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## PRESIDENT REMOVES KEY TAXES ON GEM AND JEWELLERY INDUSTRY

**RS. 1 M LOAN FACILITY AT 4% INTEREST RATE FOR JEWELLERY MANUFACTURERS**

**PROPOSALS TO MAKE LANKA A GEM TRADING HUB**

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa yesterday decided to remove the 14% income tax imposed on the profit earned by the gem and jewellery manufacturers and the 15% tax on gold imports.

The income tax concession given to the gem and jewellery industry since 1971 was done away with under the income tax policy introduced in 2017. This created a situation where the actual income earned from the export of gem and jewelry could not be disclosed. In 2018,

a 15% tax was imposed on gold imports. This has resulted in jewellery prices going up. The President pointed out the necessity of removing relevant taxes immediately in order to take steps to uplift the gem and jewellery industry. **TO PAGE 02**



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## HC issues summons on Rajitha

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**  
The Colombo High Court yesterday issued summons on former Minister Rajitha Senarathne and two others directing them to appear in Court on October 29 over a case filed against them for allegedly causing a loss to the Government. High Court Judge Pradeep Hettiarachi made this order for the purpose of serving indictments to the accused. The Bribery Commission had filed indictments in the Colombo High Court against former Minister Rajitha Senarathne and two others for allegedly causing unlawful loss to the Govern-

ment when leasing out the Modara Fisheries harbour to a private company while Rajitha Senarathne was serving as the Fisheries Minister in 2014. The Commission to Investigate Allegations of Bribery or Corruption Director General filed indictments against former Minister Rajitha Senarathne, former Ceylon Fisheries Harbour Corporation (CFHC) Chairman Upali Liyanage and former CFHC Managing Director Neil Ravindra Munasinghe under Section 70 of the Bribery Act on five charges. **TO PAGE 02**

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**More foreign experts to inspect distressed oil tanker**  
Another team of 11 disaster management experts from the Netherlands, Britain and Belgium arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday for inspection of the distressed oil tanker *MT New Diamond* off Sangamankanda point and they were to be transferred to the location of the by the Navy yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

**Inclement weather to continue; heavy winds, thundershowers expected**  
The Meteorology Department has warned that inclement weather may continue for a few more days with heavy winds and thundershowers of over 50mm in some places, advising the public to take precautionary measures against damage caused by lightning and localized winds. In an alert issued yesterday the Department warned that showers will occur. **TO PAGE 02**

## Buduputh Suraksha Health Insurance Scheme from Oct.1

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa yesterday directed officials to commence the Buduputh Suraksha Health Insurance Scheme from October 1. The Prime Minister also ordered the release of Rs. 40 million for the scheme from the Buddha Sasana Fund initially. In addition, the Government will contribute Rs.50 million for this scheme which will cover 15,000 Buddhist monks in the country. The Prime Minister made these directives at the 84th Board of Management meeting of the Buddha Sasana Fund held at Temple Trees yesterday. The Prime Minister also directed officials to explore ways and means to further strengthen the fund. **TO PAGE 02**



Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa presents a book on the 2600th Sambuddhawa Jayanthi to Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa at Temple Trees yesterday. Ven. Dr. Diviyagaha Yasassi Thera was also present. Picture courtesy Prime Minister's Media Division

## PCol on Easter Sunday attacks: Hisbullah gives statement

**SUBASHINI SENANAYAKE**  
Former Eastern Province Governor M.L.A.M. Hisbullah yesterday arrived at the Police Unit of the Presidential Commission of Investigation (PCol) on the Easter Sunday attacks to record

a statement. He was noticed to appear before the Police unit to record a statement over the Easter Sunday attacks. Hisbullah had left the Police Unit after six hours. Samagi Jana Balawegaya Colombo **TO PAGE 02**

## Independent Commissions will not be abolished by 20A - GL

**CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE**  
Education Minister Prof. G.L. Peiris yesterday refuted the claims that Independent Commissions will be abolished by the 20th Amendment to the Constitution. He said that functioning of seven Commissions, namely, the Election Commission, Public Services Commission, Police Commission, Finance Commission, Delimitation Commission, Bribery Commission and the Human Rights Commission. **TO PAGE 02**



## CA allows Premalal Jayasekera to attend Parliament

**LAKMAL SOORIYAGODA**  
The Court of Appeal yesterday issued an order directing the Prison authorities to allow Ratnapura District Parliamentarian Premalal Jayasekera to attend Parliament. Premalal Jayasekera who was sentenced to death over a fatal shooting. **TO PAGE 02**

## Dr. Palitha Kohona tipped to be Sri Lanka's Ambassador to China

**RUKSHANA RIZWIE**  
Career diplomat and Former Foreign Secretary Dr. Palitha Kohona has been nominated as Sri Lanka's new Ambassador to China pending Parliamentary High Post Committee clearance. Speaking to the *Daily News*, Dr. Kohona regarded China as a long standing friend that has helped Sri Lanka in the darkest of times. **TO PAGE 02**



## Warrants on Galle district MP Manusha Nanayakkara recalled

**MAHINDA P. LIYANAGE,**  
Galle Central Special Correspondent  
Galle Chief Magistrate Harshana Kekunawela ordered the arrest warrants issued to Galle District Samagi Jana Balawegaya Member of Parliament Manusha Nanayakkara as he appeared before courts through his lawyer Rajindra Narangoda on submission of a motion yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

## University intake to be increased by 20,000- UGC Chairman

**RAVI LADDUWAHETTY**  
The University intake from the students who sat for their GCE Advanced Level examination in 2019 will be increased by a further 20,000 for the 2020 intake, University Grants Commission Chairman Prof. Sampath Amararatna told the *Daily News* yesterday. **TO PAGE 02**

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# Turmeric needed for local consumption at fixed price -Johnston

LAHIRU FERNANDO

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has instructed all officers in the Agricultural sector to take steps to produce turmeric needed for the local consumption within the country and maintain a fixed price, Highways Minister Johnston Fernando said.

He was speaking during a visit to the Maha Nanneriya village in the Kurunegala District yesterday.

The Minister said there is a huge demand for turmeric in the local market at present where one kilo is being sold between Rs.4,000 to Rs.5,000.

“Some people question us as to why we do not import the required amounts and release it to the market. If we allow the importation, the traders will import excessively, store them and release to the local market later, which will result in discouraging the local producers,” he added.

The Government has commenced a programme to produce every item possible within the country while imposing limitations on the import of such products.

“We have taken action to build a self-sufficient local

economy and thereby shift to the Developed Country category from the Developing Country category,” Minister Fernando added.

He also said it is expected to save huge amounts of money spent for the import of wheat flour by promoting the local crops such as maize in Sri Lanka. These limitations are imposed solely to empower the local economy and farmers and protect them. “It is my belief that Sri Lanka could be made the country with the strongest economy in the Asian Region,” he stressed.



Indian High Commissioner in Colombo Gopal Bagley paid a courtesy call on Health Minister Pavithra Wanniarachchi at the Health Ministry. Chief Secretary of the Indian High Commission Dr. Sushil Kumar and Head, Economic and Commercial Division, Indian High Commission Rakesh Pandey were present.

## 20A will create authoritarian state - Bimal

Former Parliamentarian Bimal Rathnayake yesterday said the 20th Amendment to the Constitution will create an authoritarian state which is more powerful than President J.R. Jayewardene's.

“The Draft Amendment has abolished the National Audit Commission which is an integral part of controlling public finance,” he said at a press briefing in Colombo.

He said that the President can entrust the role of Auditor General to a person who is not an auditor through this amendment.

Rathnayake said the people commended the role played by the National

Elections Commission though there were some shortcomings.

He said that this Constitutional Amendment does not allow the Auditor General to conduct an audit on the President's Office and the Prime Minister's Office through the President and the Prime Minister were elected by the people.

Rathnayake said the world had witnessed the trend of autocratic leaders gaining power in many countries since 2010. They have been denying the people of their democratic rights.

Parliamentarian Dr. Harini Amarapura and senior lawyer Lal Wijenaike also spoke.

## PCol on Easter Sunday ...

district Parliamentarian Mujibar Rahuman also arrived at the Commission's Police Unit and gave a four hour statement over the attacks.

Parliamentarian Sivanethurai Chandranathan alias Pilleyan was summoned to the Police Unit last week to record a statement over the attacks.

## Buduputh Suraksha ...

It was decided at the Board of Management meeting to reduce the current age limit of caring for elder monks above 100 years to 90 years.

The members of the board under the stewardship of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa also decided to increase the number of scholarships granted to Buddhist monks from 800 to 1,500. They also decided to increase the scholarship grant to Rs.1000 from Rs.750.

The grant of Rs.100,000 given to temples with less facilities for the development of sanitary facilities will also be increased to Rs.150,000 on a proposal made by Ven. Diviyagaha Yasassi Thera.

The Board of Management also decided to develop 20 institutes dedicated for novice monks.

A hundred Bhikkhus are to be sent for a Chinese language training programme funded by the Government of China after the COVID-19 pandemic situation is brought under control globally.

A special programme will also be launched for Buddhist monks to study other languages, specially Tamil.

Members of the Board of Management Ven. Dr. Diviyagaha Yasassi Thera, Opposition Leader Sajith Premadasa and the Prime Minister's Secretary participated.

## HC issues summons ...

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

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

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

## Weapons cache found at former PS member's house

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Galle Central Special Correspondent

In a special raid executed jointly with the officials of Colombo Special Task Force, a collection of firearms, weapons and ammunition were detected at the house of a former member of the Badde-

gama Pradeshiya Sabha yesterday, Baddegama Police said. Among the items found at the PS member's house are a T56 gun, a magazine, eight T 56 ammunition, an air-rifle and an unregistered motorcycle. Baddegama Police are investigating.

## Independent Commissions ...

Speaking at a press conference at the SLPP headquarters in Battaramulla, the Education Minister said the 19th Amendment was brought with malicious intent.

“The ulterior motive of bringing the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was to target the members of the Rajapaksa family. It was not brought for the well-being of the country or its people,” he said.

He said that the previous

Government subtly planned to remove the members of the Rajapaksa family from the political platform through the 19th Amendment.

“The country faced anarchy due to the 19th Amendment to the Constitution,” he added. The Education Minister said President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was unable to dissolve Parliament after his resounding victory at the last Presidential election due to the 19th Amendment.

“The President could have dissolved Parliament and called for an election if the 19th Amendment was not in force,” he said.

He said the President does not have time to discharge his service to the public as long as the 19th Amendment to the Constitution is in force.

“The President has to spend more time in courts until the 19th Amendment is in force,” he said.

## Dr. Palitha Kohona ...

particularly during the conflict against the LTTE. “Sri Lanka will work with China to improve bilateral economic relations,” he said. “We will strive to encourage Chinese Corporate investments in Sri Lanka, encourage tourism and enhance bilateral and educational relations.”

Dr. Kohona added that a significant link was being developed between the two countries especially with regard to Buddhism. “It will be to the benefit of both countries to enhance these links.” He said adding that China has very successfully con-

fronted the challenges of COVID-19 and has also extended assistance to other countries in dealing with the pandemic. “Sri Lanka was one of the early beneficiaries of Chinese experience, expertise and generosity.”

Dr. Kohona is a veteran diplomat who has served as Sri Lanka's Permanent Representative to the United Nations after serving as Foreign Secretary. He was also the Secretary-General of the Secretariat for Coordination of the Peace Process. He is also a contributor to several prestigious publications.

## University intake ...

He said that the increased numbers will be accommodated through 10,000 through the conventional university system and a further 10,000 through the Open University system.

The UGC Chief was responding to a question based on a Daily News Page One Lead story which quoted President Gotabaya Rajapaksa as having said that he wants an additional intake of 12,000 students for the State universities and how such a large number of students could be accommodated in such a short time. He said he was in consultation with all the Vice Chancellors of all the Universities and expressed confidence that the numbers could be increased by 20,000. Responding to another question as to how such large numbers could be accommodated with the concept of Social Distancing in the light of COVID-19, he said that the University

authorities were also discussing new hostels outside the university system. “The construction of new buildings for lectures and accommodation within such a short time will be an impossibility,” he said. Explaining the statistics, Prof. Amaratunga said that there was a total number of 300,000 who sat the A Levels in 2019 out of which 180,000 passed a minimum of three subjects with three simple (Ordinary) passes. But only 30,000 students gained admission to the State universities.

“There were another 80,000 students or so who gained admissions to the Degree awarding institutions which were not under the aegis of the UGC such as the NIBM, Buddhist and Pali University, Sagara University et al and other institutions which are private external degree awarding institutions. In addition, there are those from rich families who go overseas as well,” he added.

## Warrants on ...

Galle District Parliamentarian had been issued arrest warrants last Friday as he failed to appear in court to give evidence in a case in which he had been cited as the first witness.

Some students who had come to know each other at a Japanese language class held in Galle had been promised to provide jobs in Japan by an individual who posed as an Estate Superintendent. He had also pretended to be a friend of MP Nanayakkara and had said he could find jobs in Japan through MP Nanayak-

kara. A father of one friend among them had introduced the alleged impostor. He had asked Rs.400 000 from each person for providing jobs in Japan.

A boy of Dickwella together with another friend from Ragama had come to Galle with the money to meet the Parliamentarian on February 23, 2019 and pay the money. However, the alleged fraudster had said that on that day Manusha Nanayakkara could not be met as he was away from Galle. Further the youths

had been asked to pay Rs.200 000 as an advance for the job deal.

Nevertheless the youth from Dickwella on suspicion of the conduct of the person who posed as an Estate Superintendent had explained about the deal to another friend of him who had instructed him not to pay money as it seemed to be a fraudulent transaction.

The youth did not pay money but had gone to Galle Police to lodge a complaint about the incident. Galle Police following investigations

had arrested a person who posed as an Estate Superintendent. He is a resident 62, of Hapugala, Galle. The Police who filed a case against the suspect had cited Manusha Nanayakkara as the first witness of the lawsuit.

However MP Nanayakkara did not appear in court on Friday which resulted in the issue of warrants. The Chief Magistrate set the next hearing for November 6.

SI Mahilal with PS Udaya Kumara (14104) of Galle Police Crime Branch prosecuted

## Inclement weather ...

in the Western, Sabaragamuwa, Central, North Western Provinces and in the Galle and Matara districts while showers or thunder-showers are likely in the Uva Province and in the Ampara and Batticaloa districts.

The Met Department warned that wind speeds may pick up to 50kmph at times across the island particularly in the Northern, North-central, and Northwestern provinces as well as Trincomalee, Hambantota, Kandy, Nuwara Eliya districts. The sea area is forecast to be rough from Puttalam, to Mannar and from Matara to Pottuvil via Hambantota.

Meanwhile, naval and fishing communities have been warned that there is a high possibility that

the seas off the coast extending from Beruwala to Hambantota via Galle may experience swell of waves from 2.5 to 3 metres in height.

In another development, Engineer S.P.C. Sugeeshwara, the director of Hydrology at the Disaster Management Centre in an advisory has cited that according to the Dunamale station, water levels in the Attanagalu Oya as well as the Kuda Ganga are gradually rising.

The Disaster Management Centre issuing a situation report cites that 11,389 people have been affected due to the inclement weather and most of them have been forced to leave their homes temporarily due to high winds.

## President removes key taxes...

President Rajapaksa made these remarks during a meeting to discuss future activities of the State Ministry of Gem and Jewellery related Industries held at the Presidential Secretariat yesterday.

The 14 proposals put forward by State Minister Lohan Ratwatte to resolve the issues pertaining to Sri Lanka's inability to become the global hub for gems were discussed in length.

Minister Ratwatte highlighted the importance of facilitating the importation of high priced gems unique to other countries and are not found in Sri Lanka and maintaining a gem reserve.

President Rajapaksa said that all relevant institutions should be brought into one place to avoid delays in the issuance of gem mining licenses.

The President instructed the State-owned banks to provide a loan of Rs. 1 million at a concessional interest rate of 4%, to jewellery manufacturers and traditional jewellers to purchase gold. It was also decided to remove the barriers that have obstructed the release of uncultivated lands with gem deposits belonging to plantation companies and to take over control of

these lands for the benefit of the mining industry.

President Rajapaksa instructed the officials to expedite the construction work of the proposed Gem Trading Complex and Training Centre at Demuwawatha, Ratnapura.

The President was told that unregulated and illicit gem mining is taking place in areas containing rich gem deposits of the Ratnapura District on a large scale. President Rajapaksa urged officials to immediately halt the gem mining activities that are carried out in a harmful manner to the environment as well as to remove barriers to the traditional gem mining industry. A number of views presented for the advancement of the industry were discussed in detail at this meeting, including the development of the Gem Laboratory of the National Gem & Jewellery Authority on par with international standards. Minister Wimal Weerawansa, State Minister Lohan Ratwatte, Head of the Presidential Task Force on Economic Revival Basil Rajapaksa, Secretary to the President Dr. P. B. Jayasundera and officials of the Line Ministries and gem and jewellery industrialists participated in this meeting.

## CA allows Premalal ...

that took place in 2015 had filed a writ petition in the Court of Appeal seeking an interim order directing the prison authorities to allow him to attend Parliament.

The Court of Appeal two-judge-Bench comprising Justice (President) A.H.M.D. Nawaz and Justice Sobhitha Rajakaruna held that the Court would allow the petitioner to take oaths since Constitutional provisions do not prohibit him taking oaths as a Member of Parliament.

“The election of this petitioner has yet not been invalidated. These proceedings do not invalidate the election of this petitioner.” Justice Nawaz said.

The Court of Appeal held that the petitioner is entitled to have the

rights vested in the elected candidate until his election is set aside by a way of competent jurisdiction.

“This constitutional provision does not prohibit taking oaths as a Member of Parliament. We take the view that Constitutional provisions are not engaged here,” Justice Nawaz observed.

“Allowing to take oaths and the fact of sitting and voting is a matter that is not before us. We are not interpreting the issue of sitting and voting in Parliament. That has to be determined in another forum,” Justice Nawaz further added.

In his oral submissions, Senior Deputy Solicitor General Nerin Pulle appearing for the Attorney General had argued that in terms of Article 89 (d) of the Constitution, a person who is under a death sentence is disqualified to sit and vote in Parliament. Nerin

Pulle had submitted to the Court that a person who is under the sentence of death is disqualified to sit and vote in Parliament.

However, President's Counsel Romesh de Silva appearing for the petitioner observed that when an accused filed an appeal, the execution shall stay and he shall be kept under remand custody. De Silva argued that his client would remain as a remand prisoner until a higher court determined his appeal.

Romesh De Silva PC, Nalin Ladduwahetty PC, Counsel Sugath Caldera, Niran Ankitel and Buddhika Chandrasekara Instructed by Paul Ratnayake Associates appeared for the petitioner. Senior Deputy Solicitor General Nerin Pulle with Senior State Counsel Dr. Awanthi Perera and State Counsel Induni Punchedewa appeared for the Attorney General.

## More foreign ...

“This team has been sent by the commercial and technical operator of the distressed vessel,” a release issued by the Sri Lanka Navy said yesterday.

Meanwhile, a team of 10 British and Dutch experts, including salvage operation experts, assessors and a legal adviser arrived in Sri Lanka on Sunday, under the facilitation of the company that works as the commercial and technical operator of MT New Diamond.

Accordingly, six salvage operation experts of the team were transported by Sri Lanka Navy craft to the location of the ill-fated oil tanker. They are still studying the situation.

The Sri Lanka Navy and other disaster management teams were able to bring the fire onboard the crude oil tanker MT New Diamond under control by 3.00 p.m. on Sunday (September 6).

However, due to the high temperature inside the ship and environmental factors there is a possibility of a return of the fire. Therefore, the vessels and craft

dispatched for disaster management efforts continue to engage in boundary cooling on the fire engulfed oil tanker.

The fire-stricken ship is now lying 30 nautical miles (56 km) off Sangamankanda Point and salvage operations are underway. Accordingly, nine ships including Indian and Sri Lankan ships, five tugs, aircraft of Sri Lanka Air Force and one aircraft belonging to the Indian Coast Guard are augmenting the disaster mitigation efforts.

The Sri Lanka Navy and other stakeholders will continue the disaster management operation until the risk of the ship catching fire again is completely eliminated.

Meanwhile, the Sri Lanka Navy yesterday evening said the fire which has already been doused in the distressed oil tanker had re-ignited from the effects of extreme temperature and sparks onboard due to high winds triggered by prevailing adverse weather conditions.

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WHO's 73rd Regional Committee Session

# COVID-19 pandemic, essential health services to be discussed

Participating in the 73rd Regional Committee Session of the World Health Organisation (WHO) South-East Asia to be held on September 9, 10, amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, Health Ministers from member countries of the WHO South East Asia Region will discuss measures to curtail the outbreak, ways to maintain essential health services and transition to the 'new normal'.

Hosted by Thailand, the 73rd Regional Committee Session of WHO South-East Asia, the annual governing body meeting of WHO in the Region, is being held virtually for the first time ever in view of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHO Director General Dr. Tedros Adhanom, Regional Director for WHO South-East Asia, Dr. Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Health Ministers and senior health officials of the 11 Member countries of the Region, UN Agencies, partners, donors and civil society representatives would be among those attending the two-day session.

The pandemic has severely strained health systems across the region. As part of the COVID-19 response, the WHO has been advocating for maintaining essential health

services and accelerating resumption of disrupted health-care services. This will be discussed at a Ministerial Round Table with Member countries sharing experiences and lessons learnt.

The mid-term review of progress, challenges, capacities and opportunities for the decade of health workforce strengthening 2015-2024; and annual report on monitoring progress on universal health coverage and health related Sustainable Development Goals, are among the agenda of the session.

The 73rd Regional Committee Session will also take note of the progress in implementation of some of the previous resolutions adopted by the Regional Committee, such as promoting physical activity, the regional action plan to reduce harmful use of alcohol, access to medicines, dengue control and malaria elimination and measles and rubella elimination.

Home to one-fourth of the world's popula-

tion, the Region has eight flagship priority programmes – eliminate measles and rubella by 2023; prevent and control noncommunicable diseases through multisectoral policies and plans, with a focus on "best buys"; accelerate reduction of maternal, neonatal and under five mortality; continue progressing towards universal health coverage with a focus on human resources for health and essential medicines; further strengthen national capacity for preventing and combating antimicrobial resistance; scale-up capacity development in emergency risk management in countries; finish the task of eliminating neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and other diseases on the verge of elimination; accelerate efforts to end TB by 2030.

The Region has been making remarkable progress around the flagships and beyond. During the Session, some countries will be felicitated for the recent public health achievements.

## SLAF's 39th Intake anniversary, get-together

The 43rd anniversary and get-together of the Sri Lanka Air Force's 39th intake will be held on Sunday, September 13 at the "Lanka Reception Hall" Raigama Uyana Road, Bandaragama from 9 a.m. onwards. All members are cordially invited. For more information, contact Titus on 0718065181 or Costa on 0718179123.

## Over 26,000 dengue cases as of August



NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

Over 26,000 dengue cases and 25 dengue deaths had been reported countrywide as at last month (August). Special attention should be paid to prevent dengue mosquitoes breeding in construction sites, schools etc, Epidemiology Unit sources said.

According to sources, the public should be vigilant on all types of mosquito breeding sites and destroy them on a regular basis. At least 30 minutes per week should be allocated to clean mosquito breeding sites. Construction sites are one of the most popular dengue mosquito breeding sites. The Western Province recorded the highest number of dengue cases - 7,576 as at last Friday (September 4).

The highest number of dengue patients, 3755 reported from the Colombo district while the Colombo Municipal Council area (CMC) recorded a total of 961 dengue cases during the period.

The second highest number, 2,781, had been reported from Kandy district. Batticaloa district had recorded 2,317 dengue cases. A total of 2,271 dengue patients had been reported from the Trincomalee district during the same period.

Meanwhile, medical experts and consultants advise pregnant mothers to get admitted to a hospital on the first day if they get fever and the public should seek medical treatment for any type of fever within two days without any delay or without applying home remedies. All fever patients need rest and should not attend work or school.

"All fever patients should only take Paracetamol and not Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Diclofenac Sodium, Mefenamic Acid etc, which are Non Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) and Steroids such as Prednisolone, Methyl-Prednisolone and Dexamethasone. Those drugs cause Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) which can become fatal," they said.

## Old Gafoor Building renovation begins today

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Renovation of the old Gafoor Building in Colombo 1 will begin on the instructions of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa and Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa today (8).

This project is implemented by the Urban Development Ministry on the instructions of Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa, under the programme to renovate old buildings in the City of Colombo.

The Urban Development Authority (UDA) together with the Sri Lanka Navy will renovate the Gafoor building at a cost of Rs. 620 million.

State Minister of Urban Development, Coastal Conservation, Garbage disposal and Community Cleanliness Dr. Nalaka Godahewa, Urban Development and Housing Ministry Secretary Sirinimal Perera, UDA officials and the Sri Lanka Navy will participate in the inaugural ceremony today.

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# Renewable resources Renew Sri Lanka



SLSEA Director General  
**Dr. Asanka Rodrigo**



**NIMAL WIJESINGHE**, Anuradhapura Additional District Group Corr.

The Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) of the Power and Energy Ministry is the focal National institute responsible for implementing renewable energy development programmes in the country. The SLSEA was established on October 1, 2007.

An initial target was set to achieve 10 percent of the electricity generation using renewable energy sources by 2015. This target was realized and it was a remarkable milestone in the renewable energy development in the country. The SLSEA has been able to maintain this renewable energy share in electricity generation and the total renewable energy capacity addition by 2020 is given below.

SOURCE	CAPACITY (MW)
Small hydro	419.47
Solar (land based power plants)	57.36
Solar (rooftop system)	261.00
Wind	128.15
Biomass	43.53

(Table 1: Total renewable energy capacity addition by 2020)

SLSEA Director General Dr. Asanka Rodrigo told the *Daily News* that renewable energy development brings about a multitude of benefits to the country. Primarily, Sri Lanka does not have proven petroleum energy resources, and therefore the country incurs a huge amount of foreign exchange expenditure for energy resource imports. So, it makes a direct impact on the overall economy. In order to reduce this foreign exchange expenditure, it is required to go for indigenous energy resources.

“By enhancing the renewable energy-based electricity generation capacity, Sri Lanka can increase the indigenous energy share, and it is one of the most welcoming benefits to the country. Enhancing energy security is a key aspect to be looked at in the development of energy sector, and the increase of indigenous energy share will inevitably contribute to enhancing the energy security of the country,” he said.

The SLSEA is currently taking measures to launch streamlined programmes in renewable energy development in the background mentioned above. Accordingly, steps are being taken to identify suitable lands for the development of different renewable energy resources such as solar, wind and biomass in different parts of the country. Scrublands belonging to the Government that are not suitable for agricultural and other purposes are expected to be utilized for

this, and the identification of lands for the particular purpose will be done accordingly. This programme will be initiated from the North-Central Province and discussions are going on with the relevant authorities. The SLSEA expects this intervention will be fruitful in line with establishing a sound framework for the development of renewable energy in Sri Lanka.

Climate change is one of the most serious issues faced by the world at present. A large use of petroleum resources for energy generation has greatly attributed to this through the release of carbon dioxide, which is one of the gases responsible for the global climate change issue, referred to as Green House Gases (GHG). There has been high global attention on reducing GHG emission in various development processes.

Since the 1990s, a global move led by the United Nations has made efforts to combat this situation through the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). At the 21st Conference of Parties (COP) of the UNFCCC held in Paris in 2015, many countries agreed to make their contributions in the reduction of GHG emissions. This is termed as Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Sri Lanka has also ratified this convention, and the energy sector has to make a 20 percent reduction in the GHG emissions in the energy sector during the period 2020–2030. So, in order to meet this challenge, conventional electricity generation has to be replaced with more renewable energy-based power generation.

Apart from the direct contribution in energy generation to the economy, there are additional indirect benefits to the economy in increasing renewable energy. There are around 250 companies involved in solar power generation in the country, and more than 8,000 job opportunities have been created through that. Jobs at different technological grades are there, and a new techno-engineering skill development necessity has been created from vocational training to university level.

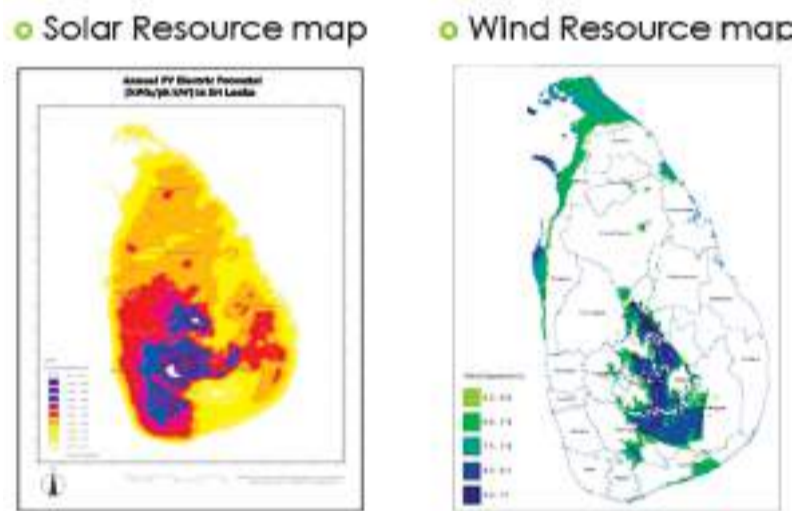
Similarly, in biomass power development, there is a huge necessity in developing the biomass supply chain through increased cultivation, harvesting, collection, raw material processing, etc. and it will require a large workforce as well as mechanization. Meanwhile, if we go for large-scale manufacturing of renewable energy equipment such as wind turbines, solar PVs, etc. we will be able to gain huge economic benefits to the country. High-quality raw materials required for solar PVs are available in the country, and research and training on value addition of these resources are already being conducted by universities. So, we will need an integrated renewable energy development programme in the country where opportunities will be there for this type of diverse economic benefits.

As far as the scale of renewable energy development projects is concerned, projects have been implemented in the range from 1 MW to 10 MW. By means of implementing projects in larger scales like 100 MW, it will be possible to attract high-end renewable energy investor companies in the world to Sri Lanka whereby it will be able to have most sophisticated technologies at most competitive rates, and this type of international investments will be a boon to the overall economy of the country as well. So, measures are being taken to develop large-scale projects called energy parks.

Activities in the development of first solar energy park of 100 MW in Siyambalanduwa, the first wind energy park in Mannar and the first solar-wind hybrid park (solar – 150 MW, wind – 250 MW) in Pooneryn are being conducted by the SLSEA in collaboration with the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) and other relevant statutory institutions.

Dr. Rodrigo said with the experience and involvement in the particular subject, renewable energy development has become a priority in the development agenda of the country. The present Government wishes to go for 80 percent of the electricity generation through renewable energy sources by 2030.

## Work in progress



The progress of the renewable energy development programme.

## Matara–Beliatta railway line: Journey towards Southern Development



The trains arriving at the Beliatta railway station.



The Beliatta Railway Station was vested with the public on April 8, 2018, by the then Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Arjuna Ranatunga.

**RAJA WAIDYASEKERA**, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A period of transition occurred in the transport service in the Hambantota District and its adjoining areas under the farsighted policies implemented by the previous Mahinda Rajapaksa Government. They focused on the uplift of the transport service in the area since it had proved to be a catalyst for the development of the South.

The Matara–Beliatta railway line has proved to be a boon to travellers to the Hambantota District. It is the only district in Sri Lanka which has been provided with all four modes of transport – road, railway, air and sea. The Southern Expressway, the Matara–Beliatta railway line, the Hambantota Port (also known as the Magampura Mahinda Rajapaksa Port) and the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport (MRIA) greatly contribute towards the transport of passengers, commodities and agricultural products of the farming community.

With the inauguration of all these transport services in the area, the tourism industry in the Hambantota District reached greater heights, ordinary and star class hotel owners in Hambantota, Tangalle and Tissamaharama said.

The construction work of the Matara–Beliatta railway line was inaugurated in the presence of the

then Transport Minister Kumara Welgama, the then Speaker Chamal Rajapaksa, Minister Mahinda Amaraweera and Chinese envoys during the previous Mahinda Rajapaksa Government. This is the first-ever railway line constructed in Sri Lanka since independence from the British in 1948, apart from the short Mihintale line constructed during the 1990s. According to chronicles, after the railway service was introduced in 1877, a railway line was built from Colombo to Panadura, which was extended up to Matara in 1895.

The construction work of the Matara–Beliatta railway line was started in August 2006. Even after the foundation stones were laid, the construction work remained abandoned for several years due to land acquisition issues, priority given to the war effort and other issues. The construction work was re-commenced on August 1, 2013. The main contractor of the Matara–Beliatta railway line was China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation and the sub-contractor was the China Railway Services Company. The estimated cost of the Matara–Beliatta railway line was US\$ 278 million. The project was funded by the Export-Import Bank of China.

The significant feature of this railway line is that 10 percent of the construction work has been done

upon flyovers. It is also to be extended up to Kataragama from Beliatta. The entire construction work of the proposed railway line is to be implemented in three phases – from Matara to Beliatta, from Beliatta to Hambantota and from Hambantota to Kataragama. The railway line from Matara to Beliatta is 26.75 Kilometres long. It was set up across Nilwala River in Matara and the bridge across the river is 434 metres long. It is the longest railway bridge in the country. The entire railway line from Matara to Beliatta consists of 12 bridges and two tunnels.

An extent of 87 hectares was acquired for the construction of the railway line evacuating 350 families and compensation to the tune of Rs. 903 million was paid to them. The route includes four main stations at Kekanadura, Bambarenda, Wewurukannala and Beliatta and two sub-stations at Piladuwa and Weharahena. The Beliatta Railway Station is one of the most modern railway stations on the island. It consists of three platforms and a station covering a 110-metre plot of land. It was vested with the public on April 8, 2018, by the then Transport and Civil Aviation Minister Arjuna Ranatunga. Five Chinese couples were married at the newly opened Beliatta railway station to mark the opening of the Matara–Beliatta railway line.



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Says, Zahara Ansary – Country Manager

CHANNA BANDARA WIJEKOON

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The Country Manager of CIMA Sri Lanka, Zahara Ansary is a management accountant turned strategic marketer with over one and a half decades of experience in banking, business process outsourcing, telecommunication and professional education spheres.

Zahara champions strategic business development of CIMA whilst being the face of the brand in the market which includes dealing with tuition providers, university relationships, corporates and managing student and member engagement.

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We have had a great reception to this and other fast track routes we have implemented across the region. During the COVID lockdown was when we had the most number of applicants and it is growing as professionals have understood the value of the program as the alumni of the program speak about the immense benefits they've received in their professional career post the program completion.

We also have special routes for MBA completes, University students and students with high grade-point-averages in Accounting and Finance programs.

**At this post-Covid 19 phase, does the CIMA team work from home to support students to study online and sit for online exams?**

Yes, our teams have continued to support our students, members and partners since the start of the lockdown. We were the first to launch online webinars, something we had experimented with from before the COVID times.

Our team has conducted over 30 webinars for our members, and a similar number of student revision and exam technique sessions.

We were the first professional body globally to launch remote exams in May that could be taken from anywhere. Locally we have had over 2000 exams since then. We have also had over 200 new members approved as we moved the member assessment process online to help our exam completes to do their assessments via zoom.

We are delighted that we had many students completing the professional qualification over May and August.

Conscious that the pandemic has impacted certain parents and their financial circumstances, we have introduced an offer for CIMA Sri Lanka prospective students to get a registration waiver until September 15. This results in a great saving for them since CIMA is a qualification that never discounts the products. We hope parents will make use of this opportunity.

**Sri Lanka now has laid action-plans on fast-track economic development. How will CIMA Sri Lanka support this endeavour?**

CIMA's purpose is to power trust, opportunity and prosperity for our members, the profession and the communities we serve.

We are thus geared up to assist the Government and the community in competency and skill building as we possess the state of the art learning on the latest in business knowledge and professional skills. In recent times, we collaborated with the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce in creating a panel of experts to help our SMEs.

Through the Association, we also possess the latest in certifications and learning on any aspect of business including taxation, standards like IFRS, and even digital certifications. All these come at substantial concessionary rates for the Sri Lankan community. In the past we have worked with the World Bank and the Ministry of public development, in capacity building for Sri Lankan state owned enterprises.

**Tell us about CIMA Sri Lanka events and workshops**

We have an annual calendar of CPD events which are focused on the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) Competency Framework of Skills which are Business, Technical, People, Leadership and Digital. Apart from this,

we adapt according to the needs of the times, an example is how our first two webinars during the lockdown focused on Mindfulness and Managing anxiety positively.

We also conduct workshops mainly aimed at professionals already at work such as the latest MBA express programs we did with the Business Learning Institute (BLI), USA on Latest in Leadership and Smarter Decision Making.

We also curate a few special workshops which are only for our corporate partners, for whom we do special sessions for their staff and their top management. Our next exciting initiative is the first ever Virtual Career Festival which will take place from September 13 to 19. CIMA Sri Lanka Face book page offers specifics.

**How has your experience with CIMA helped you to add value to CIMA Sri Lanka as the country manager?**

I love CIMA, the brand, what it stands for and how it has helped me transform myself and my professional career. Because I believe in the brand I am able to advocate for it any time. I have proven that it is possible to move away from numbers into any diverse role with CIMA.

Back in 2006 as a CIMA student I was part of the students' society and after becoming a member I was involved in various number of sub committees such as student development, member development and CXO forum organizing committees.

I have also had great mentors throughout my CIMA times in the various committees and roles I had undertaken.

I am inspired by the stories of the countless members I meet through CIMA across Sri Lanka and the world when they speak about how CIMA has truly changed their lives.

When CIMA introduced case studies I was in the first batch to complete the case study aka TOPCIMA in one go and I still think that's the best paper I have ever sat for!

Having a team as enthusiastic as me to help me in my role to work also makes my role as Country Manager much easier along with the amazing support I get from my regional vice president Venkkat who himself is a CIMA Member and my family.

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# Rat fever cases climb to 5,107

NADIRA GUNATILLEKE

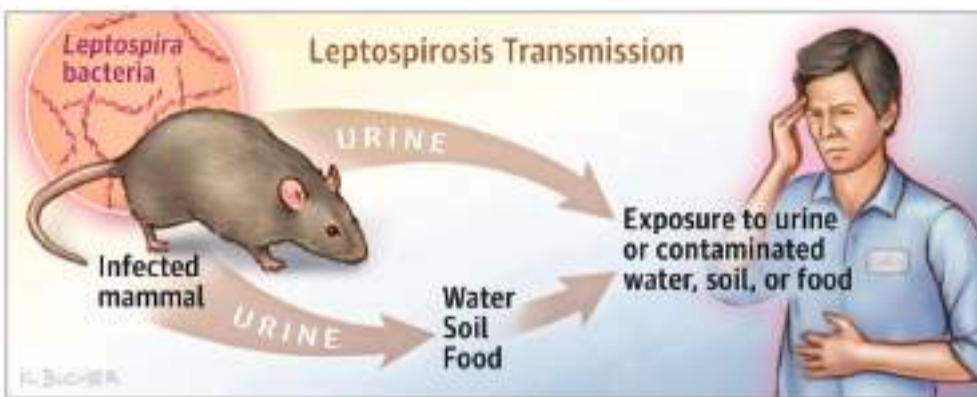
Around 5,107 patients suffering from leptospirosis (rat fever) have been recorded this year by last Friday, along with over 10 deaths, Health Ministry Epidemiology Unit sources said. The majority of the cases were recorded in the Ratnapura District, sources said, adding that there are 1,223 cases there. Furthermore, it was stated that the highest monthly surge of cases, 1,296, were reported in May, the Epidemiology Unit said.

The number of patients reported from the Kalutara District is 528. The Galle District has recorded 526 cases, while the Kegalle District recorded 367 patients, they added.

During last year, a total of 6,021 rat fever patients were reported

from all parts of the country. The highest number, 1,245, was reported from Ratnapura District, while the highest monthly rise in cases, 1,036, was reported in November, the Epidemiology Unit added.

Vulnerable people such as farmers, persons who clean drains, persons who work in mines, marshlands, canals, as well as those who swim or play in contaminated water, should contact the nearest PHI or MOH office and obtain Doxycycline tablets free-of-charge, the Epidemiology Unit said. "They should take two tablets before starting work, and should also drink plenty of water while working."



The tablets give around 90% protection for a period of one week. Then they should take two tablets again until they finish their work. All cuts and wounds should be covered with waterproof plasters,

sources said. The virus enters the body through wounds, the mouth, nose, and eyes. The main symptoms of rat fever are the abrupt onset of high fever, mild flu, chills, conjunctival suffusion, muscle ten-

derness (notable in calf and lumber areas), intense headache, jaundice, and decrease of urine.

It is very important to seek medical treatment as early as possible from a government hospital, they added.

The disease can be completely cured if medical treatment is given on time, but it is difficult to save the life of a patient who seeks medical treatment during the latter stages, where renal failure, heart failure, and other symptoms appear, the Epidemiology Unit stated.

## 'TNA opposes 20A'

CHANDIMA KARUNARATNE

Tamil National Alliance (TNA) Leader R. Sampanthan said yesterday that his party is against the proposed 20th Amendment to the Constitution.

He said that the TNA will join with other parties against this amendment, which "will shrink space for democracy". "Our parliamentary group will also meet to discuss the steps to be taken against this amendment," Sampanthan added.

## 'Malaria may hit Hambantota again'

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

Hambantota anti-malaria campaign authorities said that the disease may strike in the district once again although the Sri Lanka was declared a 'malaria-free country' by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The authorities said that most Sri Lankans returning from pilgrimages to India have contracted the disease. They request pilgrims bound to India to obtain the necessary medicine and guidelines in order to avoid contracting the disease.

## Three held over drug-trafficking

KAPILA SOMARATNE, Panadura Group Corr.

The Panadura Additional Magistrate further remanded two women and a youth arrested in connection with drug-trafficking, last Friday.

At the time of their arrest, the suspects had with them 196 grams of heroin and 10 foreign-made pistols. Police stated in their B Report to court that they had rented a house in Gelangigama, Bandaragama, to carry out their business.

The seized contraband has been handed over to the Government Analyst for examination. Investigations are continuing.

## Tyre factory to be set up at Hambantota Port: Wimal

RAJA WAIDYASEKERA, Tissamaharama Special Corr.

A tyre factory is to be set up at the Hambantota Port with an investment of USD 300 million, Industries Minister Wimal Weerawansa said.

This project would provide around 200 employment opportunities to youth in the district, minister said, adding that the raw materials needed for the factory, such as rubber, would be produced by the country itself.

## COASTAL EROSION HITS AMPARA



Coastal erosion brought on by rough seas has eaten away at beaches in the Arugam Bay and Ulla areas of the Ampara District. About one kilometre of land has been eroded by the phenomenon, destroying properties and putting tourist hotels in the area at risk. Residents and hotel owners urged the authorities to take immediate action to prevent further erosion. Pictures by Addalachenai Central Corr.

## No extra fee or fine for Lankan workers departing KSA

The Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia states that any Sri Lankan migrant worker, with valid or expired visit visas of all kinds, re-entry visa or final exit visa, who could not depart the Kingdom during the visa validity period due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be

permitted to leave the Kingdom through the Immigration points of the airports upon their departure without being charged any fees or fines.

This is a temporary measure taken by the Saudi Government given the circumstances faced by

Sri Lankan migrant workers, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This decision of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia provides significant relief to the Sri Lankan migrant workers currently in the process of repatriation.

This decision also signifies

the strong bilateral relations that the two countries currently enjoy and underlines the proactive engagement that the Foreign Ministry of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Embassy in Riyadh have with the Saudi authorities.

The Government of Sri Lanka expresses its appreciation to the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for extending their assistance in facilitating welfare measures to the Sri Lankan migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

## NWP GOVERNOR ASSUMES DUTIES



Raja Collure assumed duties as the North-western Province (NWP) Governor at the Wayamba Provincial Council, yesterday. Highway Minister Johnston Fernando, Handloom and Fabrics State Minister Dayasiri Jayasekera, as well as Kurunegala District MPs Asanka Nawarathna and Jayarathna Herath, were also present at the event. Picture by Kurunegala Central Special Corr.

## Businessman remanded for alleged child abuse

MAHINDA P.LIYANAGE, Galle Central Special Corr.

Galle Acting Magistrate Lalith Pathirana remanded a businessman until September 16 when the suspect was produced before him on the charges of sexually abusing a number of school children on several occasions.

The 70-year-old suspect

was a resident of Bulatwata, Bataduwa in Galle.

"The businessman had persuaded the children by offering them sweets when they came to his shop and he had allegedly abused them at a nearby vegetable plot," Police submitted to courts.

Police had initiated investi-

gations into a complaint made by a mother of one of the victims. CI Warunu Bogahawatta, OIC Galle Police Chile and Woman's Bureau assisted by Police Sergeants Priyantha, Vidanpathirana, WPS Jayawardana and PC Sanjeeva had made the arrest on the directions of Galle SSP Vikum Ginige.

## Punish those responsible for Puttalam environmental destruction - SJB MP

LAHIRU FERNANDO

Perpetrators responsible for the massive environmental destruction within the Puttalam District should be punished following a proper investigation, said Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) Puttalam District MP Hector Appuhami.

He said with the election of the new government, the highest damage to the environment is caused from the

Puttalam District. "As an MP of the district, I am saddened about this incidents", he added.

The Parliamentarian was speaking to the media at Chilaw on the controversial massive timber racket that has taken place in Wanathawilluwa, in the Puttalam District yesterday.

According to him, the public officers supported by the local politicians have

been involved in this racket which destroyed valuable trees on an area of 100 acres.

"This situation is very dangerous. We request the President to help protect the environment not only in our district but in the entire country. As the former District Committee Chairman, I am happy that no such incidents took place during our period", Appuhami said.

## Book launch

A book titled 'Guruwarunta Nam Waruwai', authored by Subashini Hettiarachchi, will be launched on September 15 at 3:30 p.m. at the Namil - Malini Puchi Theatre.

Award-winning author Sumithra Rahubadda will deliver the keynote address, while Film Director Dr. Somaratne Dissanayake will deliver the guest speech on this occasion.

The programme will be compered by Asanga Karunaratne.

## Obituaries

**DULCIE WIMALARATNE** - nee **SENEVIRATNE** - Retired CWE Secretariat Staff (H/O), Wife of Nimal Wimalaratne Former MMC, daughter of late Kalamanya D.V. Seneviratne and Evelyn Thilakarathne, sister of Olga, late Colvin, Ranjith and Leslie, passed away on 06th. Cremation on 9th at 5.00 p.m. at Attidiya Cemetery. Cortage leaving at 3.30 p.m. from **61, Upananda Mawatha, Attidiya Residence.** 052519

**PLUNKETT - LEN CHRISTOPHER** - Beloved husband of Sandra nee Labrooy, loving father of late Shannon and of Luzanne, Tracey and Andrea, father-in-law of Gerald Bennett, adoring grandfather of Alexandria and Giada, son of late Oliver and Fortune Plunkett, dearest brother of Heather, Virginia, Glen, Bubbles, Annette, Liston, Aubrey, Jo (All of Australia) and late Dawn. Remains lie at **A.F. Raymond Funeral Parlour, Borella.** Funeral Service will take place on Tuesday 8th September at 3.00 p.m. followed by Burial at General Cemetery Borella - Roman Catholic Section. 052533

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Double Cab	Isuzu 4 WD	54-2464	1993	SLTS Welikada
Double Cab	Isuzu 2WD	54-8503	1993	SLTS Welikada

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Navy stated in a press release. The students, along with their parents and teachers, were taken on

the cruise aboard the naval whale-watching passenger craft 'A543', the statement read. Students were acquaint-

ed with the marine ecosystem and were also made aware of the destruction caused to marine life by illegal fishing, the Navy

stated. The Navy also offered a similar cruise to 161 Advanced Level students in Jaffna, last month, the statement added.



Naval personnel and students during the cruise.

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 Date: 06 Sep. 2020 Sunday  
**Total Value of Prizes**  
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## An assurance of justice

Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa's pledge that all those in positions of authority responsible for the Easter Sunday attack through their negligence and lackadaisical conduct would be hauled before the law irrespective of their positions and standing will be assurance enough for the Catholic community that the wheels of justice will be made to grind in all earnestness bringing them much needed solace.

In a recent media interview, the Premier said punitive action will be initiated against all persons who failed to avert the devastating Easter Sunday terror attacks, based on the findings of the ongoing Presidential Commission of Inquiry. "We will ensure justice," he said, adding that however mighty and powerful those responsible for not preventing the attacks may be, they will be made to face the full force of the law.

It was a grave lapse on the part of those in authority to have ignored intelligence warnings on the imminent terror attacks which plunged not only the Catholic community but the entire country into grief. The Premier, of course, was responding to the frequent calls for full justice to be meted out to the perpetrators by His Eminence Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith who has called for a full probe into the identities of the masterminds and those who funded the attacks, planted the bombs and those who guided or provided moral support to the attackers. President Gotabaya Rajapaksa also gave a firm undertaking that all those responsible for the Easter Sunday attacks would be brought to book, soon after assuming office.

Towards this end a freshly constituted Presidential Commission of Inquiry was appointed to probe deeper into the matter with a mandate to ascertain the full dimension and the wider implications of the terror operation.

One therefore can expect a full-scale comprehensive report together with the identities of all the actors behind the Easter Sunday terror strike and the role played by the collaborators, details of which are only now coming to the surface.

This is as it should be. The carnage that claimed nearly 300 innocent lives on that fateful day could easily have been averted if the authorities entrusted with protection of the country's citizens only took the intelligence reports with the seriousness they deserved and put in place all safety measures. Had this intelligence been shared with the Church authorities it would certainly have resulted in all the Easter services in the country being called off, although this would not have necessarily spared the hotels.

What we instead see today is the passing of the buck by many persons implicated for the lapses in security who regularly appear before the Commission. From what has transpired so far it is obvious that there had been a clear break in the chain of command and a laid back approach to foreign intelligence reports pointing to an imminent attack, by the top echelons of the leadership – an unpardonable breach of trust reposed in them by the people.

All those responsible must not only be exposed and tried but also be made to give an account for their lapses in other ways by making it up to the innocents who lost their lives due solely to their own monumental apathy and negligence.

The plight of the victims appears to be of no concern to anyone after the initial outpouring of the grief and rush to provide relief. The damaged churches are back to their original (or even better) states but little is known of the children left orphaned with one or both parents killed in the blasts and the plight of the families who had lost their breadwinners.

The Church had directly intervened to support such families and the injured victims, launching a special fund to permanently attend to the needs of the orphaned and destitute, even finding sponsors to take over the welfare of the affected children and see to their education. Are these programmes and schemes still being carried out? Not just the Church many others too came into fill in the breach in the initial stages offering their generosity including the Buddhist clergy who were in the forefront in assisting to rebuild the devastated churches and shattered lives. The Government has promised free medical care for life for those still needing treatment for their injuries.

While promising to ensure justice to the victims it would also be useful if the authorities obtain feedback of what has become of the survivors and how they fare 17 months after the tragedy. We have a tendency to forget things in a hurry after the initial flurry of activity. This was clearly seen even during the Tsunami catastrophe when the whole country wept buckets for their countrymen in distress and rushed to offer relief and assistance only for the enthusiasm to die down after a while. Let such a fate not visit the victims of the Easter Sunday carnage.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When justice is denied, neither persons nor property will be safe. - Frederick Douglass

# CIVILIZATION PANDEMIC



War kills fellow men, women and children



A COVID vaccine would be a hugely profitable venture for pharma companies

**DAYA DISSANAYAKE**  
**W**hile we are in a panic about the COVID 19 pandemic, our present civilization has been critically ill for a long time, as had been all earlier human civilizations, which failed to recover.

First we have to realize and accept that we human beings are sick, both in mind and body. The main cause for all sickness, pain and suffering is our insatiable greed. As the Buddha said, there is the Truth of suffering, the truth of the cause of suffering, the truth of the end of suffering and the truth of the path that leads to the end of suffering, which is called the Four Noble Truths. In healthcare, the same idea is expressed through the recognition of the disease, its etiology, prognosis and the remedy. We find this in our indigenous medical systems, where the physician treats the person instead of the disease, where he needs to practice Brahma Vihara - loving-kindness, compassion, empathy and equanimity.

We can apply this for social healthcare too. We have to really see the truth of suffering in our society. We have to open our eyes, to see and realize there is immense suffering. It is only then that we can try to find the causes of suffering, which is all due to our insatiable greed. We have to grow the confidence of knowing we can end this suffering.

According to the World Health Organization, 'The social determinants of health are the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. These circumstances are shaped by the distribution of money, power and resources at global, national and local levels. The social determinants of health are mostly responsible for health inequities - the unfair and avoidable differences in health status seen within and between countries.'

In the latter half of the 20th century the World Health Organization launched a very ambitious project, HFA-2000, Health For All by 2000. Despite all obstacles, had the WHO been able to achieve it, we would not be here today, because there would not have been any need to panic about a pandemic.

Nearly 130 years ago, Edward Carpenter wrote, 'We find ourselves to-day in the midst of a somewhat peculiar state of society, which we call Civilisation, but which even to the most optimistic among us does not seem altogether desirable. Some of us, indeed, are inclined to think that it is a kind of disease which the various races of man have to pass through—as children pass through measles or whooping cough; but if it is a disease, there is this serious consideration to be made, that while History tells us of many nations that have been attacked by it, of many that have succumbed to it, and of some that are still in the throes of it, we know of no single case in which a nation has fairly recovered from and passed through it to a more normal and healthy condition. In other words the development of human society has never yet (that we know of) passed beyond a certain definite and apparently final stage in the process we call Civilisation; at that stage it has always succumbed or been arrested.'

#### Modern life

Carpenter continues - 'But the word Disease is applicable to our social as well as to our physical condition. For as in the body, disease arises from the loss of the physical unity which constitutes Health,

and so takes the form of warfare or discord between the various parts, or of the abnormal development of individual organs, or the consumption of the system by predatory germs and growths; so in our modern life we find the unity gone which constitutes true society, and in its place warfare of classes and individuals, abnormal development of some to the detriment of others, and consumption of the organism by masses of social parasites. If the word disease is applicable anywhere, I should say it is—both in its direct and its derived sense—to the civilised societies of to-day.' (Carpenter, Edward. 1889. Civilisation: Its Cause and Cure. London.)

The diseases of civilization have been incurable, because the majority of the people had not realized or wanted to accept their civilization, their culture and their society were sick, or perhaps they were happy to be sick, like leaders who are happy to suffer from megalomania. It is not only virus, bacteria and wild animals which cause death, but man himself as he is the cause of the highest number of deaths among mankind.

Only a very sick man in a very sick civilization could intentionally distribute blankets used by small-pox victims, to innocent Native American tribes to annihilate them. Civilized man kills by using weapons, mechanical, chemical and biological. He kills by depriving his brothers and sisters from their rightful share of food and water. He kills in the name of religion, race, language, politics or simply to satisfy his thirst for blood.

#### Panic over pandemic

We have been talking about pandemics for the past several months, because we became mortally scared of a microscopic creature, who we turned into a huge monster. We have faced, and continue to face much more fatal pandemic threats for many millennia. We don't even give a second's thought to the ten million people who die every year from tobacco and alcohol. Yet we have gone into complete lock-downs and panic over a half million people who have died around the world, from this pandemic. Whether it is ten million, half a million or even one death, it is a tragedy. But we also need to decide on our priorities, when and who should press the panic button. Because there are predictions that the COVID 19 vaccines would generate US\$ 100 billion sales with US\$ 40 billion profits.

There are very few instances of epidemics mentioned in early writings. The Pujawaliya, written in 1266, by a physician-monk, mentions an epidemic 'Rakthakshi Maraka Juara Rogaya' about 1800 years ago. King Siri Sanghabodi had performed Satyakriya and driven away the Yaksha who caused it. Prof. Kumaradasa Jayasuriya has said the disease could have been leptospirosis. Whatever it was, we had faced a serious epidemic and eradicated it. Unfortunately leptospirosis has come back in recent decades. There is no vaccine against this, just as there is no vaccine against dengue, which is causing 100 - 400 million infections each year, according to the WHO, just as there is no vaccine to at least control our insatiable greed.

Perhaps the time is ripe for us all to consider performing Satyakriya, so that we could heal ourselves and our civilization.

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Everyone has a role to play for #HealthForAll. Take care of your health and the health of your family.



Health for All a good concept

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Tobacco and alcohol kill millions of people



Dr. C.G. ILANGAKOON  
(International Treaty Law)

The appointment of Ali Sabry, PC, as Justice Minister made by President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, with the blessings of the Prime Minister, represents a farsighted vision and a friendship-fostering wish. Fearlessly facing all criticism from certain headline majority community elements, the President courageously granted this duty of the administration of justice to a top ranking legal professional who happens to be a member of the Muslim minority community.

Now, the ball is on the table of the Minister Ali Sabry, who has to deliver the goods. The decision taken to offer the Ministry of Justice to Ali Sabry, PC, can be defined as the finest and the riskiest political resolve of the year. Hence, the justification of the trust, seeded in the minister in the name of professionalism, communal harmony and particularly of the concept of "One Country, One Law", is a sine qua non.

This ministerial portfolio requires the creation of a societal foundation, strong enough to build a friendship-rooted bridge of mutual understanding between the Sinhala-Buddhist original majority community and the minority Muslim community. Thus, it should be the responsibility of the new Justice Minister to work in this direction to the best of his ability. The new minister, being trilingual, can and should work as an envoy of unity among all the communities and religious groups in the country.

**Powerful message**

The message given by the absolute majority of the people of Sri Lanka, at the last General Election is simple and clear: (1) Unitary country (2) Secured Motherland (3) Constitutionalized Buddhism (4) Recognition and respect to the rights of the original majority community of Sinhala Buddhists (5) Protection of ancestral and religious archaeological remains from destruction by religious racists (6) Nullification of the false racist branding on innocent people by religious racists by enacting laws, imposing substantial punishments on the racist perpetrators (7) Justice for the dead and injured victims, victimized by the Easter bomb explosions of Islamic State terrorists (8) Economic Prosperity and (9) the Execution of One Law, One country Principle, declared by the Podu Jana Peramuna Election Manifesto (Sinhala Version, "Country Building Vision", Page 01, Para 4, Sentence 01).

Though, many more components could be augmented to the above list, the above represent the strong wishes particularly of the Sinhala Buddhist majority, who voted for the two thirds majority victory of Podu Jana Peramuna (SLPP), formed by its National Organizer former Minister Basil Rajapaksa.

**Good news**

It was possible to discern that among Muslims, Ali Sabry was one of the very few who was pragmatically courageous to openly express that



Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC taking oaths before President Gotabaya Rajapaksa

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# The Foundation for a Unitary Sri Lanka United under One Law

Sinhala Buddhist community is the strongest foundation on which the Sri Lankan Muslims could prosper. When he radiated such vocal gallantry, I looked in to his eyes and felt they were honest, heard his voice and perceived that the pitch was convincing and glanced at his gestures and they were positively persuading. His words were inspiring, the meaning he endeavoured to convey was result-oriented. Now, what is needed is supplementing and blending words with deeds.

There are political and some communal corridors, the members of which are disappointed with this intelligent and far sighted appointment. They have a list of fears: (1) The newly appointed Minister is a Muslim (2) His religious faith is Islam (3) Certain abominable teachings of Islam Religion, as taught by Islamic State racists like Saharan (4) History of some Asian countries, wherein, the Buddhism had been well established and the present state of them, and of the Buddhists living therein (5) The theory of increasing the number of heads and capturing power and political management (6) Destruction of religious and archeological remains of the original community by "religious" racists (7) Tendency of certain minority communities, supporting and voting for weak politicians to leadership who have no concern for the original majority community rights (8) Introduction of segregation-rooted and identity destroying dress codes and eating patterns, which never existed in Sri Lanka for 2500 years (9) Possibility of the initiation of certain punishments,



President Gotabaya Rajapaksa aims for national unity

declared by the religions of certain communities, which are not acceptable to the heart and soul of the original Sinhala Buddhist community majority (10) Demands of certain community politicians for administrative units based on self-rule and self-religions and many more.

There were no Muslims in Sri Lanka originally. The members of Muslim community came to this beautiful and peaceful Sinhala Buddhist country, first as tourists, then as traders, then as advisers in commerce for kings in a very limited context. With time: (1) their visiting numbers increased (2) they got married to Sinhala women (3) produced children (4) with time converted them in to Islam (5) engaged in trade (6) purchased valuable land slots in the best centres (7) built Islamic Mosques (8) entered politics and Parliament as

legislators and enjoyed ministerial portfolios.

All this, which established Muslims as a race in Sri Lanka, could be done, thanks to the spirit, nourished by the Doctrine of the Buddha, in the hearts and souls of the original Sinhala Buddhist community of this country. The communal harmony, societal friendship, mutual understanding, the tolerance and respect to the faiths of other communities and the generosity were possible since the original community of Sinhala Buddhists were good human-beings. Up to recent times no Muslim had any problem with Sinhala Buddhists and vice-versa. Actually, in conformity with the personal experience of the Muslims are a very intelligent, understanding and friendly community. The majority of best friends of the present writer are Muslims.

Yet, certain developments have



Justice Minister Ali Sabry, PC

shattered the beauty and the depth of that fraternity. The problem with the majority of Muslim community is that they do not produce a powerful and vigorous voice against those who import religious racism and communal segregation in to this land. Generally, ordinary Muslims are not in agreement with such exclusivity.

They love peace and friendship and to prosper in them. Nonetheless, when the racist elements launch campaigns for division, they plead ignorance and intermittent silence. When questioned, their response is: "It is a matter entrusted to the hierarchic ecclesiastical authority of the religion".

This is very unfortunate. Yet, the good news is Minister Ali Sabry, long before his appointment as the Minister of Justice, was neither ignorant nor silent, but extremely knowledgeable and vocal. He had an unending determination to be knowledgeable and the overflowing courage to make his knowledge vocal.

**One Law for All**

It is often said that there is a racist strategy, being taught by the religious terrorists, who want to destroy all religions in the globe and establish a so-called "Islamic" Caliphate in the world. Now, the problem with the members of some religious corridors is, they ascribe the above strategy to Justice Minister Ali Sabry. It is very unfortunate. The credit for this injustice to Ali Sabry goes to the politics of disgusting opportunism in the domain of Sri Lankan politics.

All ministers must uphold the implementation of the components, ascribed to the Ministry of Justice by the PoduJana Peramuna 2019/2020 Election Manifesto, viz the "Principle of One Country, One Law". Then, it is the duty of the Cabinet of Ministers to structure the right space for the new Justice Minister to reach this agenda as anticipated by the voters of Sri Lanka.

There is a burning need, not to be mentally swayed by racist and terrorist elements.

The sharp eyes of all voters of Sri Lanka and in particular, the ever focused intelligent observation of the leadership of present governance are on each and every measure of the performance of new Minister, who must justify the trust placed in him by the leadership on behalf of the nation for achieving national unity.

The task is not only difficult, but also dangerous in some ways. Yet, if properly fulfilled, the rewards will be commendably joyous.

# Towards greater integration in South Asia

SANJEEV AHLUWALIA

South Asians integrate the least with each other as a region. Joyeeta Bhat-tacharjee of the Observer Research Foundation who studies the region, puts it down to fear of Indian domination (India accounts for 80% of the combined GDP and 74% of the combined population), historical mistrust (a colonial legacy) and targeted terrorism (a recent innovation of war by other means). Add to that a near universal reluctance to put trade above strategic diplomacy.

More recently, a muscular China has queered the pitch further for nascent regionalism by inducing Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka to make an impossible choice between its somewhat exaggerated promises of a river of Yuan flowing into these economies versus the less tangible, long term, virtues of aligning with India's soft power - democratic credentials, absence of territorial jingoism; ancient cultural links - Hinduism with Nepal, Buddhism with Nepal, Bhutan and Sri Lanka and historical links with Bangladesh, from the Mukti Bahini days when Indians fought and died with Bangladeshis for their freedom from the Pakistani Panjabi yoke.

It is no wonder then that substantive regionalism has yet to mature in South Asia. The political freeze between Pakistan

and India since 2016, after the Uri terror attack, gives impetus to the concept of fractured regionalism. Professor Mahendra P. Lama of Jawaharlal Nehru University favours the concept of "Eastern South Asia" - Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and the eastern and north eastern border states of India (BBIN). Substantive activity to enlarge connectivity and energy trade exists through bilateral and trilateral negotiations.

The peaceable settlement of border issues between Bangladesh and India is an illustration of the accommodative stance in the East versus entrenched positions on our Northern and Western borders.

Could the fracturing of South Asia help? A western sub region (Maldives, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Northern and Western India) where sub-regional links are stagnant and "Eastern South Asia" (ESA) with India as the transit hub spanning both sub regions.

**BIMSTEC**

The ponderously titled Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Cooperation (BIMSTEC) has been functional since 1997. It consists of five member countries, physically located around the Bay of Bengal - India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand and two land locked

countries - Nepal and Bhutan, for whom the Bay is a strategic necessity for maritime access.

BBIN optimists think of the BIMSTEC as a bridge to ASEAN for importing some of the positive features of economic cooperation and not merely a substitute for the moribund South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).

Purists balk at the overlapping jurisdictions of sub-regional organisations - BBIN with BIMSTEC. But walking around an intractable problem like SAARC, rather than confronting it head on, is par for the course in Asia.

This model of "Presidential or Prime Ministerial" regional diplomacy, is far behind Europe's tripartite regional model. The Council of Ministers and its permanent secretariat - the European Commission have been cloned widely as regional executive agencies like BIMSTEC.

The second regional mechanism is the European Parliament which is directly elected by citizens and has significant decision making, budgetary and oversight powers over the executive branch. This mechanism finds weaker clones in all regional groupings except South Asia.

The third regional mechanism in Europe, upholding the rule of law, is the Court of Justice which has not been replicated.

It would be a stretch to advocate that merely replicating the trappings of the European Parliament (EP) is the missing link towards regionalism in South Asia.

Parliamentary regionalism is underdeveloped across all developing country regions. The African Parliament (AP) was created in 2004 but its membership is not directly elected by citizens. It remains a deliberative, not a decision-making body.

South East Asia has had an inter-parliamentary organisation since 1997 and the ASEAN Inter Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) since 2007 but it is not directly elected, nor does it have decision-making powers.

In South America, only one of the four inter parliamentary bodies is directly elected (the central American Parliament) and all four are deliberative not decision-making bodies. Despite no regional inter parliamentary body achieving close to the institutional sophistication of the European Parliament, there are advantages in having an inter-parliamentary body rather than doing without one as in South Asia.

Parliaments are a forum for debate and discussion, says Shamsheer Sherif, a retired Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha (Upper House of India) and an honorary member of the Inter Parliamentary Union's Association of Secretary Generals of Parliaments. They coalesce regional interests and even regional parties in a manner which regional executive bodies cannot.

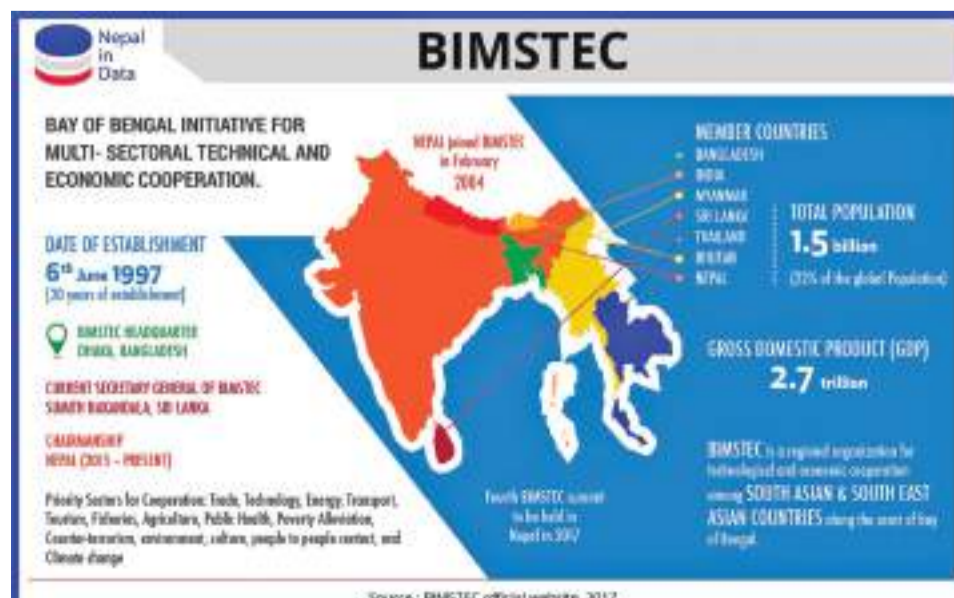
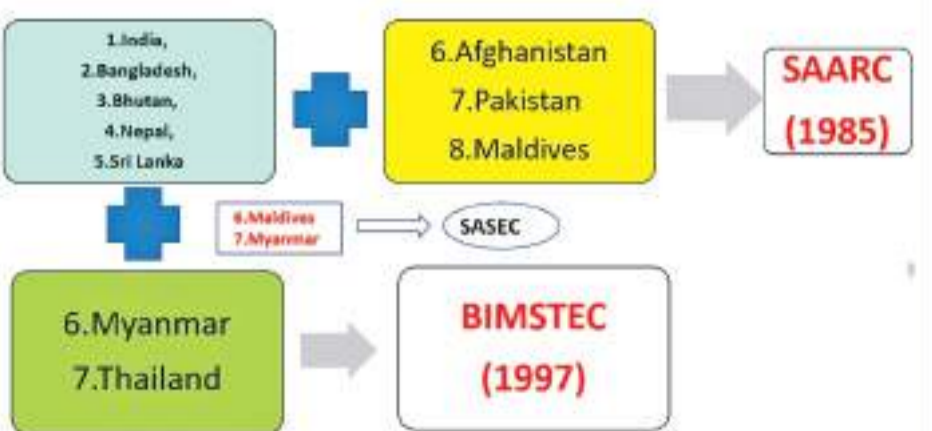
**Post war Europe**

Andres Malmud and Luis de Souza (2007) remark tongue in cheek that regional parliaments also help in putting out-of-power politicians and political opponents to productive use. Their value add is enhanced if their mandate is narrowly focused on select regional issues rather than around fuzziest higher objectives like mitigating climate change. The Common Assembly of Europe (the precursor to the EP) was created in 1952 to coordinate the seamless production and supply of coal and steel - both essential inputs in the rebuilding of post war Europe. From such humble "bread and butter" beginnings, it expanded its scope to be reconstituted with its members directly elected (1975) thereby becoming the flag bearers of universal rights and citizen oversight over the executive. "Presidential" regional diplomacy in South Asia has been a mixed bag. Why not add inter-parliamentary diplomacy to the set of tools available to enlarge and deepen regionalism?

The Eastern South Asia group (BBIN), could resolve, as a sub-region within BIMSTEC, to forge an inter-parliamentary group to enlarge cooperation say in cross border energy trade, digital security, space applications and green technology. Myanmar and Thailand could join as observers to internalise the lessons learnt in AIPA.

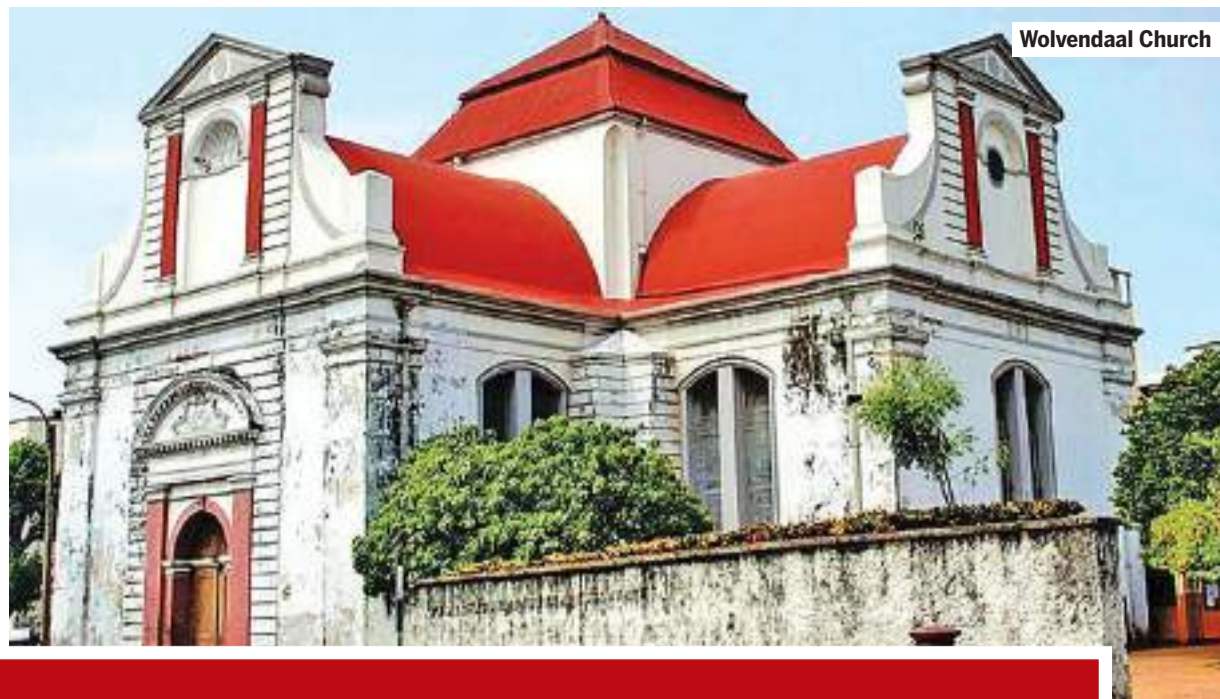
The US boosted availability and lowered the price of oil by fracturing its hydro-carbon resources. Fracturing South Asia into its "workable" segments can similarly accelerate high quality sub-regional integration and the inter-regional connect with ASEAN and AIPA.

- The Times of India





Inside Wolvendaal Church



Wolvendaal Church

# Reflections of Dutch history in Colombo



Kayman's Gate, Colombo



Kayman's Gate, Colombo



Old map of Colombo Fort



The Dutch Hospital Square



Colombo Dutch Museum

DISHAN JOSEPH

The city of Colombo is being beautifully transformed. Every city has its unique history which in turn is reflected in its architecture. Ceylon was once the dominion of the Portuguese, Dutch and British. As we pause to look at our commercial capital we don't see much of the Portuguese influence, in terms of visible architecture. However, the inspirations from Dutch and British designs still dominate some buildings. In this narrative, I share my observations on the last remaining Dutch edifices and monuments. It is important that we appreciate the rich heritage of Colombo city.

### WOLVENDAAL CHURCH

Towering majestically above other buildings with her red dome, on Vivekananda Hill (Colombo 13) is the Wolvendaal Church which belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church in Sri Lanka (subsequently changed to Christian Reformed Church). The Portuguese clergy had initially built a small chapel on this hill, where the Dutch church stands today. During this era there were jackals roaming in the marshlands. The Portuguese were misled that they were wolves and called the hill 'Agoa de Loupe' which translated as 'dale of wolves'. It shows how wild this area was centuries ago.

By October 1655 the Dutch wanted to capture Colombo. The challenge of breaking down the Portuguese defence was assigned to General Gerard Hulft. He had sailed to Negombo with a fleet of 11 ships and 1,120 soldiers. He laid siege on the Colombo Fort. The Dutch attacked with zeal forcing the Portuguese garrison to surrender. The Dutch visited the 'dale of wolves' in 1749. The Dutch called the area Wolvendaal – meaning Valley of Wolves. According to church history, the first Dutch missionary to arrive in Ceylon was Phillipus Baldaeus. According to Rev. Charles Jansz, the senior clergyman of the Christian Reformed Church, the Dutch Governor and representatives of the Dutch East Indies Company had selected this hill to build their church in 1749.

The new church built in the Doric style of architecture was consecrated on March 6, 1757. As we walked inside the church I realized the edifice was more like a fortress, due to its thick walls. The Dutch permitted prisoners to attend church on Sunday. It is believed that there was a tunnel from the harbour that led to some point inside the church garden. The prisoners were brought via the tunnel and given the chance to sit in the church. The pipes of an old pipe organ still remain intact. Very few churches in Sri Lanka have this unique organ. The church also has a fascinating story behind its chandelier.



Ships of the Dutch VOC

Centuries ago a Dutch girl had been engaged to a man. However, the man had decided to cancel their wedding. The girl was hurt and sought legal redress. The court ordered the man to pay her 50 pounds in compensation. The jubilant girl took the money and gifted the church with this glass chandelier. The baptism font has another touching story. A former Governor named Rijckloff van Goens had gifted this when his daughter Esther Ceylonia received communion. The girl's second name was a reflection of her birth in Ceylon. The heavy wooden font was chiseled out of a single tamarind tree from Jaffna. There are many grave-stones inside and outside this large church.

### KAYMAN'S GATE

Colombo 11 is another crowded part of the city with the vibrant bazaar in Pettah. When you reach the end of Main Street, at the crossroad to 4th Cross Street, there is a solitary bell tower. This monument stands like a Dutch sentinel. The Colombo Fort was built by the Portuguese in 1554 as a fortified trading post. It was captured by the Dutch in 1656. Thus the term "Fort" in Colombo is actually derived from the existence of a real fort. Under the Portuguese, the fort's primary entrance at the eastern rampart was Poorta Reinha (meaning Queen's Gate), a large tunnel guarded by a drawbridge and moat.

A moat was a common feature in defensive architecture and a similar moat can be seen at the Star Fort in Matara. Kayman's Gate derives from the Dutch word Kaaiman, meaning crocodile. During that period Muggers crocodiles were found in the Beira Lake. The lake was originally built to provide protection to the Colombo Fort. This and many other parts of old Colombo are immortalized in Sunil Edirisinghe's melodious song "Selessina" about a convoy of bullock carts entering old Colombo. In this song, the lead carter asks Selessina, a girl said to be even more beautiful than Queen Vic-

toria, to wait by Kaymans Gate until he arrives.

After the Dutch captured the lake, it was expanded and several islands created such as Slave Island. The African slaves from Goa, India, worked in Dutch houses during the day and by nightfall were gathered and brought to the island to sleep. The British took control of the Beira waterway, removed the dangerous crocodiles and developed the area for recreational activities. It is believed that by 1870, the Colombo Fort and its formidable defences were demolished. The Kayman's Gate bell dates back to the 16th Century, where it originally hung in a Portuguese Church dedicated to Saint Francis, in the Kingdom of Kotte. Subsequently, Kotte was abandoned and the Dutch found a bell amidst the ruins of the church. This bell was relocated and fixed at Kayman's Gate, where it was rung to proclaim the closing of the Fort's main gate at night.

### COLOMBO FORT

It is recorded that the Port in Colombo was commercially engaged from the 1300s. By 1510 the Portuguese set up a fortified stockade in Colombo, built at the request of King Emmanuel of Portugal. Some old ramparts can be seen inside the present area of the Navy Headquarters in Colombo. One such historical gem is a solid arched monument, with an altar like grotto. Some assume it was a gateway. Thick vines from a tree have covered the left side of this area. Naval sources believe this was once an area used for ceremonial military rituals to receive the Dutch Governor when he visited the Colombo Fort. I was surprised to see a part of the large network of defensive bastions from the Dutch era. A bastion is a fortified structure with guns positioned for defense. The Colombo Fort had 8 bastions named after places in Holland -

Zeeburg, Amsterdam, Dan Briel, Middleburg, Rotterdam, Hoorn, Delft and Leyden. Dan Briel is the last remaining bastion in the entire city of Colombo (inside the Navy HQ area). The thick wall made of large granite rocks rises to about eight feet from the ground. One can still see four cannons in their original position.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH

The area around Grand Oriental Hotel, adjacent to the Colombo Harbour is full of ancient heritage. Historian R. L. Brohier records that a Dominican Monastery existed in 1672 on this same location. The Dominican Friars came during the Portuguese occupation. Later, the Dutch erected a new building, with a lovely view of the sea. Once the British consolidated their dominion over Ceylon, there was a need for an Anglican church. Governor Sir Frederick North published a Gazette notice in 1804 proclaiming that worship services would be held every Sunday. Under the administration of the British the former Dutch mansion became the Government House for the first years of Governor North's rule. On a subsequent request by Sir Edward Barnes, the grand mansion was consecrated as a Garrison Church on May 22, 1821 by the Bishop of Calcutta, Dr. Thomas Middleton and became St. Peter's Church. The Dutch Hospital opposite the World Trade Centre is another beautiful building that has been restored and is now a happening culinary venue. The hospital is said to have been built in 1681. The building has two spacious courtyards.



Rev. Charles Jansz

### THE VAN RHEE RESIDENCE

The Old Dutch building in Prince Street, Colombo 11 is another Dutch architectural gem. The two storied colonnaded building was once the residence of Governor Thomas Van Rhee. The building has been used as a seminary, military barracks, orphanage, office complex and a police training school. In 1932 it was later converted to a Post Office.

The restored museum was opened to the public in 1982. All of the above buildings were to an extent influenced by the Dutch East Indies Company, a mega corporation of trade established in 1602. The monogram VOC is derived from this Dutch organization. The company was the world's first transcontinental employer. These amazing Dutch buildings will stand for decades as a reminder of a bygone era and continue to enrich the beauty of Colombo city.



# Trump-Biden battle to win Pennsylvania's votes

**US:** Door-to-door canvassing and weekly rallies for Donald Trump, while Joe Biden's campaign avoids both due to the coronavirus. Democrats in Pennsylvania's rural counties are battling to win back the key electoral state, but the pandemic is not making it easy.

The difference between the Republican and Democratic efforts in Pennsylvania's Washington County, in the distant suburbs of Pittsburgh, is stark this election season: three tents welcomed the president's supporters this weekend, as team Biden tried to stick to public health guidelines by organizing primarily online.

Trump backers without anti-virus masks, arrived by the dozens to pick up yard signs and T-shirts emblazoned with the slogan "Make America Great Again" in an atmosphere akin to a family reunion.

A day prior, state representative Tim O'Neal had walked along the county's hills to rally Republican supporters, saying he has knocked on 3,500 doors since late



Joe Biden and Donald Trump to battle it out in Pennsylvania which is known as "The Keystone State".

June. The local Biden campaign team, signs from its office. A few figures might justify his confidence. In this county that

stood solidly Democratic before swinging for Trump in 2016, the gap between registered Democrats and Republicans is narrowing.

The year Trump was elected, there were more than 14,000 registered Democrats than Republicans, says Ball.

Today that margin has shrunk to 2,000 in favour of the Democrats.

Recent polls suggest the race will be close in Pennsylvania, though nationally Biden has the lead.

O'Neal, the Republican representative knocking on doors, says he's seeing first-hand that voters' reactions are unpredictable when it comes to Trump.

"I have had what I thought were hardcore Republicans who weren't supportive of him, and hardcore Democrats who were," he said.

"President Trump is one of those politicians that really is not defined necessarily by party." - AFP

## Julian Assange back in the spotlight



A supporter of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange holds a sign demanding his release outside Westminster Magistrates' Court in London.

**UK:** A London hearing was scheduled to resume on Monday to decide if WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange should be extradited to the United States to face trial over the publication of secrets relating to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The 49-year-old Australian, who is currently being held on remand at a high-security jail, faces 18 counts from US prosecutors that could see him jailed for up to 175 years.

The hearing at the Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey, is due to last three to four weeks. It had been due to go ahead in April but was delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Rees told AFP that Assange - who has become a figurehead for press freedom and investigative journalism - had a "very strong defence" but was concerned the case was "highly politicised".

Assange faces charges under the US Espionage Act for the 2010 release of 500,000 secret files detailing aspects of US military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. Meanwhile, the Council of Europe rights group warned that Assange's extradition would have a "chilling effect" on press freedom. Other high-profile supporters of Assange include the Pink Floyd co-founder Roger Waters, "Baywatch" star Pamela Anderson, designer Vivienne Westwood, and Greece's former Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis.

The saga began in 2010 when Assange faced allegations of sexual assault and rape in Sweden, which he denied.

He was in Britain at the time but dodged an attempt to extradite him to Sweden by claiming political asylum in Ecuador's embassy in London.

For seven years he lived in a small apartment in the embassy, but after a change of government in Quito, Ecuador lost patience with its guest and turned him over to British police in April 2019. - AFP

## 'Hotel Rwanda' hero not kidnapped

- Rwandan President

**RWANDA:** Rwandan President Paul Kagame said Sunday that the polarising hero of the "Hotel Rwanda" film had returned home of his own accord, where he was arrested, denying his family's claims he was kidnapped abroad.

Paul Rusesabagina, who became the most famous Rwandan in the world after the Hollywood blockbuster, had been living in exile until he surfaced in Kigali last week under arrest and accused of financing rebels.

His family argued he had been kidnapped and forced to return to the country where his image is more complex than in the famed movie, where he is credited with saving the lives of more than 1,200 people as they sheltered in the hotel he ran during the country's 1994 genocide.

In a speech to the Rwanda Broadcasting Agency, Kagame said Rusesabagina had himself returned to Rwanda, where he now stands accused of murder, arson, kidnapping and terrorism.

"Let me eliminate the word kidnap because that was not the case. Rusesabagina will attest to that himself. There was no kidnap, there was no any wrongdoing in the process of his getting here," said Kagame.

"He got here on the basis of what he believed he wanted to do and he found himself here."

His niece and adopted daughter, Carine Kanimba, told AFP Rusesabagina was in Dubai for meetings before suddenly being paraded handcuffed in Kigali.

"I don't know how he got to Rwanda... however he would never have done that by his own free will, because he knows that in Rwanda they want him dead," she said.

Rusesabagina, a moderate Hutu, became disillusioned with the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) after its troops flushed out the genocidal regime and ended the slaughter that left some 800,000 Rwandans - mostly Tutsis but also moderate Hutus - dead.

He accused Kagame and his ruling RPF of authoritarianism and anti-Hutu sentiment as the new regime violently consolidated its power in the aftermath of the genocide.

He left Rwanda in 1996 along with other moderates who believed the space for political opposition was fast shrinking.

But the release of the Oscar-nominated film "Hotel Rwanda" in 2004 gave him a new global platform to thunder against Kigali, where efforts rose to tarnish his image as a hero.

Survivors groups accused him of profiting from their misery and embellishing his heroics. - AFP



This November 9, 2005 file photo shows former US President George W. Bush presenting Paul Rusesabagina, who sheltered people at a hotel he managed during the 1994 Rwandan genocide, the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

## Johnson gives October 15 deadline for Brexit deal



**UK:** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Sunday gave an October 15 deadline for a post-Brexit trade agreement with the European Union, brushing off fears about "no-deal" chaos if talks fail.

The eighth round of negotiations resume in London this week, with both sides talking increasingly tough, amid accusations of intransigence and political brinkmanship.

The UK's chief negotiator, David Frost, did little to raise expectations about a breakthrough, promising no compromise on London's red lines, in a rare newspaper interview published on Sunday.

His EU opposite number, Michel Barnier, this week said the talks stood or failed on the need to get an accord on EU access to UK fishing waters and state aid rules, but Britain was giving no ground.

Brussels has already indicated that mid-October was the latest a deal could be struck, given the need for translation and ratification by the European Parliament.

Despite months of refusing to confirm a firm cut-off date, Johnson agreed.



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and the European Union's chief Brexit negotiator Michel Barnier (L).

"There needs to be an agreement with our European friends by the time of the European Council on October 15 if it's going to be in force by the end of the year," he said in remarks released by his office.

Should that happen, Britain will have an "Australia-style" deal with

the EU or one similar to that agreed with Canada and other countries, he said.

Britain formally left the 27-member bloc on January 31, nearly four years after a divisive referendum that crippled the country politically and saw two prime ministers resign. - AFP



## Pyrotechnic device triggered California fire

A house on fire in the Creek Fire in Fresno, California.

**US:** A firework at a gender reveal party triggered a wildfire in southern California that has destroyed 7,000 acres (2,800 hectares) and forced many residents to flee their homes, the fire department said Sunday.

More than 500 firefighters and four helicopters were battling the El Dorado blaze east of San Bernardino, which started Saturday morning, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) said.

Residents of several communi-

ties in the area have been ordered to evacuate.

"CAL FIRE Law Enforcement has determined the El Dorado Fire, burning near Oak Glen in San Bernardino County, was caused by a smoke generating pyrotechnic device, used during a gender reveal party," Cal Fire said on Twitter.

"Those responsible for starting fires due to negligence or illegal activity can be held financially and criminally responsible," it warned.

Gender reveal parties are held during pregnancy to unveil the sex

of the expected child, sometimes announced by pink or blue smoke fireworks. With hot and dry conditions, California has suffered a particularly busy fire season this year, with more than 1.6 million acres destroyed so far, including in three of the biggest blazes in the state's history.

In northern California, more than 200 people had to be airlifted to safety over the weekend after a fast-moving wildfire trapped them

near the Mammoth Pool Reservoir northeast of Fresno.

The Creek Fire, which started on Friday in steep and rugged terrain, has so far spread to 45,500 acres, according to the US Forest Service, making it one of the largest blazes.

A rapidly-spreading fire near San Diego, Valley Fire, has so far spread to 10,000 acres and

destroyed 11 structures, Cal Fire said.

Record temperatures over the three-day Labor Day weekend have aggravated already dangerous fire conditions and further stressed exhausted California firefighters.

Temperatures reaching more than 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 Celsius) were forecast for the Los Angeles area on Monday. - AFP

## Man arrested over Birmingham stabbings

**UK:** A 27-year-old man has been arrested in connection with the mass stabbings in Britain's second city Birmingham that left one person dead and two critically wounded, police said Monday.

The man was held on suspicion of murder and seven attempted murders that were carried out after midnight Saturday, West Midlands Police said.

The suspect was detained in the Selly Oak area of the city at around 4.00 am and he remained in police custody for questioning.

A 23-year-old man suffered fatal injuries in what was believed to be a random attack, while a man and a woman, aged 19 and 32, are in a critical condition in hospital. In June, a man was charged with murder after three people were stabbed to death in a park in Reading, west of

London, in an attack under investigation by counter-terrorism police.

Six people, including a police officer, were then injured at a hotel housing asylum seekers in the Scottish city of Glasgow. Armed police also shot dead the suspected attacker.

Stabbings in England and Wales increased six percent in the year to the end of March, according to the Office for National Statistics. - AFP



A forensic officer seen near the scene of reported stabbings in Birmingham, Britain on Sunday.

# UK records nearly 3,000 new COVID-19 cases in 24 hours

**UK:** The United Kingdom registered almost 3,000 new coronavirus cases over 24 hours, a level not seen since late May, health ministry figures showed Sunday.

The government said two more people had died after testing positive over the past 28 days, bringing the overall UK toll to 41,551, Europe's highest. In addition, 2,988 new cases were recorded, significantly higher than the 1,813 registered Saturday.

"The rise in the number of cases that we have seen today is concerning," said Health Secretary Matt Hancock as Britain digested the highest number of daily cases since 2,959 on May 23.

Hancock said the latest sufferers are predominantly young people but cautioned against behaviour that might allow a spread to the elderly.

Hancock said it was "important that people

don't allow this illness to infect their grandparents and to lead to the sort of problems that we saw earlier in the year" when the health system battled to contain the virus as the toll inexorably rose.

The concern is that increased transmission generally heightens the risk that the virus could get passed on to the elderly and people with underlying health problems.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative government says it will tighten local restrictions in areas showing sharp rises in cases rather than impose a second national lockdown for fear of its effect on the economy. Such restrictions would include limiting household contacts.

To date, a total of 347,152 coronavirus cases have now been confirmed across the United Kingdom.

- AFP



The UK prepares for a new wave of COVID-19 infections to hit this winter, a new report has warned.



## Speaking ill of people worse than COVID-19 - Pope

**VATICAN CITY:**

Speaking ill of other people and spreading gossip is worse than COVID-19 and Satan is the worst offender of all, Pope Francis said Sunday.

When people see someone making a mistake, "the first thing we usually do is go and tell someone else about it. Gossip like this closes off the community," the pope said in comments on a passage in the Bible where Jesus talks about what must be done to welcome back into the community those who have committed errors.

"The great gossip is Satan who always says bad things about people," Francis said.

Satan "is a liar who seeks to divide the Church, to drive our brothers apart, so that they are no longer a community," he added.

"Let us make an effort not to be gossips. Speaking ill of people is a plague worse than Covid," the Pope said in an address at Saint Peter's.

- AFP



Pope Francis waves to worshippers from the window of the apostolic palace overlooking St. Peter's Square on Sunday in The Vatican, during the weekly Angelus prayer.

## Ardern restarts campaign with Maori holiday pledge

**NEW ZEALAND:** New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern resumed campaigning in New Zealand's virus-delayed general election Monday with an attention-grabbing promise to make the Maori New Year a public holiday.

Electioneering had barely started last month when a sudden Covid-19 outbreak forced Auckland into lockdown and brought a temporary halt to campaign activities.

Ardern ended up delaying the election by four weeks to October 17 so her government could focus on containing the Auckland infections, which ended 102 days without community transmission of COVID-19 in New Zealand.

With lockdown now over in New Zealand's largest city, Ardern kick-started her Labour party's renewed campaign with a pledge to make Matariki, the Maori new year, a public holiday from 2022.

"As I've travelled around New Zealand I've heard the calls for Matariki to become a public holiday — its time has come," she said.

Labour deputy leader Kelvin Davis, who has a Maori background, said a Matariki holiday sent an important message to New Zealand's indigenous people, who comprise less than 20 percent of the country's popula-



Members of a dance and culture group perform at a Matariki, or Maori New Year, festival.

tion but are central to its national identity.

The youthful Ardern retains a commanding lead in opinion polls and is expected to win a second term for her centre-left government.

The most recent poll released last week by Roy Morgan Research had Ardern's Labour party on 48 percent, 19.5 points ahead of the main opposition National Party.

The 40-year-old retains a shot at ruling in her own right — without support from minor party coalition partners the Greens and New Zealand First that she needed during her first term. - AFP



New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern on the campaign trail.

## Haishen lashes South Korea after triggering landslides in Japan

**SOUTH KOREA:** A powerful typhoon lashed South Korea on Monday after smashing into southern Japan with record winds and heavy rains that left four people missing in a landslide.

Half a million people were without power after Typhoon Haishen roared past Japan's southern island of Kyushu, ripping off roofs and dumping half a metre (20 inches) of water in just a day.

Rescue workers were picking through mud and detritus after a hillside collapsed in rural Miyazaki.

Dozens of police officers were on their way to help, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters in Tokyo. At least two deaths had been reported during the

storm, he said, although the causes were not immediately known. Haishen, which came on the heels of another powerful typhoon, crashed into Okinawa on Saturday and moved northwards throughout Sunday. Around 1.8 million people were told to seek shelter for fear that the 200-kilometre-per-hour (135-mile-per-hour) winds would wreak havoc on Japan's wooden housing stock. By lunchtime on Monday, the storm had moved over South Korea, forcing the cancellation of hundreds of flights and triggering landslides.

Traffic lights and trees were felled in and around Busan, streets were flooded and power was knocked out for around 20,000 homes across



High waves batter the coastline as Typhoon Haishen approaches in the southeastern port city of Busan yesterday. - AFP

the country. The typhoon cut electricity supplies to Hyundai Motor's assembly lines in the city of Ulsan, bringing production to a halt for several hours.

Haishen churned its way up the eastern side of the penin-

sula into the Sea of Japan, known as the East Sea in Korea, having lost some of its destructive force, but still packed winds of up to 112 kilometres per hour.

The streets of the port city

of Sokcho were largely empty, but some residents braved the rain and wind to take photos and marvel at the swell crashing into the harbour wall.

Outside the city, swollen rivers surged through the countryside carrying debris and the occasional fallen tree.

Haishen was forecast to make landfall again in Chongjin, North Hamgyong province in North Korea, at around midnight, according to South Korea's Meteorological Administration.

Pyeongyang's state media have been on high alert, carrying live broadcasts of the situation, with one showing a reporter driving through a windy, inundated street in Tongchon, Kangwon province. - AFP

## "It hurts to breathe," says Jacob Blake

**US:** Jacob Blake, the young black man shot in the back multiple times by a white police officer in Wisconsin, said "it hurts to breathe" and that he was in constant pain in a video message from his hospital bed.

Despite his injuries, which will likely leave him paralyzed from the waist down, Blake told his supporters "there's a lot more life to live."

"Your life, and not only just your life, your legs — something that you need to move around and forward in life — can be taken from you like this, man," Blake said, snapping his fingers, in the video released Saturday by his lawyer Ben Crump.

Wearing a hospital gown, Blake said he had staples in his back and stomach.

"Twenty-four hours, every 24 hours it's pain, it's nothing but pain," he said.

"It hurts to breathe, it hurts to sleep, it hurts to move from side-to-side, it hurts to eat," he said in the video, which has more than 400,000 views on Twitter.

"Please, I'm telling you, change your lives out there. We can stick together, make some money, make everything easier for our people out there, man, because there's so much time that's been wasted."

The 29-year-old was gravely wounded when a policeman fired seven or eight shots at him as he tried to get into his car on August 23 in Kenosha, in the Midwestern state of Wisconsin. Three of his children were in the car at the time.

The scene was filmed by bystanders and the two police officers who were trying to stop or arrest Blake have been suspended.

Coming three months after the death of George Floyd, Blake's shooting has touched off a new round of demonstrations in several cities.

Protests in Kenosha began peacefully the night Blake was shot, but descended into violence for several nights running.

It culminated August 25 when two people were shot dead. A 17-year-old white Trump supporter has been arrested and charged with murder.

Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden spoke with Blake by phone on Thursday and met with his family. - AFP



Jacob Blake speaks in a video message from his hospital bed.

## Mali's ill-equipped Army in spotlight after coup

**MALI:** Mali's Army, which staged last month's coup in the war-torn nation, is taking on a role in politics despite being hamstrung by a crippling lack of resources.

The August 18 putsch came after months of protests against ousted leader Ibrahim Boubacar Keita and sent shockwaves across a region beset by jihadist attacks and grinding poverty.

The country's neighbours, and its ally and former colonial ruler France, called for a

swift transfer of power over fears of even more instability as Mali grapples with an Islamist insurgency, ethnic violence and economic malaise.

Its fourth coup in 60 years as an independent nation came with the army intervening to seize control of a situation that was becoming increasingly unmanageable.

Junta leader Colonel Assimi Goita is a taciturn man whose statements have been brief and not revealed much.



The coup is Mali's fourth since independence from France.

The 37-year-old son of a former military police official served in the main cities of the sprawling country's volatile north which has been ravaged by insurgency since 2012.

He rose rapidly through the ranks and headed an elite unit. He also underwent training in Germany, Gabon and the United States and is a highly competent military man.

"He is a young man who is very hands-on but not loquacious," said Kissima Gakou, a former strategic adviser to the defence ministry for 12 years.

However, the 13,000-strong military is fighting an uphill battle against the insurgency and jihadist attacks that

have claimed thousands of lives.

The Malian force has the Herculean task of securing an area two-and-a-half times the size of France from different groups allied to al-Qaeda or the Islamic State and various militia groups, some fighting for the government and others against.

Troop rotations are not fixed and soldiers can remain on hostile terrain in barracks susceptible to attacks for up to nine months at a stretch. - AFP

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**PROCUREMENT FOR PURCHASING OF 50 NOS. LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR NATIONAL LOTTERIES BOARD FOR PRIZE WINNERS**

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee (DPC) of National Lotteries Board (NLB) now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the procurement for Purchasing of 50 Nos. Laptop Computers for National Lotteries Board.

The Laptop Computers should be delivered within Two weeks of confirmation. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedure.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from AGM (Procurement), Procurement Division, 1st floor, National Lotteries Board (Tel .011-4607020) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day.

A complete set of bidding documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written request to the address below from **08.09.2020 to 22.09.2020** from **9.00 hrs to 15.00 hrs** on any working day upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs.2, 500.00 (with VAT). The method of payment will be in cash.

Bids shall be delivered to the address below on or before **14.30 hrs on 23.09.2020**. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after the closing of bids, at the Administration Division, 5th floor, National Lotteries Board, Deshamanya N.W.J Mudalige Mawatha, Colombo 01 in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid security for ninety thousand rupees only. (Rs.90,000.00) The validity period of the bid security shall be until 06.01.2021.

The Documents should be sent under sealed cover "Procurement for Purchasing of 50 Nos. Laptop Computers for National Lotteries Board" should be written on top left hand corner of the envelope.

**The Chairman,  
 Department Procurement Committee,  
 National Lotteries Board,  
 No. 32, Deshamanya N.W.J Mudalige Mawatha,  
 Colombo 01.**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**



STATE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT, COAST CONSERVATION, WASTE DISPOSAL AND COMMUNITY CLEANLINESS  
 SRI LANKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the item mentioned listed below.

Procurement No.	Item Descriptions	Experience	Closing Date and Time	Document Fee (Non-refundable)
S/204/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masons</li> <li>Carpenters</li> <li>Riggers</li> <li>Electricians</li> <li>Welders</li> <li>Labors</li> <li>Plumber</li> </ul>	Minimum 02 Years Work Experience in Similar Field	29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 13.30 hrs.	Rs. 1,000.00

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of a written request and paying nonrefundable document fee as above mentioned to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores), Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, No. 3, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya during 09.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from **08<sup>th</sup> September, 2020** Up to **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020** (Working days). The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division, (3rd Floor New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below and submitted on or before **29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 13:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidder or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelop and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation. (1<sup>st</sup> Floor New Building).
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Deputy General Manager (Construction). Tel: +9411 2 862438, Fax: +9411 2 867516

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MINISTRY OF JUSTICE

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**Construction of the New Courts Complex, Matale**

BID NO.: MOJ/ACT/26/10/2018

The paper advertisement published on 19th Feb. 2020 in Daily News, Dinamina and Thinakaran Newspapers is revised as below:

- The Chairman, CAPC on behalf of the Ministry of Justice now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for **Construction of the New Courts Complex at Matale** as described below and estimated to cost **Six Hundred and Six Million Rupees (Rs. 606.00 million) plus VAT.**

	Description	Approximate Total Floor Area (m <sup>2</sup> )	Remarks
1	Construction of Courts Complex	4680	Three storeyed courts complex with two lifts
2	Judges' Quarters	650	Three Quarters
3	Vehicle Parking		For Judges & Staff
4	Internal Roads & Landscaping		Asphalt Paving, Interlocking Paving, Planting Trees, etc.

The building shall be of reinforced concrete framed structure with reinforced concrete Pad/strip/raft foundation, columns, beams and staircases. The wall shall be of clay bricks. The roof shall consist of Zinc-Aluminium sheet tile profile and roof slab. The building shall consist of glazed ceramic wall and floor tiling, plastering, painting, floor rendering, wall cladding, landscaping and aluminium framed glazed windows and doors. The main services provided in the building shall be air-conditioning in designated areas, water supply, sewerage and drainage, electrical, fire protection & detection and lift. Site is located at Wijaya Mawatha, Matale. Construction Period is 730 days.

- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall meet the following requirements.
  - The Bidders shall be registered with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA) for Grade **C1 or above** for Building works.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include:
  - Average annual volume of construction work performed in last five years shall be at least **Rs. 455.00 million.**
  - Successful completion of a multi storey building of minimum three storeyed or more with all services with similar scope and complexity and minimum construction cost of **Rs. 425 million** during last five years, as the main contractor.
  - The **minimum** amount of liquid assets and or credit facilities, after setting apart for the other contractual commitments and exclusive of any advance payments which may be made under the Contract, shall be not less than **Rs. 76 million.**
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from **Director-Engineering, 4th Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12** and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from **Sep. 8th, 2020** until **Sep. 28th, 2020** from **09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on submission of a written request to the **Accountant (Procurement), 3rd Floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12** from **Sep. 8th, 2020** until **Sep. 28th, 2020** from **09:00 hrs. to 15:00 hrs.** on payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 70,000.00.**
- Bids shall be submitted by hand, courier or registered post to **Accountant (Procurement), 3rd Floor, Accounts Branch, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12** on or before **11:00 hrs. on Sep. 29th, 2020.** Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend.
- Bids shall be valid up to **Feb. 23rd, 2021.**
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security of **Rupees Seven Million only (Rs. 7,000,000.00).** Any bid not accompanied by a valid Bid Security will be rejected. Bid Security shall be valid up to **March 23rd, 2021.**
- Potential Bidders should have fulfilled the requirement of registration under the terms of Public Contract Act No. 3 of 1987 before collecting the Bid Documents and also should register the contract after the tender is awarded.
- Ministry of Justice will not be responsible for any cost or any expense incurred by the bidder in connection with the preparation or delivery of the bid.

The address referred to above is:

Name & Address: **The Chairman, Cabinet Appointed Procurement Committee, Procurement Division, 3rd floor, Ministry of Justice, Superior Courts Complex, Colombo 12.**  
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The Chairman of Department Procurement Committee on behalf of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation (SLLDC) invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for the item mentioned listed below.

Procurement No.	Item Descriptions	Vocational Qualifications	Closing Date and Time	Education Qualifications	Documents Fee (Non-refundable)
S/319/20	Heavy Equipment Operator	Successful completion of a certificate course not below the National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) level 4 or National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) level 3 in the relevant field conducted by a Technical Training Institute recognized by the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission (TVEC) with 03 years of service experience in the relevant field.	29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 13.30 hrs.	Person who have sat the G.C.E (O/L) Examination	Rs. 1,000.00
	Small Plant Operator	Must have successfully completed the not below National Vocational Qualification (NVQ) level 2 certificate course in the relevant field conducted by a Technological Training Institute, which is recognized by the TVEC			
	Tractor Driver	A valid License to drive heavy vehicles and minimum of three (03) years' experience in driving heavy vehicles at a reputed establishment after obtaining heavy vehicle driving license.			

- A complete set of Bidding Documents in Sinhala language could be inspected free of charge and purchased upon submission of a written request and paying nonrefundable document fee as above mentioned to the Deputy General Manager (Supplies & Stores), Supplies Division, Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation, No. 3, Sri Jayawardenapura Mawatha, Welikada, Rajagiriya during 09.00 Hrs. to 15.30 Hrs. from **08<sup>th</sup> September, 2020** Up to **28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020** (Working days). The method of payment will be only by cash to the cashier at Accounts Division, (3rd Floor New Building).
- Bid shall be delivered to the address given below and submitted on or before **29<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 at 13:30 hrs.** Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing time, in the presence of Bidder or their representatives who choose to attend.
- Procurement No. and the subject should be clearly mentioned on the top left-hand corner of the envelop and should be sent under registered post or deposited to the specified Tender Box kept in Supplies Division of Sri Lanka Land Development Corporation. (1<sup>st</sup> Floor New Building).
- Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted on **22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020 at 10.00 a.m** at SLLDC Board Room.
- Interested bidders may obtain further clarifications from Assistant General Manager (HRD). Tel: +9411 2 8669320

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Under 19 Division Three Inter-School Cricket (Two Day) Tournament

# Ibbagamuwa Central's Prabuddha passes 1000 run milestone

Seventeen year old Prabuddha Premalal right hand batsman of Ibbagamuwa Central College passed the 1000 run milestone of the Under 19 Division III inter Schools Cricket (two days) tournament conducted by Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association

Prabuddha started his cricket career at Ibbagamuwa Central College in the under 13 age limit in 2014. He represented the under 13 'B' team that year. He represented the college under 13 'A' team in 2015 and 2016. He scored 575 runs with a double century and century in the 2016 season

He was deputy skipper of the college under 15 team in 2017. He scored over 200 runs in six matches with two half tons. He

represented Kurunegala and North Western under 15 teams in the inter district and inter province tournament in the same year. He scored 379 runs in 10 matches with half tons in 2018.

He was deputy skipper of the college under 17 team in 2019. He scored only 210 runs with a century. He represented the college first XI team in 2017/2018 season. He scored 278 runs in a few matches that season. He represented the college first XI team in the 2018/19 season but scored only 337 runs that season.

Prabuddha Premalal scored 1144 runs in 11 matches (Ave. 71.50) with a double century, two centuries and seven half centuries in the 2019/2020 season. He



Prabuddha Premalal

made an unbeaten 204 runs against Azhar Central College Akurana, and scored centuries against C.W.W. Kannangara Central College Matugama and

Nugawela Central College which paved the way for Ibbagamuwa Central College to enter the quarter finals.

He is grateful to his principal Mrs. Nirodha Abeywickrame, Suranga Ranatunga (Master in charge), staff of college, both coaches Dilip Chandrasekara and Prasanna Karunawansa, OBA, past cricketers, team mates, their parents and his family members

● **Matches - 11 Innings - 19** Not Outs - 03 Runs - 1144 Ave - 71.50

**Highest Score** - 204 against Azhar Central College, Akurana 100's - 2 (151 against C.W.W. Kannangara Central College Matugama, 138 against Nugawela Central College)

50's - 7 (56 Vidyalyoka Galle, 58 Kegalu Vidyalyoka, 70 & 59 Tissa Kalutara, 55 Bandaranayake Gampaha, 58 St. John's Panadura)

● **How he fared this season** (vs St. Xavier's Marawila 74 & 26\*, vs Sir John Kotelawala Kurunegala 30 & 94, vs Azhar Central Akurana 204\* & 84, vs Jaffna Central 12 & 00, vs Nugawela Central 10 & 138, vs Ibbagamuwa Models School 30, Royal Polonnaruwa 00 & 56, vs Skandavarodaya MV Jaffna 21, vs Maliyadeva Model School Kurunegala 00 & 17, vs C.W.W. Kannangara Central Matugama 151, vs Methodist High School Moratuwa 96 & 51\*) (YK)

## Sayuni a cricketing star in the making

UPANANDA JAYASUNDERA  
-Kandy Sports Special Correspondent



Sayuni Premaratne, is seen here with her trophies (Picture by Upananda Jayasundera)

Thirteen year old Cricketer of Mahamaya Girls School, Kandy, Sayuni Premaratne is an up-and coming player and due to Corona - 19 pandemic Cricket practices are at a standstill and the children who are interested in sports are waiting anxiously to see the country returning to normalcy

Sayuni Premaratne is a left hand batswoman and the wicket keeper of the School team. She scored an unbeaten knock of 57 runs with 10 fours and one six, in the Indra Withanachchi Challenge Trophy tournament held in the year 2018 representing Mahamaya Blues team. In the following year, in 2019 she led her side to victory in the same tournament and she was adjudged the Best Fielder. In the year 2018 when she was a member of the Mahamaya Girls Cricket team they became one of the Best Eight teams in the whole Island in the cricket tournament conducted by the Sri Lanka Schools Cricket Association. Due to unavoidable circumstances the Mahamaya Girls Cricket team could not enter

this tournament in 2019.

But the Mahamaya Girls team continued playing cricket in club matches with Palinks CC, Colombo, Kandy Cricket and Athletic Academy etc. and Sayuni was in the victorious cricket team as the baby of the team. Being a wicket keeper/ batswoman she won School Colours in Cricket in 2019 and as a left hand batswoman who has a cool temperament with a lot of talent she will go very far if she continues playing cricket. Her coach is the writer, who is coaching cricket to the Mahamaya Girls team and she is thankful to her School Principal, the teacher-in-charge and the POG of the School and she has high hopes that the Sri Lanka Womens Cricket Association will recognise her achievements

## Ulindu Prabashwara a superb all rounder

DILWIN MENDIS

Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent

Fifth year player, captain of the team, all rounder, right hand opening bat and right arm leg spinner Wattage Ulindu Prabashwara did exceptionally well in cricket for his Alma Mater Ananda Sastralaya, Matugama.

Ulindu got selected for the first eleven cricket team at the age of 13 plus and in his first year in 2015/16 he passed the 200 run mark and claimed 21 wickets with two five wicket hauls. In his second year he scored 461 runs with 35 scalps with three five wicket hauls and in his third year he collected 570 runs and bagged 32 wickets with two five wicket hauls and in 2018/19 he scored 525 runs with 40 wickets with three five wicket hauls and three fifties and in the 2019 20 season he got exactly 800 runs with two centuries against St. Mary's, Matugama and C. W. W. Kannangara Vidyalaya with a top score of 116 runs and captured 40 wickets with one ten wicket haul and three fifties. He represented Kalutara Zone in District Level in 2018 and 2019 and in the club level in



Ananda Sastralaya, Matugama first eleven cricket pool 2019/20 with the officials Squatting in front L/R - Keshaka Haresha, Isira Thewnith, Lakindu Dinuk, Kavindu Theekshana, Sadira Nethmal, Nuwan Dineth, Sithuna Sulakshana, Hesitha Anuhas, Januda Kannangara Standing L/R - Pamod Nisal, Naveen Kanishka, Shehan Pasindu, Yasiru Dilhara, Madura Malshan, Lekshan Kavinda, Lasitha Wijesinghe (MIC), Ulindu Prabashwara (Captain), Rishan Sajith (Coach), Uditha Rathan, Dilsara Pramod, Asindu Dilsara, Chamindu Dilshan, Thilina Dananjaya, Chamod Imalka

Absent - Pasindu Bashana, Thenura de Silva (Picture by Dilwin Mendis - Moratuwa Sports Special Correspondent)

2018 he represented Matugama Cricket Club in the Daily News Trophy. From time to time his coaches were Rasindu Krishan, Senaka Mallawarachchi, Gayan, Senaka, Harsha and finally Rishan Sajith.

His first school was Bellana Maha Vidyalaya, and at the school sports meets he did 50,

75 and 100 metres and he came first and his other event was Long Jump. He first attended CMK Cricket Academy Matugama under Rishan Sajith and Chanaka Karawita and his first coach at Sastralaya was Ajith Maddumage and in his first year he claimed 22 wickets and in the following year 25 wickets. In the

under 15 tournament he scored 165 runs and captured 18 wickets. In his second year he was the Vice Captain and he scored 200 runs and took 15 scalps. In his under 17 first year he scored 212 runs and took 28 wickets and captaining the team in the following year he got 118 runs and claimed 12 wickets in three matches. He was the vice captain in 2018/19 first eleven cricket season and this year his vice captain was Kavindu Theekshana and the Prefect of Games is Mrs. Lalitha Padmini. Pulindu played in four Big Matches against their arch rivals St. Mary's College Matugama and he won the Best Fielder's Prize in the 2018 Big Match. In addition he did Athletics and excelled in the under 16 and 18, 19 and 20 age groups and his events were 100, 200 metres and later 400, 800 and 1500 metres. Also he played for the Volley ball teams in the under 15, 17 and 19 age groups and played Elle also. In Football they were the Zonal Runners Up and due to his commitments with cricket he could not concentrate much on other sports.



Ulindu Prabashwara

## Big prize money on offer for National Chess Champions

DHAMMIKA RATNAWEERA

Sri Lanka National Chess Championships conducted by Chess Federation of Sri Lanka (CFSL) will be held from September 11 to 14 and again from 19 to 21 at the CFSL Headquarters, Nugegoda. The first round will commence on September 11 at 4pm while awards ceremony will be held on the final day September 21 soon after the final round.

The tournament will be conducted with 13 rounds on Round robin basis. The first 13 players of the recently concluded National B chess championship and Harshana Thilakarathne who is the National Chess Champion are eligible to take part in the men's event while first 13 players of the recently concluded National 'B' championships and Sayuni Gihansa Jayaweera, the Women's National Chess Champion of Sri Lanka are eligible to take part in the women's event

This time CFSL is offering the most attractive cash awards ( 320, 000 rupees ) among Sports associations in Sri Lanka for this National championship .

The National chess champion will receive a Rs100, 000 cash award while women's National champion will



Direct qualifiers of the National chess championship Harshana Tillekarathne and Sayuni Gihansa Jayaweera

receive Rs 60, 000 cash award. In addition men's 1st runner up will receive Rs 50, 000 while Rs30,000 will be given for the women's 1st runner up.

In addition up to fifth places will receive cash awards The eligible chess players for the Nationals should confirm their participation before 12.00 noon on Tuesday ( 8th Sept) by an email to chessfederationsl@gmail.com.

Following chess players are eligible to take part in the National championship .

### Championship (men) - Qualifiers from National 'B' Chess Championship

1 CM, Liyanage Ranindu Dilshan (Ananda College), 2 KPRN Samaranyake, 3 Theekshana Denuwan (Ananda College), 4 FM, Susal de Silva (Nalanda College), 5 FM, Minul Sanjula Doluweera (Royal College), 6 Danushka Bandara , 7 DMGS Dassanayake (St. Sylvester's College), 8 Shehan Weerasinghe, 9 KA Akhila Kavinda, 10. A.A.C.B Amarasinghe (SJP Chess Club), 11 G.W.D.M Dabarera (Maliyadeva College), 12 FM,

Chinthaka Anuruddha (Kandy YMCA CC), 13 S Sivathanujan (Kokuvil Hindu College)

### Direct Qualifier .. FM, Harshana Tillekarathne- Maliyadeva College (Having a rating more than 2,400)

### \*Women's National 'A' Chess Championship - Qualifiers from Women's National 'B' Chess Championship

1 Nevanji Hewawasam (Visakha Vidyalaya), 2 Thilini Koswatte (SL Aviation Services, Katunayake), 3 Sandeepani Tharushi (Devi Balika Vidyalaya), 4 Fernando G W Nethmi L (Girls High School), 5 WCM, Tharushi T H D Niklesha (Visakha Vidyalaya), 6 Mapa M M W H (Girls High School), 7 WCM, Pallie Ehsha Mishela (Visakha Vidyalaya), 8 Janandani Abeyasinghe (NSBM Green University), 9 Minethma Lasandi Wickramasinghe (Sujatha Vid, Matara), 10 Pavalachandran Ashvini (Wycherly International School), 11 WIM, Ranasinghe S D (N13 Chess Club), 12 Tharuli Ranganath (Yoshida International School), 13 WMMN Wijesinghe (Girls High School)

**Direct Qualifier** WCM, Sayuni Gihansa Jayaweera-Dharmasoka College (Reigning Women's National Chess Champion)

## Rugby match officiating course conducted successfully

HAFIZ MARIKAR

On Saturday over here at Nitawela, on a request made by Central Province Rugby Football Union Sri Lanka rugby conducted a WR L 1 match officiating course under the guidance of licensed World Rugby Educator Wimal Perera - World Rugby Trainer Dilroy Fernando, and from Central Province RFU Y.M.S Ratnayake and S Madugal-

le were the coordinators. It was great to see seventeen participants at the course, out of which seven were Trinity ruggersites and hope they get seriously involved in refereeing as I saw huge potential in these young ruggersites.

If I am correct the last Trinitian to have been involved in refereeing at the highest level was S.W. Chang who handled the whistle in 1980's and 1990's said

Dilroy Fernando - Consultant Training and Education at Sri Lanka Rugby. The rest of the participants were five girls and three boys from Matala, one each from Nawalapitiya, Hatton, Walapane

This course, module aims to provide learners who have an interest in becoming a match official with a basic level of understanding of how to referee. Upon

completion of this module they should be ready to undertake the face-to-face Introduction to Match Officiating (Pre-L1) course delivered by licensed Educators. Upon successful completion of both the online module and face-to-face course participants should be able to demonstrate basic officiating skills and to officiate aspects of the game in a modified context.

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DATE **12-09-2020**

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# FFSL to conduct women's football tourney in October

**ALTHAF NAWAZ**

The Football Federation of Sri Lanka (FFSL) is gearing to conduct a women's football tournament to be held at the Beddegana National Training Centre on October 3 and 4.

This two-day tournament involving twenty teams covering the whole island will be played on a seven-a-side format. All teams are to play in a round-robin basis format before they embark on the knock-out stage.

The idea of conducting this tournament is to reorganise women's football in the country after the effects of Easter Sunday, inclement weather and the COVID-19 pandemic, which almost kept women's activities on hold for the last 18 months. This tournament will be an ideal opportunity

for the young girls to actively participate in football, as well as to be scouted for the national pool, which will be under the supervision of former National player Dudley Steinwall.

Apart from that, FFSL will formulate the women's national teams for under 17 and 19 age segments to participate in Asian Qualifying rounds matches to be held in the first quarter of 2021.

The world football governing body FIFA also has identified women's football as an effective part of the global development process as the FIFA women's World Cup is



**Shalika Ranaweera, Chairman Women's Football at FFSL**

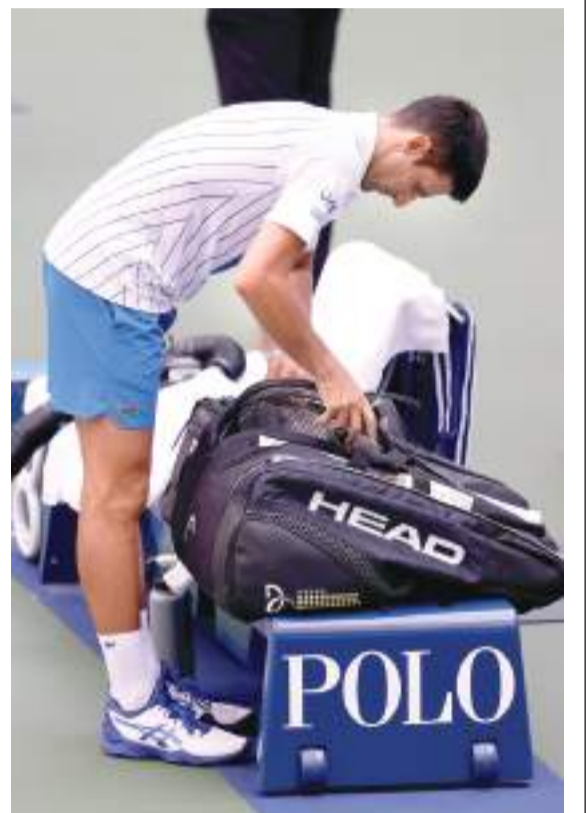
gaining popularity day by day. FIFA has initiated a project to support this segment of the game globally, after the COVID-19 pandemic by allocating funds specifically for women's football development. FFSL will use these funds to conduct women's football activities from grass root level to senior level football in this segment.

The state of Qatar is scheduled to conduct an invitation Tournament for ladies next February, where Sri Lanka is to field a side to compete, in which ten countries are likely to participate.

Shalika Ranaweera, Chairman Women's Football at FFSL speaking to Daily News said that "We are glad to organize a tournament involving the ladies segment, after the COVID-19 pandemic since last March. The trend is changing towards the lasses in the world football arena, which is why FIFA, the world body is keen on promoting this segment, the FFSL is also on par with this vision to promote this segment of the game locally.

This tournament will enable us to scout some players for the National squads and also in preparation for the invitation tournament in Qatar in February, where ten countries are scheduled to compete. Nevertheless, we as the governing body are delighted to revamp ladies football in the country".

## 'So sorry' Djokovic disqualified from US Open



**Novak Djokovic packs his bag to leave the court after being defaulted due to inadvertently striking a lineswoman with a ball hit in frustration during his Men's Singles fourth round match against Pablo Carreno Busta of Spain on Day Seven of the 2020 US Open on Sunday. AFP**

**NEW YORK, MONDAY:** Novak Djokovic was dramatically disqualified from the US Open on Sunday after accidentally striking a female lines judge with a ball in frustration during his last-16 match, sending shock waves through the tournament.

The world number one apologized for hitting the ball in disgust after losing his serve to get 6-5 down in the first set to Spain's 20th seed Pablo Carreno Busta inside Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Djokovic appeared to be looking the other way when he pulled the ball from his pocket and smacked it in the direction of the official, it hitting her full toss in the throat.

The official cried out and began gasping for air as she collapsed to the ground. Djokovic rushed over to check on her, placing his hand on her back as she struggled to breathe. After a few minutes she got up and walked off the court looking dazed.

Around ten minutes of discussions then ensued between Djokovic and the tournament referee Soeren Friemel, during which the world number one pleaded his case.

The umpire then declared that Carreno Busta had won by default. Djokovic shook hands with his opponent before leaving the court without appearing to shake the umpire's hand.

### 'So wrong'

He went then directly to his car and left the Flushing Meadows site in New York without speaking to reporters.

Djokovic, 33, later posted an apology on Instagram saying he was "so sorry."

"This whole situation has left me really sad and empty," he wrote, adding that "thank God" the woman was okay.

"I'm extremely sorry to have caused her such stress. So unintended. So wrong," Djokovic said.

He also apologized to tournament organizers for "my behavior" but did not say whether he thought they were right to default him.

The United States Tennis Association said Djokovic.

ovic had been defaulted under the Grand Slam rules for "intentionally hitting a ball dangerously or recklessly within the court or hitting a ball with negligent disregard of the consequences."

The body added that he would lose all ranking points and prize money from the tournament.

Referee Friemel said Djokovic told him he should not be defaulted because it was unintentional.

Friemel said he agreed there was no intent but that it was a clear-cut case of Djokovic hitting the ball "angrily and recklessly."

"She was clearly hurt and in pain. There was no other option," he told reporters.

The Serbian star is one of only a handful of players to be disqualified from a men's singles tournament at a Grand Slam since John McEnroe was infamously tossed from the Australian Open in 1990.

Djokovic had been chasing an 18th Grand Slam title at the Billie Jean King US National Tennis Center.

He was hoping to close the gap on Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, both absent from the tournament, in the race for the all-time men's Slam singles title record.

Djokovic is on 17, with Nadal on 19 and Federer on 20.

Carreno Busta said he did not see the incident. "I was celebrating the break with my coach," he told reporters.

"When I heard that the line judge was on the floor I was in shock. I never expected this moment when playing Novak."

"I think it was bad luck," he added. Former players reacted with shock at the disqualification but said officials had made the correct decision.

### New winner

"Right call!" former women's world number one Tracy Austin wrote on Twitter.

Four-time US Open champion Martina Navratilova said officials "had no choice" but to default Djokovic.

AFP

## Tokyo Olympics will go ahead 'with or without Covid' - IOC's Coates

**SYDNEY, MONDAY:** Tokyo's postponed Olympics will go ahead next year regardless of the coronavirus pandemic, IOC vice president John Coates told AFP Monday, vowing they will be the "Games that conquered Covid".

The Olympics have never been cancelled outside of the world wars and Coates, speaking in a phone interview, was adamant that the Tokyo Games will start on their revised date.

"It will take place with or without Covid. The Games will start on July 23 next year," said Coates, who heads the International Olympic Committee's Coordination Commission for the Tokyo Games.

"The Games were going to be, their theme, the Reconstruction Games after the devastation of the tsunami," he said, referring to a catastrophic earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan in 2011.

"Now very much these will be the Games that conquered Covid, the light at the end of the tunnel."

In a landmark decision, the 2020 Olympics were postponed because of the global march of the pandemic and they are now set to open on July 23, 2021. But Japan's borders are still largely closed to foreign visitors and a vaccine is months or even



**IOC vice president John Coates**

years away, feeding speculation about whether the Games are feasible at all.

Japanese officials have made clear they would not delay them a second time beyond 2021.

There are signs that public enthusiasm in Japan is waning after a recent poll found just one in four Japanese want them to go ahead next year, with most backing either another postponement or a cancellation.

### 'Monumental task'

Coates said the Japanese government "haven't dropped the baton at all" following the postponement, despite the "monumental task" of putting the event back a year.

"Before Covid, (IOC president) Thomas Bach said this is the best prepared Games we've ever seen, hasn't a permanent job and is selling eggs at the Hettipola town to maintain his family amidst economic difficulties.

After the media highlighted his plight, Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa asked him to meet him at the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports last week.

Chandana Nishantha showed the Minister the trophies and medals he



**Sports Minister Namal Rajapaksa discussing with former athlete, Chandana Nishantha Atapattu at the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.**

## Sports Minister Namal comes to the rescue of former athlete

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has won while representing Sri Lanka at national and international levels.

Minister Namal Rajapaksa, realizing the plight of the player, contacted the Governor of the North-Western Province, Raja Collure, to help him to get a job. Accordingly, Chandana Nishantha is scheduled to meet the Governor of the North Western Province on Wednesday. Most probably he will get a job at the North Western Provincial Council Sports Ministry after considering his sports achievements. - (DR)



**England's Jos Buttler watches his final six in the game for England during the international Twenty20 cricket match between England and Australia at the Ageas Bowl in Southampton, southern England on Sunday. AFP**

## England T20 competition spurs on Buttler

**SOUTHAMPTON, SUNDAY:** Jos Buttler said the competition for places in England's Twenty20 side had been "driving me" after his superb unbeaten 77 sealed a series-clinching win over Australia at Southampton on Sunday.

England, set a modest target of 158 after a fine performance by their attack, saw opener Buttler end the match in style with seven balls to spare when he drove leg-spinner Adam Zampa for a huge straight six.

Victory put England 2-0 up in a three-match series and they will replace Australia at the top of the T20 global standings if they complete a clean sweep on Tuesday.

This series has seen England recall several multi-format stars, including Buttler and fellow 50-over World Cup winners Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, after they had fielded separate red and white-ball squads in a season overshadowed by the coronavirus.

Tom Banton, who played on Sunday, opened during the drawn T20 campaign against Pakistan after Buttler was not selected for that series and the still injured Jason Roy missed out with a side problem. "When you play against

Australia it gives you a lot of determination to play well and I think the competition for places in the side has really been driving me as well," said Buttler after compiling his highest T20 international score.

"When you miss out, you feel that pressure so to come back in you feel like you have to play well," added Buttler, who faced 54 balls, including eight fours and two sixes.

While franchise star Buttler said he would be bat anywhere in England's order, he made clear his preference when asked about opening at next year's T20 World Cup in India.

"It probably is my favoured position to bat in T20 cricket. I've had most of my success at the top and I think that is natural, if you bat in the top three in T20 cricket."

Earlier, wicketkeeper Buttler had the best view as fast bowlers Archer, who removed dangerman David Warner for a third-ball duck, and Wood reduced Australia to 3-2 inside two overs.

"From the first over Jofra set the tone brilliantly picking up a big wicket and that really set us on our way," said Buttler. AFP

## England's Buttler to miss final T20

**LONDON, MONDAY:** Jos Buttler will miss England's final Twenty20 against Australia on Tuesday after requesting time off to be with his family.

Having featured in all six Test matches during the English summer before rejoining the white-ball side for the ongoing series, Buttler has been inside the team bubble for the past 10 weeks.

It is understood that the 29-year-old approached captain Eoin Morgan and head coach Chris Silverwood after his match-winning 77 not out gave the hosts an unassailable 2-0 lead at the Ageas Bowl on Sunday and they granted his release. Last month it was revealed that Buttler's father had been taken to hospital the day before his son joined Chris Woakes in a game-changing partnership that handed England victory in the first Test against Pakistan. AFP

### SCORECARD

AUSTRALIA		ENGLAND	
D. Warner	0	J. Buttler	77
c Buttler b Archer	0	not out	77
A. Finch	40	J. Bairstow	9
b Jordan	40	(hit-wicket) b Starc	9
A. Carey	2	D. Malan	42
c Buttler b Wood	2	c Stoinis b Agar	42
S. Smith	10	T. Banton	2
run out (Morgan)	10	c Cummins b Agar	2
M. Stoinis	35	E. Morgan	7
c Malan b Rashid	35	c Maxwell b Zampa	7
G. Maxwell	26	not out	13
c Buttler b Jordan	26	not out	13
A. Agar	23	Extras (lb5, w3)	8
run out (Archer)	23	Total (4 wks,	158
not out	13	18.5 overs)	158
M. Starc	2	Did not bat: C Jordan, T Curran,	
not out	2	A Rashid, J Archer, M Wood	
Extras (lb2, w4)	6	Fall of wickets: 1-19	
Total (7 wks,	157	3-122 (Banton), 4-135 (Morgan)	
20 overs)	157	Bowling: Starc 4-0-25-1 (2w);	
Did not bat: K Richardson,		Curmins 3-0-24-0 (1w); Rich-	
A Zampa		ardson 2-0-19-0; Maxwell 2-0-	
Fall of wickets: 1-0 (Warner),		16-0; Zampa 3.5-0-42-1; Agar	
2-3 (Carey), 3-30 (Smith), 4-79		4-0-27-2	
(Finch), 5-89 (Stoinis), 6-132			
(Maxwell), 7-155 (Agar)			
Bowling: Archer 4-0-31-1 (3w);			





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## New tea planting, replanting, Govt. Priorities - State Minister Kanaka Herath

### Solar energy for factories

**RAVI LADDUWAHETTY**

State Minister of Company Estate Reforms, Tea Estate Crops, Tea Factory Modernization and Tea Export Diversification Kanaka Herath said yesterday that the priority of the Government for the tea industry would be planting new tea plants and replanting which will enhance the crop available for exports.

Sri Lanka's annual tea production, which was 340 million kilos in 2014, has dwindled to 290 Million kilos, which was not at all a good sign for the industry.

He said that the Government would be allocating Rs. 300,000 per hectare for new planting and Rs. 350,000 per hectare for replanting. This would be

applicable not only for the estates coming under the aegis of the Regional Plantation Companies, but also for Tea Small Holders as well. It is also moot to note that 73% of the tea that is produced is accounted for the tea small holders and only 27% is contributed by the Regional Plantation Companies.

State Minister Herath also said that there will be consultations with other State Ministries as well aimed at growing cinnamon, pepper et al which would enhance the revenue of the tea estates as well.

Plans are also afoot to grow organic tea as well. Some of the main issues faced by the tea industry from growing side have been low produc-

tivity, high cost of production of Ceylon Tea and thus eroding competitiveness. Concerns on declining tea production when increasing export volume in the global market place. Lack of emphasis on developing quality tea nurseries.

Not enough re-planting & infilling programs undertaken and less focus more on soil - fertility management to improve land and cost optimization. The government has given the green light to commence the following activities with the support from Tea Board by tea growers supervised by Tea Small Holdings Development Authority and the Sri Lanka Tea Board, he said.

Moves are also afoot to establish a



Minister  
**Kanaka Herath**

Model tea gardening program with drip irrigation/fertigation, 'Hedge

row' planting leading to mechanization as well. "We will support effective use of plucking and pruning machines and optimum level of worker deployment."

Financial assistance to put up tea nurseries and replanting subsidy.

There will be implementation of shade management and agro-forestry integration as well.

Introduction of solar power applications in tea industry optimization at factories other green energy solutions, to minimize factory cost and towards green energy and assist cost of mechanization at factory production as well. He said that the above will ensure maintaining purity of Ceylon Tea offering at the auction.

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## Investing in shares could yield substantial capital soon - Minister Nivard Cabraal

State Minister of Money & Capital Markets and State Enterprise Reforms Ajith Nivard Cabraal addressing stockbrokers at the Finance Ministry on September 4 said that Sri Lankan investors who acquire shares now would make substantial capital gains very soon.

Cabraal explained that the Colombo Stock Exchange's All Share Price Index was at around 7,300 points by end December 2014 and the market cap was around USD 25 billion. However, the ASPI has now shrunk to about 5300 points with the market cap down to about USD 12.5 billion, even though most companies had accumulated reasonable profits over the past 5 years and their balance sheets had grown.

From this information, it is very evident that the ASPI today should be at a much higher value and the market cap too should be substantially higher. Accordingly, it is clear that there is a huge potential for the valuations of the shares to increase in the near future since confidence is returning to the markets and economic activity is likely to pick up in the near term.

Cabraal said stockbrokers must therefore try and persuade Sri Lankan investors to invest in the stock market



State Minister Ajith Nivard Cabraal addressing stockbrokers

before trying to get foreigners to come to the Sri Lankan bourse.

Cabraal further pointed out that the money markets

are quite liquid now and that the total deposits in Banks and Finance Companies exceed Rs.10,000 billion. He, therefore, urged stockbrokers to try to collectively

attract at least 1% of such deposits, which would amount to a sizable Rs.100 billion, and that it would be quite possible to do so in the current low-interest regime.

Cabraal stressed that such an investment wave would be a huge boost to the stock market which would also provide a very sound platform for the share investors to take up some useful positions in the stock market as well.

Cabraal also urged the stockbrokers to get out of their comfort zones and become more active. He said, "It's now time for you to go across the country and explain these opportunities to potential Sri Lankan investors and encourage them to enter this market. Don't passively wait for the foreign investors to return, but proactively engage the local investors".

Cabraal added, "in that way, local investors could gain from the current depressed market, particularly in the light of the reduced interest rates". He also asserted that those who invest now will definitely be at an advantage over those who invest later.

## Sustainability standards are customer industry driven - Chief delegate

Sustainability standards are a reality and partially politically driven, but they are also more and more customer and industry driven.

Besides the existing official legally binding standards, European importers require more and more consumer driven standards like Fair-trade, Compliance +, Good Manufacturing Practices etc, opined Chief Delegate of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka Andreas Hergenroether.

He expressed these views at the Delegation of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka (AHK Sri Lanka) and the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF) in Sri Lanka co-organized Kick-Off conference on their initiative "Sustainable Supply Chains as driver for global competitiveness" event in Colombo last week.

"The major reason to partner for this initiative was to support Sri Lankan exporters to obtain broader market access. Making the keynote address Shirendra Lawrence, COO of MAS Holdings, pointed out how important the transparent compliance with sustainability standards was,

to become the largest apparel company in South Asia and a global leader.

During the panel discussion with company representatives of the targeted sectors of apparel, rubber and food, the Head of the EU-Mission to Sri Lanka and Maldives Denis Chaibi underlined the importance of the ongoing regulation process on sustainability standards in the EU and its member countries. Furthermore, he emphasized that the GSP+, under which Sri Lankan exporters can export a wide range of products custom duty free to the EU, is among other related to the compliance to international labor standards.

Chief Delegate of German Industry and Commerce in Sri Lanka Andreas Hergenroether stated: "The major reason to partner for the initiative was to support Sri Lankan exporters to obtain broader market access. Sustainability standards are a reality. They are partially politically driven, but they are also more and more customer and industry driven. Besides the existing official legally binding standards, European importers require more and more consumer driven standards like Fair-trade, Compliance +, Good Manufacturing Prac-



Participants at the panel discussion

tices etc." Hubertus von Welck, Head of Sri Lanka and Bangladesh Office Friedrich Naumann Foundation, furthermore explained the need to restart the economy, to overcome the impact of the pandemic, for that we support export-led companies in strengthening their competitiveness. Compliance to standards set out in the "UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights" takes an effort but will be profitable for companies in the end.

Already today, market access to the EU is related to strictly documented compliance with certain sustainability standards covering social and environmental aspects. The initiative aims to raise awareness for the need for sustainability related documentation with Sri Lankan exporters in order to increase global competitiveness of Sri Lankan companies and to facilitate market access to the EU and US.

## New harbour costing Rs 500 mn for Mirissa

**SHIRAJIV SIRIMANE**

Ceylon Fisheries Harbor Corporation (CFHC) will build a new tourism harbor adjoining the present Mirissa harbour mainly to conduct tourism activities.

Acting General Manger, CHFC, Janaka Mudalige told 'Daily News' that the present Mirissa Fisheries harbour is now being used as a dual purpose harbour to carry out Fisheries activities as well as the take off point for whale watching. However when the whale watching season starts the harbour gets overcrowded and it's hard to carry out activities limiting operations of both sectors. Public including tourists who used to come for whale watching have to walk a long distance due to limited parking and access to the harbour. In addition more cold rooms and other key infrastructure too cannot be added

due to lack of space.

"Due to this CHFC have drawn a blueprint to build a new harbour almost adjoining the Mirissa harbour and we expect this to cost around Rs. 500 million.

The proposed Tourism harbour is created with the future tourism (after Corona pandemic ends) market in mind.

"We will have a mini hotel, shopping archde and also large restaurant area. Once this is constructed it will be leased out to the private sector ensuring return on investment for our project.

"In a bid to attract international yachts of smaller size to Mirissa we will also have a customs and immigration office along with a mini duty free to attract foreigners to visit and stay in the area."



Janaka  
Mudalige

## NDB Shareek Islamic Bank of the year

NDB Shareek, the Islamic Banking Unit of NDB was awarded the prestigious 'Islamic Bank of the Year - Sri Lanka 2020' by the globally renowned Financial Times' publication, "The Banker Magazine - UK" amid strong competition from domestic competitors.

NDB Shareek won this award amongst 11 individual country winners globally, 2 regional winners and 1 global winner.

The global award recognises NDB Shareek's leading position among Sri Lanka's best Islamic financial institutions. NDB Shareek won this award from Sri Lanka along with world

renowned banks such as Qatar Islamic Bank, ADIB Egypt, Jordan Islamic Bank, Boubyan Kuwait, Samba Financial Group Saudi Arabia, Emirates Islamic UAE and Al-Amal Microfinance Bank (AMB) Yemen. Launched in 2014 as the Islamic window of Sri Lanka's National Development Bank, NDB Shareek has grown to be one of the country's largest Islamic lenders. Its sharia asset base has more than doubled since 2017, growing by 16% to \$69.2 million in 2019, with Tier 1 capital growing by 11%. Profit after tax rose by 13% year-on-year, a faster growth rate than NDB's conventional operations.

## Emirates returns US\$ 1.4 bn in refunds

Emirates reveals that it has returned over AED 5 billion (US\$ 1.4 billion) in COVID-19 related travel refunds to date, making strong and steady progress on its commitment to customers to complete pending refunds.

More than 1.4 million refunds requests have been completed since March, representing 90% of the airline's backlog.

This includes all requests received from customers around the world up until the



end of June, save for a few cases which require further manual review.

Since the pandemic hit, Emirates has invested additional resources to ramp up

through travel agents, this includes enabling direct refunds processing via global booking systems (GDS).

Sir Tim Clark, President Emirates Airline said: "We understand that from our customers' standpoint, each pending refund request is one too many. We are committed to honouring refunds and are trying our utmost to clear the massive and unprecedented backlog that was caused by the pandemic."

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<b>Main Board</b>							
A.SPEN.HOT.HOLD.	17,911	18.50	18.40	18.90	18.30	18.40	(0.10)
ABANS	252	92.20	94.00	94.00	93.90	94.00	1.80
ACCESS ENG SL	1,018,661	22.60	22.50	22.50	22.00	22.10	(0.50)
ACL XD	238,638	47.20	47.50	48.00	46.20	47.20	0.00
ACL PLASTICS	23	163.60	166.70	166.70	162.00	163.60	0.00
ACME	355,646	4.20	4.30	4.60	4.10	4.50	0.30
AGALAWATTE	5,225	16.00	16.60	16.60	15.90	16.00	0.00
AHOT PROPERTIES	100	35.90	35.50	35.50	35.50	35.50	(0.40)
AITKEN SPENCE	2,483	34.50	34.50	34.50	34.20	34.40	(0.10)
ALLIANCE	405	40.00	39.10	40.00	39.10	40.00	0.00
AMANA BANK	2,268,296	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.30	2.30	(0.10)
AMAYA LEISURE	11,147	30.00	30.00	33.00	29.10	30.00	0.00
ASIA ASSET	248,987	7.90	8.00	8.00	7.70	7.70	(0.20)
ASIRI	1,700	19.80	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.20
ASIRI SURG	1,010	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.20	0.20
AUTODROME	104	70.40	74.40	74.40	70.60	70.70	0.30
BAIRAH FARM	4,201	93.00	95.00	96.00	94.00	94.00	1.00
BALANGODA	445,492	13.00	13.50	14.80	13.50	13.90	0.90
BUKIT DARAH	25	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	175.00	0.00
C M HOLDINGS	380	61.40	61.30	61.50	61.30	61.30	(0.10)
C T HOLDINGS	1,118	150.00	147.20	154.20	147.20	147.30	(2.70)
CARGILLS XD	2,068	180.00	181.10	186.00	180.00	185.00	5.00
CARGO BOAT	10,767	43.90	42.20	49.00	42.20	48.00	4.10
CARSONS	10	181.30	182.00	182.00	182.00	181.30	0.00
CDB	49	83.60	83.60	83.60	83.10	83.60	0.00
CDB (CDB.X0000)	4	57.90	60.30	60.30	60.30	57.90	0.00
CENTRAL FINANCE	27,806	75.00	75.00	75.10	75.00	75.00	0.00
CENTRAL IND.	91,263	58.50	58.50	59.00	57.70	57.80	(0.70)
CEYLON GUARDIAN	1,159	78.00	78.40	78.40	77.90	77.90	(0.10)
CEYLON INV.	5,999	45.00	43.10	43.20	43.10	43.10	(1.90)
CEYLON TOBACCO	587	968.10	968.20	968.20	960.00	960.50	(7.60)
CHEMANEX	4,985	57.10	57.50	57.50	57.00	57.00	(0.10)
CHEVRON	66,562	77.60	77.80	79.00	77.50	77.80	0.20
CIC XD	12,690	76.60	78.50	79.00	77.50	78.40	1.80
CIC (CIC.X0000) XD	45,716	56.00	55.20	56.40	55.10	55.60	(0.40)
CITRUS LEISURE	10,502	10.00	9.90	10.00	9.80	9.90	(0.10)
COLD STORES XD	565	662.90	662.90	666.00	660.00	661.10	(1.80)
COLOMBO CITY	10	730.10	735.00	735.00	735.00	730.10	0.00
COLOMBO LAND	27,288	22.90	23.60	23.90	22.90	22.90	0.00
COMMERCIAL BANK	393,535	78.60	78.60	78.90	77.20	78.00	(0.60)
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CONVENIENCE FOOD	10	625.00	620.10	620.10	620.10	625.00	0.00
DANKOTUWA PORCEL	92,187	7.40	7.20	7.40	7.20	7.20	(0.20)
DFCC BANK PLC	292,243	66.80	66.00	67.20	65.90	66.20	(0.60)
DIALOG	39,643	11.00	11.00	11.20	11.00	11.10	0.10
DIPPED PRODUCTS	29,851	180.90	180.90	184.90	180.90	184.00	3.10
DOCKYARD	78,565	63.80	64.40	67.00	64.40	65.00	1.20
DOLPHIN HOTELS	11,698	21.50	22.50	22.80	22.00	22.50	1.00
DURDANS XD	2	90.00	91.00	91.00	91.00	90.00	0.00
DURDANS (CHL.X0000) XD	559	77.90	78.10	78.10	78.00	78.00	0.10
E B CREAMY	500	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	0.00
EAST WEST	829,943	12.50	12.80	13.00	12.20	12.30	(0.20)
EASTERN MERCHANT	76,390	5.00	5.10	5.30	5.10	5.30	0.30
EXPOLANKA	10,547,955	6.10	6.30	6.40	6.10	6.20	0.10
FIRST CAPITAL	96,255	61.60	61.50	62.20	60.50	60.50	(1.10)
FORT LAND	16,037	9.70	9.80	9.90	9.60	9.70	0.00
GESTETNER	7	83.60	82.90	82.90	82.90	83.60	0.00
GRAIN ELEVATORS	13,400	59.10	59.00	59.00	58.10	58.10	(1.00)
HAYCARB	14,597	292.90	293.50	299.00	293.50	295.80	2.90
HAYLEYS	30,824	192.30	190.00	193.00	189.90	192.70	0.40
HAYLEYS FABRIC	340,804	15.60	15.50	15.70	15.30	15.40	(0.20)
HAYLEYS FIBRE	2,265	108.90	108.40	109.90	108.10	108.70	(0.20)
HDFC	690	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	0.00
HEMAS HOLDINGS	30,776	59.80	60.00	60.00	58.50	59.00	(0.80)
HNB	76,794	117.10	117.30	119.00	116.00	116.70	(0.40)
HNB ASSURANCE	2,006	131.60	134.00	135.00	131.60	135.00	3.40
HNB (HNB.X0000)	18,608	88.00	88.00	89.00	87.70	87.90	(0.10)
HORANA	3,624	20.10	22.00	22.00	20.50	20.50	0.40
HOTEL SIGIRIYA	4,761	46.60	46.70	55.00	46.70	51.60	5.00
HOTELS CORP.	50	9.90	10.60	11.50	10.60	9.90	0.00
HUNTERS	3	400.60	432.00	432.00	432.00	400.60	0.00
INDUSTRIAL ASPH.	733,703	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.20	0.30	0.00
JANASHAKTHI INS.	39,780	30.40	30.40	30.40	29.90	30.00	(0.40)
JKH	137,876	132.90	132.00	133.50	132.00	133.00	0.10
KAHAWATTE	465	33.50	33.50	34.00	32.70	33.10	(0.40)

Security	Volume	**V.W.A. Previous Close	Open	High	Low	**V.W.A. Yesterday's Close	Change (Rs.)
<b>SECOND BOARD</b>							
AMBEON CAPITAL	38,173	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00
ASIA CAPITAL	35,810	5.60	5.80	5.90	5.50	5.90	0.30
COMM LEASE & FIN	1,251	3.20	3.30	3.30	3.20	3.20	0.00
DISTILLERIES	56,731	15.40	15.70	15.70	15.10	15.20	(0.20)
KOTMALE HOLDINGS	1	183.00	196.50	196.50	196.50	183.00	0.00
LOLC FINANCE	25,802	3.50	3.50	3.60	3.50	3.50	0.00
MADULSIMA	126,811	9.40	9.50	9.70	9.30	9.30	(0.10)
ODEL PLC	225	20.00	20.10	20.10	19.50	19.50	(0.50)
SINGER SRI LANKA	191,327	34.00	34.50	36.30	34.50	35.50	1.50
<b>DIRI SAVI BOARD</b>							
AGSTAR PLC	41,880	4.90	5.00	5.20	4.90	5.00	0.10
ALUMEX CLC	1,312,179	13.20	13.30	13.80	13.30	13.70	0.50
AMANA TAKAFUL	2,000	6.80	6.40	6.40	6.40	6.40	(0.40)
AMBEON HOLDINGS	394,306	13.00	12.70	13.00	12.70	12.90	(0.10)
AMF CO LTD	104	351.10	366.20	366.20	363.00	365.40	14.30
ANILANA HOTELS	49,683	1.00	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.00	0.00
ARFICO INSURANCE	1	20.70	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.70	0.00
ASIA SIYAKA	203,536	2.80	2.80	2.90	2.80	2.80	0.00
BANSEI RESORTS	5,004	8.00	8.20	8.30	8.20	8.20	0.20
BERUWALA RESORTS	128,120	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.70	0.80	0.00
BIMPUTH FINANCE	105,105	10.10	10.20	10.20	9.10	9.50	(0.60)
BOGALA GRAPHITE	267,573	16.00	16.50	20.00	16.50	19.80	3.80
BOGAWANTALAWA	65,814	13.20	13.20	13.30	12.90	13.10	(0.10)
BPPL HOLDINGS	527,001	11.50	11.40	11.40	11.00	11.20	(0.30)
BROWNS	3,009	67.00	65.60	65.60	65.50	65.50	(1.50)
BROWNS INVSTMNTS	6,050,329	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.40	2.50	0.00
C T LAND	10,814	28.00	26.80	28.40	26.80	28.20	0.20
C.W.MACKIE	5,100	40.00	40.00	44.50	40.00	42.10	2.10
CEYLON TEA BRKRS	86,147	3.20	3.20	3.30	3.20	3.30	0.10
CFI	361	60.60	60.30	60.30	60.10	60.20	(0.40)
CIT	103	61.10	62.00	62.00	62.00	62.00	0.90
CITRUS HIKKADUWA	27,560	5.50	5.70	5.70	5.50	5.50	0.00
CITRUS WASKADUWA	67,043	4.00	4.10	4.10	4.00	4.00	0.00
COM.CREDIT	5,248	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.40	21.50	(0.10)
COMMERCIAL DEV.	7,908	78.30	77.90	78.90	77.80	78.50	0.20
DILMHA CEYLON	146	665.00	666.50	666.50	666.00	666.30	1.30
E - CHANNELLING	758,740	5.10	5.10	6.10	5.10	5.60	0.50
EDEN HOTEL LANKA	22,959	13.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	11.50	(1.50)
ELPITIYA	190,720	27.60	27.90	29.00	27.70	28.00	0.40
FORTRESS RESORTS	7,110	10.40	10.10	10.10	10.00	10.00	(0.40)
GALADARI	19,410	7.50	7.40	7.40	7.20	7.40	(0.10)
GUARDIAN CAPITAL	248	26.30	26.20	26.20	26.20	26.20	0.00
HAPUGASTENNE	13,785	16.50	16.80	17.00	16.80	17.00	0.50
HATTON	75,758	8.10	8.20	8.30	8.10	8.30	0.20
HNB FINANCE	1,000	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	5.20	0.00
HVA FOODS	152,597	4.20	4.00	4.30	4.00	4.20	0.00
JETWING SYMPHONY	574	9.00	8.90	9.00	8.90	8.90	(0.10)
JOHN KEELLS	70	46.10	46.70	46.70	46.10	46.10	0.00
KEELLS FOOD	1,673	100.00	99.70	99.70	99.40	99.50	(0.50)
KEELLS HOTELS	11,051	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.60	7.70	0.00
LANKA CERAMIC	134	89.80	89.00	90.00	89.00	89.90	0.10
LANKEM CEYLON	1,340	24.10	25.00	25.60	24.00	24.20	0.10
LAUGFS POWER	1,501	4.30	4.30	4.40	4.20		

## Sri Lanka – China Business Council holds 19th Annual General Meeting

# China's economic growth turned from negative to positive, with year-on-year growth of 3.2%

The 19th Annual General Meeting of the Sri Lanka – China Business Council (SLCHBC) of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce was held via Microsoft Teams on July 29.

Commercial Counsellor, Embassy of People's Republic of China Yang Zuoyuan, was the Chief Guest. SLCHBC was established on April 26 2001 and formed under the aegis of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. The Council was formed at the request of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the main objective of promoting trade, investment, services and tourism between Sri Lanka and China.

Aruna Perera, Director, Cargoserv Shipping Ltd was elected as the President of the Council for the year 2020-2021. Chaminda Perera, Associated Motorways Ltd was elected as the Senior Vice President and Ruwan Senaviratne, Stretchline (Pvt) Ltd was elected as the Vice President of the Council. Haroun Cader, Sinwa

Holdings Limited was elected as the Treasurer and Thulitha Mendis, Singer (Sri Lanka) PLC serves as the Immediate Past President of the council.

In his address, Aruna Perera mentioned that during the last year, under the Leadership of Thulitha Mendis, the council moved with a greater vigor. Despite the many obstacles the council will continue to have events via webinars focusing on sectors in line with the country's needs. He further stated that "In these challenging conditions, we would look at how the business council could facilitate growth in Trade, tourism and investment segments between the two countries and look upon to much corporation and help from our dear friend Commercial Council of embassy and all other officials.

The Commercial Counsellor, Yang Zuoyuan stated that "The Chinese government has taken the most comprehensive,

thorough and rigorous measures to fight against the pandemic. There were many heart-warming moves and active supports from the Sri Lankan government and people from all walks of life to China at that critical moment. China cherishes its friendly relations with Sri Lanka and highly appreciates the firm support from Sri Lanka. After united and arduous efforts, China has successfully kept the pandemic under control and the order of life and economy in China are now under restoration at an increasing pace."

Abans PLC, Cosco Lanka Pvt Ltd., David Pieris Motor Company Ltd, Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Ltd, Acorn Aviation (Private) Ltd, John Keells Holdings PLC, Prima Ceylon (Private) Ltd, Spillburg Holdings (Pvt) Ltd, Sunshine Tea (Pvt) Ltd and Zam Gems Private Ltd were elected from the membership to serve on the Executive Committee of the Council.



Joe Meng, Cosco Lanka, Thulitha Mendis, Immediate Past President SLCHBC; Haroun Cader, Treasure SLCHBC; Chaminda Perera, Senior Vice President, SLCHBC; Aruna Perera, President, SLCHBC; Ruwan Senaviratne, Vice President, SLCHBC; K. Kunendran, Abans PLC and Dinithi Dias, Manager Business Council, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Udith Wijetunge, David Pieris Motor Co., Mohammad Cader, Zam Gems, Nathaniel Umesh Nithyanandarajah, Sunshine Tea (Private) Limited; M.A. Rajap, Hayleys Agriculture Holdings Limited; Jay Ong Jhon Seon, Prima Ceylon (Private) Limited; Mohammad Hameez, Spillburg Holdings and Kumudu Jayalath, Acorn Aviation

## Abans FMI offers Facility Management Service to Department of Labour

'Mehewara Piyasa', situated at Narahenpita, the 32-storey building complex, which houses the Department of labour and other institutions under them, currently holds the record for being the tallest building owned by the Government.

Being a location where all social protection services are under one roof, the complex has allowed the government to offer more efficient services to the public. To ensure its

facilities are operating at optimal capacity for the many visitors that walk through its doors, the Department of Labour has secured the services of Abans FMI (Facilities Management Integrated).

"We are honored to be working with the Department of Labour. Currently, we are the only company in Sri Lanka utilizing Computer Aided Facilities Management software and other modern tools. Our strong focus on quality with the

sophisticated use of technology has eliminated much inefficiency to facilitate prompt preventive maintenance and offer optimal performance," commented FMI Director Dr. Manish Shrivastava.

Since its inception five years ago, Facilities Management Integrated (Pvt) Ltd. has adopted an approach that utilizes sophisticated technologies and a stringent focus on quality in its processes to provide Facility Management Services for its

clients. This is reflected by the company's many certifications, which include the ISO 9001:2015 and the ISO 45001:2018 certifications, Institute of Workplace and Facilities Management, British Institute of Cleaning Science, CIDA and CCL.

Recently, FMI also introduced Computer Aided Facilities Management and some other technologies to monitor the status of their facilities in real-time and also address

any concerns instantly through the mobile app.

Looking towards the future, FMI is confident of Sri Lanka's economic growth. As the nation develops, the company expects the market for Facilities Management to grow tremendously. By investing in Computer Aided Facilities Management and developing quality-driven processes, FMI continues to be fastest growing and most decorative service provider in Sri Lanka.

Adopting an integrated approach, FMI ensures these different tasks integrate seamlessly into the daily operations of organizations. With several years of experience, the company is a market leader offering its services to several local conglomerates and multi-nationals. They are Soft Services (housekeeping /cleaning, landscape and gardening, pest control etc.) Hard Services (electro-mechanical operations, HVAC,

electricity and water distribution, firefighting systems, generators, UPS, CCTV, BMS etc.) Corporate Support Services (receptionist, driver, store keeper, skilled/ non skilled manpower supply) Repair and Maintenance (ground field/ green field projects, breakdown management etc.) and Security (security services and HSE compliances) Digital Documentations (asset tagging, digital inventory and e-documentation)



Abans FMI, DGM, Asitha Jayaweera, Abans FMI, Director, Dr. Manish Shrivastava, Commissioner General of Labour, R P A Wimalaweera, Abans FMI, Managing Director, P K Pestonjee, Abans FMI, Manager, A A N Manjula Gunasekara and Abans FMI, AGM Legal and HR, Nimali Seneviratne

## CIPM, Horizon Campus signs MoU to enhance opportunities for students

CIPM Sri Lanka – the Nation's leader in human resource management and Horizon Campus, a leading private higher education institutions in Sri Lanka recognized by the University Grants Commission entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to cooperate in academic affairs which will be mutually beneficial to students of both institutions.

The MoU was signed recently by Jayantha Amerasinghe-President, CIPM Sri Lanka and Upul Daranagama Chairman, Horizon Campus at a ceremony held at CIPM head office "HR House" in Colombo 5 in the presence of officials representing both CIPM and Horizon Campus.

The MoU will, amongst others, enable both CIPM and Horizon Campus to expand their business opportunities while extending reciprocity towards the other by providing concessions for staff and students in respect of recognition of appropriate courses offered by each

other. It will also encourage staff and students of each to follow the curriculum offered by the other.

"In order to successfully face and win the challenges in the business world, professional qualifications are as important as academic qualifications. A combination of both will undoubtedly be of more value to a business professional than one single qualification. One of the key objectives of entering into this MoU is to afford the students of each institution the benefits of the other" said Jayantha Amerasinghe-President, CIPM Sri Lanka.

Priyankara Seneviratne Hony. Secretary, Dr. Neil Bogahalane Chairman, Academic Affairs Subcommittee and Council Member, U.A.C. Obeyesekere Chief Officer and Director Business School, G. Weerathunge Chief Officer and Director-Professional and Academic Affairs represented CIPM while Prof. S.J.B.A. Jayasekara Vice Chancellor, Ajitha Wanasinghe CEO, Dr. Ruwan Perera

Deputy Vice Chancellor, M. M. Wimalasiri Registrar, Terence Kahapola Arachchi Dean, Faculty of Management and Sakunthala Rathnakara, Senior Lecturer represented Horizon Campus.

"Strategic, institutional cooperation such as the MoU that we entered into today between CIPM and Horizon Campus are extremely important to create the necessary value additions and efficiencies at a National level. We are confident that this is will be a very successful partnership in the years to come for the betterment of both the institutions and our students" said Upul Daranagama Chairman, Horizon Campus.

Priyankara Seneviratne Hony. Secretary, CIPM offering the vote of thanks stated that many persons from both teams contributed tirelessly to formalize the MoU and that the students of CIPM and Horizon Campus will be overjoyed by the opportunities and vistas that have been opened up for their benefit in the years to come.



Jayantha Amerasinghe President, CIPM Sri Lanka and Upul Daranagama Chairman, Horizon Campus exchanging the MoU flanked by officials of CIPM and Horizon Campus

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# Mobitel supports Department of Archaeology with donation of face masks for frontline staff

As the National Mobile Service Provider, Mobitel, has spearheaded the corporate sector in the battle against COVID-19 in numerous ways.

Going one step further, Mobitel donated face masks to the Department of Archaeology as part of its CSR initiative. This endeavor will facilitate field officers from the Department who often work at sites where general public gather to carry out their day-to-day operations in a safe and hassle free manner.

Mobitel has collaborated closely with the Department of Archaeology Sri Lanka on various occasions and is

pleased to be able to benefit their staff through donating face masks while fulfilling its duty as a responsible corporate citizen.

Mobitel has assisted many additional services during the lockdown period such as e-learning, e-healthcare, Work from Home, online payments and so on via mCash and eChannelling services to facilitate audio/video consultation and mLearning platforms for greater customer convenience. By transacting on these platforms, Mobitel customers could stay indoors and safely enjoy the services at their fingertips.



Madura Hewage Product Manager, Digital Health Services, Mobitel Shashika Senerath, Chief Marketing Officer, Mobitel Dr. Senarath Dissanayaka, Director General, Archaeology Department P.A.S. Borelessa, Additional Director General K.G.R. Kurupparachchi, Director (Chemical Conservation) T.M.H. De Silva - Asst. Director (Chemical Conservation).

## Ceylinco Life 'Family Savari' to reward customers with Rs 30 million in gold

A veritable shower of gold, Rs 30 million worth to be precise – is what Ceylinco Life is going to reward loyal policyholders with, as an exciting alternative to its 'Family Savari' mega promotion, set back by travel restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka's life insurance market leader has announced that more than 600 policyholders drawn from those who keep their life insurance or retirement plans active between September 2020 and August 2021 would be eligible to win this bonanza in gold, instead of the overseas holidays and local excursions they would normally win under this promotion.

Dispelling the gloom wrought by the pandemic on

many aspects of life, Ceylinco Life said it will conduct six bi-monthly draws during the promotion period, selecting more than 100 policyholders at each draw for rewards in gold, with one grand winner winning Rs 1 million in gold every two months and 99 others sharing Rs 4 million in gold.

"Loyal customers keep businesses alive and must be appreciated fittingly, especially in difficult times like the present," Ceylinco Life Managing Director Mr Thushara Ranasinghe commented. "That is why, the global pandemic notwithstanding, we have decided to reward them with gold, a universal symbol of prosperity and perennial value."

"Ceylinco Life Family



Representatives of Ceylinco Life's senior management and Marketing Division with the four Family Savari Brand Ambassadors at the launch of the 14th edition of the promotion

Savari is already ensconced at the pinnacle of customer promotions in Sri Lanka, and we are once again establishing a new paradigm in policyholder rewards with the

14th edition of the programme," Mr Ranasinghe added.

To be eligible for the six draws of Family Savari 14, policyholders would be

required to continue their existing policies with Ceylinco Life or maintain a minimum account balance in their retirement plans.

Additional winning chances would be given to customers who pay their premiums directly to the company and further chances will be assigned corresponding to the time they have been Ceylinco Life customers, the company said. New policyholders who obtain life insurance in the promotion period and pay a minimum of three monthly premiums would also be eligible to participate.

Intended to stimulate interest in life insurance, encourage policyholders to keep their policies active

and to promote the value of family time and unity, the Family Savari programme has benefitted more than 26,000 people in the past 12 years. Grand-prize winning families at previous Family Savari promotions have visited Australia, Italy, England, Germany, Switzerland, Japan and France, while other winners have toured China, Dubai and Singapore.

Ceylinco Life's Family Savari programme is promoted by four popular brand ambassadors, the Sri Lankan actors Sriyantha Mendis, Sanjeevani Weerasinghe and Roshan Ranawana and his wife Kushlani who in past editions joined the policyholders on their overseas holidays and local excursions.

## Employers enjoy automated ETF payments through DFCC iConnect

With the expansion of DFCC Bank's digital footprint within the country's banking industry, the Bank has placed added focus on the SME sector, the backbone of the country's rural economy, by providing financial assistance where necessary in order to support their growth. One such product that caters to this business category is DFCC iConnect.

DFCC iConnect is a fully integrated Payments and Cash Management (PCM) system that is geared to support all businesses, from large conglomerates to SMEs. This solution empowers DFCC Bank's business clients with access to their account transaction information from any location, locally or globally, at their convenience. DFCC iConnect has been recognised widely as a best-in-class transaction banking product and specialised service catering to corporate and SME customers.

Taking employer convenience one step further, DFCC iConnect now enables businesses to perform automatic payment settlements to the Employees' Trust Fund (ETF) Board. This specialised product is aimed at all corporates especially SMEs.

Among the benefits of making ETF payments online is that customers are informed of formatting errors (character length/invalid entries) immediately. DFCC iConnect allows customers to either perform a manual bulk upload (through



a standard template) or fully automate the process in line with their HR system, enabling them to discontinue their current manual process of issuing a letter to the ETF Board. Due to this automation, DFCC iConnect customers' don't need to issue pay-orders in favor of the ETF Board, as it will be a direct fund transfer.

According to DFCC Bank CEO Lakshman Silva, "DFCC iConnect is a product that is dedicated to ensure customer convenience. From cash management to payment cycles, we want to ensure a smooth and hassle-free process for our corporate customers. To this end, the Bank will keep enhancing the DFCC iConnect product as required, and look forward to welcome more corporate customers in the future."

For more assistance, customers can directly contact their relationship or branch manager, or call the DFCC Bank call center for further information.

## My Friend Foundation partners 'Lifeworth Save a Life' project

Lifeworth is a project initiated jointly by Fouzul Hameed, Julian Bolling and Asanka Nanayakkara to create island wide awareness about the dangers of drowning and to parallelly encourage safe swimming.

Lifeworth works hand in hand with the Rainbow Swimming Academy, Sri Lanka Life Saving Association and together with the My Friend Foundation.

The event was held recently at the Kinross Beach in Wellawatte under the patronage of State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation Dr. Nalaka Godahewa.

Also present were Chairman of the My Friend Foundation Fouzul Hameed, President of the Rainbow Swimming Academy Julian Bolling, President of the Sri Lanka Life Saving Association Asanka Nanayakkara, President of the Kinross Swimming and Life Saving Club Manada Yahampath, and several others including Bathiya Jayakody, Dr. Asha de Vos etc.

Welcoming the initiative, Dr.



State Minister of Urban Development, Coast Conservation, Waste Disposal and Public Sanitation Dr. Nalaka Godahewa at the launch.

Godahewa said that Sri Lanka has nearly 1600 kms of beach front which was for everyone to use. "We need to protect our beaches and the people who use it and that's where this initiative comes in useful. I'm happy to learn that this project will be extended to other beachfronts too. We all need to get together and work together for our country. That's the vision of President Rajapakse too, to see

people engaged in the running of the country".

Addressing the gathering, Sri Lanka's multiple medal winning swimmer and President of the Rainbow Swimming Academy Julian Bolling said that this initiative was long overdue. "We are happy to see many stakeholders joining us in this initiative to help save lives."

Chairman of the My Friend

Foundation Fouzul Hameed said that this was a project very close to his heart. "I'm from Wellawatte and what better place to launch this project than at the legendary Kinross Club which has, for decades, been engaged in teaching swimming and lifesaving". Hameed also went on to thank all the stakeholders, both individuals and organisations who helped make this venture a reality. President of the Sri Lanka Life Saving Association Asanka Nanayakkara said that Sri Lanka was possibly the only country in the world which has the safest waters for swimming all year long. "Tourists come to enjoy the outdoors which includes the beaches too, and not be confined to hotel rooms. Hence the need to promote safe swimming around the country".

President of the Kinross Swimming and Life Saving Club Manada Yahampath also spoke about the importance of safe swimming and life-saving, and enumerated the yeoman service rendered by the Kinross Club over the years.

## Ideal First Choice opens Bosch Service Centre in Colombo 10

Ideal First Choice (IFC), recently commenced an internationally acclaimed diesel pump repair and maintenance Bosch Service Centre in Colombo to service branded pumps and spare parts.

The centre located at Panchikawatha will exclusively service and repair Bosch diesel pumps while catering to Bosch spare part needs of the customers.

The opening ceremony of the new service centre was graced by Chairman of Ideal Group Nalin J. Welgama; Ideal Motors Director Legal and Corporate Affairs Nimisha Welgama; Ideal Motors Director Automotive Chaminda Wanigaratne and Managing Director of Bosch Sri Lanka, Swaminathan R along with other special invitees.

The newly launched Bosch service center is an extension of Ideal First Choice's foray into Bosch diesel systems and spare parts sales in March, 2020. It further reinforces the Ideal First Choice workshop network that already has an island-wide presence,



backed by an equally strong dealer network. Ideal First Choice has established 24 collection points island wide for Bosch diesel systems for a hassle free customer service. Now customers can coordinate with a collection point nearest to them and complete the required repairs topped up by a 6-month warranty.

Taking part in the launch ceremony, Chairman of Ideal Group Nalin J. Wel-

gama said: "We are extremely delighted to serve Bosch Diesel pump users with a state of the art service center that caters to all their needs under one roof. Our well-trained staff are always dedicated to offer a unique after sales service backed by trusted warranties. Our customer centric approach has propelled us to greater heights in the automotive industry and we continue to enhance our service offerings backed



Vignettes of the event

by years of service excellence that we are proud of."

"We partnered with Ideal First Choice banking on its island wide presence and renowned after sales services to streamline Bosch service repairs. Now with an exclusive Bosch service center and island wide collection

points, we are better equipped to serve our customers who hail from any part of the country. Partnering with Ideal First Choice enabled us to provide the much needed customer convenience and on top of that, the enhanced service offering." Swaminathan R, Managing Director of Bosch Sri Lanka shared.

Ideal First Choice is owned by Ideal Motors, a fully owned subsidiary of the Ideal Group. It provides world class after sales services to multi brand vehicle owners and is the authorized distributor and service provider for Bosch, the world-renowned diesel systems manufacturer.

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Being an important part of the global family, youngsters should have platforms to pursue their leadership. They need more encouragement to work selflessly as a leader in society. As the Head Prefect of Holy Cross College my mission is to encourage all young leaders in school to experience leadership and encourage them to recognize the leader within them," pointed out Nonis.

Being a very optimistic person, Nonis believes that behind tears there is past and beyond dreams there is the future that begins now. Let's not wait till someone gives us a chance, we can create our own opportunities because every destination is a new beginning. Doing your best today is the investment for a better tomorrow.

"I always believe in 'Empathy'. We need to understand and share the feelings of another with sheer courage. I receive a lot of satisfaction when I successfully complete a task given to me. This is an incentive for me to work harder when I am assigned another task. Knowing that someone is trusting in you is a life changing experience. The trust that is placed in me is something I take very seriously. The one person who can change our lives is the one we see in the mirror. When life gives us a hundred reasons to cry let's show life that we have thousand reasons to smile," added Nonis.

Princess Diana who died in 1997 matches Nonis' criteria when it comes to leadership. Diana won the love and admiration of the people by spreading love and became the people's princess. She served the people and was a voice to the voiceless. Even after her untimely demise she is still remembered as a compassionate human being.

Nonis displays excellent collaboration skills. She points out that believing in herself along with her faith, determination, dedication and responsibility has enabled her to work efficiently with others. She says it is all thanks to Holy Cross Gampaha, a school that empowers young ladies. She is strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when she needs help and brave enough to ask for help.

"I firmly believe that team work does the dream work! Understanding my team, their strengths, and weaknesses creates the biggest magic in this world. I have 36 prefects working with me. They work in 36 different ways. They have their own extremes, talents, attitudes. It is impossible to change them into my version of a leader, but it is possible to encourage them to create their own version of a leader. Accepting this diversity and collaborating with them allows me to work with no pressure at all," said Nonis.

Nonis is not only a talented leader but she points out that she has great potential in creative writing and composing drama. These activities are her passion and she devotes a lot of time to these two activities. It is a 'time travelling experience' when you watch or read something she says.

"You are able to live many lives in one life. I become three personalities when I read or watch. I become the audience, the character, and a critic. Sometimes it is our own reflection onstage. Or someone we have met in our lives between the pages of a book. I seek myself when I write, in retrospect I find memories," she explains.

Nonis has many insights to offer. When a man or woman is willing to be what he or she is, as a society we need to be prepared to accept them as they are. We need to change our desire to change them. We keep forgetting that every life has a purpose. We need to seek it until we find it. There are no standards for a purpose. It is the effort we put into it that counts. I strongly believe that we should be grateful for what life has given us she explains.

"Beauty is in the eye of beholder". Hence, I think it's our perspective that matters. I like stories where the artists recreate social issues and intense human nature in a more expressive way. Art should be able to express an opinion without tarnishing social ethics. When I watched the movie "The Book Thief" based on the novel by Markus Zusak, I was so much inspired by the character Liesel Meminger. She was able to transform herself into a much stronger personality. She was a girl who lost almost everyone she had, but she learned how to channel her anger into what is right and just. Liesel understood her role against an unjust society and became a writer to all the untold stories," explained Nonis.

She explains that her biggest ambition now is completing her A/L exams successfully in the arts stream. The field of law and the fourth estate hold a special interest for her. She says that these two fields can make a powerful difference in society. She is determined that she will not be distracted by anything when following her dreams. Her longtime dream is to become a global volunteer and social activist.

"With the excellent academic and nonacademic background at HCC I have been able to obtain a good academic and a moral education. As a junior prefect I was able to experience leadership. Every Holy Cross College student receives the love and guidance of the teachers. My dear Alma Mater provides me with many platforms to showcase my talents as an announcer, actor, debater and a speaker. I have developed a balanced personality with many positive qualities. HCC is the place where I learnt what humanity is and the beauty of diversity. My Alma Mater has produced committed and versatile women who have the ability to heal the entire world with love. I'm very proud to be a member of the Holy Cross family," stated Nonis.

### ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

**H**ead Girl of Holy Cross College, Gampaha, Vihanga Nonis has compressed the energies of many lifetimes into the few years she has been Head Girl. Perfect Prefects features Vihanga Nonis who displays excellent collaboration skills.

Nonis has understood that from small things come great power. The pure simplicity of it all enables her to find happiness in small things. In this extremely competitive world where everything is a rat race, she says that we have forgotten how important little things are. She feels that the real definition of maturity is not really doing big things but understanding small things. A small 'thank you' cannot change the world, but it can change someone's day. That day can really change someone's life. She adds that a world where people admire each other is the heaven we are looking for. She strongly believes that the art of being happy lies in the power of finding happiness in small things.

She points out that when we look at the world at large, she feels young people should take up leadership positions. In the Miss Universe 2019 contest, Miss South Africa's answer to a question inspires Nonis a lot. The Question was - "What is the most important thing we should be teaching young girls today?" Miss South Africa's answer was 'Leadership'.

"When it comes to leadership there is no difference between men and women. There is a leader in each person waiting for a chance to lead. Abraham Lincoln once said 'if you want to test a man's character give him power'.



First speech as the head prefect



Inauguration ceremony of senior prefects board 2020 and welcoming Sr. Superior Sr. Jenet



Waving the school flag

# CONSCIOUS EATING!

ISHARA JAYAWARDANE

Today we live in a society where people are becoming more health conscious. To many, health takes priority over any other matter. Eating healthy and going to the gym is essential. People are now becoming concerned about what they put into their bodies. For many it is a matter of life and death.

For the first time in Sri Lanka, Nature's Creamery (Pvt) Ltd introduces Health-Alato a unique ice cream - A unique healthy ice cream for the first time in Sri Lanka. Daily News brings to you the brainchild of Sujith Cooke and Dr Natalie Cooke - a new way to enjoy eating and still maintain a healthy life! Nature's Creamery was actually birthed by the couple over a year ago. Dr. Natalie Cooke is the Chairperson of the company and she is a Medical Doctor, with experience in Surgical Oncology, Reconstructive and Cosmetic surgery. She has

expertise in Clinical Psychotherapy and Consultant in Integrative Medicine in Sri Lanka. She specializes in Cancer treatment, Kidney failure and Diabetic reversal and fertility treatment.

The couple are very passionate about bringing healthy food to the food industry to be given to the population of Sri Lanka. Eating healthy doesn't have to be boring. When the word 'dessert' comes up everyone thinks it is unhealthy. Health-Alato is the solution to people who enjoy their food and are health conscious, they say.

"Sugar is a chemical, a drug. It has the same number of carbon and hydrogen atoms as alcohol. It is as addictive as heroin and cocaine but without thinking twice we give our children sugar filled food. Marketing gimmicks make it look like it is a food product or item but actually, it is dangerously addictive," explained Dr. Natalie Cooke.

Dr. Cooke highlighted some facts - The Diabetes rate in Sri Lanka has passed 1/3rd of our population. Statistics show 60-70 patients are being diagnosed with cancer daily. To combat all this prevention is key. There are many ways to be healthy. A significant percentage of the population develop kidney failures. Differ-



Dr. Natalie Cooke and husband Sujith Cooke

ent disorders like Alzheimer's and Dementia are on the rise.

"In our day and age Autism and ADHD is on the rise. People don't understand that a child on two table spoons of sugar and a hyperactive child behaves the same way. We need to bring health back into our population and future generations. Health-Alato is a fun way of eating and is a solution to this growing problem sugar poses. It is sugar free, no preservatives, no coloring or flavoring without any synthetic products used in production. It's an all-natural ice cream. Let's stop telling people what they can't and shouldn't eat. Let's show people how to enjoy eating and live a healthy life. Health-Alato, an answer to all," pointed out Dr. Cooke.

The couple has made sure that their product is 100 percent safe. There is a patent for the recipe so the product can be kept as unique as it is. The awareness of the harm sugar can do to your body needs to be spread in our society. A person who has been on sugar for a long period of time, when they stop sugar

the withdrawals are equal to when a person stops alcohol and drug abuse.

"I treat a lot of diabetic patients and cancer patients. Cancer actually grows on sugar. So, they ask me - 'what can you recommend in the market?' That is when I got confused. People need to start eating better and eating healthy. So, Health Alato is just the start. So, I am sure that we all love ice cream. There is a lot more coming in the product line. Health Alato is as safe as the rice you eat. Eating healthy does not have to be boring," explained Cooke.

Cooke feels that she needs to stop telling people what they cannot have. She wants to start telling patients what they can have. Life is to enjoy she says. Cooke loves her food and she wants to make that a reality and possibility for everyone.

"I am a medical doctor but I do not believe in chemicals or drugs. I believe the human body is capable of doing a lot more than be dependent on drugs and chemicals. Half a teaspoon of sugar can reduce your immune system by 50 percent in 24 hours. Most Sri Lankans I think take

three teaspoons of sugar daily. We are using natural sweeteners. So, your pancreas is not taxed to release more and more insulin. If you take sugar, it is processed and caramelized when you are making the dessert, as you eat it, you are forced to release a lot of insulin in the body. This produces the state of diabetes or your cancer cells can feed on it. Even your brain cells, mental illness and all of that can come out of sugar. We are using natural sweeteners so your body knows how to digest it without taxing it. When you can overcome the withdrawals depends on how strong your mind is. It depends on how addicted you are to sugar," explained Cooke.

Cooke wanted to get that same taste in her ice cream that is present in the other sugar filled ice creams. It certainly took her a lot of time. She had to get that composition exactly right.

"My patients were complaining to me that they had nothing to eat and I really felt sad about this. So I told my husband - 'this is not going to work! We need to create a product of our own'. So that is how it all started. I am a medical doctor but I treat the whole human body. I have around 1500 patients a month. The product we have created is for everyone who is health conscious," said Cooke.

At their press conference a few months ago, the couple launched Chocolate and Vanilla with cashew nuts. Now they have introduced two more delicious ice cream items - Mango and Coffee! To make the Mango Ice Cream they have used local mango pulp. Like Vanilla and Chocolate with Cashew Nuts no flavoring or coloring is used. To make the Coffee ice cream they get the ingredients down from Mexico. The concept is the same - no sugar and no preservatives. The ice creams are all-natural ice creams. No synthetic products are used.



"It has really been successful and we have had a lot more sales than we thought we would have. Our factory is in full operation. The demand has been pretty great. The customers actually realized that their sugar was not increasing. 99 percent of our customers checked their sugar after consuming the ice cream and they noticed that their sugar levels have not changed. When they saw that, then we got a lot more buyers," said Cooke.

The couple have donated ice cream to children's and elders' homes around the country. This is because they wanted to do something different for Ice Cream Day. One thing the couple want is for Health-Alato to be reachable to a majority of people. She also stated that she believes Health-Alato will go global and that this will happen very soon.

"We have achieved a lot more than we anticipated. Now our goals have increased. What we want to do with the company and the brand is has also increased. We will soon be on Uber Eats and Pick Me Food Platforms," said Dr. Cooke.

Health-Alato will be available at two pick up points. No 85, Dickman's Road and Pita Kotte. Contact Nature's Creamery on 0779491808 for orders and details. Place your order for the health of your family, office functions, friends' parties and any occasion.



## MARMADUKE



"I know. That's how I feel when the weekend is about to end."

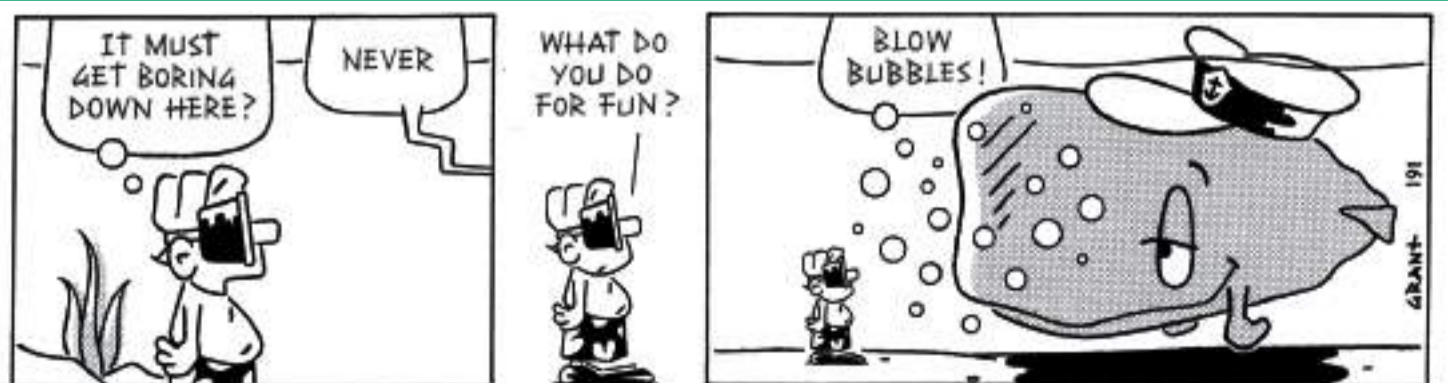
## MUTT AND JEFF



## ARCHIE



## FISH TALES



## UP & RUNNING





# MYTHS IN MANY HUES

Text and pictures by  
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Kundasale Group Corr

**T**he Infant and Junior Classes Art Exhibition and Competition of the Colombo International School, Kandy branch, was held recently at the Examination Hall of the school.

The exhibition was declared open by Senior Vice Principal and Head of Secondary School R Herathge. Head of Infant School Kshanika Udugama, Head of Junior School Viveka Piya-digama, Deputy Head Junior School C Jayawardhana were present. Herathge said that the exhibition showcased the students' talents. He hopes that the tradition will continue.

The exhibition consisted of paintings done in acrylics, water colours, pastel and mixed media. There was also a separate section - 'Teachers Corner' - to showcase the works by the teachers.



# Restoration venture

Text and pictures by  
**RUZAIK FAROOK**

**T**he Dharmapala Auditorium was refurbished by the Old Girls Association of Ananda Balika Vidyalaya, Colombo, and handed over to the school recently. The cost of the project was nearly 20 lakhs. Acting Principal of the School Chintha Kanthi, Ex Principal Anoma Dahanayake and OGA Vice President Manjula De Silva opened the auditorium. Secretary of the OGA Ramya Perera delivered the welcome address.

Pirith Sajayana was conducted by the Buddhist monks at the opening ceremony. Students of Ananda Balika Vidyalaya presented a pooja dance. Vice President Ranoja De Silva, Advisors Ruchira Yapa Abeywardene, Udayangani Senarathne, Members of the OGA, Deputy Principals, Vice Principals, teachers, Students, parents and members of the School Development Committee were present. Treasurer Nishanthi Fonseka delivered the vote of thanks.



# Happy school days are here!

Text and pictures by  
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Puttalam TKN Corr

**T**he inauguration of stationery provision for 10000 students by the BCMH organization, was held at Puttalam Zahira National College's Azwer Hall recently. This event was held under the leadership of the organization head and the

donor of this project Ali Sabri Raheem. This project has been titled as 'Happily back to school in 2020'. As the initial step of the project implementation, 400 students were provided with school stationery. Arrangements have been made to provide stationery to other students by organizing separate events in selected areas of the Puttalam district.



# SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Text and pictures by  
**B M MUKTHAR,**  
Beruwala Special Corr

**T**he scholarship awarding and felicitate ceremony organized by Abrar Education Foundation, Beruwala, was held at Al Fassiyathun Nasriyya Ladies College, Maradana, Beruwala recently.

The event was held under the patronage of Abrar Foundation President AW M Ajwad. Bangladesh High Commissioner Ramees Hamdalla was the Chief Guest. Palestine Ambassador Zuhair Mohamed Hamdalla Al Seid too was present.

Ash sheik A.C Agar Mohamed

(Naleemi) made the key note address. Senior Lawyer M A M Hanafi felicitated him on his completion of 50 years service at the Kalutara Bar. 42 students were handed over scholarships.

Abrar Education Foundation Founder Imtiyas Bakeer Maakar, Beruwala Urban Council Chairman Masahim Mohamed, Beruwala Urban Council Vice Chairman Munawwar Rafaideen, Senior Lawyer M A M Hanafi, former member of Western Provincial Council M M Amjad, Chinafort Mosque Society Chairman A H M Mukthar, Chinafort Mosque Society Secretary M M Shihab Hajjar and MP Ahmad Sadiq were present.



# SIMPLY UNSTOPPABLE!

SURESHNI PILAPITIYA

**14**-year-old Andrea Shenella Perera, a budding young artiste, has shown that she could continue a long journey forward, with her latest single 'Kodu Kara Hitha'. The song was released recently.

Currently residing in K.S.A (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia) Andrea is a student of Saud international school, K.S.A. She showed promising talent in singing from a very young age, where she inspired herself by listening to a lot of music every day and singing a great deal. By the time she fell in love with music, she had such a passion for it, that there was not a single day which went off without listening to music, singing a song or playing the guitar. All this was in an environment where music and entertainment was not much encouraged, due to the cultural restrictions of the country. However, after the lapse of 60 years, music, theater, and art will now be included in the curriculum of public and private schools in Saudi Arabia, according to the Ministry of Culture in K.S.A.

Andrea was mostly familiar with English, but she has started singing in Sinhala with her latest release, 'Kodukara Hitha'. The lyrics were written by Rasika D Duminda while the music direction was done by Sandaruwan Jayasinghe. Andrea also participated at the World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held in 2019, where she showed superb talent by winning four medals in four different categories. These included one gold as Grand Finalist, one Silver for modelling, one bronze for vocal original composition and self-accompaniment (Ukulele), and one bronze for acting. She also performed live on stage at the i Dance KSA Philippines Final Showdown, on October 4. Apart from these, she participated at the American Protégé International Competition at Carnegie Hall, New York City, U.S.A 2018, becoming the second place winner in Broadway Music Competition and Traditional Music Competition, participating at the World Championship of Performing Arts Virtual 2020 (VWCOPA 2020). Likewise, she has had her share of experience in participating at the world's most prominent music events.

**Q: Tell us about your progress in music these days.**

It has been pretty decent these days. I've been doing quite an amount of online shows, writing songs, and playing music.

**Q: How do you feel about your first Sinhala single?**

A lot of people put me down since I was born somewhere else other than Sri Lanka and they downsize me saying I don't speak Sinhala so much, and it pulled me away from my own traditions and culture for a while. But now I keep up with it and I try my best and I make sure to know where my roots are from. This song is about a girl who experienced her first ever love, and that's a lot of feelings girls my age and older feel nowadays because its life and it's a song that everyone can relate to and vibe too and just relax to. I am still so excited about this music video because I got to prove those haters that I can do what I want to do and there's nothing there to stop me from reaching my dreams and my goals and my plans for the future.

**Q: What, or who inspired you to follow music?**

To be honest I didn't really have an inspirational character for music other than watching lots of music videos like Lizzo, Beyoncé, Jennifer Lopez and many more. I listen to a lot of music 24/7 and I sing, and play instruments. That just has inspired me not only to become a better musician but also become a better person. My family is my number one supporters, and they have been there for me every step of the way and encouraged me to try new things that I was always insecure about. They always protect me and I respect them, and I value them because they are the best people in my life and I could never know how to thank them.

I come from a family who has a musical background. My aunt is a pianist and my cousins play the piano. I learn from them and I learn from my surroundings, but right now my most inspirational singer is Lizzo. She is so respectable and her songs are so inspiring and it's all about self-worth.

**Q: How do you feel about your achievements at several international music festivals?**

Usually when I enter into a competition or a festival I always think of it as not a big deal because if I do, I start to panic and I get stressed. So I think of it as a small event that I am going to, although it may be a big international performance like my WCOPA event. So I keep calm usually doing my performances and I do my best and wing it like the diva I am, and then I realize and put into my head how such a big deal most of these events are and that I am attending to such an important event and I realize that I'm not just an ordinary girl.

**Q: Who are your favorite artistes both locally and internationally?**

Since I live in Saudi Arabia there is Amr Diab, he is amazing and I love Lizzo! Lizzo is my favourite singer in the whole entire world and after that would be Bruno Mars. I would do anything just to meet them!

**Q: How do you feel about the life in K.S.A?**

Life in Saudi Arabia has developed really fast it went from a desert to a fully functional country and it has so many facilities around us that are close to us, help us in need and it's very fun here. To be honest I was basically born here and I grew up here so 95% of my friends are in Saudi Arabia, Riyadh, and my life was built in Saudi Arabia. So I call this place home and I don't say that, I don't miss Sri Lanka. I miss it so much because part of my family is there too, and I would love to see them every day but I can't but I feel like a foreigner every time I go to Sri Lanka, because I was brought up in a different culture and tradition, but I still keep my roots.

**Q: What do you hope to do in future?**

My main goal in life is to become a lawyer and help the ones in



Taking part in the parade at the World Championship of Performing Arts



Winning four medals at the WCOPA 2019

need, and I would love to thank my parents first of all for guiding me since day one till today, and my music teachers who have helped develop my voice and helped me gain my confidence in being myself, and expressing myself through music. I would also like to thank every mentor I had throughout my journey since I wouldn't be this girl without them.



## 'Unfinished' song from 'Dil Bechara' released

**AR** Rahman

had been teasing the release of an unfinished song from Dil Bechara for a while and he has now released the song. The movie Dil Bechara gained a massive response with the audience



loving the movie and its premise. The soundtrack of the movie especially was praised due to the fine touch given by AR Rahman and the group of talented singers who made the songs delightful.

The entire album from the film was loved by audiences and the songs took no time in getting increasingly popular. In the same way, a song had been rumoured to have been left incomplete due to some reason. However, the song has been completed by AR Rahman and thus has been released titled "Never Say Goodbye".

This song from Dil Bechara was supposed to bid adieu to the character of Manny in the film. However, due to some reasons, it did not make it to the final cut due to it being unfinished at the time of the movie's release. However, now the song has been released and the son of AR Rahman, AR Ameen has provided his voice to the song. The new song has been gaining buzz and has already passed thousands of views in a short amount of time. The song has been realised on the official Youtube channel of AR Ameen. The song features Sanjana Sanghi as Kizie Basu in the music video along with A R Ameen who features in the song as well. Snippets of the character of Manny have also been taken from the film.

The song opens up in a rather melancholic fashion and later proceeds to feature shots of AR Ameen and Sanjana Sanghi. Several other elements have also been added to the song, making it a truly soulful number to listen to. AR Rahman himself shared the song Never Say Goodbye on his official social media handles expressing that he is quite happy to present the song. He wished all the best to his son AR Ameen for his musical journey which has now begun. *Republic World*



## Musical narrative

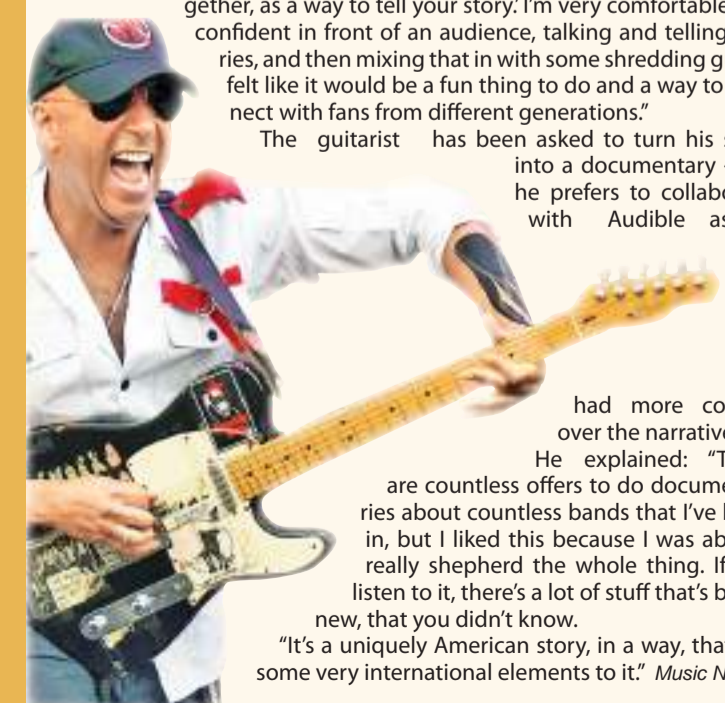
**56**-year-old rocker Tom Morello has launched his Audible Original book 'Tom Morello at Minetta Lane Theatre: Speaking Truth to Power Through Stories and Song' to take fans on the musical journey of his life.

Telling his story through words and music, Morello explores his past, from his childhood to his career with Rage Against the Machine and Audioslave.

Explaining the inspiration, he told Collider: "There are a number of projects that I've been involved in recently, from my MasterClass to a photo book of my life ('Whatever It Takes'), and putting out a guitar with Fender, that have been projects that are related, in some ways, more to my life than to specific songs."

"For years, I've been spinning campfire yarns, and some friends and family who I worked with were like, 'You should really put all of that together, as a way to tell your story.' I'm very comfortable and confident in front of an audience, talking and telling stories, and then mixing that in with some shredding guitar, felt like it would be a fun thing to do and a way to connect with fans from different generations."

The guitarist has been asked to turn his story into a documentary - but he prefers to collaborate with Audible as he



had more control over the narrative.

He explained: "There are countless offers to do documentaries about countless bands that I've been in, but I liked this because I was able to really shepherd the whole thing. If you listen to it, there's a lot of stuff that's brand new, that you didn't know. "It's a uniquely American story, in a way, that has some very international elements to it." *Music News*



## PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

#### Consultancy Services to Evaluate the Digital Banking & Core Banking System of People's Bank.

RFP NO.06/2020

01. People's Bank invites Request for Proposals from reputed, experienced, leading local Audit Companies to Obtain the Service from Reputed Audit Companies having Expertise knowledge in Banking Sector.
02. RFP Document could be obtained from People's Bank, Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing Rs 1,500/- for each tender document to the Account No, 204100120011913 maintained at Head Quarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the cash paying in slip/request letter between 9.00 am. and 2.00 p.m from 08.09.2020 to 22.09.2020 as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
03. Sealed Covers of RFP proposals in duplicate addressed to Chief Manager (Supplies) may be sent by registered post or be deposited in the Tender Box kept at this Department at No. 30/101, Kew Road, Catombo - 02 during working days of the Bank.
04. The Proposals will be opened at 02:00 p.m. on 23.09.2020. Any proposal received after closing date & time will be rejected and returned unopened.
05. Any clarifications on this tender could be directed to the Supplies Department on or before 21.09.2020. Any requests for clarifications received after 21.09.2020 will not be entertained.
06. The Bank reserves itself the right of rejecting any or all of RFP or cancelling the whole proposal and the right of accepting any portion of a proposal without assigning any reason.

**Chief Manager - Supplies Department**  
People's Bank,  
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### NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (Chapter 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (Amendment) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964.

Ref. No. L/3/06

The government intends to acquire the land/lands described in the Schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1655/3 dated 24.05.2010 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

#### SCHEDULE

District : Matara  
Divisional Secretary's Division : Devinuwara  
Grama Niladhari Division : 433E, Wawwa, Kapugama East  
Name of lands : Manilwalakumbura, Manilwalahena, Manilwalawatte, Denihena.  
Plan No. : MR/2432  
Lot No. : From 01 to 07

Acquisition Officer/Divisional Secretary  
Devinuwara.

Date : 02/09/2020

#### Schedule

Lot No.	Name of land	Description	Extent - Hec.
01.	Manilwala Kumbura	Paddy field	0.0184
02.	Manilwalahena	Home garden	0.0097
03.	-----	Permanent building	0.0034
04.	Manilwalawatte	Home garden	0.0080
05.	- do -	Home garden portion of a permanent well	0.0088
06.	- do -	Home garden	0.0041
07.	Denihena	Home garden	0.0060

## Building for rent at Kollupitiya (Colombo 03) Facing Galle Road

1<sup>st</sup> Floor (3500sqft), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (3500sqft) and 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (2500sqft) in a 5 story Ceyesta building available for lease for a period of 5 years or more.

The building situated at Galle Road, next to NSB Kollupitiya 2nd Branch, just opposite the Softlogic building, including ample vehicle parking space.

Inspection during office hours starting from 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020 (From 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on week days).

The offer will be called under registered post on or before 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.



Chairman  
Ceyesta,  
327, Galle Road, Colombo 03.

Please contact  
General Manager : 0776265759  
Office : 0112301415  
0112573834

## NAWALAPITIYA URBAN COUNCIL

### INVITATION OF QUOTATIONS - 2020

Quotations will be received for the purchase of an Excavator Machine for the Nawalapitiya Urban Council.

#### Relevant Conditions will be as follows:

1. The excavator to be provided should be a brand new machine and the supplier should be the sole agent of the relevant type of machines supplying to Sri Lanka. This fact should be substantiated by relevant documents.
2. The original catalogues relevant to the machine should be provided with the tender and institutions failing to provide the catalogues will not be considered for evaluation.
3. The relevant machine's country of manufacture, country of origin, type, model and the warranty period should be clearly stated.
4. Should provide the details of establishment to which such machines have been sold with their contact numbers.
5. Should prove the ability to obtain needed spare parts.
6. Should mention special services to be provided, in the quotations.
7. The transport charges and service related expenditure during the warranty period should be shown separately.
8. The signatory to the quotation should have been duly authorized to do so by the company.
9. The authorized person of the relevant company should place his signature accepting the decision of the Hon. Council as to be the final.

The relevant quotation applications and the relevant specification can be obtained free of charge from the Nawalapitiya Urban Council office from 08.09.2020 up to 29.09.2020, on weekly working days, between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

Quotations will be accepted up to 10.30 a.m. on 30.09.2020. Sealed quotations in two copies should be placed in a single sealed cover marked, "Quotation for an Excavator Machine" at the left side top corner, could either be sent by registered post addressed to, **Chairman, Nawalapitiya Urban Council, Nawalapitiya** or delivered personally. If delivered personally, they should be placed in the Tender box after entering details in the register kept near the tender box.

Quotations received will be opened at **11.00 a.m. on 30.09.2020** at the Nawalapitiya Urban Council Office. Supplier or one of his authorized representatives can be present at the opening.

Further details relevant to this can be obtained by calling on the following telephone number.

Tel No: 054-2222275  
Fax No: 054-2222275

Chairman,  
Nawalapitiya Urban Council,  
Nawalapitiya.

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Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited



### Ministry of Plantation Industries and export Agriculture

#### TENDER NOTICE Supply Safety Items

The Chairman of the Department Procurement Committee for the Lanka Sugar Company (Private) Limited, invites Sealed bids from local suppliers to safety items to the factory situated in Pelwatte & Sevanagala.

S/N	Item	Unit	Qty.	Tender Ref
01	Overall Kits	Nos	4,387	PR 26571/2/3/6683
02	Uniform Clothes	Mtr	315	PR 0003
03	Safety Shoes	Pair	2,213	PR 25945/6
04	Rain Suits	Nos	2090	PR 27355
05	Rain Coats	Nos	10	PR 27355

The bid document could be obtained from the below mentioned address on any working day up to 12 p.m 16th Sep 2020 for a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2500.00.

Sealed bids will be accepted up to 2.00 p.m on 16th Sep 2020 and the late bids will be reject. The decision of the tender board on regard shall be the final. The bids will be opened immediately after closing the tender at the address given below.

Any Inquiries: Head Office -- 0112 50 55 58 / 0772 858 085

The Chairman - Department Procurement Committee  
Lanka Sugar Company (Pvt) Ltd,  
No. 27, Melbourne Avenue,  
Colombo 04.

## PEOPLE'S BANK TENDER NOTICE

### COURIER SERVICE TO PEOPLE'S BANK

Sealed public tenders are hereby invited to obtain Courier Services for,

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Tender No.	Description of the Item	Amount of non refundable Tender Fee	Last date & time of issuing Documents	Date & Time of Closing Tender
P-0041/2020	Courier Services to People's Bank. 2020/2022	Rs. 1,500/=	22.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.	23.09.2020 at 2.00 p.m.

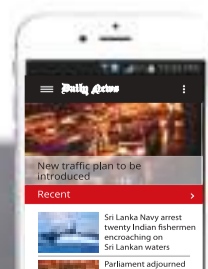
1. Tender Document could be obtained from People's Bank Supplies Department, 30/101, Kew Road, Colombo 02 depositing Rs. 1,500/- for each tender document to the Account No 204100120011913 maintained at Headquarters Branch. Deposits could be made from any People's Bank branch to the named account. Issuance of tender documents will be made on producing the duplicate of the Cash paying in slip/request letter between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m from 08.09.2020 to 22.09.2020 as indicated above on working days of the Bank.
2. Perfected tender document should be accompanied by a Bank Guarantee / Bid Bond from a commercial bank (other than People's Bank) acceptable to the People's Bank for Rs. 500,000/= valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days from the date of opening the tender. Bank Pay Orders / Bank Drafts are also acceptable in lieu of Bid Bonds. (valid for a minimum period of 180 calendar days. Cheques drawn by the tenderer will not be accepted).
3. 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 dosed at 2.00 pm and opened on the said date. Tenders received after 2.00 p.m. on tender opening date will be rejected and returned unopened.
4. 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.
5. 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,  
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# 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.**



**Head of Procurement  
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MINISTRY OF WATER SUPPLY

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## ADDENDUM-1 TO INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

**Date** : 08/09/2020  
**Loan No. & Title** : ADB LOAN NO. 2948-SRI;  
ADB Assisted Greater Colombo Water & Wastewater Management Improvement Investment Programme - Project 1  
**Contract No.** : GCWMIIP/ADB/NBIOT/METER/ICB/11  
**Contract Title** : Supply and Installation of NB-IoT Smart Water Meters in Colombo City

This Addendum modifies the original Invitation for Bid (IFB) for the Procurement of goods for the "Supply and Installation of NB-IoT Smart Water Meters in Colombo City" published in Daily News, Dinamina, Nawamani newspapers, National Water Supply and Drainage Board website on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. All the requirements of the Addendum 1 are herein made a part of the bidding document.

The deadline for bid submission has been extended up to **10:00 A.M (Local Time) on 08<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

The period for the issuing of bidding document is until **7<sup>th</sup> October 2020** during **09.00 hours to 15.00 hours** on normal working days.

All other terms and conditions of the original bidding document remain unchanged.

**Chairman  
Ministry Procurement Committee (MPC)  
Ministry of Water Supply**

## PROCUREMENT NOTICE

### Leasing of Assets and Yields of the Kuliyapitiya Urban Council for year 2021

- Quotations are invited subject to the following conditions for the leasing of the assets and yields of the Kuliyapitiya Urban Council mentioned in the schedule below for the period from 01.01.2021 until 31.12.2021.
  - Bid documents will be issued between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. on weekdays from 08.09.2020 until 24.09.2020.
  - Amounts charged: Non Refundable Application Fee and Refundable Deposit as mentioned in the schedule below.
  - Receiving of Bids: Between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on weekdays from 08.09.2020 until 25.09.2020
  - Opening of Bids: At 2.30 p.m. on 25.09.2020 (Applicant or his authorized representative may be present at the time of opening of bids.)
  - Bid amount to be submitted: It should be either the minimum bid amount or above and the bids below the minimum bid amount will be rejected without any intimation.
  - Details regarding the bid: May be obtained from the Revenue Promotion Officer during office hours (Tel. No. 037-494 7853)
- General Council of the Kuliyapitiya Urban Council reserves the right to take the final decision regarding the bids.

**A.M. Lakshman Adhikari  
Chairman  
Urban Council, Kuliyapitiya**

04.09.2020

Office: 0372281275 / 0374947848  
Email: kuliyauc@gmail.com

Fax: 0372281114  
Website: www.kuliyapitiyauc.dolgnwp.lk

#### SCHEDULE

Ser. No.	Description of Assets and Yields	Non Refundable Application Fee (Rs.)	Refundable Bid Security (Rs.)	Minimum Bid (Rs.)
01	Meegahakotuwa Public Market Beef Stall	300.00	11650.00	145600.00
02	Meegahakotuwa Public Market Mutton/Chicken Stall	300.00	15020.00	187700.00
03	Labu Yaya Public Market Mutton/Chicken Stall	200.00	26355.00	329425.00
04	Sohona Kade Handiya (Kadurugashena) Pork Stall	200.00	7985.00	79840.00
05	Weekly Fair Pork Stall	500.00	9570.00	95690.00
06	Weekly Fair Beef Stall	500.00	10960.00	136975.00
07	Weekly Fair Chicken Stall	500.00	5220.00	52185.00
08	Weekly Fair Canteen	200.00	22585.00	282310.00
09	Weekly Fair Toilet	200.00	5000.00	50000.00
10	Fish Plank near Kachcheri	200.00	15125.00	189025.00
11	Fish Plank near Labu Yaya Public Market	300.00	9715.00	97135.00
12	Bus Stand Toilet	300.00	63105.00	1262030.00
13	Bus Stand Canteen	500.00	39485.00	789620.00
14	Fish Plank near the Weekly Fair (Junction Turning to Godapitiya Watta)	200.00	17405.00	217540.00
15	Weekly Fair Parking Yard	500.00	36645.00	732855.00
16	Kuliyapitiya Public Market Mutton / Chicken Stall	200.00	39615.00	495165.00
17	Kuliyapitiya Public Market Beef Stall	300.00	30165.00	377025.00
18	Sohona Kade Handiya (Kadurugashena) Fish Stall	200.00	10120.00	126500.00
19	Sohona Kade Handiya (Kadurugashena) Chicken Stall	200.00	10120.00	126500.00
20	Fish Stall Meegahakotuwa Junction	200.00	10120.00	126500.00
21	Chicken Stall opposite Weekly Fair	200.00	10120.00	126500.00
22	Labu Yaya Subarathipura Coconut Trees - 08	200.00	60.00	600.00
23	Narada Mawatha Coconut Trees - 06	200.00	220.00	2200.00
24	Dandagamuwa Molwatta Coconut Trees - 25	200.00	400.00	4000.00
25	Mahasen Mawatha Second Lane Coconut Trees - 05	200.00	250.00	2500.00
26	Narada Mawatha (near Community Hall) Coconut Trees - 05	200.00	170.00	1700.00
27	Anandagiri Garden Coconut Trees - 13	200.00	160.00	1600.00

### Invitation for Bids

Credit No.: 6346 LK



## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

CLIMATE SMART IRRIGATED AGRICULTURE PROJECT (CSIAP)

### CONSTRUCTION OF GRANARY WAREHOUSE (200' X 60') AT KOOLAMURIPPU IN MULLAITIVU DISTRICT

- The Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has received a Credit from the International Development Association (IDA) in various currencies equivalent to US\$ 125 Million towards the cost of the Climate Smart Irrigated Agriculture Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and it intends to apply portion of the proceeds of this credit to eligible payments under the Contract of Construction of Granary Warehouse (200' x 60') at Koolamurippu in Mullaitivu District.
- Chairman, Department Procurement Committee on behalf of the CSIAP Project, Ministry of Agriculture now invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified contractors for Construction of Granary Warehouse (200' x 60') at Koolamurippu in Mullaitivu District. Details are as follows.

Contract No.	Description of Works	Estimated cost Rs. In Million	Contract Period	Required Grade	Required Bid Security	
					Bid Security Amount Rs.	Validity Period
LK-MOA-182548-CW-RFB	Construction of Granary Warehouse (200' x 60') at Koolamurippu in Mullaitivu District	86.00	10 Months	C4 or Above (Building Construction Works)	860,000.00	23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021

- Bidders are allowed to quote for the above works with the Bid Security as above with the valid date until 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 for above work. One bidder is allowed to quote only one bid for a work. To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall not have been blacklisted and shall have been registered in the field of Building Construction (works) for the grade mentioned in the table above with the Construction Industry Development Authority (CIDA).
- Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding Procedure (NCB) approved by the World Bank.
- Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from **Provincial Director, Provincial Department of Agriculture Northern Province (T.P: 0212216022, Fax: 0212219251, Email: npagriculture@gmail.com)** and inspect the bidding documents on any working day from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs at **Provincial Department of Agriculture, Northern Province, No 15 Nallur Cross Road, Nallur, Jaffna.**
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by eligible bidders on the submission of a written application to the **Provincial Director, Provincial Department of Agriculture Northern Province from Provincial Department of Agriculture, No 15 Nallur Cross Road, Nallur, Jaffna from 08<sup>th</sup> September 2020 until 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 from 09.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **Rs. 7,500.00.** The method of payment should be by cash.
- Bids must be delivered to the **Provincial Director, Provincial Department of Agriculture Northern Province from Provincial Department of Agriculture, No. 15 Nallur Cross Road, Nallur, Jaffna**, on or before 14.30 hrs. on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or bidders' representatives who choose to attend in person at the mentioned address at **14:30 hrs. on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.**
- Bids should be valid up to **26<sup>th</sup> of January 2021.**
- Complete bids should be forwarded in two copies as the original and the duplicate. The original and the duplicate should be enclosed separately and marked as the 'Original' and 'Duplicate' respectively in sealed envelopes. Both envelopes enclosed in a sealed single envelope and marked the "Construction of Granary Warehouse (200'x60') at Koolamurippu in Mullaitivu District" on the top-left hand corner of the envelope.
- Pre bid conference will be held at Provincial Director's office Department of Agriculture Northern Province No. 15 Nallur Cross Road, Nallur Jaffna. Commencing at 10.30 AM on 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2020.

**Chairman,  
Department Procurement Committee,  
Provincial Department of Agriculture,  
Northern Province,  
No. 15, Nallur Cross Road,  
Nallur, Jaffna.**

Date : 08.09.2020

**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (Chapter 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (Amendment) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964.**

Ref. No. L/3/15

The government intends to acquire the land/lands described in the Schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1652/64 dated 07.05.2010 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**SCHEDULE**

District : Matara  
 Divisional Secretary's Division : Devinuwara  
 Grama Niladhari Division : Talalla South, Talalla Central  
 Name of lands : Delgahawatte, Mannahagewatte, Kankanamduragewatte, Kalapuodaya, Kelekumbura, Julgahahena, Pahalakumbura, Pawulakumbura, Athmaga, Paluwatte/Weladdara Koratuwa, Hompalketiya, Berawamullawatte, Weladdara Koratuwa.

Plan No. : MR/2425  
 Lot Nos. : From 01 to 43

Acquisition Officer/Divisional Secretary  
 Devinuwara.

Date : 02/09/2020

**Schedule**

Lot No.	Name of land	Description	Extent - Hec.
01.	Delgahawatte, Dickwellagewatte	Burial ground and open barren land	0.0307
02.	- do -	Open barren land	0.0111
03.	Delgahawatte	Open barren land	0.0065
04.	- do -	Open barren land	0.0171
05.	- do -	Home garden (have 03 coconut trees)	0.0108
06.	- do -	Home garden (have 03 coconut trees)	0.0103
07.	-do -	Home garden (have 01 coconut tree)	0.0080
08.	Mannahagewatte	Home garden (have 12 coconut trees, 01 teak tree)	0.0050
09.	Mannahagewatte	Home garden (have 12 coconut trees, 01 teak tree)	0.0180
10.	Kankanamdurage Watte/ Kalapuodaya	Home garden (have 04 coconut trees)	0.0019
11.	Kankanamdurage Watte/ Kalapuodaya	Home garden (have 04 coconut trees)	0.0043
12.	Kelekumbura	Paddy field (have 02 coconut trees and 01 king coconut tree)	0.1056
13.	Julgahahena	Paddy field	0.0114
14.	Julgahahena	Canal dam	0.0107
15.	Kelekumbura	Canal dam	0.0154
16.	Julgahahena	Canal dam	0.0338
17.	Puransiya padinchiwatte/ Bogahahena Athmaga	Canal dam	0.0091
18.	Puransiya padinchiwatte/ Bogahahena Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0029
19.	Julgahahena	Paddy field	0.0762
20.	Julgahahena	Home garden (have 04 coconut trees, 10 arecanut trees, portion of a timber boutique)	0.0182
21.	Julgahahena	Home garden (have 04 coconut trees, 10 arecanut trees, portion of a timber boutique)	0.0074
22.	Road that leads to Polwella	Road, portion of a timber boutique	0.0089
23.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0157
24.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden	0.0078
25.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden	0.0016
26.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden (has 1 teak tree)	0.0002
27.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden	0.0170
28.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0130
29.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0014
30.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden (has 1 teak tree)	0.0005
31.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden (has 2 coconut trees)	0.0050
32.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Home garden (has 2 coconut trees)	0.0098
33.	Pahala Kumbura/Puwula Kumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0112
34.	Pahala koratuwa/ Pawulakumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0270
35.	Pahala koratuwa/ Pawulakumbura Athmaga	Paddy field	0.0017
36.	Pahala koratuwa/ Pawulakumbura Athmaga	Home garden (have 16 coconut trees, 1 mango tree, 1 jak tree and well)	0.0264
37.	Pahala koratuwa/ Pawulakumbura Athmaga	Home garden (have 16 coconut trees, 1 mango tree, 1 jak tree and well)	0.0125
38.	Paluwatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Home garden (have 4 coconut trees, 2 King coconut trees, 1 jak tree, 2 <i>lunumidella</i> trees and portion of a well)	0.0327
39.	Paluwatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Home garden (have 4 coconut trees, 2 King coconut trees, 1 jak tree, 2 <i>lunumidella</i> trees and portion of a well)	0.0261
40.	Paluwatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Paddy field	0.0261
41.	Hompalketiya/ Berawamullawatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Paddy field	0.0043
42.	Hompalketiya/ Berawamullawatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Home garden (have 4 coconut trees, 5 king coconut trees)	0.0050
43.	Berawamullawatte/Weladdara Koratuwa	Home garden (have 1 coconut tree and mixed cultivation)	0.0034

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**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE LAND ACQUISITION ACT (Chapter 460) AS AMENDED BY THE LAND ACQUISITION (Amendment) ACT NO. 28 OF 1964.**

Ref. No. L/3/5

The government intends to acquire the land/lands described in the Schedule below. For further particulars, please see the Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1605/21 dated 10.06.2009 of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.

**SCHEDULE**

District : Matara  
 Divisional Secretary's Division : Devinuwara  
 Grama Niladhari Division : Devinuwara West and Nugegoda  
 Name of lands : Imbulgahawatte, Danwijjawatte, Pahalawatte, Ihalawatte, Lindamullawatte alias Prethapage, watte, Mawathawatte, Wedanivasa, Pedigewatte, Watte, Bandarawatte, Hompalawatte, Mirissegewatte, Godelle Koratuwa, Karagahakoratuwa, Magawatte, Nabanagewatte, Thilodiya Padinchi Watta, Sayakkarakage watte

Plan No. : MR/2351  
 Lot Nos. : From 01 to 52

Acquisition Officer/Divisional Secretary  
 Devinuwara.

Date : 02/09/2020

**Schedule**

Lot No.	Name of land	Description	Extent - Hec.
01.	Imbulgahawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0001
02.	Imbulgahawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0002
03.	Imbulgahawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0002
04.	Imbulgahawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0026
05.	Imbulgahawatte	Included a portion of a temporary building	0.0007
06.	Danwijjawatte	Home garden	0.0068
07.	Pahalawatte	Home garden	0.0037
08.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 90	Home garden	0.0015
09.	Ihalawatte	Home garden	0.0047
10.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 98	Home garden	0.0018
11.	Lindamullawatte alias Prathapage watte	Home garden	0.0011
12.	Lindamullawatte alias Prathapage watte	Home garden	0.0008
13.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 106	Home garden	0.0006
14.	Lindamullawatte alias Prathapage watte	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building	0.0031
15.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 114 A	Home garden	0.0025
16.	Mawathawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0016
17.	Mawathawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0005
18.	Mawathawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0005
19.	Mawathawatte	Included a portion of a permanent building	0.0008
20.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 120 and No. 124	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building	0.0026
21.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 130	Home garden	0.0028
22.	Wedanivasa	Home garden	0.0034
23.	Wedanivasa	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building	0.0032
24.	Wedanivasa	Home garden	0.0005
25.	Pedigewatte	Open barren land	0.0039
26.	Bandarawatte	Open barren land	0.0006
27.	Hompalawatte	Home garden	0.0039
28.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 166	Home garden	0.0031
29.	Not known	Home garden	0.0035
30.	Not known	Home garden	0.0019
31.	Mirissegewatte	Home garden	0.0026
32.	Godellekoratuwa	Home garden	0.0026
33.	Godellekoratuwa	Home garden	0.0049
34.	Godellekoratuwa	Home garden	0.0029
35.	Godellekoratuwa	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building and part of private road	0.0068
36.	Godellakoratuwa	Home garden	0.0044
37.	Mawathawatte	Home garden	0.0020
38.	Mawathawatte	Home garden	0.0027
39.	Karagahakoratuwa	Home garden	0.0017
40.	Magawatte	Home garden	0.0011
41.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 115	Home garden	0.0011
42.	Magawatte	Home garden	0.0016
43.	Land bearing Assmt. No. 111	Home garden	0.0014
44.	Nabanagewatte	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building	0.0018
45.	Nabanagewatte	Home garden, included a portion of a permanent building	0.0021
46.	Thilodiya padinchi watte	Home garden	0.0014
47.	Sayakkarakewatte	Home garden	0.0027
48.	Sayakkarakewatte	Home garden	0.0016
49.	Sayakkarakewatte	Home garden	0.0018
50.	Danwijjawatta	Home garden	0.0010
51.	Danwijjawatta	Home garden	0.0024
52.	Danwijjawatta	Home garden	0.0041

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# Employment Opportunities



## Sri Lanka Ports Authority

### VACANCIES

#### Post of Managing Director

Sri Lanka Ports Authority is one of the largest public sector organizations in Sri Lanka and looking for qualified individual for the post of Managing Director.

Managing Director shall be charged with the direction of the business of the Ports Authority the organization and the exercise, performance and discharge of its powers, duties and functions and the administrative control of the employees of the authority subject to the general directions of the Ports Authority on matters of policy and special directions of the chairman.

**I. Eligibility :**

Those who are qualified for the above post and possess experience and expertise in a similar position in Senior Management Level in a Government / Public Corporation / Board / Statutory body or a recognized private company.

**II. Remuneration:**

Negotiable

**III. Benefits:**

An authority maintained Vehicle with fuel, Telephone / cellular, Entertainment Allowance, Medical insurance, and official quarters.

Applications together with photocopies of certificates in proof of Professional competency and experience should be sent to "Chief Human Resource Manager", Sri Lanka Ports Authority, Kochchikade Colombo 13 or [chrm@slpa.lk](mailto:chrm@slpa.lk) on or before 15th September 2020. The post should be written on top left-hand corner of the envelope. Applications without attached copies of the relevant certificates will be rejected.

Applications from officers in Government Departments and State Corporations should be forwarded through the heads of their respective Departments or Corporations. In the event of being selected the applicant should obtain the necessary release from the relevant Department / Corporation.

Chairman  
Sri Lanka Ports Authority

### Office of the Regional Director of Health Services - Kalutara

#### Invitation for Bids

Sealed Bids are invited by the Chairman, Regional Procurement Committee, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services from qualified Bidders for the supply of following goods.

Bid Reference No.	Name of Bid	Quantity	Non-Refundable Bid Fee (Rs.)	Value of Bid Security (Rs.)	
FI/2020/45	<b>Supply of Office Equipment</b>		2,000.00	30,000.00	
	01	Computer Table			20
	02	Gang Chairs Set			20
	03	Counter Chairs			06
	04	Conference Table			03
	05	Conference Chairs			80
	06	Dining Table			03
	07	Dining Chairs			18
	08	Bed Head Table			35
	09	Sofa Chairs			02
	10	Reception Table			02
	11	Notice Board			12
	12	Steel Cupboards			05
	13	Steel Filing Cabinets			02
	14	Glass Cupboards			07
	15	Trawl Rack			03
	16	Compartment Lockers			04
	17	Office Chairs			13
	18	Plastic Chairs With Arms			25
	19	Low Back Chairs			04
20	Executive Chairs	02			

- Bidding will be conducted under National Competitive Bidding procedure.
- Interested Bidders could obtain further information from the Accountant, Office of the Regional Director of Health Services, 04th Floor, Kachcheri Complex, P.O. Box 29, and Bid documents could be purchased from 08.09.2020 to 29.09.2020 during office days between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 2000.00 to the office of the Regional Director of Health Services, Kalutara.
- All perfected Bid documents should be accompanied with a Bid Security to the value of Rs. 30,000/= obtained from a commercial bank registered with Central Bank of Sri Lanka and operating in Sri Lanka in favour of Regional Director of Health Services, Kalutara.
- Duly perfected Bids in duplicate inserted in two separate sealed covers marked as the 'original' and 'duplicate' and both enclosed in one sealed envelope of which the top left-hand corner marked "FI/2020/45" should be sent by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the above address on or before 10.30 a.m. on 30.09.2020.
- Bids received late will be rejected and Bids will be opened immediately after the closure of receiving Bids in the presence of Bidders or their authorized representatives.
- For further details contact the office of the Regional Director of Health Services through Telephone Nos. 034-2222610/034-2222367.

Chairman,  
Regional Procurement Committee,  
Office of the Regional Director of Health Services,  
Kalutara.

### WATTALA - MABOLE URBAN COUNCIL

#### PROCUREMENT NOTICE

#### Computerizing Office Work - Second Stage

Quotations are invited for the purchase of a Software System required for the computerizing of undermentioned section of Wattala-Mabole Urban Council subjected to conditions given herein. Bid forms could be obtained from the Head Office of Wattala - Mabole Urban Council upon payment of a non-refundable sum of Rs. 1,000/- + VAT before 3.00 p.m. on 28.09.2020. Perfected Bids in duplicate should be sent in separate covers as the original and duplicate to reach the Chairman, Wattala - Mabole Urban Council, Wattala by registered post or deposited in the tender box kept at the office before the scheduled time. The Procurement Committee reserves the right to accept or reject the Bids submitted.

**Conditions**

- Should have over 5 years experience in the preparation of a Software package of computerizing Office work for an Urban Council.
- Should have implemented computerizing of basic subjects successfully in over 10 local government institutes.
- Should be able to integrate the solution with existing Software System at Wattala - Mabole Urban Council.
- The Software System should be Cloud Based. Data system should be MYSQL (or similar or price less).
- Should be an institute with experience in creating systems capable of making payment through internet payment Gateway linked with a State Bank in Sri Lanka.
- i. Should create a website for the Urban Council and through the said internet should be executed.

01	Assessment taxes and all connected payments.
02	Trade stall rent, house rent and all connected payments.
03	Business taxes, Industry taxes, trade licence fees and all connected payments.
04	Payment of all other revenue.
05	Reservation of reception halls and making payment.
06	Issuance of assessment certificates.
07	Applying for a non-vesting certificate and making payments.
08	Applying for a Street Line certificate and making payments.
09	Applying for the disposal of garbage and making disposal fees.
10	Management of complaints.

- ii. Creation of a mobile application and through it following should be executed.

01	Assessment taxes and all connected payments.
02	Trade stall rent, house rent and all connected payments.
03	Business taxes, Industry taxes, trade licence fees and all connected payments.
04	Applying for disposal of garbage.
05	Management of complaints.

- At the time of submitting Bids for the Software Systems it should have been a programme created already.
- In selecting a suitable institute, the experience the quality of the Software and after sales service will be considered.
- A bid security of Rs. 20,000/- should be made in cash.

Chairman,  
Wattala-Mabole Urban Council. Telephone No.: 011-2932275  
03.09.2020

**CEYLON PETROLEUM CORPORATION**  
**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**REPAIR WORK OF HOUSE AT HOUSING SCHEME**  
**AT RADDOLUGAMA**  
**(10B-2R, 2L)**  
**400031219**  
**B/37/2020**

- The Chairman, Departmental Procurement Committee (DPC) on behalf of the Ceylon Petroleum Corporation invites sealed bids from eligible and qualified bidders for Repair Work of House at Housing Scheme at Raddolugama as described below and estimated to cost Rs. 4.0 Million (approx.)
- The period of construction of this work is 90 days.
- Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding Procedure.
- To be eligible for contract award, the successful bidder shall have not been blacklisted and shall meet the ICTAD Registration C7 or above.
- Qualification requirements to qualify for contract award include: Bidders applied for this tender should have ICTAD Registration C7 or above.
- Interested bidders may obtain further information from Manager (Procurement & Stores) and inspect the bidding documents at the address given below from 0900 hrs. to 1500 hrs. until 29.09.2020.
- A complete set of Bidding Documents in English language may be purchased by interested bidders on 29.09.2020 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Rs. 1,000.00 (i.e. Rs. 925.93 + 8% VAT). The method of payment will be by cash.
- Bids shall be delivered to the Manager (Procurement & Stores), Procurement & Stores Function, Ceylon Petroleum Corporation, 1st Floor, No. 609, Dr. Danister De Silva Mawatha, Colombo 09 on or before 1400 hrs. on 30.09.2020. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be opened soon after closing in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives who choose to attend.
- All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Security obtained from a Bank or Treasury approved Insurance Company to a value of Rs. 80,000.00

The address referred to above is:

Chairman,  
C/o Manager (Procurement & Stores),  
Procurement & Stores Function,  
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### VACANCIES

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Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I / Senior Professor/Professor of Pali (Cadre Chair)
- Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture**  
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
- Department of Linguistics**  
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I
- Department of Modern Languages**  
Lecturer (Probationary) / Lecturer (Unconfirmed) / Senior Lecturer Gr. II/I

**How to Apply:**  
Prescribed application forms and details regarding the above Posts could be obtained from the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments Division during office hours or could be downloaded from the University Website: [www.kln.ac.lk](http://www.kln.ac.lk), [news.kln.ac.lk](http://news.kln.ac.lk). Requests for application forms by post should be accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope of 23x10 cm in size. All applications together with copies of relevant certificates should be forwarded to the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments, University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, under registered cover to him on or before 25.09.2020. Candidates should submit separate applications for each post applied for. Incomplete, illegible or late applications will be rejected. The post should be indicated on the top left hand corner of the envelope.

Applications from employees in the Government Departments, Corporations, Statutory Boards, UGC and Higher Educational Institutions should be channelled through their Heads of Institutions. The University reserve the right to shortlist the candidates.

**Registrar**  
**University of Kelaniya,**  
**Kelaniya**  
03.09.2020