10th Floor, Head Office Building,  
No.75, Sir Chittampalam A. Gardiner Mw.,  
Colombo 02.**

21.05.2020.



#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Incorporation of the following company is hereby notified pursuant to Section 9 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007.

Name of the Company  
**ADVECCIO (PRIVATE) LIMITED**  
Number of the Company  
**PV 00226423**  
Incorporated Date:  
**26.08.2020**  
Registered Address:  
**No. 16-2/1, 55th Lane,  
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#### KURUWITA MULTI PURPOSE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD. - KURUWITA

#### PUBLIC AUCTION SALE OF UNREDEEMED PAWNED ARTICLES

Being the Pawning Agent bearing Registration No. Ra/473 of People Bank, Kuruwita Multi Purpose Cooperative Society will sell by public auction articles pawned at Kuruwita, Erathna, Theppanawa, Panukerapitiya, Karapinchawatta, Paradise Watta, Devipahala Rural Banks and at Kuruwita Samuran Surakum Pawning Centre and Paradise Samuran Surakum Pawning Centre and that have completed a pawning period of one year as at 31/12/2019 and remain unredeemed on the date mentioned below.

Date	Place of Auction	Time
19.09.2020	Kuruwita Rural Bank premises	From 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

General Manager  
Head Office  
Kuruwita Multi Purpose Cooperative Society Ltd  
Kuruwita  
Tel. Nos. 045-2262242, 045-2261685

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

### LAKE HOUSE CANTEEN

LPA/06/2020

Sealed Bids are invited from experienced caterers to run the Lake House Canteen catering to around 1500 employees. However the actual number making use of the facility would depend on the quality of the catering service.

This canteen is kept open day and night (24 hours) and the successful caterer will have to supply varieties of quality foods and beverages in good condition at specified rates.

**Kitchen appliances, canteen furniture, electricity, water and 20 Nos. (37.5 kgs) Gas Cylinders per month will be supplied free of charge and no rent will be levied.**

Bidding documents comprising application, terms and conditions could be obtained from the **Procurement Department, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited from 07th to 18th September 2020 between 9.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on weekdays on payment of a refundable deposit of Rs. 5,000/= and a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000/=.**

Completed Bidding documents enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Bids for Canteen" on the top left-hand corner should be sent to reach the **Head of Procurement, The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited**, by registered post **before 2.30 p.m. on 21st September 2020** or be deposited in the Tender Box provided at the Procurement Department.

Bids will be opened immediately in the presence of the Bidders or their authorized representatives at **2.30 p.m. on 21st September 2020.**

**The Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers without assigning any reason whatsoever.**



**LAKE HOUSE**

**Head of Procurement  
THE ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF CEYLON LIMITED  
No. 35, Lake House,  
D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.  
For Details : 2429422, 2429451**



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Ministry of Highways

## Road Development Authority



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

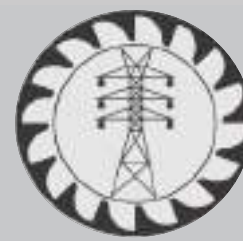
- Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Ratnapura Chief Engineer's Office of the Road Development Authority, on behalf of the Road Development Authority, from eligible and qualified bidders to carry out the undermentioned projects.

Item No.	Contract Number	Name of Contract	No. of Labour Days			Bid Security Rs.
			Mason	Skilled	Unskilled	
01	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/04	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Malwala Unit of the Ratnapura Executive Engineer's Division.	336	0	4732	100,000.00
02	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/05	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Parakaduwa unit of the Ratnapura Executive Engineer's Division.	454	0	4545	100,000.00
03	RDA/RAT/KE/TEN/2020/06	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Kalawana Unit of the Ratnapura Executive Engineer's Division.	312	0	4770	100,000.00
04	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/07	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Epitawala Unit of the Ratnapura Executive Engineer's Division.	286	0	4811	100,000.00
05	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/08	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Madampe Unit of the Pelmadulla Executive Engineer's Division.	400	400	4075	100,000.00
06	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/09	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Horaketiya Unit of the Pelmadulla Executive Engineer's Division.	462	924	3248	100,000.00
07	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/10	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Pagalawita Unit of the Pelmadulla Executive Engineer's Division.	780	1185	2382	100,000.00
08	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/11	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Molamura Unit of the Pelmadulla Executive Engineer's Division.	450	900	3300	100,000.00
09	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/12	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Embilipitiya Unit of the Embilipitiya Executive Engineer's Division.	0	700	4290	100,000.00
10	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/13	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Balawinna Unit of the Embilipitiya Executive Engineer's Division.	280	280	4432	100,000.00
11	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/14	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Rakwana Unit of the Embilipitiya Executive Engineer's Division.	0	0	5258	100,000.00
12	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/15	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Pothupitiya Unit of the Embilipitiya Executive Engineer's Division.	0	0	5256	100,000.00
13	RDA/RAT/CE/TEN/2020/16	Provision of Labour on contract basis for the Ulliduwawa Unit of the Embilipitiya Executive Engineer's Division.	0	0	5256	100,000.00

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- To qualify for granting of bids, the bidder should have obtained government business registration relevant to his business.
- Interested bidders can obtain further details as well as inspect the bid documents free of charge at the undermentioned offices, during office hours.
  - Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, No. 04, Bandaranaikie Mawatha, Ratnapura.  
**Tel : 0452222461 Fax : 045 2230018.**
- Sets of bid applications prepared and printed in Sinhala language can be obtained by interested bidders from 04.09.2020 upto 17.09.2020, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of a non refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00 and the registration certificate from either the public contract register / Pradeshiya Sabha, along with a written application, to the Chief Engineer (Ratnapura) of the Road Development Authority.
- Every bid should be prepared in accordance with the format made available in every bid along with a bid security to the given value and such bid security should be valid upto 01.01.2021.
- The relevant bid security can either be submitted by a bid security obtained from a reputed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka or paid by cash to the Director in charge of the Province (Sabaragamuwa) Road Development Authority, Ratnapura Office. Bids without bid securities will be rejected.
- Completed bids could either be registered post addressed to Chief Engineer (Ratnapura), Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, No. 04, Bandaranaikie Mawatha, Ratnapura or placed in the bid box kept at the Chief Engineer's Office, to be received at or before 2.00 pm. on 18.09.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids received will be opened immediately after closing of acceptance of bids in the presence of bidders or their nominated representatives.

**Chairman,  
Procurement Committee,  
Chief Engineer's Office,  
Road Development Authority,  
Ratnapura.**





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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.

## UVA PROVINCE

The electricity supply would be interrupted on given dates and times in the month of **September - 2020**

DIYATALAWA AREA	
Diyatalawa Consumer Service Center	
Date/S	Affected Areas
3, 4	HAPUTHALE TEMPLE RD
4	OLIMBUS HOTEL, HAPUTHALE TOWN, HAPUTHALE PETROLIUM, HAPUTHALE CEYPETCO, YAHALABEDDA, WALGAHAWELA, GLENANORE, WEWAKELE, OTHUMBE KATUWA, MALIGATHENNA, HAPUTHALE WELI TEA FACTORY, RATHKARAWWA, BEAUVAIS, IDALGASHINNA, UDUBILITHENNA, OHIYAGAMA, OHIYA ESTATE, UDAWEERIYA, KAHAMBILIYA
17, 19	KELBURN
19, 28	SORAGUNE TEMPLE, SINGARAWATTHA, HADABIMA WE-ELIYA, WE-ELIYA, AMILAGAMA, RANWANGUHAWA, KIRAWANAGAMA, MANIKKA WATTA, MANTHENNA, MARADOLA BOGANDENIYA
25	KAHAGOLLA ESTATE, GALKANDA, ESTITCHES GARMENT

Uvaparagama Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
4,5,8,11	HAGILIELLA
15, 8	MAHAKUMBURA, GALPATTIYA BULATHWATHTHA, KANDEKUMBURA, PODIMILLA
10, 24	IMBULGASHINNA, DAWATAELA, PANNALAWELA

Bandarawela Consumer Service Center	
Date/S	Affected Areas
3,12,18,26	HUNUKETIYA, KARADAGOLLA UMA OYA HOUSING SCHEME I, KARADAGOLLA UMA OYA SITE I, SADIN-NAWELA
3, 12, 18, 21, 26, 29	KARANDAGOLLA KURUGAMA
4, 5, 8, 11	DEHIVINNA, WELLAWALA
11, 4	UVA HIGHLAND, ABEYPUWA, ATTHALAGEDARA, PERAHETTIYA, ELLAWELA ESTATE, ETTAMPITIYA TOWN, ETTAMPITIYA ESTATE, WATER PURIFICATION PLANT-ETTAMPITIYA, BOOSTER PUMP HOUSE II - ETTAMPITIYA, BOOSTER PUMP HOUSE I - ETTAMPITIYA
4,7,11,17, 22,24	UDAGAMA, GAWELA, WERAGAMA
15, 10	GOTUWELA, NATIONAL WATER SUPPLY - GOTUWALA
25, 14	YOWUN SENANKAYA, TRAINING COLLEGE BINDUNUWUWA, MADUWELPATHANA

Welimada Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
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MONARAGALA AREA	
Monaragala Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	KANDUKARAGAM, MAGANDANAMULLA I, DEMATAMALVIHARAYA, TC MONARAGALA (NEAR THE POLICE STATION)
3	KARANDAWATHTHA, MAGANDANAMULLA II, GAMUNUPURA, MONARAGALA II (NEAR THE COURT)
4	KARAVILA, SIRIGALA HOSPITAL, OKKAMPITIYA I, VIHARAMULLA
5	ELLA KARAVILA, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, GALTEM MANDIYA, MONARAGALA ESTATE
7	ALUPOTHA KOTUWA, TC SIRIGALA SUB, OKKAMPITIYA II BOGASHANDIYA, SRIVIJAYAPURA
8	BADALKUMBURA I, GALTEM MANDIYA II, HINDIKIULA I
9	BOGAHAPPELLASSA, MALIGAWILA (102 JUNCTION), PALARUWA (HOROMBUWA)
10	C.T.B MONARAGALA, DAMBEGODA, HULANDAWA JUNCTION
11	DEHIKINDAGAMA, NEYADALLA, KALAWELARAGAMA
12	HULANDAWA SOUTH, MADUKOTANARAWA (NEW), MALIGAWILA WATER SUB, UMBUKKANA
14	HULANDAWA LEFT, DAMBHEYAYA WEWAPEDESA, MAHAGODAYAYA
15	WADIKUMBURA, KATUWAMADA, INDUSTRIAL COLONY
16	KIULAARA, RAJAKANDIYA DICKYAYA, KARAMETIYA
17	MEEGAHAYAYA, PUNSISSIGAMA, GEMUNUPURAYAYA HULANDAWA
18	WASIPANA, PELWATHTHA SUGER CO., IHAWA KAHAMBANA
19	PUSBEDDA, ELAMANAYAYA, KAHAMBANA
21	MADUKOTANARAWA, WEHERAGODA, GADOLBEDDA
22	THALAWAGAMA, WATER SUPPLY KATUGAHAGALGE, THENAGALLANDA
23	UDAGANGODA, WATER PUMP LUNUGALA JANAPADAYA, WOOD INDUSTRIAL ZONE I
24	YAKURAWA MEDIRIYA, LUNUGALA COLANIYA
25	TENWATTA, KATUGAHAGALGE
26	HULANDAWA II SOUTH ROAD, DICKYAYA
28	BADALKUMBURA II
28,30	MAHAGODAYAYA, TRISTAR GARMENT, INDUSTRIAL COLONY, INDUSTRIAL COLONY STORES BUTTALA, MIAMI INDUSTRIAL COLONY, ASHALT MAHAGODAYAYA, GANGEYAYA MAHAGODAYAYA, DEMATAMALVIHARAYA, ILUKPITIYA, HELAGAMA 2ND MILE POST, OKKAMPITIYA I, KATUWAMADA II, KATUWAMADA, GAMUNUPURA, GAMUNUPURA WATER SUB, WATER PUMP KUMBUKKANA, GALTEM MANDIYA, GALTEM MANDIYA II, BABARAGALA, SAMAGIPURA GALPEELLA, OKKAMPITIYA II BOGASHANDIYA, DAMBHEYAYA WEWAPEDESA, MALIGAWILA (102 JUNCTION), DAMBEGODA, MINIPURAGAMA, MALIGAWILA WATER SUB, DAMBEGODA MALIGAWILA II, NEYADALLA
29	PUSSELLAWA
30	HELATHUNTHALA

Wellawaya Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
1	BUTTHALA KATHARAGAMA RD
2	ALUTHWELA II, DEMATATH ARAGAMA
3, 12, 18, 26	KEERIYAGOLLA, KOSGOLLA, BULUGAHA - INDILANDA, UDAWADEYA, SIYABALAGUNAYA, INDURUYAYA, YODA ARA I, YODAARA II (MEEDENIYA)
5	KUMARADASA MAWATHA, RANDENIGODAYAYA, GARADIBAKINIYA JUNCTION, WEWEWELAYAYA, WELLAWAYA TOWN, MADAGAMA - NELUMGAMA (KARAWILA KOTUWA), UNAWATUNA GAMA, WELLAWAYA BUDUMEDURA
6	KOSLANDA ESTATE, KELIPENAWELA, WEERASEKARAGAMA, YALABOWA WATER BOARD, AMBAKOLAWEWA, MANAMPITIYA, WEWEYAYA WAGURUWELA, KOSGOLLA

Date/S	Affected Areas
7	DIYALUMA, PELWATTA BLOCK III, WAGURUWELA, DOLE LANKA I, WELYAYAGAMA, YALABOWA (MAHAWELAMULLA), MALEWANAYAYA, YUDAGANAWA JANAPADAYA II (CLOSE TO SCHOOL), HORABOKKA - AMUNELANDA, BULUGAHA - INDILANDA, AMBARAGALA WATTHA
7, 21	MANAMPITIYA
8	WARUNAGAMA, HORABOKKA, YALABOWA HOUSING SCHEME, HANDAPANAGALA, KOONKETIYA RAJAMAWATHA, YATIYALLATHOTA, AYURWEDIC MEDICIN CENTER, UDAWADEYA, ANJALIGAMA, BUDURUWAGALA SCHOOL, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, DAKUNU MAHATHENNA, UTHURU MAHATHENNA, BUDURUWAGALA
9	KOLONGASTHENNA, ANAPALLAMA SCHOOL LAND, SELLABA JUNCTION, KOONKETIYA 18 MP, MORATUWAGAMA, MORATUWAGAMA II, RANASINGHE GAMA, PAHALA WARNAGAMA, HANDAPANAGALA I ELA
10, 14, 16	MANAMPITIYA, RANAWIRUPURA, PELWATTA BLOCK III, UPUL METAL CRUSHER, WARUNAGAMA, WARUNAGAMA ARMY CAMP, ANAPALLAMA SCHOOL LANE
11	SIYABALAGUNAYA, KANDIYAGAMA I, ANJALIGAMA, PUBUDUWUWAGAMA, BURUTHA RD, KOTABAKMA, KANDIYAGAMA II, UDA ARAWA, WALLIAMMA GAMA 17 MP
12	KOSLANDA TOWN, ANAPALLAMA WATER PUMP HOUSE, PELWATTA BLOCK I, BUDURUWAGALA, KOONKETIYA 19 MP, BURUTHA RD II, INDURUYAYA
13	KOSLANDA TELECOM, ROSBERY ESTATE, PELWATTHA JUNCTION, MEDAGALAGAMA, WALUGOLLA, GONAGAN ARA, YODA ARA I, DIYAHITTHENNA, KEHEL AGALA, BUDURUWAGALA SCHOOL, PELASSA WEWA VILLAGE
14	UDUMULLA, HINGURUKADUWA, PELWATTHA VIJAYA RD, DIJULGASMULLA, PELWATTHA DISTILARY, ULKANDA DEWALA RD, GAMMUDA HANDIYA (BUTTHALA), UTHURU MAHATHENNA, YODAARA II (MEEDENIYA)
15	NAULLA, NIKAPITIYA, HANDAPANAGALA WATTHA, ETHILUWEWA KOLANIYA III, PELWATTHA MILK POWDER INDUSTRY, PELWATTHA DIERY INDUSTRY, DEHILANDAYAYA, ULKANDAGAMA, BUTTHALA TOWN, JETWIN HOTEL- KADURUKETHA
15, 23	MORAEHLA, RANAWARAWA - RANDENIYA
16	HIWELKANDURA, MALWATTAWELA, MAHA ARAGAMA, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER
19	PARAGASMANKADA, KEHELIYA JUNCTION, BLOCK 10, GALPOTTHA ARA, MAHA ARAGAMA III, YUDAGANA AKKARA 50, HINGUARA - GALPOTTHA ARA
20	WALLAWAYA TELECOM, KEHELIYAGAMA, KUKURAMPOLA, JANAWASA 14, WEERATHHAGALAYAYA, DIGGALAYAYA, BLOCK 15-16, NELUWAGALA, EHLIWEWA MOLA PARA, ETHILUWEWA KANDEYAYA,
21	DIMBULAMURAYA, HINGUREGALA, WEHERAYAYA COLANY I, DS GAMA, WELIMADAYAYA, KEN 7
22	PERAKETIYA, KADURUKETHA, SIRIPURAGAMA, THELULLA TEMPLE, JANAWASA 10-20, GAMPALU KOTUWA (BLOCK 6), NEW CITY (THELULLA), THELULLA AARE 7 GAGA PARA, KOVILPELASSA
22, 24	PELWATTHA JUNCTION, PELWATTHA VIJAYA RD
23	KUMARAGAMA BLOCK 4, 20 YAYA, BLOCK 5, MEEGASARAGAMA, ALUTHWELA UMAOYA PROJECT, HENAWALA
24	WEHERAYAYA
25	THANAKUMBUKAYAYA, NAIGAL ARA, MAHASENPURA, DIYABETHMA ALUTHWELA (MAHALANDA STEP 1), ALUTHWELA RANAVERU MAWATHA (MAHALANDA STEP 2)
25, 29	MANAMPITIYA, RANAWIRUPURA, PELWATTA BLOCK III, UPUL METAL CRUSHER, WARUNAGAMA, WARUNAGAMA ARMY CAMP, PELWATTA BLOCK I, ANAPALLAMA WATER PUMP HOUSE, ANAPALLAMA SCHOOL LAND
26	MORAEHLA, RANAWARAWA - RANDENIYA, THELULLA JANAPADAYA (WATHURA PILLA)
27	RANDENIYA

Bibila Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
8,10,24, 29	MAHAYAYA, HEWANDENIYA / DUNUMEWA, YAKUNNAWA, GODIGAMUWA, WEPATHDENIYA / HINDAWEWA YAYA, KOTABOWA
14, 21	YALKUMBURA II, YALKUMBURA I (TENGODA)
15	HEWELWELA, BADULLAGAMMANA, CTB BIBILA, MILK BORD BIBILA, RATHUPASKETIYA - BIBILA, BIBILA DEPOT, TELECOM BIBILA, POLICE - BIBILE, POWERLOOM - BIBILE
16	MILK BORD BIBILA, RATHUPASKETIYA - BIBILA, BIBILA DEPOT
20	POLICE - BIBILE

Thanamalwila Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
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Dambagalla Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
1	KIWLEYAYA MANDAGALA
2	ETHIMALE THISSAPURA
3	ARIYASIRIGAMA
4	KOTIYAGALA
5	ETHIMALE WILA OYA
6	ETHIMALE WATER SUPPLY, MAHAKANDAWILA WATER SUPPLY
7	GURUHELA SADDATHISSAGAMA, WILA OYA WATER SUPPLY
8	GAMAGALA ETHIMALE, 60 POTION ETHIMALE
9	HIRIPITIYA, KALU OBBA
10	DOMBAGAHAWELA
17	NEELAWABEDDA
18	DEMATABEDDA
19	DIYAKOLAYAYA, P.S.CO. KODAYANA, NAMAL OYA JANAPADAYA, ARATUGASWELA
20	PANGURA, UDUKUMBURA, MAYURAGAMA ETHIMALE
21	THERELA, KODAYANA
22	BOLGALLA ARALUWINNA, GALABEDDA I, GALABEDDA II, PAHATHA ARAWA
23	POLKOTAN ARAWA, GEMUNUPURA AKKARA 50 KUMBUKEYAYA
24	KOLONWINNA BOHITIYA, ETHIMALE 70 POTION, KOTIGALHELA
25	BERALIYAPOLA, MIYANAWATHTHA, AMPITIYA
26	JAYAMINIGAMA WATER SUPPLY, PERAKUMPURA, KALULANDAYAYA, WELIYAYA
27	GALKETIYA KARANAGAMA
28	KARANAGAMA
29	MADUKOTANPUDAMA
30	MAGANDA OYA KOSWELPOLA



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BADULLA AREA	
Passara Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
1	PASSARA 1
2	BOOTAWATTA, DEWATHURA, MIYANAKANDURA
3	THOLABOWATTA, SANGABOMAWATTA, THOLABAWATTA 2, ALAKOLAGAMA, BATAWATTA ESTATE, RANUGALLA, DAUBAGAHAWELA, KIRIGALPOTTA, PAPALAGAMA
4	MATIGAHATHANNA 1, BOOTAWATTA, DEWATHURA, MIYANAKANDURA
5	THOLABOWATTA, THOLABOWATTA 1, ELTEB ESTATE, MADAWELAGAMA, GARADIELLA, RABARWATTA, MADUGASTHALAWA, THANNUGE, WARADOLA, AMUNUMULLA, MADAPATHANA / GALAKULUGOLLA, PASSARA 2, PASSARA 3, PAWERLOOM, SAPURODA / PALLEGAMA, MEERIYABADDA, TELECOM TOWER PASSARA, TELECOM PASSARA, PASSARA 1, MILK BOARD, GONAGALA, SANGABOMAWATTA, MAUSSAGOLLA, PARAPAWA 1, PARAPAWA 2, BIBILEGAMA 3, GONAKELLE ESTATE, TRI, PALGAHATHANNA, URY FACTORY, TRAINING CENTER URY, UDAGAMA 1, UDAGAMA 2, KIRIGALA, AGARATHANNA, WELGOLLA 1, WELGOLLA 2, WEWASSA FACTORY, PASSARA ESTATE, ELLAWATTA, MILLABADDA, HOPTON ESTATE, KEHELWATTA, YAPAMMA, SHAWLANDS, SUMUDUGAMA, LUNUGALA, JAYANTHAPURA, LUNUGALAGAMA, ALAKOLAGAMA, ADAWATTA, ARAWAKUMBURA, UDAGAMA (KIRAWANAGODA), MAHADOWA ESTATE, WERALLAPATHANA, COCAGALA ESTATE, RAGALA, CANAWERALLA FACTORY, UDAKIRUWA 1 (UDATHENNA), UDAKIRUWA 2, GALWALAGAMA, ITITHEMPALA, DIGGALA, UDAKIRUWA 3, DEHIGOLLA, JANATHAPURA NORTH, ICC
6	MATIGAHATHANNA 2
7	PASSARA ESTATE, ELLAWATTA, MILLABADDA, HOPTON ESTATE, KEHELWATTA, YAPAMMA, SHAWLANDS, SUMUDUGAMA, LUNUGALA, JAYANTHAPURA, LUNUGALAGAMA, ALAKOLAGAMA, ADAWATTA, ARAWAKUMBURA, UDAGAMA(KIRAWANAGODA), MAHADOWA ESTATE, MADOLSIMA REPEAT STATION, DIALOG TELECOM, MAHADOWA BOUNGLOW, TELECOM MADULSIMA, MADULSIMA, WERALLAPATHANA, GALLOOLLA ESTATE, BATAWATTA ESTATE, MATIGAHATHANNA 1, MATIGAHATHANNA 2, BAKINIKANDA, AKIRIYA, COCAGALA ESTATE, ELAMANNE, RAGALA, PITAMARUWA, ROEBERRY ESTATE, MADUWATHTHA, BATHWEWA, KEHELWATTAGAMA, UDAKIRUWA 1 (UDATHENNA), UDAKIRUWA 2, UDAOOTHUBA, GALWALAGAMA, ITITHEMPALA, SOORIYAGOLLA, DIGGALA, UDAWATTHA, UDAKIRUWA 3, ALUBOGOLLA, DEHIGOLLA, BASE Group, GALLOLLA - PAHALAGAMA, JANATHAPURA NORTH, LUNUGALA POLICE - UDAPANGUWA, WETAKEWEWA, HOPTON WATTHA - DIALOG TOWER
8	THOLABAWATTA 2, GAMEWELA, BAKINIKANDA, TONNACOMBE HOSPITAL, TONNACOMBE FACTORY, DODAMGOLLA, ILUKPALASSA, KALUGALA ESTATE, KENDAGAHAMADAPATHANA, GARBAGE MANAGEMENT
9	MADUWATHTHA
11	TONNACOMBE HOSPITAL, TONNACOMBE FACTORY, DODAMGOLLA, ILUKPALASSA, KALUGALA ESTATE, THOLABOWATTA, THOLABAWATTA 2, GALTANHENA, HELAPUPULA, NAHAVILA ESTATE, MAUSSAGOLLA (EGK), CANAWERALLA, CANAWERALLA FACTORY, WEWAKEALE ESTATE, KANDAHENA ESTATE, BOOTAWATTA, DEWATHURA, MIYANAKANDURA, RANUGALLA, DAUBAGAHAWELA, PINNARAWA, TELECOM NAMUNUKULA, CV 2, NAWELAGAMA 1, NAWELAGAMA 2, HINDAGALA, BALLAKETUWA, KANDEKUMBURA, GOUSSA, KIRIGALPOTTA, PAPALAGAMA, CVF
12	THOLABOWATTA, THOLABAWATTA 2, MAHADOWA ESTATE, RANUGALLA, DAUBAGAHAWELA, KIRIGALPOTTA, PEESAGAMA, PAPALAGAMA
13	MADOLSIMA REPEAT STATION, MAHADOWA BOUNGLOW
14	AKIRIYA
15	AKIRIYA, MAUSSAGOLLA (EGK)
16	NAHAVILA ESTATE
18	THOLABOWATTA, THOLABAWATTA 2, HOPTON ESTATE, RANUGALLA, DAUBAGAHAWELA, KIRIGALPOTTA, BASE Group, PAPALAGAMA
19	HELAPUPULA
20	KIRIGALA
21	YAPAMMA
23	PASSARA ESTATE, ELLAWATTA, MILLABADDA, HOPTON ESTATE, KEHELWATTA, ELAMANNE, RAGALA, BALLAKETUWA, MADUWATHTHA, BASE Group, WELGOLLA MEEGASTHENNA, HOPTON WATHTHA - DIALOG TOWER
24	PASSARA 1, WELGOLLA 2, KALUGALA ESTATE, KANDEKUMBURA
25	WELGOLLA 1, NAHAVILA ESTATE, MAUSSAGOLLA (EGK), CANAWERALLA, ILUKPALASSA, NAWELAGAMA 1, NAWELAGAMA 2, HINDAGALA, BALLAKETUWA, KANDEKUMBURA, GOUSSA
26	THOLABOWATTA, THOLABAWATTA 2, MADUGASTHALAWA, UDAGAMA 1, AGARATHANNA, MAHADOWA ESTATE, COCAGALA ESTATE, RANUGALLA, DAUBAGAHAWELA, KIRIGALPOTTA, PEESAGAMA, PAPALAGAMA
27	THOLABOWATTA 1, PASSARA 2, TELECOM PASSARA, PASSARA 1, MILK BOARD, GONAKELLE ESTATE, TRI, TRAINING CENTER URY, UDAGAMA 1, WEWASSA FACTORY
28	SHAWLANDS, WELGOLLA MEEGASTHENNA
29	GOUSSA
30	SUMUDUGAMA, NAWELAGAMA 1

Haliela Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
1	KOLLUMANDIYA, MAHATHENNA, LANDEWELA, NARANGALA, BOKANORUWA, DIYANAGALA, KOBBEKETIYA
2	SENAMELE, GLENALPIN
4	BOGAHAMADITTHA, YELWERTON, SERANDIB, KOLLUMANDIYA, MAHATHENNA, SARNIYA FACTORY, KANDEGEDARA, GALKOTUWEGAMA, KEENAKALE, PUSSELLAKANDA, DIKPITIYA, THENNEPANNGUWA, BOPITIYA, JANGULLA, UVAKETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, DEHIGOLLA KANDURA, LUNUGALA, MEERIYAKELE, NARANGALA, BOKANORUWA, GALAUDA, LABUGASTHALAWA, BERAMADA, GODUNNA, WASANAGAMA, THUNEWA, HAPATHGAMUWA, QUEENSTOWN, HATHAKMA, CEB, PETZONE, ORZONE, URBAN COUNCILS, HALI ELA TELECOM, DIALOG UDA DOMPE, AMBAWAKA, HALI ELA TOWN, KINGSWOOD, UNAGOLLA WATTHA, ROKATHENNA FACTORY, ROKATHANNA ESTATE, 5 MILE POST, ROSETTE, WIJEWARDANA METAL CRUSHER, JAYASEKARA METAL CRUSHER, VIDESHA SEWA, BOGODA METAL CRUSHER, EGODAGAMA
8	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA
9	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA
11	BOGAHAMADITTHA, YELWERTON, SERANDIB, KOLLUMANDIYA, MAHATHENNA, SARNIYA FACTORY, KANDEGEDARA, GALKOTUWEGAMA, KEENAKALE, PUSSELLAKANDA, DIKPITIYA, THENNEPANNGUWA, BOPITIYA, JANGULLA, UVAKETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, DEHIGOLLA KANDURA, LUNUGALA, MEERIYAKELE, NARANGALA, BOKANORUWA, GALAUDA, LABUGASTHALAWA, BERAMADA, GODUNNA, WASANAGAMA, THUNEWA, HAPATHGAMUWA, QUEENSTOWN, HATHAKMA, CEB, PETZONE, ORZONE, URBAN COUNCILS, HALI ELA TELECOM, DIALOG UDA DOMPE, AMBAWAKA, HALI ELA TOWN, KINGSWOOD, UNAGOLLA WATTHA, ROKATHENNA FACTORY, ROKATHANNA ESTATE, 5 MILE POST, ROSETTE, WIJEWARDANA METAL CRUSHER, JAYASEKARA METAL CRUSHER, VIDESHA SEWA, BOGODA METAL CRUSHER, WALASBEDDA, DEMODARA, DEMODARA FACTORY, BADDEWELA, GAWARAKELE, GAWARAWELA 1, GAWARAWELA 2, NAWALA ESTATE, SPRINGVALLEY, NALLAMALE, MEMALE FACTORY, NAMUNUKULA, BULATHWATTHA, KOTTAGODA, DIYANAGALA, KANDANA, WEWALHINNA, MEDAGAMA, RILPOLA, SENAMELE, GLENALPIN, DIALOG KANDANA
14	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA
15	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA
17	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA
19	GAWARAWELA 1, SPRINGVALLEY
20	BADDEWELA, GAWARAKELE
21	UVA KETAWALA, LANDEWELA, KETAWALA, PANAKANNIYA, DEEGALLA, KOBBEKETIYA, NALLAMALE, MEMALE FACTORY, NAMUNUKULA
22	NAWALA ESTATE
26	WALASBEDDA
27	WEWALHINNA, MEDAGAMA
28	ROSETTE, OTHUBE WATTHA, RILPOLA
29	GAWARAWELA 1, GAWARAWELA 2, OTHUBE WATTHA

Badulla Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	GADHADEHIGOLLA, KIRIRUWA
3	KESELKOTUWA (ALUGOLLA WATER)
4	GADHADEHIGOLLA
5	SILPOLAGAMA
6	CLASSIC WATER
7	GADHADEHIGOLLA, KALUGALPITIYA
8	DEMATAWELHINNA
9	GADHADEHIGOLLA, WEERIYAPURA, PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST
10	JANAWASAMA-HINGURUGAMUWA

11	GADHADEHIGOLLA, MEDIRIYA, CANCER HOSPITAL, WELAGEDARA, RATHWATTHA MW(POWER LOOM), KAILAGODA, SUVINEETHAGAMA, PAHALAGAMA, ANDENIYA, NELUMGAMA, NELUMWEWA, SIRIMALGODA, KATUKELE, CULLEN ESTATE, DAMANWARA, WEKADA, KOSGOLLA, KUTTIYAGOLLA, ATH GALA, LOWER KING STREET (CEB), COCOWATTHA, TELECOM- BADULLA 1, TELECOM- BADULLA 2, BUS STAND, POST OFFICE COMPLEX, CARGILLS FOOD CITY, LIBRARY, BADULUPITIYA, FLOWER GARDEN-BADULUPITIYA, HEGODA, TECHNICAL COLLEGE-BADULUPITIYA, PROVINCIAL COUNCIL, CEB C.S.C-BADULLA, WELEKADE, HOSPITAL 1, HOSPITAL 2, DAYA GUNASEKARA MAWATHA JUNCTION, PINARAWA WATER PUMP HOUSE, SUMANATHISSAGAMA, KUMARASINGHA MAWATHA-WATER PUMP HOUSE, SIDDARATHA COLLEGE, HINDAGODA, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 1, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 2, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 3, MAILAGASTHENNA, PETROLIUM CO-OPERATION, NIKATHANNA WATER PUMP HOUSE , KANUPELELLA, ROCK HILL TECHNICAL COLLEGE, WELIKEMULLA, GORADIYAWAKA, DUNUWANGIYA, MERIGOLD GARMENT, KALUGALPITIYA, BADULUSIRIGAMA, WEERIYAPURA, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 4, 2 MILE POST-WATER PUMP HOUSE, JANAWASAMA-HINGURUGAMUWA, MALANGAMUWA, PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST, WEWESSA ESTATE, VINEETHAGAMA 1, VINEETHAGAMA 2, THELBEDDAGAMA, WEST MALT, THELBEDDA FACTORY, ALLE ARAWA, AMPITIYA, MUTHUMALA, GALLIHA, URUMEETHANNA, KAHATARUPPA, PALAWATTHA, HINNARANGOLLA, KACHCHERI, MINISTRY OF HEALTH SERVICE, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 5, YAMPANAWATTHA, KAMMANANKADA JUNCTION, ALLEARAWA-NEW, VINSON'S DIES GROUND, HARITAGE HOTEL, ONEX SUB, KOHANAWELA, MILAGASTHANNA TEA FACTORY, SENCY ROAD (WEL BODHIYA), MEDIRIYA WATER BOARD, HINGURUGAMUWA NEW, CLASSIC CITY, KAILASH FASHION, CAPITAL CITY HOTEL, D.G.M. OFFICE
14	PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST, URUMEETHANNA, KOHANAWELA, MORAHELA MEEGOLLA KETAWATTA
15	KATUPELELLAGAMA, PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST
16	WEWESSA ESTATE
17	KUMARASINGHA MAWATHA-WATER PUMP HOUSE, SIDDARATHA COLLEGE
18	VINEETHAGAMA 1
21	HAPUWATTHA, DAYA GUNASEKARA MAWATHA JUNCTION, VINEETHAGAMA 2
22	JUGDJE'S HILL, PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST
23	TECHNICAL COLLEGE-BADULUPITIYA, THELBEDDAGAMA, THIMBIRIGASPITIYA PENAKETIYA
24	NIKATHANNA WATER PUMP HOUSE, AMPITIYA
25	SUMANATHISSAGAMA, KUMARASINGHA MAWATHA-WATER PUMP HOUSE, SIDDARATHA COLLEGE, HINDAGODA, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 1, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 2, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 3, BADULUSIRIGAMA, UNIVERCITY OF UVA WELASSA 2, 4 MILE POST-WATER PUMP HOUSE, D.G.M. OFFICE, LOWER STREET NEW BADULLA
26	MUTHUMALA
27	WATTHEKALE, EGODAWELA, MEEGASPITIYA
28	MADITHALE, PITAPOLA, KOHOWILA, WELIHINDA, WATTHEKALE, EGODAWELA, MEEGASPITIYA, HINNARANGOLLA
29	GALLIHA, THIMBIRIGASPITIYA PENAKETIYA, ALLEARAWA-NEW, PASSARA ROAD-3MILE POST
30	MADITHALE, PITAPOLA, KOHOWILA, WELIHINDA, PENAKETIYA, THIMBIRIGASPITIYA PENAKETIYA

MAHIYANGANAYA AREA	
Mahiyanganaya Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	SORABORAWEWA, ULHITIYA DAM
3	NIPPON RICE MILL, SAMAN DEWALAYA, WATER BOARD (BULK), ELAWELA, DAMBARAWA, ROHANA JUNCTION, A.A HOLDINGS, ROHANA (NAGARAYA IDIRIPITA), 8 ELA AGAWATHA (MAPAKADAWEWA), 19 MILE POST, KUDAWEWA (DAMBAGOLLA), SENEVIGAMA, DIYAWARA GAMMANAYA
4	SENEVIGAMA WEWA, BIMMALAMULLA, DAMBANA, BATHALAYAYA-WATERBOARD, BALLAVIDDA WEWA, AGALAOYA
7	MEEGAHAPITIYA, SORABORA VILLAGE, SORABORAWEWA, GIRANDURUKOTTE TEMPLE
8	HABARAWEWA, KOVILYAYA, DARSHANA METAL CRUSHER, DEHIGOLLA NEW (SUNANDA), C.T.B., MALIBAN GARMENT 2, MALIBAN GARMENT 1, NEW TOWN (INFRONT OF SAMANALA HOTEL), CARGILLS FOOD CITY, WATER BOARD GAMUDAWA, GAMUDAWA (AG OFFICE), TILE FACTORY, MEEGAHAPITIYA, SORABORA VILLAGE, SORABORAWEWA, BARRIER JUNCTION, BANDARA METAL CRUSHER (BULK), ALUTHARAMA FARM, C.T.C., DEVIKA METAL CRUSHER, VIRANAGAMA, GIRANDURUKOTTE POLICE, BOGAMPITIYA JUNCTION (BUDU PILIMAYA ASALA), GINNORUWA, GINNORUWA SARABOO, ELHENPITIYA, HEBARAWA, ALUYATAWEWA, DIKPITIYA (ALUYATAWEWA)
10	GINNORUWA
11	GAMUDAWA (AG OFFICE), GINNORUWA SARABOO
16	BELIGALLA,
17	WATHUYAYA (DAMBANA), GURUKUMBURA
18	ROTALAWELA NAWA GAMMANAYA, DIULPALASSA DAMBANA KOTASA
21	KONGAS JUNCTION (51MP), GALTHALAWA JUNCTION, KANNALKUMBURA, EMBALAWATTA VILLAGE
22	KANDUBADDA 1, METIHAKKA, IMBULEMULLA, TALAWEGAMA, GIRANDURUKOTTE TELECOM, GIRANDURUKOTTE HOSPITAL, GIRANDURUKOTTE POLICE, GIRANDURUKOTTA WATER BOARD, GIRANDURUKOTTE TEMPLE, SATHTHWA GOVIPOLA, AGALAOYA, WELANGASPITIYA, CRUSHER JUNCTION, KOHOMBAGODAYAYA, KARIMANTHAPURAYA G/KOTTE
23	20 MILE POST, ROHANA JUNCTION, A.A HOLDINGS, ROHANA (NAGARAYA IDIRIPITA), 21 MILE POST
28	WATHUYAYA (DAMBANA), BO ETAYAYA BADDA, GURUKUMBURA

Kandaketiya Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
4	AGGALA ULPATHA, ATHURUELA, GODAYAGAMA, KARADAGAHAMADA, KIRIGALALANDA KARADAGAHADA, ARWA NEW, POLGAHA ARAWA, MAHIYANGANA ROAD -16TH MP, KATHIK ENGINEERING, VIHARA LANDA, BALAGOLLA, RDA, MALIBAN TEXTTILE I, MALIBAN TEXTTILE II, JAYASIRI RICE MILL, KARAMEIYA, WOOLING LANKA, 21 JUNCTION, GIGIRIPUDAMA, BUBULA, KADAPOTHTHAWA, BADULLU OYA, KANDEKETIYA TOWN, KANDEKETIYA TELECOM, WELAOYA, MAHAKELE, BUDDANKOTTE, MINIPE, ULPOTHA, 21 MP, WALLEWELA TENNA, KIRIWEHERA, MALADUMGOLL, KARAKOLE, MALIYADDA, NARANGASTHANNA, THALAGAHAKUMBURA
22, 24, 25	PALLEWELA, MUDAGAMUWA, BATHMEDILLA, HAPATHGAMUWA, WASANAGAMA, THUNEWA, GODUNNA, BERAMADA, GALAUDA, LABUGASTHALAWA
24	AGGALA ULPATHA, ATHURUELA, GODAYAGAMA, KARADAGAHAMADA, KIRIGALALANDA KARADAGAHADA, ARWA NEW, POLGAHA ARAWA

Rideemaliyadda Consumer Service Center	
Date/s	Affected Areas
2	PILAKETIYA, PETHIYAGODA, NELLIPALAKETIYA, KINIHIRIWELLA, YALWELA, NELUWA, UNAMPITIYA, BAKINITHADUGOLLA, HELAGAMA, KUDALUNUKA, MORANA, DIKWELA
5	PERAGASPITIYA, MALLAHAWA, LIHINIYALANDA (SANDASIRIGAMA), INIPADUREGODA, KOTAGAMA, BUTARAWA
10	POLWAGAWA, GALBOKKA, YALARAWA, BULUGAHALINDA, DEHIGAMA 1, SERUPITIYA 1, SERUPITIYA 2, DEHIGAMA 2, MIREHANA, ADAGALA, AKIRIYANKUMBURA, KANDIYA ARAWA, KADAPALLA, KALUGAHAKOLAYA, DANKUMBURA, ARALUPITIYA
12	P.T.S., DIKKANDAYAYA, TISSAPURA TEMPLE, THISSAPURA YAYA 3, TISSAPURA SCHOOL, KESELPOTHA YAYA 11, GAMAKUMBURA, THISSAPURA YAYA 1, NAGADEEPA (HEERASSAGODA), ALUKETIYAWA JUNCTION, KURALAWELA, ALHENTHALAWA, WAKKARAWA, ALUKETIYA (ALDENIYA)
19,26	WELANKETIYA, URANIYA, URANIYA JUNCTION NEW, URANIYA HOSPITAL, MAHAPITIYA, NAGADEEPA, REEDIMALIYADDA 10TH MILE POST, KOTAGAMWALA, REEDIMALIYADDA 9TH MILE POST, YAKHALPOTHA, REEDIMALIYADDA 8TH MILE POST, KANUGOLLA, KANDEGAMA, DUNUKUWELA, HAPOLA (PERIYAPELESSA), PERAGASPITIYA, MALLAHAWA, LIHINIYALANDA (SANDASIRIGAMA), INIPADUREGODA, KOTAGAMA, BUTARAWA, BUTARAWA, DIYAKOBALA
24	DAMUNUKETIYA, WADIYAGAMA BUBULA, CBL AGRO, KURUWITHENNA, RATHMALKETIYA (BEERALINDA), DAMBAGAHAPITIYA, THAMBAGODA UDUYAYA, WEERAGOLLA, PINNAGOLLA, GALGODAYAYA, MAHAGAMA SCHOOL, UDOOWA MAHAGAMA, BALADANGOLLA, URAKOTE, RITIGAHA ARAWA, DIKYAYA, GURUPANWELA KOHANA,

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**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

**Supply, Delivery, Installation & Maintenance of Laptop & Personal Computers for SLS Bank**

IFB No: SL5B/2019/027

1. The Chairman, Corporate Procurement Committee (Major) on behalf of the Sri Lanka Savings Bank now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for;

	Item Name	Quantity	Bid Security
Lot A	Personal Computers	60 Nos.	Rs. 100,000.00
Lot B	Laptop Computers	16 Nos.	Rs. 30,000.00

All bids must be accompanied by Bid Securities as specified above. Bidders who quote for both Lots are required to furnish two bid securities.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Manager - Procurement, Sri Lanka Savings Bank and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. on working days during the period from 04.09.2020 to 20.09.2020.
- Qualification requirements include:
  - Bids may be supplied by authorized dealer who has previous experience at least 5 years in supply of similar branded computers.
  - They should possess the Certificate of Business Registration issued by the Governmental Authority in the relevant field
  - Bidders should submit manufacturer's authorization form in the prescribed form.
  - The availability of the local agents in Sri Lanka for the supply of spare parts and after sales services for the maintenance of computers offered in the bid.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee Rs. 3,000.00 at the counter of Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd. Borella Branch. The documents may be purchased until one day before the deadline for submission of bids as given in Paragraph 6 below.
- Bids in duplicate, addressed to the Chairman, Corporate Procurement Committee, Sri Lanka Savings Bank, 265, Ward Place, Colombo 07 shall be deposited in the tender box available at **Sri Lanka Savings Bank, 265, Ward Place, Colombo 07 at or before 2.00 p.m. on 21.09.2020.** The wording "**Bids for Supply, Delivery, Installation & Maintenance of Laptop & Personal Computers for SLS Bank**" should be indicated on the left hand corner of the envelope. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of Bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives will be permitted to be present at the time of opening of bids.
- Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd. reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids received without assigning any reason.

**Chairman**  
**Corporate Procurement Committee (Major)**  
**Sri Lanka Savings Bank Ltd.**  
**265, Ward Place, Colombo 07.**

**Telephone : 0112-674700-3**  
**Hotline : 0714-693693**  
**Fax : 0112-674706/7**

04.09.2020



**PROCUREMENT NOTICE**

**SUPPLY OF 03 SYSTEMS OF GRID TIED ROOF TOP SOLAR POWER SYSTEMS OF KV15 CAPACITY EACH**

**Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction - Central Province**

The Chairman, Procurement Committee of Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, Central Province on behalf of the Institutes mentioned below and situated in Central Province invites sealed Bids from qualified Suppliers who have not been blacklisted for the transport supply, install, inspection, commission and maintenance of Grid Tied Roof Top Solar Power Systems with capacity of 15 K.Vots each

- Divisional Hospital, Menikhinna
  - Divisional Hospital, Rattota
  - Divisional Hospital, Kotagala
- Bid Documents could be inspected free of charge by calling over on weekdays during office hours (8.30 a.m. - 4.15 p.m.) at the Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, Central Province.
  - Interested Bidders may purchase a complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language on submission of a written request on a business letterhead to the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, No. 109, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1500/= in cash from 07.09.2020 to 25.09.2020 during working days of the week from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
  - Duly perfected sealed Bids should either be sent to reach the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, First Floor, No. 109, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy by registered post or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Accounts Division of the said Office on or before 10.00 a.m. on 29.09.2020. Bids received late will be rejected.
  - Bids in duplicate inserted in two separate covers marked as original and duplicate should be enclosed in one sealed envelope with the name and the Supply No. indicated on the top left-hand corner and sent as per above.
  - The Bids submitted should be valid up to 16.12.2020 and should be accompanied with a Bid Security to the value of Rs. 70,000/= obtained from a commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in favour of the Secretary of Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction, which should be valid up to 15.01.2021. Or else, a certified copy of the receipt obtained from the Finance Assistant of the Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development for the payment of valid Sri Lankan Rs. 35,000.00 made as a Bid Security.
  - Bids will be opened immediately after the closing of receiving of Bids and the Bidder or an authorized representative could be present at the time.
  - Further details relevant to the Bid could be obtained from the Assistant Director (Planning), Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, First Floor, No. 109, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy. (Telephone No. 081-2234769).
  - A Pre Bid Meeting will be held at 10.00 a.m. on 18.09.2020 at the Central Provincial Ministry of Road Development, Transport, Power & Energy and Housing & Construction.
  - All Bids will be evaluated by a Technical evaluation Committee and the decision of the Procurement Committee will be final.

**Chairman,**  
**Procurement Committee,**  
**Ministry of Road Development,**  
**Transport, Power & Energy and Housing and Construction,**  
**Central Province,**  
**No. 109, Yatinuwara Street, Kandy.**

02.09.2020



**Ministry of Education**

**Wayamba University of Sri Lanka**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**PROCUREMENT OF GOODS UNDER ELTA-ELSE GRANT**

**Faculty of Agriculture & Plantation Management, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka**

The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from Accelerating Higher Education Expansion & Development (AHEAD) project and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to payments under the contract for **Procurement of Goods for Wayamba University of Sri Lanka.**

The Director on behalf of the Regional Procurement Committee, (Minor) of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for following Procurement:

Procurement No.	Item	Bid Security (Rs.)
AHEAD/RA2/ELTAELSE/WYB/AGRI/GOODS/NCB/33	Microwave Digester	55,000.00

Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.

Bids may be submitted by Manufacturers / Agents / Companies who have following experience and capacity to perform the contract:

- The bidder shall furnish documentary evidence to demonstrate that the bidder possesses experience and after sales service in the relevant field at least for 5 years
- The bidder shall adhere to the terms and conditions specified by the purchaser in the respective bidding document.

A soft version of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written application to the Deputy Director / Procurement (AHEAD Operations), OTS Office, Wayamba University, Kuliapitiya and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 2,000** to the shroff of the University on working days from **7th September, 2020 to 29th September, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Bids must be delivered by hand or Registered Post to the address stipulated below **at or before 11.00 a.m. on 30th September 2020.** Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time in the presence of the Bidders' Representatives who choose to attend at the address mentioned below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security according to the values given in above chart under Paragraph No.02.

Complete bids should be forwarded in two copies as the original and the duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as the 'original' and 'duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Then both envelopes are to be re-enclosed in one sealed envelope marked **with the relevant Procurement Number** at top left hand corner of the envelope.

**The Chairman,**  
**Regional Procurement Committee,**  
**Office of the Registrar,**  
**Wayamba University of Sri Lanka,**  
**Kuliapitiya.**

28.08.2020



**The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**  
**Ministry of Wildlife and Forest Conservation**  
**Department of Wildlife Conservation**

**Invitation for Bids (IFB)**

01. Sealed Bids are hereby invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee, Department of Wildlife Conservation from pre-qualified Bidders for the following works, as described in the Schedule below.

Bid No.	Procurement No.	Name of the Work	Engineers Estimate (without VAT) (Rs. Million)	(ICTAD / CIDA) Registration Grade	Non refundable Bid Form Fee (Rs.)	Bid Security Value (Rs.)
01.	WL/02/20/B-08/2020	Completion of the Balance work of the Circuit Bungalow at Old Airport, Yala National Park	19.0	C6 or above (Buildings)	5,500/=	285,000/= (Valid up to 08.01.2021)
02.	WL/02/20/B-09/2020	Construction of Palabaddala Range Assistant's Office and Official Quarters (Residence)	23.9	C6 or above (Buildings)	6,500/=	358,000/= (Valid up to 08.01.2021)
03.	WL/02/20/B-10/2020	Repairs to the Meewathpura Beat Office of the Wasgamuwa National Park	16.4	C6 or above (Buildings)	5,000/=	247,000/= (Should be valid up to 08.01.2021)

- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Bidding documents could be inspected by interested Bidders from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on public working days, up to 24.09.2020 free of charge at the Accounts Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation, Battaramulla.
- A complete set of Bidding documents in English could be obtained by interested Bidders from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on public working days up to 24.09.2020 on submission of a written request to the Director General, Department of Wildlife Conservation, upon payment of the relevant Bidding document fee mentioned above which is non-refundable made to the Shroff of the Department in cash and on production of the original ICTAD (CIDA) Registration Book of the Bidder.
- Bids should be submitted by interested Bidders after the inspection of the Project Site.
- In case, the Bid Security was submitted through a Bank guarantee by a Bank, it should have been issued by a recognized reputed commercial bank approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the value indicated in the Schedule above and valid up to the date given in the table above should be accompanied with the Bids and it is paid in cash. A copy of the receipt for the payment made to the Shroff of the Department as Bid Security amount should be attached along with the Bids. Bids submitted sans the Bid Security will be rejected. All the Bids should be accompanied with the PCA 03 Certificate, issued with the Registration made under the Department of the Registrar of Companies in terms of the Public Contracts Act No. 03 of 1987 and Bids not compatible to this requirement will be rejected.
- Duly completed sealed Bids in duplicate, marked as original and duplicate and enclosed in two separate covers and both the covers enclosed in a single bigger envelope and sealed and indicated the name of the contract and the No. of the contract on the top left-hand corner of the envelope, should either be sent by Registered Post to the following address or deposited in the Bid Box kept at the Finance Division of the Department of Wildlife Conservation to be received at or before 2.30 p.m. on 25.09.2020. Late Bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened at 2.30 p.m. on the same day (25.09.2020) and the Bidder or his accredited Agent could be present on this occasion of opening of Bids.
- Further details in this regard pertaining to Bids could be obtained contacting over the Telephone No. 0112-871537, the Department's Deputy Director (Finance) of the Department of Wildlife Conservation. Department Procurement Committee reserves the right to take the final decision, regarding any matter, concerning the Bids and the Director General of the Department of Wildlife Conservation reserves the right and authority on any matter, pertaining to this Procurement Notice and to take the final decision over thereto, mentioned or not indicated in this notice, regarding the Procurement procedures and works.
- The Chairman, Procurement Committee will not bear any responsibility towards any cost or expenditure incurred by the Bidders in preparation or delivery of Bids.

**Chairman**  
**Department Procurement Committee,**  
**Department of Wildlife Conservation,**  
**No. 811/A, Jayanthipura Road,**  
**Battaramulla.**



GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA



MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS  
ROAD DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY



INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

The Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Ratnapura on behalf of the Road Development Authority (RDA), invites sealed Bids from eligible service providers for Hiring of passenger van for supervision works of 100000 km road improvement project.

Vehicle Category	Description	Bid Bond Amount (Rs.)
Passenger Van (01 No.)	Dual Air-conditioned Seating capacity 10 First Registration within 10 years	50,000.00 (Valid up to 18th December 2020)

- Bidding documents will be issued between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on working days from 04th September 2020 to 17th September 2020 at the Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura on the payment of a non-refundable Tender Fee of Rupees 2500.00. Bidding documents may be inspected free of charge at the place of issuing documents during office hours from 09.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
- Sealed Bids, addressed to Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Chief Engineer's Office, Road Development Authority, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura shall either be sent by registered post or be deposited in the Tender Box kept in the Office of Chief Engineer, Road Development Authority, Ratnapura on or before 2.00 p.m. on 18th September 2020.
- Any further particulars may be obtained from Chief Engineer, Road Development Authority, Bandaranayaka Mawatha, Ratnapura. Tel. No. 045-2222152, Fax No : 045-2230018.

**Chairman**  
**Regional Procurement Committee**  
**Chief Engineer's Office**  
**Road Development Authority**  
**Ratnapura**

04th September 2020

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & INDIGENOUS MEDICAL SERVICES  
WIJAYA KUMARATUNGA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,  
SEEDUWA

REGISTRATION OF SUPPLIERS FOR THE YEAR 2021

Applications are hereby invited from manufacturers, authorized dealers, registered cooperative societies, Govt. institutions, reputed commercial institutions and persons to be registered with this hospital for the supply of following goods and services for the year 2021.

PROVISION OF GOODS

- Medical Equipment
- Eye (Ophthalmic) Surgical Equipment
- Eye Lenses, Drugs & Accessories
- Supply of Laboratory Equipment
- Chemicals required for Laboratory and Radiology Unit
- Dental Surgical Equipment
- Categories of drugs and surgical consumables
- Repairing of Surgical Instruments (all models)
- Stationery
- Preparing Institutional Identity Cards
- X-Ray covers, medicinal (drug) covers
- Garbage bags
- Consumables (soaps, dry batteries, razor blades, distilled water, detergent items etc.)
- Building Maintenance items (Hardware items)
- Supply of hospital linen and curtain materials
- Supply of electrical equipment
- Supply and repairing of Furniture (wooden, steel and iron)
- Supply of Air-Conditioners
- Supply of Computers and Accessories

PROVISION OF SERVICES

- Repairing & Servicing of Computers & related IT equipment
- Vehicle air-conditioning and electrical work — Repairing of engines, tinkering, painting
- Repairing of Electrical Equipment
- Repair & Services of Air-Conditioners
- Supply of suitable vehicle for transportation of drugs and passenger service on hire basis (lorry, car and van)
- Gully Bowser supplying service for removal of sewerage
- Provision of clinical and sanitary waste material removal services
- Purchasing of discarded plastic, glass bottles

Applications can be obtained on producing of the following documents and making a non-refundable fee of Rs. 500.00 for each above mentioned series to the hospital from 04.09.2020 up to 16.10.2020 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (Except public holidays and weekends)

- A written request to Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital, Seeduwa.
- Copy of the Business Registration Certificate,

Duly perfected applications should be sent by registered post to be received on or before 02.11.2020 to the following address, caption "Registration of Supplies for the year 2021 - Category No. ...." marked on the top left-hand corner of the envelope.

If you need any clarification, please contact Administrative Officer via Telephone Number 011-2258862-64.

**Chairman,**  
**Regional Procurement Committee,**  
**Wijaya Kumaratunga Memorial Hospital,**  
**Seeduwa.**

APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE UNDER SECTION 34  
OF THE COMPANIES ACT No. 07 of 2007 FROM THE  
REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF COMPANIES

In pursuance of Section 34 of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, application has been made to the Registrar-General of Companies for a License that a Centre (Guarantee), to be formed under the name and style of **CENTRE FOR WORKERS' EDUCATION AND TRAINING** to be registered with limited liability without the addition of the word LIMITED at the end of its name. The objects for which the Centre is to be established are:

- To teach, assist or conduct workshops for workers to take all steps and carry out all programmes or activities to understand their rights and duties.
- To educate workers in terms of their rights on labour legislation, litigation procedure before the Courts, Labour Tribunal and other institutions and to familiarise workers with existing labour laws by promoting dispute resolution mechanisms.
- To teach and assist workers on their fundamental rights as enshrined in the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and rights guaranteed by International Conventions on freedom of expression, publication and forming trade unions and conduct workshops to educate formation of workers' trade unions and/or cooperatives.
- To educate and train workers to create gender relations based on equality in the workplace and home and to combat gender based discrimination.
- To teach, assist or conduct workshops to combat patriarchy in workers' cooperatives.
- To teach, assist or conduct workshops to combat divisive and oppressive ideologies such as racism, ethnic supremacy, religious bigotry and caste discrimination.
- To educate workers to be cognizant of their own rights as well as fundamental rights as enshrined in the constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka based on class, ethnicity and gender.
- To inculcate into the workers the awareness to combat and to overcome gender based and/or class based and/or ethnicity based discrimination.
- To teach, assist or conduct workshops to promote fluency in languages to school children, school leavers and adults who are members of immediate families of the workers.
- To educate the workers and the members of the immediate families of the workers to be able to understand and communicate in Sinhala English and Tamil.
- To lobby for the restoration of a welfare state with high quality education and healthcare.
- To conduct workshops to teach the importance of freedom of expression and to approach media to publicise agitations, struggles and views of the workers.
- To teach, assist or conduct workshops to maintain universally accepted labour standards to become operative.
- To teach, assist or conduct workshops to combat xenophobia and nationalism to protect the rights, welfares and interests of workers.
- To receive sponsorships, funding and donations to fulfil the objectives enumerated in these Articles.
- To establish, maintain and carry out programmes for the provision of relief to the workers' population.
- To educate workers and children of workers about working class struggles in other countries and enable them to follow such stories in English and communicate with foreign workers and students in English.
- Not to carry on the business of providing primary and/or secondary education to any person on any subject, art or skill or whatsoever.

The objects and other provisions of the Centre are set out in the Articles of Association, a copy of which may be inspected during working hours, on weekdays at the office of the proposed Company Secretary to the said Centre, at No. 99A, Hullisdorp Street, Colombo 12.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person, company or corporation objecting to this application may lodge such objections within three weeks from the date of this advertisement by a letter addressed to the **REGISTRAR GENERAL OF COMPANIES**, Samagam Medura, No. 400, D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Colombo 10.

Ahmed Imran Irfana  
For Promoters



Procurement Notice

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka  
Mihintale

Obtaining Photography Service of the  
20th General Convocation

Quotations are invited from Institutions that have at least three years satisfactory experience in Photographing Convocation, to cover the **20th General Convocation of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale** which is scheduled to be held on **22nd and 23rd October 2020**.

Interested parties could obtain relevant information (T.P. 025-2266780) and tender documents from the Office of the **Deputy Registrar / Examinations & Academic** during weekdays from **9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. up to 25.09.2020** by submitting a written request along with the receipt for payment of non-refundable fee of Rupees Five Thousand (Rs. 5,000/=) to the Shroff of this University or credit to the Account No. 008-1-001-8-1725841, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale at People's Bank, Anuradhapura Branch in favour of "Bursar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale".

Duly completed tender document shall be accompanied with the Bid Security of Rupees Fifty Thousand (Rs. 50,000/=) drawn in favour of "Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka", obtained from a commercial bank registered under the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, valid up to 31st March 2021, and sent by registered post addressed to "**Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Mihintale**", or deposited in the Tender Box kept at the Office of the Registrar to receive at or before **2.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020**. The top left-hand corner of the envelope should be marked "**Photographing of General Convocation - 2020**".

Tenders will be closed at 2.00 p.m. on 28th September 2020 and opened soon after closing of tenders in the presence of the Tenderers or authorized representatives of Tenderers in the Office of the Registrar. Late Tenders will be returned without opening.

The decision of the Procurement Committee shall be final.

**Registrar,**  
**Rajarata University of Sri Lanka,**  
**Mihintale.**

04th September 2020



Public Utilities  
Commission of Sri Lanka



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Formulate Guidelines for regulatory  
impact analysis (Ex-Ante)

The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) hereby invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from qualified parties to assist the PUCSL in formulating procedure (guidelines) to analyze the impact of regulatory intervention prior to such intervention as well as to assist the PUCSL to implement such procedure.

Guidelines on the submission of EOI can be found on the PUCSL website ([www.pucsl.gov.lk](http://www.pucsl.gov.lk))

EOIs must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on  
21.09.2020

**Chairman**  
**Department Consultants Procurement Committee**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka**  
**No. 28, St. Michael's Road, Colombo 03,**  
**Sri-Lanka**

Telephone: + 94-112392607/8

Facsimile: + 94-112392641

E-mail: [regulate@pucsl.gov.lk](mailto:regulate@pucsl.gov.lk) with copy to  
[pucsl.regulate@gmail.com](mailto:pucsl.regulate@gmail.com)

Date: 04.09.2020

SRI LANKA RAILWAYS

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

PROCUREMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF  
5,000 NOS. LESS HIGH CONCRETE SLEEPERS  
TO SUIT EN 45 E1 RAILS AT CME'S YARD -  
RATMALANA

PROCUREMENT NO. SRS/F 7715

- The Chairman, Department Procurement Committee (Major) on behalf of Sri Lanka Railways will receive sealed bids from Local manufacturers/ suppliers for the purchase of 5,000 Nos. Less High Concrete Sleepers to suit EN 45 E1 rails at CME's Yard - Ratmalana.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure.
- Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 09.00hrs to 15.00hrs and inspect the bidding document at the address given below on working days from 04/09/2020 until 28/09/2020 from 09.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs in week days.

Superintendent of Railway Stores,  
Railway Stores Department,  
Olcott Mawatha,  
Colombo 10,  
Sri Lanka.

Telephone Nos. : 94 (11) 2438078 or 94(11) 2436818

Fax : 94(11) 2432044

E-mail : [srs.slr@gmail.com](mailto:srs.slr@gmail.com)

Website : [www.railway.gov.lk](http://www.railway.gov.lk)

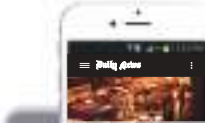
- The Bidder should have supplied more than 5,000 Nos. Concrete Sleepers to Sri Lanka Railways or have supplied pre-stressed Concrete beams for a value of more than Rs. 50 million or should have supplied pre-stressed concrete poles for a value of more than Rs. 500 million within the last five years along with the copies of invoices.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English Language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address of the Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores, Olcott Mawatha, Colombo 10 from 04/09/2020 to 28/09/2020 up to 15.00 hrs on payment of a non refundable procurement fee of Rs. 12,500.00 only.
- All bids must be accompanied by a Bid security. Amount of Bid security shall be Rs. 500,000.00 and shall be an unconditional guarantee issued by Bank operating in Sri Lanka and approved by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.
- Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 14.00 hrs on 29/09/2020 and the bids will be opened immediately after closing of the bids. Bidders or their authorized representatives are requested to be present at the opening of the bids. Late bids will not be accepted.

**The Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee (Major),**  
**Office of the Superintendent of Railway Stores,**  
**Sri Lanka Railways,**  
**Olcott Mawatha,**  
**Colombo 10.**

**The Chairman,**  
**Department Procurement Committee (Major)**  
**Sri Lanka Railways**

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## DAYA GROUP LIMITED

Formerly Daya Group (Private) Limited  
(Company Registration No. PV 9163)

### Public Notice of Change of Name

Under the provisions of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007

We hereby give public notice that the name of Daya Group (Private) Limited (former name) has been changed to Daya Group Limited (new name) in accordance with the provisions of Section 11(2) read with Sections 8, and 29 of the Companies Act No. 7 of 2007 consequent in law to a Special Resolution dated 28th August 2020. The company's registered office address is at No. 362, Colombo Road, Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa.

Daya Dharmapala Killittuwa Gamage  
Director  
Daya Group Limited  
No. 362, Colombo Road,  
Pepiliyana, Boralesgamuwa.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 9(1) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007 that, the undernoted company has been incorporated.

Name of the Company:  
**TECRAV SOLUTIONS (PVT) LTD**  
Company Number: **PV 00226455**  
Registered Office: **1/1/944, Ethul Kotte Kotte.**  
Incorporated Date: **26th August 2020**  
Company Secretary



## NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, MAHARAGAMA

### Invitation of quotations for the operating of the canteen of the Education Leadership Development and Management Faculty, Meepe of the National Institute of Education

Sealed tenders will be received, from reputed Cafeteria / Restaurant / Hotel owners to operate the Canteen of the Education Leadership Development and Management Faculty at the Meepe Premises of the National Institute of Education, by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the National Institute of Education.

Relevant bid documents / tender forms and all other details can be obtained on weekdays between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on submission of the receipt to the Procurement Officer, which is received on payment of an amount of Rs. 500.00, made to the Account No. 607628 of the Director General of the National Institute of Education at the Bank of Ceylon.

Issuance of tender forms will be closed at **3.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020.**

Completed sealed tenders could either be sent by registered post addressed to Director General, National Institute of Education, Maharagama or placed in the tender box kept at the office of the Deputy Director General (Administration, Finance and Support Services), to be received at or before **2.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020.** The cover containing the tender should be marked the Tender No. "NIE/LP/2020/62" at the left side top corner. Tenders received will be opened at **2.00 p.m. on 29.09.2020.**

The decision of the Director General of the National Institute of Education in this regard shall be the final.

For further details, contact 0117601797, 0117601799.

**Director General,  
National Institute of Education,  
Maharagama.**

## RIDEEGAMA PRADESHIYA SABHA

### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### Lease of Assets for the year 2021

Tender applications for the lease of the trade rights of the weekly fairs / meat stalls of the Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha mentioned in the following schedule for the period from 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021, will be issued from this office from 04.09.2020 to 21.09.2020 between 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. and tenders will be received by me up to 1.00 p.m. on 22.09.2020. Tenders should be forwarded only on the application forms obtained from this office upon payment of the tender deposits & tender form fees given in the schedule and government taxes. Tenders could be sent to reach the "Chairman, Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha, Rideegama" by registered post or hand delivered and deposited in the tender box provided at the office. The name of the business / asset tendered should be indicated on the top left-hand corner of the envelope containing tenders. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on 22.09.2020 before the Tender Board. Tenderer or an authorised representative could participate on this occasion.

Further details could be obtained from our office during office hours.

#### N.B.:

Further details of other assets to be leased that are not listed in the schedule could be obtained through contact No. 037-2252075

- ❖ All those who obtain tender forms should produce their National Identity Card.
- ❖ The lessee should find places for trade and slaughter houses for meat stalls himself. Stamp fees in addition to tendered amount should be paid for each tender.

Serial No.	Assets	Non-refundable Tender Form Fee Rs. Cts.	Tender Security Deposit Rs. Cts.	Minimum Bid Rs. Cts.
1.	Lease of Dodangaslanda Weekly Fair	3,000.00	60,000.00	1,611,700.00
2.	Lease of Panagamuwa No. 1 Beef Stall	3,000.00	40,000.00	461,850.00
3.	Lease of Panagamuwa No. 2 Beef Stall	3,000.00	40,000.00	615,000.00
4.	Lease of Thelambugalle Beef Stall	3,000.00	30,000.00	352,000.00
5.	Lease of Thalgaspitiya Beef Stall	3,000.00	30,000.00	468,000.00

**Chairman,  
K. Wilbert Kulatunge,  
Rideegama Pradeshiya Sabha.**  
03.09.2020

## PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed Suppliers in Sri Lanka for Supply & Implement as given below.

Tender No.	Description of the Item	Value of Bid Security	Last Date & Time of Issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing the Tender
P-062/2020	Implement Microsoft SQL Cluster for Smart Remit including Microsoft Licence	2% of the total estimated value of each tender	21.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	22.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

- Tender Documents could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing **Rs. 1,500/=** for each tender document to the Account No. 204100120011913 maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank Branch to the named account. Issuance of Tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. from **04.09.2020 to 21.09.2020** as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
- Perfected Tender Documents should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for 2% of the Total Estimated Cost, valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the Tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts (Valid for 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender) are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. Cheque drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted.
- Sealed Tenders may be sent by Registered Post or deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02. Tenders will be opened at 2.00 p.m. on the closing date (**22.09.2020**) mentioned above. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. will be rejected and returned unopened.
- The Bank reserves to itself the right of rejecting any or all Bids or cancelling the whole tender and the right of accepting any portion of a Tender without assigning any reasons.
- Further details could be obtained from Chief Manager (Supplies), People's Bank, Supplies Department, on the Telephone Nos. given below.

**Chief Manager (Supplies)  
People's Bank, Supplies Dept.,  
No. 30/101, Kew Road,  
Colombo 02.**

**Tele. Nos : 2439577 / 8, 2307326  
Fax No. : 2439576  
Web : www.peoplesbank.lk**



### Invitation for Bids

### Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council

Sealed bids are invited by the Chairman, Procurement Committee of the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Council under National Competitive Bidding Procedure from bidders who are qualified and have fulfilled the qualifications for the following works.

Work Description	Source of Funding	Registered Grade	Non Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Estimated Work Value (Rs.)	Value of Refundable Bid Bond (Rs.)
1. Construction of Balangoda Base Hospital - Completion of the Ground Floor under First Stage	Ministry of Health Grants	C 4 or C 5	10,000.00	39,038,370.40	625,000.00
2. Construction of Five Storey Building for Embilipitiya District General Hospital - Second Stage (Completion of Ground Floor of Building for which foundation has been laid)		C 4 or C 5	10,000.00	38,767,207.32	610,000.00
3. Repairing the Outdoor Patients Division of Pallededda Divisional Hospital		C 6 or C 7	5,000.00	7,198,705.27	135,000.00
4. Improvement to the X-Ray Unit of the Rakwana Divisional Hospital		C 7 or C 8	5,000.00	3,837,332.27	70,000.00
5. Improvement to Repairing of Hospital Building of Udawalawa Divisional Hospital		C 6 or C 7	5,000.00	8,066,579.23	150,000.00
6. Improvement to Wards of Embilipitiya District General Hospital		C 6 or C 7	5,000.00	7,638,476.25	140,000.00

- Relevant bid documents may be obtained from the Accounts Division of the Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services at No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Ratnapura upon payment of the non-refundable bid document fee as mentioned above between **9.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.** on working days from **04<sup>th</sup> September 2020** until **23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.**
- All bidders should submit either a refundable bid bond obtained in favour of "Provincial Director of Health Services, Sabaragamuwa" from a commercial bank operating in Sri Lanka which is recognized by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka to the value mentioned in the table above relevant to the work subject as per the procurement conditions or the original of the receipt obtained from the Shroff of the Office of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director of Health Services at No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Ratnapura along with the original bid.
- Action will be taken to ensure the validity of the contract registration and the bids from bidders whose registration is not valid will be rejected.
- This bid invitation will be conducted under Competitive Bidding Procedure and as the estimated value of every work is less than Rs. 50 million, regional preference and relevant CIDA Grade preference will be applicable in the selection of bidders as per Public Finance Circular No. 04/2016(ii).
- However, if qualified bidders in specified grades do not submit bids, the bids of bidders of higher grades within the province will be considered. If there is no qualified bidder within the province, bids of bidders in the national level will be considered.
- Bids submitted should be valid until **25<sup>th</sup> December 2020** and the Bid Bond should be valid until **31<sup>st</sup> January 2021.**
- Relevant bids should be deposited in the sealed tender box kept at the office of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director of Health Services situated at No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha, Ratnapura only up to **10.00 a.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020.** Late bids will be rejected.
- Bids will be opened immediately after closing of bids at **10.00 a.m. on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020** at the office of the Sabaragamuwa Provincial Director of Health Services in the presence of the bidders or their representatives who are present at the time of opening of bids. Bidder or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.

**Inquiries: Chief Accountant  
Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services  
045-2222277**

**Chairman  
Procurement Committee  
Office of the Provincial Director of Health Services  
No. 75, Dharmapala Mawatha  
Ratnapura  
04<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

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